



From the Principal

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ANZAC Day



On 24th April we held brief, but poignant services at each campus to commemorate ANZAC Day. On the following day we had a number of staff and students present at a number of ANZAC Day parades and wreath laying ceremonies in our local communities. Thank you to all staff and students who participated in these events where we remember the sacrifice of the countless men and women who risked their lives to defend Australia in times of war, and in peacekeeping missions. We pray that the fallen enjoy God's eternal embrace. Lest we forget.

Tragedy in Sri Lanka

I, like I am sure you, have been deeply affected by the tragic Easter bombings in Sri Lanka. The reactions from the world community include disbelief, anger and sadness. Our condolences and prayers are with those who have perished in this terrible event and also to those left behind who have lost loved ones.

Open Evening and Year 7 Enrolments for 2020

On Wednesday, 1 May, we held our annual Open Evening at our St. Paul's Campus. The main purpose of the evening is to provide an opportunity for parents and their children to visit the school and understand more about what we offer as a secondary school option. It was very pleasing to see so many families attend.

Thank you to Doug Doherty, Kelly Murray, Allison Langmaid and all the staff who made this such a successful event. The success of these events is not due to anyone person, but the collaborative efforts of everyone – teachers, administration team, maintenance team, our cleaners and very importantly the students. Great "Open Days" are usually due to the students who are escorting and talking with families or those performing, cooking, demonstrating and simply enjoying themselves whilst being at their school.

We are now receiving enrolment applications and have already received over 75 to date (ahead of previous years). Accordingly, it is vital that if you are intending for your son and/or daughter to be enrolled for Year 7 in 2020 that your application is received by close of business, Friday, 31 May 2018. We will accept applications after this date, but as a matter of justice priority will be given to those who have met above date.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact our Registrar, Allison Langmaid. Her email contact is: registrar@lavalla.vic.edu.au

Student News

Thank you to Jasmine Santamaria and her Year 11 Youth Ministry class for their work on Wednesday, this week, in assisting Year 6 students from St Michael's and St Gabriel's for their confirmation.

Congratulation to Lincoln Ingravalle who has been selected to volunteer as a United Nations Youth Australia Delegate in Timor Leste from 29 June to July 2019. You will find an article from Lincoln's go fund me page in this newsletter, detailing this great opportunity and a link to the Go Fund Me page if you would like to sponsor him.

Generations In Jazz

On Friday 3rd until Sunday 5th of May, our Senior Jazz Ensemble students will be travelling to Mount Gambier to take part in the Generations in Jazz Festival. Over 150 schools and over 5000 young musicians are involved in this festival each year. The 11 students have been participating in extra rehearsals on top of their usual early mornings and are very excited to be representing our College at this event. Well done to:

- Flute – Caitlin Harriman
- Alto Sax – Nathan Foley
- Alto Sax – Leah Richards
- Tenor Sax – James Chilver
- Trumpet – Madeleine Whiting
- Trumpet – Joshua Neilson
- Trumpet – Noah Georgeson
- Trombone – Jacob Wilson
- Trombone – Jye Tactor
- Piano – Nathanael Duffy
- Drums – Tyron Bramwell

Also thank you to the staff – Stella Felten, Shane Lebbe and Shane Reid – involved in preparing and supporting the students for this experience.

Marist Basketball Results

Congratulations to both our Girls and Boys Marist Basketball teams on their achievements in the Championships held in Canberra in the first week of this term. Thank you as well to their coaches and team managers – Karen Joyce, Chris Watson Dwayne Tibballs and Daniel Scholes. A more detailed report is in this Newsletter, but some of the highlights are:

Girls' Team – 3rd Overall

Boys' Team – 11th Overall

Luis D'Angelo and Milly Murphy who earned selection to the Marist Allstar 10, Luis and Milly were also recipients of their respective team MVP awards.

