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## From the Principal, Mr John Freeman



Last week the Catholic Church celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> World Day for Migrants and Refugees. The Church has consistently exhorted us all for the need to be in solidarity with refugees and migrants. This is because we are called through our faith to do so, and particularly so given the reality that Christ too was a refugee as a child when he along with Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt to escape political persecution. The reality of our world throughout history and sadly even more so today is that people have been and are forced to find refuge and opportunity away from their place of birth. If you are interested to know more about this significant issue there are great resources available from the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office at -

[http://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=cat\\_view&gid=34&Itemid=2](http://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=34&Itemid=2) .

Within one of the resources is a prayer written by Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD, Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, former Archbishop of Sale. It placed next to my article today and it is offered as a prayer for all those who are displaced and in need of our support – both in prayer and action.

Over the last few weeks there has been no abatement in the number of activities and events that are part of the holistic education at Lavalla Catholic College. We have seen a variety of our sporting teams competing and experiencing success including: the Years 7 to 9 Girls' football winning the State Finals (Back to Back); the Senior Girls' Soccer Team won the SSV State finals, for the first time; and whilst not achieving the ultimate the Junior Boys' netball team was one goal shy of capturing the School Sport Victoria Championship Title. Thank you very much to Nikki Schroeter and Dwayne Tibballs along with all the teachers for their support, encouragement and coaching of these students. Sustainable success is not achieved through the single effort of any one person but through the collective support of each other in our endeavours.

Also very worthy of note is the ongoing success of our students in Volleyball. At the recent championships in Adelaide the following students achieved the following: Alice Shaw representing the Victorian Girls' Under 16 team - Bronze Medal; Bronte Scott represented the Victorian Under 17 East (Development) team; Monica Harasimiuk representing the Victorian Girl's Under 17 Blue team - Gold Medal; and Phoebe Trembath, representing the Victorian Girl's Under 19 - Gold Medal.

Our involvement in competition is not just restricted to sport. Our various music ensembles and choirs have just finished competing in the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod, with varying success – first, second and third in a number of sections. Well done to all those students as well as Messrs Shane Reid,, Matthew Harris and Shane Lebbe. Also well done to all the Year 12 Music students for their fine work in the recent Recital evenings and I look forward to attending our Annual Music Concert on Thursday evening, 11 September, in the Kildare Campus Hall.

*Heavenly Father,*

*We recall that your son, Jesus was a refugee in his infancy. We remember that the Holy Family was forced to flee into Egypt. Loving Father, you understand the pain and anguish of those who are forced to leave their homeland for all sorts of grave reason.*

*Help us, O Lord, to understand this experience more fully and to respond with gospel fervour to this enormous social issue of our times.*

*Grant us wisdom, prudence, and a real sense of loving kindness to understand the heartaches of those who find themselves as asylum seekers, migrants and refugees in our wonderful land of Australia.*

*Mary, Mother of all migrants and refugees, lead us to your Son Jesus, from whom all blessings flow.*

*We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

## From the Principal (Cont.)

Thanks also to all the staff, particularly the Year 7 Team, who supported the Year 7 On Show twilight event on Wednesday, 3 September. The various pieces of work displayed were of high quality. Simultaneously, we conducted various Technology Information Sessions and these too were very well attended. I know from feedback that both current and new parents for 2015 appreciated all that they saw and heard.

Finally can I ask you to remember in your prayers, Joan Margaret Kennedy, Ms Adriana Bianconi's Grandmother, who passed away peacefully on Friday 22 August, aged 84.

*Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord,  
and may perpetual light shine upon her.  
May her soul, and the souls  
of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Amen.

## College Minister - Mr Paul Skippen

### The Nativity of Mary

*And those whom God predestined God also called; and those whom God called God also justified; and those whom God justified God also glorified. (Romans 8:30)*

September 8, the universal Church celebrates Mary's birthday! We can thank God she was born and she said yes to being the mother of Jesus. But her birthday was just like that of any other child in her village. No one thought it was special except her own family. The same is true with each of us. We are born. We have no idea what the future will bring for us. We have no idea of the lives we will touch and the ways we will be seeds of God's Kingdom of goodness and justice. We just need to be able to be willing to say yes to God, as Mary did.

