



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

27 July 2007

From the Principal

Dear parents and students



We began the semester with an extremely successful College Assembly where we were able to celebrate the academic and sporting achievements of many students. The College is very proud of and warmly congratulates our Year 11 student, **Quinn McGenniskien** on winning the Brain Bee Australasia competition. This prestigious and competitive event draws interest from around Australia and New Zealand and the final four came down to Quinn and three other students from New Zealand. Quinn has been competing in the various stages of this challenge since the beginning of the year and continued to study diligently in preparation for the final round. She maintained her concentration and calmness under arduous conditions and was rewarded with a placement in the international competition in Baltimore USA next March. Congratulations to Quinn, her family and her teacher Mrs Bormanis.

We were also able to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our gifted and talented sporting students. Three boys are representing Australia at the highest level in their sport. We congratulate **Daniel Barry** in Year 12 who is ranked 3rd in the World in the Jet Skiing competition and **Joel Barry** in Year 8 who is ranked 1st in the Junior Championships in the same sport. Their ranking improved after their successful participation in the championship in Queensland last month and they will represent Australia in America later this year. **Matthew Mofatt** in Year 10 as the National Singles Champion of Australia will compete in the World under 18/23 Bocce Championships in Dardilly France from 11th - 15th September. Matt has been competing at this level for three years and last year experienced the high standard of international competition when he was also selected to compete in Italy. We wish these three international sportsmen the very best of luck



Also very exciting for the College is the announcement that **Mrs Lisa Williams** is a finalist in the Victorian Sun-Herald Teacher of the Year Awards. Mrs Williams has been nominated for the **Graduate Teacher of the Year Award**. After being short listed Mrs Williams attended an interview earlier in the month and was selected as a finalist by a panel of educationalists. The criteria for selection required that she demonstrate a commitment to student learning, positive relationships with the school community and effective teaching practice in the classroom. Here at the Lavalla Catholic College we know that Mrs Williams is an exceptionally gifted teacher and await the result with anticipation which will be made known at a dinner in Melbourne on Friday 31st August.

It has been and joyous time at the College as we acknowledge and celebrate the talents of this community and give thanks for the gifts of each individual within it.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied Grace” (1Pt 4:10)

*Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal*

Presentation Campus

Welcome back to a new semester and for all students a fresh start to all subjects.

It is important that all students consolidate and build on the knowledge and skills gained in Semester 1. We would encourage all parents to regularly discuss with their son or daughter due dates and assessment tasks. If any concerns arise please contact the appropriate staff member.

Writing Competition

Ms Winfield is organising an English writing competition. It is open to all interested Years 7, 8 and 9 students. Please give your son or daughter every encouragement to be involved in this very worthwhile activity.

Community Involvement

Fourteen of our Year 9 students assisted Newborough East Primary School in their round Robin Sports Day. Mr De Van Der Schueren has included the following article:

On Friday June 20 our Year 9 students participated as umpires in the local Primary School "Lightning Premiership Sports Day", which was held in the Moe/Newborough area. They included:-

In the Football competition

Chris Bortignon	Sam Price
Lachlan Wooten	Jamie Curtis

In the Netball games

Danielle Clarke	Ashlee Raymond
Emma Handley	Kym Wyntjes
Abby Jacobs	Samantha Grubb

In the Soccer matches

Jayden Camm	Liam Bednarski
Marc Koolen	Sam Amaira

The organisers were very happy and the above students did an excellent job throughout the day, we thank them very much for their service to this extremely well supported event. *Written by Dominic de Van der Schueren*

Year 8 Camps

Mr. Schneider and Mr. Flahavin are finalising the arrangements for the camps in August. After last week's assembly our Year 8 students met with the St Paul's students who will be attending the same camps. The expectation is that all students attend the Melbourne camps.

Environment Issues

The recent rains have filled the lake. All storm water is diverted into the Lake. The water feature is nearing completion and planting of suitable grasses and trees along the "stream" will occur this semester.

