



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

7 November 2003

Dear Parents,

The circle of College life continues. Year 12 students have commenced their examination period last Friday and the day before that the students in Years 10 and 11 gathered together to start the process of choosing next year's student leaders. The process is completed with the final choice being announced soon.

The role of student leadership is an important one. It includes such things as being a force for unity among the student body, representing the student body at functions, being involved in student activities and, at the same time, maintaining their goal of completing their schooling. It is a position of service to the College and one that must be given generously.

Students were invited to nominate and to speak about how they saw themselves fulfilling their role. It was, indeed, an impressive group of students who took the courageous step of putting their names forward and speaking to their peers. There were many outstanding and worthy candidates. I am impressed by this group of students. They have a distinctive and positive identity and I am sure that the staff members look forward to working with them next year. Like those who have gone before them, they will undoubtedly contribute much to the Lavalla Community.

Br Julian Casey  
Principal

### Dates for Coming Week

<b>Wed. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 9.8 Camp</b>
	<b>CAS Senior Cricket Finals (Yrs 10-12)</b>
<b>Thu. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CAS Junior &amp; Intermediate Tennis Finals (Years 7-10)</b>
	<b>Year 8 (Presentation) – Mountain Biking (9.00am to 3.00pm)</b>
<b>Fri. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 8 (Presentation) – Mountain Biking (9.00am to 3.00pm)</b>
	<b>Last Classes for Year 11 Students</b>

### ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

As many of you know, last week **9.6 had their camp at Tamboritha**. On their first day there the entire group of 26 students and 6 staff took a wrong turn and became lost. A decision was made to make camp for the night rather than blunder back in the dark. Thanks to a Satellite phone the group were in contact throughout the night and

there were no major health or safety issues. Naturally it was a long night and it was a cold, weary, hungry group that eventually made its way back to the Chalet. However the students and staff were in such good condition that they elected to stay another night and complete the camp as planned.

St Paul's Campus (contd...)

Naturally, we would rather that the incident had not occurred and will be investigating how it came about. However, we were proud of the response of students who really rose to the occasion to face a once in a lifetime experience. We are also most grateful to the staff, **Carmel McCullagh, Tina Weston and Michael Archipow**, the student teachers: **Luke Pavey** and **Rachael Moretti** and our volunteers: **Michael Brown, Bruce Barrett** and **Dave Payne**. These people cared for the students and helped them turn what could have been a harrowing ordeal into a grand adventure. One parent has already dubbed it the "Great Mt Tamboritha Experience".

Parents of the students also need to be commended for the trust they demonstrated in the College and staff in allowing their children to finish the camp. We are most grateful for their patience and support. When we have finished debriefing students and staff, parents of 9.6 will be sent a letter detailing events more clearly. We feel blessed that our students, staff and volunteers were returned to us safely.

At this point we are confident that 9.7 and 9.8 camps will go ahead without incident.

### **Congratulations**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October, Laura Joyce (8.2), Andrew Buyx-Smith and Emily Pickering (both in 7.6) went to Bendigo to try out for the Victorian Basketball team.

## **PRESENTATION CAMPUS**

On Thursday this week **Mr Peter Schneider** and **Mrs. Annemarie Clarke** together with 13 Year 10's spent the afternoon with our Year 9's.

The focus of the session was to select homeroom groups for 2004, finalize subject selection, prepare students for the

They competed against 102 other people from around Victoria and all three were lucky enough to get selected along with 20 other boys and 20 other girls. They will now travel all the way to Port Macquarie to play the Pacific Coast Slam. There they will compete against teams from New Zealand, N.S.W and heaps of other teams. Sometimes, if lucky enough, teams from China come over and play, but they usually only come with men's under 18's teams.

### ***Yr 8 Gippsland Lakes Excursions***

Students have taken part in either a Paynesville or Metung trip. These were most enjoyable outings to our lovely local waterways. They also helped students gain an appreciation of an area many of them only knew from a tourist point of view, they now have a better understanding of the environmental issues in the area.

### ***Work Requirements***

Over the coming weeks it is vital that all students focus on completing work for assessment. Teachers will begin the assessment process on November 24<sup>th</sup>, a pupil free day and all **reports** will be completed by the 5<sup>th</sup> of December to be ready for **distribution on the 11<sup>th</sup> December**.

*Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know.--William Saroyan*

**Lee McKenzie**  
**Head of St Paul's Campus**

transition day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December and establish a "buddy" system for 2004.

The session was a valuable one and well received by our Year 9's. This was a great initiative on the part of the Kildare Campus. We thank them for their efforts.

## Presentation Campus (contd...)

As mentioned last week we are focusing on the completion of **work requirements** for all students across all subject areas.

By now a number of students have received letters indicating overdue work. I thank all parents for their support in this regard.

At our end-of-term assembly we were delighted to present participation awards to **Rhiannon Kane** and **Kimberley Bramstedt**, achievement awards to **Anthony Erdely** and **Josiah Brooks** and credit awards to **Courtney Eaton** and **Kirsten Larkins**.

During last term, six Presentation Campus students participated in the **Australasian Writing Competition**, organized by the University of New South Wales. Pleasingly, at all levels, our students performed within the state score range achieved by 80% of students. Some of them performed at the higher levels of the range

Congratulations to each one of you.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts

*Chris O'Brien*  
*Head of Presentation Campus*

## KILDARE CAMPUS

### Keeping on Track

As the Year 12 examination period gains momentum, there is sometimes a thought in the back of the minds of the Years 10 and 11 students that the year has come to an end. Last week's Newsletter outlined for parents and students the final dates of the year for these two year levels. This was included as a result of a number of requests made at the Office because parents want to make arrangements for family vacations.

I would like to exhort Years 10 and 11 students not to lose sight of the end of the year, the exams that will need to be completed and the workshops that have been organised in preparation for the new academic year. More information will be forthcoming to let parents and students know of the arrangements put in

place to ensure a smooth ending of courses for 2003, a solid preparation for 2004 and a closure of the year for each of the year levels at the appropriate time.

### Uniform

I would like to thank the many students who are displaying their College pride by presenting themselves very well in their uniform. We expend quite a lot of energy in attending to this important aspect of campus life and the great majority of students respond accordingly. It is my hope that all students would share the same pride in themselves, in the College and in their public appearance.

*Peter Schneider*  
*Head of Kildare Campus*

### CANTEEN ROSTER

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Kildare</b>
Mon. 10 Nov.	S Mills, L Barrett	J Caffrey	L Thorburn
Tue. 11 Nov.	D Berryman, K Manson	B Renwick	J Hansch
Wed. 12 Nov.	D Ferguson, M Wojciechowski	W Gibson	D Hall
Thu. 13 Nov	D Webb, S Eccles.	M Bortignon	M Johnston
Fri. 14 Nov.	M Byl, J Hartley, D Leatham		N Curnick

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## Spring Fair

Sunday

16th November

12.00 noon till 4.00 p.m.

Bungy Run, Giant Slide, Face Painting, Jumping Castles, Cakes, Preserves, Craft & Basket Stalls, Hot Potatoes, Multicultural Foods, B.B.Q, Hot Dogs, Pancakes, Devonshire Tea, Milkshakes, Drinks and Lollies, Fairy Floss, Fresh Produce, Plants, Lucky Bottles and lots, lots more with the Major Raffle drawn at 3.30 p.m.