

# LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER



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WERE SENT TO  
ALL FAMILIES WITH  
THE SCHOOL FEES ACCOUNT

## From the Principal's Desk

This week we gathered as a College to formally celebrate the beginning of the new school year and to commission Mrs Leanne Mills, our new Campus Director at Presentation our campus leaders and school captains. It is important that all of these people are acknowledged by the College community for the very significant roles they are undertaking. In the Marist tradition these are not positions of prestige, they are positions of service. Mrs Mills and the young people are undertaking to put the welfare of others first and to be of assistance and support to the College. We are most grateful to these leaders for their willingness to give of themselves for the good of the community and we wish them well.

Sadly our Commissioning Mass was marred by the absence of the local parish priests. In recent days they have had to contend with the deaths of both Fr Coffey (Drouin) and Fr Shanley (Lakes Entrance). Both priests have contributed in various parishes in the diocese for many years and I ask that you keep them in your prayers. Fr Shanley's funeral was on the day of our mass and we are most grateful to Fr Pat Keenan who celebrated mass for us.

**Br Julian Casey**, our former principal and now Provincial of the Marist Brothers Southern province, was a most welcome guest at the mass. We thank him for his continued interest in and support of this College.

We were very pleased with the demeanour of the Fourteen Hundred students through the duration of the mass. It is an impressive way for the new Yr 7 students to gain a sense of the size of the new community they have entered and the richness of a shared faith celebration. Our mass, as always, was augmented by the prayerful singing of our dedicated choir ably lead by **Mr Shane Reid**. We are also appreciative of the efforts of **Mr Mike Hansen** who prepared the mass and **Mr Gerard English** who guided us through the proceedings. Our College is richer for the contributions of all those who played a part in this mass.

Miss Anne Dooley from the Marist Education Commission held an in-service last week for teachers new to Marist schools. A number of our student leaders were invited to attend and explain how they saw the Marist pillars: Simplicity, Family Spirit, Presence, Love of work, In the Way of Mary, lived out in our College. Anne and the group were impressed with the poise and clarity with which these leaders spoke. They were to articulate Marist values and their application. Thank you Phoebe Trinidad, Sky Hammer and Jessica Edwards for representing your views and our College so well.

## Industrial Action

Hopefully you will have all received your letter detailing our plans for tomorrow **Friday 7th March** when a number of our teachers will be taking industrial action. The College has sought to balance the rights of the teachers to take this action and the needs of families and students when making the arrangements at each campus. Each campus will be open and operating as follows:

Kildare Campus	Swimming Carnival	Yr 10, 11, 12 attend
Presentation Campus	classes & Yr 9 Immunisation	Yr 7 & 9 attend
St Paul's Campus	classes	Yr 7 attend

Please remember our **Parent, teacher, student interviews** which will be taking place **Wednesday 19 March** and **Thursday 20 March**. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the year so far and how we can continue to work together to ensure their success.

**Ms Lee McKenzie**  
Deputy Principal

## Presentation Campus

These past two weeks have been filled with many learning opportunities, as well as, times to celebrate as a community.

Friday 22nd February saw a flood of colours arrive at the Campus with banners, streamers and a general feeling of excitement for the day ahead. We moved more quickly than first anticipated to the pool to find Ms Stewart and the House Leaders had clearly laid claim to the space with House areas decorated and ready for a day of friendly but serious competition. Now if only the weather would hold!

The House parade and chant set the scene for a great day. The level of participation throughout the day was immense and I am sure many exhausted bodies arrived home that night, well proud of their contribution to the success of the day.

Several students achieved personal best performances, some competed for the first time and several talented swimmers demonstrated their considerable skill in the water.

The Year 7 Camp at Wilson's Promontory was an outstanding success with students making the most of the opportunity to challenge themselves in the abseiling, canoeing, surfing and beach games on offer. A huge thanks must go to Ms Doganieri and Mr Williams who generously staffed the camp. The reports from them and from those co-ordinating the camp contained high praise for the spirit of co-operation and for the enthusiasm of the group.

## Kildare Campus

It is an exciting time for our Year 10's as they enter the work force, even if its only for a short time. They are busily finishing work tasks and while I am sure there is some nervousness I wish them all the best. Congratulations go to **Mrs Anne English** who has worked hard to place all of our Year 10's.

