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From the Principal

Dear members of the Lavalla community

It is wonderful to be back amongst the Lavalla community. I am well recovered and I look forward to the rest of the year with great anticipation. I would like to express my appreciation for your good wishes and prayerful support during my illness and assure you that they did make a difference to the speed of my recovery. It was also comforting that the College was in the strong and capable hands of Mrs Lee McKenzie with her gentle, calm and wise leadership. She in turn was supported by the Leadership team and together they tended to all issues competently and thoroughly ensuring my seamless transition. I thank Mrs McKenzie for stepping into the breach and for her generous service to the College which we have come to understand of and appreciate in her over the years.

I was amazed at all the projects that were completed in my absence. What I have taken great joy in, is the commencement of the Visual Arts building at St Paul's. We have waited a long time for this project to take shape and I am sure the students and the teachers are looking forward to using the new facility. In addition, the Year 7 center has been refurbished to be more adaptable for 21st century learning and teaching styles. New furniture and a new floor design means that the center appears more spacious, providing more flexible learning spaces. I thank and congratulate Mr Robert Tarraran, Director of Business Administration on the management of these new projects.

One of my first engagements was to attend the Premier's ANZAC Prize ceremony held at Parliament House in Melbourne. Together with Mr Martin, Mrs Widrich and Mrs McKenzie we witnessed Bayley Charalambous receive this year's prize. It was a proud moment for Bayley's family as well as the school and we warmly congratulate Bayley on being the fourth Lavalla winner of this prestigious prize. He leaves on Easter Saturday and visits Gallipoli and the Netherlands. Congratulations are also extended to Mrs Widrich who has now coached four ANZAC Prize winners over the years.

This year's theme Faith and Learning: Change the World was the subject of our Commissioning Mass this week, where students were invited to consider the question, 'How do I know I have faith?' Faith builds on our natural sense of hope and being open to experiences and opportunities to deepen our faith gives our life purpose and fulfillment. This year, as every year we aim to provide students with faith experience that will open their hearts to God. We have also structured lessons to encourage students to be more responsible for their own learning believing that a combination of faith in oneself and God and learning with a purpose can dramatically change outcomes for the better for each student.

A special part of our ceremony was the commissioning of our new leaders for 2013. Witnessed and commissioned by guests of honour Br Greg McDonald (Member of the Mission and Life Formation team for Marist Brothers) and Mrs Maria Kirkwood (Director of Catholic Education), was Mr Chris Roga as Director of Faith and Mission and Mr Doug Doherty as Director of the Kildare Campus. We congratulate each on their appointments and wish them well in their leadership roles.

We congratulate the following College and Campus leaders who were also commissioned: Emily Jeffrey, Mitchell McDonald, Mubtasim Murshed, Ryan Jones, Mersina Gelagotis, Nicola Broeren, Leo Ma and Lachlan Spiteri.

LENTEN PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer.

Amen.

Many present at the mass commented on Fr Hugh Brown's powerful, heart wrenching and moving homily. Students were captivated by the Fr Hugh's experience of a troubled and broken man. It would be worth asking your child to share that story with you because its lesson will remain with us for a while.

This week marks the half-way point for the term. Your daughters and sons should be seriously involved in completing assignments and tasks. Teachers are preparing for the first round of Learner Advisor (LA) meetings in Years 10 and 8 and I encourage you as always, to make good use of this time to help your sons and daughters set for themselves strong learning goals.

Thank you again for your warm welcome of me this week and I look forward to our work together again.

Have a good week

God bless

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal



Meeting the Bishop; 27th of February, 2013 - by Mitch McDonald


On Wednesday the 27th of February, Emily Jeffrey, Mubtasim Murshed and Mitchell McDonald, three of our four current College Captains, were given the opportunity to meet with the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Sale, Christopher Prowse.

Along with leaders from 6 other schools within the diocese, they were given the chance to meet and speak with the Bishop, and ultimately further their own faith through such an experience.

The students were blessed with the opportunity to speak with the Bishop personally, and also as part of a cohort of leaders from the different schools. Bishop Prowse answered many questions, including many based on leadership and what it means to be a leader within a Catholic College.

The other schools in attendance included Catholic College Sale, Marist Sion Warragul, Mary McKillop College Leongatha, St Peters College Cranbourne, and Nagle College Bairnsdale.

The presence of these other leaders gave our Captains the chance to not only form new friendships, but to strengthen some existing relationships made at the Marist Leadership camp that took place late in 2012.



