



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

27 October 2006

Kildare Campus

Farewell Year 12:

Last week was a busy week for the Year 12's. Not only did all students complete their year's work and finish their last classes on Thursday, they attended a College farewell in the Champagnat Centre with a wonderful liturgy, a handing on of the mantle of leadership to the new College Captains and Vice-Captains, beautiful singing by the Choir and an appropriate "sending off" by staff and students.

Year 12 students have been attending workshops and tutorials all week and are preparing for their final exams which began today with English. I trust that they have used their study time well and that they are suitably prepared. Already the LOTE (Italian), and the Drama students have had their orals and performances. Some Music students will have completed their performances as well. I trust they have done well and that the hours of practice and training will have served them well.

I would like to wish all Year 12 students every success in the two weeks of the exam period and hope that their dreams are realised when the results are published on December 11.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

St Paul's Campus

My thanks to all the staff and students who had the campus looking beautiful for our Open Day last Saturday. I was particularly impressed by the students who came to help on the day. The classroom displays really captured our history and vitality.

In coming weeks we will finish the Year 9 camps and begin Year 9 retreats which will take place in the Kildare chapel on Thursday 2nd November 9.1-9.4 Friday 3rd November, 9.5-9.8. Students will go directly to the Kildare campus and be dismissed from Kildare on these days. Thursday was Medieval day and I am most grateful to Ms Kim Widrich and her team for their efforts in arranging this for the Year 8s, it was great to hold the event at Presentation Campus and I can only guess at the bemusement of the neighbours as they saw the campus step back in time. On Cup day students are encouraged to wear fascinators or ties to school.

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

Sadly this week, we have seen evidence of poor behaviour by teenage boys videoing an assault on a teenage girl. While we all recoil in horror, we are relieved that it is not in our community but it could be. I am sure we are all dismayed by the reaction of some of these boys' parents when they have tried to minimise this appalling behaviour. We all know that these boys must be held to account for this so that they can learn how to operate appropriately and so the victim can feel supported by society. For all of us, it is vital that parents take note of information adolescents are sharing with each other via phone, chat rooms and blogs etc. It is vital that we challenge them about acceptable treatment of another human being and vital that we teach them to act with personal integrity and dignity.

"Almighty God, grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil, and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice among people and nations." (The Book of Common Prayer)

50th Celebration

Stewards of the Future

The pioneering history of Catholic Education in Traralgon and Newborough captures the imagination and hearts of us all as we come to appreciate the struggles and sacrifices made by many in religious life. Embedded in this history are tales of courage, great tenacity and bold initiative; stories of extraordinary individuals and generous communities contributing to the educational development of young people.

The Marist Fathers were invited to open a Catholic School for secondary boys by Bishop Ryan in 1956 where the population of Traralgon stood at 8845, growing to 12,300 by the 1961 census figures – a three fold increase. Monsignor O'Mara offered the Marist Fathers a 10-acre college site donated to the Catholic Church by Mr S.P. Stoddart and money donated by local parishioners and his own life saving of 3,000 pounds. The college building cost 24,000 pounds and many volunteered hours through working bees. Fr Davis was appointed the first Principal and rector of St Paul's College when it opened on 8 April 1956. For the following six years the Marist Fathers provided a sound academic, sporting and spiritual education in a supportive community environment.

We find in our historical chronicles evidence of a significant disagreement between the Marist Fathers and Bishop Lyons. So irreconcilable were these differences that in 1962 the Marist Brothers agreed to continue the Governance of St Paul's College and Brother Placidus Redden was appointed Principal. At change-over the enrolment stood at 179 boys and by 1965 the number of students had risen to 261 and four new classrooms and a small school chapel were built.

Throughout its short 50 year history, the College has had to respond to Church directed and societal driven changes; to changing legal regulations, rationalisations and amalgamations; to unpredictable and fluctuating funding arrangements and revolutionary school re-organisations where school staff and management has moved away from religious congregations to lay Leadership. Since 1962 the Marist Brothers have had a great influence on the educational development of young boys and in more recent times, with the amalgamation of Kildare College and the Presentation Regional College, of young girls as well. The College has remained a significant and relevant educational organization because it has always been able to respond to the needs of the time and to respond with audacity and hope.