*A little challenge: Write a press release describing your return home after being gone for ten years. It should not focus on your accomplishments but rather on the person you've become and the qualities people see in you.*

**God of Surprises, you looked with favour on Mary because she gave her unconditional yes. I believe you also look with favour on me. Help me point to you in all I do, as Mary did. Amen.**

### Term 3 Conclusion

Please note that **TERM 3 CONCLUDES**  
on **Friday 19th September**  
**2.30pm**

## Important Dates

### 9 September

Nagle House Day  
AIME Federation University Excursion  
Year 8 Humanities Excursion

### 10 September

Year 9 Victoria University Excursion  
Training Band Excursion  
Eloisa Tripodi Drama Class  
Cultural Family Evening—4.30 t 6.00

### 11 September

Annual Music Conference  
NV Schools Championships  
Red Cross Blood Bank  
Journey to Work  
Year 12 Finance Talk

### 12 September

Social Justice

### 13 September - 28 September

Italian Trip

### 15 September - 19 September

Certificate II Business Studies Work Experience

### 15 September

Year 9 Art Attack  
Kildare Assembly

### 16 September

Ensemble Photos

### 17 September

NV Schools Championships  
ATLAS 9 Excursions—Warragul & Bermingham Park

### 18 September

Red Cross Blood Bank  
SSV Athletics—Regional Championships  
Journey to work

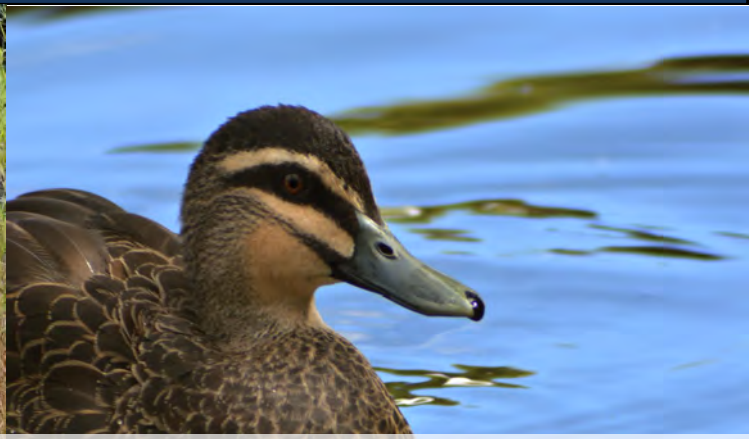
### 19 September

Term 3 Concludes at 2.30pm

## Uniform Shop Next Open Days 2014

**18th September**  
LATE SESSION—3.30pm - 8.00pm

**The Second Hand Uniform Shop is Located  
At the St Paul's Campus**



## St Paul's Campus Update

Mr Andy Martin, Campus Director

### Year 7 On Show and Technology Evening:

A big thankyou to all parents who attended our 'Year 7 on Show and Technology Evening' last Wednesday. We very much appreciated the positive feedback around the displays of student work and the information sessions on offer. In particular, it was evident that the Family Portal and MathsPathway briefings were of benefit to both current parents and those who will have students commencing at the College in 2015. We would anticipate that the sessional concept of presenting ICT and Year Level information trialed this year will be a feature of our communication with you in the years to come.

### Eisteddfod:

The College enjoyed some Good results at The Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod last week where among very good results, our Senior Jazz Ensemble achieved a first in the category of 'Secondary School championship'. From a St Paul's perspective, our Intermediate Band came 3rd in the 'Secondary School championship' and our Training Band, also a creditable 3rd in the Novice Band division.

Many of our students have also been involved in solo sections and we will report on their achievements in our final newsletter for the term.

### Sport

Winter sports have proved to be a major strength for Lavalla teams as we continue to compete at the elite level of the SSV Competition, making the final in many of the sports on offer.

