



From the Principal

Doug Doherty
Acting Principal



"Every vocation, every path to which Christ calls us, ultimately leads to fulfilment and happiness, because it leads to God, to sharing in God's own life."

- Pope John Paul II

As we approach the holidays with exhaustion, coming to the end of probably the most busy and stressful term; many staff may question the meaning of their vocation as a teacher.

However, as we can see from the above quote by Pope John Paul II, we as teachers have a very rewarding calling. Not only do we have the opportunity to influence the lives of young people for the better, but we also fulfil our calling by God.

Witnessing the achievements of the students within our care is another positive of the vocation of education. Our assemblies these past two weeks have focused on the concept of Praise. We are all extremely proud of the students receiving awards for ICAS, Geography and Catholic Education Office Sale Awards for Leadership.

Praise also goes to the music students and staff following their annual music concert on Thursday 11th September. This was a wonderful evening which showcased excellence. The attendance at this event with staff, students and parents was exceptional. A special thanks to all who donated the mammoth gifts for the raffle and the great service provided by the Lavalla Catholic College Music Parent Support Group. Well done to all involved.

A celebration of the arts also continued with the ArtzFest Exhibition on Tuesday 11th September. I again had the privilege of attending this event at Marist Sion, Warragul. There was a large proportion of the students from Lavalla Catholic College and they certainly made us proud with their flawless performances. This event involved three other schools also all working in conglomeration. These schools were Marist Sion, St. Mary McKillop College and Cairo College (Drouin). A special thanks to Mr Peter Houlahan Principal of Marist Sion for hosting the event. I would also like to thank Mr Shane Lebbe, Mrs Stella Felton and Mrs Sarah Duncan for organising and directing our students.

Catholic schools are well known to excel in pastoral care and Lavalla Catholic College is no different. This was evidenced on Thursday 13th September when the whole College undertook the Australian initiative of "R U Ok? Day". We had a full week of events leading up to this day at the junior campus and a day of events at the senior campus. Thank-you to Mrs Kelly Murray and Mrs Tamsin McCormack for organising this with their teams. Raising awareness of mental illness is a very worthwhile cause and should be given the exposure it needs to support those within our communities that suffer from this array of difficulties.

The highlight of R U Ok? Day was the launch of the Youth Speak Child Protection. This was an amazing initiative that resulted in six junior students being the key proponents of a Child Protection Committee. Their first key function was to take the current Child Protection Policy and make it accessible for all students to know and understand. This not only ensures that the College is meeting its legal requirements, but also ensures that young people know where they can source support if and when needed. A copy of the policy will be attached to this newsletter. The students also designed posters relevant to both campuses, highlighting who are the Child Protection Officers and who else can assist with support. Their purpose to encourage young people to 'speak out' if they do not feel 'Safe, Happy or Successful' has truly taken a momentous step forward and will continue to do so.

I would like to thank several dignitaries who came to help us launch this historical event:

- Mr John Peusto – Shadow Attorney General
- Mr Ed O'Donohue – Shadow Police Commissioner and Community Safety
- Mr Russell Northe – Member for Morwell

I would mostly like to thank the following students for their dedication in creating and promoting this policy:

- Tyler Little – Year 7
- Alyssa Ford – Year 7
- Lani Zimora – Year 8
- Myles Pollard – Year 8
- Anthony Katiforis – Year 9
- Emma Van Den Brand- Year 9



Spiritual Health and Well-Being was also a key focus this fortnight when Year 11 undertook their Retreat Day. This was led by the Marist Youth Ministry Group and received very positive feedback from all students and staff. Again, this highlights just how important it is for us to stop and reflect and check on our relationship with God.

The desire of our College community to assist those less fortunate, was clearly evident in the fundraising events for the Fiji Immersion. On Tuesday the whole College had a casual clothes day, with Tacos being sold on the junior campus and a sausage sizzle on the senior campus. There have been a number of other fund raising activities that will be mentioned later in the newsletter. Overall, it was a great success and we wish the staff and students undertaking this immersion during the holidays to our sister school in Fiji, safe travels and a life changing experience.

People say “all good things come to an end”. Well this is certainly true for our current Year 12s. With only three weeks of lessons remaining before their exam period and final days at Lavalla Catholic College, I would like to wish them the very best in their preparation for exams and leaving school. I have included a copy of the key dates and graduation arrangements, which have been emailed and posted to all families.

I would also like to wish all those students undertaking work experience during the holidays and near future. I look forward to hearing statements of excellence regarding our students.

