



From the Principal

John M Freeman

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COVID-19

As you are aware The Hon. James Merlino, Acting Premier of Victoria, announced yesterday, 27 May 2021, a state-wide circuit breaker lockdown will take effect from 11.59 pm 27 May 2021, until 11.59 pm on Thursday 3 June 2021. Today was a pupil free day to provide school staff with time to enact their remote schooling program.

From Monday 31 May 2021 to Thursday 3 June 2021 (inclusive), Lavalla Catholic College will re-commence remote schooling. This means that all students who can learn from home must learn from home, except where:

- parents, guardians or carers cannot work from home and no other arrangements can be made for the supervision of their child(ren), there is no requirement to provide evidence
- vulnerable students including:
 - children in out-of-home care
 - children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm
 - children identified by the school as vulnerable (including via referral from a family violence agency, homelessness or youth justice service or mental health or other health service).

Please note that face masks must be worn by all people aged 12 years or older indoors and outdoors, unless an exemption applies.

We understand that there will be parents, guardians and carers who will need to send their child(ren) to school. We wish you to know that in those circumstances, we are here to support you and your child(ren).

If you need to send your child(ren) to school, please register your intention to send your child(ren) to Lavalla Catholic College on the attached form. This will enable us to ensure that we have sufficient staff on duty to supervise students in attendance.

Children attending on-site supervision during the school closure will be supervised by school staff. However, I wish to advise you that your child's teacher will not necessarily be supervising your child if they attend on-site.

I hope during this time that you and your families stay healthy and safe and look forward to everyone returning as soon as possible.

Catholic Education Week and Service Awards

This week we have celebrated Catholic Education week. This year's theme "Faith in the future- I have come that they may have life and have it to the full," is a combination of a quote from John's Gospel (Jn 10:10) and the theme for the bicentennial celebrations of Catholic education in Australia. The week was an opportunity for all in our community to consider the call of the Gospel to work as individuals and together to build the Kingdom of God here and now.

Our core mission as a Catholic school is to provide students with opportunities to fulfil their potential, become their best selves and to develop as Good Christians and Honest Citizens with Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts. Lavalla Catholic College is committed to the holistic development of our students in partnership with their families.

PRINCIPAL cont....

Congratulations are extended to Brett van Berkel and Chris Roga who were presented with Catholic Education Awards at the Catholic Education Office for the Diocese of Sale Leadership Dinner held last Friday 21 May 2021.

Brett received the Spirit of Catholic Education – Inspiring Learning award.

Chris received the Spirit of Catholic Education – Inspiring Faith award.

Thank you to Chris and Brett for their dedication and commitment to Catholic Education.



Mr Brett Van Berkel & Mr Chris Roga

Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week

Wednesday, 26 May 2021 was National Sorry Day which marks a time to reflect on the past policies that lead to the Stolen Generation. The first Sorry Day was held on 26 May 1998—exactly one year after the Bringing Them Home Report was presented to the Parliament. The report was the result of an inquiry into the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, and recommended both an apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and reparations.

At our College we recognised this by asking all staff and students to take part in a minute of silence to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation.

Thank you Georgie Robertson and Matilda Lund (Year 12), Student Social Justice Leader for their work.



National Reconciliation Week commenced on 27 May and goes to June 3. The Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021, More than a word. Reconciliation takes action, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process.

We will acknowledge the week in a number of ways including placing the banner below on our email communications.

Recognition and action will also be ongoing with the College looking at how it can take some of the actions suggested in the



20 Actions for Reconciliation in 2021 that are outlined on this [WEBSITE](#)

PRINCIPAL cont....

One of the suggested actions is Acknowledging Country. To this end we have now, after consultation placed on our website, the following:

"Lavalla Catholic College acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land, recognising their connection to land, waters and community. Our school rests on the traditional land of the Gunnaikurnai people. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging."

Thank you to John De Souza for his work in developing the above and his consultation with key people from the local Gunnaikurnai community.

Year 7 2022 Enrolments

Enrolment applications are now closed and we have concluded our interviews for Year 7 2022. We will be making offers to families next week and given the high volume of applications we will have to place some prospective students on a waiting list.

Accordingly, we are able to receive applications, but the applicants will be placed on the waiting list.

Staff News

We welcome Carly Marsland who has recently started as our new Secretary of Music.

