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From the Principal



Mr John M Freeman

Farewell Class of 2017

On Friday, 24 November, we held our Graduation Dinner for our Year 12 students. The Graduation Dinner was the last time the Class of 2017 would gather as an entire group. This was the conclusion of 13 years of primary and secondary education. The young adults we farewelled on this evening we are sure will be the epitome of the 'good Christians and good citizens' that St Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers, exhorted his teachers to help the students in their care to become. We wish them all well and pray they achieve every good goal they set for themselves. Thank you to all involved in organising this event, in particular Mrs Tamsin McCormack.



Awards Night

Please note that Awards Night takes place on Monday, 4 December, commencing at 6.00pm in the Champagnat Centre. This is a significant event for the College because we have the opportunity to celebrate our students in Years 7 to 11 for their academic, cultural and sporting achievements. I look forward to seeing you then.

Marist Cricket

Next week we will host seven Marist schools from around Australia as they participate in the 45th Marist Cricket Carnival. Students, staff and families from Sacred Heart College- Adelaide SA, St John's College, Woodlawn – Lismore NSW, Marist College - Bendigo Vic, St Francis Xavier's College- Hamilton NSW, Notre Dame College- Shepparton VIC, Our Lady of Sacred Heart Catholic College- Alice Springs NT and Bunbury Catholic College - Bunbury WA will arrive in Traralgon on Tuesday, 5 December. We will gather for mass at St Michael's, Traralgon at 5.00pm as part of the official opening of the carnival. Thank you in advance to Fr Francis for celebrating the mass, Mr Chris Roga for organising the liturgy and Mr Shane Reid and our Liturgical Choir for the music.

Games will commence the following day and conclude with the finals taking place on Monday, 11 December. If you would like to know more details please go to our website and you will find details about the competition under the Enrichment section - <http://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/enrichment/2017-marist-cricket-carnival>

Knowing Me Better

(Abu Bekr)

**I thank you, Lord,
for knowing me better than I
know myself,
and for letting me know myself
better than others know me.**

**Make me, I pray you,
better than they suppose,
and forgive me for what they
do not know.**



Included in this Newsletter is the draw for those interested in supporting the College.

Thank you to the organising committee led by Mr Brett Van Berkel. He has been ably assisted by Mr Peter Flahavin, Mrs Maree Garratt, Mr Rob Tarraran and Ms Nikki Schroeter. There are also a host of other staff volunteering their time and I am very grateful for the work they have undertaken so far and for the work to be done throughout the carnival. Thank you as well to the Latrobe City Council for their generous support of the event through the provision of grounds as well as local cricket clubs for their support.

Finally, in relation to the cricket I want express my very real gratitude to the families and friends of the College who have generously agreed to host 90 students. We could not host this event without you.

Student Leadership and Activities

Our School Captains for 2018 have already commenced their working hard to execute their responsibilities to represent our community. Last week they met with Bishop O'Regan along with other student leaders from the Diocese of Sale. Then on Sunday, 26 November until Tuesday, 28 November they gathered with School Captains from Marist schools throughout Australia at the Amberley Retreat in Melbourne. I invite you to read more details in this Newsletter. Thank you to Ms Emma Winton and Mr Alex Rathbone for their support of the students at these events.

Well done to our students who competed in National Chess Tournament held at Melbourne University earlier this week. They finished fifteenth in their division, an outstanding result in a national competition. Thank you to their coach Mr Dominic de van der Schueren who was assisted by Mr Shane Lebbe for their work these students

Staff Acknowledgement

Congratulations to Mrs Annemarie Clarke who will be recognised tomorrow at the Annual Marist Schools Australia Mass and Dinner for her outstanding contribution to Marist Education. All of you who have encountered Annemarie will know that she is a tireless supporter of young people, families and staff.

Reminders

Next Friday, 8 December will be the last day of classes for our Years 7 to 11.

VCE results will be released on Friday, 15 December. All Year 12 students are invited to join staff on that day at the Kildare campus to celebrate their achievements at a morning tea.

Our last Newsletter will be issued on Monday 18 December and will feature details of the students acknowledged at the Awards Night and the Year 12 Graduation Dinner. We will also in that edition acknowledge the significant achievements of our Year 12 students following the release of the results.

