

May there be peace within you today.

May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use Gods gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of the universe.

Let this energy settle into your being and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, celebrate, create and love.

It is there, within, for each and every one of us.

Amen.

COLLEGE COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY THE 28TH OF JULY
Please RSVP by the 25th
June
to Hayley Casagrande on
on 5175 8205

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our exam period is now over and students are busy completing final assessment tasks. I trust that students learnt practical study skills when preparing for their exams. Exams not only measure learning - they allow our students to experience planning, preparation and the inevitable pressure that comes from living. I trust that the preparation was thorough and that students were able to convey their learning in the allocated time that they had. To our VCE Unit 3 students, it is time to take stock and refocus. To this end, we have planned for our Year 12 retreats to follow the exams. I thank Mr Hansen and all staff who volunteer for these important milestones in the Year 12 students year. The retreats are a time for looking both at the past and planning for the future. They are a time to reflect on our relationship with God and share our faith with others.

MUSIC PERFORMANCES

I thank Mr Reid, the music staff and of course our students for their many performances so far this year. It has been a privilege to sit and listen to such a talented bunch of young people. As I sat in the audience at the Year 12 Solo recitals this week, I couldn't help but remember those students when they were in Year 10. They were a varied bunch at different levels with very different approaches to schooling. Some were naturally high achieving students while others were struggling with their purpose as a student. To sit and listen to these talented musicians made me again reflect on why I became a teacher in a Catholic Marist School. St Marcellin Champagnat says it best:

"Remember that the young people you teach are your brothers and sisters; Your own likeness, bone of your bone, another you. These young people have the same heavenly Father, the same destiny, the same end, the same hope. They are called to the same happiness. They are your travelling companions in time. They will be heirs with you, sharing the joys of the homeland of heaven with you."

"To educate a child, it is not enough to teach him reading, writing and other branches of primary instruction. This would be enough if he were made for this world only; but a higher destiny awaits him; he is created for heaven, for God; and it is for God and for heaven that he must be educated. To educate a child, therefore, is to make him know this high and sublime destiny, and furnish him with the means to attain it; in a word, to educate a child is to make him a good Christian and a good citizen."



Mr Marco DiCesare
Acting Principal

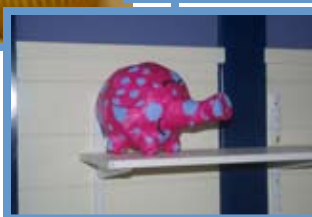
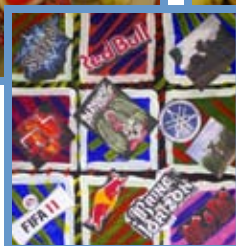
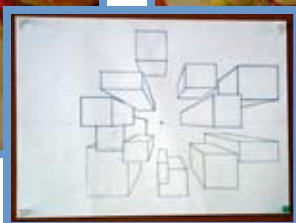
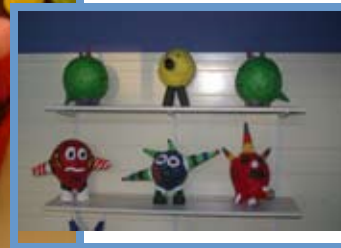
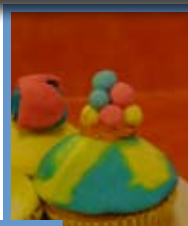
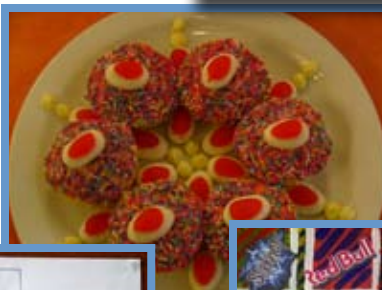
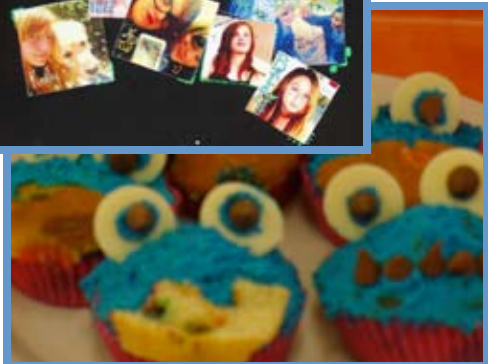
With two weeks to go there is a great deal occurring for student across the Campus. Students and staff we are busily completing assessment tasks, working on fund raising for St Vinnie's Winter appeal and preparing for our trip to New Zealand. Some very excited staff and students are looking forward to flying out of Australia on July 2nd - providing the ash cloud moves on.

