



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

28 May 2004

Dear Parents,

The issue of reconciliation with aboriginal people is highlighted this week and is a major challenge for us all, particularly in the present climate.

Some of our recent TV reality shows project a picture of isolated individuals in ruthless competition to get ahead of other isolated individuals. In stark contrast the aboriginal image of humankind is of a social reality in which neither seeks nor prizes competitive individuality.

We, non-indigenous Australians, have much to learn from aboriginal people on how to direct attention to the group or community and not to regard those around us as alien competitors. As active Christians we need to be reconciling people, by being open to what these people have to offer us and by working against all manner of social structures which discriminate against them.

*Br Julian Casey*  
*Principal*

### ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

In light of recent media focus on schools as dangerous places it could leave a person thinking that teenagers are feral beings. Nothing could be further from the truth. Look at the wonderful things that young people do: play sport with passion, give vitality to youth groups and schools, work with the disadvantaged, to list just a few. This week students representing this College travelled all the way to Bendigo in the early hours of the morning to play basketball. Our students make some terrific contributions to a positive school community.

#### **Congratulations**

It seems to be an established fact that **Courtney French**, 7.1, is one of the best talkers in the school. Recently Courtney participated in the Sale Eisteddfod and came home with a bag of trophies. She received Junior Championship Recital, two first and

two third places as well as most memorable character special award.

My thanks and congratulations to all the students who attended the recent Yr 9 and Yr 7 excursions. Teachers came back with glowing reports of great behaviour and genuinely enjoyable and interesting days. It is worth noting that entry to the National Gallery is free and as the Yr 7's only viewed the Antiquities area, you make like to follow this up with a family visit.

#### **Rubbish**

We are concerned about the level of rubbish in the yard. It would be helpful if some thought could be given to the level of packaging that seems to be the norm. The plastic trays with cheese and dips, chip cylinders etc add enormously to the rubbish. Naturally it would be best if the items were placed in bins however some students have difficulty with this, and just like at home, we all end up having to clean up the mess.

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

**Enthusiasm is the divine particle in our composition: with it we are great, generous, and true; without it, we are little, false, and mean ... L. E. Landon (*Ethel Churchill*)**

*Lee McKenzie  
Head of St Paul's Campus*

**ALL Year 9 students will be sitting their mid-year SOSE exam on  
Tuesday 1st of June during Periods 1 and 2**

### **PRESENTATION CAMPUS**

Last week all Grade 6 students from St. Mary's and St. Kieran's visited our campus. Our Year 7 students acted as buddies for the duration of the tour. The Lavalla Promotional Video was shown, they listened to presentations from two of our students Simon Tatlow (Yr.7) and Nikki Wulffers (Yr.9), learnt about the courses and extra curricular activities offered at this Campus and finished the visit with a guided tour of the facilities.

The closing date for Enrolments is the 28<sup>th</sup> May.

On Thursday evening last week about 160 primary school students from St. Mary's and St. Kieran's attended the Bratz Disco.

Approximately 70 Preps to Grade 2's attended from 4.30 to 6.00pm and 90 Grade 3's to 6's from 6.30 till 9.00pm. The event was an outstanding success. My thanks to the Bratz Committee - Michelle and Leanne Carter, Megan Hasthorpe, Laura Borthwick and Jessica Bortignon. To the parents Mrs Hasthorpe, Mrs Carter, Mrs Bortignon and Mrs Borthwick who assisted on the night. Congratulations to the Year 9 Project teachers Mrs Bianconi and Mrs Allen for their support of the event.

Another successful Year 9 Project was the Mother's Day Raffle. The girls have included the following article:-

Kristen Ruddell, Abbey Forte, Brennagh McKenzie, Krystal Smith and Kellie Dabkowski recently organized a raffle for Mother's Day as part of their Year 9 Project group. They would like to say a 'big thank you' to all their kind and generous sponsors from the Moe area. The Raffle raised \$160.00, which will be donated to both Baringa School and the Marist Mission.

On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> June our Parent Support Group is holding the annual Trivia Night at the College. The evening starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at the Office. It would be a great night and all are encouraged to attend.

With Reports about 4 weeks away it is essential that you assist your son or daughter to complete all work requirements and assessment tasks. If you have any questions regarding any aspect of your child's academic needs please contact the College.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and  
Compassionate Hearts

*Chris O'Brien, Head of Campus*

### **KILDARE CAMPUS**

#### **Year 11 Retreats:**

The Year 11 Retreat Program has concluded with Delany House Retreat taking place earlier this week. The theme of the Retreat Program focussed on the individual and the masks we use that hide our true selves from others. I

attended each of the Retreats and observed the students enjoying the entire experience. Many told me that the Retreat was not what they had imagined it would be. The program is an excellent introduction to the Year 12 Retreat that will take place early next year.

I would like to thank **Mr. Hansen** and **Mr. Kelly** for the organisation of the Retreats and to thank the House Coordinators, Homeroom Mentors, Teachers and friends of the College who acted as life group leaders. It is not without some significant personal sacrifice that the staff provides this opportunity for their students. And finally, a big thank-you to all the students without whose cooperation the Retreats would not have been such a success.