As we near the end of the term, it is clear that many new friendships have been formed and social networks have been widened. Our vertical homerooms support this important development. **Mrs Annemarie Clarke** is currently finalising our Cross-Age Tutor groups and I encourage our students to take advantage of this support structure.

### Student Leaders

At our recent Campus Assembly students were taken through the new Campus Student Leader Structure. Students were invited to involve themselves in the decision making structure of the Campus. I was pleased with the amount of interest from student in the various leadership groups of the Campus. I congratulate our School Captains and Vice-Captains for the running of this assembly and for their input into this new structure. Well done **Lyntton Tonta, Phoebe Trinidad, Jessica Edwards** and **Sky Hammer**.

### Year 12 Parent Information Session

A reminder to all of our parents with students completing VCE Unit 3 / 4 subjects. On **Wednesday 12 March at the Kildare Campus Hall from 7.15pm – 9.00pm**. This will be an important session where parents will receive important information as well as sign VCAA forms.

### Music News

Our thanks and congratulations to all students involved in the Senior Wind Ensemble annual camp who recently returned from Rawson. The Kildare Campus was proud to again host the Orchestra Victoria in their annual MOVE workshop. Every year the Orchestra selects the

While they were away we had guest presenters for those back on Campus. The first were Kate Teys and Susan Grout from CARITAS speaking about the valuable work done with the monies raised during Project Compassion.

During 2008 and in recognition of the many cultures who contribute to life in 'the valley' there will be a series of focus presentations. Our second group of speakers, Linda Mullett and Pam who work in the Koorie Education and Resource Unit of the Catholic Education Office in Warragul began this series

The Years 8 and 9 were encouraged to grow in understanding of different times and events that were linked to the traditional inhabitants of Australia. Others sessions will look at various groups who have arrived through the years and who are recognised in the Migrants Wall of Recognition Memorial at Morwell officially opened last year.

Last Friday Year 7's and a group representing Year 9 took part in the Schools Day of the Clean Up Australia program. With 35 kgs of rubbish picked up from our Campus boundaries and the W.H. Burrage Reserve we can be very proud of our contribution to this Australian campaign.

Also this week the Parents and Friends group held their first meeting for 2008. Their dedication to the Campus, its tradition and the students was obvious. The enthusiasm of the group to support the work of the College and to help provide resources is greatly appreciated.

**Mrs Leanne Mills**  
**Campus Director**

finest student orchestral musicians from across Gippsland and holds two days of intensive rehearsals that culminate in a concert. The Kildare campus has hosted this event for the past six years. This year, Lavalla had eleven students selected to take part in this prestigious event. Congratulations to **David Moulton (Cello), Catherine Couling (Flute), Thomas Gauci (Oboe), Angeline Diamante (Clarinet), Erin Stoddart (Clarinet), Shane Lebbe (Trumpet), Ben Maunder (French Horn), Lauren Garrett (French Horn), Domenic Hastie-Dunbier (Trombone), Isobel Weckmann (Trombone) and Anthony Albanese (Trombone)** for representing our Music Department and College with such distinction.

**Mr Marco Di Cesare**  
**Campus Director**

## NOVENA MISSION

St Michael's Church - Traralgon

Thursday 6th March - Friday 14th March 2008

**Weekdays:** 6.00am and 9.15am Mass  
7.30pm Hour of Power [Benediction]

**Saturday:** 6.00am, 9.15am and 7.30pm Mass

**Sunday:** 9.30am, (10.00am Glengarry) and 6.00pm Mass

**Reconciliation/Confession after each session.**  
**Adoration of Eucharistic Jesus** daily from 5.00pm  
Scripture Rosary at 6.30pm

**Topics:** Thursday 6th March at 7.30pm - HEALING  
Friday 7th March at 7.30pm - FAMILY

# St Paul's Campus

The Swimming Carnival is one of the few times our students take part in House activities. The four Houses speak about the four sources of the Lavalla spirit. Here is a brief look at people the Houses are named after.

**Champagnat House** (Blue) is named after Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers at La Valla, in France, in 1815. Not noted for his academic performance, he was a hands-on, practical man. His experiences led to his vision to make Jesus known and loved. Education was the way he chose to help boys make better lives. The Marist symbol is the 'M'.