The Master Survivor Programme students are busy fulfilling their Community Service commitments, organising and participating in a range of excursions and working on a range of construction projects. We wish them well for these last couple of weeks.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH STUDY

Our Year 7 and 8 students and families were invited to participate in a one-hour telephone interview. Deakin University is conducting a research study examining adolescent eating habits. Interviews will be scheduled at a convenient time for you. Both parents and adolescents will receive a Gift Card to the value of \$20 and \$10 in appreciation. For further details please refer to the Adolescent and Parent Recruitment Packs distributed during assembly. Please post completed consent forms to the researcher by 1st of July, 2011.

If you wish to receive another Recruitment Pack or have any questions you can contact Lena Stephens between 9am and 5pm Mon-Tue on (03) 9251 7262, or Mon-Fri via email: ldas@deakin.edu.au.



These last two weeks have seen students and staff focused on exam preparation and completion. For the Yr 10 students last week was the first time they have sat exams in a formal examination environment. Considerable work goes into the exam paper writing, hall set up, supervision and exam correction. We believe all this work is vital for the Yr 10 students to become familiar with 'sitting exams' which is a skill in its own right and certainly improves a student's chances of receiving good marks in Yr 11 and 12 exams. Likewise with Yr 11 students who spent last week involved in the exam process or learning to manage their time without class contact.

YR 12 UNIT 3 / 4 EXAMS

This week Yr 12s face midyear exams and the General Assessment Task. Thanks to Mrs Kath Beckett, the exam supervisor, who spoken to the students last week to help prepare them. This can be a time of some stress and anxiety for students. Parents can often feel helpless at the sidelines. Some of the best things you can do are to work with your son or daughter to ensure that they are:

Eating properly: healthy snacks, limit caffeine, regular nutritious meals, limit sugary drinks, plenty of water and a protein rich breakfast on the day of exams.

Sleeping properly: regular bed times and wake up times; adolescents need at least 8 hours sleep to function properly. There should be some 'down time' between study and bed.

Organising properly: Help your son/ daughter by talking through the tasks they have, and establish reasonable time frames. Help them break down the tasks into manageable pieces.

Study environment: Find a space that is conducive to study, if they are finding it difficult to stay motivated- change spaces; try a different room, the local library etc. Study should also involve periods of silence (usually at least 20 mins) where the student can focus intently. Be patient, your young person may be very focused on themselves, continue to involve them in family activities, help them maintain a positive balance, but understand they may be distracted.

YR 12 RETREATS

Next week the Yr 12 students have the opportunity to recover from their exams and Work Experience by attending the Retreat. We will operate at two locations, Yarram and Licola. The retreats give the students valuable time to attend to their spiritual and personal growth after what has been a hectic period. These experiences are highly valued by the College and the students who attend. It is disappointing to note that a very small number of parents support their children in not participating in the retreat. We do not view these experiences as optional and all families agreed to be involved in College activities at the time of enrolment. My thanks to the staff who will lead the activities and my best wishes to the students who participate.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Thanks to Mrs English for facilitating the latest round of Work Experience. This provides vital learning opportunities for many students and offers employers a chance to get to know young people prior to employment. I hope that this year's students are doing their part to contribute to Lavalla's reputation with employers i.e. being punctual, well presented, enthusiastic and appreciative of the opportunity.

END OF SEMESTER AND END OF LA BLOCK 3 REPORTS.

LA interviews -27th - 30th June
End of Semester interviews 30th June 4:00- 7:30
Parents are invited to attend interviews with their children to discuss academic progress at LA interviews or End of Semester interviews. Students should come home with booking sheets for either/both sets of interviews during next week. If you do not receive a booking sheet please call reception to arrange convenient times or to have a sheet sent home.

YR 12 2011 PHOTO

All Yr 12 students are required at St Paul's campus on Tuesday 21st June at 9:00. Students should make their way straight to St Paul's. Transport back to Kildare will be provided. Naturally, full uniform in good repair is required for what will be a permanent record of this Yr 12 group.

CONDOLENCES

Our prayer go out to Mr Bill Eagle who's mother recently passed away. His collegeagues have been working to ensure that students have not been disadvantaged by his absence, thanks to Biju Varghese, Jeena Illy, Ernie Rijis and Rod Williams.

