



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

9 September 2005

Dear Parents,

As you would be aware, I am finishing my position here at Lavalla Catholic College at the end of this September term. I will spend 2 months on sabbatical in Rhode Island, USA, before taking up residence at Kilmore, with a new job, inside a new community, meeting new friends.

Moving means saying “thank you” and “good-bye”, but it also means saying “hello” to a new community. The people I will say goodbye to either as individuals or groups have influenced me in some specific way and so I carry their influence with me as a part of who I am and what I bring to my new situation. When I stand before new people in a new place I stand there not as someone who has come out of a vacuum, but as someone influenced in heart and mind, by those with whom I have been with.

What I bring to a new situation is very much the people and the things that have touched me in my time here at Traralgon. In a real way, I can't imagine either my life or my person today without factoring-in all the persons, (friend and foe), I've met over the last ten years.

I leave in good spirits and with a grateful heart to many people and thankful for having the opportunity to be at CRC Traralgon and Lavalla Catholic College. The College is truly a good place to be. Erica Pegorer will be Acting Principal until the appointment of a new Principal and I ask you to give her the same support in her role, which you offered to me.

**Br Julian Casey**  
**Principal**

Calendar Dates	
<u>September</u>	
Friday 9	Interim Reports Distributed
Tuesday 13	CAS Athletics Carnival - Olympic Park Melbourne
Wednesday 14	Parent/Teacher Interviews: 6.00 to 8.00pm
Thu15/Fri16/Sat17	Debutante Balls
Friday 16	Term 3 concludes at 3.25pm
<u>October</u>	
Monday 3	Staff return
Tuesday 4	Students return

PLEASE NOTE COUNTRY BUS TRAVELLERS -  
BUSES WILL LEAVE AT 2.30PM ON FRIDAY 16th

## ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Next week we will be holding Parent/Teacher/student interviews on **Wednesday 14th between 4:00 and 8:00pm**. Today you would have received your son or daughter's interim report and an interview sheet. Please take the time to discuss this report with your child and return the sheet so that you are able to meet with the appropriate teachers. The interviews will be held in the Stoddart Block and the Yr 7 Centre. Most students are proud of their reports and are keen to share them with mum and dad. I urge all families, even those in split households, to share each child's sense of achievement.

When you come for the interviews you will notice that there are many 'picnic tables' dotted throughout the yard. These have been the work of Yr 9 Enterprise students who have put many hours into assembling, sanding and siting the tables. It has been great to see our students enhancing the campus.

### **Congratulations**

Jade Shepley has received third prize for her poem on the life of Mary MacKillop. Well done.

### **Thanks**

Our Yr 9 students have completed the enrolment process for Yr 10 and for VCE subjects. Ms Doganeri has been tireless in

her work to ensure that all students were correctly enrolled and that they have made wise choices.

### **CAS Athletics**

A number of students will be representing the College on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, at the Athletics to be held in Melbourne. We wish them all well.

### **Footy Colours**

Our Yr 7 students have come up with a novel fund raising idea. Next **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September**, students at St Paul's will be wearing 'Footy colours' to school instead of uniform and will make a **gold coin donation to the LRH Cancer Care Centre**. As most families have been touched by cancer we hope for a very generous response to the day.

### **Re-cycling Cans**

The Yr 7 students have turned this into a competition and it seems that 7.8 are currently our best re-cyclers. Keep up the good work!

*"The happiest people I have known have been those who gave themselves no concern about their own souls, but did their uttermost to mitigate the miseries of others."--Elizabeth Cady Stanton*

*Lee McKenzie  
Head of St Paul's Campus*

## PRESENTATION CAMPUS

On Friday night last week the staff community gathered to farewell Br. Julian. It was an occasion to recognize the leadership of Br. Julian as Principal of both CRC and Lavalla for the past 10 years. In his address Br. Julian commented on his decision to consolidate CRC and Presentation Regional College. He remarked that Catholic Secondary Education in the Moe / Newborough area

was **not** going to suffer the same fate as many other services which were closing down or relocating. The community of Moe / Newborough and surrounding rural districts are indeed appreciative of his vision and courage in undertaking the consolidation.

