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From the Principal



Mr John M Freeman

This will obviously be our last newsletter for the term, so I wish everyone a safe, productive and refreshing break.

College Captains for 2018

Last Newsletter I was able to announce our Junior College Captains for 2018. Today I am happy to advise that our Senior College Captains for next year are:



Justin Darcy



Georgia Hutchinson



Yue Ming Loi



Jackson Raeburn

Well done to these fine young women and men.

*When the thought of you
wakens in us.*

God our heavenly Father,
when the thought of you
wakes in our hearts,
let its awakening
not be like a startled bird
that flies about in fear.
Instead, let it be like a child
waking from sleep
with a heavenly smile.

(Søren Kierkegaard)

We had a large number of students put themselves forward to their peers and teachers to be considered for selections. They all would have been worthy of the role and I am sure they will make considerable contributions in one of a number of important leaderships roles also available to students. I look forward to seeing all of you - Luke Merton, Francesca Chantel Formaran, Matipaishe Ruzive-Makura, Rachael McCluskey, Stephanie McGregor, Holly Williamson, Jarred Burns and Anton Tarraran - being part of our Senior Leadership team next year.

Request for Billets for the Marist Cricket Carnival

A few weeks ago we sent out a request to families and friends to assist us with billeting students who will be part of the 45th Marist Cricket Carnival from Tuesday 5 December until Tuesday, 12 December 2017 being hosted by the College. We have received a number of offers already, but we still would like about another five families to support us. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the invitation. Please consider supporting the school and hosting students from our wider Marist Family.



Staff

We farewelled Mrs Jade Smith this week as she commenced her maternity leave. We wish her and Ray well as they await the birth of their first child.

Overseas Experiences

There is a myriad of opportunities for students to broaden their horizons at Lavalla Catholic College and two of them take place over the next few weeks. The first is our biennial trip to New Zealand for Year 8 and 9 students which leaves this weekend. Thank you to Ms Adriana Bianconi for all her work in preparation for this trip and details will be in our first newsletter next term.

The other opportunity is our immersion experience in Fiji. Staff and students involved, will leave on Friday, 6 October and return on Monday, 16 October. This will be our fifth trip to join with staff and students at the Marist schools in and around Suva. An enormous amount of preparation has been undertaken for this experience that included fundraising to support the Marcellin Champagnat Institute, preparation workshops, information sessions and numerous hours collating Earn and Learn stickers that will be used to obtain materials for the works we support. Thank you and good luck to the staff- Alice Nelson, Matthew Buckland, Leigh Winter – and the students- Baylee Patterson, Luke Merton, Maddison Scott, Ashleigh Brown, Lincoln Ingravalle, Tess Brooker, Alysha Sommerville, Milla Shaw and Emma Spiteri.

Music Department

Last Tuesday we held our annual music concert. This was extremely well attended and all who were there could be nothing but impressed by the performances of our bands and choirs from across the school. The dedication of both the students and staff involved to rehearsing as many as four times a week is one of the underpinning reasons that our students are able to maximise their talent. My thanks to Mr Shane Reid, Mr Matthew Harris, Mr Shane Lebbe, Mr John Wilke

and Ms Sarah Duncan for their work. Also Mrs Christine Medhurst needs to be recognised for her support as an accompanist. Finally thank you to Music Support Group and all our parents who support their children and the music program.

Last newsletter I mentioned we were involved in the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod, but did not have all the results. However, I can now report that our results are as follows: Senior Concert Band, 2nd place; Senior Jazz Ensemble, 2nd place; Intermediate Band, 3rd place; Junior Jazz, 2nd place; Training Band, 1st place; Senior Choir 1st place in the Open choral section and 3rd place in the Secondary School Choir section.

On Monday evening the year 12 VCE Music Performance class presented their solo recitals in preparation for their upcoming externally assessed recitals in term 4. Thank you to Mr Shane Lebbe, their teacher, for his work and also I extend our appreciation to Ms Stella Felton who was the accompanist for the students. Good luck to our Year 12s in their solo performance exams early next term. The students are: Zara-Louise Ernst – Flute; Abbey Murray – Saxophone; Tristan Pickard – Drum Kit; Kasinda Dalton – Contemporary Voice; Judd Neilson – Saxophone; Maddison Tactor – Clarinet; and Tobias Duffy – Trumpet





Retreats

Thank you to Mrs Monica Justin for her organisation and leadership of our retreats for Year10 students last week and Year 11 students this week. Our retreats are an essential part of the holistic education we offer our students. Feedback was very positive for both experiences.