Canteen changes
Unfortunately we had to restrict canteen sales during this week when we became aware of some structural safety issues which needed to be attended to. As you would understand it has become increasingly difficult to find volunteers to help run the canteen, to address this issue in coming weeks we will see the installation of some vending machines to provide drinks and food.

THANKS

As this will be the last newsletter before the end of term, I wish to extend my thanks to the students, staff and parents at Kildare campus, for making my term here as acting Campus Director such a positive experience. I have particularly enjoyed working with our College Captains and other leaders on the Cause worth Week. Other highlights have included the Musical, the jazz ensemble camp, the Champagnat Mass and working with the great students in Delany 3.

"Keep a grateful journal. Every night, list five things that you are grateful for. What it will begin to do is change our perspective of your day and your life"

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

By Mr Chris Roga - Campus Director

LavallaCatholicCollege

20 May 2011

Term 2 is winding down. Looking back, the term seems to have vanished in a blur. Students and Staff have participated in so much; they have achieved so much. I wish here to congratulate the staff who work so hard for the students, and the students who make the most of the opportunities and make us proud.

I have been interviewing Grade 6 State school students for enrolments for Year 7, 2012. The unanimous feedback I get is that they are choosing to come to the college because they want a good education. They know, or they have spoken to, other children who attend the campus and the message they get is that the college is a happy place where learning occurs. That is a very satisfying feedback; it means we are doing something right.

By the way, enrolment numbers are very good. We are close to capacity. For those who are hoping to enrol in 2012, you need to get your paper work in quickly to avoid disappointment.

I shall be proceeding on Long Service Leave in Term 3 and Mrs. Lee McKenzie will take over as Campus Director for Term 3. I know Mrs. McKenzie will enjoy being at St. Paul's and working with all of you. I am sure Term 3 will be a spectacular Term.

The last day of Term is Thursday, 30th June. I wish all students, parents and staff

a very happy and safe holiday – and a safe return to the campus in Term 3.

DANTE ALIGHIERI

On 8th June, selected year 9 students participated in the prestigious Dante Alighieri Poetry Recitation competition at Melbourne University. The competition involved students selecting one of four poems provided by the organising society. Students had to recite the poem by rote in front of a panel of judges. The students rose to the occasion and recited the pieces with enthusiasm. We await the results to see who goes ahead to the next round. As a treat the students also experienced Italian culture; dining at an Italian restaurant for lunch. It was a festive occasion and enjoyed by all. (Mrs. Barrett)

SSV AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

The Wellington Division round of SSV Australian Football was conducted at Maffra and Sale last month throughout the senior, intermediate and junior levels



in both boys and girls.

The 7-8 boys team and the junior girls' team (year 7-9) have both advanced through to the Regional finals with solid perfor-

mances against Maffra College, Traralgon College, Sale College and Catholic College Sale.

The Regional Finals for both these age levels will be held at the Traralgon West Sports Complex on Thursday, July 21st.

SSV NETBALL

Netball teams travelled to the new Gippsland Regional Sporting Complex in Sale on June 1st and 2nd to compete in



the year 7, year 8, intermediate and senior levels in both the boys and girls competitions. The year 7 boys and girls teams, year 8 boys team and the interme-

mediate boys and girls teams have reached the Regional finals which will be staged at Agnes Brereton Reserve, Traralgon on Tuesday, August 9th.

SSV SOCCER

Soccer representative teams ventured to Latrobe City Stadium in Morwell on June 1st and 2nd to compete in the year 8 and intermediate levels of boys and girls competition. Only the year 8 teams enjoyed success and now go onto the Regional finals which will be staged at the same venue on Wednesday, August 10th.

LUNCH RUBBISH UPDATE

At St Pauls we are looking at ways to educate our students to be environmentally responsible young adults. We begin this process by looking at ways St Paul's can reduce our ecological footprint. In a recent rubbish audit at St Paul's it became evident that we produce too much rubbish, much of it not recyclable. We would like to promote reducing our litter at school. We have found a big contributor to the amount of rubbish our school community is producing is the packaging from the minute noodles. Parents need to take note: In Term 3 we will no

longer be selling the minute noodles at the canteen and students will no longer be able to access hot water. Other food items that produce less waste will be sold at the canteen .

In the near future we will be introducing recycling in the school. This will mean separate bins placed strategically around the school grounds for students to take responsibility for the rubbish they are creating.

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.

