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*Keeping watch with  
those seeking sanctuary  
- A prayer for Asylum  
Seekers*

*Reconciling God, we pray  
for the day when all  
Australians stand  
together recognising  
that we are called as one  
people to compassion  
and justice.*

*Heal the blindness that  
looks but does not see,  
the deafness which  
refuses to listen and so  
does not hear, the  
dullness which hears but  
does not comprehend,  
and the lack of integrity  
that knows but does not  
act.*

*God, in your love and  
solidarity you call us to  
stand with those who are  
most vulnerable,  
especially asylum seekers  
who risk all to find pro-  
tection and a secure  
future for their families.*

*Hear our prayer and the  
unuttered cries of our  
hearts offered in the  
name of your son, Jesus,  
who was himself a  
refugee.*

*Amen.*

## From the Principal

### Dear parents, students and teachers

It's strange to hear the Principal of a school say this but over these last few weeks we have seen and experienced learning everywhere! The number of learning conversations that I have heard in staff rooms, corridors and in classrooms has been music to my ears. We shared with you last time about our profound learning when we engaged in a programme called '**Looking for Learning**'.

The College has been focused on improving our understanding of how students learn and this programme has provided easy and reliable tools for us to track and monitor learning in an unobtrusive way.

Last week the Leadership team was privileged to be at the **Australian Marist Schools' Conference** where we were challenged to take the time to cherish the present by 'being still and knowing that God was within us'. In today's world we know too well that the pressure can be unrelenting for us all and for our young people the need to stay connected socially through electronic devices means that they can rarely appreciate moments of stillness.

At Lavalla, we encourage a '**minute of silence**' each day. Students are asked to think about God's Grace and to be grateful for who they are and the many blessings bestowed upon them. What I have noticed about this is that many of us struggle to take the time to be still and our minds race into thinking about what else we need to be doing...even for that one minute!

However, there is power in silence and stillness. Power that comes from within and from God. A place where we can be ourselves – no ego, no bravado – just ourselves in the present moment. If we stay still long enough, in our interior place, we can find our spiritual well and then begin to discover who God might be. A. W. Tozer believes that "*What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us*" and Genesis 28.16: "*The Lord is here! He is in this place, and I didn't know it*". One of the most beautiful things about having been in Cairns last week was not the scenery – though that was spectacular; nor the weather which was also pleasant but 200 Marists gathered in a conference room and for 20 minutes or so being silent and still and feeling God's presence among us. Strange isn't it that few could deny that one of the most significant interior experiences of our conference was a moment of no words, or hymns or prayers – just the thin space between ourselves and our God in silence.

Principal's Report continues..

### Italians Visit

It was a familiar space this time to welcome our visitors from *Liceo Scientifico Enrico Fermi*. It was like welcoming old friends from our sister school in Padua. Mrs Laura Celini and 18 students have spent a week in our company, immersing themselves in our culture and in speaking English. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the sixteen families who open their homes in welcome to our guests and who have gone out of their way to provide our visitors with memorable experiences. There was an obvious bond and many friendships evident at the farewell dinner. We wish them well for the remainder of their visit and safe travel home.

### Events

It was a pleasure to see so many parents and friends of the College visit the Kildare Campus during EXPO last week. Despite the nippy weather many availed themselves to the teachers and other providers to map their subject selections for 2014. Congratulations to all those involved in the planning and preparations of EXPO and information nights that led up to the event. Further, the St Paul's campus was hosting the grade 5s from our partner Primary Schools. They were involved in so many exciting activities and reported having a great day. It was a pleasure to see them so engaged and involved. Thanks to all the primary schools who supported this day. Well done to the organisers of "Free to be Me" in which all year 8 students engaged in the opportunity to get to know themselves better.

