



From the Principal

John M Freeman
Principal



This will be our last Newsletter this term. I wish everyone a safe and refreshing break.

Retreats

This week saw another successful Year 12 Retreat program take place. Because of the size of our Year 12 group we split the cohort and conducted two retreats at the Philip Island Adventure Resort. I am particularly grateful to Monica Justin and Alex Rathbone for their leadership and organisation of the retreats. After the bustle of the end of Semester 1, these precious days give our seniors the chance to take a breather and to consider much bigger questions than those on their exam papers, VET assessments or SACs. They have considered the kind of life they wish to lead, what they will stand for, and how they want to contribute to our world, along with their goals, values and relationships – with others and God. In our Catholic school, these are among the most important events provided by the College, so are compulsory.

Thank you to all the staff who attended in support of the program and our students. Also thanks to Chris Roga, Tamsin McCormack, Sarah Brown, Sarah Wilhelm and Nicole Denovan for their work as well.

Voluntary Assisted Dying

You may be aware that on Wednesday 19 June 2019 Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Act (2017) came into effect. What is being referred to as 'VAD' is a combination of what in plain-speaking is more commonly known as physician assisted suicide and euthanasia. I invite you to consider the following documents from the Diocese of Sale that are attached to this letter.

- A pastoral letter, which has been issued jointly by the four Victorian Bishops
- 'We Care' – a document which invites us to accompany and care for those who are suffering, and provides ways in which those who object to the law can accompany people who suffer.

Staff News

Recently we have farewelled the following staff:

- Gloria Zahra – is taking Leave Without Pay and will be working at the Berry Street School in Morwell, she will return at the start of Term 3, 2020.
- Sam Mauger – is moving to Melbourne and will be working at another school close to where he will be living.
- Teresa Dixon – is leaving us to teach in Germany.
- Rhonda Waanders – after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the young people in our care is moving to Queensland. On behalf of all the students, families and staff Rhonda has worked with I thank her for contribution and efforts to achieving the best outcomes for all.

Congratulations to Leigh Winter on his recent engagement to Ashlee Kearns.

Marist Netball National Championship

Lavalla Catholic College are Marist Netball Champions for the 2nd time and interestingly our previous success also took place in Alice Spring in 2005. The final was close in the early stages of the match, but the team got on top early in the second half and ran away winners Lavalla (23) def Cardijn College SA (8).

Thank you and congratulations to Fi Morrow, Nikki Schroeter and Natalie MacPherson for their organisation, guidance and care of the team. Thank you as well to all the families who were able to attend the carnival and support our team.

Well done to the team consisting of:

Chelsea Livingstone (vc)
Madison Rohde
Emma White
Isabella Bettridge

Maddison Knowles
Madelaine Galea
Alyssa Anderson
Isla McRae (c)

Lauryn King-Church
Matilda Van Berkel



Also below are some of the individual achievements throughout the carnival:

Player of the Day - Sunday

Emma White

Player of the Day - Monday

Matilda Van Berkel

Player of the Day - Tuesday

Lauryn King-Church

Best on Court in the Grand Final

Isla McRae

Selected in the All Australian Team

Chelsea Livingstone
Isla McRae
Lauryn King-Church

Selected in Highly Recommended Team

Emma White
Matilda Van Berkel

Dante Alighieri Competition

Congratulations to all our students competing in the Dante Alighieri competition recently. Below are the details of the students who will compete in the finals next term: Stefan Giglio, Kade Ruyters, Angela Francolino, Jacob Wall, Natasha Richards, Nathanael Duffy, Erica Lang, Julien Alesi, Rohan Symonds, Antony Giglio, Shannon Ryan and Nicole Formaran.

We have also received the Discorso (students write a speech in Italian) Competition results. We sent two "Discorsi" and have 2 finalists: Nathanael Duffy (Year 11) and Julien Alesi (Year 12).

Thank you to the their teachers – Raffaella Cataldo, Adriana Bianconi, Stephanie Aliotta, Tina Weston and Jan Massaro – who have worked hard in preparing and supporting the students.

Year 7 2020

Enrolment applications were due on 31 May 2019. However, we are continuing to accept applications, but as a matter of justice priority will be given to those who have submitted their applications on time.

FAITH MATTERS

All of us love holidays. No bells and clocks to mark time. No appointments. Sheer undiluted freedom of time and space. All of us love holidays.

In Mark's Gospel (6:31 ff) the disciples have been out preaching and healing and they return excitedly to tell Jesus their stories. After listening he says to them, 'Come away with me. Let us go alone to a quiet place and rest for a while.'

