



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

14 May 2004

Dear Parents,

Teachers at Lavalla Catholic College have always been generous in their willingness to contribute to the development of our profession. Working on various committees or opening the classroom door to contribute to educational research can be challenging and holds with it an element of risk. Teachers place themselves in the position of being a learner as well as educationalist. This can take various forms. Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge the influential work of Mrs Anne Wilson (VCAL); Mrs Rita Nainie and Ms Natalia Nadsadina (*CAS Mathematical Methods*) and Ms Samantha Black (*Mathematical Methods*) for their sustained efforts in contributing to the state review bodies in those subject areas. Over the last two terms, teachers at the Presentation Campus have co-operated with the CEO in Warragul in the quality teacher programme called, the *Impact of ICT on Literacy Learning*. This year we are in our second year of the federally funded Mind Matters+ project. The dedication of Ms Sandy François has kept this project alive and this gives me an opportunity to thank those parents who support the *Mental Health-MM+* forum initiative on Wednesday night. While I have only mentioned a few examples here, the point in highlighting these important contributions is to recognize other aspects of teachers' lives and to acknowledge the different layers of work that teachers are engaged in well after the last bell of the day is sounded.

The efforts and dedication of our teachers is only one aspect of what makes us a successful and proud Community and it is a very important and valuable contribution. As one teacher mentioned to me this week, "we keep trying new things and we keep learning how to teach more effectively, simply so that our students can regain or build on their confidence, so that they *want to learn*".

Erica Pegorer
Acting Principal

Dates for Coming Week

Mon. 17	9.4 - Keeping Place, Bairnsdale Year 11 MacKillop House Retreat commences
Tue. 18	CAS Basketball Carnival – Melbourne 9.6 to Melbourne Museum and VRAP Information Night for Year 7, 2005: 7.30-9.00pm (St Paul's Campus)
Wed. 19	Year 9 Mass – Presentation Orchestra Victoria Workshops: Years 7-12 (Wed & Thu.)
Thu. 20	Year 11 Nagle House Retreat commences Parent Support Auxiliary AGM, Morwell Club, following 12.30pm lunch
Fri. 21	Yr 7 - Flying Bookworm Company

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

We are really in the business phase of the semester and students and staff are working conscientiously completing work requirements and ensuring that all work is submitted for assessment. If you are concerned about your child's progress please make contact with the homeroom teacher or subject teacher. Generally we would be making contact with families now to ensure that all students have the best possible chance of successfully completing the semester.

Medieval Day

The day was a resounding success with the students introduced to the life of serfs, punishments, games etc. The troupe of instructors/entertainers certainly brought the period to life. It was a bonus that the Presentation Campus students joined us on the day.

Anti-Bullying Program

As in past years The Flying Bookworm Company who will present an entertaining and thought-provoking selection of vignettes on bullying issues will visit us. A survey of bullying activity, its form and where it happens will follow this up.

Scabies

There has been a report of scabies on the campus. Scabies mites burrow under the skin, laying eggs as they go. On the top of the skin, small blisters and red patches form. The blisters can be itchy and become infected by bacteria.

Symptoms:

- ✍ Intense itching all over the body except the head itch is often worse when you are warm, generally worse at night and can cause loss of sleep.
- ✍ Red rash on the skin, mainly between the fingers, toes armpits, buttocks and genitals.

Treatment:

Ask a pharmacist which treatment is best for your household.

With confidence, you can reach truly amazing heights; without confidence, even the simplest accomplishments are beyond your grasp ... Jim Loehr

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

St. Paul's College

first opened its doors in 1956 under the management of the Marist Fathers. Any ex-students from these early days interested in celebrating the 50th anniversary should contact Alby Van Berkel on 51747355 (AH: 51924761)

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

My thanks to everyone who made the **Athletics Carnival** such a great success last Friday. The participation rate of all students was outstanding. My congratulations to Mr. De Van Der Schueren for his organization of the event.

Unfortunately Mr. De Van Der Schueren is unwell and final results are not available at this point in time. As soon as the winning House and Age Champions for this campus are available we will let you know.

