

Assurance of God's Protection Psalm 121

*I lift up my eyes
to the hills-- from
where will my help
come?
My help comes
from the Lord,
who made heaven
and earth.*

We keep in our prayers the Hammer family and the Williams family who both lost their fathers.

Mr Michael Hansen on the loss of his brother Paul

Mrs Margot Whelan who is grieving the loss of her grandchild

Mr Varghese after the death of his sister-in-law

Mrs Van Beek has flown to New Zealand after the recent death of her brother-in-law.

Sr Conleth who died in January (Principal of Kildare College during the 70s)

Mr Ray O'Shannon, cleaner of the College, who died unexpectedly

May these dearly beloved,
rest in peace.

We pray for those recovering from illness or injury - Mr Phillip Schipp

and we continue to pray for all those recovering from recent devastations – floods, cyclones and fires experienced by many Australians over a few short weeks in January and February.

From the Principal...

Dear parents, students and teachers

In my relatively short time as Principal, one of the most powerful lessons I have learned is the positive influence and contagious energy that comes when we work alongside one another to breathe life into our dreams. As Victor Hugo said, "There is nothing like a dream to create the future". During the three professional development days in January, the staff worked on our dream for Lavalla and for your children for 2011. The atmosphere was highly energetic, the staff was enthusiastic and the sense of hope was palpable. We are blessed here at Lavalla to have a very talented team of teachers who are focused on excellence in learning and excellence in teaching. Underpinning this is also the dedication to your child's well-being and personal growth. Teaching is a complex mix of skill and talent and when done well, as it is at Lavalla, fosters and develops every aspect of human growth. We celebrate in this the dreams and hopes for this year and look forward to the fruits of this work.

Last week you should have received a letter from me welcoming you to the start of 2011 and to the College community. The same letter was also posted on our webpage. I mentioned then that the start had been positive and that we are feeling buoyant about what this year might bring. By the time you receive this, we will be in week 4 of the term – almost half way through term 1! By now your child/children should be settled and focused on the year ahead. Notices in this week's newsletter alerts you to important meeting dates: The first LA meetings (Learner Advisor) for our year 10 and year 8 students will begin in week 6 and next week St Paul's is inviting all year 7 parents to an evening where ideas can be exchanged between you and the homeroom teacher about how your sons and daughters have settled into secondary College. These are important meetings as it gives you a chance not only to meet either your child's LA or homeroom teacher but to strengthen the partnership in your child's education. You will also find elsewhere in this newsletter a list of staff you might need

to contact throughout the year. Please feel at ease to ring your child's LA or homeroom teacher if you would like to discuss any issue.

Premier of Queensland, Ms Anna Bligh, described January as a "summer of sorrow and devastation" but also one of "hope and inspiration". Please give generously to the Marist flood appeal. These victims of floods and cyclones will need our help for months to come. Nothing ignites hope in the hearts of these people like knowing that others are thinking about them and offering what they can.

Have a good week.

Yours faithfully



Erica Pegorer
Principal
Excellence in Learning
Excellence in Teaching



The climb...

by Mike Hansen, Director of Mission and Ministry

Last September I took leave from school and went on pilgrimage in Europe, walking from the Pyrenees in France west across Spain to the Atlantic coast, a distance of over 800 kilometres. It took me 33 days. I went on my own. I knew rudimentary Spanish... enough to order a cup of white coffee (café con leche)... I had trained on the rail trails of Gippsland for two years... I had the stamina... I spent a small fortune on the right walking gear at Mountain Design... I had the blessing of my family and friends... I had done all that I could to prepare myself.

I made it all the way to Santiago de Compostella, the traditional burial place of St James and I walked every metre. But it was not always easy. In fact, it was gruelling. I developed shocking blisters on the balls of my feet. They became infected and I ended up at a hospital. Every step was painful for six hundred kilometres... I lost 7 kilos and my leg muscles began to waste... there were times when I could easily have thrown it all in.

