

Lavalla Catholic College

News



Lent begins with a symbol of ashes, and ends with a flame of light.

It begins with death and ends with the promise of hope.

We are people of Hope.

I worship you Lord!

You did not enter your holy city Jerusalem on the back of a war horse, but humbly and on a donkey.

You knew that you were surrounded by murderers, yet you came in peace, and by your sacrifice you would utterly conquer death before the week had passed.

You, oh Lord, are blessed and worthy of my praise.

You have saved your people. Your people can live in peace.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Dear Parents, students and teachers

Following this period of Lent, we will soon be entering the most holy and significant week in our faith. In Europe, Easter occurs in spring signifying the renewal of life following the bleak winter. Because of this, many of the symbols that we associate with Easter, such as chicks, Easter eggs and rabbits, are fertility symbols representing the renewal and proliferation of life in spring. Holy week and Easter Sunday are about celebrating the spirit of rebirth, of continual life and the love of Jesus in our lives.

At Easter our life and our perception of the world is given the opportunity to change. If we respond to the invitation to 'sacrifice' during Lent, we experience the joy of our inner reward or resurrection at the end of the Lenten period. As Catholics we are reminded of life ever after. Jesus rose from the dead so that we might know hope.

On behalf of all of us at Lavalla, may you have a peaceful Easter celebration, full of the hope and joy.

AMSA Carnival

We are gearing up to host the biggest basketball carnival in the AMSA competitions. Students, coaches and managers will arrive from all over Australia to compete over four days. The carnival starts with an opening ceremony at the Champagnat Centre on Sunday 18th April and concludes on Thursday 22nd April. We are truly grateful to those families who have invited our young sportspeople into their homes as billets. As our own students have enjoyed Marist hospitality in other places, we are fortunate to be able to extend the same hand. I would also like to express our thanks and appreciation to our sports co-ordinator, **Mrs Nikki Schroeter** and her organising committee for ensuring we are ready to welcome our guests straight after the term break. Daily results and pictures will be posted on our webpage as the carnival progresses.

Debutant Balls

We wish our debutants, their parents and their families well for this much anticipated event. It will be held during the last few days of the term break and is the result of the good work of the committee. Given the preparation the two nights will go extremely well.

Staff News

We welcome new members of staff to our community:

- **Mr Chris Kay** – Music and Technology based at Kildare Campus
- **Ms Cris Caufield** – Art and Technology at St Paul's Campus
- **Mrs Siobhan Lawler** – Receptionist at the new Student Services Centre at Kildare Campus

From the Principal...

At the same time we farewell **Mrs Terry Archipow** and **Mrs Josephine Wade**. **Mrs Lisa Williams** will be taking maternity leave and **Mrs Leah Cook** began her maternity leave a few weeks ago. We sincerely thank these teachers for their work and wish them well.

Mr Shane Reid will participate in the Marist Pilgrimage over the holiday period. He will visit the homeland of our founder St Marcellin Champagnat and other places of pilgrimage over the three week period. To be on pilgrimage means to reflect on one's faith journey and to hopefully deepen one's commitment to faith and to faith in action. We wish Mr Reid every blessing as he undertakes this important journey.

You will see advertised in this newsletter a **vacancy for a trainee** in the area of Certificate III in Educational Support. The position is suited to a young adult who has recently completed Year 12 and has some life or sport experience beyond school. Further information can be sought by contacting me directly.

College Raffle

The Parents and Friends committee of both the Traralgon campuses and the Presentation Campus have generously agreed to offer another fundraising event this year. It is the hope of both Presidents, **Mrs Anita Both** and **Mrs Irene Bramstead**, to communicate the details of the College Raffle early next term.

New Look Newsletter

Next term we will launch the new format to our newsletters. You should find this a more comprehensive report of our fortnightly life at the College. I look forward to receiving your feedback about the new format.

May you enjoy the term break and the Easter celebrations

Erica Pegorer
Principal

Enrolment 2011

Students seeking places in Year 7 for 2011:

- ❖ Students attending State / other non-Catholic primary schools who have a brother or sister currently at Lavalla Catholic College should telephone Jean Jennings at St Paul's Campus office (51747355) to register their names.
- ❖ Students who do not have siblings attending Lavalla Catholic College and who attend State or other non-Catholic primary schools should telephone Jean Jennings at the St Paul's Campus office (51747355) to be placed on the list for enrolment applications.
- ❖ Students in Grade 6 at Catholic Primary schools will automatically receive an enrolment package during April.

Enrolment deadline: Monday May 31st.