Our resident Plover family has been sitting on 4 eggs since the start of the School holidays. The nest is some 20 metres from the main building – an update soon.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation will be offered to all students during this term. My thanks to Father John Dunlee, Father Bernie O'Brien and Father Mark Godridge for their involvement in the spiritual growth of our students.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Mr Chris O'Brien
Campus Director*

St Paul's Campus

Term 3 began with some icy winds and cold rain. Nevertheless, the campus settled in quickly to the normal routine. The first big event was the College Assembly, where the three campuses congregated in the Champagnat Centre to celebrate achievement. A notable feature of this assembly was the role played by the student leaders at the three campuses, and other student presenters.

In this term the Year 8s look forward to an urban camp experience in Melbourne. All students will be engaged in some sort of subject selection and the Year 9 students will look closely at Career Planning. EXPO will be held on 17 August, at Kildare. It is a event not to be missed.

RSPCA Visit

In line with the new VELS civics and citizenship domain and Science, we have a representative from the RSPCA coming to speak with the Year 7 and 8 students. Leah Munnery will speak about how to care for pets.

Year 7 AIM tests

All Year 7 students will be taking part in the state-wide Achievement Improvement Monitor (AIM) tests on Tuesday 31st July and Wednesday 1st August. These tests will provide important information to parents and teachers about a child's performance in English and Maths. Each Year 7 student was given an information brochure to bring home to their parents. If you would like any further information, please contact Jo Sharman at the St. Paul's campus or Marg Gaulton at the Presentation Campus.

Year 8 Camps - Forms Due Date Reminder

The following information are due dates for camp forms and money. Camp forms will NOT be accepted after these dates due to hotel requirements.

Homeroom	Camp Date	Forms due by
8.3 & 8.4	1-3 August	27 July
8.7 & 8.1 Pres	8-10 August	3 August
8.5 & 8.2 Pres	15-17 August	10 August
8.1 & 8.2	22-24 August	17 August
8.6	29-31 August	24 August

*Mr Chris Roga
Campus Director*

Kildare Campus

A cold start has not hampered the enthusiasm and achievements of our staff and students. It was good to see so many students receive awards at our College Assembly. Congratulations to Quinn McGennisken and Mrs Bormanis from the Kildare Campus staff and students for winning the Brain Bee Australasia competition. Also, congratulations to our College Captains and Vice-Captains for the running of the Assembly.

Italian Visitors



Ms Raffaella Cataldo is to be congratulated on her work with our Italian sister school. Last year a number of our students spent time in Venice visiting our sister College. This semester we have been excited to have a return visit. 10 students and two staff have spent the last two weeks experiencing our College and the hospitality of our community. Thank-you to our parents who welcomed these students into their homes and added further cultural experiences to this trip.

Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition

Congratulations to our four students who are through to the finals in this competition. Last term they travelled to Melbourne and took part on this Italian based competition. We congratulate Erin Stoddart, Kirsten Larkins, Gianni Romano and Stephanie Sola and wish them all the best as they represent our College in these finals.

Course and Careers Expo

We are well underway with our planning of this event. I would ask parents to ensure they have the 17th August in their diaries. This day is an important day for our current Year 9-12 students. They will have the day to investigate their future options both inside and outside the College. Much work has gone into displays for subjects, courses and programmes. We have many external providers and the day will prove to be informative.

Morwell Festival of Dance

Recently at the Morwell Festival of Dance (Eisteddfod) four of our students won Adjudicators' or Age Aggregate Awards. We congratulate Luisa Bomba, Jayden Hicks, Leah Van Lambaart and Katherine Leviston. The standard of dancing is always high at this competition so these awards are quite prestigious.

*Mr Marco Di Cesare
Campus Director*



Time is marching on! The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is in its final stages at Lavalla.

We have more than 770 students who have registered through our Wider Reading Programme and have taken up the challenge of reading 15 books before mid August.

All students in years 7, 8, 9 will have taken home permission forms this week. Please return these to Contact or English teachers as soon as possible.

Parents can help by talking to their children about the VPRC, helping them to enter their books online, suggesting another interesting book to read or engaging in shared reading at home to help finalise the last couple of books needed for completion. The website <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc> is public and each student has their own username and password.

At the end of the VPRC, the Information Services Centre gives a party for the class that completes the challenge first – that is every student who has successfully met the challenge. Last year the winning class was 8:8 from St Paul's Campus. This year, as of July 24th, the classes with the most number of students finished are: 7:6 (18); 8:1 (17); 9:6 (15). Which class will win the party hosted by the ISC?