What got me through? It was the simple things. People who shared the road with me would offer encouragement. I was the Australian with the terrible blisters. I remember one moment about mid morning... I had been walking for perhaps four hours... and I was really struggling. Other pilgrims were passing me because I was so slow. A German pilgrim drew close and asked about my feet. I told him how things were. He put his hand in his pocket and offered me a barley sugar. I took it gratefully. He wished me all the best and kept going. His kindness was enough. Such a simple thing, yet it gave me the energy to keep going.

When I was lying on a bed after having my feet dressed at the hospital I rang my wife, Wendy. I didn't want to worry her and had decided not to tell her about ending up in the Casualty Department... but somehow it all spilled out. This was too hard, the friends I had made had moved on... I physically couldn't keep up... I was exhausted... I can't do this anymore! You know, she didn't panic, she didn't tell me to catch the next plane, she didn't tell me to get over it and get on with it. She just listened and heard me out helping me tease out how I might proceed from here.

Talking it over on the phone, I decided to take a hotel room, have a bath, rest up, have a good meal and see how I felt in a day or so. And that is what I did. By the very next day I felt strong enough to continue on the road. I made other friends on the journey, we sometimes walked together during the day and shared our story... and would eat together at night. There is strength in keeping company with others.

Some of us in the Lavalla community will find the road hard this year. There will be times when we seem to be depleted of energy, when the pain is too deep and we feel we are walking alone, when we can't see around the bend in the road and fear that we haven't got the stamina to continue. The end of the journey may seem a long way off...when we are thirsty, tired, dried out and distressed. When we just want to give up because the journey is too hard.

We need to know we are not alone. We travel as a group and there will always be a fellow traveller who will lighten our load and keep us company for a while... and when the going seems too tough and we fear we are losing our way we need to remember that there is always someone in front leading the way and someone following behind to watch our back... that's the way it is when we travel together – we arrive together. And when we are tired and worn out we can always rest awhile and talk to someone about how tough we are finding it. Sharing the burden not only lightens our load but gives us the courage to reach our goal.

And there is always the night sky stretching out above us, immense and breathtaking, a source of wonder and comfort. Remember that each of us is a child of God. God has carved our name on the palm of his hand. The symbol is powerful here. When God opens his hands in response to our need our name is the first thing he sees. God could not forget you even if he tried. Your name is branded into his flesh. In times of stress reach out and place your hand into the warm hand of the Holy One. Let go of the God you don't believe in and seek the God who believes in you.



Senior Wind Ensemble Camp

by Shane Reid, Director of Music

In what has become a long standing tradition, our year has begun with a very successful Senior Wind Ensemble camp. Led by the redoubtable Mr. Harris, a group of forty students and quite a remarkable team of special instrumental tutors have laid the foundation for what promises to be a great year. Many of our guest tutors are former students of our college who are now immersed in tertiary music studies. It is wonderful to have seen them grow from young students into outstanding educators who have much to offer our current cohort. We welcomed back former students Shane Lebbe, Joel Dickason, Erik and Simone Weckmann who did some great work with our students. We were also fortunate to have Amy Lowe and our newly appointed brass teacher Tim Hannah join us. Our tutors ran small group tutorials and assisted with the band. It was also wonderful to have our new staff member Alana Riseley and our student teacher Megan Manson (both also graduates of our music programme) to assist the old dinosaurs like Mr. Harris and myself.

The aspect that our visiting staff commented on, alongside the high level of music making, is the magical sense of community that exists within our music department. The rapport between our students and staff is a unique quality that creates a wonderful environment for music making. The camp provided many great examples of student success: we saw Lauren Wain graduate triumphantly to 1st trombone for the piece American Riversongs, Mukudzei Ruzive-Makura join the band as the only oboe player and our french horn players, Lori Thompson and Laura Dye, mastered some very demanding parts. These are just three of countless examples of students rising to the occasion. It was quite an inspirational environment.

At the time of writing, we are preparing for a performance for the year seven students. Fresh from their camp, the Senior Wind Ensemble will perform alongside our Senior Choir and Senior Jazz Ensemble.

