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Prayer

Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent.

We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert.

Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin.

Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace.

Make us realise ever more our need of penance and of mortification.

Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream,

of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realise that You are never outdone in generosity, and

that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed

down, shaken together, and flowing over.

Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and

the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was

expected of it from the beginning. Amen.

From the Principal

I am delighted to inform you that after a period of sick leave, we expect our principal, Ms Erica Pegorer to return to her role from the 4th of March. This means that she will be at our Commissioning Mass on March 5th and will be able to induct our 2013 College leaders and our new Kildare Campus Director, Mr Doug Doherty.

Recent hot weather has made us grateful for the decision to move towards climate control across the College. While I appreciate that some classrooms are still uncomfortably hot, as time and budget allows these rooms will all eventually be made cooler by the installation of some appropriate devices. In the meantime, teachers are making things more comfortable by encouraging students to bring water bottles to class, arranging appropriate activities for the heat or booking alternative venues.

Kildare Swimming carnival

It was pleasing to note the effort made by students to dress in house colours and support their teams at the pool. While the day was very hot, fortunately Traralgon pool had ample shade and staff and students made a big effort to slip, slop, slap and slide. It speaks strongly of our community that students are so supportive of each other and keen to participate in an event like this. My thanks to the staff and students who arranged this great day.

St Paul's Welcome night

It was great to see families at the St Paul's evening. As always these occasions give us an opportunity to meet new families and to renew acquaintances with existing families.

Yr 11 & 12 Information Nights

Parents of senior students will have an opportunity to meet with Kildare staff and gain further insight into senior study on Monday 25th. We encourage all parents to attend, as a show of support for the College but most importantly, to support and encourage their children.

While I am always pleased to meet our parents, I am delighted to meet former students who have now made the decision to send their son or daughter to Lavalla Catholic College. It reminds me that we have much to be proud of in our school and that former students value the education they received here and want the same for their children.

ICT

We are still experiencing some issues in this area and our ICT team have been working diligently with suppliers and engineers to rectify these problems. While these issues are frustrating, there are efforts being made to alleviate the problems. I thank the team for their dedication to ensuring that the system functions effectively.

Bus Issues

Whilst we have put arrangements in place to alleviate the Moe Newborough congestion, we are still in negotiations with the Bus lines and transport authorities to come to a more workable solution.

In the Champagnat Way

Members of staff from Marist Sion, Sale Catholic College and Lavalla Catholic College recently gathered to share a Marist formation experience. All three schools are part of Marist Schools Australia. Br Mark Paul and Mr Paul Herrick took the group through a session on the history of Marist education and an understanding of the Marist Charism. I am deeply appreciative of these people giving up their Friday evening to learn more about the founder, Fr Marcellin Champagnat and how his vision impacts on our work today.

Condolences

The College community was saddened to learn of the recent tragic death of past student Duncan Orr, husband of Anna and son of Helen and Ray. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Duncan's family and friends.

May the Lord hold you tenderly in the palm of his hand,

Ms Lee McKenzie
Acting Principal

"May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart of wonder."

— John O'Donohue, *Eternal Echoes: Celtic Reflections on Our Yearning to Belong*

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Mr Phillip Schipp and his Year 8 students for watering the many new shrubs on the east and west boundaries of the St Paul's Campus on Friday, 8th February.

Without their help many of these new hedge plants would perish in this very dry Summer.

*Many thanks again,
Peter the Gardener*





St Paul's Campus Update

Mr Andrew Martin - Campus Director

The beginning of a school year is always a time of high activity as schools set the tone for the journey to come. This year has been no exception, as staff, students and parents at St Paul's engaged both the signpost events and the learning and teaching program on offer.

Caritas - Project Compassion 2013: February 12th

This year St Paul's hosted the launch of this important event in the Champagnat Centre with our Bishop, Christopher Prowse, presiding and representatives from our Catholic primary and secondary schools in attendance. Bishop Prowse made some moving observations about the nature of humility and humble behaviour in his address to those present, which included Ms. Maria Kirkwood, Director of Catholic Education and Susan Grout, Diocesan Director of Caritas and Catholic Mission.

Our effort to raise funds for Project Compassion over the Lenten period is most important to the real improvement in the lives of those in need in our world. At St Paul's, every class of students has initiated ideas which will allow them to maximise their fundraising efforts.