Enrolment period for 2011 has commenced
For more information visit:

- St Paul's Campus
Wednesday 5 May from
4.30 to 7.30pm
(Grey Street, Traralgon)
- Presentation Campus
Sunday 2 May from
2.00 to 4.00pm.
(John Field Drive, Newborough)

Presentation Campus

It is incredible to think that this section of the term is nearing an end and that the Easter season has arrived. Our **Holy Week Liturgy** was held in their Learning Advisor/Homeroom groups and focussed on the journey to Easter. It looked at elements of their life today and then spoke of Jesus' life like for the **Third Station of the Cross— Jesus falls the first time.**

The worst thing that can happen to many of us is to fall flat on our face in front of others; when we do or say something stupid, when we are not accepted for who we are, when we are laughed at for not looking or dressing "right". Jesus fell in front of the soldiers, in front of people who had believed in him, in front of his own mother. He was in this situation because he had spoken out and taken risks defending the dignity of others. How must he have been feeling?

There have been a number of students (**Emily Jeffery, Josh McGrath, Damon Bednarski, Chynche Laurins, Stephanie Schena, Nicole Mwenenjawa, Milly Sapkin, Mark Larkins, Darcy Zwagerman, Eilish Brenton, Mark O'Donnell, Taylah Oulton, Joshua O'Sullivan, Nicole Somerville, Tyler Briggs, Calvin Fry, Lauren Stafford, Thomas Wilson, Tevin Mwenenjawa**

and Benjamin Noy)

who have been excellent ambassadors for the College helping with the St Kieran's Sports Day or supporting Cricket Victoria's Kanga Cricket day, where representative teams from 12 local primary schools gather at Burrage Reserve.

Students in the MSP group in their Construction and Community Action components have made and are setting in place their seating and art contributions. They will be valued as permanent

reminders of this pioneer group by all who use the Campus. Their program this week has had an emphasis on Science within their current BUSH theme. It has included poached fish, cooking damper and having specialists presenting on reptiles and insects. All this and much more is in preparation for their upcoming camp at Licola and Tamboritha (14-16 April.)

The reporting cycle and our first LA meetings have meant that new goals have been set for many students and relationships between school and home are strengthening. Thanks to staff, students and parents for the way in which all have engaged in this valuable experience.

Our campus became decidedly green on the 17th to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Other CARITAS fundraising activities included sales of cupcakes, biscuits, jelly and at the Canteen thanks to Ms Di Savia celery sticks and green fruit salad. In all well over \$350 was raised.

Wishing you and your family God's blessings for this Easter season and a safe and rewarding holiday for all lucky enough to have them at this time.

Leanne Mills
Campus Director



Kildare Campus

Marist Connections

Last week we welcomed **Br Mark Paul** (Marist Solidarity Coordinator) and **Mr Joe McCarthy** (Marist Lay Formation) onto the Campus. They met with a number of groups: College Captains, Solidarity Group, College Leadership and some staff. As a College we are looking at refining some of our fundraising initiatives. College Student Leaders are keen to support Marist causes and will continue the discussion that both Br Mark and Joe began.



Student Leadership Council

Our Student Leadership Council met this week to discuss some new initiatives for 2010. Next term will see the full implementation of P4P (Participate for Points). Please ask your child about this programme. I am grateful for the enthusiasm of this group and for what they offer this campus.

LA Meetings

Despite the LA Meeting week ended with some teachers slightly exhausted. We recognise that it is a great process where parents can learn about their child's work performance and general approach to school within the first 6 weeks. Thank you to all Year 10 parents and teachers for your energy and approach to this important feedback session. Our next time block will include the LASSI (Learning and Study Skills Inventory).

VCE English Orals

All Unit 3 VCE English students were involved in oral presentations last Friday. Students were well prepared and aware of the importance of this assessment task. Year 12s have settled into the year and are appreciative of their new Study Centre. Please encourage your children to revise and complete set work over the student free break.

Deb Balls

There has been a lot of side-stepping around the campus lately. Thankfully the shuffles and the quick-steps have been related to our Debutantes and their partners. On the 8th and 9th of April many of our Year 11s will be involved in the tradition. They have been practising and preparing for this event and I wish them all well as they get closer to their presentation nights.

Easter

On behalf of the staff at the Kildare Campus, I wish all members of our community a happy and holy Easter. May the full blessings of Our Risen Lord fill you with much Peace, Joy and Love.

Marco Di Cesare
Campus Director

St Paul's Campus



Easter is the most valuable feast. We mark the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. On Maundy Thursday we celebrate the Last Supper. We join Jesus in the Agony in the Garden, at the trials before Pilate, the Stations of the Cross and on Easter Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection.