We are hoping to see an avalanche of new enrolments for music lessons over the next few weeks. There has never been a better time for any students to get involved with our programme. Some may remember that our Senior Jazz Ensemble swept all before them at last year's Melbourne Bands Festival, winning the Monash Prize and Gold Shield as the festival's best performed jazz ensemble. Based on our recent camp experience, 2011 promises to be another great year for us. A one-time Director of Music at our college, Mr. Peter Cavenagh, stopped by for our final rehearsal on camp. Peter has been working at Marcellin College for the past seven years, after hearing this rehearsal, he declared our current music programme one of the finest in the state.

Any families interested in their children beginning lessons or joining an ensemble are most welcome to contact any of the music staff – Shane Reid, Alana Riseley or Matthew Harris for further details.

Next week, beginning Monday the 21st of February, rehearsals for all ensembles will begin. We have had some variation to our rehearsal schedule over the past two weeks so we ask students and families to familiarise themselves with the timetable below. All rehearsals begin at 7.40am. It would be particularly wonderful to see some new year seven students (or students from any year) joining our Junior Choir for their first rehearsal next week. No experience is necessary, just come along and have a great time.



New teaching staff 2011

St Paul's Campus



Valentina Bonatti



Claire Couling



Vanessa Di Savia



Anne Entwisle



Renee Gilmour



Alana Risely



Lacey Robinson



Dominica Szykrot



Phillip Schipp

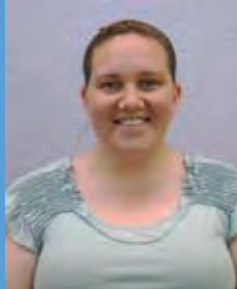


Jaimee Salleh

Presentation Campus



Byron Chen



Jess Kerlin

Kildare Campus



Laura Della Fortuna



Wayne Kirstine



Tim Lee

Principal



Erica Pegorer

Campus Directors



Tamsin McCormack
PRESENTATION



Chris Roga
ST PAUL'S



Marco Di Cesare
KILDARE

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CAMPUS DIRECTOR	CHRIS ROGA
WELFARE AND WELLBEING LEADER	JOANNE ALFORD
LEARNING AND TEACHING LEADER	CLAIRE COULING

YEAR 7 HOMEROOM TEACHERS

7.1	Jo-Maree Sharman
7.2	Vanessa DiSavia
7.3	Roma Valentine
7.4	Kim Widrich
7.5	Kaylene Mustoe
7.6	Alby Van Berkel
7.7	Carmel Walker

CHAMPAGNAT	ST PAUL'S	
COORDINATOR	MICHAEL ARCHIPOW	C1
	Lisa French	C2
	Renee Gilmour	C3
	Anne Entwisle	C4
DELANY	ST PAUL'S	
COORDINATOR	OLIVIA BARRETT	C1
	Pam Goodall	C1
	Gloria Zahra	C2
	Les McKendry	C3
	Phillip Schipp	C4
MAC KILLOP	ST PAUL'S	
COORDINATOR	KAREN JOYCE	M2
	Valentina Bonatti	M1
	Sue Birt	M3
	Bill Antonopoulos	M4
NAGLE	ST PAUL'S	
COORDINATOR	MICHAEL MCKENNA	N2
	Dominic De Van Der Schueren	N1
	Deb Reynolds	N3
	Chris Roga	N4

KILDARE CAMPUS

CAMPUS DIRECTOR	MARCO DI CESARE
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LA TEACHERS

CHAMPAGNAT	KILDARE	
	Rod Williams	C1
	Jason Szkwarek	C2
	George Steele	C3
	Suzanne Farley	C4
	Ben Verghese/Dan Prigg	C5
	Annemarie Clarke	C6
DELANY	KILDARE	
	Jeananne Brown	D1
	Lisa Templeton	D2
	Marco Dicesare	D3
	Fran Renehan	D4
	Andrew Wald/Mike Hansen	D5
	Biju Varghese	D6
MAC KILLOP	KILDARE	
	Fiona Morrow	M1
	Mara Bormanis	M2
	Lacey Robinson	M3
	Bill Eagle	M4
	Peter Flahavin	M5
	Anne English/Mark Judd	M6
NAGLE	KILDARE	
	Jenny Swasbrick	N1
	Steve Erdely	N2
	Jeena Illiparampil	N3
	Chris Rea	N4
	Dan Caffrey	N5
	Brett Van Berkel	N6

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

CAMPUS DIRECTOR	TAMSIN MCCORMACK
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Greetings from the Presentation Campus!