Parent Information evening: February 12th

Our Information evening for 2013 at St Paul's was attended by several hundred parents who were briefed as a group on the direction of the campus in terms of our charism, curriculum development pathways and our pastoral program. Part two of the evening was focused around Year Level meetings providing a more specific focus for parents. The BBQ, 'meet and greet' following these presentations was well patronised and it was a pleasure to converse with you in an informal atmosphere. Thank you to all those who attended on the evening.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy: February 13th

St Paul's celebrated this important marker in the Lenten Calendar last week. It was a wonderfully constructed liturgy, full of the symbolism and prayerfulness that moved students into the contemplative space appropriate for the occasion. I thank Mr. Christopher Roga, our newly installed leader of Ministry and Faith for his guidance of the liturgy and for his work, along with Mrs. Tamsin McCormack, to coordinate the Project Compassion Launch.

Valentines Day - Tributes fund raiser

Thank you to our Welfare and Wellbeing Leader, MS. Joanne Alford, for her inspiration in creating a fun activity to raise money for Project Compassion and celebrate the day. Students from all year levels and many staff purchased chocolates and wrote dedications to friends. Thank you to the year 7 students who assisted Ms. Alford to prepare the Heart shaped chocolates for distribution on the day. My understanding is that all of the messages were well received and a good sum

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of money was raised.

YEAR 7 - 'Get Connected' program - Tuesday, February 19th and Wednesday, February 20th

The 'Get Connected' program has been conceived in response to our thematic approach to our curriculum and pastoral journey at the college. At Year 7, where the focus is on connection to self, school, family and community, we have been able to create a two part program with the intended purpose of developing positive relationships with peers and teachers through games and team building exercises.

The presentations were designed to assist students to develop positive emotions and begin to identify various emotions. We understand that the ability of individuals to identify their mood and scaffold off of positive emotion provides a platform for them to use these positive moments TO FLOURISH.

As a positive schools initiative the pastoral care team has as its focus assisting students in lifelong strategies to live well and to develop in a healthy, vigorous way. The aim is for students to become proactive, rather than reactive, in the conduct of their relationships and attitudes to their learning.

Student drop offs and pick-ups at St Paul's

It has become apparent over the last few weeks that the front entrance to St Paul's Campus is a dangerous and congested space at the beginning and end of each day as many parents drop their children at this point. I would request that parents look at dropping their children off on the school side of Grubb St, where students can use the Champagnat entrance to St Paul's. Failing this, I would ask that the stop and pickup be performed closer to the slipway entrance from the roundabout at Grubb St where the old bus parking area is located. I will be informing students that they will be unable to congregate around the front entrance gate at the end of the day in future as this has created particular problems for staff and disabled transport vehicles to enter or exit the College.

I have also been advised that some parents are accessing the Traralgon College Bus Interchange area to pick-up children. This is an absolutely forbidden activity and parents could expect reports to authorities to be made where such activity continues.

I thank all parents for their support in this matter.



**Second Hand
Uniform Shop**

NEXT OPEN:

Thursday 21st February

3.30pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 7th March

3.30pm – 6.00pm

Shop located at:

St Paul's Campus

Payment options:

Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS

(Please note Kilts/Skirts

must be tried on. They
are not sized)

CANTEEN HELPERS

Mon 25th Feb

R.Crowle

Tue 26th Feb

Help Needed

Wed 27th Feb

W. Whelan

Thu 28th Feb

S Bridges/ M Byl

Fri 1st March

B Taylor/ M Darling

Mon 4th March

Help Needed

Tue 5th March

Help Needed

Wed 6th March

K. Licciardi

Thu 7th March

M. Johnston

Fri 8th March

S Dorling/ B Taylor



Kildare Update Mr Doug Doherty - Campus Director

ELECTION 2013:

Election fever has hit Lavalla Catholic College as well as inundating the national press. At Kildare Campus students have nominated themselves and are about to undertake a major election campaign to elect the new Student Leadership Council.

The Student Leadership within Kildare Campus has undergone some changes that will lead to the student body having a greater role with the actual and strategic organisation of the campus and the daily activities.

The areas of leadership range from Community Cohesion through to Liturgical Responsibilities and Student Mentoring.

The election itself will take place on Friday, 22nd February. In preparing our young people as model citizens, the election will be compulsory.