St Paul's Campus Update

Andrew Martin - Campus Director

We are well into the term and students have settled into the routines of the year at St Paul's. It has been a busy beginning, but a fruitful one and I am impressed by the way in which students have addressed their responsibilities in terms of uniform and organisation in a most cooperative fashion. There is a growing sense of solidarity within our St Paul's community that is attractive and bodes well for our learning outcomes in 2013.

Project Compassion: Fundraising initiative

Our effort to raise funds for Project Compassion over the Lenten period will be enhanced by the organisation of an action day on 27th March at St Paul's, where small groups will put many fundraising initiatives into action in order to promote the real improvement in the lives of those in need in our world. We see that this might be an annual approach to our support of CARITAS and Project Compassion.

LA Bookings and Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all of our Year 8 parents who have been utilising the Parent Portal to make LA Bookings for Block 1. This system seems to be working well for the process.

We will continue to refine the use of the portal for our Parent Teacher Student Conferences coming up at the end of the term. Please contact Ms Belinda Plunkett, our student services officer at St Paul's, if you have misplaced or not received a portal login code.

Excursion Protocol for 2013

Please be aware that we are unable to accept phone contact as a form of express permission with respect to student excursions. It is not acceptable by law and leaves the school exposed to claims and prone to 'getting it wrong' when unforeseen circumstances arise. For this reason, we will only accept written or faxed permissions when compiling excursion attendance rolls.

In general, you should expect to receive excursion forms a week or more in advance of the activity. Where returned permissions have not been received the day before the excursion, students will not be able to attend the activity. This allows for good process and safe conduct. We will not make phone calls home on the day of the event to ask parents to deliver a permission slip to the College.

Year 8 Camp postponements

After consultation with Heyfield Police, the DSE and Kevin Higgins, the decision has been made to postpone the three year 8 camps scheduled for term 1. Whilst not currently endangering any settlements there are still two fires burning in the area that could potentially pose a danger. In the interests of student safety we will look to reschedule these camps in term 4. We are hoping to go ahead with the camps scheduled for Term 2 but will take advice on the viability of this later this term.

My Best for the Lenten season.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

NEXT OPEN:

Thursday 21st March

3.30pm – 8.00pm

LATE SESSION for uniform Changeover

Winter uniform to be worn by 29th April

Shop located at:

St Paul's Campus

Payment options:

Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS
(Please note Kilts/Skirts must be tried on. They are not sized)



Kildare Update **Doug Doherty** - Campus Director

“Success, Success and Success” is the best way that I can describe the last two weeks at Lavalla Catholic College. Firstly, we had the successful election and appointment of our new Student Leadership Council. I was amazed at the high standard and professionalism of all candidates.

The successful candidates are as follows:

| Leadership Role | Name of Student |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Liturgy | Mark Larkins |
| Community Cohesion | Jessica Elliot |
| Cultural Events | Stephanie Castello |
| School Events | Korey Kavadias |
| Campus Mentor (Male) | Brayden Darby-Lock |
| Campus Mentor (Female) | Cassie Forester |
| Student Mentoring (Lavalla) | Con Kavadias |
| Student Mentoring (Primary) | Stephanie Schena |
| Environmental | Mitchell Stone |
| Justice | Mikaela Tarraran |

Each of these leaders will be managed by a Student Leader, who is as follows:

Mitchell McDonald - Justice and Community Cohesion

Emily Jeffrey - Liturgy and School event

Ryan Jones - Cultural events and Campus Mentors

Mubtasim Murshed - Environment and Student Mentors

The new Student Leadership Council are now working amongst each other to formulate the final arrangements for LA involvement and their first plans, which will be submitted to the Campus Leadership Team at the end of Term 1.

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On behalf of the College I extend Congratulations to Pheobe Trembath who has been selected to represent Australia at the Under 21 Thailand Junior National Volleyball Championships next month. This is her first trip overseas and she is understandably excited. We wish Pheobe all the best and know that she will represent the College and our nation with pride.

Finally Success as a united and welcoming community was clearly manifested through the celebration of the Commissioning Mass. My commissioning to the Marist way of life actually felt a similar experience to my confirmation. I only hope that I can be a worthy member of our Marist community and continue to drive standards in helping to produce 'Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts'.