Helping students realise their independence and holistic development is another rewarding aspect of teaching. This undoubtedly will be clearly evident during and on the return of our students currently undertaking a LOTE development experience in Italy. I'm sure that the joy of the students and undoubtedly Italy itself will bring much fulfilment and happiness to Mrs Cataldo and her staff accompanying the students. We wish them the very best and look forward to their safe return.

There was a real buzz of excitement in the air at the Senior Campus with the return of some of our past students to speak about their experiences. I personally had a chance to speak to Mub Murshed, who is currently studying his PHD in Pharmaceutical Science and is working on a prevention for overdosing amongst prescription painkillers. Fantastic news to hear that one of our community could help save many lives!

It is also with great excitement that we celebrate the success of Josh Andreou, who secured an apprenticeship with Momos as a chef. Well Done Josh!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr John Freeman for giving me the opportunity to serve our wonderful community in the role of Acting Principal. It has been a very rewarding time but I also look forward to the return of John and his leadership.

God Bless
Mr Doug Doherty- Acting Principal

Faith & Ministry Matters



Chris Roga

September has been a very good month. The college community has been rocked by some sad news, but the levels of compassion and support showed by staff and students towards each other has been inspiring.

The hallmark of a strong community is how it deals with adversity. And the Lavalla community – parents, staff and students – have responded very well.

As we move into holidays, I wish everyone a happy and restful holiday. Let us keep our year 12 students in mind as they prepare for the ending of their school phase.



Year 11 Reflection Day

The annual Year 11 Retreats were conducted at Presentation Campus over two consecutive days by the Melbourne-based Youth Mission team on 12 and 13 September. The theme was “leadership” and the elements of good leadership. The days were full of high energy games, fun, role plays, whole group input and small group discussion. The Year 11 students responded with enthusiasm and they took away some valuable personal and communal lessons.

Youth Mass

The St Michael’s parish held the “*Celebrate the Youth in the Valley*” Mass on 16 September in the Kildare hall.

The evening began at 4.00 pm with music and dance performances by about 15 young people. Mass followed and the evening finished with a disco party, food and fun. More than 250 people young and old gathered for a very good evening.

The parish priests from Morwell, Moe-Newborough and Maffra attended as did Deacon Mark Kelly, who used to teach at Lavalla some years ago. He brought a youth team from Drouin for the occasion.

The highlight of the evening was the central role played by the Youth Council and other youth in the parish. It is difficult to describe how good the evening was. One had to be there to experience it.

There were many, many people who put in the time and effort to make this event memorable, but, I would like to commend Father Francis and Jennifer Hanratty for their vision and strategic leadership.

Immersion to Fiji

On the 5th October, four teachers and 9 students will travel to Fiji on Immersion. We will hear from them when they return on 16th October. But we wish them well for their trip.



Faith & Ministry Matters



Remar Blue Ministry to the Exodus Community

On Wednesday the 5th of September, our Remar Blue Rowers participated in a Group Ministry to the Exodus Community in Heidelberg West.

Formally the site of the 1956 summer Olympic Games that once accommodated athletes, the Exodus Community was established 13 years ago in response to growing socio-economic needs that emerged post the Olympics, after the village became a Housing Commission estate for low-income families.

Today, Exodus is home to many welfare-dependent families and individuals, including those suffering the isolation of mental illness, to those struggling with drug dependency, to refugees, to the unemployed and to elderly shut-ins. Many of the young people in the community are at great risk because of poverty, violence and lack of security, poor nutrition and hygiene, lack of opportunities for safe and healthy leisure activities and poor role modelling.

The Marist Brothers amongst other ministry groups entered the community to try and ease adversity by being a compassionate presence of church, by journeying with, listening and responding to the needs of the local people. The Marists strive to build strong positive community relationships and assist in a variety of ways, such as with advocacy, education, recreational activities, health and spiritual support.

Upon our arrival, we were greeted and welcomed into the community by Marist Br Harry Prout and students were given an introduction and tour of the community, its situation and needs.

Students then had a chance to sit and meet with some of the local people at a communal lunch, which is regularly hosted by the Brothers on a Wednesday. Our students were able to listen and learn from these people's stories, which really helped raise an awareness and further understanding around many significant social issues that some of our communities are currently faced with- namely poverty, mental health, unemployment, substance addiction, gambling and difficult family situations.

The students then had an opportunity to be of service by assisting one of the local women clean and tidy up her home.

We then concluded our day with prayer and by presenting Br Harry the homeless packages assembled by Lavalla students at the College's Winter Sleep-out, for redistribution among the community. Students spoke of their learnings and challenges from this experience and reflected on how they were "living as Christ's disciples" in what they did in this day.