This is what I wish to do, and I hope you will too.

Happy Holidays!

Youth Ministry News: Youth Gathering

In the previous newsletter, Emirson Devenie reported on the Annual Diocese of Sale Youth Gathering.

Some of the other students in the Youth Ministry Group comment on the event. I find these comments quite inspirational.

On Thursday the 30th of May 2019, a youth gathering took place at Presentation Campus with YME classes from schools within the Diocese of Sale. Around 40 students from the Lavalla year 11 and 12 Ministry classes attended. Also present were students from St Peters, St Mary Mackillop, St Francis Xavier, Sale Catholic College and Marist Sion College. Students participated in various activities including student led workshops, Mass with Bishop Patrick O'Regan, Front Bar, and a smoking ceremony.

"We completed the activities in groups made up of individuals from different schools to encourage us to socialize. Each of these activities had a meaning behind them to fit under the main theme of the day "Our Story". For example, I participated in spaghetti house building to teach equality and

equity. I was also involved in tea light making, which made us reflect on what we were doing or going to do to help our world.

From this day, I hope to carry on doing the little things in life that help make someone else's day a little easier and help make our world a better place. For example spreading positivity, or creating awareness around issues in society today. If we do this regularly then we are taking steps towards a better world. From this day I developed in myself the ability to think about my actions before I take them and ask myself who is being impacted by my actions, is it a positive or negative impact?"

Matilda Van Berkel

"Since joining Youth Ministry this year, going on an immersion in which we went to mass each day and learnt others value of religion, for my logical side studying philosophy and lastly becoming extremely close with new people who have a strong faith and share with me their thoughts, I believe I have begun to value God's word and morals more closely with a greater understanding and compassion. Thus, the beginning of my discipleship journey."

Sasha Milstein

"I plan on making Lavalla a better place by recommending YME ministry to upcoming students to they can continue to learn the things we learn and have the same experiences as we do in YME. I feel close to God when people feel comfortable enough to open up to me and tell me things that are happening in their life because I know I am someone they respect or trust. I feel God when something positive happens in someone's life who I am close with or in my own life."

Chloe Kosterman



HAIRSPRAY Jnr MUSICAL

Rehearsals are well under way for this year's College Musical: Hairspray JR!

With a cast of over forty students from all year levels, there is a lot of excitement and enthusiasm from all of those involved. Currently the cast rehearse every Monday night after school, where they are hard at work learning choreography and singing the songs. The shows three Director's Monica Justin, Katie Lee and Adriana Bianconi are extremely excited about the talent in the cast this year.

There's some returning faces from previous shows, but also some new students who will be making their theatre debut. With only two months left to go until opening night, there's a lot of hard work still to do and some fabulous 60s costumes to design. Tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased at the link below. We encourage everyone to come and see the show, and support our students – you won't regret it!

Show dates:

- Friday 23rd August – 7:30pm
- Saturday 24th August – 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Ticket prices:

- Adults \$25
- Concession \$17
- 15 & Under \$15
- Family \$60 (2 Adults & 2 Children)

www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/LPwhatson

hairspray JR.



SPORTS NEWS

Clay Target Shooting

Lavalla Catholic College has continued its good run of success at Clay Target Shooting with a number of students finishing high in the placings at the recent Howard & Schuback Clay Target Shoot in Stratford.

19 students attended the event and all performed quite well with Liam Farley claiming his first ever placing and victory at a school event in the junior boys division. Liam shot considerably well to finish the rounds in a tie with fellow Lavalla student Ethan Fleming. The two boys performed a shoot off with Liam outlasting Ethan by one target.

Chelsea Mayze claimed second place in the senior girls, falling one target short of a tie for first place. Lavalla's number one team placed second in the overall team division with a total of 82/100, which is a solid performance. Gippsland Grammar claimed first with a total of 86/100.

Congratulations to all, and in particular those that claimed a place.

SSV Cross Country Regional Championships

A strong contingent of cross country athletes attended the Regional Championships at Lardner Park on Thursday, June 13th and it was encouraging to see that of the 23 students athletes that attended, 15 qualified through to the State Championships at Bundoora Park in Melbourne next term.

Again, congratulations to all student athletes who performed well and in particular, Monique Lapenta who claimed 1st place with a stunning performance to win by over a minute from her nearest rival. Also to Josh Sova for capturing a silver medal in the 14 boys event. Also congratulations to Colby Morley for a bronze medal in the 17-20 boys event.

