



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

**24 February 2006**

Dear Parents and Students

One of the more pleasant experiences for me this term has been visiting the Year 7 camps at Wilson's Promontory. Students engaged in outdoor life skills, relating well to each other and their teachers and being exhilarated by their achievement is but a small description of the value of such an experience. The parents who accompanied their daughters and sons were a marvelous support to the teaching staff and I'd like to extend a special thank you to them. What a wonderful partnership we've begun.

The information nights across all year levels have been well attended and I have welcomed the opportunity to meet with you as well. Each year brings different challenges and each child responds to these in their own way. Thank you for the support you are showing us by being present to your child's education and availing yourself of these important nights. Further, it is a good way to meet your child's teachers and to become familiar with the College.

The Queen's Baton relay enters Traralgon from the Sale end of town on Tuesday evening and departs on Wednesday morning 1 March on its way to Morwell and Moe. By involving yourself with the community festivities and celebrations you are not only contributing to this historical event but also showing support for our community members who have been selected to be baton relay runners. Such an opportunity presents itself to our community on Wednesday.

**The Kildare Campus is fortunate to have been selected as the finishing point for the baton on Wednesday March 1 at approximately 8.30am. This is significant for all Traralgon students because it affects our normal morning operations. If you transport your daughters or sons by car then you need to ensure that they arrive at school by 8.15am because entrance into Kosciuszko Street will be closed on both ends. This also affects those students who walk to school or ride their bikes. Homeroom will commence at the usual time.**

**Bus travellers will not be affected as LaTrobe Valley Bus lines have already made arrangements with the Commonwealth Games organising committee.**

The last day for our first break this year is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March and is a normal school day except that the finishing time will be 2.30pm for the Traralgon campuses and 2.15pm for the Presentation campus. LaTrobe Valley Bus Lines are committed to collecting students from other local schools at this time and therefore we also need to conform to this time. This will be the situation for every last day of term from hereon.

I have been most pleased with the way students are wearing their uniform and thank you for your support in this matter. There remains a few points of clarification in relation to hair and jewellery. Please keep the following points in mind: -

*(Principal's Report contd...)*

- Students are to keep hair clean and well groomed
- Students are not to wear extreme hair-styles with unnatural colours
- Make-up, if worn, should be subtle and natural in tone
- Students are not to wear excessive jewellery – chunky chains, rings and bracelets.
- Simple studs and sleepers and one ring is permitted.
- no other visible body piercing

Again I refer you to the student planner if you need further clarification.

Congratulations are extended to Margaret Gaulton who on Thursday night was recognized by the *Australian Council of Educators* for her *commitment to life long learning* in the field of education. This is truly a prestigious award with nominations coming from the education sectors. Margaret is a deserving recipient and a good role model to our community.

On Tuesday 28 February Lavalla Catholic College will host the launching of **Project Compassion** which marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Paraliturgies for **Ash Wednesday**, 1 March, will be held on each campus.

*Erica Pegorer*  
*Principal*

#### **KILTS/BLAZERS**

**Kilts** A reminder that if you have not ordered the kilt to please do so before the end of this month. The fitting of kilts is available in either Riggall's Morwell or Traralgon stores. Kilts are currently \$162

**Blazers** The College blazer is a compulsory component of the winter uniform for all Years 10, 11 and 12 students. Blazer costs range from \$169.95 (size 93) to \$184.25 (size 120)

A deposit of \$50 is required at the time of fitting and the placement of kilt/blazer orders. Students will be expected to be in full winter uniform from 18<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **ST PAUL'S CAMPUS**

##### **Drop off and pick up**

I am concerned for the safety of all students during the morning and afternoon rush. Just some reminders about safe procedures for delivering and collecting your child:

- **Grey St entrance**

Please do not stop directly in front of the gate to collect or drop off children. It would be best to **park in the service road** and wait for your child. After school it may be easier to delay the pick up by 5 minutes so that all students can exit the gate safely.

- **Grubb Avenue**

Parents who pick up students in the afternoon are asked not to stop near the small bus gate (closest to Grey St) on Grubb

Avenue; this is where the buses pull in to pick up travellers. The best place to **pick up** your children would be on Grubb Avenue just before (north of) the **large gates near the Champagnat Centre**.

##### **Yr 7 Camps**

The camps have been a great success, with students and teachers 'tired but happy'. These camps have really helped the staff and students come to know each other and helped establish good working relationships. Unfortunately there were one or two students who were not able to meet the standard of behavior required and their parents were asked to collect them. This matter will be followed up.

## Yr 7 Immunization

Yr 7 students will be immunized against Hepatitis B, on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. **All students must return the immunization cards**, which were distributed on Tuesday of this week. In the past staff have noted that those students who come to school without eating breakfast are more likely to feel nauseous after the injection. **Please ensure that your child has breakfast** on the day and a healthy lunch to follow.

