



# NEWSLETTER

## Lavalla Catholic College

24 August 2007

### From the Principal

Dear parents and students

By now you would be aware that the Arts building on the St Paul's campus was deliberately set alight during the early hours of Saturday morning 11 August. As a community we were shocked, saddened and disappointed that two youths would want to destroy our property and the work of our students and teachers. We have been appreciative of the tremendous community support and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the financial and moral support offered by the Catholic Education Office in Warragul and particularly of their generous donation to purchase emergency supplies. We are in the process of securing some bi-locatables for the temporary accommodation of the Art and Graphic rooms. Thank you for being co-operative as we worked to make arrangements after this dreadful incident.

The fire at St Paul's did not dampen our spirit for our *Careers Exposition* held annually to assist students in their subject selection for the following year. The staff were very generous in offering a number of Information Nights in the lead up to Expo so that parents and students could be well informed about the possibilities open to them. The day itself was hugely successful and to ensure our 2008 planning can begin, I urge students to meet the subject selection deadlines. Thanks and appreciation are extended to all those involved, at all the various levels, in the massive organisation of such a worthwhile event. Particular thanks go to Mr Marco DiCesare and Mrs Rita Nainie as leaders in this overall process.

The Parents and Friends have organised a very informative evening on harm minimisation strategies, called *Get Wise Not Wasted*. This will be held on Monday 3rd September at 7pm at the St Paul's Lecture Theatre. Chris Little from Latrobe Community Health Services is running this workshop for parents only. I would encourage you to make the most of this important initiative and to take a few minutes to read the flyer that accompanies this newsletter.

We extend our sympathies to Ms Janice Stiglich on the sudden and unexpected death of her father late last week, to Ms Jo Lyons on the recent passing of her grandfather and to Ms Liza D'Aloia who is grieving the loss of some close relatives. We keep these three teachers and their families in our prayers.

We congratulate Matthew Harris and his wife Andrea on the birth of a beautiful baby boy Elijah. Our College has maintained its excellent reputation in the Bands Festival held at Monash University each year defeating once again far more exclusive private schools. A *Silver Shield* is an outstanding achievement and you might recall that last year we won the Gold shield. Congratulations to Matt Harris for his commitment and work with the Senior Wind Ensemble and to our superb musicians.

Today is my last at work for a while, as I leave to attend the Marist International Assembly on Mission in Mendes, Brazil. As you are aware I have been involved in this committee for four years now and I look forward to the realisation of this conference. I will be back on the first day of Term 4 and *Mrs Rita Nainie* will be acting Principal from Monday 27th August.

*Ms Erica Pegorer*  
Principal

# KILDARE - CAREERS EXPO



There is a buzz on the campus after all of our activities last week. I would like to thank all of our students and parents who attended our two Information sessions. Our current Year 9 and 10 students heard from a variety of staff and students about what the future at Lavalla Catholic College will hold for them. We were grateful for the way parents and students entered into the evening and judging by the level and complexity of questions I know that the next few years will be fruitful for our students.



On Friday we celebrated a successful day that saw a large amount of interaction between students, staff and parents. I was impressed with the displays that our staff prepared for their subject areas – it highlighted the expertise and passion that our staff have for their subject areas.



We had many outside providers present who complimented us on the day. They were keen to express their gratitude for the way our students entered into the day. The Army Reserve put on a great demonstration and I am sure there were a few keen students in the audience.

The day was a great success and I thank all of our staff and student volunteers who gave of their time. A day like this cannot happen without the commitment of all staff. In particular I would like to highlight three staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that the event was a learning experience for all – Mrs Tina Sonka, Mrs Annemarie Clarke and Mr Steve Erdely. These three staff took many risks in changing the format of the day and I am sure you will agree that this new fresh approach was appreciated by all.

*Mr Marco Di Cesare  
Campus Director*

## Presentation Campus

We are now at the half way point of the Term 3.

### 2008 – Re-enrolment

The focus on all Campuses will be re-enrolment and subject selection over the next few weeks. Both Information Evenings at Kildare were very well attended and approximately half of our Year 9's attended with their parents. Expo on Friday gave all Year 9 students the opportunity to explore subject choices for 2008 and future pathways for VCE, VCAL or VET.