SSV Soccer & Netball Divisional Championships

All seven soccer teams and all the boys netball teams have advanced through to the Regional Championships after a strong showing at the Divisional Championships held in Sale recently.

SSV Aust. Football Regional Championships

The Year 8 boys Aust. Football team advanced through to the State Quarter Finals with a strong all-round display against the likes of Leongatha Secondary College.



CALENDAR

Monday 15th July

- STUDENT FREE DAY
- Staff Retreat

Tuesday 16th July

- Term 3 Commences

Wednesday 17th July

- Alpine Country Clay Shooting
- Community Service Tree Planting Launch

Thursday 18th July

- SSV State Cross Country Year 7 – 12

Friday 19st July

- Year 12 Italian Immersion Day
- VCE DNA Techniques Workshop
- Year 11 Chemistry Workshop

Monday 22nd July

- LA Interviews – Kildare Campus Only
- Year 11 Allied Health Workplace Learning

Tuesday 23rd July

- LA Interviews – Kildare Campus Only
- Year 11 Allied Health Workplace Learning
- Sports Psychology Sessions

Wednesday 24th July

- LA Interviews – Kildare Campus Only
- Year 11 Allied Health Workplace Learning
- VCE DNA Techniques Workshop
- SSV Wellington Basketball Year 9 – 12

Thursday 25th July

- LA Interviews – Kildare Campus Only
- Year 11 Allied Health Workplace Learning
- Parent Teacher Interviews –
KILDARE Campus ONLY (4:00 PM– 7:00 PM)
- St Paul's Campus Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 26th July

- LA Interviews – Kildare Campus Only
- Year 11 Allied Health Workplace Learning
- Year 12 English Oral Presentations



Opening Times
3.30pm – 6.00pm

DATES

18th July
1st August
15th August

School term time, 7 am:

**"WE CAN'T POSSIBLY
GET OUT OF BED..."**

School holidays, 7 am:

**"HERE WE ARE NOW,
ENTERTAIN US!"**



**Kids on the 1st day of school
holidays, 8:00 am:**

**"WOO-HOO! SO MANY
EXCITING THINGS TO DO!"**

**1st day of school holidays,
8:05 am:**

"I'M SO BORED!!!"





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CIRCULAR TO ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PRINCIPALS - DIOCESE OF SALE

Dear Colleague

Re: Voluntary Assisted Dying

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The attached pastoral letter has been issued jointly by the Archbishop of Melbourne and the Bishops of Ballarat, Sandhurst and Sale.

The pastoral letter is accompanied by the document *We Care* which reminds us that, "Just as the early Christians were, we too, are called to accompany and care for those who are suffering". *We Care* provides ways in which those who conscientiously object to this law can accompany people who suffer.

You are asked to upload the two attachments onto your website and distribute them to staff and the parent community through your usual means of communication.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Very Reverend Peter Slater
Vicar General
Diocese of Sale

Maria Kirkwood
Director of Catholic Education - Diocese of Sale
Chief Executive Officer -
Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd

Attach.

Inspiring Faith, Inspiring Learning

We Care

From the earliest times, Christ's followers have set themselves apart by their care of the vulnerable (Acts 4:34). Indeed, Christ said, "By this love you have for one another; everyone will know that you are my disciples" (John 13:35). Just as the early Christians were, we too, are called to accompany and care for those who are suffering.

On 19 June 2019, the Victorian Assisted Dying Act comes into effect. This law legalises euthanasia and assisted suicide. Despite what the law may say, our Christian tradition affirms that every life, including those of the sick and suffering, is sacred. For us, euthanasia or assisted suicide are never part of end of life care. Instead, we remain committed to: healing – never harming; relieving pain and symptoms of illness and frailty; withdrawing life-prolonging treatments when they are medically futile or overly burdensome or when a person wants them withdrawn, and never abandoning those in our care.

Here are three ways that those who conscientiously object to this law can accompany people who suffer.



Pray (Heart)

- For those who are or may be convinced that taking their life is the only option left. May God intervene and show them His love.
- That when faced with pain and suffering – ours or someone else's – we respond with compassion and courage. May we do all we can to alleviate the pain of those around us and respect their dignity.
- Seek inspiration by reflecting on Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.



