



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

12 March 2004

Dear Parents,

Over the last month, we have just had a number of functions and events. The Commissioning Mass, the various sporting events and the camps are all examples of where students need to co-operate, where they need to be able to follow directions and where they need to take responsibility. I am pleased to say that they have presented themselves and the College in an excellent light and showed what can be done. We are particularly pleased with the efforts of the student leaders and sports leaders and the various sporting teams.

As we settle down to the second part of the term, it is important to ensure that students attend to the various requirements arising out of their classes. Already I notice a number of senior students having to attend after-school sessions to complete work. When this happens so early in the year, it serves as a caution not to treat academic requirements in a cavalier fashion. I have been in schools long enough to know that there have to be sanctions for those who seek ways to avoid work and responsibility. Even senior students regress to early adolescent stages from time to time and they need to be reminded.

Hence, as a general “rule of thumb” students need to devote somewhat more effort and time to their work than they did previously. Each year should see them doing more work than in the previous year.

Remember also that in their early years of secondary, students forge the attitudes, values and preferences that will characterize their personalities throughout the senior years. So attending to work, making time for responsibilities and making up for any time missed are important element of self-discipline and character formation. Let’s hope that teachers, parents and students can work together on this.

*Br Julian Casey*  
*Principal*

### Calendar Dates for Coming Week

- 15** Parents & Friends Meeting
- 15-26** Year 10 Work Experience commences
- 16** CAS Swimming, Melbourne
- 17** St Patrick’s Day  
Yr 11 Outdoor Education to Walhalla
- 18** Information Evening – Presentation  
Campus (Parents of Year 7)

## ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

### **St. Marcellin Champagnat**

Last Friday we finally received the statue of St Marcellin Champagnat that formerly stood in the grounds of the Marist property at Mount Macedon. We are proud to be the keepers of this piece of Marist history and pleased to have a constant reminder of Champagnat in our midst. The statue is situated on the lawn area to the right of the ISC (Library) entrance. Please take the time to admire it and read the plaques next time you are on the campus.

### **Project Compassion**

We have made a great start to our efforts for Project Compassion - \$112 from pancakes sales on Shrove Tuesday and various classes raising funds within class. At this point 7.1 is leading the charge- it raised over \$18.00 last week. It is pleasing to note that a number of students are donating lolly money and, in some cases, funds from their part time jobs. Our students are really showing compassionate hearts.

### **Clean up Australia Day**

Many thanks to Mr Van Berkel for organising our clean up day last Friday. As we learnt from our Scandinavian visitors, rubbish in schoolyards is a universal problem. However the campus did a great job of cleaning up. It is important that even on a small scale our

students connect their actions with environmental consequences.

### **Interschool Horse Riding**

Jayde Chamings rode in this day at Beaconsfield on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>. Of the forty-three teams present, Jayde and her team came second! Jade also received a number of placings in various events, including first in the Pony Club Mount. Congratulations to the girls and their trusty mounts!

### **Great Victorian Bike Ride - 2004**

Interested in cycling the Great Ocean Road and experiencing the challenge, achievement and fun of this great event? See volcanoes, lakes, craters, whales and shipwrecks. Every day you arrive at a new campsite with all the amenities, entertainment and catering that you need being constructed in front of you. Set up your tent and get ready to celebrate another great day. Nov. 27 - Dec 5. This year we hope to have a school group entered. Interested? Contact Mr. Van Berkel in writing at St.Paul's campus. Costs involved: entry [\$400], insurance, transport

*Enthusiasm, like measles, mumps and the common cold, is highly contagious.-*  
-Emory Ward

*Lee McKenzie*  
*Head of Campus*

## PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Mrs. Haupt ventured to Adelaide last week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to attend the **Mind Matters Plus Conference**. This Commonwealth Government funded initiative involving 17 schools from around Australia. Each school is implementing programs to promote the awareness of mental health and well being among the school community.