As you will probably know from your children, every teacher has been setting formative assessments. This will afford you as parents, the students and staff the ability to track continuous progress and ensure success. So please ask your children for the scores they have received in their recent tests and celebrate success with them (if they deserve it!).

LA Meetings - Just a reminder that only for this cycle, Kildare will still be operating a 'Hard Copy' Booking Form. Therefore you are all invited to arrange an appointment with your child's LA. I would remind you that this is compulsory.

It is at this point I'm reminded of the quote by Roger Babson: "It is wise to keep in mind that neither success nor failure is ever final." Therefore, I look forward to all working together to strive for continuous success in all that we do.





Mrs T McCormack -Assistant Director of Faith & Ministry/Events Coordinator

Commissioning Mass 2013

Leadership is a huge commitment to take on. Each year many students commit to being leaders of and within the College.

When we commission someone it refers to them being committed to a duty or task to perform. As such they are given the authority to undertake or perform certain duties or functions. This can often be a daunting prospect for many students and members of the community.

Our Commissioning Mass is a way of celebrating and recognising, not only those students and staff who will lead the College over the coming year or years, but also to welcome new members of the College community. It was particularly pleasing to be able to welcome Ms Erica Pegorer back to the Lavalla community.

This year we commissioned; Mr Doug Doherty as Kildare Campus Director and Mr Chris Roga as Director of Faith and Ministry, our student leaders from the St Paul's Campus; Mersina Gelagotis, Nicola Broeren, Lachlin Spiteri and Leo Ma. From Kildare Campus we commissioned as College leaders; Emily Jeffery, Mubtasim Murshed, Mitchell McDonald and Ryan Jones.

Faith!

This small but often daunting word was a key to our celebration. With this year being the Year of Faith, the Mass drew on all aspects of faith. The setting demonstrated faith, through the movement of footsteps created by the Year 7s from outside, through the sacred space and to end in front of the altar. The readings, prayers, gospel and hymns all reflected our need for faith. Father Hugh's Homily was particularly moving, reflecting how sometimes those events and situations that are sent to try us are often God's way of testing our faith. But if we can see past what is right in front of us, then that is when our eyes are opened to what it is that God is asking of us.

Congratulations to all involved in the Mass. To those who assisted with the set up and organisation, the readers, MC, the choir, altar servers, those being commissioned, but particularly to the students and staff. It can often be a difficult task of being observer at any event, the students respect and grace in this Mass was reverent and as such is appreciated.

I am sure that our Leaders we have commissioned will lead the school well now and into the future, ensuring to demonstrate and instigate this year's theme "Faith and Learning: Change the World."



SPORTS LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

MacKillop house accumulated enough points to take out the junior swimming championships when the St. Paul's campus held its carnival on Monday, 25th February.

MacKillop finished 156 points ahead of their nearest rival, Champagnat. In what has become a fierce rivalry between the two houses, MacKillop tallied 2,645 points with Champagnat finishing with 2,189. Nagle came third with 1,967 points followed by Delany on 1,685.

This was the second of two meets for the College and teams from the two College carnivals will be selected for the SSV Wellington Swimming Championships to be conducted on Wednesday, 6th March.

HOUSE PLACINGS

| PLACE | HOUSE | POINTS |
|-------|------------|--------|
| 1st | MacKillop | 2,345 |
| 2nd | Champagnat | 2,189 |
| 3rd | Nagle | 1,967 |
| 4th | Delany | 1,685 |

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

| | FEMALE | MALE |
|---------|-----------------|----------------|
| 13 Year | Caitlin Mihaly | Harrison Law |
| 14 Year | Kaylee Beecroft | Nicholas Calla |
| 15 Year | Erin Roberts | Jack Law |



FALCONS 2000 SOCCER CLUB

Junior Training has begun!

Training from 5pm-6pm
Tuesday and Thursdays.

U7, U9, U11 Small Sided and we also have spots available in U12 to U16.

Falcons 2000 is a family friendly orientated Club and highly focuses on Junior Development.

Contact Melinda Smith
Junior Co-ordinator on 0412 927 397.

NETBALL UMPIRING Girls aged 14 and up

If you are interested in umpiring netball for the upcoming season for St. Michaels netball teams please contact Michelle Cameron on 0407 303 341.

TRARALGON OLYMPIANS SOCCER CLUB

2013 Season

Girls 12-18 Years

Boys 15-16 Years

Training days:

Tues & Thurs

Game Day:

Saturday

Please contact club ASAP
or come direct to training
nights

Emy - 5174 3695 or
0403 317 736

SPORTS REPORT - Continued...