We also held our Free to Me Day for our Year 8 students and again this day was valued by all who participated. Thank you to Ms Jo-Maree Sharman, Ms Stephanie Sola and all the team who worked hard to organise and present this day.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Last night we held Parent Teacher Interviews for the whole school. Once again we took advantage of the Champagnat Centre to conduct the interviews for the whole school. There was a very good feel throughout the night and I thank all families who attended for their support of their children's education.

Basketball

We wish the best of success to our Senior Girls' Basketball Team, coached by Ms Karen Joyce in their final for the Champions Cup Invitational Basketball Tournament at the Nunawading Basketball Stadium, commencing at 5.30pm on Sunday, 24 September. Please consider attending.

We are the first country school in six years to make it through to the final two teams of any age group since St Patrick's College Ballarat made the Senior Boys final in 2011 and we are aiming to become the first country school to win a state title since Bendigo Senior Secondary College in 2001.

Also hearty congratulations to Jade Melbourne Yr 9 (right) on her selection to represent Australian (Australian Sapphires) in the 2017 FIBA Under-16 Asian Championship. The Sapphires will be heading to Bengaluru, India from October 22-28. We wish her the best of success.



Term 4

Families are reminded that students will return on Tuesday, 10 October. Monday is a student free day where staff will be engaged in curriculum development meetings.

Finally, could I ask that you remember in your prayers:

Maureen Joyce who passed away last Sunday. Maureen is mourned by her daughter Ms Karen Joyce, her son-in-law, Mr Dwayne Tibballs and her grandchildren, Kody and Damon, as well as all her family.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Faith & Ministry

Mr Chris Roga
Dir. Faith & Ministries

Reflection

As we move towards holidays it is a time to rejoice. And here is a poem that celebrates the wonder of our world. Enjoy the holidays!

Year 10 Retreat Days – 2017

Last week the Year 10s attended their Retreat Day at Presentation Campus in Newborough. The theme of the day was Living Justly, and the students examined what kinds of injustices exist in the world today. They explored how the environment today has a particularly relevant focus for their generation, and they discussed how we all have a role to play in being responsible for the gift of Creation we have been given.



Comments made by students in their evaluations indicated that they enjoyed the games, the chance to be in groups to discuss issues that are important and relevant, and the opportunity to meet others in their Year Level.

The Year 11 students participated in their Retreat Days on Wed 20/9, and Thursday 21/9 at Presentation Campus. The Youth Mission Team presented the activities with the theme of Leadership being explored.



Pied Beauty

by Gerard Manley Hopkins (1877)

Glory be to God for dappled things –
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow,
and plough;
And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.
All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows
how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past
change:
Praise him.

Remar Gold

The Remar Gold Caravel graduation was held last evening in the Kildare Chapel. These eight young people have completed a three year Leadership and Ministry programme that began in Year 10. It was an evening of laughter, pride, success, prayer and food.

We are proud of these young people and Mr Lebbe who guided them for three years. "It was fun!" he says. Congratulations to him, to the eight and to their parents and staff who supported them on their journey.





Student Well-Being & Operations



Mr Doug Doherty

As we end term three and see the horizon of the end of 2017, this quote from Zig Ziglar reminds us that we do not have to wait until next the academic year to strive to achieve excellence in all that we do and say.

We can finish the year at least trying to achieve what we originally set out to do.

We can finish the year making our families, our communities and ourselves proud of what we achieve and how we are developing as people striving to live as God desires.

"WE CANNOT START OVER,
BUT WE CAN BEGIN NOW,
AND MAKE
A NEW ENDING."

-zig ziglar



Year 12 Leavers: Next term will be have a key operational focus on ensuring a successful farewell to our Year 12 Class of 2017. These important dates have been sent out to all year 12 families, but will also be published in this newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best in 'the final big push' as I described to the senior campus in our assembly last week.

Project Rockit: This week the Year 10 students were also very privileged to have experienced a full day of workshop presentations led by Archie and Lucy from Project Rockit. These workshops were based on empowering young people to stand up and lead change, especially in their

relationships with people on-line. This was very well received by all students and they thoroughly enjoyed the way that Lucy and Archie spoke to them at their level. I would encourage parents to speak to their children that may have experienced this amazing event.



Next term Year 9 students will experience three online workshops delivered by Project Rockit on Cyber Intelligence. This will aim to ensure that young people create a positive 'brand' for themselves on-line and work towards eliminating cyber bullying and the serious implications that surround this.

