

LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Desk

Dear parents and students



Last Friday was an exciting day for the College as we celebrated the achievements of Logan Edwards, our year 10 student who won the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize. Along with 10 other State winners, Logan will travel to Singapore, Malaysia and Crete in April visiting war sights and learning more about those campaigns. This is the second year that the College has been honoured with this prize with last year's winner being Annie Ferguson. Annie and Logan were both invited to reply to the Premier with a word of thanks in front of the other Government officials, school principals and families present. It was a proud day for us all and we congratulate Logan on not only winning the prize and being selected to reply to the Premier. His multi-media presentation was impressive and sensitive featuring several interviews with returned service people. Students were asked to discuss the values associated with the 'Spirit of ANZAC' and how these values are relevant to young people today.

Girls Soccer Team and Science Team go to Mexico

Early this week the final meeting was held to discuss the final arrangements for our students travelling to Mexico City. They are participating in the 60th Anniversary of Marist Education for Centro Universitario Mexico. The girls' soccer team and a team of Psychology students are representing the College during their celebrations. It was a marvellous feat to get this trip off the ground in six months and special acknowledgement needs to go to the parents and teachers for making this extraordinary opportunity a reality for this group of 16 girls. They leave on Good Friday and will be back – hopefully with the winning trophy – on Monday 7th April. We wish them well and are very proud of their participation.



Above: Only five of the 16 travelling to Mexico City: Emily Haesler, Sarah Briggs, Chloe Poole, Rachel Briggs and Renee Panayiotou

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Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week was launched last Friday night when all primary and secondary school leadership teams of the Diocese of Sale attended a Eucharistic celebration and dinner. A number of teachers from various schools received awards recognising their Living Witness to the Gospel. It was a wonderful occasion to celebrate our dedication and commitment to Catholic education in this Diocese.

Holy Week

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have begun our Easter holiday. We often talk about Lent as a time of renewal and reflection and Holy Week as a time to remember the true mystery of our faith.

The journey...from this week's readings

Monday: Jesus has difficulty explaining the true meaning of the Messiah to his apostles.

Tuesday: The Glory of God emerges from apparent failure.

Wednesday: We need the Father's grace to prepare us for the sadness and surprise of this tumultuous week.

Thursday: Father grant me the grace to be intimately present with Jesus at the Last Supper.

Friday: God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that whoever believes in him should have eternal life.

Saturday: He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would.

Sunday: He saw and he believed! He is risen!

Easter embraces the living Lord who has risen! On behalf of Lavalla Catholic College we wish you all a Happy Easter with many blessings.

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal

Presentation Campus

As the term comes to an end it seems only fitting to reflect on the events and achievements for our Campus community so far in 2008.

Congratulations must go to our Campus Leaders and joint SRC Co-ordinators; Ryan Mizzi and Hannah Maunder, as well to those students voted to be Student Representative Council members. This is a great privilege and considerable responsibility that they have accepted.

Yr 7	Damon Bednarski	Darcy Zwagerman
801	Abbie Attard	Mitchell Drowley
802	Madeline Rickard	Rowan Williams
901	Katrina Barrett	Sean Spiteri
902	Rochelle Hyett	Nathan Snelten

Congratulations as well to our House Captains and Vice-Captains who did such a wonderful job at the Swimming Sports.

MacKillop	Captain: Jayden Shaw and Amy Dickason Vice: Adele Hirsch and Jack Sheedy
Champagnat	Captain: Sean Spiteri and Lucy Stephens Vice: Tyler Forte and Hannah Maunder
Delany	Captain: William Troy and Letitia McGown Vice: Sarah Aquilina and Steven Hibbs
Nagle	Captain: Jonathan Noy and Sherrie Hibbs Vice: Katrina Barrett and Nathan Snelten

The House aggregate results saw **DELANY** as winners followed by MacKillop, Nagle and Champagnat.

Kildare Campus

Term 1 is already over! Retreats, Camps, Australian Ballet, Orchestra Victoria, Awards, Commissioning Mass, Work Experience, Swimming Sports, Campus Assemblies, Student Leadership..... so much has happened and yet there is so much more that lies ahead. During this Easter period let us reflect on what has been and what could be.