## Congratulations

The following Yr 8 and 9 students have been elected to be **Student Representatives** for this year:

**8.1 Kosta Psinas, 8.2 Courtney Vanstan, 8.3 Jessica Sleswick, 8.4 Xanthe Burke, 8.5 Paige Beddard, 8.6 Brooke Ward, 8.7 Eliza Hartley and 8.8 Jeremiah Daniels.**

**9.1 Matthew Bogan, 9.2 Bertie Hollingsworth, 9.3 Anthony Sola, 9.4 Candice Salvatore, 9.5 Andria Forlano, 9.6 Caitlin Platt, 9.7 Ryan Scammell and 9.8 Michael Stobbart.**

Yr 7 elections will be completed when all classes have finished camps.

Congratulations also to the boys who competed against athletes from all over Victoria in the State Multi Events at Newborough on Feb. 12th. **David Broberg** came 6th overall in the U/13's, **Connan McKenzie** came 12th, **Ashley Thornton** 23rd after being third at one stage, but unfortunately had to retire from the last event due to injury. **Byron Thorburn** 27th all in the U/14s.

*“The challenge of leadership is to **be strong**, but not rude; **be kind**, but not weak; **be bold**, but not a bully; **be thoughtful**, but not lazy; **be humble**, but not timid; **be proud**, but not arrogant; **have humour**, but without folly.”--Jim Rohn (Jim Rohn's Weekly E-zine March 18, 2003)*

*Lee McKenzie*

*Head of St Paul's Campus*

## PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Since writing to you last the students have held a prayer service for the late Senior Constable Kristy Oslan the Moe Police Resource Officer killed in Egypt in January. Kristy worked at both Presentation Regional College and Lavalla Catholic College over the period of some 6 years. She attended our year 7 camps, year 8 activity days, swimming and athletic Carnivals and taught all year levels with both passion and commitment about the nature of the Police force and its role in our community.

Our student leaders **Brittany, Peter, Callum** and **Kassie** all contributed to the story of Kristy Oslan. It was a fitting service celebrating her life and work. After the service the students went to the Moe Police Station and presented the Officer in Charge, Chris Gipp, with a cheque for \$300.00 for the support of her son Jack. The money was donated by the students.

On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> February the Presentation Campus Swimming Carnival was held. My thanks to all students and staff for an excellent carnival. The participation of the majority of students was outstanding. Mr. De Van Der Schueren is to be congratulated for his organisation of this event.

### Results:

1 Blue, 2 Red, 3 Yellow 4 Green

### Level Champions:

Yr 7 Adele Hirsch Jack Sheedy  
Yr 8 Ashley Raymond and Corinne Cassar (equal 1<sup>st</sup>), Callum Brooks  
Yr 9 Karina Byrne, Callum Johnston

The **year 7's** are preparing for their **camp** to Wilson's Promontory on the 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March. We wish them every success.

**Presentation Campus (contd....)**

Father Bernie O'Brien (Moe Parish Priest) has offered to celebrate Mass in the College Chapel every Wednesday at 9.00am. Year 7 students will attend the first of these masses then it will be open to any member of the College Community to attend. I would encourage all students to consider this opportunity to experience the Eucharist. Students will be allowed out of class to attend if they so wish.

All Year 7 parents are invited to an open Evening on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30-8.30pm. Information regarding this evening will be sent home with Year 7 students.

*Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts.*

**Chris O'Brien**  
**Head of Presentation Campus**

**KILDARE CAMPUS**

**Kildare Campus Front Entrance:**

Dropping off and picking up your daughters and sons at the Kildare Campus has been very disrupted these past few weeks. With minimal fuss and with only some small direction, parents and students have been most cooperative at both tends of the day. The bus arrangements are falling into place efficiently and we are successfully boarding over four hundred students each day at 3.30 p.m. onto a dozen buses in a little over twenty minutes.

Progress has been slowed on completion of the project. Therefore, I would ask that parents and students continue to be as patient as they have been, and that as soon as the drop off and pick up points are ready, more information will be forthcoming.

**Year 12 Retreats:**

The annual Year 12 House Retreats were held last week at Alberton, Neerim South, Rawson and Licola. Students and their teachers enjoyed a three day live-in experience where they explored their relationships with themselves, with each other, with their families, with their teachers and

other adults and with their God. Students I spoke with at each of the Retreats were high in their praise of the program, were enjoying the exercises and activities and were having a great deal of fun.

I am very grateful to Mr. Hansen and his team of Retreat Leaders and Life Group Leaders, who conducted a most successful Retreat experience once again. I am especially grateful to past student Lleyton Allen who attended the Retreat at Licola as a Life Group Leader and to Mrs. Theresa Denny who led that group and conducted her very first Year 12 Retreat.

**Campus Swimming Carnival:**

Congratulations to all staff and students who participated and assisted with the running of the annual Campus Swimming Carnival. Special congratulations to Champagnat House (Mr. Judd and his student leadership teams) who won the event for the first time.

**Peter Schneider**  
**Head of Kildare Campus**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

	<b>St Paul's</b>
Mon 27 Feb	J Hartley, R Bermingham
Tue 28 Feb	S Garrett, T Pledge
Wed 1 March	M Lowe
Thu 2 March	V Sammut, J Clarke
Fri 3 March	C Bruzzese (help needed)

<b>Kildare</b>
I Gregson, J Rowe
M Northover, P Radovich
R Crowle (help needed)
M Wojciechowski (help needed)
L Weckmann (help needed)

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