Positive Relationships: This year one of our key aims was to ensure that all members of our College community would be safe, happy and have opportunities to be successful. To ensure that this was the case, we introduced a no-hands on policy in regards to reckless behaviour, as well as zero tolerance for any verbal, physical or mental abuse. This was been very successful



Student Well-Being & Operations

to date and I would like to thank all parents who have supported us and worked in partnership with us, to ensure that is the case at Lavalla Catholic College.

Holidays: I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a happy, healthy and restful holidays. I look forward to meeting the large number of new families joining us for term 4.

Conclusion: I would like to conclude with the reflection from Pope Francis that I used in our assemblies last week:

A Gentle Reminder From Pope Francis -



This life will go by fast.

Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, don't complain so much.

Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy.

If you make a mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness.

Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family. Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money.

Enjoy, travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve.

Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilize the new dinnerware;

don't save your favourite perfume, use it to go out with yourself; wear out your favourite sport shoes; repeat your favourite clothes.

So what? That's not bad. Why not now?

Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you sleep? Why not call now? Why not forgive now?

We wait so long for Christmas; for Friday; for Reunions; for another year; for when I have money; for love to come; when everything is perfect...look...

Everything perfect doesn't exist. Human beings can't accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here. Here is an opportunity to learn.

So take this challenge that is life and do it now...

love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands. Amen.

God Bless
Mr Doug Doherty



Bringing Stories to Life



Mr Michael Hansen

An initiative of The Centre For Multicultural Youth and The United Muslims Sisters of Latrobe Valley the My Story project was activated with Mrs Mustoe's Year 7 English class during the course of this last term. Through a five session package, students had the opportunity to participate in developing their own narratives or personal stories, thus becoming living books. Incorporating independent presentation styles in a creative way they then became tellers of their own story to a small group of their peers in the same class. Five students then volunteer to tell their personal story to the grade six students at St Michael's Primary School.



The interaction between the grade six student 'listeners' and the year seven 'story tellers' was extraordinary.

Whilst the day did not start off well with the inability to activate the video of two of the story tellers, the small group audiences scattered around the grade six rooms later on were extraordinarily powerful mechanisms for both tellers and listeners. The five story tellers rotated between the five groups and their own confidence grew as they told their stories over and over again. They seemed to become old hands at self revelation, perhaps even a little carefree by the end of their rotations.

Whilst we were immensely proud of the story tellers, it was the reaction of the listeners that caused us the most excitement. The personal stories of the Year seven students were met with bursts of interest from the grade six students. They listened with avid attention and respect whilst the stories were being told and then asked the most searching questions. When asked what they had liked or learned they were able to give astute and clear feedback. Some made the leap into their own lives and expressed openly to their peers how

their personal stories matched those of the story tellers. We heard grade six students recalling the hurt of similar broken relationships, hardship at changing schools, familial and sibling difficulties as well as their own engagement in sporting teams and what makes them happy.

Making this connectedness with the story of other human beings has been one of the great aims of the My Story project. The sense that all of us share common stresses, hardships and joys.

It is a remarkable community building process. As we were able to reflect with all the students at the end of our time with them: When I tell my story to you, I begin to understand who I am; when I listen to your story, I begin to understand who we are together.

We thank the Centre for Multicultural Youth and The Muslim Sisters for facilitating this wonderful opportunity to work together. We pass on our thanks to the staff involved and especially the Year seven and Grade six students.





STEM Project



Ms Deborahiah Murrell

Students undertaking the STEM project involving advanced Mathematics and Technology completed the Melbourne Maths walk in Swanston St and Federation Square. The STEM students from Years 8 to 11 completed a variety of Maths activities and made observation about some of the significant structures in our capital city.



PIC: Ming Loi, Madison Rohde and Lara Kuijpers observe and record to an app, design repeats at RMIT University.

Some students were surprised at the level of Maths involved in some of the structures they studied during the Maths Walk. They were congratulated on their respectful and interested behaviour by complete strangers.

Well done the STEM project group and special thanks to Shane Lebbe for accompanying the group.

BELOW: Justin Hough and Caleb McRea calculate some rotational symmetry.





Remar Gold



Mr Shane Lebbe
Gold Helm Leader

On the evening of Wednesday the 20th of September our Remar Gold Caravel celebrated their Graduation from a three year Remar journey. It was a fun evening to commemorate a fun journey as a group of students who have been activity committed to enriching our college community through the areas of faith, leadership and social justice.

We would like to congratulate and warmly thank Zella Dalton, Samantha Hegarty, Olive Fitzpatrick, Eily Dalton, Natalie Justin, Chelsea Kentar, Sienna Sanchez, Elise Cunningham and Abiar Maluk for their dedication to living out the Marist Characteristics through their action and for the time they have committed to seeing the Remar program through.

