



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

31 October 2003

Dear Parents,

As we face up to the last six weeks for students, it is most important that in this last term, we all undertake to complete what we set out to do at the start of the year. There is a rhythm to our life and if things turn out to be harder or more complicated than we thought, we can't stop the world and get off. We can't opt out of life. We have to accept that whatever the circumstances are, we must go on.

I guess we all need to be reminded of this from time to time. But it is particularly relevant to students in the last term for the year. There is always a possibility that students can be tempted to give up, particularly if work has turned out to be much more difficult than what they imagined. To give up generally results in bitterness or resentment at the situation and students who give up only make things difficult for themselves and sometimes unpleasant for those around them.

There is a certain heroism in "going on", rather than "giving up".

Br Julian Casey
Principal

You are invited to the opening of:

**Lavalla Catholic College Traralgon
2003 Biennial
Art/Technology Exhibition**

**Showcasing students' work from 2002 and 2003
including Music and Dramatic Performances**

**Formally opened by
Rod McLean
(Designer)**

Tuesday 18th November, 7pm

at

**MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT CENTRE
Lavalla Catholic College, St Paul's Campus, Grey Street, Traralgon**

Exhibition closes Friday November 21st 12pm.

Open daily from 9am-4pm

SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

Will be operational outside the school grounds his month and outside the Kildare Campus from Monday, November 3. School speed zones are being introduced outside all access points to the school in order to improve safety for students entering and departing the school grounds. Parents and other motorists are encouraged to look out for speed signs near schools and adjust their traveling speed accordingly.

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Assessment

The next five weeks will focus on assessment and reporting for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9. We are asking for your support and involvement in assisting your son or daughter to meet the requirements of Assessment Tasks by submitting this work by the due dates.

Parents will be notified of any overdue work in writing. If you feel your son or daughter is struggling with work please contact the teachers involved.

Peer Mediation

Pam Mathieson will be training 12 students from Year 7 and 8 in Peer Mediation on Wednesday 12 November. The program has been operating at this campus for the past 12 months. Students will be taught to be

effective listeners and to mediate in conflict resolution.

Food Technology

One of the most “looked forward” to lessons on the curriculum menu - from veggie burgers to chocolate éclairs, hedgehog to pizzas, the culinary expertise of all students is growing.

The centre is a delight to work in and functions effectively. My thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of Mrs. Ellen Fredrickson and Mrs. Anna Di Savia.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

It was pleasing to see staff and the students of 9.5 return from Tamboritha relaxed and happy. There was a general sense of achievement at the 25+ kilometres that they walked. Hopefully 8.6's experience will be equally positive.

Amnesty International Candle Day

Last Thursday, Ms Romano and her Amnesty Group marked Candle Day with a variety of fund raising activities: a sausage sizzle, toffee sales, DJ and badge and candle sales. They focused our attention on the plight of oppressed and imprisoned people all over the world and also helped to raise funds to continue the quest for social justice. Congratulations to all involved.

Pupil Free Day

Last Friday was a most useful day as Learning Areas met to plan courses and

assessments for 2004 and to make final decisions about 2003.

Stoddart Block

The eastern end of the Stoddart Block has had a lot of attention from our demolition contractor. We are pleased with the progress to date and also impressed with the way the campus is learning to live with the building site. Students have readily taken on board the warnings about keeping clear of the site.

End of Year

We will be conducting various activities towards the end of the year eg; “Yr 7 Polaroid Madness” at Victory Park. Such days are important to build community and to give fitting closure to the year. Consequently, it's not appropriate for students to say, “we're not doing much” and opt not to attend.

St Paul's (contd...)

Yr 8 Gippsland Lakes Excursion

Although we were disappointed that the Hastings excursion could not go ahead, Mr Caffrey and the resourceful Science teachers have been able to arrange another excursion at very short notice. Students will still be able to achieve the learning outcomes for their work requirement while getting to know our Gippsland Lakes better. My thanks to the

teachers for dogged determination to get this organised. Please ensure that you return consent forms to the College to save unnecessary phone calls home.

"Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better".-- Pat Riley

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

KILDARE CAMPUS

Year 12 last days at school

Thursday afternoon saw the official end of classes for our Year 12's. There is always a touch of sadness for us all as we watch them say their farewells to their teachers, come to the realisation that this will be the last time they will share so much time with their friends, and experience, possibly for the first time, a sense of the finality with which they are faced. Then there is the apprehension of the unknown, the prospect of the final exams and the unpredictability of the ENTER Score, the "Clearly-in" tertiary course score, the expectant call to apprenticeship, selecting TAFE College courses or the nervous feeling of the impending job interview. It is indeed a time of uncertainty and of important decisions needing to be made amid the busyness of daily life. We all wish our Year 12's a successful end to their thirteen-year journey, the last three of which have been with us on the Kildare Campus.

Daily Business on Campus

Whilst Year 12 enters the last phase of its time on Campus, it is business as usual for our Year 10's and 11's. Some questions have been asked recently about the end of the year, as parents want to plan their annual leave and arrange family holidays and the like. I include some key dates here to clarify for parents that daily business on Campus continues uninterrupted until the end of the year.

Last classes – Year 11: Friday, November 14.

Last classes – Year 10: Thursday, December 4. (Followed by the end of year Social)

Year 11 Exam Week: November 17 – 21 and *Year 11 (Year 12, 2004) Workshops (Compulsory):* November 25 – 27.

Year 10 Exams and (Year 11, 2004 Workshops): Thursday, November 27 and December 1 – 3.

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Presentation	Kildare
Mon. 3 Nov.	G Hastie, T Roberts	R Ryan	A Zaghet
Tue. 4 Nov.	M Armatas, M Armatas	K Farrugia	T Stratford
Wed. 5 Nov.	A Fletcher, H Stoddart		L Weckmann
Thu. 6 Nov.	S Sammut, S Barber	S Carrigy	M Beevor
Fri. 7 Nov.	S Staley, J McCallum K Jones	A Fogarty	E Whittaker

Public Lecture Understanding Islam

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7.30 –8.45 pm
4th November 2003

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