The winning candidates will each receive an individual personal congratulatory letter from Russell Northe MLA.

I wish all the candidates the very best of luck and the staff are so proud of their courage and commitment.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013:

Not only was the temperature very hot on Monday 18th February at the annual Kildare Swimming Carnival, but so also was the friendly competition amongst the different House Groups.

The staff and students should be very highly commended for such a wonderful event that had the heart of all within our community at the forefront. I would like to give a special word of thanks to Mrs N Schroeter, Mr D Tibballs, Miss F Morrow and Mr S Erdley for their organisation and running of the day.

Even though I am a member of Delany House, I still offer my sincere congratulations to the MacKillop House for their winning score. I am looking forward to the next event, which Delany will certainly win!

God Bless



SPORTS REPORT



SPORTS LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The 2013 Year 9 Sports Leadership Group congregated together at a leadership training day session in the Lecture Theatre last Friday, 15th February.

The session offered an interactive and applied workshop on leadership skills and competencies that will effectively assist the sports leadership group throughout the year where they will run and organise lunchtime activities for the Year 7's, plan and run house day activities and conduct other sporting activities.

The Sports Leadership Group will have the chance to develop their leadership qualities by delivering a variety of opportunities to the wider range of students in the Lavalla Catholic College community under the guidance of Ms Joyce. It is also hoped that this group will work in conjunction with other sporting staff through the Lavalla sporting teams in 2013 at all SSV events when the opportunity permits.

The Year 9 Sports Leadership Group consists of:

Champagnat - Dougal Williams, Taylah Da Ros, Nicholas Duncan, Mersina Gelagotis, Lexi Savage, Leon Luddeni, Casey Sherriff, Mason Shields and Emily Grumley.

Delany - Cameron Brinsmead, Kade Duncan, Hotak Akram, Lachlan Spiteri, Jada Maaka, Monika Harasimiuk and Stephanie Bishop.

MacKillop - Sarah Watson, Erin Roberts, Sophie Fitzpatrick, Kasey Guttridge, Carlo Herrera, Liam McCluskey, Lachlan Galea and Jessica O'Toole.

Nagle - Jack Law, Maggie McCormick, Sarah Musgrove, Brock Thompson, Riley Livingstone, Lachie Langmaid, Micky Sertori, Corey Petterson and Teagan Hinde.

FALCONS 2000 SOCCER CLUB

Junior Training has begun!

Training from 5pm-6pm Tuesday and Thursdays.

U7, U9, U11 Small Sided and we also have spots available in U12 to U16.

Falcons 2000 is a family friendly orientated Club and highly focuses on Junior Development.

Contact Melinda Smith Junior Co-ordinator on 0412 927 397.

NETBALL UMPIRING

Girls aged 14 and up

If you are interested in umpiring netball for the upcoming season for St. Michaels netball teams please contact Michelle Cameron on 0407 303 341.

KILDARE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

MacKillop house has ended Champagnat's long-standing dominance of the Lavalla Catholic College senior swimming carnival with a mighty effort in the pool to claim the Intra-School Shield for 2013.

Despite high temperatures threatening to affect the day's program of events, students managed to keep themselves out of harm's way by "slip-slop-slap" throughout the course of the day and keeping themselves hydrated with plenty of fluids.

The House Chants commenced the days schedule and it was MacKillop that got the early points on the board and from there they managed to keep racking up the points. MacKillop captured first place in two of the Life-Vest relays, Delany managed to claim first place in two of the Pass-the-Baton relays while the Boogie-Board relays were shared between Champagnat, MacKillop and Nagle. The Waterpolo was dominated by MacKillop by winning two of the age group events.

The enthusiastic participation from students and staff in all the novelty events was a great feature of the day.