College Office closes on the 19th December.

Prayers

Finally, I commend to your prayers for the family of Denis Wood who passed away recently. Denis is the father of Ms Siobahn Lawler, member of staff.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



**45TH MARIST
CRICKET CARNIVAL
2017
TRARALGON, VICTORIA**

Marist Cricket Carnival

Carnival Draw

Matches	Ground	Back up	Umpires	Club
DAY 1 - Wednesday 6th December 2017				
Traralgon vs Woodlawn	Stoddart Park	Jack Maskrey	TBA	Gormandale CC
Bendigo vs Alice Springs	Traralgon South	Callignee	TBA	CATS
Shepparton vs Adelaide	Andrews Park	Gaskin 2	TBA	Churchill CC
Newcastle vs Bunbury	Catterick Crescent	Glen 2	TBA	Imperials CC
DAY 2 - Thursday 7th December 2017				
Traralgon vs Bendigo	DCP	Old Trafford	TBA	Rovers CC
Woodlawn vs Alice Springs	Glengarry Rec	Glengarry 2	TBA	Glengarry CC
Shepparton vs Bunbury	Peter Siddle Oval	Maryvale 2	TBA	Latrobe CC
Adelaide vs Newcastle	Apex Park	Jack Maskrey	TBA	Centrals
DAY 3 - Friday 8th December 2017				
Traralgon vs Alice Springs	Yallourn Nth	Jack Maskrey	TBA	Yallourn Nth
Bendigo vs Woodlawn	Andrews Park	Gaskin 2	TBA	Churchill
Newcastle vs Shepparton	Toongabbie Rec	Village Green	TBA	Toongabbie
Bunbury vs Adelaide	Traralgon South	Callignee	TBA	CATS CC
DAY 4 - Saturday 9th December 2017 Rest Day				
DAY 5 - Sunday 10th December 2017 Crossover games				
A1 vs B2	Glengarry Rec	Glengarry No 2	TBA	Glengarry CC
A2 vs B1	Yallourn North	Old Trafford	TBA	Yallourn North CC
A3 vs B4	Toongabbie Rec	Village Green	TBA	Toongabbie CC
A4 V B3	DCP	Jack Maskrey	TBA	Rovers
DAY 6 - Monday 11th December 2017				
Winner A1;B2 vs Winner A2;B1	Stoddart Oval	Traralgon	TBA	Gormandale CC
Loser A1;B2 vs Loser A2;B1	Catterick Crescent	Rosedale	TBA	Centrals CC
Winner A3;B4 vs Winner A3;B4	Apex Park	Old Trafford	TBA	Imperials CC
Loser A3;B2 V Loser A3;B4	Rosedale	APM Maryvale	TBA	Rosedale CC



Faith & Ministry News



Mr Chris Roga

Religious Education Yr 10 CSYMA Change 2018

Unfortunately, the Diocese of Sale has withdrawn from the CSYMA (Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia) program from 2018. Thus, the college is unable to offer CSYMA as an RE elective from 2018. Students who enrolled in this elective in the past five years, studied Core Religious Education in Terms 1, 2 and 4; they only did specific CSYMA lessons in Term 3.

In 2018, all Year 10 students, except those who have elected to do RE Liturgy, have been enrolled in Core RE. However, the college recognises that Year 10 ministry activities are valuable, and it is working to incorporate some of them into the Year 10 Core RE.

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Year 8 Retreat



Ms Monica Justin

Our College Retreat Program offers students opportunities to get away from their classroom routines and reflect on topics in a different way. The Year 8's participated in their Retreat Day on November the 21st. They explored the theme of Kindness and Gratitude through various games and activities. They made banners to show what they are grateful for, and sent Christmas cards to those they wanted to thank in particular.

Students from Yr 10 and Yr 11 volunteered their time for the day to work with the Year 8's and were fantastic role models and leaders. They ran the games and lead discussions in small groups. These students were Ewan Williams, Mub Murshed and Lincoln Ingravalle from Year 10, and Lily Van Berkel, Eloise Davison, Carolina Herrera, Bronte Rodway, Amy Tudor, Luke Merton, Elijah Lappin and Jackson Raeburn from Year 11. Their enthusiastic input to the day was very much appreciated.





