



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

31 March 2006

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome to the last few weeks of term 1 and weren't we blessed with glorious weather over the two-week break? It made for a perfect setting for the Commonwealth Games and I trust you enjoyed the excitement of it all.

In this newsletter all Heads of Campus speak of the importance of attending **the parent-teacher interviews** that will be held before the Easter break. With them, I encourage you to avail yourself of this opportunity, whether a teacher has requested an interview or not for two reasons. Firstly, it is supportive of your child/children's education process and secondly, it strengthens our partnership in that education. Research continues to show that parental involvement is a major contributing factor to a child's academic success in school.

On all three campuses the College is offering parents an interesting initiative this term. On Wednesday 12th April between 4.30-7.00pm, **workshops** are being offered designed to inform parents about **the latest teaching trends in** such areas as **Mathematics and English**. Samples of students' work and resources will also be available and it is a good time to gain an insight into the ways your daughters and sons are being instructed and for the later years what options are available to them as they begin to make career decisions. I look forward to seeing you at these workshops and further details will be sent home in the days to come.

Congratulations are extended to **Sarah Metlikovec** (Yr 9), **Nathan Gilchrist** (Yr 11) and **John Kay** (Yr 9) who have been selected to represent the Latrobe Valley in Taizhou, China in May for a table tennis competition. What an exciting opportunity and we wish them all the very best. We are also proud of two Year 12 Drama students who are performing in the **Top Class Drama Concerts** in April. Congratulations are extended to **Anthony Di Donato** and **Bridie Tomkins** from the 2005 cohort and to their teacher **Ms Eloisa Tripodi**.

We are in the last stages of Lent in preparation for our Easter season. The College will hold **Easter Liturgies** on all three campuses over Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th April. As parents you are always most welcome to attend and we extend to you a warm invitation. Your sons and/or daughters will be able to provide you with the details.

We welcome to the College community and the Kildare Campus, **Mr Antony Joseph** (Biology and Science) and **Mr Peter Collins** (Mathematics). We hope their stay with us is both professionally rewarding and fruitful.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

2006 Celebrating 50 Years of Marist Education

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Welcome back to term 1, part 2. It trust that families were able to share in the 'Aussie' pride displayed at the recent Commonwealth Games. We also keep the Aussies of North Queensland in our prayers as they try to salvage their lives in the wake of Cyclone Larry.

Interim Reports

We really are at the business end of the term with staff and students all focusing to complete work requirements and reports. Parents and students are invited to attend interviews on Wednesday 12th April. **We encourage ALL parents and students** to attend; to speak to the subject teachers, and to share reflections on the term so far, plan for future development and to view samples of work.

Congratulations

- **Fern Estcourt** has been invited by Netball Victoria to attend the 2006 Victorian Secondary Schools' Sports Association (VSSSA) 15 and under schoolgirls selections.
- Latrobe Valley Junior Clay Target championships results: Congratulations to **Jami Heal, Nicholas Sartori, Matthew Stokes, Bobby Jacobsen** who

were all placed in the top three in their events. Other participants on the day were Lachlan McDougall, Jarrod Lancaster, Wayne Swan and Leigh Stokes.

- **Brayden Dunne** has been awarded a full scholarship with the Victorian Institute of Sport Soccer Program. The scholarship aims to support him in developing an integrated plan to further his education, career and sporting goals.

Project Compassion

The campus will be making an effort to complete fund raising by Holy Thursday. Your contributions will really help support this cause. Naturally we would like to help those in Queensland who have been recently battered by Cyclone Larry. We will begin fund raising for this during term two.

"The big challenge is to become all that you have the possibility of becoming. You cannot believe what it does to the human spirit to maximize your human potential and stretch yourself to the limit.--Jim Rohn

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

PARENTS SUPPORT AUXILIARY

The secondhand Uniform Shop will next be opened on Thursday 20th April between 3.30 and 4.30pm, St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

The **Parent Support Group AGM** is to be held on Tuesday 4th April at 7.00pm in the Circulation Area. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We are looking for additional members for 2006.

Parents and Friends are also conducting the annual **Easter raffle** and tickets are being sent home with the eldest child on this Campus. The Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 13th April.

My thanks and appreciation to all parents, staff and students who attended the **Year 7**

Information Evening held on the 8th of March. Approximately 60 people enjoyed the showing of ideas and information.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 12th April** from 4.00pm and concluding at 7.30pm. We would encourage all parents to attend, to meet with teachers and discuss your son or daughter's progress. Appointment sheets will be available next week. Interview times will be limited to 8 minutes.