Some of the standout performers where -

Jacob Mulqueen (1st 18yr male freestyle, 1st 18yr male breaststroke, 1st 18yr male backstroke, 1st Open butterfly)

Lily Collins (1st 18yr female freestyle, 1st 18yr female breaststroke, 1st 18yr female backstroke)

Macey Henderson (2nd 18yr female freestyle, 2nd 18yr female breaststroke, 2nd 18yr female backstroke, Open female butterfly)

Stehpanie Spehar (3rd 18yr female freestyle, 3rd 18yr female breaststroke, 1st 18yr female backstroke, Open female butterfly)

Rhiannon Georgeson (1st 17yr female freestyle, 1st 17yr female breaststroke, 2nd 17yr female backstroke)

Sam Roberts (2nd 17yr male freestyle, 1st 17yr male breaststroke, 1st 17yr male backstroke, 2nd Open male butterfly)

Matthew Jennings (1st 17yr male freestyle, 2nd 17yr male backstroke)

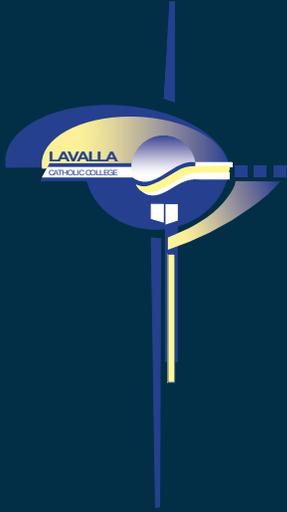
Maggie O'Keefe (1st 16yr female freestyle, 1st 16yr female breaststroke, 1st 16yr female backstroke, 2nd Open female butterfly)

Kaylah Thorburn (2nd 16yr female breaststroke, 2nd 16yr female backstroke)

Luke Mulqueen (1st 16yr male freestyle, 1st 16yr male breaststroke, 1st 16yr male backstroke, 3rd Open butterfly)

Michael Buckley (2nd 16yr male freestyle, 2nd 16yr male breaststroke)





Upcoming Events

Monday, February 25

VCE help sessions
 St Paul's swimming carnival
 Yr 11 & 12 parent information night

Friday, March 1

Careers student info day

Tuesday, March 5

Commissioning mass

Wednesday, March 6

Year 8 camp #1
 SSV swimming - Wellington

Thursday, March 7

Year 7 & 9 Immunisations

Monday, March 11

LABOUR DAY - full school closure

Wednesday, March 13

Year 8 camp #2

Thursday, March 13

SSV swimming - regional

Happy Autumn!



Launch of Project Compassion

Bishop Christopher Prowse launched Project Compassion 2013 at an impressive ceremony on Shrove Tuesday, 12th February in the Champagnat Centre on St Paul's Campus.

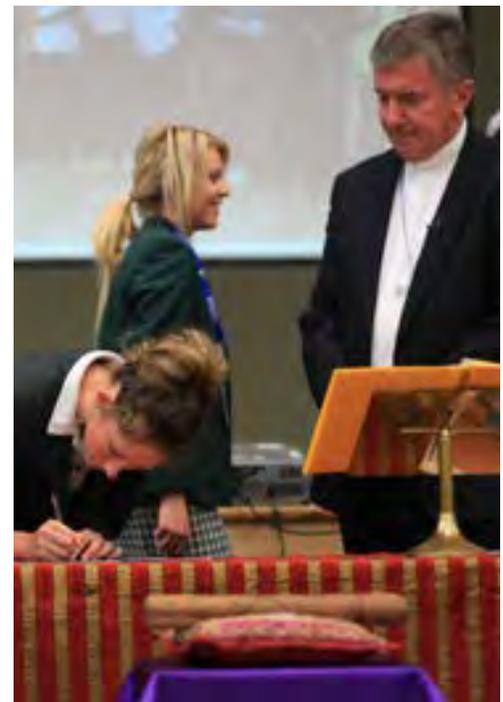
Among those attending the ceremony were Mrs. Maria Kirkwood - Director of Catholic Education, Ms Bernadette Tolan from the CEO Sale, Mrs Susan Grout and Melinda McHugh from Caritas Australia and staff from primary and secondary schools across the Diocese.

The Bishop and Ms McHugh highlighted the good work the Church does through Caritas Australia.

Project Compassion is launched on Shrove Tuesday and runs throughout Lent. During that time Caritas asks the Australian people to help raise funds for millions of poor across the world. Pope Benedict XVI's said, "We work towards a brighter and more humane world so as to open doors into the future." (Spie Salvi, 35). Project Compassion 2013 carries the message 'Open doors into the future'.

The Bishop spoke to the gathering about the Pope's resignation, pointing out the Pope's humility. The students listened with interest and watched a DVD about the work of Caritas in Matuba village in Mozambique.

The College choir and the Student Leaders played significant roles in ensuring the launch ran smoothly.



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