Team captains, Cohen Ruyters and Larni Jackson were recipients of the team Champagnat Medals for the spirit they displayed throughout the carnival.

Cause Worth Week

Next week is Cause Worth Week, our annual fundraising program to raise money to support Gippsland Cancer Care Centre. Thank you in advance to all involved, particularly our students who will generously donate their time, money and for some of them, their hair to raise awareness and funds.

20 Year Anniversary Canonization of Marcellin Champagnat

The 18th April was the 20 year Anniversary of the canonization of Saint Marcellin Champagnat by Pope John Paul II.

For those interested, you will find attached to this Newsletter the transcript from Pope John Paul II at the official ceremony.

Also the following link – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JvYT3NuC_8 – is to a 10 minute video of Saint Marcellin, it covers all the main points and events of his life.

Debutante Balls

During the term break the Lavalla Parents and Friends Debutante Ball Committee once again organised three very successful Debutante Balls on Wednesday 10 April, Thursday 11 April and Friday 12 April. These were marvellous nights with the students being presented looking elegant and happy (both the girls and boys). My sincere thanks to the Committee for all the hard work to give our young people this opportunity. I would like to thank the following people for the generous support of our students:

- Dance Training supervision – Deanna Paulet helped at each training session at Kildare, also to Mr Kris Wells, Tammy Page, Anita Pstrin, Lisa Dunn and Amanda Ross.
- Wednesday supervision – Michael Mihaly, Kylie Blackman, Ronnie Barclay, Pauline Little, Carol Wright, Jo-Maree Sharman, Angela Purves, Deanna Paulet, and Catherine Lambert
- Thursday supervision – Kylie Tactor, Michael Mihaly, Debra Gatti, Lisa Dunn, Jodie Clare, Louise Bezzina, Jo-Maree Sharman and Lyndal Pearson
- Friday supervision – Kylie Tactor, Michael Mihaly, Anne Blackman, Maddi Tactor, Kristy Leslie, Marnie Ellis, Deanna Paulet, Catherine Lambert, Joanne Richards, and Caitlin Mihaly
- Committee – Anne Answerth, Sharon Dorling, Brodie Dorling, Ann-Maree Ernst, Robyn Mihaly, Sharon Thompson and Maryann Haesler.

Staff News

Congratulations to Georgie Barker on her engagement to Ashley Robertson

Congratulations Katie Lee on the birth of her nephew Harry Christopher Webb, born April 23rd to Chelsea and Tyson Webb.



Parent Reminders

- Students should be in **FULL WINTER UNIFORM** from Monday 6th May.
- **PARKING** around Kildare Campus – Please note that Local Laws (Parking inspectors) have been warning illegally parked cars, both on Kosciuszko St and Coster Circle. A reminder that there is a turning circle and pick up within the school grounds.
- **SCHOOL PHOTOS** are coming up soon Kildare 16th May, St Paul's 17th May.
- **CAUSE WORTH WEEK – Monday 6th May – Friday 10th May** – Lavalla will be participating in Cause worth week, raising funds for the Cancer Care Centre at Latrobe Regional Hospital. There are many activities occurring during this week, ranging from cake stalls, BBQs, Trivia, Shave and a Plain Clothes Day on Friday 10th May.

MUSIC NEWS

We are delighted to share some news about Connor Jenkinson. Connor is one of our current brass teachers and is also a former graduate of Lavalla completing year twelve in 2013.

Connor was an indelible part of what was an incredibly laudable period for our music department. He was a section leader in our Senior Jazz Ensemble which placed 3rd as part of the National Stage Band championships at the Generations in Jazz Festival as well as being a part of our Senior Concert Band which won a Platinum Shield at the Victorian Schools Music Festival.

We were so proud to hear last week that Connor has been accepted into a Master of Music degree at the Yale University School of Music. He will be moving to New Haven, New York in September and studying under the tutelage of Kevin Cobb who is a member of the American Brass Quintet.