*Jeananne Brown
Lavalla VPRC Coordinator*

Make the most of Monash Open Day 2007

**Saturday 4 August,
9.00 am - 3.00 pm,
Gippsland Campus**
(Register for 'free bus' to the Gippsland campus at www.gippsland.monash.edu by 27 July)

**Sunday 5 August,
9.00 am - 3.00 pm,
Berwick, Caulfield, Clayton, Parkville
and Peninsula campuses**

Call (03) 9905 1320 or
visit www.monash.edu/openday

Forthcoming Events

TERM 3

JULY

- 31 July Year 7 AIM [SP & P]
Bob Sedergreen Jazz Band Workshop [K]
31 July Lavalla College - Annual General Meeting

AUGUST

- 1 Aug Year 7 AIM [SP & P]
1-3 Aug Year 8.3 & 8.4 Camp [SP]
2 Aug Yr 9 into Yr 10 Transition Evening (7.30-9.30pm)
8-10 Aug Year 8.7 [SP] & 8.1 [P] Camp
9 Aug Champagnat Day [K]
Yr 10 into Yr 11 Transition Evening(7.30-9.30pm)
15-17 Aug Year 8.5 [SP] & 8.2 [P] Camp
17 Aug EXPO
20 Aug Mid Term Break - *Student Free Day*
21 Aug Staff Consultation Day - *Student Free Day*
22-24 Aug Reconciliation Camp [SP]
22-24 Aug Year 8.1 & 8.2 Camp [SP]
27 Aug Family Life for Parents [SP] (7.30-9.30pm)
27-31 Aug Science Week [SP]
28-29 Aug Year 9 Family Life [SP]
28-31 Aug Year 11 Retreat [K]
29-31 Aug Year 8.6 Camp [SP]

SEPTEMBER

- 14 Sept Reports Distributed
20 Sept Parent / Teacher Interviews (4.00-7.30pm)
21 Sept Final Day Term 3
21-22 Sept Debutante Ball

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

Mon 13th August at 7.30pm
in the St Paul's Campus Library

All parents most welcome

NIGHT TIME UNIFORM SHOP

A night time uniform shop will be available on Tuesday 9th October from 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Be prepared for the summer uniform to start in Term 4

The Breakfast Club at Kildare

The Breakfast Club met for the first time on Wednesday. This is a new venture, inspired by the cold Winter mornings and the opportunity for friendships to be developed. Specifically, the two main aims are:

- To offer a warm and friendly environment for students to have a simple toast and beverage breakfast *free of cost*.
- To offer the opportunity for on going voluntary mentoring between adult members of the local communities and Kildare students on a weekly basis.

It is not too late for parents and friends to be involved in this exciting initiative. This invitation is extended to all adults in the Valley region.

There are two ways you might like to be involved:

- Join the group of volunteers who roster themselves on for breakfast
- Assist in a practical way by donating food and beverages

Enquiries contact: Mike Hansen, Kildare Campus

CANTEEN ROSTER

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

- Mon 30 July M. Korsak, R. Salleh
Tue 31 July S. Garrett, T. Pledge
Wed 1 Aug R. Crowle, (help required)
Thu 2 Aug C. Hines, (help required)
Fri 3 Aug L. Weckmann, (help required x 2)

Mon 6 Aug L. Hare, L. McDonald
Tue 7 Aug J. Campbell, (help required)
Wed 8 Aug T. Thornton, (help required)
Thu 9 Aug Help required x 2
Fri 10 Aug D. Buckley, (help required x 2)

KILDARE CAMPUS

- Mon 30 July K. Manson, D. Berryman
Tue 31 July A. Dorrington, (help required)
Wed 1 Aug S. Hillier, (help required)
Thu 2 Aug M. Wojciechowski, (help required)
Fri 3 Aug A. Fogarty, (help required)

Mon 6 Aug C. Jackiw, J. Adams
Tue 7 Aug G. Breed, (help required)
Wed 8 Aug L. Lloyd, (help required)
Thu 9 Aug C. Shippen, H. Stoddart
Fri 10 Aug P. Johnston, (help required)

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