



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

4 March 2005

Dear Parents,

Commissioning Mass 2005

At the end of 2004 a number of students finished their schooling with us. Many had completed their VCE or VCAL, a number began further training or entered the workplace. For 2005, nearly 300 new students have arrived to replace them. As well, there are some new staff members. In a very real way, the College passes from one generation to the next.

Hence it is important that the expression of our ideals and our sense of community takes our traditional form of gathering together, celebrating a Eucharist and commissioning our new leaders. On Thursday we came together as one College of some 1460 students, with a teaching and non-teaching staff of 180 and with a number of parents and parishioners. Through this gathering, we promote the sense of community to sustain one another in our tasks and to help one another reach their goals. When we all work together, the College can adapt to changing circumstances, can confront new situations and can move dynamically into the future.

Community is not just a collection of individuals within a boundary. There has to be something that binds them together. Otherwise what has been built up over the years can collapse. People can get out of touch or start operating at cross-purposes. Hence we clarify and promote our values and our goals

- In an age of independence we make room for God in our lives according to the way Jesus teaches us.
- In an age of concern over public morality, we identify the values, the beliefs and the meanings, which hold our community together.
- In an age of self-gratification, self-centredness and individualism we work towards giving our students the incentive to our love generously, to put others first, and to look on all situations with a compassionate heart.
- In an age in which hope struggles with despair, we stand by those young people caught up in turmoil and do what we can to bring meaning and purpose to their lives.

Br Julian Casey

Principal

BUS PASSES

Lavalla College bus information has now been added to student swipe cards. **As of Monday March 14 student swipe cards will be the only accepted form of school bus access.** The swipe card has the student's photo and their allocated bus. Any swipe cards that are not currently accurate need to be updated as soon as possible at the Library on either campus.

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Swimming Carnival

We were delighted to have such beautiful weather for our carnival. MacKillop House triumphed at the swimming carnival with Delany coming a very close second. Congratulations to all the students of MacKillop, the support from this house for their swimmers was wonderful. **1st MacKillop 609 , 2nd Delany 604, 3rd Nagle 489, 4th Champagnat 413.**

Thanks to Nikki Heenan and her team for a well organised carnival. A special vote of thanks to Mr Arek Waloszek and his helpers for their terrific effort with the BBQ.

Winners of the various age group were:

U/13 Female Jade Shepley
U/13 Male Mitchell Ogden
U/14 Female Hannah Ypelaan
U/14 Male Steven Kearns
U/15 Female Danielle Kenney
U/15 Male Scott Gurney
U/16 Female Brianna Walden
U/16 Male Tom Harlow

It was pleasing to see students being sun smart, wearing hats and re-applying sun screen.

Thursday saw us welcome students from Presentation and Kildare Campuses to our College **Commissioning Mass**. Thanks to all

the students who took roles in the mass and to all the students who participated so well. We were particularly proud to see our Campus Leaders: **Costa Pizzi, Chloe Poole, Phoebe Trinidad and Kyle Grass** receive their badges.

Protective Behaviours

This week saw the last of these sessions with 7.4 and 7.5. Ms. Sandy Francois has spent a total of 8 days with Yr 7 classes on this campus, raising and discussing various issues. This is very valuable work as it helps our young people look after themselves and each other. We are most appreciative of Sandy's efforts with this.

Parent Information Nights

Thanks to all the parents who have attended our evenings. It certainly helps communication between school and home when homeroom teachers, co-ordinators and parents have met. Hopefully this has set the groundwork for the Parent-Teacher interviews so that there can be meaningful discussion about your child's progress.

"The three hardest tasks in the world are neither physical feats nor intellectual achievements, but moral acts: to return love for hate, to include the excluded, and to say, "I was wrong". ...Sydney Harris

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

The '**Open Evening**' for parents held last Wednesday was well attended. The majority of parents had children in Year 7. The evening was both relaxed and informative giving both staff and parents an opportunity to meet. My thanks to those who attended and to the Parent Support Group for providing supper.