Connor kindly acknowledged Lavalla's role in his musical development. Particular kudos must go to our former brass teacher Amanda Reid who is now a classroom teacher at St. Gabriel's Primary School. Amanda worked with Connor for the entirety of his time at our College.



ITALIAN DAY

On Monday 1st April, Ms Cataldo's Year 10 Italian class was given a taste of life in the beautiful city of Genova (Ms Cataldo and Christopher Columbus' hometown), Liguria, when St. Mary's was transformed into Italy for the day.

Before the day, the Lavalla students learnt about Christopher Columbus in class and made his famous Caravels (Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria) for the Primary school students to race with. Our students supported the children in all activities from racing the Caravels to playing bocce, making the Genova lighthouse called "Lanterna", making and tasting pasta, pesto and Italian "frittelle".

They did a wonderful job interacting with the younger pupils. We would like to thank the St. Mary's Italian teacher, Carolina Manuele and all of the staff at St. Mary's for making us feel welcome. "Grazie" also for the beautiful Italian lunch and gelato, which were the perfect ending to such a fantastic day!



CURRICULUM MATTERS

Does your child find it difficult to study? Do they get distracted easily? Perhaps with your help they need to consider improving their workspace. As part of setting up lifelong quality study habits, it is important to have space within the home that your child knows is their designated study area, and this is not in front of the Television.

5 top tips for setting up a successful study space



4. Study in the same place

Only study at the designated study space. A space that has been negotiated. Perhaps personalise the space to make it more attractive and conducive to study. This will help to remind your child that this space is just for productive schoolwork. Avoid having your study space as the living room, as you might be inclined to watch TV.

5. Make it ergonomic

Ergonomics is an applied science that helps people to arrange workspaces so that they are easy and safe to use. Make sure that you have an ergonomic study space by having good seating posture (feet flat on the ground, a straight back, and a chair lower than your desk – not studying on the bed or floor), and you have a bright light that doesn't cast any shadows on your study space. Try to use natural light as much as possible, so you can sleep well later.



1. Have all of the right materials within reach

A tidy and organised study space is the key to success. Make sure all notes and materials are within reach so that they are not wasting precious time searching for things. This will limit movement away from the study space, and your child will be less likely to be distracted.

2. Remove distractions



It's hard to ignore the buzzing of the phone when studying, so make sure they limit distractions by leaving their phone in another room, ensuring the TV is turned off, shutting the door, and clearing their desk of any other unnecessary items.

3. Set a timer

Have a count-down timer sitting in front of them on the desk. There are timers included in nearly all laptops. Get your child to set the study blocks to 45-minutes, and when the time is over, they can have a 10-minute break. If they find they are getting distracted or are not productive within the 45-minute block, get them to pause the timer, or even reset it if they need to get work done!



These are some basic hints in helping establish a productive study space for your child. The earlier you start these habits the easier it is for them to see study at home is a natural part of their learning journey.

Adapted from – 5 tips for Setting up a Study Space
<https://acedvce.com/study-space/>

TIMOR LESTE PROJECT

Gippsland local Lincoln Ingravalle has been selected to volunteer as a United Nations Youth Australia Delegate in Timor Leste between June & July 2019.

To participate Lincoln needs to cover the \$6,000 cost (not including domestic flights to Darwin). Lincoln's goal is to raise money to be able to assist with costs and participate to make it to Timor Leste. Any donation you can give will go a long way in helping Lincoln achieve this dream and represent young people from Gippsland and Australia, building connections with one of our closest neighbours and assisting those in need.



The Timor Leste Project is a year-long initiative open to students from around Australia. The Project centres around an unforgettable 2-week tour of East Timor from the 29th of June to the 13th of July 2019. It will see young people lead fundraising initiatives alongside other young Australians on their return also. Lincoln has been selected as one of 12 young people from around Australia to serve as a Delegate on behalf of UN Youth Australia.