The students will be able to farewell Br. Julian on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at assembly in Period 2. Parents are welcome to attend.

*Presentation (contd...)*

**As a community indebted to Br. Julian's strong mindedness, his vision and compassion, we thank him and wish him every success and blessing in the future.**

The term has come to an end. Looking back we have achieved a great deal:

**In July:**

The Champagnat Mass and Medals  
Jared Risol selected for School Boys Football

**In August:**

Aims test for Year 7's Maths / English Expo  
Subject Selection  
Year 9 – 10 Information Evening  
Starlab for Year 7

Year 9 Social Justice Day  
Year 9 LOTE Excursion  
Writers Competition  
Class Masses at St Kieran's and St Mary's

**In September:**

SRC Social  
Opening of Board Walk  
Year 8's Activity Day

I thank the staff, students and parents for being supportive and positive during what has been a term of highs and lows.

*Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts*

*Chris O'Brien  
Head of Campus*

**KILDARE CAMPUS**

**Conference**

Last week I attended the State Catholic Deputy Principals' Conference in Ballarat. Keynote speakers were Martin Flanagan, author, poet and staff writer for *The Age*, Michael McGirr, author, historian and social commentator, Fr. Richard Leonard SJ, of the Australian Catholic Film Office and of Catholic Church Television Australia, Debra Tyler, of the University of Melbourne, who has conducted a longitudinal study of 2000 Year 12 students from 1996 and Marcelle Mogg, editor of the Jesuit publication *Eureka Street*.

The Conference explored daily events and issues related to the lives of parents and students in the school community. The presenters were not only entertaining but were also most informative and have provided the eighty-eight delegates at the Conference with plenty of food for thought and some new ideas about how to deal with the rapidly changing political and social scene in which we all live.

**Parent and Teacher Interviews**

The mid-semester Parent and Teacher Interviews will once again be held on campus. These will take place on **Wednesday, September 14 from 4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. and from 6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.** During the week information was sent home informing parents of the methods of contacting the College and making arrangements to meet with teachers.

Parents are welcome to come and speak with teachers whether an interview has been requested or not. Regardless of the reason for wishing to make the contact, it is important that your daughter or son comes along to be part of any strategies that may need to be put into place to ensure that a good finish to the year is achieved.

*Peter Schneider  
Head of Kildare Campus*

# Lavalla Music Concert

Kildare Campus Hall  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
7.00 pm

**You are cordially invited you join us for an evening of  
fine entertainment**

## CANTEEN ROSTER

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>
Mon 12 Sept.	D Webb, R Bermingham	S Mills (help wanted)
Tue 13 Sept.	P Johnston, I Gregson	G Breed, H VanBerkel
Wed 14 Sept.	M Lowe, R Salleh	M Fievez, A Fletcher
Thu 15 Sept.	M Johnston (help wanted)	H Symons, C Shippen
Fri 16 Sept.	(help wanted)	L Weckmann (help wanted)
<b>Term Break</b>		
Tue 4 Oct.	R Heal, B Buykx-Smith	I Gregson, S Prosser
Wed 5 Oct.	B Koedijk, J Bell	S Hillier, T Sloan
Thu 6 Oct.	V Sammut (help wanted)	L Mills, M Wojciechowski
Fri 7 Oct.	N Ellis, L Weckmann	P Johnston, I Koolen

COME TO THE  
OPENING OF THE

## VCAL BOARDWALK

ON  
9 SEPTEMBER at 1.30PM  
AT  
PRESENTATION CAMPUS  
JOHN FIELD DRIVE NEWBOROUGH

Light Refreshments will be Provided

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