APPROPRIATE USE OF THE COLLEGE EMAIL SYSTEM

The College provides all students and staff with email access to allow for communication about teaching and learning. With the growth of online resources, it is now important that all students have a computer account on the College network that allows them access to emails from teachers and access to other electronic resources. Parents who are familiar with emails at home would be well aware of SPAM email. Fortunately, all of this external SPAM is filtered and students are not exposed to such emails from outside the College. However, we have a small number of students who are generating “nuisance” emails to large groups of students and staff, and this is regarded as SPAM email. Each email generated requires storage space on the College servers and when students send such “nuisance” emails to large groups, this quickly consumes valuable disk space on the College servers. This disk space is needed for other important College services and resources.

The College policy is to disable any student’s computer account if they are the senders of such “nuisance” emails or if they are in breach of any other aspect of the computer use policy as outlined in the student planner. When a computer account has been disabled, the student cannot access important electronic resources needed for his/her classes and this will act to inconvenience the student. This inconvenience is a direct consequence of the actions of the student in not respecting the proper use of resources that the College provides. We are charging students a nominal fee of \$20 (which will be forwarded to the Missions) to re-enable any student’s computer account. This nominal fee is far less than the actual labour cost involved in freeing up disk space, and is charged as a deterrent to re-offend. However, if such a fee does not have the effect of stopping the unwanted behaviour, the student’s computer account will be disabled until we can be re-assured that such unwanted behaviour will not re-occur. It is important that the student’s computer account be re-enabled as quickly as possible in order for the student to continued access to the teaching and learning program

APPROPRIATE CARE OF LAPTOPS PROVIDED TO KILDARE STUDENTS

Parents of students on the Kildare Campus will be aware that each student has been provided with a laptop to use during the day. We are currently experiencing some damage that is beyond what can be termed as accidental. This damage is due to students leaving the laptop unattended on top of lockers or in classrooms and not securing their laptops in their lockers when they are not using them. Students have been asked to secure their laptops inside their lockers during recess and lunch breaks, and to take responsibility for their care in each lesson.

Students who allow their laptop to be unattended will need to accept responsibility for the cost of damage, especially when this damage is not recoverable under ordinary insurance claims. For a laptop that initially costs \$1500, this repair can be quite expensive. I am alerting parents about the need to pass on such costs where this is deemed appropriate and for you to remind your son/daughter of the large costs that arise from the lack of care and responsibility. The College has provided secure lockers for storage during the day and also secure storage at the end of each day in the Learner Advisor room. Student’s use of a laptop is no longer optional with many teachers making use of electronic resources to assist with teaching and learning, and the use of such expensive items is needed. So we are asking your assistance to impress on your son/daughter to assist us to look after equipment.

CALL + RESPONSE
Youth Camp

Calling all Year 7-10's!
Call & Response Youth Camp is an opportunity to open up to God's call in our lives & to consider the many ways we can respond—all while enjoying a mighty good time!

Join the Youth Ministry Office for this top-night retreat during the school holidays: Tues Wed 13 July—2.30pm Fri 15 July at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Inver. Cost is \$30 & includes all meals and single classroom accommodation. To receive a registration pack with all the details give Jess a yell on 5126 1003 or jess@lavallacatholic.org.au

www.sale.catholic.org.au

WINTER UNIFORM REMINDER

All students are to be in full **WINTER** uniform

**SPRAY JACKETS ARE ONLY TO BE WORN FOR SPORTS
OR OVER BLAZERS**

MALE STUDENT UNIFORM

College blazer
Sky blue long sleeve shirt
- monogrammed
Grey school jumper
Grey school socks
Grey school trousers
College tie - monogrammed
Clean black leather shoes or
black boots
PLAIN Navy blue scarves and
gloves

FEMALE STUDENT UNIFORM

College blazer
Kilt/Skirt
Sky-blue long sleeve
blouse - monogrammed
Navy tights
Grey school jumper
College tie
Clean black leather shoes
PLAIN Navy blue scarves, gloves
and head accessories

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP NEXT OPEN

Thursday 21st July

3.30 - 6.30pm

Shop located at St.Paul's Campus

Payment options

Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS

(Please note Kilts/Skirts must be tried on.

They are not sized)



**PARENT TEACHER
INTERVIEWS
4.00 - 7.30pm
JUNE 30th**



**STUDENT FREE DAY
FRIDAY THE 1ST OF JULY
2011**



**FIRST DAY BACK AT
SCHOOL
TUESDAY THE 19TH OF
JULY**