The **Year 7 Camp** is to be held next week at Wilson's Promontory. It will be an excellent opportunity for all students to share their experiences of the past 6 weeks and get to

know others through the sharing of a variety of outdoor education activities. All permission forms need to be returned by Tuesday 8th of March.

The Parent Support Group is conducting an **Easter Raffle** in the coming weeks. Tickets will be sent home with each student along with a letter outlining the support and assistance planned by the PSG in 2005.

The **AGM** for the **Parent Support Group** is **Tuesday 15th March at 7.30pm**

Last week Sotee Loy from **CARITAS** spoke to all students on the plight of the marginalised in Cambodia. Students listened very attentively and responded in a compassionate manner. The ‘Spare Change’ day held on Friday to raise money for projects in Cambodia was very successful.

Students have raised a total of \$150 so far.
(Mrs Fredrickson, Class Teacher)

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O’Brien
HEAD OF CAMPUS

KILDARE CAMPUS

Campus Swimming Carnival:

We hosted the annual Campus Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. The weather was hot but adequate shade was provided and there was plenty of 30+ SPF Sunscreen available. Most pleasing of all, however, was the excellent response by the students. There was the highest level of participation on the day that I can recall for a number of years.

Further, students enjoyed the day immensely, House and School spirit flourished, the very good swimmers had a chance to compete against each other and a College Swimming Team is beginning to take shape.

Final Results: Champagnat 1st, MacKillop 2nd, Nagle 3rd and Delany 4th.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

March Calendar Dates

Wednesday 9	Regional Tennis – Traralgon Year 7 (Presentation) Camp commences – Wilson’s Prom.
Monday 14	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 15	Year 10 Work Experience period commences First Year 11 Retreat commences
Thursday 17	Enhancement Music Workshop Uniform Shop open 3.30 – 4.30pm, St Paul’s Campus Second Year 11 Retreat commences
Monday 21	Third Year 11 Retreat commences
Wednesday 23	Fourth Year 11 Retreat commences
Thursday 24	Tennis Championship, Melbourne Year 10 Work Experience period concludes
Friday 25	Good Friday
Monday 28	Easter Monday
Tuesday 29	Diocesan Religious Education In-service Pupil Free Day
Thursday 31	Parent Teacher Interviews: 4.00 – 8.00pm

PARENTING ADOLESCENTS PROGRAM

Sessions will be conducted at Morwell Neighbourhood House at
17 Simons Crescent, Morwell on
Thursdays 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March
between 9.30am and 12.00pm.

Topics covered include: factors that influence how we parent, parenting styles, principles of good parenting, parenting traps, values, building relationships, managing misbehaviour, limit setting, self esteem and communication.

For further information and registration please contact Ray Leys at
Parentzone on 5133 9998.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 7 March	M Crawford, B McNulty	L Barrett, J Rowe
Tue 8 March	S Garrett, T Pledge	P Radovich, M Northover
Wed 9 March	B Koedijk, J Bell	S Hillier, T Sloan
Thu 10 March	D Buckley	M Wojciechowski, A Scully
Fri 11 March	M Byl, M Lafferty, L Mills	A Prezioso, A Fogarty

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

Appointments for free Dental Care is currently available to:

- Students in years 9, 10, 11 and 12 who have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card (or who are listed on parent's card)
- School leavers under 18 years of age with a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card

What type of treatment is available?

- Dental checkups and advice
- Dental sealants
- Cleaning
- Fillings
- Emergency appointments

Where to go for treatment? – Latrobe Community Health Service – Dental Clinic
phone 5127 9181 to make an appointment.

Postal address PO Box 1080 Traralgon 3844	Marcellin House Admin Coster Circle Traralgon Ph 5174 5272	Kildare Campus Kosciuszko St Traralgon Ph 5174 8111	Presentation Campus John Field Drive Newborough Ph 5127 1311	St Paul's Campus Grey St Traralgon Ph 5174 7355
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