"Exodus was such a cool experience. It was a real eye opener to the needs of people in our own backyard. Exodus is an amazing concept and is doing great work within the community. I'm glad I could be part of it, if only for a day." – Sarah Van Den Brand, Year 11 Remar Rower

"Visiting the Exodus Community made me realise that something as simple as listening and being someone to talk to, can make a real difference to people." – Rohan Symonds, Year 11 Remar Rower





Staffing News

Lee McKenzie

Teaching Staff

During the last part of Term 3 we have had various teachers away. Mr Dominic Der Van der Schueren has been on Leave which will continue until the end of this term. He has been replaced by Mrs Terri Archipow. We are particularly grateful to the Maths and PE teachers who have supported Mrs Archipow as she has worked to maintain student learning.

Mr Chris Rea is now on Long Service Leave and will return in November. Mrs Karen MacKay will be replacing him. Ms Adriana Bianconi has also commenced 4 weeks of Long Service Leave. She will be replaced in her English class by members of the ATLAS team, Ms Lee McKenzie will be taking her RE class. Her duties relating to student support will be covered by Mrs Rita Nainie.

In term 4 we will welcome back Mr Les McKendry, and Ms Pam Goodall both returning from Long Service Leave and Ms Lee Jarvie returning from Parental Leave.

Administration/Support Staff

We have appointed a new Compliance Officer, Allison Spears, who will provide us with administrative compliance support via Complispace. Allison, who will begin at the start of Term 4, has compliance and legal experience and will be a welcome addition to our team.

We are also hoping that Siobhan Lawler will be back with us next term, Siobhan is recovering from a foot injury. I would like to take this opportunity and thank all those that have helped out in Student Services at the Kildare Campus in Siobhan's absence, Kylie Ainsworth, Nicole Denovan, Sarah Brown, Sue Rankin and Melanie Zimora thank you from us all.

Professional Development

Throughout Term 3 teaching staff have been engaged in various individual and team professional learning activities. The College as a whole is focused on engaging students in Active learning. The aim of Active Learning is to provide opportunities for learners to think critically about content through a range of activities that help prepare learners for the challenges of real life situations. It is important to design activities that promote higher order thinking skills such as collaboration, critical thinking and problem-solving.

To enhance their skills the Well-Being team have worked with a consultant to develop skills around coaching and difficult conversations. Various members of the Leadership worked through processes reviewing their performance in their roles and establishing goals for the future.

Term 4 will see the continuation of the work listed above, individual Professional Learning in subject areas as well as planning for 2019.

"But we also know that to be educated, the goal of it must be human liberation. A liberation enabling each of us to fulfil our capacity so as to be free to create within and around ourselves. To be educated to freedom must be evidenced in action..." -- Hillary Rodham Clinton

Operations and Wellbeing



Kelly Murray

Term 3 Fundraising- St Paul's Campus



This term, St Paul's fundraising efforts have been in support of the Marist schools in Fiji where some of our senior students will be spending time on the Fiji Immersion Experience.

The campus held a cake stall at Year 7 on Show, a casual clothes day and Taco Tuesday. Taco Tuesday was an initiative of the campus captain's- Emma Van Den Brand, Nicole Formaran, Christian D'Angelo and Amelia Cassar. Through these activities, the students have raised over \$1300 to go directly to the schools.

Football, soccer balls, basketballs and tennis balls were also donated as a result of the Coles Sports for Schools program.

Thank you to all who have supported these fundraising events.



Year 7 Award Winners

The year 7 works of excellence winners are (these were determined by the teachers):

Science

- 1st Ethan Jarvis
- 2nd Myiah Misiurka
- 3rd Madison Beveridge

Humanities

- 1st Miranda Drougas
- 2nd Dylan McLure
- 3rd Isabella Herben

Suravi Hemanth was one of 8 students who competed in the Lavalla Catholic College spelling competition, Suravi was victorious after 3 days of spelling. She then represented Lavalla at the Zone Final held at St Paul's Anglican Grammar, Traralgon campus, where Suravi was triumphant becoming the Latrobe City Zone Champion for Year 7, leading to a place at the State Final. Held at Lavalla Catholic College, St Paul's Campus, the State Final was a closely contested battle with Suravi taking 3rd place overall.

Learning & Teaching



Brett Van Berkel

As we come to the end of Term 3 the students are looking forward to a well-earned break. For students in Years 7 to 11 Term 4 will continue to build upon their learning and completing assessments. For Year 12 Term 4 will be a short three weeks before exams start.

