



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

9 June 2005

Dear Parents,

One of the challenges we face at the College is developing a sense of unity across the three Campuses and among so many families. Much of the structure of the College is designed to achieve this. We need unity among the students and staff and between staff members and parents. We cannot build unity in a day or even a month. It takes more time to achieve trust, respect friendship and the other important factors that help us function together.

Unity is essential to the strength, effectiveness and overall success of the College. If we aren't unified we may survive; but we will never reach our full potential as a College. When groups don't work together, the meaning of what they are trying to accomplish becomes lost. If the group does work as a team, getting to that final goal is much easier, less stressful and more fun. It helps if everyone is working together to achieve a common goal. A shared purpose may seem like a very basic concept but it is the foundation to building unity.

As we approach the last part of Term 2, it helps to be reminded that we are all working together for the good of the students at a time when staff are undertaking corrections, assessment and reporting on what has been achieved this semester. We usually experience a healthy partnership as parents and staff work together to ensure that standards and achievements are understood and that everyone gets a sense of what has been achieved and what remains to be achieved.

*Br Julian Casey*  
*Principal*

### ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Last week's winners of the campus raffle are **Skye Hammer and Jabez Webb** both of whom are great examples of students who present themselves well and who have great manners. We hope they enjoy the movie tickets. It is delightful to be able to recognise our well-behaved, well-dressed students in this way.

#### **Student Volunteers**

A number of students involved in the Duke of Edinburgh program are involved

in 'service' activities. These students are inspiring when they speak so positively of helping others and trying to add to our community. In the same way it is uplifting to see our young people as altar servers, commentators, readers and ministers of the Eucharist in our parish churches. Obviously all these young people understand that the world will be a better place through their activities.

*St Paul's (contd....)*

### **Pupil Free Day 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Please remember that after this date all student work will be shown on next term's report and will count towards semester 2 results. The last two weeks of school are as important academically as any other weeks.

### **Parent Teacher Student Interviews**

#### **23 June**

For these interviews to be of help all the partners in your child's learning need to be present. Your child needs to be there to hear praise or helpful comments, which will lead to further success.

### **"How The West Was Warped"**

Tickets to the show are now on sale, \$7 per adult, \$5 per child. Many hours of hard work have gone into this production. Please take the time on 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00pm, to give these students your encouragement.

*"Children are educated by what the grown-up is and not by his talk."-- Carl Jung*

*Lee McKenzie  
Head of St Paul's Campus*

## **PRESENTATION CAMPUS**

On Wednesday all **Year 8 students attended a Reconciliation Rite**. Father Manny Lamagno, Father John Dunlea and Father Bernie O'Brien were available for all Year 8 students to either receive Reconciliation or a Blessing after the short Prayer Service and Reflection.

On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> all **Year 8's will be attending Mass** at St. Kieran's Parish Church at 9.15am. In the afternoon on that day Year 9's will be given the opportunity to attend Reconciliation.

My thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Fredrickson for the organisation of this sacrament and to the Priests of the Newborough and Moe Parishes for their support of the Religious Education Program at this Campus.

### **Coming Events:**

The **Year 8's** will be going to St. Paul's Campus for a **Medieval Day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June**. This day will be a 'hands on' approach to the topic of Medieval History currently being taught in SOSE.

Our **Year 7's** will be travelling to Traralgon for '**Polaroid Retreat in the Park**'.

This is part of the Year 7 RE program and involves our Buddies in Year 9. This is happening on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June. Students need to wear their PE gear and provide drinks and nibbles. Information regarding this activity will be sent home next week.

### **Designs on "LIFENITE" - June 2005**

Last week some Year 7 and 8 students were asked to participate in designing posters for the new 'Lifenite' Youth drop-in centre at St. Kieran's. It was difficult to choose the most innovative and artistic poster from each group, as they were all very good.

Congratulations to Melissa Larkins (Yr. 7) and Paul Ryan (Yr. 8) who excelled themselves in their poster designs. In the next week all finished posters will be displayed around the school to help promote "Lifenite". A big thankyou to all students who participated. (Josephine O'Donnell, Art Teacher)

*Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.*

*Chris O'Brien  
HEAD OF CAMPUS*

## KILDARE CAMPUS

### **Year 10 & 11 Examination Period:**

During the week of June 14 – 17 all Year 11 students will be presenting for the Semester I exams. There will also be a Year 11 English Exam conducted on Thursday, June 9. Year 10 will also have exams during the week and will conclude their exam period on Monday, June 20 with a Science exam after Recess.

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. Year 10 students will benefit from some longer-range practice in examination technique as well. 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 they 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.

*Peter Schneider*  
*Head of Kildare Campus*

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

We have just finished a week of fine performances in the music department. Nearly all of our Kildare Campus musicians had the opportunity to show their talents in a variety of ways.

Last Monday evening our vocalists performed to impress at our regular vocal recital evening. These fine young musicians performed with consummate skill and musicality and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Over the following two evenings the remainder of our Years 11 and 12 music performance classes each performed a ten

minute recital as part of their assessment for their VCE. Both were wonderful evenings and a fine showcase of the talent and commitment that our students have.

The three consecutive evenings of performances involved over forty students.

### **Kodaly Music Festival**

To end our week our Senior Choir travelled to the Robert Blackwood Hall at Monash University in Clayton to perform as part of the Kodaly Choral Festival. This prestigious event is held every two years and invites only the finest choirs in the state to perform.

*Music News (contd....)*

Lavalla was one of the few proud school based choirs to be represented. Any performance that involves choral groups such as the National Children's Choir of Australia, the Victorian College of the Arts School Choir and the Young Voices of Melbourne is destined to be an event to savour for all audience members and the performances from all choirs was a testament to this.

Lavalla Catholic College stood proudly alongside these groups and more and performed with distinction. The feedback we received from other conductors commented particularly on the rich blend of voices within our group and particularly singled out the strength of our male voices. The ninety members of our choir performed with distinction and proudly represented Lavalla.

*Shane Reid  
Director of Music*

**Education Forum For Parents**

Our next meeting is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at the St Paul's Campus Resource Centre (ISC) commencing at 7.30pm

After a short meeting we have our **Careers Advisor -Trish Johnston** speaking to us on how best to help our children with career choice

Career decisions, especially when they have little or no idea what they want to do, are a problem for a lot of young people.

I am sure this night would benefit many parents and you are most welcome to come along.

Norma Bellerby  
President

**KILDARE CAMPUS CANTEEN**

It would be greatly appreciated if you could assist in the Canteen on any of the following Term 3 days:

Monday 18 July, Monday 1 August, Friday 5 August, Monday 8 August, Thursday 18 August, Friday 19 August, Monday 29 August, Thursday 1 September and Monday 12 September.

**Secondhand Uniform Shop**

**Thursday 16 June between 3.30 and 4.30pm, St Paul's Campus**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>
Tue 14 June	P Johnston, I Gregson	S Prosser, help wanted
Wed 15 June	R Crowle, help wanted	S Hillier, T Sloan
Thu 16 June	M Johnston, help wanted	M Wojciechowski, A Scully
Fri 17 June	C Bruzzese, R Gillow, help wanted	A Fogarty, C Barry

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