**Delaney House** (Green) is named after Bishop Delaney who founded the Brigidine Sisters in Ireland. At a time when religious education in Ireland was a crime, the Brigidines wove red crosses and placed them on the doors of the houses. The children would gather secretly in the hedgerows to be taught. The Brigidine symbols are the 'Brigidine Cross' and the oak tree.

**MacKillop House** (Red): Mary McKillop founded the Sisters of St. Joseph. She responded to poverty of the scattered rural communities in the 1880s. She began teaching in a shed in Penola, SA. Other young women gathered around her and went two by two to live among the people. Some died of malnourishment because they lived like the people. She was canonised by Pope John Paul II and is Australia's first saint.

**Nagle House** (Gold): Nano Nagle was a young socialite in Cork, Ireland. She encountered the poor and changed. She went into the streets and down the dank lanes in the mists with a lantern, gathering and ministering to the poor. Other young women joined her and they later became a teaching order, the Presentation Sisters. Her symbol is a lamp.

**Year 7 Camps** (11-22 February)  
Listening to the students talk about their experiences at Wilson's Prom is fascinating. Two nights in tents, three days of adventure activities, working together in teams, living together as a group, helped them with transition from Primary to



Secondary school. Students and teachers got to know each other better. We hope these relationships will strengthen in time and support each of them in their journey in this College. My gratitude goes to Staff who gave of their time, to parents who helped in various ways and to the students who entered enthusiastically into the life of the camp.

## Parent Information Evening: Year 8 & 9

Thanks to parents who attended the Parent Information Evening for Year 8 and 9. The College Administration Team enjoyed meeting parents and sharing with them our expectations and information about camps, restorative justice and online safety. Information about online safety is available from Ms Johanne Lyons, Year 9 Co-ordinator.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB . . . NOW AT ST PAUL'S

We believe that all members of our school community should become active, life long readers. Valuing books and sharing favourite novels with family and friends, helps sustain and develop the habit of reading. The Scholastic Book Club Catalogues include a range of texts designed to strengthen key skills, as well as regular editions of literary classics. Interested students and parents can pick up a current catalogue from the ISC (Library) and follow the attached instructions. For more information please contact Mrs Kim Widrich or Mrs Sue Birt at the school.

## Swimming Carnival

The atmosphere was great. The weather was good, the students were enthusiastic and well behaved, the staff was relaxed and worked tirelessly. The House teachers and students responded and cheered their swimmers. The house positions were:

1. Champagnat .....1611 points
2. McKillop .....1485 points
3. Delaney .....1472 points
4. Nagle.....1369 points

The age-group champions for 2008 are:

Age Group	Male	Female
13 years	Rodney Kearns	Jess Ainsworth
14 years	Leigh Jones	Alisha Lampitt
15 years	Kane Barlow	Gabrielle Henderson

## Tennis

Joshua Hanrahan made it through to the Championships taking out the Intermediate Boys Finals. Other students making it into the finals were Sophie Grumley, Stacey Hammer, Marc Coolen and Liam Bednarski. Great day hosted by Lavalla Catholic College after a few early showers the day turned out very successful. Thankyou to Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Schroeter, Ms Morrow and Mrs Joyce.

## Touch Footy

Our touch footy teams will be at the State School's touch footy championships at Melbourne on 6 March. We wish them, Mrs Joyce and Mr Sizeland 'best of Luck!'.

Mr Chris Roga  
Campus Director

## Readak Parent Information Session

**Date:** Tuesday 8th April 2008  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Where:** Lecture Theatre, St Paul's Campus

Next week each family will receive a letter with further details about the Readak program. Please consider the program and costs in light of your own particular circumstances. There is no compulsion to participate; the College is simply offering a way of assisting your child without the necessity of travelling to Melbourne for intensive study courses.

## NIGHT TIME SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

GET READY FOR THE CHANGE OF SEASON.

OPEN ON  
**THURSDAY 17TH APRIL**  
**6.30-8.00PM**

DON'T MISS OUT!!