Student News

Congratulations to Jackson Ludlow (Year 11) who, as part of Emily Court's Year 10 Design Technology class last year, participated in the TECx challenge to design a product that provides a solution to tackling one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. He is one of five students to be shortlisted from around Australia. If you have a minute please click to see his [VIDEO HERE](#)



Watch Design by Jackson Ludlow



KEY DATES TERM 2

JUNE

9th	General Achievement Test (GAT)
10th	Year 12 English Oral Presentations Year 9 English and Maths Exams
11th	Student Free Day – Professional Practice
14th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
17 – 25th	Year 10 and 11 Exams Year 11 VCAL Work Placement
21 – 24th	Year 9 Exams
21 – 23rd	Year 12 Retreats
25th	Last day of Term 2

CATHOLIC IDENTITY & MISSION



ROBYN REBBECHI
Assistant Principal
Catholic Identity & Mission

Catholic Education Week

This week in the College we celebrate two significant 'weeks' of the year, both of which are important to our Catholic identity and mission. Last week the Catholic Diocese of Sale launched Catholic Education Week, an opportunity to celebrate and reflect all the achievements of Catholic Education in our Diocese. The theme for this year's celebrations is Faith in the Future- I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

In Catholic Education Week all Catholic schools celebrate our distinctive mission and share features that are special about our schools. As Catholic schools, we are called to do more than just pass on the faith: we are invited to translate our faith into deeds so we are truly living God's Word. We are also called to meet all people where they are with their own faith, and find ways to inspire them to become better people, in their own faith journey. Our work is one of education, welcome, and acceptance, offering our students and staff an experience of faith and encouraging them to make their own commitment in their lives.

This week is also National Reconciliation Week, and our student leaders have eagerly embraced the opportunity to bring this week to the attention of our school community, as it is important for all of us to acknowledge and celebrate the lives of Australia's First Nations people.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first National Reconciliation Week. In 2001, Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation. In the same year, approximately 300,000 people walked across Sydney Harbour Bridge as part of National Reconciliation Week-and subsequently across bridges in cities and towns-to show their support for reconciliation. Today, National Reconciliation Week is celebrated in workplaces, schools and early learning services, community organisations and groups, and by individuals Australia-wide.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. [WEBSITE](#)

Wednesday the 26th of May was National Sorry Day. National Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'.

In recognition of this all staff and students of the College took part in a minute of silence to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation. Students and staff also were engaged in discussion during Homeroom and LA time about the meaning of Sorry Day and the importance of all Australians working together to ensure an ongoing spirit of reconciliation and shared vision for our nation.

breathe
the Spirit of life (Rm 8:2)

PRAYER FOR NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Holy Father, God of love, you are the creator of this land and of all good things.

We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the suffering of our peoples- especially the grief of those who were taken, as children from their homes and families, taken from all they knew and loved.

We thank you for the survival of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love, forgive, and accept us.

Give us the courage to acknowledge the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures. Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land.

Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all peoples in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.

Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem in the ways of your Spirit.

May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our Nation.

AMEN



DRAMA



KATIE LEE

Productions Manager &

Year 12 Ensembles

For the first time in a number of years, Drama is now running at Year 12, which has meant our students have just completed their assessed performance for this year – which is an Ensemble Performance.

At the beginning of Term 1, the students were placed into small Ensemble groups (of either three or four) and given the stimulus prompt of “What is identity”? As a group, they researched ideas, films, quotes and even interviewed a number of staff and students at the College, to gain their understanding of what identity is.

Students scripted, rehearsed, refined and edited their own performance over a period of 14 weeks, which all culminated in a final performance held after school on Friday 14th May.

Each group’s performance went for a minimum of twenty minutes, and Eloisa Tripodi (a former Drama teacher of Lavalla) came in as a special guest assessor for the final performances. It was truly an amazing evening of Drama, and showcased just how much the students have grown and developed not only throughout the year, but also over the past four years throughout this subject. Thank you to everyone who allowed the students to interview them throughout this process. Special thanks to Sarah Brown, Monica Justin and Adriana Bianconi who all attended and assisted on the performance evening.

“The ensembles that our Drama class did were amazing! After a few weeks researching the theme of identity and creating our scripts, we were all able to memorize our lines and work together as a group to perform in front of a small audience. We worked so hard on these, and we’re really proud of the final performances.”