As part of the Timor Leste Project, Lincoln will learn about sustainable development and the challenges of international aid. He will also spend time working with local communities and grassroots organisations, including working closely with the UN Youth's partner school in Maliana, Encouragement House.

Staying at the Encouragement House Lincoln will become an active member in the community, assisting with meal preparation, gardening, getting hands on with construction projects and tutoring English to a number of regional students studying at the school.

By taking part in this adventure and working in Timor Leste with UN Youth Australia Lincoln will have the opportunity to develop his skills as a volunteer, providing aid and working with grassroots communities to achieve a better outcome.

A previous delegate said this on their return from Timor Leste



"I feel as though I pushed myself outside of my comfort zone and was rewarded exponentially by the amazing connections, I made with the people I met and my worldview expanding. I think this trip taught or confirmed for me that there are nuances to culture, political issues and global problems. This is one of the reasons why I now feel compelled to keep being immersed in other cultures. I want to continue to learn about the different sides of issues and the reasons why I, being Australian, can be so privileged in comparison to some of our closest neighbours. I feel as though, after this trip, I am empowered to continue to learn about and advocate for marginalised or less fortunate people."

To find out more or support Lincoln visit

<https://www.gofundme.com/help-lincoln-become-a-un-youth-australia-delegate>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/275777150023495/>

MARIST BASKETBALL – BENDIGO

Lavalla Catholic College once again competed at the 2019 Marist Schools Australia Basketball Carnival held from the 7th to 11th April in Bendigo, Victoria.

They returned with an 11th place finish for the boys and a 3rd place finish for the girls.

The boys' team performed well and were initially pitted against Canberra, Beenleigh, Bunbury, Bendigo and Varroville where they managed to capture three wins from their five pool games that relegated them into the Plate Division heading into day three.

In their final game of the carnival Lavalla was able to outlast Ashgrove to claim 11th overall behind a 52-42 triumph.

The girls' team again produced some outstanding results. Lavalla remained undefeated at the

conclusion of day 2 winning all six games by an average margin of 28 points against Bunbury, Lismore, Woodlawn, Warragul, Adelaide and Beenleigh.

Lavalla finally had their 'drive for five' (wins) halted as Lavalla endured their first loss at a Marist Carnival since losing to Catholic College Sale in 2014. The girls would close out the carnival by finishing 3rd overall after getting past Adelaide for the second time in three days by securing a tough 45-41 triumph.

Well done to all student athletes and to our coaches, Karen Joyce and Chris Watson who sacrifice much of their own time along with family time to prepare the teams for the carnival. Their commitment to the program is more valuable to we can even begin to explain.



CALENDAR & EXCURSIONS

Monday 6th May

- Cause Worth Week: Mon – Fri
- **FULL Winter Uniform to be worn**

Tuesday 7th May

- SSV Wellington AFL Yrs 9 – 10 Boys

Wednesday 8th May

- SSV Wellington Cross Country 7-12

Monday 13th May

- National Careers Week
- Yr 11 Outdoor Rec Bushwalk: Mon – Wed
- Year 8 Camp

Tuesday 14th May

- NAPLAN: Writing & Language Conventions
- SSV Wellington AFL: Yr 11-12 Boys & Girls
- Tertiary Information Service for Year 12's

Wednesday 15th May

- SSV Wellington Cross Country 7-12
- NAPLAN: Reading
- VCE Music Solo Recital Soiree: 6pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 16th May

- Kildare Campus School Photos
- NAPLAN: Numeracy
- SSV Wellington AFL: Yr 8 Boys