Left off the list of Year 9 SRC Representatives published in the last newsletter was **Hayley Rek**. Congratulations to Hayley.

Brendan Caffrey competed in the **State Multi** events at Newborough held on Sunday 12th March. He was placed 14th overall in the under 14 boys, after winning his 800 metre event. Congratulations to Brendan.

Parish Masses for Years 8 and 9 will be held in the lead up to Easter. Year 8's will attend

the 9.15am Mass at St Kieran's on Wednesday 5th April and Year 9's will attend the 9.30am Mass at St Mary's on Wednesday 12th April.

Easter Liturgy will be held for this campus on Thursday 13th April, during lesson 3.

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts

Mr. Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

YOUNG TEENS
from Moe and Newborough Combined parishes

are welcome to get together for an

EASTER THEME NIGHT

Sunday 2 April between 7 and 9pm
St Kieran's Hall, Moe
\$2 cover charge - Light Supper provided
Parental sign in/sign out

KILDARE CAMPUS

Back to Business:

Welcome back to the few short weeks before the Easter period. For us at the College, this marks the end of Term I and as a result Interim Reports will be issued to students on Friday, April 7 and Parent and Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, April 12, from 4.00 pm – 7.30 pm. Information for Years 11 and 12 will be mailed out this year as there are some information workshops to which we would like to invite interested parents. Parents of Year 10 students can contact the Campus Office to make arrangements to speak with the teachers.

Uniform Preparations:

I would like to remind parents that in the two weeks after Easter there will be a changeover period to full College Winter Uniform. I will remind you all again as the time draws closer. It is timely, therefore to check for ties, tights, kilts, shirts and trousers and also to

remind parents that blazers are a compulsory part of the College uniform for students on the Kildare Campus. Students who need to purchase a blazer would need to do so immediately in order to be ready for the changeover.

In the main, nonetheless, I am very pleased with the way students have responded to the efforts we are all making to ensure that the uniform is well worn and that students are well presented.

Student Leaders:

At the College Commissioning Mass badges for student Leaders were blessed. The following students have accepted positions of leadership for House Captain and Vice-Captain, membership of the Student Representative Council and the Cross-Age Tutors. For this we congratulate them.

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The young people we recognised at the Assembly on the last Thursday of term are people who understand the challenge of leadership, who have a generosity of spirit, who share a willingness to stand up and be counted, because they share the common

view that their position is one of privilege and one of service to the community. They each received their badges as symbols of our recognition of their position and as symbols of their authority.

House Captain	Champagnat David Edelbohls Megan Ferguson	Delany Noelene Demetrios Sean Roberts	MacKillop Gizelle Laming Shannon Grass	Nagle Alex Leckey Marie Scholtes
V-Capt	Wanda Lelito Brodie Platt	Kira Hodge Jeremy Waanders	Ashley Estcourt Chloe Morrison	Vincent O'Mara Luke Barret
SRC	Caitlin Buckley Siobhan Clarke Nicole Laidlaw Danielle Davenport Wanda Lelito Stephanie Sola	Sean Roberts Andrew Charalambous	Gizelle Laming Jennifer Taylor Christina Chandra Kimberley Bramstedt Emma Dunne	Marie Scholtes
Cross Age Tutors	Dale Mitchell Megan Ferguson Caitlin Buckley	Jordan Breed Sean Roberts Andrew Charalambous	Ashley Dalton Cameron Cook	Nathan Mackie Michelle Pearse Michael O'Brien

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

EDUCATION FORUM PARENTS MEETING

Our **next meeting** will be on **Monday 10th April**. We will be putting together some ideas and collecting memorabilia from past school magazines for the **50th Celebration of Marist Education in Traralgon**. Celebrations will be marked in October. Any help would be greatly appreciated as we start wading our way through and marking pages of photos and information that can be used. It would be great to have some parents who were past students involved in this project.

We will be meeting at 7.30pm at **Kildare Campus** using the **Principal's Conference Room** (please note change of usual venue). This is the door to the right of the office entrance.

Norma Bellerby (Chairperson) 51341677 BH

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 3 April	L Stockdale, T Roberts	B McNulty, L Barrett
Tue 4 April	C Asbock, K Licciardi	G Breed, M Byl
Wed 5 April	B Koedijk, H Stoddart	T Sloan, S Hillier
Thu 6 April	V Sammut, K Clarke	H Symons, (help required)
Fri 7 April	C Bruzzese, E Panayiotou	A Fogarty, A Prezioso

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