



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

10 June 2004

Dear Parents,

### Uniform Issues

I need to raise with you some clarifications about the Uniform. Staff members on all campuses are working hard at this. However it is a thankless task and one where we really appreciate the co-operation of parents and students.

There is reasonable compliance with the items required by the Uniform Regulations. Students at St Paul's Campus and Presentation Campus are using the College pullover/jumper as their outer garment. The sports uniform with the College rugby top is in evidence.

The Kilt is meant to be below the knees. The kilt has generally lasted well, depending on growth. We note however that there are some who are shortening the kilt and some who have taken it to a seamstress to shorten it. This is unacceptable.

Compliance with the wearing of the blazer on the Kildare is improving. There are still some notable exceptions and we would like to see an improvement there.

The outer garment in winter should be the Blazer or the College pullover. A shirt is not an acceptable outer garment in winter

Caps and beanies are not acceptable part of the uniform in winter.

It is disappointing to see so many shirts out. I have asked staff to be more vigilant in this thankless task of requiring shirts to be tucked inside the trousers or kilts. I appeal to those habitual offenders to do the right thing and present themselves a bit more neatly. I think that they are letting everyone down by adopting such a cavalier attitude about their presentation.

*Br Julian Casey*  
*Principal*

## PRESENTATION CAMPUS

On Saturday night, the 5 June, the Parent Support Group conducted the annual Trivia Night. It was attended by 75 parents, past students and members of the Moe and Newborough Parish (Father Manny and Father John attended). The evening was a great success. Approximately \$750 was raised. My thanks to Carol Wilson and her team and to Mr. Crawford for acting as MC on the evening.

We are privileged to have the support of such a dedicated group of parents.

Enrolments are coming in. The numbers for next year are nearly finalized. If you have not submitted forms for next year please do so immediately and/or advise others of the need to do so.

My congratulations to Kristen Ruddell and Anthony Vandersteen who received the Lions Encouragement Award on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at a ceremony held at the Moe Town Hall. Well done to these students.

Reports are in the process of being finalized for Semester 2. This Friday is a Student Free Day and Report Writing Day for all staff. Interviews will be held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June from 4.00 to 7.30pm and on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00 to 12.00 noon. I would encourage all parents to make the best possible use of these interview sessions. Students will be bring home Interview Sheets next week. Reports will be given out on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Chris O'Brien*  
**HEAD OF CAMPUS**

## ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Next week Mrs Jo Said will have her twenty-five years of service to Catholic education recognised at a ceremony in Sale. We congratulate her and thank her for the dedication and care she has shown students at this College for many years.

### **Football**

Congratulations to the Boys' Yr 7-9 Football Team who acquitted themselves well and the Girls Yr 7-9 Football team who won the recent football competition held in Sale.

### **LOTE**

Some of the Yr 9 LOTE students are making visits to our feeder primary schools to work on Italian games and activities with the students there. This

enhances the learning for both sides and we are grateful to the primary schools for the welcome they offer the Yr 9 students.

### **Singing**

During the week the vocal students held their annual concert. This was a wonderful evening. Each student took the stage and sang to a most appreciative audience. I commend them all for their talents and the ability to take centre stage with such grace. It was also wonderful to see the way the students encouraged and supported each other. Congratulations to John Landers for his work with these talented young people.

## **Reports**

Please be aware that given the detailed nature of the reports going home they will have no box to indicate that a teacher would like an interview. In cases where a teacher feels that an interview is vital they will place a sticker in your child's

planner, otherwise it is assumed that you and your child will choose which teachers to see. Please ensure that your son or daughter attends the interviews; it's important that they hear directly any praise or any information, which will make them more effective learners.

*Kindness in words creates confidence*

*Kindness in thinking creates profoundness*

*Kindness in giving creates love.--Lao-tzu*

*Lee McKenzie  
Head of St Paul's Campus*

## **KILDARE CAMPUS**

### **Year 11 Examination Period**

During the week of June 15 – 18 all Year 11 students will be presenting for the Semester I Exams. There will also be a Year 11 English, and a Year 10 Mathematics Exam conducted today, Thursday, June 10. The Exams are compulsory and will be arranged around the usual daily timetable. Students who do not have an exam on a particular day will be required at school where classes will run as normal. Teachers will no doubt be spending much of the week in preparing their students for exams by revising, honing skills and delivering subtle hints and tips for the exams in their subject areas.

It is important that the examination period is taken very seriously. It is good practice for the Year 11 students to sit exams, as they will be faced with the prospect of exams when they reach Year 12 in just a few short months. Parents may be of great help to their daughters and sons, not only by showing interest in the Examination Timetable and wishing them luck on the day of an exam, but also in a very practical way, by ensuring that their daughters and sons have pens and spare pens, pencils,

erasers, rulers, that batteries are renewed in calculators if necessary, that a suitable study environment is created at home and they have plenty of sleep leading up to the examination period.

The best way to eliminate the stress and anxiety that can be created around exams is to be very well prepared. The wise student (and parent) does not underestimate the importance of preparation for the exams.

### **CAS Basketball Competition**

Following on from the preliminary zone basketball competition, two College teams made it through to the Catholic All Schools (CAS) finals on Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> in Bendigo. Each team competed against the winner of the other three Victorian zones with the top two teams playing off in the grand final.

The junior girls lost their first game to Bendigo (17 to 26) but beat their other two competitors (38 to 12 and 28 to 23) to set up a rematch in the grand final with the home team. Unfortunately the girls' shots just would not drop in the final and they ended up losing. Well-done girls.

*Kildare Campus (contd....)*

Special thank you to Mrs. Rhonda Waanders for her expert coaching and to Jenny Jennings for scoring and acting as team manager for the day.

As a result of injury and illness the senior team went away with only 7 players but were still quietly confident after their prior form in the Marist Carnival and CAS preliminary competitions. The girls played well as a team and despite lacking height against some much taller opposition went through the pool rounds

undefeated and won the final against Catholic College Wodonga 42 to 31.

The girls now progress through to the State All School's final next term. If they win the next stage they will play in the Championship division of the Australian All Schools Basketball competition in Albury in December. Thank you to Ms Joyce for coaching the girls.

*Peter Schneider  
Head of Kildare Campus*

**CALENDAR DATES**

<b>Fri. 11</b>	<b>Report Writing Day – Student Free Day</b>
<b>Mon 14</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Holiday</b>
<b>Thu. 17</b>	<b>Parent Support Auxiliary Meeting (St Paul's Campus)</b>
<b>Sun. 20</b>	<b>Marist Netball Championships commence, Forbes NSW</b>
<b>Tue. 22</b>	<b>Showcasing our Curriculum: 11.00am to 1.00pm</b>
<b>Wed 23</b>	<b>End of Semester Reports Distributed</b>
<b>Thu. 24</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Interviews: 4.00 to 7.30pm</b> <b>Term 2 classes conclude 3.30pm</b>
<b>Fri. 25</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Interviews – 10am to 12noon</b>

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>	<b>Presentation</b>
Tue. 15 June	V Winwood	D Webb, H VanBerkel	C Risol
Wed. 16 June	J Bell, B Koedijk	P Radovich, D Hall	G Fiddelaers
Thu. 17 June	D Buckley, D Leatham	M Johnson, R Freeman	K Drowley
Fri. 18 June	C Battista, D Berryman K Manson	P Atkinson, C Barry	I Koolen

**ADVANCE NOTICE  
ST KEIRAN'S EXPO  
27 JUNE**

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