



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

20 August 2004

Dear Parents,

Following our Expo and subject choices, which are currently being processed, I think that it is important to understand that learning and relationships are of prime importance at Lavalla Catholic College. They go together and must be balanced. It can be problematic if students turn their backs on disciplined learning in order to pursue relationships and equally problematic are students, who try to learn in a context where they have negative feelings about relationships with others.

The emphasis we give this is exemplified in the way our homerooms and mentoring programs are run, as well as the overall pastoral care network which we provide, including access to counsellors. It requires commitment, time and interest on the part of our staff and this is something for which the community is most appreciative. Relationships and the service of others are the basis of our Bullying and Harassment Policy as well as the basis for student leadership.

Hence we join with you in encouraging among students, wholesome, responsible and caring relationships with families, friends, teachers and other students. The success of students has much to do with their ability to establish healthy relationships with others and they need all the support and protection that we can offer. During the months ahead we will be examining and reviewing our policy and we will be seeking feedback from parents and students about this aspect.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

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ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Trivia night

Last Friday's Trivia night was a great success. While it was an excellent fund raiser it was also a terrific occasion for families to have a fun night out. Thanks to all those who organised the evening and those who participated and donated money.

Re-enrolment

Thanks also to all the families who have returned re-enrolment and subject selection forms along with deposits. These forms cannot be processed until the money is paid in full and this means that students may not be considered for subjects of their choice until classes are full.

Italian Poetry Competition

This Friday there are a number of students who will be participating in the next stage of the Italian poetry competition. We wish them well.

Drink Spiking

Next week the Yr 9 students will be attending sessions run by CASA (Centre Against Sexual Assault) on drink spiking.

This is a very timely topic for Yr 9's who often think of themselves as ready for very adult activities. It is important that they are aware of all the dangers involved in drinking and lurking in various social settings.

We have recently **welcomed back** Mr Brendan O'Hara and Mr Dan Caffrey who have been on leave.

Presentation Visit

This week our campus leaders: **Tom, Melissa, Vincent and Belle**, have been attending classes at the Presentation Campus. This is to give them an opportunity to meet with the Yr 9's on that campus and to discuss ideas for bringing the two groups together before they become Yr 10's together at Kildare. They will come back with many exciting ideas and insights.

"But what is happiness except the simple harmony between a man and the life he leads?" ... Albert Camus

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Interim Reports are currently being prepared by staff. The next two weeks will be an excellent opportunity for all students to focus on the completion of all Work Requirements and Assignments. Once again I urge all parents to offer support and assistance to their children's achievements in these areas.

There are a number of reports to be included in this newsletter. They indicate the vitality of youth and educational opportunities offered at Lavalla.

IT at Presentation Campus

The Yr 9 IT course running at the Presentation Campus involves a variety of

topics. The students here engage in three-dimensional graphic animation using the Kahootz program. They also have the opportunity to build WebPages, using Microsoft FrontPage. These WebPages are similar to those found online, as well as on the school's intranet.

Students also have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the basic functions of a database program such as Access, and design layouts for such items as Advertising Flyers, Brochures, Newsletters and a Menu, using Microsoft Publisher.

Time also permits the students to access other software such as Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Canvas.

(Mr Charlie Desira)

Jenna Shaw of Year 8.9 has qualified to be one of five Lavalla Catholic College students to participate in the regional heats of the Ozspell competition to be held at Churchill in the near future. Congratulations Jenna!

(Mrs Margaret Gaulton)

Last week four students from this campus attended the Albury Wodonga **Festival of Dance**. The trip was a great success.

The students, Leah Van Lambaart, Kirsten Larkins, Maddie Carpenter and Jessica Diamente from the Julie Ryan Dancers, competed in a variety of sections encompassing Jazz, Tap, Classical and Hip Hop. The students were away for one week. Leah won her jazz. Maddie was successful in song and dance duo, Kirsten and Jessica with Maddie won song and dance troupe. We congratulate these young achievers.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Bon Voyage Mrs. Clarke:

Mrs. Clarke is taking some well-earned leave for the remainder of the term. She will return to us in early Term 4. We all wish her well on her journey "back home" and hope that the trip is not only safe but also that she thoroughly enjoys her restful time with family and friends.

While she is away, Mrs. Anne Wilson will be acting Assistant Head of Campus (Pastoral Care) and Mrs. Gabrielle Jenkins will assist by taking some of her classes. Any matters relating to the most important of student issues are directed to Mrs. Wilson until Mrs. Clarke returns. All other student issues are directed appropriately to the Homeroom Mentor or House Coordinator.

Enrolment 2005:

I would like to remind all Year 10's who intend returning to the College in 2005, that Enrolment Forms were due today and that the process of Course Checking will be completed next Wednesday. Enrolment and Course Checking for Year 12's (2005) took place yesterday. Any student who has not yet returned the Enrolment Form, and there are 20 who have not returned their Year 12 (2005) Enrolment Forms, is asked to do so promptly on Monday, please.

I would like to thank all parents and students for their cooperation in this important administrative task that occurs at about this time each year.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

CANTEEN ROSTER:

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 23 Aug	G Edebohls, J Hartley	S Mills, R Greaves
Tue 24 Aug	S Garrett, T Pledge	D Webb, H VanBerkel
Wed 25 Aug	C Bruzzese, H Stoddart	M Tomkins, M Fievez
Thu 26 Aug	D Buckley, C Barry	D Leatham, S Carrigy
Fri 27 Aug	M Byl, M Lafferty, L Mills	B Koedijk, I Koolen

Calendar Dates for Remainder of Term 3

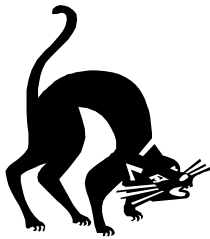
August

Fri 20th **Year 11 (2005) Subject Selection Forms due**
Tue 24th **CAS Soccer Finals**
Wed 25th **Cross Country Run, Bairnsdale**
Thu 26th **Cross-Campus Photos (various interest groups)**
Fri 27th **Justice Festival (Kildare Campus - "Discover")**
 Year 10 Drama Trip, Sale

September

Fri 3rd **Volleyball State Finals**
Mon 6th **Parents & Friends Association Meeting - 7.30pm ISC (St Paul's Campus)**
Thu 9th **State Athletics**
 Year 12 Ski Trip to Mt Baw Baw
Fri 10th **Year 12 Ski Trip to Mt Baw Baw**
 Interim Reports Distributed
Tue 14th **IGA Athletics**
Wed 15th **Parent Teacher Interviews - 4.00pm to 7.30pm**
 GCSSSA Touch Football Championships (selected teams)
Fri 17th **Parent Teacher Interviews - 10.00 to 12.00pm**

Thu.16, Fri 17th and Sat 18th - Debutante Balls, Kernot Hall, Morwell



All Breeds Championship

CAT SHOW

Sunday, 19 September at

Lavalla Catholic College (Kildare Campus)

Open to Public 9.3-am to 3.30pm

Admission: Adults \$2; Children \$1

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and schedules

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