Welcome to all our new and returning families and a special good luck to all the families who have moved onto the Kildare Campus.

The year 7's have started the year enthusiastically. Our Year 7 Barbeque on Friday the 4th of February, sadly, though not well attended by year 7 families was a great opportunity for all our new staff members to get to know each other and the parents who attended.

The year 7s have had a busy start to the year and the year 7 camp is pending. It is an important part of the social and emotional transition to secondary school and they will visit Scienceworks in Melbourne and participate in some Rock climbing activities. Later, they travel to Inverloch to get a taste of surfing and all activities relating to the beach and its surrounds. While these activities will be enjoyable, more importantly they will give students and teachers opportunities to get to know each other and help with the settling in process. Staff that will be attending the camp with the year 7's are Miss Kim Stewart, our MSP coordinator (and trained lifesaver) and Mr Byron Chen the year 7's Science teacher and Nagle Learner Advisor.

Master Survivor Program (MSP) has begun well, with students finding their way around and generally fitting into the Presentation Campus. The MSP students were off to The



Summit on Monday the 14th, working on their leadership and confidence skills. Next week they are on camp to the Inverloch area.

Tuesday the 8th saw all the Presentation campus girls involved in a **Girls Cricket Clinic**. With representatives from the Victorian under 18 ladies team and the Captain of the Victorian Ladies B team assisting with the ball handling skills. With the girls involved in this clinic it was a great opportunity to start our house activities with the boys. Demonstrating great spirit, the boys tried to score points for their house but it was Delany who won the day. A hint to the boys, play fair to gain more.

Hopefully by now all parents of Presentation students are aware that the LA's are vertically grouped in their Houses with year 7, 8 and 9 students coming together each morning. This will enable our students to continuously build on the house spirit as well as enable more peer mentoring and positive role-modelling to occur.

This week the campus captains have been working on fundraising for students from Marist schools affected by the Queensland floods. Over the past two days the campus has run activities such as wearing red with the uniform on St Valentine's Day and the sale of cupcakes and biscuits. To date we have raised approximately \$150,

which is a great effort for just two days. A big thank-you to Melanie Rennison Year 9 for the production of the cupcakes.

On a personal note I would like to thank all the parents who have made themselves known to me and who have offered their support and encouragement. I have greatly appreciated these kind and welcoming gestures. For all parents I have not yet met, I look forward to making your acquaintance, and encourage you to call in and say hello.

A reminder that the campus swimming sports are on Friday the 4th of March, at the Moe Outdoor Pool, with an anticipated start time being 10am. I invite all parents/ carers and extended family members to come and support the students and enjoy what is an extremely enjoyable and relaxing day for all involved.

I hope that this year will be successful for all, that we can build on our sense of community and that we will be able to move a little closer to achieving our dreams and goals.

Mrs Tamsin McCormack
Presentation Campus Director



Curriculum Development...

By Adriana Bianconi (Learning and Wellbeing Leader)

2011 has already started as a year of change at the Presentation Campus. We welcome a new Campus Director, Mrs Tamsin McCormack who brings with her new ideas and insights.

As parents/carers of the Year 7 students will realise, the school has introduced netbooks at Year 7. A team of teachers helped to develop curriculum, specifically tailored to the growing need to use information and communication technology in the classroom.

Although a small campus, we endeavour to give our students the same opportunities available at our larger campuses. As part of our efforts to give Presentation students the maximum choice in their electives, we have once again opted to combine the year 8 and year 9 electives.

This has allowed us to cater to the variety of students' interests. Students have been able to choose electives as divergent as

Dance/Drama, Photography and Woodwork. Not only has this combination broadened the elective offers, it has also helped to foster good relationships between our Year 8 and 9 students. Together with the vertical LA structure, working together in the same subject areas has offered students the chance to get to know each other, see different students work and to aspire to excellence.