Be informed (Head)

- Read Pope Francis' [address](#) on end of life care
- Read the section on [euthanasia](#) in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraphs 2276-9)
- Read [The Gospel of Life](#) (*Evangelium Vitae*) by Pope John Paul II (paragraphs 64-65)
- Read [Be Not Afraid](#) and [When Life is Ending](#)
- See how our Catholic health and aged care services are [responding](#) to the new legislation
- Visit [Moments that Matter](#) for real stories of people who have experienced palliative care
- Look at these websites for up to date information on the subject:
 - [Australian Care Alliance](#)
 - [HOPE](#)



Act (Hands)

- Who do you know who is sick, disabled or elderly and may be vulnerable? Visit them, call them, spend time with them. Show that you care.
- Loneliness, loss of meaning in life and fear of losing dignity or being a burden, are the most common reasons people seek euthanasia and assisted suicide. Help to address these concerns in whatever way you can.
- Link those you encounter with support services. If you're not sure who can help, [Palliative Care Victoria](#) is a good place to start.

Euthanasia and assisted suicide will now be legal in Victoria. All of us have a role to play in caring for those suffering as well as becoming conscientious objectors by refusing to participate.

When we visit the sick and suffering, we visit Christ (Matt 25:34). Given there are over one million Catholics in Victoria, if each of us do what we can, we will have a tremendous impact. We may not be able to change the law now, but we can remove the need for it and resist it by refusing to cooperate with it.

The Saints

Many of the saints have been bold witnesses of conscientious objection – heroically holding fast to the Truth amid difficult and trying circumstances.



Blessed Franz Jägerstätter

- Lived: 1907-1943, Austria
- Feast day: 21 May
- Patron of: Conscientious objectors

Blessed Franz Jägerstätter was a 20th century Austrian farmer. After a crisis of faith in his earlier years, he became his parish sacristan and attended Mass daily. A husband and father of four daughters, he was the only person in his village to vote against the Anschluss – the annexation of Austria by Germany during the Second World War. Rejecting the position of village mayor offered to him by German troops, he also refused to take the Hitler Oath.

Franz was called to military training in the German armed forces. However, he was able to defer service due to exemptions. He began to examine the morality of the war and decided his faith could not allow him to participate. Called to military service again in 1943, Franz declared his conscientious objection, offering to serve as a paramedic which was refused. He was arrested, jailed and sentenced to death as a result.

Numerous people including his parish priest visited him in jail to convince him to serve, reminding him of his duty as a husband and father, but did not succeed.

Before his death, he wrote: “If I must write ... with my hands in chains, I find that much better than if my will were in chains. Neither prison nor chains nor sentence of death can rob a man of the Faith and his free will. God gives so much strength that it is possible to bear any suffering People worry about the obligations of conscience as they concern my wife and children. But I cannot believe that, just because one has a wife and children, a man is free to offend God”.

Franz was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007 with his wife Franziska and daughters in attendance.



Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

- Lived: 1922-1962, Italy
- Feast day: 28 April
- Patron of: Physicians, mothers & unborn children

Saint Gianna Beretta was a 20th century Italian doctor (paediatrician), wife and mother. As well as the busy duties of home and work, she was active in Catholic Action and the St Vincent de Paul Society. In 1961, Gianna became pregnant with her fourth child, however, a fibroma was discovered on her uterus. Doctors gave her three choices: an abortion, a hysterectomy or the removal of the fibroma alone. Gianna refused an abortion. She also declined to have a hysterectomy despite knowing she might lose her life. Wanting to preserve her child's life, Gianna opted for the removal of only the fibroma. On 21 April, 1962, her baby Gianna Emanuela was successfully delivered by caesarean section. Despite the efforts of doctors, the mother – Gianna, passed away a week later.

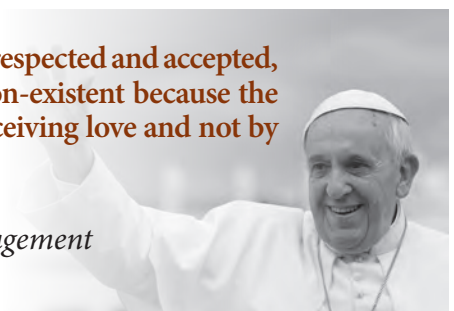
Gianna was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 2004. Her husband Pietro and their children, including Gianna Emanuela, attended the ceremony. Pietro would tell Gianna Emanuela, that her mother's choice was one of conscience as both a loving mother and a doctor. Like her mother, Gianna Emanuela went on to become a doctor.

“Especially in those difficult circumstances, if the person feels loved, respected and accepted, the negative shadow of euthanasia disappears or is made almost non-existent because the value of his or her being is measured by the ability of giving and receiving love and not by his or her productivity.”

– Pope Francis

Address to Participants at the IV Seminar on Ethics in Health Management

1 October, 2018





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