## Forthcoming Events

### TERM 1

#### MARCH

9-14 Mar	Catholic Education Week
10 Mar	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
11 Mar	Year 10 Work Experience Week
12 Mar	VCE Unit 3-4 Parent Information Evening (7.15pm-9.00pm)
13-14 Mar	Year 11 Outdoor Education Walk 1
14 Mar	Year 12 Orals
17-18 Mar	Year 11 Outdoor Education Walk 2
17-20 Mar	Year 10 Work Experience Week
18 Mar	CAS Swimming Melbourne
19 Mar	Parent Teacher Student Interview (4.00pm-7.30pm)
20 Mar	Holy Thursday Last Day Term 1 - <b>Student Free Day</b> Parent Teacher Student Interview (9.30am-12.00pm)
21 Mar	Good Friday
21Mar-6Apr	Marist Mexico Trip
24-26 Mar	AMSA Basketball - Cairns, QLD

### TERM 2

#### APRIL

7 Apr	Term 2 Commence
7-8 Apr	<b>Student Free Day [Presentation Only]</b>
8 Apr	Readak Parent Information Session (7.30pm Lecture Theatre StP's)
9 Apr	Year 12 Drama excursion
14 Apr	Parents & Friends (7.30pm ISC [Library] StPaul's)
17 Apr	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-4.30pm)
20 Apr	Arrival of Cross and Icon
21 Apr	<b>FULL WINTER UNIFORM</b>
22 Apr	Outdoor Education - Alp
24 Apr	Nagle Day
25 Apr	<b>Anzac Day</b>
30 Apr	Outdoor Education Walk

#### MAY

2 May	Lavalla Athletics Carnival
4-7 May	AMSA Netball Carnival - Shepparton
6 May	Year 10 Immunisation - Females
8 May	Year 7 2009 Information Evening [St Paul's]
9 May	Staff Consultation Day - <b>Student Free Day</b>
12 May	Parents & Friends (7.30pm ISC [Library] StPaul's)
14 May	Open Day/Year 7 2009 Information Even[Presentation] Open Day [St Paul's]
15 May	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-4.30pm)
16 May	Careers and Employment EXPO
20 May	Year 7 2009 Information [St Paul's]
21 May	VCE Ensemble Performance [K]
22 May	Delany Day
27 May	Photograph Day [Kildare]
30 May	2009 Year 7 Enrolments due

#### JUNE

9 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
June	Parents & Friends Guest Speaker (To be advised)
26 June	Student Assembly Parent Teacher Student Interview
27 June	Term 2 Concludes

### TERM 3

#### JULY

21 July	Parents & Friends (7.30pm ISC [Library] StPaul's)
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## Canteen Roster

### ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Mon 10 Mar	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
Tue 11 Mar	R. Diaz, (help needed)
Wed 12 Mar	M. Whitty, S. Duncan
Thu 13 Mar	K. Licciardi, L. Barrett
Fri 14 Mar	R. Gillow, L. Weckman
Mon 17 Mar	M. Korsak, R. Gillow
Tue 18 Mar	J. Campbell, (help needed)
Wed 19 Mar	H. Stoddart, K. Lowden
Thu 20 Mar	<b>Student Free Day</b>
Fri 21 Mar	<b>Good Friday Public Holiday</b>

### KILDARE CAMPUS

Mon 10 Mar	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
Tue 11 Mar	J. Campbell, (help needed)
Wed 12 Mar	R. Crowle, (help needed)
Thu 13 Mar	S. Bridges, (help needed)
Fri 14 Mar	M. Tatlow, (help needed)
Mon 17 Mar	C. Jackiw, S. Jacobs
Tue 18 Mar	C. Templeton, (help needed)
Wed 19 Mar	A. Scully, (help needed)
Thu 20 Mar	<b>Student Free Day</b>
Fri 21 Mar	<b>Good Friday Public Holiday</b>

### Private Car Conveyance Allowance Applications

Any parent who needs to travel more than 4.8 km to get their child to school or bus stop can claim a conveyance allowance to help cover the cost involved. This claim can be made provided there is no bus service running at that time or place. This applies particularly to music students who need to come in early for rehearsals. **Could I ask that if music rehearsal days/times have changed this year for your son/daughter, could you please inform Mr. Van Berkel in writing of the new arrangements.** New claims can be made by filling in the blue Private Car Conveyance Allowance Application form, obtainable from the **Campus office**.

### Breakfast Club @ Kildare

Every Wednesday from 7.45am-8.45am  
Held in the Food Technology room  
All Welcome!!

**Enquiries contact:** Mike Hansen

### PARENTS & FRIENDS

You are all welcome to our next meeting on

**Monday 11th April at 7.30pm**  
at St Paul's Campus Library.

Come and get to know some other parents.  
Our meetings are informative and pro active.