

LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Desk

Dear parents and staff

I extend to you all a warm **welcome back** to the scholastic year and in particular to all the new families and new staff who have joined our College for the first time. The start of each year brings with it a sense of anticipation, aspirations and hope for the year ahead and the excitement was very evident in the chatter and laughter we shared during those first days last week. We especially welcome our new cohort of year 7 students, who were just delightful on their first day and it was uplifting to witness the warm exchanges between 'old' friends as students came through the gates. We are happy to say – we are open for business again and that the College is in high spirits.

We also assure **Mrs Leanne Mills**, the newly appointed Campus Director of the Presentation Campus, of our support and welcome. She has already noticed the sense of ownership and connectedness that the students have to the campus and she comes ready to work with and be a part of the dynamic Newborough and Moe communities. Mrs Mills is a very talented leader and comes to us with many years of experience in Catholic Education. I am sure she would appreciate your efforts in introducing yourselves when next you visit the Campus.

New Staff

We are also delighted to welcome to the College our new and returning members of staff:

Teachers:

Mrs Leanne Mills	Presentation Campus	Campus Director
Mr John Edwards	Kildare Campus	Nagle House Co-ordinator
Ms Suzanne Farley	Kildare Campus	Curriculum Team Member
Mrs Adele Zomer	Kildare Campus	(VCAL and Gifted Ed)
Ms Gloria Zahra	St Paul's Campus	(Returning)
Mrs Mini Verghese	St Paul's Campus	(Returning)

Support Staff:

Miss Laura Joyce	St Paul's Campus	Sports Trainee
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Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholarship programme

We are delighted to announce and congratulate **Matthew Bogan** and **Anthony Lawn** (Year 11) and **Nicole Bortignon** and **Kirsten Larkins** (Year 12), as this year's recipients of the Kwong Lee Dow scholarship. These four students were selected from 2,600 applications and will enter into a programme that will support and enhance their senior years.

Welcome Evening for new Families

Last Thursday night we officially welcomed all new families to the College. The evening was important for us because it gave us an opportunity to also highlight our future developments and the significant role played by our parent volunteer groups. It was wonderful to feel the strong sense of partnership, support and co-operation that was engendered from this social evening.

Information regarding the Year 7 camps for both the Presentation and St Paul's students was also made available to all families.

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Year 12 Retreat

Each year we say it and each year it is true that the students appreciated the opportunity to reflect on their lives and to find ways to be closer to God. Having a retreat so early in the term is a gentle way to begin what is potentially a stressful year for the Year 12s and they return confident that they can face the challenges of the year ahead. More importantly, students are affirmed of their abilities and their potential by their parents and retreat leaders. Students also learn to reflect on their personal lives, relate socially with their peers and their teachers and perhaps remember how different life can be without the electronic gadgets that seem to occupy so much of their time. For all these reasons we are able to say that the retreat experiences have always been successful and this year is no exception.

Desperate Call for Canteen Assistance

Our canteen mangers *Mrs Margaret Gogerly* and *Mrs Ivana Koolen* very much rely on parental support for the daily operation of the canteen. Without parental support the situation is desperate. A group of 60 mums, dads or grandparents are essential if we are to provide a full service on each of the **three Campuses**. Less than this will mean a reduction in service and possible closure-times.

The hours are 10.10 am - 2.30 pm only twice a term. However, if due to other commitments it were only possible for you to attend at Recess or Lunchtime, your assistance would still be greatly appreciated.

Please complete the form on page 3 and return as soon as possible to the appropriate Campus Director.

Enews for Lavalla

From the beginning of Term 2, the College's fortnightly Newsletter will **only be available on the website**. We are asking parents to register on-line, on the "Site Update" mailing list section. Parents will then receive notification via email that a new newsletter has been posted. The Next fortnightly newsletter will provide more information about the process of registering on-line.

Best wishes for the year ahead

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal

Year 12 Retreat



Readak Announcement

Dear Parents

In April 2008, we are hosting a special reading and study skills program to be conducted by Readak Educational Services for years 7-12. We are encouraging all parents and students to give this advanced learning course serious consideration and to read carefully the information provided to each family.

Readak is a prominent and respected company, based in the Boston area of the U.S. and in Sydney, which has offered their course at private schools across the U.S. and internationally, including several schools in Australia. They will be sending us one of their trained educators to teach their course here at our school. This program focuses on efficient reading and comprehension and provides study skills work which supplements our own emphasis in various years.

Often students hesitate to add a course or otherwise lose free time, even when they know they need additional help. Many times those same students discover later that the time might have been well spent. Experience suggests that students benefit from additional programs, such as Readak's that provide reading and learning skills.

The course will consist of 12 hours of classes taught either before school, after school, or on Saturdays, and will not conflict with the

students' regular school academic schedule. Classes will be taught for three weeks starting in March. The cost of the program will be \$535. Readak provides varied methods of payment including paying for the course over 4 months. You will receive complete registration and payment information approximately 30 days prior to the start of the course. You may want to consider Readak in your financial planning.

Please note that the program does not target specific students. The skills will assist students having academic problems. This is a University preparatory course and assumes that students, regardless of grade or ability level, want to improve the ways they read and study academic material. There is no extra work for students. The goal is for students to apply the skills and strategies on their classroom and home assignments.

If you have specific questions, please plan on attending the information session on Tuesday, 8 April, at 7:30 p.m. You will receive mailings about course registration and class options, so please review this information with your child. You may also find the website www.readak.com useful in providing additional information.

Lee McKenzie
Director of Staff Development

Education Maintenance Allowance Eligibility

The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to eligible parents of students under 16 years of age who attend a State or a Registered School in Victoria.