The normal pattern of any human life is birth, sin and death. There is no hope. Jesus smashes this cycle. He was born, loved and obeyed his Father beyond life, died and rose from the dead. He brings hope. He left us the pattern and the key to live rich and fulfilled lives. Easter is a time for us to reflect, celebrate life over death and to re-commit to living ordinary lives with extraordinary, love.

This Easter I wish all families the peace and joy that comes from the Risen Christ, and a restful, content holiday spent with family and friends.

Chris Roga

Campus Director

Mini Olympics

On Thursday 18th March during period 2 the year 7 students had Mini Olympics that were organised by the Year 9 student House Leaders. The day was a great success with all year 7 students showing great enthusiasm. The winners were 7.5 with a score of 113. We also had a tug-o-war competition. All homerooms showed their strength, but the strongest of them all was 7.3 who even beat the house leaders.

By Ryan Jones

He saved a boy from bullies and they became friends and played chess together. After a while the boy had to leave and they played chess through the mail.

*Overall, the Short Film Festival was pretty good and it was interesting to watch a collection of short films from around the world. It has inspired me to make my own short film and to compete in the junior 'Tropfest' competition. I would like to thank **Mrs Birt, Mrs Sharman and Ms Valentine** for attending and also **Ms Zahra** for organising this for us to enjoy.*

By Alina Huggins

Short Film Festival

On Monday the 15th March, the Year 7 Gifted and Talented class and some Year 8s attended the Short Film Festival at the LaTrobe Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon. We saw seven short films from all over the world and one of my favourite films was called 'The Postman'. 'The Postman' was about an old man who was lonely.

Dodgeball

During Term 1, Year 7 students competed in a dodgeball competition also organised by the Campus Leaders. Each Friday during lunch the homerooms played each other to loud cheering crowds. The eliminations were held and the grand finals played last week between 7.3 and 7.2. It was a fab match with a penalty shootout resulting in 7.3 being crowned champions.

The final placing were:

Champions: 7.3

Runners-Up: 7.2

This was the best lunchtime activity run for a long time with massive participation.

By Ryan Jones



Tamboritha Committee of Management

AGM 30th March 8 p.m.

Kildare Campus Staff Room

Followed by **General Meeting** and light refreshments.

All welcome!



Tamboritha Working Bee Wood Cut 20th March 2010
Many Hands Make Light Work

Night Time

**Second Hand Book & Uniform
Shop.**

OPEN

Thursday 15th April

From 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Shop located at: St. Paul's Campus

Payment options: Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS

Forthcoming Events

Term 1

- 26 March Parent/Teacher Interviews 9 a.m. – 12 noon
Student Free Day
26 Mar - 11 Apr School Holidays
(2 Apr Good Friday, 4 Apr Easter Sunday)
12 April Students and staff return
14 - 16 April MSP at Tamboritha
18 - 22 April AMSA Basketball Carnival
23 April End of Term 1
Reports distribution

Term 2

- 26 April **ANZAC Day public holiday**
27 April Term 2 commences
MSP Homerooms 9.2 & 9.7 comence
3 May **Full winter uniform**
6 May Immunizations (Presentation Campus)
11 May NAPLAN Language C & W (Presentation)
12 May NAPLAN Reading (Presentation Campus)
13 May NAPLAN Numeracy (St Paul's)
Yr 10 Immunizations (Kildare Campus)
14 May School Photographs (Kildare Campus)
17 - 21 May LA Interviews Yr 8 & Yr 10 (Learning Block 2)
24 - 26 May Intermediate Band Camp
25 May ICAS Computer Skills Competition
26 May School Photographs (Presentation Campus)
28 May School Photographs (St Paul's Campus)
31 May MSP External Activities
31 May - 4 Jun Yr 10 & Yr 11 Semester 1 Exam Week

**Lavalla Catholic
College**



**Education Trainee & Certificate III
in Education Support**

We are seeking a full time trainee interested in Certificate III in Education Support to assist the innovative Yr 9 program.
12th April – 17th December 2010.

Apply to Ms Erica Pegorer ASAP:

Lavalla Catholic College
PO Box 1080
Traralgon VIC 3844
or email:
principal@lavalla.vic.edu.au

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

A reminder to all students that it is not too late to join our music department this year. All year 7,8 and 9 students are most welcome to join our Junior Choir which rehearses every Thursday morning at 7.45am in the St. Paul's Campus Lecture Theatre.

It is also not too late for students to begin learning a musical instrument and become a member of one (or more) of our bands.

Parents with any queries are welcome to contact our

*Instrumental Music Co-ordinator
Mrs. Maria Testa on 51748111 or
testmar1@lavalla.vic.edu.au*