### The Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Friday 8th August is the Feast day of St Mary. We remember that Mary MacKillop worked for the poor and understood the difficulties faced by migrants. For her feast day, there is a call to prayer that our government might seriously reconsider their position on resettling the asylum seekers to Papua New Guinea and their seemingly lack of compassion for people who need our care and humanitarian support. Take a moment over the weekend to pray with your family enabling us to stand with those who have been pushed to the edges and excluded from our land. Have a good fortnight

God Bless

Ms Erica Pegorer  
Principal

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## Year 8 and 9 Artworks







Italian Delegation 2013

## Kildare Campus Update

### Mr Doug Doherty, Campus Director

**“Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; Working together is success.” Henry Ford.**

As we enter our last semester, the Kildare campus has helped students begin and progress through their journey to success, but now we strive to ensure all stakeholders are working together to enable success for every student within our College.

EXPO and the preparatory sessions, such as information evenings, the Pathways Passport to Success and Pre-Expo interviews by LAs, are only a few recent examples of our desire to ensure our students are on the correct pathway to success for them as individuals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their dedication during this EXPO process and the involvement of the large majority of our parents and guardians. This was a wonderful event and was even celebrated on the local television news channel – WIN NEWS. It was also refreshing and encouraging to see so many students from other local schools that are very interested in becoming members of our school community.

I would encourage parents and guardians to have regular conversations with their sons/daughters in regard to the contents of their Passports and the regular progress updates they will enter.

As we fast approach the VCE examinations, I would encourage all parents and students to work closely with their teachers to ensure success in the final exam. As a Campus we have now introduced a concept of tracking every individual student currently studying in Year 11 and 12. This will soon extend to Year 10 also. Therefore, if parents or students have any queries about the current status of success, please contact either LAs for VCE or relevant staff for VCAL.

**Your future is your responsibility – your staff are here to assist you, not to create the future for you.**

To aid you with ensuring you are able plan your future, I would encourage that all familiarise themselves with the SAC calendar, available on line or from Mr Erdley.

#### John Monash Science School—2014 Students

I will also take this opportunity to acknowledge recent successes. Firstly, I would like to congratulate **Alina Huggins** and **Conor McCafferty**, both of whom have been accepted into Year 11 at John Monash Science School at Monash University, Clayton for 2014. This is an amazing feat and opportunity as this is a full-time specialist maths and science school. Alina and Conor are among the select few who passed the entry

test to the highest level of enhanced and accelerated education, leading directly to university.

#### Congratulations

I would also like to congratulate **Nathan Shields** who secured a Boilermaker Apprenticeship; **Conor Sloyan** who secured a Plumbing Apprenticeship and **Ashlee Asmussen** who secured a Hairdressing Apprenticeship. While we are very sad to see these students leave our school community, we must recognise their success and the support they received from Lavalla Catholic College to date to ensure their successful pathways. I would hope that these students always feel part of our Catholic school community and Marist Charism.

#### Clay Shooting Success

The Lavalla Catholic College Clay Shooting team, once again deserve praise for their excellent performance in reaching the stage at Frankston and coming third out of 200 shooters! Well done.

#### Dante Alighieri Society Poetry Recitation

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank all those students who competed at the finals of the Dante Alighieri Competition.

The results were:

**Laura Metlikovec** (Year 12 Italian background) 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize  
**Stephanie Castello** (Year 12 Italian background) 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize  
**Con Kavadias** (Year 11 non It. Background) 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize  
**Conor McCafferty** (year 10 It. Background) 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

I would also like to thank Mrs Raffaella Cataldo for her dedication to these students and their preparation for this competition. Her passion and support for all the students studying Italian and competing is inspirational.

*“The other 6 finalists were fantastic as well, but the competition was fierce! I am very proud of all of them!”*  
 - Raffaella Cataldo.

#### Italian Students Visiting

As part of our LOTE immersion, we are very happy and proud to welcome a contingent of students and teachers from Padua, Italy. They have been living with some of our families and enjoying our school and everything this great state of Victoria can offer.

*‘Benvenuto, avere un tempo meraviglioso in Victoria e Dio vi benedica’.*

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Kildare Campus Report continued..

### Year 11 Retreat

We have some very exciting events in the next few weeks. This begins with the Year 11 Retreat which will be led by the Young Marist Group of Australia at Presentation Campus on Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 August. They will attend according to House Groups.