The Education Maintenance Allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must on the first day of 1st Term (29 January 2008) for the first instalment and on the first day of 3rd Term (14 July 2008) for the second instalment:

- (a) be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004; OR
- (b) be a Veteran Affairs Pensioner (TPI), OR
- (c) be a foster parent and
- (d) submit your application to the school by the date/s listed below.

Submission dates

The application form must be lodged at the school by:

29 February 2008 for the first instalment or
1 August 2008 for the second instalment.

Important Information

A separate application is required for each school if you have children attending different schools. If you transfer your child, you will need to make a new application at the new school. All staff are required to treat the information that you provide as confidential.

EMA rates – 2008

1st instalment - \$301
2nd instalment - \$129
Total payment -\$430.00

Kildare Campus Canteen Assistance

CANTEEN ASSISTANCE: Please return slip to Campus Office as soon as possible.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Mobile: _____

Preferred Day _____ Second Preference _____

Student's Name: _____ Student's Year Level _____

Forthcoming Events

TERM 1

FEBRUARY

11 Feb	Year 12 Information Evening
11 Feb	Parents and Friends Meeting (7.30pm ISC St Paul's)
11-13 Feb	Year 7.1 & 7.2 Camps [St Paul's]
13-15 Feb	Year 7.3 & 7.4 Camps [St Paul's]
15 Feb	Year 12 Subject changes Close
	Year 12 Chemistry Excursion
	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-4.30pm)
18-20 Feb	Year 7.5 & 7.6 Camps [St Paul's]
20-22 Feb	Year 7.7 & 7.8 Camps [St Paul's]
20 Feb	World Youth Day Parent Meeting
21 Feb	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-4.30pm)
22 Feb	Swimming Carnival [Kildare and Presentation]
25-27 Feb	Year 7 Camp [Presentation]
25-27 Feb	Year 12 Outdoor Education
29 Feb	Swimming Carnival [St Paul's]

MARCH

4 March	Commissioning Mass held at St Paul's @ 11.00am
9-14 Mar	Catholic Education Week
10 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
11 Mar	Year 10 Work Experience
14 Mar	Year 12 Orals
19 Mar	Parent Teacher Student Interview (4.00pm-7.30pm)
20 Mar	Last Day Term 1 - Student Free Day
	Parent Teacher Student Interview (9.30am-12.00pm)
	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-4.30pm)
24-26 Mar	AMSA Basketball - Cairns, QLD

TERM 2

APRIL

7 Apr	Term 2 Commence
8 Apr	Readak Parent Information Session (7.30pm Lecture Theatre StP's)
17 Apr	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Second Hand Uniform Shop

- Thursday 15th February - 3.30pm-4.30pm
 - Thursday 21st February - 3.30pm-4.30pm
- Venue:** St Paul's Campus

Parents and Friends Meeting

Monday 11th February at 7.30pm in the ISC St Paul's Campus

Holy Hour of Adoration to pray for World Youth Day and young people - every Wednesday night at St. Michael's church, Traralgon. 6.00pm - 7.00pm. All welcome

Parish Mission - February 25-March 14 2008

Conducted by Redemptorist Priest Pat Keenan
Theme: "COME LET GOD LOVE YOU!"

There will eight Home Masses in the Parish, one in Glengarry, one in Traralgon South the other six will be in the Traralgon area. Home Masses will commence Monday 25 February until Wednesday 5 March. Times and dates to be advertised through St Michael's Church.

Mission in the Church - 6 March-14 March

3 sessions daily:- 6.00am; 9.15am; and 7.30pm.

Ample opportunities for Sacrament of Reconciliation and for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Draw closer to God during the Lenten season in preparation for Easter.

Canteen Roster

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Mon 11 Feb	L. Hare, (help needed)
Tue 12 Feb	K. Hildrbrand, (help needed)
Wed 13 Feb	T. Thornton, (help needed)
Thu 14 Feb	K. Licciardi, L. Barrett
Fri 15 Feb	L. Zalesiak, R. Gillow
Mon 18 Feb	L. Calabrese, L. Broeren
Tue 19 Feb	J. Campbell, (help needed)
Wed 20 Feb	E. Panayiotou, L. Hodder
Thu 21 Feb	A. Mooney, K. Richards
Fri 22 Feb	M. Holt, (help needed)

KILDARE CAMPUS

Mon 11 Feb	C. Jackiw, (help needed)
Tue 12 Feb	A. Mooney, (help needed)
Wed 13 Feb	S. Hillier, (help needed)
Thu 14 Feb	V. Sammut, (help needed)
Fri 15 Feb	P. Johnson, M. Byl
Mon 18 Feb	D. Berryman, K. Manson
Tue 19 Feb	C. Templeton, (help needed)
Wed 20 Feb	S. Pistrin, (help needed)
Thu 21 Feb	S. Bridges, (help needed)
Fri 22 Feb	A. Fogarty, C. Hinds

Private Car Conveyance Allowance Applications

Any parent who needs to travel more than 4.8 km to get their child to school or bus stop can claim a conveyance allowance to help cover the cost involved. This claim can be made provided there is no bus service running at that time or place. This applies particularly to music students who need to come in early for rehearsals. **Could I ask that if music rehearsal days/times have changed this year for your son/daughter, could you please inform Mr. Van Berkel in writing of the new arrangements.** New claims can be made by filling in the blue Private Car Conveyance Allowance Application form, obtainable from the office.

Breakfast Club @ Kildare

Every Wednesday from 7.45am-8.45am
Held in the Food Technology room
All Welcome!!

Enquiries contact: Mike Hansen

2008 Term Dates

Term 1	31 January - 20 March
Term 2	7 April - 27 June
Term 3	15 July - 19 September
Term 4	6 October - 5 December