**GCSSSA Athletics Carnival:**

The College hosted the GCSSSA Athletics Carnival at the Moe athletics track on Tuesday May 11, where our best performers from the interschool sports carnival competed against students from Sale Catholic College, Nagle College and St. Anne’s and Gippsland Grammar. The carnival was highly competitive, and very well organised, with all athletes competing to their best ability.

Lavalla’s outstanding performances on the day from were from **Mary Corponi, Michaila Hutchinson, Jason Katiforis, Melanie Walden** and **Christopher Barrett** – all taking home a win from their respective events, whilst competing in many throughout the day. **Oliver Caffrey** – 100m (12.39sec), **Braydon Dunne** - 800m (2:26.48sec), **Emma Doderico** - High Jump (1.42m) and **Caitlin Mitchell** - High Jump (1.45m) did our school proud by entering the record books with excellent results from their events.

St. Anne’s and Gippsland Grammar were too strong, taking the trophy. The final team scores for the day were – 1<sup>st</sup> STAGGS 1978.5, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sale Catholic College 1326.5, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nagle College 1246 and 4<sup>th</sup> Lavalla Catholic College 1129.

*Peter Schneider  
Head of Kildare Campus*

**PARENTS SUPPORT AUXILIARY**

Last week saw the Annual General Meeting of the **Parents Support Auxiliary**. This is the group which oversees the running of the Second-hand Uniform shop every third Thursday of the month and also runs the second-hand book sale at the end of the year.

This is a small but vital group, sometimes with as few as 5-6 members. Both their activities are of great service to the parents, who are able to minimise costs by purchasing good quality second-hand goods, and to the College. It’s worth noting the following:

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Total Receipts	64,452	\$78,193
Profit	\$21,838	\$18,534

Many of these ladies will be ending their association with the College at the end of the year and are keen to ‘train’ their replacements. Naturally it’s important to

keep both services going, both for the convenience of the parents and for the students for whom the ladies raise funds.

*Lee McKenzie*

**PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

The next meeting of Parents and Friends will be held on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** at the Resource Centre (Library) at St Paul’s Campus starting at 7.30pm.

gave Parents & Friends members a tour of the refurbished Stoddart Block.

A special thankyou to **Mary McNamara** and **Sandy Francois** (School Counsellors) for the informative and interesting talk at our last meeting. Thanks also to **Lee McKenzie** who

If you are unable to attend the meetings but would like a copy of the minutes or any further details please do not hesitate to contact either chairperson, Jenny or Felicetta.

*Jenny Hansch 5122 1684  
Felicetta Kile 5166 1480*

## CANTEEN ROSTER

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>	<b>Presentation</b>
Mon 31 May	G Edebohls, J Hartley	A Zaghet, L Barrett	I Bramstedt
Tue. 1 June	C Deering, A Zaghet	J Hansch, J Stratford	T Brown
Wed. 2 June	C Bruzzese, H Stoddart	M Tomkins, M Leahy	C Wilson
Thu. 3 June	C Barry, M Johnston	D Leatham, S Carrigy	M VanLambaart
Fri. 4 June	M Byl, M Lafferty, L Mills	P Johnston, K Manson	K Shaw



## EXCITING NEWS! YOUTH ALPHA

After much preparation and planning an ALPHA course designed especially for youth aged between 12 and 21 years is being planned for June to September. The Catholic parishes of the Latrobe Valley are working together to make this excellent course available to our youth. The ALPHA course has been attended by over 5 million people worldwide, many of them young people.

An introductory night is planned for Friday, 25 June commencing at 7.30pm in the Tennis Club Rooms (behind the Sacred Heart Church, Morwell). All teenagers are extended a warm invitation to come along and see what ALPHA is all about!!

### Calendar Dates for Coming Week

<b>May</b>	
<b>Mon. 31</b>	<b>Year 12 Drama Presentation Evening Year 12 Careers &amp; Tertiary Courses Expo (1.00-3.30pm)</b>
<b>June</b>	
<b>Tue 1</b>	<b>CAS Cross Country Championships, Bendigo Kildare Campus Photos</b>
<b>Wed 2</b>	<b>Exam Preparation Workshops – Kildare</b>
<b>Sat. 5</b>	<b>Presentation Parent Support Group Trivia Night: 7.30pm</b>

### PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

On 26 May each year, the anniversary of Sorry Day, the Journey of Healing is commemorated in events throughout the country. It is a day when Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians come together, remember the harm done and commit themselves to healing the wounds.

Let us pray for healing:

As the people of Australia, coming from many different places but speaking with one voice, we make a commitment to journey together. We recognise the gift of each other's presence. We value the unique status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples as the original custodians of traditional lands and waters. We express our sorrow at the injustices of the past and those happening now. With God's help, may all Australians walk together in reconciliation, peace and unity. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord and Healer. Amen.

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