Trial & VCE Exams

Week 1 of Term 4 will commence with Trial Exams from 9-11 October. During this time students will have the opportunity to complete exams under full VCAA conditions and timing. This will provide students the chance to test their knowledge prior to the VCAA exams commencing on Wednesday 31 October. All students have received their full trial exam and VCAA exam schedule. The last day of Year 12 classes is Thursday 25 October.

It's not OK to be away

Attendance Requirement

In order to maximise student achievement and outcomes, Lavalla Catholic College requires students to be punctual and attend all classes with appropriate materials and set preparations completed so that teaching and learning can be effective.

The College Attendance Requirement is fully supported by the VCAA and Catholic Education Office and requires at least 90% attendance (face to face) in each Unit/subject to achieve an 'S' for that Unit/subject, regardless of whether or not the student has satisfied the coursework outcomes for that Unit/subject or not.

Approved absences are:

- Those covered by a Medical Certificate or other relevant documentation
- Those caused by the student's participation in another aspect of the College's educational program (such as Elite/Marist sport, music, excursion or camp)

Unapproved absences are:

- Absences not covered by a Medical Certificate or other relevant documentation
- An absence from a whole school activity
- Family holidays taken by students during the school term. Teachers are not responsible for, and may not provide work for students on holidays as this will lead to authentication concerns.

Special Provision and School Based Assessment

Students are eligible for Special provision for school-based assessment if they are adversely affected by illness, impairment or traumatic personal and/or family circumstances. The usual provision granted in this category may include allowing the student to undertake the task at a later date, allowing the student extra time to complete the task, substituting or replacing one task with another task or using technology to complete the task.

All these possible provisions will be dependent on the resources of the College.

If a child is away on a family holiday for an exam, assessment or SAC they will receive a zero for that task. This is because family holidays do not meet the requirement outlined above to qualify for Special Provision.

It is important that if you are planning on taking holidays during the school year you have a conversation/email your child's Learner Advisor or Homeroom Teacher, Wellbeing Leader or Senior School Co-ordinator to assess the full impact of the absence.

If the intention is that your child will be away from school longer than 5 days then a 'Leave of Absence' form needs to be completed. These can be collected from Student services at each campus.

The schools assessment procedures can be found on the college's website:

<http://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/students-parents/important-procedures-and-information>

Year 10 Geography Excursion



Stephen Erdely

On Monday, 10th September the Year 10 Geography travelled to the Bunurong Marine Park for their first Geography field-trip on the term. Blessed with fine weather, the class began their studies at the Cape Paterson surf beach where they identified examples of erosional as well as depositional coastal landforms as well as the processes which led to the various

formations. Students were able to record their observations as well as log their photos on their Epicollect mobile phone App which were then downloaded in class.

As we drove along the coastline, we stopped at The Oaks, Twin Reefs as well as Eagle's Nest to observe and discuss other landforms. Our work at the Inverloch surf beach revealed

the dramatic impact which human induced climate change is having on the primary dune system and raised student awareness of the local impacts which this global phenomenon is having.

Special thank you to Ms Widrich for assisting me through-out the day as well as Greg Oowler, our bus driver for transporting us to all the locations. Students will now complete an extensive field report to demonstrate what they have learnt in class and along the coast on Monday.

Local Geography students excel in Australian Geography Competition

Over 40 Geography students from Years 10 to 12 tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2018 Australian Geography Competition. Over 70,000 students from 760 schools entered.

Geography teacher Mr Steve Erdely, has just received the results and was very pleased with how their students performed.

"This is the fifth year the college entered the competition with students completing the multiple choice paper under test conditions. Students performed to a high level with 2 students, Jack Walton and Rico Faurie in Year 11 receiving credits certificates whilst Ruby McCormick received a Distinction.

Congratulations also must go to Alice Peddle in Year 12 who received a credit certificate. Special mention to Ella Darling also in Year 12, who was awarded a High Distinction with only 3.83% of students across the country with a higher score!"

Congratulations to all participants and all the very best for your studies in Geography over the next few years.



Marketing Seminar



Emma Winton

On Thursday 19th September, the two year 10 Business and Economics classes were given a marketing seminar by Matthew, the Marketing Manager from Aussie Broadband.