We look forward to a year of striving for excellence, helping our students and staff to develop, innovate and extend themselves.



At our first staff meeting this year our prayer acknowledged the empty classroom. People often say that schools are nice places when students aren't there. In a sense it's true. They are calm and stable, easy to move about in and predictable; but, rather like a sailing-ship in a flat calm, empty schools go nowhere and have no real purpose. We are delighted that the school yard has filled and like a sailing ship in a force six breeze, we are alive and about our business. We welcome the stories of the holidays and also the chance to look forward and set new goals for 2011.

Published again....

We congratulate Mrs Bormanis, who apart from writing exams for the National Educational Advancement Programs, has contributed chapters to the newly published Cambridge text book for the Year 12 VCE Psychology course. Mrs Bormanis contributed the information on Research Methods. Lavalla featured in the book, with a segment on June Chia (Kildare psychologist in 2010) in the opening chapter and two small cartoons by former student Natalie Jackiw also found their way onto one of the pages.

VOTES Excellence in Documentation

Well done Mrs McCormack. We recently received news that Mrs McCormack received an award for her work in and documentation of the Certificate II in Hospitality. The award was the VOTES Award for Excellent Documentation. As a former teacher of the Kildare Campus, we take this opportunity to wish Mrs McCormack all the very best in her position as Director of the Presentation Campus

Debutante Ball Newsletter

It is an exciting time for our Debutantes and their partners. Lists are being finalised and our first newsletter has been sent out. There will be an information session on Tuesday 22nd February in the Student Services Centre. I encourage interested parents to attend – after the brief presentation the Debutante Ball committee will be available for questions.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival is an important community event for the College building on House Spirit, a sense of belonging and a rare opportunity where students and staff can be relaxed and have fun together. In keeping with the spirit of building school community and as a support to our House Leaders it is important that students are in attendance for the whole day. I am seeking your support in ensuring that this remains a successful and memorable day for our students and therefore will be discouraging pass-outs and early leaving. If you are a parent wishing to attend the day, please let your Learner Advisor know otherwise entrance to the pool will be for participants only.

Marco Dicesare

Campus Director, Kildare



Brooke Ward (2010 VCE DUX) came and spoke with the students about how she achieved a perfect 50 in psychology. We thank her for her time, inspiration and support of our 2011 VCE students

VCE News by Stephen Erdely (VCE Co-ordinator)

A warm welcome back to our Year 11 and 12 students and families as we begin our 2011 school year at Kildare. In addition, congratulations to all those Year 10 students who were accepted into the enhancement program and are studying Unit 1 subjects this semester.

We are fortunate to have gained the services and talents of the following new staff:

Lacey Robinson – Studio Arts ;

Dominica Szylkrot - Visual Communication and Design

Tim Lee – English ;

George Steele – Hospitality

Wayne Kirstine– Physics and

Laura Della Fortuna – Biology & Health & Human Development

Wayne and Laura are replacing Mark Judd and Jenny Swasbrick whilst they are on Long Service Leave.

On behalf of the VCE Staff I encourage all students to approach their studies with enthusiasm and commitment. Sound work habits at school and at home are so important to success. VCE students are expected to do between at least 1 – 3 hours homestudy each night and up to 5 hours on the weekend. This will contribute significantly to successful completion of tasks as well as achieving good results in assessment tasks and examinations. I would also encourage parents to become familiar with the Moodle link on the College webpage. This will gradually become one of the preferred ways in which teachers set homestudy tasks as well as provide information about courses being delivered.

Students studying Unit 3 and 4 subjects will have now received an e-mail with their Semester 1 SAC and SAT dates. Parents will be able to view this on the college calendar. I hope this assists you in supporting your child in preparation and management of their work and time during these more stressful times of the year. Unit 1 SAC dates are published by subject teachers.

Finally, may I remind you that subject changes to academic programs need to be finalised by Friday, 18th February.



Year 12 Chemistry Students at Monash University 17/02/2011

This is the first full newsletter for 2011. Happy New Year to all the Lavalla Families! May you have a terrific year!