Year 8 & 9 re-enrolment forms are due by **Monday 27th August**.

### Krystal Petkovic

Congratulations to Krystal on receiving the Champagnat Medal on the 10th August. Krystal can be proud of her achievement.

### Photo Fundraiser

The Parent Support Group has included a Family Portrait Fundraiser brochure. This is attached to the newsletter. Please consider this offer and photo opportunity. Your friends are most welcome to utilise.

### Year 8 Camps

The Year 8 camps for this Campus are now completed. My thanks to Miss Bianconi, Mr. Flahavin, Mrs. Fredrickson and Mr. Schneider for their efforts on the camps.

*How the past fortnight has flown for those students and teachers who participated in the Year 8 camp. No sooner had everyone caught the train on Wednesday than they were arriving at Southern Cross Station and walking to the Kingsgate Hotel at 11:30 am. After settling in at the hotel, students were ready to visit the various places around Melbourne. These included the Melbourne Aquarium, the Environmental Resource Centre (CERES) in Brunswick, the MCG, Rialto Tower Observation Deck, IMAX and St Francis' Church.*

*The talk by Fr Ken Bowland at St Francis was voted by the students as the best presentation for the camp. The students were enthralled with his stories about the construction of the Church and the various people who had frequented the Church since it was built in 1837. He told the stories of Blessed Mary MacKillop and Ned Kelly's parents and detailed their interaction with St Francis' Church.*

*A special thanks to the camp organisers Mr Archipow and Ms Amezquita and the Presentation Campus teachers, Mr Schneider, Mr Flahavin, Mrs Fredrickson and Ms Bianconi for volunteering to share their time with the students at camp.*

*Compiled by: Mr Flahavin*

Yours in the spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts

**Mr Chris O'Brien**  
Campus Director

## St Paul's Campus

Flashing lights, fire trucks and police cars on Grubb Avenue and the ruins of the Chisholm Centre greeted me at 2.30am on 11 August. The CFA and the Police did their jobs professionally. Our immediate task was to cope with the loss of the Art Centre and inform staff, students and the community. Next, we had to find three classrooms for Art and make adjustments to the timetable.

There is an obvious sense of loss. Art teachers lost over 20 years of work and resources; students lost art work and portfolios. We have to rebuild the Art department from scratch. Why this reckless and senseless destruction? We have no answers. However, the staff, students and community have rallied around compassionately. Currently, two portables and a Science Room have been converted into temporary Art Classrooms. Most importantly, staff and students have gone back to normal work with a minimum of disruption and electricity and gas has been fully restored to the campus. We are now looking for portables suitable for Art in the short term. Plans for a new Art building have begun.

This adversity has served to make us aware of how resilient and generous the Lavalla Catholic College community is and how strong the connections are.

### International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to enter the ICAS competition and were awarded Distinctions which puts them in the top 5-10% of the State:

#### English

**Year 7** - Keely Hourigan, Jaimi Turnbull, Jessica Wall.

**Year 8** - Bridie Ford, Laura Orchard, Mitchell Turnbull, Rhys McDonald

**Year 9** - Eliza Hartley, Stacey Hammer, Alyson Stark  
Special congratulations go to Joey Black for scoring in the top 2% in the state.

#### Mathematics

**Year 7** - Jake Ainsworth, Alex Bermingham, Amy Dennehy, Claire Holt, Kane Lewthwaite, Ethan McCormick, Kristina Psinas, Mikaela Ryan, Sam Stoddart, Nick Wilson

**Year 8** - Nicole Bentley, Jacinta Bogan, Paige Collett, Billy Duncan, Daniel Whitty

**Year 9** - Steven Kearns, Sam Hart, Ryan Hosken, Cameron Pattle, Alyson Stark, Brooke Ward

#### Science

**Year 7** - Steven Reynolds, Ryan Ward

**Year 8** - Zac Gray

**Year 9** - Michael Frescura and Michael Dennehy

A special congratulations to Ji Eccles, Year 7 who received a High Distinction for Mathematics. Ji is in the top 1% of the State.