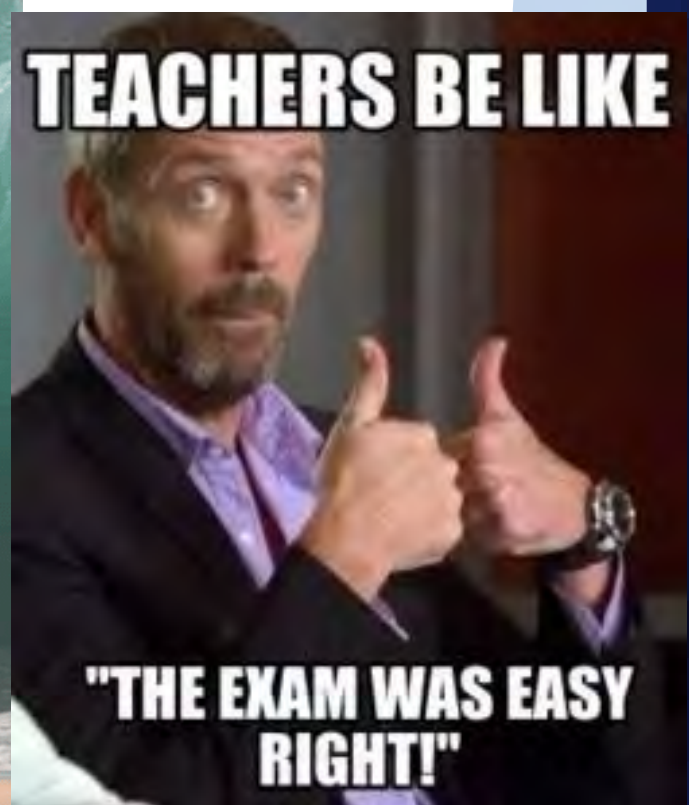
Matthew spoke to the students about the 7 Ps of Marketing, and how these are used in businesses such as Apple, Google, Uber, McDonalds and Aussie Broadband. The students discussed how Apple and McDonalds use vastly different price points for different reasons, and also evaluated how Uber's dynamic price model has caused a shake-up of the taxi industry.

It was fantastic to see how engaged our students were in discussing how businesses use and adapt marketing principles to meet their customers' needs. This seminar will be extremely useful for the upcoming 'Shark Tank' assessments, where our students will plan and pitch an exciting new product or service, and seek financial backing from the 'sharks'.

Sincere thanks to Matthew from Aussie Broadband for his time and energy in delivering an exciting workshop for our students.



Exams approaching and I'm just like...






Important Dates

OCTOBER

KILDARE CAMPUS




Monday 8th October

Student Free Day

-  Performance & Language Oral Exam
-  Unit 2 Geography Field Trip 7th – 9th October
-  Staff Professional Practice Day

Tuesday 9th October






Term 4 Commences

-  Performance & Language Oral Exam
-  Unit 2 Geography Field Trip 7th – 9th October
-  Units 3 & 4 Trial Exams

Wednesday 10th October

-  Performance & Language Oral Exam
-  Units 3 & 4 Trial Exams

Thursday 11th October

-  Performance & Language Oral Exam
-  Units 3 & 4 Trial Exams
-  Marists Cricket Trials
-  VET Salon Assistant
-  Comm Awareness Guest Speaker

Friday 12th October

-  Performance & Language Oral Exam
-  Atlas Community Service
-  Math's Enrichment Walk
-  Year 12 Media Film/Magazine Viewing Night

Keep updated at the Lavalla Catholic College website:

<https://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/news/college-calendar>

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Monday 8th October

Student Free Day

Tuesday 9th October

Term 4 Commences

Friday 12th October

-  Woolworths (Year 7.4 Design & Technology Food Class): 9:10am to 10:00am
-  Woolworths (Year 7.8 Design & Technology Food Class): 12:40pm to 1:30pm
-  ATLAS9 Community Service

**Second-Hand
Uniform Shop**
Open 3.30pm - 6.00pm
St Paul's Campus,
Grey Street

18th October
1st November
15th November
6th December

We will be open 3.30pm - 6.00pm
on Orientation day in December for
2019 Year 7's.

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2018

Graduation Arrangements

Thursday 25th 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 26th October

Year 12 Celebration Day

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

Friday 23rd November

Graduation Dinner

Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.
Champagnat Centre, St Paul's Campus.

Ticket Price \$60





Catholic Diocese of Sale

Towards the Plenary 2020

Listening and Dialogue Sessions with the Bishop

All are welcome to participate

7.30 pm Wednesday 24 th October	St Ita's Church, Victoria St Drouin
7.30 pm Thursday 25 th October	Sacred Heart School Hall, Morwell
7.30 pm Tuesday 30 th October	St Michael's Church, Berwick
7.30 pm Thursday 1 st November	St Laurence's Parish Centre, Leongatha
7.30 pm Tuesday 13 th November	St Mary's Parish Chapter House, Sale

What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?



Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 2:7

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