We visited the Grade 6's at St. Mary's and St. Kieran's on Monday. My thanks to Leah Van Lambaart, Michael Gelagotis and Adam Harvey who spoke to the St. Kieran's students and to Kassie Frendo, Amber Stennings, John Chewe and Paul Ryan who spoke to St. Mary's Grade 6's. Their presence and enthusiasm spoke strongly of the regard they have for Lavalla.

The SRC is planning a **Social** for Thursday, 27th May from 7.30 – 11.00pm. The Parent Support Group will be catering and full security will be provided. Tickets are \$5 pre-sold and \$7 at the door. All Lavalla College students from Year 7, 8 and 9 are welcome to attend.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Uniform

I would like to thank the parents and students who attend to the uniform requirement as conscientiously as they do. It is by far the greater majority.

Wearing a uniform helps give students a sense of belonging to the College. It assists in encouraging pride in ourselves and in the College we represent. It sharpens student focus on schoolwork and emphasises that the College focus is also on learning and not on making fashion statements. It can minimise unhelpful comparisons among students and promote a better climate for learning. A uniform also allows us to identify outsiders quickly and easily, which promotes better security on Campus.

Parents have spent a lot of money in buying the uniform and we believe that it is important that we support parents who are supporting us by purchasing the uniform. After all, it was the parents who originally wanted a College Uniform, including, in the last four years, the Blazer. Blazers, kilts and trousers, jumpers and rugby tops, PE Uniforms, shoes and runners are all very expensive individual items and I know of parents who have made significant personal sacrifices to ensure that their children have the correct uniform. This is why we devote so much time and effort to make sure that the uniform is correctly worn. Parent support in this is greatly appreciated.

So, by way of clarification, at the Assembly last week, I made the following points:

1. Students are expected to wear the complete uniform to and from school and to wear the complete uniform to homeroom. This includes the Blazer, unless students are entitled to wear the PE uniform, e.g. Thursdays and PE days.
2. The uniform is not mixed and matched.
3. The College Blazer is compulsory for all students in Years 10, 11 and 12. If students wish to remove the Blazer after homeroom, they may put their Blazer in their locker during the day but are expected to put it back on again to go home.
4. The Blazer is the normal school wear during the months of April to October. It is not required in the first and fourth terms. It is worn on all formal occasions e.g. Opening Mass, Champagnat Day Mass, Photos, etc. and is also worn when students are representing the College e.g. some excursions or team sports events.
5. The Year 12 Rugby Top does not replace the Blazer but takes place of the grey, College jumper.
6. A plain Navy Blue Jacket may be worn over the PE uniform in cold weather. This does not replace the Blazer.

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Students who do not have a blazer at this point are asked to be measured, to place an order and to purchase it from Riggalls as soon as possible, please. There are quite a large number of second hand blazers of all sizes in the Uniform Shop at the St. Paul's Campus. Students without blazers at the Kildare Campus are asked to purchase one from the secondhand Uniform Shop (see information below re secondhand uniform shop).

Confiscated Items of Clothing

Mrs Clarke has a number of T-shirts, wind-cheaters, jackets, scarves, etc. that are not part of the College uniform. Some have been in her office for over twelve months. Students are asked to collect any confiscated items from her before the Queen's Birthday week-end. After that date, the items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

PARENT SUPPORT AUXILIARY

The Parents Support Auxiliary's **AGM** will follow a delicious 12.30pm **lunch** at the Morwell Club on Thursday 20th May. Come along and enjoy a great meal at the Club. (The AGM is expected to be very brief)

Second Hand Uniform Shop on the St Paul's Campus will be **opened on the 20th May** between 3.30 and 4.30pm. This would provide an excellent opportunity to purchase, in particular, the College blazer. The uniform shop has an ample supply of blazers in all sizes for sale.

CANTEEN ROSTER:

	St Paul's	Kildare	Presentation
Mon. 17 May	M Grass, J Parker	J Adams, C Jackiw	T Brown
Tue. 18 May	S Garrett, T Pledge	T Stratford, J Hansch	C Risol
Wed. 19 May	J Bell, B Koedijk	K Daniels, L Weckmann	G Fiddelaers
Thu. 20 May	P Radovich, R Henderson	M Johnson, R Freeman	A Fogarty
Fri. 21 May	S Brady, N Ellis, P Brown	P Atkinson, C Barry	I Koolen

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