### Football:

The 7-9 Lavalla Girls made it Back to Back premierships wins at the SSV State finals last week winning a tough final encounter with Bendigo Secondary College. Congratulations to Ms Nikki Schroeter and Mr Dominic Der Van De Schueren for their management of a great team

### Soccer:

Our Year 7 boys came close to victory at the final of the State Soccer Championships last Thursday, going down 2-0 at the final hurdle. Meanwhile our Year 8 boys missed the final on goal difference at the same competition. We salute the efforts of both teams and the work of their coaches and mentors, Mr Bill Antonopolous, Mr Ross Sizeland and Mr Dwayne Tibballs

### Netball:

Lavalla Catholic College junior boys' netball team played in the SSV Championship Title game on Monday, August 25th and were narrowly defeated by Camberwell High School. The final score was 11-10 in favour of Camberwell. We congratulate to the team who have made it through to the top four for the past three years.

The year 8 girls' team travelled to Waverley Netball Centre on Monday September 1st and competed well in narrowly failing to reach the competition final. Thanks go to Ms Jo Sharman and Ms Karen Joyce for their work supporting these students through the rounds leading to the state finals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### St Paul's Campus Parents/Carers

The Grubb Avenue Gate will be open for student exit at 3.15pm each afternoon commencing, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of September. It is hoped that this will encourage students and parents to assign a dedicated pick-up point in Grubb Avenue. The College will not allow any students to cross Grey St to meet parents parked for pick-up on the side opposite school, as a matter of safety. This is a duty of care responsibility which is not optional or transferable for the college. Likewise, the College cannot support parents picking up students from the College Gate as there are no dedicated parking zones. Students must be picked-up, or, dropped off appropriately.

We will send further communication on this matter in coming days.



## Kildare Campus Update

Mr Douglas Doherty, Campus Director

A continuous strive for Excellence exists at Kildare with the start of the student leadership election process. We have had a large number of students applying for the role College Captain and will hopefully have the successful candidates named early in term 4.

Excellence was also illustrated with the amazing Alpine Adventure. The development of student achievement, morale, self-esteem and skill; was outstanding to say the least. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff involved. A report of the trip can be found with this newsletter.

The music students not only consistently achieve excellence, but this year they are recording this in the form of a CD. This will hopefully be released next term and would be a great addition to anyone's music collection.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, sees Kildare Campus host it's first 'Cultural Family Evening'. This has been arranged by Mrs Nainie and will involve all those students included in the 'Journey to Work' program.

A gentle reminder that our last day of term is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Students will leave at 2:30pm in line with bus collections.

God Bless

## Mt Hotham Ski Camp Student Reflections

The week that I spent at Mt Hotham was the best week I have had in a long time. I have never been on such a great school camp. After only about a day of face planting and magnificent stacks, I became a pro snowboarder. Snowboarding is now my new favourite sport.

Sam Harbridge

This year I was privileged enough to be able to go on snow camp to Mt. Hotham for a week. The whole experience was amazing and I definitely will not forget it! The experience of

waking up every morning and going snowboarding all day from 8:30 in the morning to 5 in the afternoon was awesome! I got to know my peers a lot more and I definitely recommend all outdoor rec students to go for the whole week.

Daniel Holt

My week spent at Mount Hotham ski camp was a good experience, it was the one of the most challenging but yet enjoyable event I have done. Waking up in the early morning and getting ready was frustrating, but in the end it was definitely worth it because I might not be able to do it for a while as the snow season is almost over. On the first day there were many stacks (good stacks) and falls. I definitely recommend snowboarding for the other outdoor wreckers because it is a very fun thing to do and also challenging.

Kade Duncan

On August 24<sup>th</sup> I had the privilege to join the Unit 1 & 2 Outdoor Recreation class on a five day trip to Mount Hotham. After we finished unpacking on Sunday we decided to head up to the Big D run and start the basics of snowboarding. After arriving at the top of the run we quickly realised that we are about to head down a run we have never done in heavy fog. This was great fun and we all took some spectacular falls. After a few days of non-stop snowboarding we were heading down icy blue runs in the morning and by the afternoon were shredding Mount Hotham. It will be an experience I will never forget.

Will Brooker

Mt. Hotham was the best camp I've been on. On the first day I struggled to even stand up, but with the help from the lessons every morning, even though they did start at 8:30, I eventually improved, and so did everybody else. The night ski was great fun; I think it is recommended to stay for the 5 days to participate in this. By day 3 most people were in some sort of pain. I am highly looking forward to next year's trip, and can't wait to tackle a few more black runs.