Friday 17th May

- St Paul's Campus School Photos



Opening Times
3.30pm – 6.00pm

DATES

6th June

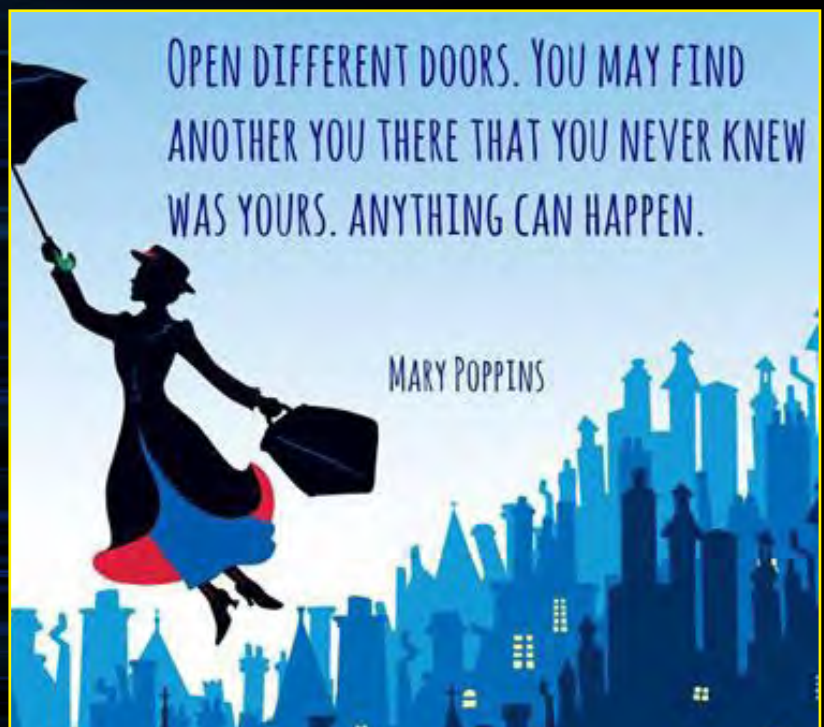
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"Don't believe
every worried
thought you have.
Worried thoughts
are notoriously
inaccurate."

~RENEE JAIN





The Holy See

CANONIZATION OF FR MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT,
FR GIOVANNI CALABRIA AND SR AGOSTINA PIETRANTONI

HOMILY OF JOHN PAUL II

Sunday, 18 April 1999

1. *"He took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him" (Lk 24:30-31).*

We have just heard again these words of Luke's Gospel: they tell of Jesus' meeting with two disciples who were on their way to the village of Emmaus, the very day of the Resurrection. This unexpected meeting brings joy to the hearts of the two discouraged travelers and rekindles their hope. The Gospel says that when they recognized him, they left "that same hour and returned to Jerusalem" (Lk 24:33). They felt the need to tell the Apostles about "what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread" (Lk 24:35).

The desire to bear witness to Jesus arises in the hearts of believers from their personal encounter with him. This is what happened with the three new saints whom today I have the joy of raising to the glory of the altars: Marcellin Benoît Champagnat, Giovanni Calabria and Agostina Livia Pietrantonio. They opened their eyes to the signs of Christ's presence: they adored him and received him in the Eucharist; they loved him in their neediest brethren; they recognized the signs of his saving plan in the events of daily life.

They listened to Jesus' words and sought his companionship, feeling their hearts burning within them. What an indescribable attraction the Lord's mysterious presence holds for those who accept him! This is what the saints experience. It is the same spiritual experience we can have as we travel the ways of the world toward our heavenly homeland. The Risen One also comes to meet us through his Word, revealing his infinite love to us in the sacrament of the Eucharistic Bread, broken for the salvation of all humanity. May the eyes of our spirit be opened to his truth and his

love, as happened to Marcellin Benoît Champagnat, to Giovanni Calabria and to Sr Agostina Livia Pietrantoni.

2. *"Did not our hearts burn within us while he opened to us the Scriptures?"*. The burning desire for God in the disciples of Emmaus was vividly felt by Marcellin Champagnat, who was a priest captivated by the love of Jesus and Mary. Because of his unshakeable faith, he remained faithful to Christ despite difficulties, in the midst of a world sometimes lacking the sense of God. We too are called to draw strength from contemplation of the risen Christ by learning at the school of the Virgin Mary.