"It has been a real privilege to work with a group of students who are genuinely committed to actively working to enrich the community around them. Is has been wonderful to see the growth in each student as they have strived to develop their leadership skills and reached out to engage with the areas of our community which may be disadvantaged or in need"





College Calendar

DATE	CAMPUS	ACTIVITY	NOTES
OCTOBER			
Mon 9th	BOTH	Student Free Day	
Tue 10th	BOTH	STUDENTS RESUME	
	BOTH	Summer Uniform Changeover	
Wed 18th	St PAUL's	Year 7 On Show	
Thu 19th	KILDARE	SSV Cricket Yr 9&10 Girls	
Fri 20th	St PAUL's	Year 9 Retreats	
Mon 23rd	St PAUL's	SSV Gippsland Basketball Boys & Girls	
	BOTH	SSV Track & Field- Girls	
Tue 24th	BOTH	SSV Basketball 9&10 Boys & Girls	
Wed 25th	St PAUL's	Year 7 Immunisations	

LATROBE VALLEY 'ALL-ABILITY' CRICKET TERM 4, 2017

All school aged children with special needs are invited to join us for 'ALL Ability' Cricket, the sessions will run weekly during Term 4, 2017.

Cost is \$20 for the Term – siblings welcome to join in too! Each participant will receive a Traralgon West shirt and hat to be worn to each session.

For more information phone Sam (coach) or Louise Varsaci on 51750877 or 0414540296 or find us on Facebook - All-ability Sports, Latrobe

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2nd Nov
16th Nov
7th Nov

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"have a good one." Have a
good what? We'll never tell.
You will never know our
Australian secrets.

EACH MORNING WE ARE BORN
AGAIN.
WHAT WE DO TODAY IS WHAT
MATTERS MOST.
BUDDHA

Re: Call for families prepared to billet students for the Marist Cricket Carnival

This year Lavalla Catholic College will be hosting the 45th Marist Cricket Carnival from Tuesday 5 December until Tuesday, 12 December 2017. We previously hosted the carnival in 2012.

This year the Schools attending are:

- Marist College Bendigo, Bendigo, VIC
- St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton (Newcastle), NSW
- Notre Dame College, Shepparton, VIC
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College, Alice Springs, NT
- St John's College, Woodlawn, (Lismore), NSW
- Bunbury Catholic College, Bunbury, WA
- Sacred Heart College, Adelaide, SA

As part of the tradition of the competition students from the other schools participating are billeted by families of the host College. Currently we already have 65 students accommodated by generous family and friends, but we still need to billet another 32 students.

Accordingly, we are writing to you to ask if you would consider supporting this endeavour and be able to accommodate preferably two or more students from the visiting schools. It is possible for families to host one student, but the usual practice is pairs or more.

The program for the carnival is as follows:

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| • Tuesday 5 December | Arrival, Opening Mass – 5.00 pm |
| • Wednesday 6 December | Round Robin pool games |
| • Thursday 7 December | Round Robin pool games |
| • Friday 8 December | Round Robin pool games |
| • Saturday 9 December | Rest Day |
| • Sunday 10 December | Semi-finals cross-overs |
| • Monday 11 December | Finals games |
| • Tuesday 12 December | Departure |

Therefore, host families would be required to accommodate the competitors from the afternoon of Tuesday, 5 December until the morning of Tuesday, 12 December. You would also need to during the competition drop the students at our St Paul's Campus in the morning and pick up the students in the late afternoon after games conclude.

You can register your interest in supporting us by billeting students from our visiting schools by contacting my Personal Assistant, Kellyann Armstrong, by: **Email:** pa@lavalla.vic.edu.au **Telephone:** (03) 5175 8205

Kellyann, will pass on your details to our Billeting Co-ordinators – Mr Peter Flahavin and Mrs Nikki Schroeter who will make contact with you to provide further details and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you to those families who have already agreed to support the carnival and thanks in advance to all of you for considering this request.

Yours Sincerely
John M Freeman
Principal

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Graduation Arrangements 2017

Thursday 26th October

- ♦ College Assembly, Champagnat Centre, St Paul's Campus
- ♦ Graduation Eucharist, St Michael's Church, Traralgon commencing at 6pm. Students are to arrive by 5.30pm and meet in the Church Hall.

Friday 27th October

Year 12 Celebration Day

Breakfast will commence at 9.30 am on the Kildare Campus. Students will be farewelled at 11.30am.

Friday 24th November

Graduation Dinner

Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.
Champagnat Centre, St Paul's Campus.
Ticket Price \$60

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