



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

21 October 2004

Dear Parents,

One of the wonderful aspects of being a teacher is to be a part of the ongoing circle of life. We have no sooner let go of our Year 12 students than we begin the process of induction and formation of new students.

Leadership processes begin for year 11 students. This is always an interesting time as we watch the developing potential of Year 11 students, hear their hopes and dreams and their plans for 2005.

As the class of 2004 prepare to leave us, their sense of appreciation and respect for the staff and for Lavalla becomes more evident. In the meantime staff members begin focusing simultaneously on ending the present year and preparing for the next.

It is a privilege to be a teacher and there are many blessings in being able to walk with young people over the six years of secondary school, accompany them as they form their values and hopefully help them to shape and transform our society. Being a parent offers the same blessings.

**Br Julian Casey**  
Principal

### Calendar Events for Coming Week

Wed 20 & Thu. 21	Secondhand book sales slips and list of Yr 12 books that can be sold available for 2004 Yr 12 students <u>Please note</u> that Year <u>12 students</u> may hand in secondhand books for re-sale at Kildare Campus between 1 Nov to 3 Dec.
Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pupil Free Day - Staff Curriculum Day
Tue. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 (St Paul's) - Metung 8.1 Surfing Excursion - Inverloch
Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.8 - Tamboritha Camp commences
Thu. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 (St Paul's) - Paynesville Yr 7 (St Paul's) - Second shot of Hep B Year 8 Activity Day (Presentation) - Mountain Biking
Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup>	VCE Examination Period commences 8.4 Surfing Excursion - Inverloch Year 8 Activity Day (Presentation) - Mountain Biking

## ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

### **Best Wishes and Prayers for Yr 12's**

The St Paul's community wishes you well as you face the final days of your secondary education. May you make the most of your study time and enter your exams with confidence. We hope that December brings you the results you deserve and that January sees you all a step closer to reaching your study or employment goals.

### **9.6 - Tamboritha Camp**

The 9.6 camp was a great success, Mr Ryan was even heard to say it was one of the best camps he had been on. When asked why, he attributed it to the students involved and their great co-operation. Well done everyone!

### **Part-time Work**

It has been lovely to see so many of the Yr 9 students in particular, gain part time jobs. I'm sure many of you have been served by them in stores and been impressed by their evident maturity. Generally the students seem to be able to strike a good balance between school work, paid work, family life and socialising.

### **Youth Mission Team**

Next week the Youth Mission Team will visit us. This is a group of young men and women who leave aside the pursuit of career and study to evangelize. The visit is one of the highlights of the Yr 9 school year. The small contribution you are asked to make towards their costs, and some part time work, are their only means of supporting themselves.

### **Hep. B**

The second vaccination for Yr 7 will take place on Thursday next, 28 October.

*"Experience has taught me that there is one chief reason why some people succeed and others fail. The difference is not one of knowing, but of doing. The successful man is not so superior in ability as in action. So far as success can be reduced to a formula, it consists of this: doing what you know you should do"* - Roger Babson

*Lee McKenzie  
Head of St Paul's Campus*

## PRESENTATION CAMPUS

The **Family Life Program** offered to Year 7's this year was not conducted due to insufficient numbers. If the trend continues we will need to look at class-based programs to facilitate the passing on of this valuable information to students and hopefully to parents.

The program is offered each year to all Year 7 students and parents to assist them to cope with the changes associated with adolescence. Mrs Susan Collis conducts this program.

The **Year 8's** have their last **Activity Day** next Thursday (8.9) and Friday (8.10). The activity is a day's Mountain Biking in the Moondarra State Forest. Instructors and Bikes are provided by First Track Adventures from Yarragon. We wish the Year 8's a successful day's biking.

At assembly this week the focus was on **Mission Week**. The prayer asked all staff and students to be aware of the need to consider the poor, marginalized and the victims of injustice. We are currently looking at Social Injustice issues in our Year 9 Religious Education Course.

A final reminder to all staff, parents and students about the **Display Day** to be held here next **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October** from 4.00pm – 7.30pm. Students work will be displayed, covering Art / Woodwork / SOSE / Food Technology and Music.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Chris O'Brien  
HEAD OF CAMPUS*

### **ST MICHAEL'S ANNUAL PARISH BALL**

*Saturday 23 October*

*Premiere Function Centre, Traralgon*

*Cost \$20 per person*

*For bookings ring Sharon McLean 5176 6882 or Susan Grumley 5174 1219*

**"Information Night for Parents/Carers Supporting Children  
affected by Sexual Assault"**

Tuesday 26 October between 7 and 9pm  
Latrobe Community Health Services, 42-44 Fowler Street, Moe  
Bookings essential - limited seats available  
Further information call Amanda Vosper on 5127 9100

**KILDARE CAMPUS**

**Final Assembly – Year 12:**

Last week Mr. Judd and I hosted the final assembly for Year 12. It was with just a touch of sadness that we all realised that not only is the end of the year very close, but also that by the end of the exams, many students may never again meet. On the other hand, there was the elation of the feeling that the end of a busy year was about to arrive and soon all the hard work of Year 12 would be over.

There was, however, another reason for holding such an assembly. With the end of the year come the inevitable parties and celebrations of a long journey taken together. We all viewed a video "*Muck Up Day*" which followed the misfortunes of a tragedy that occurred at Frankston in 1999 on the evening of the last day of school. Sergeant Chris Pegg from the Traralgon Police spoke about young drivers and their inexperience, about avoidable tragedies, about partying and the responsible use of alcohol and about programs that the Victoria Police have in place as a protection for the general public, especially school leavers.

I also outlined to the students that the end of the year was not a time for irresponsible behaviour. I asked all to respect the College property and to make sure that they found the time to thank their teachers before leaving. I

outlined the consequences of irresponsible behaviour and reminded the students that a letter was sent home last week reinforcing the need for sensible behaviour.

Therefore, any property damage will be met with involvement by the Police and charges will be laid. Offenders will also be responsible for paying for any damage caused. They may not be permitted to sit exams at the College; the College reference will be withdrawn. Students not doing the right thing may be denied permission to attend the last days' activities and may be denied permission to attend the Graduation Mass and Supper Dance. Worst of all, people doing silly things will have damaged the good reputation of the year level.

I advised all students that on Thursday, when it was time to go home, to do just that. I do not want to see people hoon off in cars, or speed up and down Kosciuszko Street where there is a speed limit of 40 kph, or throw things at pedestrians or other students, or wet them with water pistols. I hoped that students would enjoy Thursday night in a responsible fashion and spend the last week seriously preparing for the exams.

*Peter Schneider*  
**Head of Kildare Campus**

**CANTEEN ROSTER:**

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>
Mon 25 Oct	G Hastie, T Roberts	S Robb, M Rigg
Tue 26 Oct	I Gregson, P Johnston	H Van Berkel, D Webb
Wed 27 Oct	J Clegg, R Mills	K Daniels, L Weckmann
Thu 28 Oct	C Barry, M Johnston	S Eccles, B Whittaker
Fri 29 Oct	J Kivisalu, C Shippen R Hadjistefanis	C Barry, P Atkinson






**Junk food**

**U R invited 2 the  
Latrobe Valley Region**

**2004 YOUTH FORUM**  
on  
**24th October, 2004**  
**2 - 5pm**  
@  
**St Vincent's Hall, Morwell**

**music  
&  
entertainment**

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