Learning & Teaching



Mr Brett Van Berkel

Introduction of Personal Learning Program 2018 - Kildare Campus

In 2018 along with the introduction of the 5 Period Day across the College, Kildare campus will see the launch of a new, compulsory Personal Learning program across Years 10, 11 & 12. The program will focus on strengthening students' skills and understanding in three specific areas:

- **Literacy** across all subjects
- **Study Skills:** teaching skills that can assist students to get the most out of their subjects and personal study time
- **Careers:** assisting students to develop the skills to independently manage their own careers

Personal Learning will run for 3 periods per fortnight in blocks of Careers, Literacy and Study Skills, there will be a team of teachers delivering the program. Students will rotate through each element every 2 weeks. This program will encourage students to transfer key skills and learning across all subjects and into their careers post school.

Literacy Element

Aims to build student capacity as a learner to understand and use literacy skills through:

- Identifying and applying subject-specific literacy
- Building personal capacity to think and communicate

Study Skills Element

- Students will be assisted to further develop their own personal approach to study and learning
- The focus will be on generic study skills which can be used when studying any area.
- Students will have the opportunities to practice and develop their study skills. This will increase their awareness of how to study and they should become more confident in this area.

Careers Element

- The focus of this element will be to provide students with the knowledge, skills and capabilities needed to make informed course and career decisions
- Students will be guided to improve their outcomes through engagement and connectedness to careers education in the school



Italian News



Mrs Raffaella Cataldo

Gippsland Immigration Park



On Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November the Year 7 classes (four classes per day) participated in a one day Italian Language and Culture Immersion at the Gippsland Immigration Park in Morwell. They explored the Immigration Wall and discovered a lot of information about the contributions made by Italians in the Latrobe Valley. They also participated in a number of activities and were encouraged to use the language they have learnt so far. They did a fantastic job! It was a great day which concluded with a delicious Italian meal at the Italian Australian Club.



Museo Italiano

On Tuesday 21st November the year 10 and 11 Italian classes had the opportunity to visit the Museo Italiano in Carlton. At the museum Ms Brancolino, the education officer, conducted a workshop in Italian where students learnt about the first Italian migration during the Gold Rush and also the mass migration after the Second World War. They had the opportunity to ask questions, read and speak in Italian. The workshop was followed by the museum visit and the completion of a number of language activities. There were so many interesting objects to see and facts to learn at the museum! After the visit, the group went to Lygon Street where they enjoyed an Italian lunch which was the perfect example of one the many contributions Italians have made to our beautiful land!





Chess Tournament



Mr Shane Lebbe

On Monday the 27th of November Daniel Hegarty (year 9), Samuel Pugliese (year 9), Benjamin Bowden (year 9), Nathanael Duffy (year 8) and Jacob Collison (year 8) journeyed to The University of Melbourne with one primary aim: Victory. Throughout the year these students have travelled

"You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: Victory. Victory at all costs—Victory in spite of all terror—Victory, however long and hard the road may be, for without victory there is no survival."

Winston Churchill 1940

long roads to compete in a number of state level Chess Tournaments to qualify for the chance to seek this victory at the 2017 National Chess Tournament. We commend our team for all of their hard work, diligent practice, dedication to the craft and commitment to one another.

Each year the National Chess Tournament brings school teams from around Australia and New Zealand together to compete. This saw our team facing off against the likes of Melbourne High (VIC), Emanuel School (NSW) and Perth Modern (WA). The students also had the opportunity to stay overnight at the Queens College student accommodation where they enjoyed individual dorm rooms where they could rest in the evening before their games the following day.

We congratulate these students for placing 15th in the country as a team for the 2017 National Chess Middle Schools Tournament and thank Mr. Domenic De Van Der Schueren for his enthusiastic coaching, organisation and encouragement of the team in their preparation and development. We are also proud to announce that based on the results of this tournament Nathanael Duffy has been ranked the 52nd best player in the country for the middle school age bracket; Daniel Hegarty follows closely behind at 56th; Sam Pugliese finished at 91st; Ben Bowden follows at 98th; and Jacob Collison at 110th.