Some of the standout performers where -

Harrison Law (1st 13yr male freestyle, 1st 13yr male breaststroke, 1st 13yr male backstroke, 1st Open butterfly)

Bill Shen (2nd 13yr male freestyle, 2nd 13yr male breaststroke, 2nd 13yr male backstroke)

Caitlin Mihaly (1st 13yr female freestyle, 2nd 13yr female breaststroke, 1st 13yr female backstroke)

Lily Zee-Verner (2nd 13yr female freestyle, 1st 13yr female breaststroke)

Nicholas Calla (1st 14yr male freestyle, 2nd 14yr male breaststroke, 2nd 14yr male backstroke)

Matthew Pearce (3rd 14yr male freestyle, 1st 14yr male breaststroke, 3rd 14yr male backstroke, 5th Open butterfly)

Hayden Willaton (2nd 14yr male freestyle, 1st 14yr male backstroke, 6th Open butterfly)

Kaylee Beecroft (2nd 14yr female freestyle, 1st 14yr female backstroke, 1st Open female butterfly)

Bridie O'Keefe (1st 14yr female breaststroke, 3rd 14yr female backstroke, 2nd 14yr female backstroke, 2nd Open butterfly)

Sarah Mulqueen (3rd 14yr female freestyle, 2nd 14yr female breaststroke, 3rd 14yr female backstroke, 4th Open butterfly)

Jack Law (1st 15yr male freestyle, 1st 15yr male breaststroke, 1st 15yr male backstroke, 2nd Open butterfly)

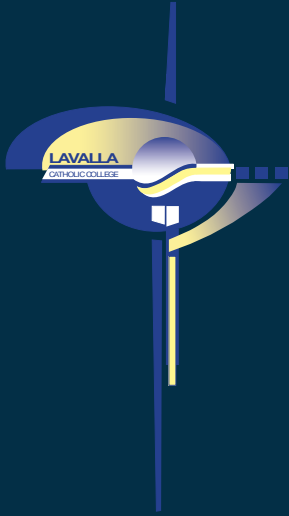
Cameron Brinsmead (2nd 15yr male freestyle, 2nd 15yr male breaststroke, 2nd 15yr male backstroke, 3rd Open butterfly)

Erin Roberts (1st 15yr female breaststroke, 1st 15yr female backstroke, 1st 15yr female backstroke, 1st Open butterfly)

Taylah Da Ros (2nd 15yr female breaststroke, 4th 15yr female backstroke, 2nd 15yr female backstroke, 2nd Open butterfly)

Sophie Fitzpatrick (3rd 15yr female breaststroke, 3rd 15yr female backstroke, 3rd 15yr female backstroke, 3rd Open butterfly).





Upcoming Events

Monday, March 11

LABOUR DAY - full school closure

Thursday, March 14

SSV swimming - regional

Friday, March 15

VCAL Coonawarra Day Trip

Monday, March 18

LA Parent Student Meetings

MSP ZOO Excursion #1

Wednesday, March 20

MSP ZOO Excursion #2

Monday, March 25

Yr 12 Performance SAC Night

Wednesday, March 27

SSV Swimming State Finals

Parent Student Teacher Meetings

Thursday, March 28

STUDENT FREE DAY

Parent Student Teacher Meetings

Friday, March 29

GOOD FRIDAY - full school closure



Music News

One of our Year 12 clarinet students, Stephanie Schena, has been awarded a prestigious scholarship. Stephanie successfully auditioned and is now a member of the Melbourne Youth Wind Symphony, a significant achievement and commitment in its own right as Stephanie rehearses with this group in Melbourne each Saturday. In addition, she has been awarded a scholarship position in this group from the Invergowrie trust which covers all associated registration fees, offers \$500 towards transport costs associated with involvement and most significantly a free lesson with a female member of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. The scholarship benefits are tailored to supporting young female musicians from rural areas and outlying suburbs.

We are also really proud in our department of the efforts of Kristen and Connor Jenkinson. Kristen (also a clarinettist) has been awarded a place in the same Melbourne Youth Wind Symphony and Connor (a trumpeter) in the Percy Grainger Youth Orchestra.

"What a parent does WITH kids matters far more than what they do FOR them."

- Michael Grose, Parentingideas

For more inspirations and tips from Michael Grose, please check out the link below:

www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine

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