2008 Victorian Spirit of Anzac Prize

On Friday Ms Pegorer and I attended the awarding of the 2008 Spirit of Anzac Prize. **Logan Edwards** prepared a multimedia presentation in 2007 that explored what the Spirit of ANZAC means to young people today. His work was shortlisted to 27 students across Victoria and he then attended an interview. Congratulations Logan on your win and we wish you a memorable trip as you visit the site of significant campaigns involving Australian troops : Crete, Malaysia and Singapore.

After School Assistance

Mrs Colette Bayley will be available in the VCE study centre every Tuesday from 3.45 – 5.00 for any student who would like help or support with their studies..

While Maths and Physics are her strengths, she can help with structuring assignments, conferencing/checking essays, catching up on classes missed for VET or illness, or even understanding a badly worded text.

All students are welcome - whether it be a once off or regular support.

Yr 12 Information Night

A big thank-you to the parents who attended the information night and also to those who sent in their apologies. It was an important night for our Year 12 parents with less that 25 weeks left of their child's secondary education.

Individual age champions to be congratulated were

U14	Chynche Laurins, Milly Sapkin and Damon Bednarski
U15	Kate Troy and Alex Axisa
U16	Katrina Barrett and Jack Sheedy

In the general routine of the term, our campus setting has enabled plenty of space for competitive, though friendly, games of cricket, basketball and soccer. As well there are many peaceful, shady places for those who simply enjoy a relaxed chat in their leisure time.

The Parents and Friends group are planning to support the provision of some new lunchtime activity materials and I once again urge you to consider whether you can support them at the meetings held once or twice a term on this campus.

Special mention of Ryan Mizzi, Amy Dickason and Nathan Snelton who provided valuable support to Ms. Doganieri in the presentation of the activities session. This preceded the Year 7 Parent and Student BBQ last Thursday evening. My thanks to those parents who were able to attend, also to those who contacted the Campus to pass on their apologies relating to the night. It is hoped that similar events will be held for Year 8's and 9's next term.

A final thanks to the staff who have contributed generously throughout the term and to you the parents, whose support we have greatly appreciated.

Mrs Leanne Mills
Campus Director

I thank Ms Anita Kay-Taylor for her overall organisation of the night and Mrs Janet Winfield for her work with the information that parents received. Parents commented on the usefulness of the night and were grateful for the opportunities to discuss the expectations for this last year.

Swimming Carnival

This years themes were Bling, Recycling, The Wild West and The 80's. Each house dressed in their appropriate themes and it was an entertaining day, as well as an eventful one for our competitors. To match our four houses and themes, we once again experienced the four seasons in the one day. We all survived the wind and rain and appreciated the warm sun when it made its appearance in the afternoon.

It was a memorable day and I congratulate Delany House on their stunning win. It has been a long time coming! Delany broke their drought last year of not coming last and this year they shocked the campus. I was once again impressed with our Student House Leaders as they gathered up support and cheered each other down the lanes.

Student Attendance

Notes will soon be posted out to those students who are of concern in regards to attendance. The College expects all students to attend 100% of classes. We understand that students do get sick and other events sometimes occur that take them away from their studies. Please ensure that any absences are followed up with a telephone call on the day and a note once the student returns to school.

Mr Marco Di Cesare
Campus Director

St Paul's Campus

The holidays and Easter are near. This is the most significant week of the year from a Christian Perspective. Jesus died and rose from the dead, and in so doing redeemed us and changed the way we live and relate with each other. For me it is very powerful that someone sacrifices life for another person. It is love at a sublime level.

I am quite amazed that we make sacrifices everyday for our children, our partners, our parents, our friends. We forego some pleasure and fund raise for less fortunate people in other countries. We fight against injustice in different ways. And we do all these things because we believe that every human person is valuable and should live full, happy lives. So while Easter focuses on Jesus, his death and resurrection, I am reminded of the way his spirit drives us daily to live the resurrection.

We wish all our families a Happy Easter and a safe and restful holiday.