Marist Student Leaders



Mr Alex Rathbone

The four college captains for 2018 continued their busy end to 2017 with the Marist Student Leaders Gathering. The event brings together the incoming college leaders from Marist schools across the southern region of Australia to help prepare students for their positions of leadership.



College Captains L-R: Yue Ming Loi, Jackson Raeburn, Justin Darcy & Georgia Hutchinson

Jackson Raeburn, Georgia Hutchinson, Justin Darcy and Yue Ming Loi, all embraced the experience head on, engaging in sessions and discussions led by the Marist Youth Ministry team.

The leaders were asked to reflect on why they wanted to be college leaders, discussed possible challenges the roll could include and what they want their legacy to be as 2018 College Captains. As a group, they identified the strengths that our school, this included the 'Presence' of the staff and the school's Marian Spirit. They were also able to develop some ambitious but achievable goals, with the hope to increase student engagement across college events such as the swimming carnival.

Each of the leaders were able to build their own personal support network in addition to developing a range of tools and techniques to enable them as unique leaders.

These captains have continued to be model ambassadors of the college, displaying a genuine pride and passion for the Lavalla Community and all that it entails.





Student Leaders



Jackson Raeburn
College Captain 2018



Georgia Hutchinson
College Captain 2018

On the 23rd of November we had the amazing opportunity to travel to Sion House in Warragul for a gathering of the catholic schools of the diocese to meet the Bishop. It was a great opportunity to mingle with school leaders from within the area. The day involved taking part in various activities, which revolved around the concept of 2018 being the Year of Youth within the Catholic Church. We presented what the Year of Youth meant to us as a college, which included gathering students opinions on some challenges our youth faces today.

"In the morning we were given the chance to really extend our socialising skills, trying to mingle with people we've never met before. It helped us really step out of our comfort zones which is going to be essential for our role next year. I've never been in a room with people who have such an intrinsic drive to want to help others, we shared ideas about how we can improve our schools and build on the work of this years leaders.

The afternoon saw us treated to an open dialogue with Bishop Pat which allowed for us to establish ways in which we can try and cater for the issues that face youth, not only within our school but within the wider community. I feel like the day helped to get us eager for the challenge we all have in front of us. I am very excited for the year ahead!"

-Jackson Raeburn

"To be able to interact with other school captains and form bonds that will never be forgotten in just one day shows how successful the event was and how strong each of the school's leaders are. Over the presentations we gained insight on other schools ideas as well as their problems these gave us a great understanding in Lavalla's strengths and weaknesses. The discussion groups that formed in the morning to talk over different scenarios showed how passionate each person is about the culture of our young generations and how much they value the emotions of others.

The opportunity to sit down and talk to Bishop Pat provided great insight to what the church and catholic members think following the changes in the nation. As young members of the Catholic church we gained wisdom from Bishop Pat when it comes to our roles as Leaders and what is expected of us. As a collected group we have now become closer to schools in the Sale diocese and continue to stay in contact hopefully connecting all schools through events and meetings."

- Georgia Hutchinson





Sport News



Mr Dwayne Tibballs

Off to the MCG

Lavalla Catholic College's year 7 girls' cricket team will join our intermediate girls' team at the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the State Final of the Cricket Victoria T20 Blast Cup.

Lavalla competed at the regional event of the competition in Narre Warren recently and enjoyed a very successful day. Having not won a game during an SSV competition, Lavalla produced their best effort so far and managed to eclipse McKinnon Secondary College, Wantirna Secondary College and Berwick Secondary College in the preliminary matches.

The year 7 girls performed well throughout and manage to defeat McKinnon 85 to 64, Wantirna 158 to 56 and Berwick 147 to 109. This pitted the girls in the final against Waverley Christian College and the girls looked in trouble early but managed to produce a number of wickets to secure a 131 to 105 victory.

State Finalists

The year 8 girls, the year 7 boys and the year 8 boys all performed well throughout the day but fell marginally short of qualifying for the final.

The girls played amazing and was a fantastic effort by all.

Thanks to Liz Scott for coming along and supporting ours girls.