– Tahlia Webb

“Our ensembles were such a great way to showcase what we had been working so hard on for 14 weeks, and it was amazing to see how far we had all come from the beginning of the rehearsal process. We’re looking forward to doing this all again in Semester 2, with our Solos now.”

– Brittney Paulet



DRAMA

The Merger' - Drama Excursion

On Thursday 20th May the Year 12, 11 and 10 Drama classes all attended the highly acclaimed performance of 'The Merger' at Latrobe Performing Arts Centre.

'The Merger' is a one-man show, that tells the story of the Bodgy Creek Football Club, trying desperately to salvage their season and their club, from having to merge with local rivals Hudson's Flat Redbacks.

Damian Callinan convincingly played a wide variety of characters, ranging from head coach and player Troy, to 10-year old filmmaker Neil.

What was most interesting for the students, was that he continually broke the fourth wall of the stage, and treated the audience as if they were players on his football team, that he was trying to rev-up throughout the show. A few of our Drama students become unofficial 'characters' in the performance, which caused quite a few laughs.

We were fortunate enough after the show to also be able to participate in a Q&A with Callinan as well, where he answered the students' questions about performance and expressive skills, and the research he did to write the performance.

The feedback from the students was unanimous – the play was brilliant and a great opportunity for them to enjoy some live theatre again.



'The Merger' was so fun and a really good production. It was just so great to see live theatre again after so long. The best part about this performance was the fact that Damien Callinan made the audience members feel like they were a part of the actual show, breaking the fourth wall and talking to the audience. The performance was insightful and very enjoyable.

– Madeline Russell



CHESS

KATIE LEE

Productions Manager &
Cultural Coordinator



Gippsland Interschool Chess Online

This year the Gippsland Interschool Chess Tournament went online once again, giving students the chance to compete against a number of other students, from the other schools. Chess offers students the chance to participate in friendly competition and continually challenge themselves, whilst building a sense of community and comradery amongst players, which is a valuable opportunity for them.

Last Friday 21st May, twelve Lavalla students from a variety of year levels, competed in the online Chess tournament from St Paul's campus. Adorn Sebastian Siju, Jeordie Turner, Lucas Last, Daniel McDonagh, Nicholas Cassar, Shelby Dalton, Malachi Sanders, Keiron Halliwell, Lucy Barnes, Ryan Jones, Kody Butterworth and Luke Monk all played a number of different games throughout the day against students from different schools in the Gippsland region. The day started off with a Zoom meeting, explaining all of the rules and guidelines, and then players rotated through online games

The students represented the College proudly, with Adorn Sebastian Siju finishing the day as our highest seeded player. Thank you to Mr Shane Lebbe who supervised and assisted the students throughout the day.

Congratulations to all twelve students on an amazing effort, and we encourage them to keep honing their skills in preparation for the next tournament.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



SUE PICKETT
Learning Area Leader



The Religious Education classes have been buzzing with many different activities so far this year and some exceptional work has been produced.

The Year 8 classes were set the task of creating a box of information on one of the Catholic Social Teachings. They presented their information on the outside and created a symbol to represent their Catholic Social Teaching, inside the box.

All Year 9 classes worked in small groups to research a Saint and create an interactive display. All classes then participated in a Saint's Expo where they walked around viewing all of the displays while completing a Saintly Passport on each Saint. They had the opportunity to talk to the creators of each display and ask questions to increase their knowledge.

The Year 7 classes started the year off with how they belong to Lavalla and our Marist family. They all created a belonging tree for their classrooms and participated in a Fact Finding Mission around the school to learn about the history of Lavalla.

The choir, under the guidance of Mr Lebbe have been preparing for our Champagnat Mass and as you can see by the photo were eager participants at rehearsal at 10 to 7 in the morning. Well done to all and we all look forward to hearing them at our upcoming Mass.



DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY



PAUL ANTONOPOULOS

St Paul's Campus Leader

Dolly Everette was a 14-year-old girl from the Northern Territory, who tragically took her own life due to relentless cyber bullying. Her parents then went on to create the 'Dolly's Dream Foundation' spreading a national message raising awareness of all types of bullying, particularly a strong anti-bullying message. This year, the national 'Do it for Dolly Day' was held on the 14th of

May. Our ambition was to spread this message throughout our college encouraging all students to recognise the effects of bullying and how it can be prevented.

