



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

7 October 2005

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

On Monday all Lavalla staff gathered to hear the announcement that **Ms Erica Pegorer is to be the new Principal of Lavalla**. Ms. Pegorer has the confidence of the staff and has been an integral part of the consolidation process since 2001. On behalf of the Moe/Newborough community may I congratulate Ms. Pegorer on her appointment and wish her every success in what will be a challenging yet rewarding position of leadership.

Term 4 and less than 10 school weeks of 2005 left. It will be Christmas before we know it. This is an important term. It is an opportunity for all students to consolidate the good work already achieved in Term 3. Reports will be finalized in the first week of December. It is important that all students make every effort in the coming 9 weeks to get the most from lessons and complete all assignments and homework by the due dates. You can assist your son or daughter by setting aside time at home for study. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to make contact with your child's teacher(s).

Ms O'Donnell's father passed away last week. We extend our condolences to Ms O'Donnell and her family in their time of sadness.

Coming dates:

Three student free days have been declared for this term. They are all Fridays - **October 21st, November 25th and December 2nd**.

These days enable staff to further develop curriculum and compile comprehensive reports for the end of the semester.

The **Year 9's** are going on **camp** from the **14th to the 18th of November**. All of our Year 9's will be going as one large group. A letter will be sent home at the beginning of next week outlining the program and details of the camp.

Year 8 will be offered a day's mountain biking later in the term. Once dates have been finalized parents will be notified.

Moe Cup Day is on the 13th of October. Classes will run as normal on this day. Should parents wish their son or daughter to attend the day please notify the College in the normal manner with a note before or after the event.

By now all families should have returned their **intention forms for 2006**. We are now finalizing numbers in Year 8, 9 and 10 for 2006. Second hand book sales will be conducted on the 14th of December. If you wish to sell your books, information on the process will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Enjoy the final run to Christmas!

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts.

*Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus*

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Premier's Reading Challenge

At the end of last term Miss Zahra and I accompanied **Logan Edwards, Samantha Wilson, Chloe Morley and Brooke Ward** to the certificate ceremony associated with this programme. Premier Bracks addressed students from all over Victoria and presented each school with a framed certificate commemorating their participation. We learnt at the ceremony that Lavalla Catholic College had the largest group of participants in the state. This great effort was due to the enthusiasm of the ISC staff and in particular **Mrs Jeananne Brown** who really enthused staff and students to be involved. The College

was also presented with nearly four dozen novels and the four students had the opportunity to meet and chat with a number of authors. It was a splendid day and finished beautifully as we all read for the entire train trip home.

Recycling

At the end of last term Mr Caffrey and Mr DeFazio took our cans to the recyclers - there was 90kgs of aluminium to be recycled. Hopefully we will continue this great effort next term and ensure that we are doing our bit to look after our environment.

Attendance 16th September

It was most concerning to see that only 426 students arrived at school for the last day. Our average class size is 26, yet on that day average attendance was 18 per class. I appreciate that there may have been transport issues in a few cases; I wonder if these missing students and parents truly have the message that it is *not OK to be away*. Surely as parents, we do not take a day off work before we start our holidays, why do some parents then allow their children to do this?

Lecture Theatre

We began the term with a newly refurbished Lecture Theatre. Some parents would remember the Lecture Theatre from their own Lourdes or CRC days. It had served us very well but was well over due for a makeover. Our maintenance crew did a wonderful job of the refurbishment and by the end of this week all year levels will have had an opportunity to

inspect the changes and experience the improved seating capacity.

Ms Erica Pegorer

The campus was delighted with the news of Ms Pegorer's appointment as principal. She was able to visit each year level this week in her new role. We offer her our best wishes and prayers as she takes on this new task.

Summer Uniform

Just a reminder that all students need to complete the transition to SUMMER UNIFORM by 17th October. In the interim students must be completely in either summer or winter uniform and not an amalgam of both.

"The excitement, the true excitement, was always in starting again. Nothing's worse than an accomplished task, a realized dream."--
Marilyn Harris

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Debutante Ball – 2005

At the end of last term, the College hosted the 2005 Debutante Balls at Kernot Hall. The young women were beautiful and the young men who partnered them looked resplendent in their suits. Bishop Coffey, Fr. Bickley, Br. Julian, who completed his last official duty on the Saturday night, my wife and I were on the official reception parties and I remarked that the occasions were a real and demonstrable celebration of family. It is often a pity that more friends and relations could not be present, invited by the family groups, but in spite of the size of Kernot Hall, it is not possible to put any more tables around the dance floor.

Last Term:

This week marks the beginning of the last term. Time is very short for the Year 12's who have only two more weeks of classes before a week of exam preparation and the final exams begin.

It is most important that all Year 12 students finish the year on a positive note, that they settle down to some serious preparation for the

examinations, that they provide a good role model for the Year 10's and 11's and that their behaviour reflects the good year level that they have been throughout. This is nearing the end of a significant journey for them all and it is only fitting that the year concludes without hiccup.

College Condolences:

Sadly we all learned of the death of Brett Warburton last week. I would like to pass on the College condolences, its thoughts and prayers to his family and friends, many of whom attend the College, to his Kurnai classmates and to all who were touched by this very popular young man. It is such a tragedy that so young a young life is ended in such circumstances.

The College offered prayers at lunchtime on Tuesday and over sixty of his best friends and team-mates attended to reflect on his short life, his humour, his love of life and his sense of fun. May he rest in peace.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

Application forms for 2006 Country bus travel have been given to students; they will need to be returned to the campus offices by Friday Oct.14 and will then be sent on to Traralgon Secondary College for processing.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 10 Oct.	L Calabrese, M Nocera	C Dougan, J Kurrle
Tue 11 Oct.	W Heiser, K Stephenson	B Boothman, M Northover
Wed 12 Oct.	D Darling, G Edebohls	M Fievez, A Fletcher
Thu 13 Oct.	A Scully (help wanted)	P Radovich, S Brady
Fri 14 Oct.	P Cummins, R Hadjistefanis	P Atkinson, C Barry

BLAZERS for 2006

Please note that blazer fittings can be carried out at either of the Riggall's stores in Traralgon and Morwell. Blazers are part of the winter uniform requirement for Years 10 to 12 and so it is advisable to have your orders in early, preferably by the end of this school year.

NET RETREAT

You are invited to the NET Retreat, a retreat run by a team from Catholic Youth Ministry, Melbourne, and organised by the St Michael's INTO LIFE Youth Group. This Retreat is especially for young people, and will involve music, drama, talks, skits, friendships, prayer and answers to life's BIG questions!

When: Sunday 9th October

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Who: For all young people (secondary school age and over)

Cost: Free (lunch, drinks & snacks provided)

Please contact Louise for further queries, or if you will be attending (need to know numbers for catering purposes), on 5175 0877 or SMS your name and number to 0414 540 296.

IT'S ON AGAIN !!

THE ST MICHAEL'S PARISH BALL

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER 2005

Premiere Function Centre

Grey Street Traralgon

\$25 per head (includes supper) - Drinks at Bar Prices

For Bookings call Angie McDougall on 5192 4668 or Susan Grumley on 5174 1219

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