Unfortunately our year seven girls couldn't come away with the chocolates but an amazing effort to get to the MCG and the improvement from these girls is a credit to the time Dwayne Tibballs put in as coach.-

- Ms Nikki Schroter

**Paris Tracey
Keira Morley
Annie Little
Brydie Murphy
Morgan Karleusa
Chloe Bailey
Phoebe Wright
Harriet Williams**





Sport News

Tough Day at the Basketball State Championships

Our year 8 boys made a trip to the Melbourne and Aquatic Sports Centre recently with hopes of performing well at the SSV State Championships.

The day commenced well with a solid 53-46 win over Galen Catholic College, Wangaratta with all boys contributing to their fortunes. However, the day hit a hurdle in their second match of the day as Doncaster Secondary College produced a great all round performance to edge past Lavalla with a 54-41 triumph.

Considering the day was pretty much done and dusted the boys played out the day and endured a heavy 40-59 loss to Parkdale Secondary College.

Doncaster eventually lost the final to Northcote Secondary College from the opposite pool.

The boys did well to make a return to the SSV State Championships considering this group of boys made it through to the finals last year. Christian D'Angelo, Kade Ruyters and Ryan Wilson were standout performers throughout the day despite two of these boys suffering injuries.



Baseball Boys Face Strong Opposition

The year 8 baseball team encountered some pretty strong opponents at the recent SSV State Championships held at Kingston Heath.

The boys faced Strathmore Secondary College in their opening match and produced a very pleasing 6-7 loss. This was a good result for our boys but what they would face in their next two encounters showed just how strong the opposition teams were.

A 4-16 defeat against Montmorency Secondary College was a very heavy loss before Lavalla finished the day with a 1-11 loss against Irymple Secondary College.

The boys were still able to smile and have fun considering they were up against some very quality athletes.



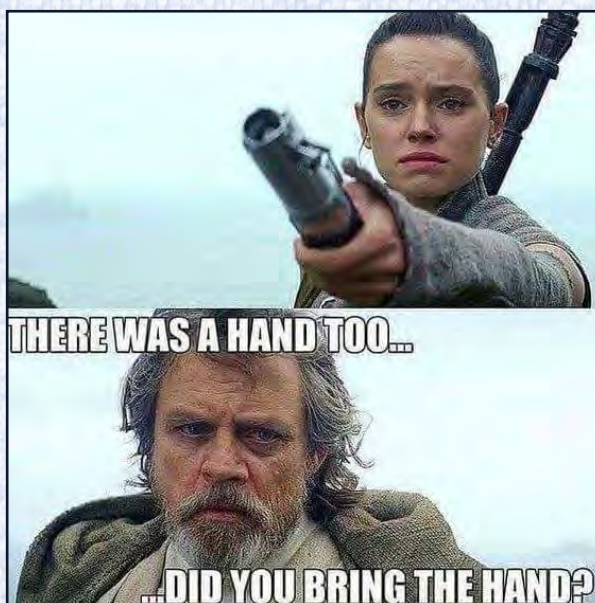


College Calendar

DATE	CAMPUS	ACTIVITY
DECEMBER		
Mon 4th	BOTH	End of Year Awards Night 6pm-8pm
Tue 5 - Tue 12		Marist Cricket Carnival hosted by Lavalla
Thu 7th	Kildare	Final Day for Yr 11
Fri 8th	Kildare	Year 9 Transition Day - Kildare Campus
	BOTH	Final Day Students Yrs 7 - 10
END OF 2017 SCHOOL YEAR		

Uniform Shop open for Year 7s 2018

Tuesday 12th December 2017





St Paul's Canteen

MERRY
CHRISTMAS!



We would like to take the time to thank all the St Paul's Campus Canteen Volunteers for their assistance throughout the year.

We greatly appreciate the time given and without your help the efficient operation of the Canteen would not have been possible.

We have personally enjoyed your company and value your commitment to assisting us in a time when we know your time is precious, so we say whole heartedly...THANK YOU!

We wish you and your family a very happy and relaxing Christmas and a safe journey into the New Year.

Warmest Regards

Allison Farley and Lyndel Van Berkel