***Not having children makes less work—but it makes a quiet house. (Susan Glasspell)
We agree at the campus.***



Over the holidays, the maintenance crew have put in a sterling effort. The gardens are looking fantastic with new grassed area; the buildings spruced up, repaired and painted; lockers built and installed; rooms made over; the new Year 7 Staff Team room created; maintenance works carried out; the netball and tennis courts redone and painted. The campus is looking great, and is ready for the staff and students for 2011.

The year has started very well. The VCE results for 2010 were good and we offer the VCE students our congratulations.

The staff returned on the 1st February and spent three days in preparation. They have a spring in their steps, a purposeful walk and a new vigour. The Year 7s began on the 4th and have settled in quickly with their new netbooks and the year 7 team model. The Year 9s started on the 4th. They are quite upbeat about being the 'top dogs' at the campus. Students in 9.1 and 9.7 have gone to the Master Survivor Programme at Presentation Campus for Term 1. 9.2 and 9.6 will go in Term 2, 9.3 and 9.5 in Term 3 and 9.5 in Term 4. The Year 8s began on the 7th and are finding their feet with the Learner Advisor Programme and a shared homeroom with Year 9s.

Happily, the campus resounds with the sound of young people. I join with Ms Pegorer in welcoming all new students, Year 7, 8 and 9 to the campus and we welcome their families into the Lavalla Community and look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

For this year we wish to build on notable successes in 2010. Our goal for this year is 'Excellence in Learning. Excellence in Teaching', with the emphasis on performance. 2011 is tipped to be a vintage year!

Meet the New Assistant Campus Directors

It is with great joy that we welcome two new Assistant Campus Directors.

Ms. Joanne Alford takes over from Ms. Karen Joyce as Assistant Campus Director (Welfare and Wellbeing Leader). She brings a range of experience and skill with her and she will work in the area of resilience building, emotional intelligence and positive behaviour. She teaches Art.

Ms Claire Couling, a former student, returns as Assistant Campus Director (Learning and Teaching Leader). Her role is to improve the learning and teaching performance. A Science teacher, she comes with a wealth of knowledge, skill and expertise.

Year 7

To ensure a more effective transition to secondary school and to focus on excellence, the campus has adopted a team approach to Year 7. The principle is to have a small group of teachers get to know all the students in Year 7 well and guide them to better performance and a strong sense of belonging. The Academic Leader for year 7 is Ms Roma Valentine.

***- Chris Roga
Campus Director***

St Paul's Staffing and Curriculum News By Claire Couling and Joanne Alford

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff to St Paul's campus and to welcome back returning staff to St Paul's campus. Their experience, generosity and knowledge is highly valued and appreciated. We welcome back Kylie Ainsworth from maternity leave. Valentina Bonatti has joined us from Emilia Romagna in the North of Italy. Vanessa Di Savia has joined the year 7 team. Renee Gilmour brings her creative spirit to the art department and Anne Entwisle has joined us from Maffra High school.

We would like to offer a warm welcome also to Phillip Schipp from Adelaide who will be teaching religious Education and ICT and Jaimee Salleh is our sports trainee and will be assisting in the PE department. Siobhan Maxwell is currently in the position of Campus Director's Personal Assistant and her presence and secretarial support has been felt more broadly. A big thankyou to Siobhan.

The beginning of the year is always an exciting time and this year 2011 is no exception. It is with much enthusiasm, full of hope and promise that we begin the new academic year. This year will be the first year that we have introduced the vertical house system. The house leaders are all experienced St Paul's teachers. Champagnat's leader is Michael Archipow, Delany's leader is Olivia Barrett, Karen Joyce is the house leader of MacKillop House and the leader of Nagle is Michael McKenna. We believe that the change in structure will assist in building stronger relationships with the Year 8 and 9 students and foster greater House Spirit. By offering greater support, assisting students in setting personal and learning goals we aim to achieve excellence in teaching and excellence in learning.

Year 7

Our Year 7s seem to have settled into the College extremely well, supported by our new team of Year 7 teachers. We would like to extend a warm invitation to students and their parents to come along to the Year 7 Centre at St Paul's Campus on Wednesday 23rd February from 7pm – 8pm. This is an excellent opportunity for students to introduce their parents to their teachers for 2011.