Award

Mrs Judy van Beek, a member of the Special Needs staff, was recognised by the Australian College of Educators for making a difference to the lives of children with learning difficulties. She was cited for her creativity, inspiration, careful planning and perseverance. At the ceremony Mrs van Beek spoke of the importance of success for the self esteem of these students. She recognised the invaluable teamwork that enabled her to help such students achieve success. We are proud of Mrs Van Beek's achievement and of the contribution the Special needs team makes to our students.

Assembly

The Campus Assembly on Thursday 13 March celebrated student leadership. The House-Captains, SRC and Energisers received their badges, while the Campus Leaders received a congratulatory letter from Russell Northe, the member for Morwell. As these young people take up their responsibilities, we are aware that they need support and opportunity to exercise leadership. May they improve student life at the campus.

Global Reality Meal

On Thursday 13 March, about 50 year 9 students volunteered for the 'Global Reality Meal'. Students randomly picked different coloured stars. 6 students with gold stars sat at a well laid table and got the good meal; pizza, juice, cake, etc. They had teachers serve them and ask if they wanted more. The other 44 sat on gym mats and shared cold boiled rice, sliced bread and baked beans. The point was to experience the effects of poverty. All students found it unjust, humiliating, and divisive. They felt emotions like anger and helplessness. Some of the 'poor' people threatened the 'rich'; others attempted to 'steal' some food. The social interaction of the two groups mirrored the great social divide.

It was a timely lesson, well planned and well learned. The students showed generosity and willingness to learn.

JUNIOR STATE TOUCH FOOTY CHAMPIONS

Boys - Lavalla has won the Junior Championship for the first time in sixteen years. In the 1990s the senior teams won several championships in a row. Since then the State championships have grown from 6 teams in it's inaugural year to over 50 schools from all over Victoria.

This was the third year in the State 15yr and under competition for the Year 9 boys. They have trained during lunchtimes since Year 7 and played over the summer in the local senior Traralgon Touch A grade Competition to improve game skills. The experience was invaluable. Matt Royal and Jordan Symons also played in the Victorian team last year and the skills, experience and leadership they brought back also assisted the team.

The boys were undefeated on the day and actually won the final 8/3 against Chaffey College, Mildura. The team comprised Joel Barry, Craig Bourne (C), Nick Celima, Jack Doderico, Zac Gray, Josh Hanrahan, Tom Pattle, Joel Pirota, Matt Royal, Jordan Symons, Mitch Aucote, Brett Hammer, and Ryan Pledge.

Girls - This was the second appearance at the state championships for the under 15 girls team. Last year they made the semi finals. Since then most of the girls have been playing in the Traralgon Touch Football Competition with different teams to gain further experience. Lunchtime training with Mr Sizeland has improved skills.

The girls lost only one game in the preliminary rounds to Mildura 2/1, and comfortably defeated their other opponents. A close win over Aquinas College, Ringwood in the semi final set-up a return match against Mildura. Once again this was a tight evenly balanced game with both teams defences dominating. Mildura scored the only try of the game to defeat Lavalla 1/0.

The girls were led by Tenielle Talbot, a Victorian State Representative. As captain she lead by example uniting the girls as one unit. The team comprised Tenielle Talbot, Madison Hutchison, Nicole Bentley, Danielle Bentley, Stacey Lamont, Brittany White, Kate Metlikovic, Kimberley Cunico, Sarah O'Dowd and Sarah Roberts.....Mrs. Karen Joyce & Mr. Ross Sizeland.

Mr Chris Roga
Campus Director

Readak Parent Information Session

Date: Tuesday 8th April 2008
Time: 7.30pm
Where: Lecture Theatre, St Paul's Campus

Next week each family will receive a letter with further details about the Readak program. Please consider the program and costs in light of your own particular circumstances. There is no compulsion to participate; the College is simply offering a way of assisting your child without the necessity of travelling to Melbourne for intensive study courses.

NIGHT TIME SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

GET READY FOR THE CHANGE OF SEASON.

OPEN ON
THURSDAY 17TH APRIL
6.30-8.00PM

DON'T MISS OUT!!

