



# NEWSLETTER

## Lavalla Catholic College

9 February 2007

### From the Principal

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 who have joined our College for the first time. The year 7 students, full of excitement, anticipation and a few anxious nerves were just delightful on their first day. They participated enthusiastically during the liturgy, listened attentively to those who addressed them and were still smiling as we farewelled them at the end of the day. The same can be said about each year as they re-entered the familiar 'old-school' ground. It is certainly heartening to witness the warm exchanges between friends as they greet each other for the first time at school and reassuring to hear our students' voices and laughter in the corridors because we know that we are open for business again.

#### New Staff

We warmly welcome to the College our new and returning members of staff:

##### Teachers:

Mr Ben Verghese	Kildare Campus	(IT)
Mr Bill Antonopoulos	St Paul's Campus	(Science/Maths)
Ms Maria Hagget	Kildare Campus	(History/Food/ RE)
Mrs Gay Jenkins	Kildare Campus	(English/SOSE)
Mr Michael McKenna	St Paul's Campus	(English/SOSE/RE)
Miss Janice Stiglich	St Paul's Campus	(Food/Science)
Mr Andrew Wood	Kildare Campus	(Maths/RE)
Mrs Davies Sallie	Presentation Campus	(English /SOSE)
Mrs Haupt Vivian	St Paul's Campus	(English/SOSE/RE)

##### Support Staff:

Mrs Carolyn McCabe	St Paul's Campus	Integration Aide
Ms Sam Worley	St Paul's Campus	Integration Aide
Miss Maree Scholtes	St Paul's Campus	Sports Trainee
Mrs Jenny Lovatt	Kildare Campus	Laboratory Technician

#### Andrew Koslowski (RIP)

Last year the College was saddened by the death of a Year 7 student, Andrew Koslowski on 2 December 2006. It was a very sad time for us all and we tried to be a source of support for our students and messengers of hope at such a grief-stricken time. We were deeply moved by the support shown by our colleagues and friends and I would like you to know that Lavalla Catholic College received cards, flowers, emails and phone calls expressing sympathy and support from almost 30 primary and secondary schools, parishes and individuals. We experienced a sense of connectedness with our broader communities and felt bound by our shared faith. Nothing can take away the pain the Koslowski family is still experiencing and our sense of loss but we found great strength in the prayers offered for us and the Koslowskis.

#### Uniforms

The standard of the uniform at the beginning of the year has been outstanding. By and large students are presenting very well, are in the correct shoes and are adhering to the regulations about accessories and hair colour. Unfortunately, the Newsagent has run-out of College backpacks and Riggalls has reported the same for the sports tracksuit pants. The circumstances have been beyond the control of our suppliers and they are making every effort to ensure that families receive their orders as soon as possible.

Thank you to all the parents and the students who have been supportive and co-operative of the College in this regard.

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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. For many reasons we are able to say that the retreat experiences have always been successful and this year is no exception.

**Year 7 Camps**

Letter regarding the costs and activities of the Year 7 camps have been sent home to Year 7 families from the St Paul's campus this week. The Presentation Campus will send this information to families next week.

**Travel Reimbursement**

Parents who use their own vehicles to bring students to school or to bus stops so they can catch school buses could be eligible for travel reimbursement if the distance travelled is over 4.8 km and where there is no bus service available at that time or in that locality. Parents who bring their children in for music rehearsals early in the day or parents in outlying areas who bring their children in to a bus stop so they can catch a school bus could be eligible. A private car allowance form needs to be collected from the office and submitted. Payment is usually made at the end of each semester in a lump sum. For further information please ring Mr Van Berkel, St. Paul's Campus.

**Parent Support Groups**

A number of dedicated parents give generously of their time to support vital resources and facilities within the College. Canteen Mangers are desperate for volunteers and they are reluctant to declare 'closure-times' in the hope that more parents might come forward to lend a hand. If you can possibly manage it I would appreciate it if you would make contact with our Canteen Managers on any campus and offer your time.

An invitation to all parents to join the Parent and Friends Association that meets on Mondays at the St Paul's campus representing the Traralgon campuses and on Tuesday for the Presentation campus. More details in the next newsletter.

*Ms Erica Pegorer  
Principal*

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. You could be eligible if you have a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 1986 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pension or be a foster parent. For further information please contact Helen Orr, Marcellin House.

**Applications close by 28 February 2007.**

**STUDENT RECORDS  
UPDATE**

Lavalla Catholic College is obliged to keep up to date records for each student with relation to their living arrangements, parent addresses, phone numbers and work details, as part of our duty of care to our students.

If you have any changes to your personal details which have not been advised to any of the Campus office staff, would you kindly phone or provide a note with details of the changes, as soon as possible so our records are current.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

Will be held on Monday 19th February in the St Paul's Library at 7.30 pm. All Welcome!!  
Will be discussing plans for the year and assistance on the School Renewal project.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**ST PAUL'S CAMPUS**

- Mon 12 Feb I. Gregson, (help required)
- Tue 13 Feb C. Towns, (help required)
- Wed 14 Feb H. Stoddart, (help required)
- Thu 15 Feb Help Required x 2
- Fri 16 Feb C. Bruzzese, E. Panayiotou, & K. Roberts
  
- Mon 19 Feb M. Nocera, L. Calabrese
- Tue 20 Feb L. Barrett, (help required)
- Wed 21 Feb T. Thornton, (help required)
- Thu 22 Feb Help required x 2
- Fri 23 Feb D. Buckley, (help required x 2)

**KILDARE CAMPUS**

- Mon 12 Feb K. Manson, D. Berryman
- Tue 13 Feb J. Campbell. A. Dorrington
- Wed 14 Feb S. Bridges, (help required)
- Thu 15 Feb M. Wojciechowski, P. Radovich
- Fri 16 Feb P. Johnston, (help required)
  
- Mon 19 Feb D. Webb, B. McNulty
- Tue 20 Feb H. Van Berkel, K. Dougan
- Wed 21 Feb A. Scully, (help required)
- Thu 22 Feb M. Johnson, (help required)
- Fri 23 Feb M. Byl, (help required)

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