### Cybersmart Presentation

Lavalla Catholic College will also be hosting a Cybersmart Presentation for all Year 10 students (Tuesday 27 August 11:45) and for all parents (Tuesday 27 August 6:30-8:30pm) at the Champagnat Centre, St. Paul's Campus. I would encourage all parents to attend this event, especially in light of the fast developing forms of communication and technology.

### Senior Boys & Girls Basketball

Best of luck to the students representing Lavalla at the State Schools Victoria Regional Championships next Monday 12 August.

### Intermediate Band

We also wish the Intermediate Band success in their performances at the Federation Square, Melbourne on 13 and 14 August.

God Bless

Mr D Doherty

### Important Notice for Parents Kildare Campus Parking

Please **do not** drive past the sign saying **staff only** – Parents should only collect students from the turning circle which is provided for that sole purpose.

No parent is to park or collect any student from the back of the music centre.

It is also imperative that **no L Plate drivers** are controlling a vehicle on school property. This is a health and safety concern.

On a further note, Latrobe City Council has notified the Campus that parents are parking on the nature strip and bus parking area outside the Campus.

A Latrobe City Council employee has already taken license plate numbers and has stated that a fine of \$87 can apply for each offence.

**Please park responsibly**



## CONGRATULATIONS

*Under Scarlet Skies are a four piece 'core' band from Lavalla Catholic College.*

*Their single "Sanctuary" has rocketed into the final of Triple J Unearthed High. This competition is Australia-wide and open to bands that are in secondary schools. Six finalists have been chosen and we congratulate Under Scarlet Skies on making it to the finals.*

*Please listen and review their single on the Triple J Unearthed website by following this link*

<http://www.triplejunearthed.com/artists/view.aspx?artistid=56487>

*The band members are as follows:*

**Taeson Cleator** - Bass and Vocals

**Jack Beaughlehall** - Guitar and Vocals

**Joel Berend** - Lead Guitar

**Jayden Broeren** -Drums

*Best of luck and we hope you take out the competition!*







## St Paul's Campus Update

### Mr Andrew Martin, Campus Director



The past two weeks have been both busy and enriching for me as an educator at Lavalla Catholic College. Happily, I have had opportunity to participate in a range of high calibre Professional Development activities which have deepened my sense of College mission and broadened my understanding of both, student learning and the of building teams for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.

It is a maxim of 'Marist' teaching philosophy that ongoing professional development is important to establishing lifelong learning. We believe that teaching staff committed to contemporary learning and current teaching methodologies are essential to sustain a model of continuous improvement throughout all areas of College activity.

It is our hope also, that investing in targeted and school-wide PD for staff will provide a consistency of approach to student learning and inspire students to view learning as a constant in their lives. This year, staff have been focused on identifying learning intentions for each lesson.

This explicit approach to identifying a 'learning intention' will now be supplemented by the 'Looking for Learning' program, which identifies key questioning strategies within classrooms that will highlight student learning as individuals. The resultant picture of student learning should allow teachers to respond to student needs more confidently and differentiate lessons accordingly. We look forward to providing feedback to parents about the impact of these initiatives.

#### Sport

Once again our sporting prowess was on display at the regional Netball finals with our 7 and 8 girls and 8, 9 and 10 boys teams all making their way through to State Finals. Additionally several of our soccer and football teams have made the state finals and our Clay Target shooters shot their way to 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 66 teams competing two weeks ago. At the Victorian Volleyball Championships, our U15 girls won gold, Senior boys, silver and U17 boys played off for bronze. Truly, we are blessed with considerable sporting talent and with coaches who are prepared to spend a considerable number of lunch times training their teams.

#### Italian Visit

We have been excited this week by the Italian students and teachers from Padua who are on their bi annual exchange with us at present. Last year, we were the recipients of wonderful hospitality from the staff and students of Padua academia school and it is a pleasure to be able to return the favour this year. The visiting students are staying with Lavalla host families throughout their ten days here and have spent a number of days in our classrooms interacting and working with our students at St Paul's and Kildare. We wish them the best for the remainder of their trip.