Lavalla is one of the participating schools and was able to share the success of a number of programs started since its inception in 2001.

We thank Mrs Haupt for representing the Presentation Campus and look forward to working with her and thus enriching our campus.

### **Homework**

During this week all parents of Year 8 and 9 should receive a detailed sheet outlining the homework requirements and assignments for this term. Should you require further clarification on the information contained please contact the staff member concerned.

### **Campus Leaders**

Next Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> March at an assembly planned for 11.00am all SRC representatives and Sports Captains will be presented with their badges by our Campus Leaders. We wish all leaders at this campus every success and confidence in the carrying out of their responsibilities.

### **Information Evening**

We extend an invitation to all parents of Year 7 students to an Information Evening to be held at 7.30pm in the Circulation Area next Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March. It will be a short meeting aimed at informing you of the expectations of Year 7 and the opportunity to meet staff.

The meeting will conclude about 9.00pm with a light supper.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Chris O'Brien*  
**HEAD OF CAMPUS**

## **KILDARE CAMPUS**

Congratulations to the following students who have accepted leadership

roles as members of the **Student Representative Committee:**

Delany	Nagle	Champagnat	McKillop
Megan Manson Kellie Collinson Melanie Walden	Lisa Howe Luke Koedijk Maria Marino Melissa Stobbart	Matthew Lewellin Kellie Young	Melissa Forlano Rebecca Thorburn Cameron Cook

A special thank you to Melanie Walden and Maria Marino who have taken on the positions of Chairperson and Secretary

Once again the Kildare Campus will be supporting the **Leukaemia Foundation "World's Greatest Shave for a Cure"** fundraiser on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March during lunchtime. My Year 12 RE Leadership class will be promoting and

encouraging all members of the college community to donate generously to this worthy cause. Last year the College raised \$3,888 and we hope to do even better this year. Donations can be made through the Kildare Office until Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March and receipts can be issued for donations of \$2 and over.

*Annemarie Clarke*  
**Acting Head of Kildare Campus**

## **HOMEWORK POLICY for ST PAUL'S & PRESENTATION CAMPUSES**

We are currently reviewing our homework policy on the junior campuses. We will be gathering information from students and teachers about homework practices. If parents

have feedback about homework from their perspective they may drop information into the St Paul's Campus office addressed to Joh Lyons or email : [lyonjoh1@lavalla.sale.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lyonjoh1@lavalla.sale.catholic.edu.au)

## PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of Parents & Friends will be held on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at the Resource Centre (Library) at St Paul's Campus starting at 7.30pm.

of the minutes or any further details please contact Jenny or Felicetta.

Hope to see you there.

All parents are welcome. If you are unable to attend but would like a copy

**Jenny Hansch 51221684**  
**Felicetta Kile 51661480**

## HOT CROSS BUNS

Due to the Year 10's Work Experience we will start taking orders early this year. If you wish to place an order please fill in details in on the yellow sheets supplied to your child and return to Mr Carmody at Kildare Campus. St. Paul's and Presentation Campus students to return order forms to their respective front offices.

traditional and no fruit - \$3.00  
chocolate chip and apple/cinnamon - \$4.00

**Deliveries** – Thursday, 1 April  
Kildare Campus during lunchtime in the Principal's Conference Room  
St. Paul's and Presentation Campuses during recess time at the front offices.

Buns available (packet of 6) -

Funds raised will go toward supporting the new Discover Group.

**(Bob Carmody, Organiser)**

## CANTEEN ROSTER

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>
Mon. 15 March	D Webb, M Lappin	M Grass, C Dougan
Tue. 16 March	W Heiser, H Van Berkel	K Manson, S Prosser
Wed. 17 March	H Stoddart, G Edebohls	F DiIorio, A Prezioso
Thu. 18 March	C Barry, D Buckley	B Boothman, D Leatham
Fri. 19 March	S Staley, J McCallum P Brown	B Koedijk, I Koolen

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