Forthcoming Events

TERM 2

APRIL

7 Apr	Term 2 Commence
7-8 Apr	Student Free Day [Presentation Only]
8 Apr	Readak Parent Information Session (7.30pm Lecture Theatre StP's)
9 Apr	Year 12 Drama excursion
14 Apr	Parents & Friends (7.30pm ISC [Library] StPaul's)
17 Apr	Night Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (6.30pm-8.00pm)
20 Apr	Arrival of Cross and Icon
21 Apr	FULL WINTER UNIFORM
22 Apr	Outdoor Education - Alp
25 Apr	Anzac Day - Public Holiday
30 Apr	Outdoor Education Walk

MAY

2 May	Lavalla Athletics Carnival
4-7 May	AMSA Netball Carnival - Shepparton
6 May	Year 10 Immunisation - Females
9 May	Staff Consultation Day - Student Free Day
12 May	Parents & Friends (7.30pm ISC [Library] StPaul's)
14 May	Open Day [Presentation] Open Day [St Paul's]
15 May	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-4.30pm)
16 May	Careers and Employment EXPO (Melbourne Exhibition)[K]
19 May	Year 7 2009 Information Evening [Presentation]
20 May	Year 7 2009 Information [St Paul's]
21 May	VCE Ensemble Performance [K]
27 May	Photograph Day [Kildare]
30 May	2009 Year 7 Enrolments due

JUNE

2 June	Unit 4 VCE begins Years 10 & 11 Examination week
9 June	Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
10 June	VCE Unit 3 Examination Period & GAT
June	Parents & Friends Guest Speaker (To be advised)
26 June	Student Assembly Parent Teacher Student Interview
27 June	Term 2 Concludes

THE NEWSLETTER WILL NO LONGER BE SENT HOME BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-LINE FROM TERM 2

E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION FORMS WERE SENT TO
ALL FAMILIES WITH
THE SCHOOL FEES ACCOUNT.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY.

OTHERWISE IT WILL BE ASSUMED YOU WISH TO READ THE
NEWSLETTER ON THE COLLEGE WEBSITE.

Canteen Roster

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Mon 7 Apr	Help needed x 2
Tue 8 Apr	T. Pledge, S. Garrett
Wed 9 Apr	S. Thmpson, W. Whelan
Thu 10 Apr	R. Petrucci, G. Breed
Fri 11 Apr	R. Gillow, L. Zalesiak
Mon 14 Apr	L. Hare, L. McDonald
Tue 15 Apr	R. Farmer, (help needed)
Wed 16 Apr	J. Towe, S. Ray
Thu 17 Apr	M. Johnston, L. Elliott
Fri 18 Apr	M. Holt, (help needed)

KILDARE CAMPUS

Mon 7 Apr	D. Buckley, I. Gregson
Tue 8 Apr	J. Campbell, (help needed)
Wed 9 Apr	A. Scully, (help needed)
Thu 10 Apr	M. Johnson, (help needed)
Fri 11 Apr	L. Clarke, C. Hinds
Mon 14 Apr	D. Berryman, K. Manson
Tue 15 Apr	C. Templeton, L. Calabrese
Wed 16 Apr	G. Edebohls, (help needed)
Thu 17 Apr	H. Stoddart, (help needed)
Fri 18 Apr	A. Fogarty, (help needed)

Private Car Conveyance Allowance Applications

Any parent who needs to travel more than 4.8 km to get their child to school or bus stop can claim a conveyance allowance to help cover the cost involved. This claim can be made provided there is no bus service running at that time or place. This applies particularly to music students who need to come in early for rehearsals. **Could I ask that if music rehearsal days/times have changed this year for your son/daughter, could you please inform Mr. Van Berkel in writing of the new arrangements.** New claims can be made by filling in the blue Private Car Conveyance Allowance Application form, obtainable from the **Campus office**.

Breakfast Club @ Kildare

Every Wednesday from 7.45am-8.45am
Held in the Food Technology room
All Welcome!!

Enquiries contact: Mike Hansen

PARENTS & FRIENDS

You are all welcome to our next meeting on

Monday 11th April at 7.30pm
at St Paul's Campus Library.

Come and get to know some other parents.
Our meetings are informative and pro active.