**EXPO**

The annual EXPO of Lavalla Catholic College was held at the Kildare Campus on 17 August. There was a good buzz to the day. We were pleased to see a number of Year 8 and Year 9 students and their parents attend. The displays demonstrated the variety of subject choices and career pathways. There was something for each person. The Year 8 students had planned activities, including subject choices and a tour of EXPO, while the Year 9 students were freer to explore the subject areas and the career providers. That the EXPO was a success was due to the hard work by the staff at Kildare, Presentation and St. Paul's Campuses.

**Jet Ski Champion**



Congratulations to Joel Barry (Year 8) who won the Australian Jetski (12-15 age) competition at Gold Coast. Joel competes in the World Championships at Lake Havasu, Arizona in October.

**Family Life**

The Family Life Program will commence on Monday 27 August at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. All parents are invited to attend. Sue Collis, CEO Warragul is the presenter for the evening.

**Cross Country - 14 August**

GCSSSA results held at Nagle College, Bairnsdale.

Yr 7/8 Girls	Alanah French	5th
Yr 7/8 Boys	Rhys McDonald	2nd
Yr 9/10 Girls	Courtney French	5th
Yr 9/10 Boys	Tim Northe	2nd
	Jacob Blair	3rd
Yr 11/12 Boys	Troy Love	2nd
	Matthieu Montazeau	5th
	Jarryd Beddard	5th

Congratulations to all these students!

**Year 7 Science Fair**

Year 7 Science students have been working hard on their Science Fair assignments. Now it is time to show them off! Grade 5 and 6 students from surrounding schools will be visiting the Science Fair exhibition in the Champagnat Centre. They will also be participating in other fun activities on the day. Parents are invited to come along anytime on Thursday 30 August. The display will be open from 9.00am-3.30pm.

*Mr Chris Roga  
Campus Director*

**NIGHT TIME UNIFORM SHOP**

A night time uniform shop will be available  
Tuesday 9th October - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

**Forthcoming Events**

**TERM 3**

**AUGUST**

- 27 Aug Family Life for Parents [SP] (7.30-9.30pm)
- 27-31 Aug Science Week [SP]
- 28-29 Aug Year 9 Family Life [SP]
- 28-31 Aug Year 11 Retreat [K]
- 29-31 Aug Year 8.6 Camp [SP]
- 29 Aug Year 7 Reconciliation [P]
- 30 Aug Science Fair - Grade 5 & 6 [SP] (9am-3.30pm)

**SEPTEMBER**

- 3 Sept 'Get Wise not Wasted' (P&F Parent Info Night)
- 6 Sept Year 12 Motivational Speaker
- 11 Sept Annual Music Concert
- 13 Sept MacKillop Day
- 14 Sept Reports Distributed
- 17 Sept Year 12 Music Solo Recital Night
- 20 Sept Parent / Teacher Interviews (4.00-7.30pm)
- 21 Sept **Final Day Term 3**

**Breakfast Club @ Kildare**

Every Wednesday from 7.45am-8.45am  
Held in the Food Technology room  
All Welcome!!

*Enquiries contact: Mike Hansen*

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**ST PAUL'S CAMPUS**

- Mon 27 Aug R. Gillow, (help required)
- Tue 28 Aug C. Morgan, K. Licciardi
- Wed 29 Aug S. Fisher, T. Grunwald
- Thu 30 Aug A. Mooney, (help Required)
- Fri 31 Aug F. Webb, (help required)

- Mon 3 Sept W. Heiser, (help required)
- Tue 4 Sept J. Campbell, (help required)
- Wed 5 Sept T. Thornton, (help required)
- Thu 6 Sept Help required x 2
- Fri 7 Sept M. Holt, L. Zalesiak

**KILDARE CAMPUS**

- Mon 27 Aug D. Webb, B. McNulty
- Tue 28 Aug A. Dorrington, (help required)
- Wed 29 Aug A. Scully, (help required)
- Thu 30 Aug M. Wojciechowski, (help required)
- Fri 31 Aug M. Byl, (help required)

- Mon 3 Sept C. Jackiw, J. Adams
- Tue 4 Sept G. Breed, (help required)
- Wed 5 Sept L. Lloyd, (help required)
- Thu 6 Sept V. Sammut, (help required)
- Fri 7 Sept A. Fogarty, (help required)

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