



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

21 February 2005

Dear Parents,

PUNCTUALITY

It was probably while I was attending a course in Switzerland that I learnt something more about punctuality. Trains actually arrive and depart on time, the payment of bills is rarely late, and people even turn up early. I am not sure whether this has something to do with the Swiss clock industry, but living there was a constant reminder that punctuality is a habit that respects other people's time and a discipline that gives shape to our day.

One of my current concerns is that there are a number of students who are turning up late.

Our computer records show that Kildare Campus students have about 7% of students late, Presentation Campus has 4% late and St Paul's Campus about 3% late.

I have noticed that those who live further away are more likely to be on time than those who live closer. The buses are punctual and there is usually no problem with students who travel by bus. What we have is usually stragglers dawdling along the street and a few parent-driven cars rushing in at the last minute, which usually results in the student being late.

I don't mean to be unsympathetic to the task of getting young people moving in the morning, but I do need to remind you that students must be in homeroom, (not at the front gate) **by 8.50 AM**

Br Julian Casey
Principal

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

A warm welcome to our new families and welcome back to our "old" families. The

following is a helpful list of "who's who" on the campus:

Co-ordinators:

Yr 7: **Mr Mark Defazio, Mrs Olivia Barrett**

Yr 8: **Ms Eva Amezquita, Mr Michael Archipow**

Yr 9: **Ms Maria Doganeri, Mr Mark Warnock**

Assistant Head of Campus (Welfare) Mr Chris Roga

Assistant Head of Campus (Organisation) Mr Alby Van Berkel

We also welcome to the campus **Ms Anje Kruseff, Mr David Harslett** and **Mr Kevin Allen** who have joined our teaching staff.

Students with positions of responsibility on the campus are:

Campus Leaders:

Captains - **Chloe Poole, Kosta Pizzi**

Vice Captains - **Phoebe Trinidad, Kyle Grass**

House Captains

Delany:

captains **Tim Bellerby, Laura Fleming,**
vice captains **Jack Jacobson, Emily Haesler**

Nagle:

captains **Tara Bedford, Jarrod Beddard,**
vice captains **Emily Pickering, Jordan Bourke**

Champagnat:

captains **Kati Eastgate, Daniel Hutchison**
vice captains **Allison Petrou, Luke Caulfield**

MacKillop:

captains **Kristy DePelligrini, Thomas Dalton**
vice captains **Courtney Moulden, Tom Harlow**

Year 7

I am pleased to report that we had a delightful start to Year 7. By 9:00am on the first day, all students were in class and the year was underway. This is a great sign as it tells us these children have been well prepared by their families and schools for secondary school.

Sandy Francois, our counsellor, has begun the **Protective Behaviours Program** with individual Yr 7 classes. This is designed to help students keep themselves safe in difficult situations and also gives them an opportunity to meet and interact with Sandy in a group.

This week **Orientation Camps** were held at Wilson's Promontory. Next week 7.5 – 7.8 will have their turns at camp.

Caritas- Project Compassion

On Tuesday February 8th we attended the Diocesan launch of Project Compassion at the Presentation Campus. St Paul's Campus was represented by: Chloe Poole, Kosta Pizza, Phoebe Trinidad, Kyle Grass, Jordan Byrne, Gemma Wilson, Kevin Dennehy, Megan Clarke, Tenille Bazzinotti, Isabella Nocera and Jessica Skinner.

Year 8

A reminder to all families that this year the Yr 8 students will be attending a camp in Melbourne during term 3. It is our expectation that all students will attend this camp as it will have many connections with the Yr 8 curriculum.

Years 8 and 9 Parent Information Nights

Thanks to all the parents and staff who made these nights so successful. They provided a great opportunity to meet your child's homeroom teacher and to catch up with other parents. The Co-ordinators were able to give some valuable information about the year ahead.

Swimming Carnival

This will be held on **Monday, February 28th**. Please ensure that all student return permission forms before that date. Also ensure your child has sunscreen, hat, suitable clothing and sufficient water to bring on the day.

"Do more than you're supposed to do and you can have or be or do anything you want" ... Bill Sands

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Welcome to the 2005 school year. The start to 2005 has been a positive, busy and a hassle free one.

With 161 students and 20 staff we are ready to tackle the demands of the curriculum and

extra curricula activities with confidence and enthusiasm.

Last week was a busy one:-

- Year 8 Activity Days were held - Canoeing on Lake Narracan.
- Year 7's participated in the Protective Behaviour Program.