Dolly's story had a great impact on us as leaders and we felt it paramount to share the message with the wider Lavalla family. We thought that the message of, 'speak, even if your voice shakes' resonated with the students at the college. We felt it was important to acknowledge this day and her memory as well as continuing our anti-bullying campaign which started with the National Day of Action assembly earlier this semester. To ensure that this message is revisited, a 'Do it for Dolly Day drawing competition' was established. We called on students to unleash their creativity and create drawings, as Dolly did, that would carry the anti-bullying message our college believes in.

ELLY FLEMING

St Paul's Campus Leader



ANASTASIA DAY

St Paul's Campus Leader

This year, the campus leaders decided to put together an anti-bullying awareness initiative. To bring attention to Dolly's message and story we created a drawing competition. The competition is to bring out the artistic side of our students, to put together a thoughtful and artistic drawing to raise awareness of bullying and the effect it has on the people around us. This motivates students to start a conversation about bullying and the need for kindness and appreciation in our society and Lavalla community. We can't wait to see everyone's drawing and to pick a winner.

Along with the work for Do it for Dolly Day, our school has been working hard to spread awareness about bullying and its effects on our community. Last term we participated in events like backflips against bullying, a presentation about how the many types of bullying and what to do if you or someone you know is being bullied. We also held an assembly last term, run by our campus leaders, which helped explain bullying. It focussed on what was happening around us and that we have the power to make our school an inclusive and supportive environment for all students.

MIA TOSIN

St Paul's Campus Leader



**Drawing competition closes
Friday 28th May.**

See SIMON notices for details.

LIBRARY NEWS



JANNET TAYLORE
Library Leader

The air is getting colder, but the libraries at both campuses are warm and inviting. With opening hours for the STPs library from 8:15 am to 4 pm daily, and the Kildare library open Monday to Thursday, 8:15 am to 5:30 pm, and Friday's 8:15 am to 3 pm, there is always a warm place to retreat to.

The junior campus library has been a hive of activity recently, with all tables at lunch full with students playing games, reading or catching up with friends. For students wishing a quieter environment for reading or study, we have made a seminar room available. There are also plans in the works for a miniature painting club; watch this space.



The IT team has been sharing some old tech with the students at STPs, creating displays of retro gaming devices and an exploded view of an old Dell laptop. These displays are providing some great conversation amongst the students.

Over at the senior campus, new tables and chairs have been installed, providing a more welcoming space with specific zones for quiet study, collaborative learning and socialising. The campus leaders recently organised a chess tournament that was well attended with competitive fierce. So successful there maybe others planned for the future.



HEALTH CORNER



ASHLEIGH THAIN
School Nurse



When you are feeling Unwell....

There are many reasons we can be feeling unwell other than an illness. Fatigue (tiredness), poor nutrition, stress, or over doing it in sport or extra-curricular activities can all contribute to your body performing worse than it should.

Serious signs to look out for are;

- Fever. Any temperature above 38C is considered a fever. Any fever that can't be treated by paracetamol or Ibuprofen and lasts more than 48hrs requires medical review
- Change in your stool. No not the kitchen stool. Your POO! Too hard or too soft and runny are signs that your body is not well. Make sure you look every time
- Pain when you wee, or any funny smells
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Any pain that does not go away

Remember to eat well, get lots of sleep, and drink plenty of fresh water to help your body prepare and repair itself. Your body is very good at this, but it needs your help to fuel it.



FORMATION MATTERS



CHRIS ROGA

Formation Co-Ordinator

It is vitally important to know who we are: the best and the worst aspects of ourselves ... and all others in-between. When we embrace the reality of ourselves, we embrace our 'oneness', our specialness.

Spare me perfection.
Give me instead the wholeness
that comes from embracing the
full reality of who I am, just as I am.

—David G. Benner

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When we learn to love ourselves, are open to loving others. We create wholeness and harmony. The cosmos is a harmony, not perfection, a wholeness that includes difference. The cosmos abhors uniformity. The wildflowers are all different; the scent of the violet does not diminish the beauty of the rose; a symphony would be awful if only trumpets played – not that I have anything against trumpets.

How can we be whole? Listen to the harmony of the cosmos; of nature; of beauty. Be still and silent; you will sense your wholeness, peace, the connection between the fragments of yourself. You may even feel that you are connected to something larger than yourself, with the humanity, or with nature. Trust the power of love.