#### Grade 5 and 6 visits

Last Friday, St Paul's hosted nearly 300 Grade 6 State and grade 5 Catholic Primary students as part of our transition program for 2013. Students enjoyed a range of elective style activities that are typical of secondary school programs. By all accounts they had a wonderful day of active and experiential learning. We thank all the staff and our Lavalla student helpers who ensured that our guests had a wonderful day.

#### Expo

The build-up was multilayered and lengthy, but important, as students appeared to arrive at Expo2013 with a greater sense of direction than ever before. Happily, the presenters and exhibitors were well prepared to answer questions and queries that were focused and demonstrated the student preparation that had taken place before the event. The Expo value has shifted subtly from an early, or starting point of subject selection process, toward an end, or, confirmation point in the process.

#### Enrolment interviews 2014

This week, our senior College staff have been employed in the enrolment interviews process for year 7, 2014. It is always wonderful to meet and engage students for the first time.

Somehow, we know that the first connection is an important one and each party puts their best foot forward, vowing to do the best we can by one another as we begin a relationship that is going to have an important impact on our lives. We look forward to making offers of acceptance to students over the coming weeks.

My best to all for the coming fortnight

Mr A Martin





## Music Report

### Mr Shane Reid - Director of Music

We have amongst us in 2013 one of the most laudable groups of students in our music department's and perhaps even our college's history.

Many are aware that our mighty Senior Jazz Ensemble of 2013 have made their mark at a national level in May of this year at the Generations in Jazz Festival, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their section at the National Stage Band championships.

These same students also recently performed at the Victorian School Music Festival at Federation Square, the new prestige event for music education in our state. Just to perform at this festival was a big ask for these students, a July performance date saw the need to learn a new repertoire of pieces (different from our Generations in Jazz program) in only two months. This timeline would have posed a challenge for any group of seasoned professional musicians, let alone high school students.

In a testament to their efforts over recent months, their VSMF performance has been awarded with a prestigious Silver Shield by the chief adjudicator Mr Jeff Jarvis. Jeff is a renowned jazz performer, composer and educator and dean of the highly respected California State University Jazz Program. This Silver Shield is a wonderful accomplishment for our students, coupled with their podium finish at the Generations in Jazz Festival.

The students listed below work incredibly hard to represent our college and do so with real distinction. All of these students are also members of our Senior Concert Band and Senior Choir, this commitment sees them (and their wonderful families!) committing to early morning rehearsals before school on four out of five days every week.

#### Music Tuition

We really encourage all of our St. Paul's Campus students to think about taking up a musical instrument and joining one of the most vibrant departments within our college. It is certainly not too late and there are places in our junior ensembles still available. We would particularly welcome students who may like to give the trombone, trumpet or saxophone a go. It would be wonderful to create another generation of jazz musicians just like our class of 2013. Any queries can be directed to either Mrs. Maria Testa on the college phone number or by email on [testmar1@lavalla.vic.edu.au](mailto:testmar1@lavalla.vic.edu.au)

It is only August and it has been a remarkable year already, congratulations and appreciation to them all:

<b>1st Alto Sax</b>	<b>Matilda Lappin</b>
<b>2nd Alto Sax</b>	<b>Taeson Cleator</b>
<b>1st Tenor Sax</b>	<b>Teneille hecker</b>
<b>2nd Tenor Sax</b>	<b>Georgia Quinn</b>
<b>2nd Tenor Sax</b>	<b>Kate Templeton</b>
<b>Baritone Sax</b>	<b>Conor McCafferty</b>
<b>1st Trumpet</b>	<b>Connor Jenkinson</b>
<b>2nd Trumpet</b>	<b>Stephanie Kay</b>
<b>3rd Trumpet</b>	<b>Nathanael Georgeson</b>
<b>4th Trumpet</b>	<b>Renny Dalton</b>
<b>1st Trombone</b>	<b>Lauren Wain</b>
<b>2nd Trombone</b>	<b>Morgan Williams</b>
<b>3rd trombone</b>	<b>Luke Matthyssen</b>
<b>Piano</b>	<b>Laura Dye</b>
<b>Piano</b>	<b>Lori Thompson</b>
<b>Bass</b>	<b>Jack Beaglehall</b>
<b>Drums</b>	<b>Brandon Gawith</b>