St Marcellin proclaimed the Gospel with a burning heart. He was sensitive to the spiritual and educational needs of his time, especially to religious ignorance and the situations of neglect experienced in a particular way by the young. His pastoral sense is an example for priests: called to proclaim the Good News, they must also be true teachers for young people who seek to give meaning to their lives, by accompanying each of them on their way and explaining the Scriptures to them. Fr Champagnat was also a model for parents and teachers, helping them to look with hope at young people, to love them with a total love which fosters their true human, moral and spiritual formation.

Marcellin Champagnat also invites us to be missionaries, to make Jesus Christ known and loved as the Marist Brothers did even in Asia and Oceania. With Mary as our guide and Mother, the Christian is a missionary and the servant of human beings. Let us ask the Lord to give us a heart that burns like that of Marcellin Champagnat, to recognize him and to be his witnesses.

3. *"This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses"* (Acts 2:32).

"We are all witnesses": the one speaking is Peter, in the name of the Apostles. In his voice we recognize those of countless other disciples who down the ages have made their life a witness to the Lord who died and rose again. The saints canonized today join this chorus. Fr Giovanni Calabria joins it, an exemplary witness to the Resurrection. He is resplendent for his fervent faith, genuine charity, spirit of sacrifice, love of the truth, zeal for souls and fidelity to the Church.

In the year dedicated to God the Father which leads us into the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, we are invited to put great emphasis on the virtue of charity. Giovanni Calabria's entire life was a living Gospel, overflowing with love: love for God and for his brothers and sisters, especially the very poor. The source of his love of neighbour was his boundless faith and his filial abandonment to the heavenly Father. He loved to repeat to his co-workers these words of the Gospel: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (Mt 6:33).

4. The Gospel ideal of the love of neighbour, especially towards the lowly, the sick and the abandoned, also led Agostina Livia Pietrantoni to the peak of holiness. Formed in the school of St

Joan Antida Thouret, Sr Agostina realized that the love of Jesus calls for generous service to one's brothers and sisters, for it is in their faces, especially those of the neediest, that the face of Christ shines. "God alone" was the "compass" that guided all the decisions of her life. "You shall love", the first and fundamental commandment put at the beginning of the "Rule of Life of the Sisters of Charity", was the inspiration for the new saint's works of solidarity, the inner stimulus which sustained her in her self-giving to others.

In the First Letter of Peter, which we have just heard, we read that Redemption was not achieved *"with perishable things such as silver or gold", but with "the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot"* (1 Pt 1:18-19). Awareness of the infinite value of Christ's Blood shed for us led St Agostina Livia Pietrantoni to respond to God's love with an equally generous and unconditional love, expressed in humble and faithful service to the "dear poor", as she usually called them.

Ready to make any sacrifice, a heroic witness of charity, she paid the price for fidelity to Love with her blood. May her example and intercession obtain renewed apostolic zeal for the Institute of the Sisters of Charity, who this year will celebrate the second centenary of their foundation.

5. *"Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent"* (Lk 24:29). The two exhausted travelers begged Jesus to stay at their home and share their table.

Stay with us, risen Lord! This is also our daily longing. If you remain with us, our hearts are at peace.

Accompany us, as you did the disciples of Emmaus, on our personal and ecclesial journey.

Open our eyes, so that we can recognize the signs of your ineffable presence.

Make us docile in listening to your Spirit. Nourished each day by your Body and your Blood, we will be able to recognize you and serve you in our brothers and sisters.

Mary, Queen of Saints, help us keep our faith and hope rooted in God (cf. 1 Pt 1:21).

St Marcellin Benoît Champagnat, St Giovanni Calabria and St Agostina Livia Pietrantoni, pray for us!