- Year 9 attended the Buddies Training Day.
- The launch of Project Compassion was held.
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy introduced the campus to the beginning of Lent.
- The annual Swimming Carnival was held at the Moe Pool.

My thanks to all staff and students who worked hard to make all of the above events a great success.

Next **Wednesday, 23rd February** all parents are invited to an **Open Evening**. This will be an opportunity to meet with all staff and meet other parents. The evening will start at 7.30pm and conclude at 9.00pm. Tea and Coffee will be served.

Planners - The Planner is one avenue of communication between staff and parent.

Please assist us with the regular checking of this book. All students are asked to carry the Planner at all times.

Locks on Lockers are essential. We would appreciate all students having a lock by the end of next week.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus*

KILDARE CAMPUS

Commencement of the year:

The campus enjoyed a very good start to the year. After returning from the Christmas break, the return to classes was smooth, orderly and without fuss. I am very grateful to the entire staff for the pre-planning that went into the last days of last year and to the co-operation of the students upon their return.

The campus Welcoming Liturgy on the Wednesday focussed on our response to the events of Boxing Day, the plight of our sister school in Sri Lanka, our need to stand in solidarity with the people devastated by the tsunami and how we might respond to those in need in our fundraising events during the year. Student response was great.

We also welcomed back members of the "90's Club" – students who achieved an ENTER Score of 90% or better. These students spoke with the assembled student body and provided a fitting example of what can be achieved by students who apply themselves to their studies.

Year 12 Retreats:

Traditionally the Year 12 Retreats are held in the first couple of weeks of the new year. Retreats were conducted at Licola, Rawson, Forest Lodge and Phillip Island. I attended

three of the Retreat venues, and was most impressed by the level of engagement of the students. All seemed to be enjoying themselves and were gaining much out of the exercise.

I would like to thank Mr Hansen, Mr Kelly, Miss Renahan, Mrs Sonka and Mr Rijs all of whom acted as Retreat Leaders and members of the Staff and former students Naomi O'Brien and Louise English who acted as Life Group Leaders. It is this kind of generosity that makes the experience all the more worthwhile, as students see the sacrifice that teachers and other staff make.

Uniform and personal Presentation:

The uniform is being worn well by the majority of students. Thursday is still 'track-suit day' where students are permitted to wear their PE Uniform. However, after the period of holiday some students have returned with coloured hair and body jewellery that is clearly outside the guidelines set by the College. Extremes of fashion are not acceptable and facial piercings are not permitted. If parents are unsure, they may contact either Mrs. Clarke or me for advice. A process has been put in place to cover applications for exemption from uniform or presentation requirements.

Kildare Campus (contd....)

Campus Swimming Carnival:

On Tuesday, March 1, we will be holding the annual Campus Swimming Carnival. I would ask parents not to arrange for dental, medical, other appointments or personal and family arrangements on that day. We are encouraging all students to attend and to

dress in House colours. It is a day of fun, a chance for the good swimmers to showcase their talent, an opportunity to generate some House and school spirit and provide a venue for selecting the College swimming team.

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

EDUCATION FORUM FOR PARENTS

An invitation is extended to all parents of students attending Lavalla Catholic College to our first meeting for 2005. We would particularly encourage any new parents to come along. Everyone most welcome!

Meeting: Monday 21st February
Venue : St Paul's Campus Resource Centre (Library)
Time : 7.30pm till around 9.00pm

*Norma Bellerby, Chairperson
51341677 BH or 51221908 AH*

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 21 Feb	G Edebohls, J Hartley	C Dougan, help required
Tue 22 Feb		I Gregson, help required
Wed 23 Feb	R Crowle	S Eccles, M Fievez
Thu 24 Feb	C Barry, M Johnston	M Whitty, N Ellis
Fri 25 Feb	S Brady, N Ellis	P Johnston, L Weckmann

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH - ANNUAL DUCK DIVE



Sunday 6 March
Traralgon Pool

Gates open at 11.30am - First Dive for Ducks at 12.00pm
\$25 per family or \$15 single (includes Spit Roast, BBQ lunch)

Tickets available after Sunday Masses

BYO Drinks, seats, shade etc

See next week's newsletter for details regarding St Gabriel's School
25th Anniversary Celebrations

Catholic Development Fund

On-line (Internet Banking) is coming!

For further information call the fund's friendly staff on 5144 4311