National Reconciliation Week 2021: 27 May – 3 JUNE

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We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures

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To find out more information, activities and events in which you can participate, go to the [WEBSITE](#)



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the Spirit of life (Rm 8:2)

MUSIC



SHANE LEBBE
Director Of Music

This week our Music Department has welcomed our new Secretary of Music, Carly Marsland, into our community. Carly brings a breadth of experience to the role and we are really looking forward to working alongside her. As usual, please feel free to get in touch with us on music@lavalla.vic.edu.au if you have any question or would like any assistance.

As Term 2 draws to a close we are looking forward to our upcoming Soiree Evenings. These nights are wonderful performance opportunities for our instrumental and vocal students to showcase the great work they are doing in their music lessons in a warm and supported environment.

We encourage all of our students to perform at these evenings as a soloist, in small groups or with their teachers.



Event	Location	Time	Date
Woodwind Soiree	St Paul's Lecture Theatre	6:00pm – 7:00pm	16th June, 2021
Vocal Soiree	St Paul's Lecture Theatre	6:00pm – 7:00pm	17th June, 2021
Brass, Bass and Percussion Soiree	St Paul's Lecture Theatre	6:00pm – 7:00pm	23rd June, 2021

On Sunday the 16th of May our Music Support Group hosted a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, raising funds to contribute to the purchase of some new equipment for our Music Department. Thank you to all who supported on the day and to Lana Barnes, Melody Paulet and Darcy Whitty for performing to the hungry crowds lining up. Our support group's next fund raising initiative will be a Krispy Kreme drive! We are now taking orders until Friday the 4th of June and if you would like to make a purchase please print the notice over the page and return it to our Music Department or College Reception by Friday the 4th of June – payment details are available of the order form.



SPORTS



DWAYNE TIBBALLS

Sport Co-Ordinator

With no Marist Basketball Carnival for 2021, we entered our Marist Basketball teams in the Victorian College Championships where they travelled to Boronia to compete in the qualifying tournament at the Knox Basketball Stadium on Tuesday, May 11.

Both senior girls and boys teams were represented across many year levels with some very talented athletes getting the opportunity to compete at the elite level.

The two teams were entered in Division 2 as neither team breached the points rule for Division 1 and they both displayed some decent standard of play throughout the day.

The girls won through to the semi-finals in comfortable fashion and even

defeated a Division 1 team, Templestowe

College, in the preliminary games before dispensing of Catholic Ladies College, Eltham (40-18) in the Grand Final of the tournament.

The boys had to overcome a couple of tough opponents in their bid to qualify for the Finals Day but eventually got over the line. Alkira Secondary College, Cranbourne was a huge obstacle to get past as they trailed them by 10 points early in the second half of their Final. The boys rallied with a 17-0 run to close out the contest to record an amazing come-from-behind win to advance to the Finals Day.





We are selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts to raise money for the **Lavalla Catholic College Music Support Group**. This group subsidizes the cost of excursions, uniforms and musical equipment for the choirs and bands of Lavalla Catholic College.

Krispy Kreme **Original Glazed®** sell for \$ 19 per dozen

Krispy Kreme **Classic Assorted** sell for \$23 per dozen

Ask your friends! They may like to share a dozen between them.

Order forms to be returned to your campus office by Tuesday 4th June

Doughnuts will arrive on Tuesday 22nd June : Collect between 2.45pm and 3.45pm

**** Please tick which campus you will be collecting your donuts ****

- ☐ St Paul's Campus, Music Centre
- ☐ Kildare Campus, Music Centre

Student name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Year level: _____

Payment can be made via direct debit to:

BSB: 063-530

Account: 1017 9159

PLEASE ENSURE YOU USE YOUR NAME AS A REFERENCE IF PAYING VIA DIRECT DEBIT

Customer Name, address (optional) & phone number	Quantity of Original Glazed dozen (\$19 per dozen)	Quantity of Classic Assorted Dozen * (\$23 per dozen)	Total Cost
TOTAL ENCLOSED			\$

**Classic Assorted Dozen contains the following doughnuts: 6 x Original Glazed, 2 x Choc Iced 2 x Strawberry Iced, 2 x Choc Iced with Sprinkles.*

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORMS AND MONEY TO: CARLY MARSLAND (MUSIC DEPARTMENT)