Year 8

There will be a Year 8 Information Night held on Thursday 24th February in the St Paul's Lecture Theatre, beginning at 7pm sharp. This night will provide students and their parents with information about the 2011 Learner Advisor program and the upcoming Year 8 camps.

Year 9 & MSP

Term 1 is already well underway and students are reminded that it is imperative for them to make a good start to the year. In Year 9 their subjects are terms based, so there is no time to lose. The first of the MSP camps for the year will begin next week. We wish all the students and staff a successful, productive and enjoyable couple of days as they set off on their "Beach" experience.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN – formerly AIM) tests for Years 7 and 9 will be held on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May 2011. The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in literacy and numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement. Further information about NAPLAN will be supplied to parents early next term.

Monday 6th December Game 1 Lavalla Catholic College Traralgon 9/203 defeated Trinity College Lismore 10/52

After a bad start, Mubtasim Murshed (88 from 95 deliveries) and Sean Spiteri (62) put on a 143 run partnership for the third wicket which laid the platform for the win. Excellent bowling from the opener Justin Trew (8 overs, 3/5), leg spinner Sean Spiteri (six overs 3/6) and Sam Farmer (six overs 3/9) sealed the win.

Day 2

Tuesday 7th December

Lavalla Catholic College Traralgon 10/222 defeated Marist College Canberra 10/171

Chris Williams won the toss and elected to bat. With an opening partnership of 48 runs from 13 overs, the platform was set for a good score. Skipper Williams (85) with Spiteri (65) capitalised with a 148 run second wicket partnership from 34 overs. Wickets tumbled after the loss of the wicket of Williams with 8/74 from the last 16 overs to be all out for 222. Canberra got off to a flyer being 2/92 from 19 overs. Enter Spiteri with his guile and excellent field placements to snare 4/27 with 4 maidens to turn the game on its head. Canberra was eventually all out for 171 in the 44th over. Spiteri was well supported by Brandon McDonald (5 overs 2 maidens 1/9) in the middle part of the Canberra innings. These two were well supported by Sam Farmer (3/32) and Justin Trew (2/38).

Day 3

Wednesday 8th December

Lavalla Catholic College Traralgon 6/177 defeated Assumption College 7/101

Captain Chris Williams won the toss for the third time and elected to bat. A very purposeful opening partnership of 91 from 26 overs between Williams and Celima (45 each) saw the team off to a good start. However, some good spin bowling from the Assumption boys saw the brakes well and truly applied on the run rate to be 5/143 at the end of the 44th over. A late innings revival by Justin Trew (49 runs from 43 balls) saw Traralgon post a healthy 6/177. Kilmore started badly at 2/15. Good middle order partnerships saw Kilmore ahead on the Duckworth-Lewis formula at the start of the 20th over. However a good spell of bowling from Sean Spiteri (2/27) and Brandon McDonald who took 2/1 in the space of 9 balls, saw Kilmore go from 8 runs ahead on Duckworth Lewis system to 38 runs behind when rain washed out play at the end of the 25th over. Overall a great team effort by Traralgon.

Rest Day

Thursday 9th December

Day 4

Friday 10th December

Lavalla Catholic College Traralgon 9/135 from 40 overs were defeated by Sale 5/136 from 33.2 overs

Traralgon won the toss and got off to a good start with 2/72 from 18 overs. But the departure of Williams for 43, with the score on 75, saw wickets fall in quick succession with a score of 6/101 at the end of the 28th over. A solid 29 runs from Jack Heiser and 19 not out from Simon Noy helped Traralgon to a respectable 9/135 from the allocated 40 overs. Sale got off to a flying start to be 2/50 from 13 overs before the brakes were once again applied by Sean Spiteri (2/22 from 9 overs). However with only 135 runs on the board and the bowlers not penetrating, Sale was able to pass Traralgon's score of 135 in the 34th over with a score of 136 to win by 4 wickets. Best player for Traralgon: Sean Spiteri.