Our junior campus music staff Mr Matthew Harris [harrmat1@lavalla.vic.edu.au](mailto:harrmat1@lavalla.vic.edu.au) (training band) or Ms Alana Riseley [riseala1@lavalla.vic.edu.au](mailto:riseala1@lavalla.vic.edu.au) (junior choir) are also happy to answer any queries you may have. No previous musical experience is needed. We have attached a year 7 enrolment form to this newsletter, this provides more details.



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## Sports Report

### Mr Dwayne Tibballs

#### State Championships await Lavalla Soccer Teams

Lavalla Catholic College has once again shown its prominence in the field of soccer with five teams advancing through to the State Finals of the School Sport Victoria competition. The year 7 boys (Mr Antonopoulos), the year 8 boys (Mr McAuley), the intermediate boys (Mr McKenna), the year 8 girls (Mr Sizeland) and the intermediate girls (Mr Reddix) have all advanced through after a very successful campaign at the Regional Championships held recently.

The most excitement came in the year 8 boys, who needed to win 11-0 against Bairnsdale Secondary College to get past Lowanna College on goal-differential. The result against Bairnsdale came right down to the final minute with Lavalla scoring their last goal to leave outcome of the match at 10-0 and a tie with Lowanna in goal-differential.

A penalty shootout was required to split the two schools and fortunately for Lavalla the result fell our way. All the other year levels advanced comfortably to deliver a good representation of Lavalla teams at the State Championships at Darebin next month.

The senior girls were very unfortunate to succumb in their penalty shootout with Lowanna but they must be applauded for their very determined effort.

#### State Finals on Netball Agenda

Lavalla Catholic College will be a major participant in the School Sport Victoria State Championships of netball with four teams winning through from the recent SSV Regional Championships.

The year 7 girls, year 8 girls, year 8 boys and the intermediate boys teams' advance through after overcoming schools from the South Gippsland, West Gippsland and East Gippsland Regions to give themselves a chance at being labelled the best in the state.

The year 7 girls, coached by Ms Sharman, swept past Nagle Catholic College, Wonthaggi Secondary College and Lowanna Secondary College.

The year 8 girls, coached by Ms Joyce, eased their way by Nagle Catholic College, South Gippsland Secondary College and Lowanna Secondary College.

The year 8 boys, coached by Mr Tibballs, won against Lavalla's year 7 boys, Bairnsdale Secondary College and Wonthaggi Secondary College. The match against Wonthaggi to determine the Regional winner was decided by one goal in a tight finish.

The intermediate boys triumphed over Bairnsdale Secondary College, Wonthaggi Secondary College and Warragul Regional College under replacement coach Mr Buckland.

The senior boys fell short by two goals against Wonthaggi Secondary College in their bid to advance to the State Championships. All teams performed admirably and should be proud of what they have achieved so far.





## Upcoming Events

### Friday 9 August

Free to be Me – All Year 8 students – Presentation Campus  
 Courage to Care Excursion – Sale  
 Phillip Island Wildlife Park Excursion - Italian Students

### Monday 12 August

Senior Boys and Girls Basketball – SSV Regional Championships

### Tuesday 13 August

Victorian School Bands Festival - intermediate band 13th and senior band 14th (2 days)  
 ICAS Maths – Year 7-10  
 Year 7 Vortex Centre Excursion

### Wednesday 14 August

Senior Wind Ensemble Excursion  
 Maths Madness Problem Solving Challenge @ Monash Gippsland Excursion  
 Year 11 Retreat (2 day camp)

### Thursday 15 August

Year 12 Studio Arts – Latrobe Regional Galley Excursion  
 MSP Excursion

### Friday 16 August

Girls Football Year 7-9 – State Championships

## School Uniform Shop

Open 3.30pm - 6.00pm

Thursday 5 September

Thursday 19 September

\*Full summer uniform must be worn from 14 October

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