Lavalla Catholic College is fortunate to still have a number of teachers and others members of staff who have personally and professionally contributed greatly to our history.

Some of the teachers from St Paul's College who have dedicated 30 or more years to the educational life of this College are Mr Michael Hansen (the longest standing member of the staff) followed closely by Mr Raynor Hardjono, Mr Frank Mesaric and Mr Ross Sizeland. Mrs Jenny Johnston and Mrs Jan Williams (recently retired) have also contributed in a supporting role.

Part of our history too, belongs at Tamboritha, which the College still uses today. Many past students and staff will remember fondly their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and stays at the chalet. It is a very willing band of past students and parents who currently maintain and develop Tamboritha for the College.

The College is particularly privileged to have former students returning in different capacities; as teachers, parents and friends, many of whom have taken up voluntary positions on the various committees and groups. The College has grown and evolved throughout the years and now offers education to over 1400 young people over three campuses in a variety of subjects and using technologies that the founders of the College could not have dreamed of. As a Catholic community we are called to be people of hope and continue to work with students and families to be stewards of a future that we can barely imagine. We step into the next fifty years, proud of what has come before and confident that we will continue to help develop young people with 'strong minds and compassionate hearts'

*Erica Pegorer
Principal*



Above: Fr Paul Sullivan, a Marist Father, who travelled from Northern NSW to join us for the Celebrations.



Presentation Campus

The 50 years celebrations were a great success. The numbers through this Campus were small however all who attended commented favourable on the Displays of Presentation Regional College memorabilia, the Lake and overall environment.

It is worth noting that had Presentation Regional College still been open it would have also been the 50th year of the Presentation Sisters in the valley.

In the coming weeks our students will be involved in a range of activities:

- Yr 7 Polaroid Madness
- Yr 8 Activity Day – Mountain Biking
- Yr 9 Retreat and Camp at Tamboritha
- Yr 7 and 8 Super 8's

Please return all permission forms promptly as this assists with our organisation of these events.

Reports are only six (6) weeks away. It would be appreciated if all parents could inquire about assignments and work requirements and their due dates. Sit down with your son or daughter and help them plan study time over the coming weeks.

Rhiannon Smith in Year 8 recently went to America. She was selected in the Australian Junior Women's baseball team called 'Aussie Hearts'. Rhiannon was in America for two (2) weeks playing baseball. Her team was placed third overall. Congratulations Rhiannon.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

'Celtic Rhythm Method'

Mirboo North Schools
Chaplaincy Fundraiser



Saturday 28th October 2006 at 8.00pm
Grandridge Brewery ARTSpit, Mirboo North

Tickets available from Lyn Skinner at Mirboo
North Secondary College, Ph: 5668 1203

The Brigidine Sisters Victorian Province
invite friends, family and colleagues
to join them for the

Heritage and Horizon

Celebrating the Brigidine Story
Bicentenary 1807-2007

Bicentenary events:
February – November 2007

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CANTEEN ROSTER

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Mon 30 Oct	M. Nocera, L. Calabrese
Tue 31 Oct	L. Barrett (help required)
Wed 1 Nov	B. Koedijk, H. Stoddart
Thu 2 Nov	(help required)
Fri 3 Nov	(help required)

Mon 6 Nov	L. Hare, R. Freeman
Tue 7 Nov	C. Hinds, M. Norton
Wed 8 Nov	R. Mills, J. Clegg
Thu 9 Nov	M. Johnston, S. Julian
Fri 10 Nov	D. Buckley, I. Moulton

KILDARE CAMPUS

Mon 30 Oct	J. Adams, C. Jackiw
Tue 31 Oct	Dugan, H. van Berkel
Wed 1 Nov	T. Sloan, S. Hillier
Thu 2 Nov	C. Shippen, P. Radovich
Fri 3 Nov	A. Prezioso, A. Fogarty

Mon 6 Nov	I. Gregson (help required)
Tue 7 Nov	P. Radovich, M. Northover
Wed 8 Nov	R. Crowle (help required)
Thu 9 Nov	H. Symons (help required)
Fri 10 Nov	L. Weckmann, J. Kivisalu

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