Day 5

Saturday 11th December

Lavalla Catholic College Traralgon V Sacred Heart Adelaide

Adelaide won the toss and got off to a flyer with 1/106 from 28 overs. From that point onwards, Lavalla struggled to stay in the hunt. Nonetheless Lavalla did well to keep Sacred Heart to 6/236. Spiteri (1/21) and Farmer (1/22) were the pick of the bowlers. Chasing the big total was always going to be tough, particularly losing Williams with the score on zero and Justin Trew was the only bat to reach double figures. Lavalla was all out for 55 in the 27th over; well short of the required total.



The final gathering of the group at the presentation evening
 Back Row: Brett Van Berkel (coach) Nick Celima, Chris Williams (captain) Jack Heiser, Peter Flahavin (manager), Simon Noy, Nick Clarke, Mubtasim Murshed
 Front Row: Justin Trew, Brandon McDonald, Sean Spiteri, Ji Eccles, Sam Farmer, Steven Hibbs



Chris Williams (right) and Sean Spiteri at the Presentation for the Marist Carnival in Canberra. Both boys were selected in the Marist Team for their efforts at the Carnival.

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	WICKETS TAKEN	RUNS FOR	WICKETS TAKEN	RUNS AWAY	Points	%
1	Marist College Canberra	5	4	0	1	29	1050	45	854	24	1.908
3	Catholic College Sale	5	4	0	1	34	896	48	665	24	1.704
4	Sacred Heart Adelaide	5	3	0	2	32	845	46	719	18	1.689
2	Lavalla College Traralgon	5	3	0	2	44	792	38	696	18	0.983
5	Assumption College (Kilmore)	5	1	0	3	39	780	36	1071	6	0.672
6	Trinity Catholic College (Lismore)	5	0	0	5	50	519	17	877	0	0.201

Final Ranking

After leading the competition for the early part of the week, Lavalla finished fourth with three wins.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) of \$460 is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and

be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent. Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2011) which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (18 July 2011).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **28 February 2011** for the first instalment and 5 August 2011 for the second instalment

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 28 February 2011 and prior to or on 5 August 2011, must reapply

at the new school for the second instalment.

Contact: Marcellin House for application form and further information.

UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING HOURS

NEXT OPEN

Thursday 17th February

Thursday 3rd March

Thursday 17th March

3.30pm – 6.00pm

Shop located at:

St. Paul's Campus

Payment options: Cash, Cheque
or EFTPOS

*****Please note Kilts/Skirts must
be tried on
as they are not sized*****

Tuition fees discount

A friendly reminder that if you pay your school fees in
TOTAL by the 28th of Feb 2011 you will receive a 5% discount on your tuition fee component
OR

If you commit to a periodic arrangement and pay your fees in full by 28 October 2011 you will receive a 2% discount on your tuition fee component.

CAN YOU ASSIST WITH THE COLLEGE MUSICAL?

We are currently working very hard to get our musical up and running. I am now looking for volunteers to help backstage. As Lisa and Myself have other jobs to do out the front we cannot be backstage supervising the cast. If anyone is available for any or all of the below times to sit backstage and keep order that would be great!

Tuesday 3rd May:

9am – 4pm (Rehearsal)

6pm – 10pm (Performance)

Wednesday 4th May:

6pm – 10pm (performance)

If you can spare time on these days please contact Ms Emma O'Brien at the St Paul's campus on 03 5174 7355

COLLEGE MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

The College Music Support Group will hold its first meeting for 2011 on Thursday 24th February at 7.30 pm in the Kildare Music Rooms. The Music Support Group is made up of parents and supporters of students in the Music Program. New members and parents new to the College are warmly welcome to attend this meeting. For further details please ring Mrs. Maria Testa on 5174 7355.

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
					Year 7 Welcome	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Week 1	MSP Group 1 Commence					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Assessment Week (K)	Assessment Week (K)	Assessment Week (K)	Assessment Week (K)	Assessment Week (K)	
	Snr Wind Ensemble Camp	Snr Wind Ensemble Camp	Snr Wind Ensemble Camp		Semester 1 Subjects	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Week 1					Swimming Carnival (K)	
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
			Commissioning Mass		PC Swimming Carnival	