Jada Maaka

## Mt Hotham Ski Camp

### Student Reflections Continued.....

Two weeks ago I went to Mount Hotham with my outdoor rec class. It was a very rewarding trip and I would say it was the best school camp I have ever been on, and would advise anyone who can go to go.

Ryan Thain

My week that I spent at Mt Hotham was an experience that I will never forget any time soon. Surely now that I have experienced snowboarding I am sure it won't be my last as I plan to go on many more trips. I would advise everyone to go on this camp as it is really rewarding time, and a week well spent.

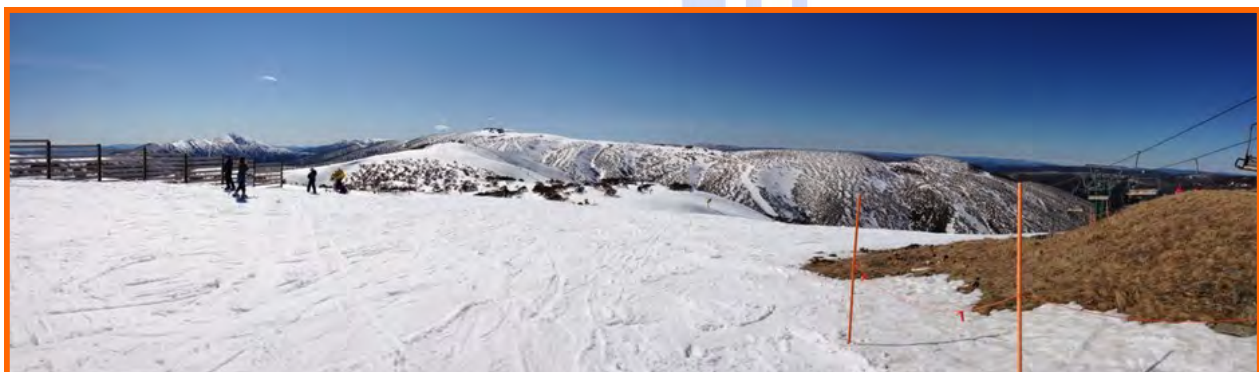
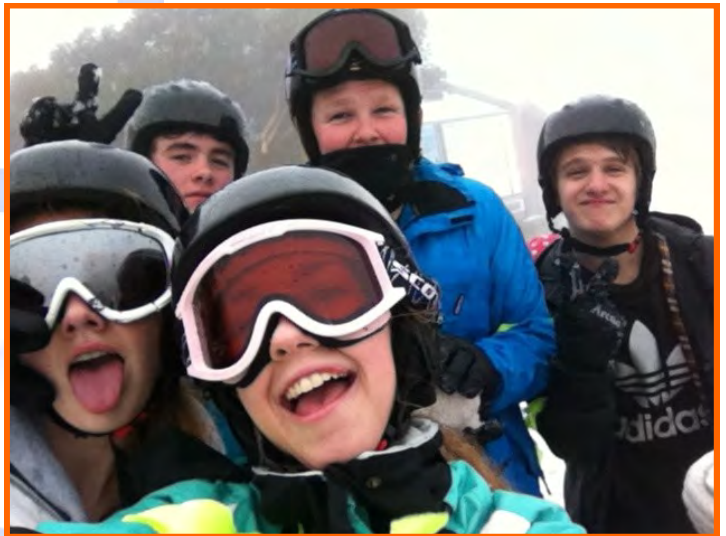
Jake Dickason

This year I was very fortunate to be a part of the 2014 Mt Hotham snow trip. This trip was offered to me as I am a part of the outdoor recreation program and I was ecstatic when I found out I would be able to stay for a week. During the trip so many people excelled with their snowboarding skills, it was really awesome to see people come from not knowing how to even stop to doing black/blue runs at the end of the week. I already had some snowboarding experience so on the first day I helped out some of the others and I was good to see improvement even after a couple of hours. I really enjoyed all the fun and amazing people on the snow trip and I can't wait to attend next year's trip.

Lexi Savige

My week spent at Hotham ski camp was one to remember, it was one of the most enjoyable things I have ever done. Waking up every day at 7:00 to go snowboarding all day was so worth it, remembering I probably won't get another chance to do it again. The first day when we arrived we settled into our rooms and headed out to try teaching ourselves how to snow board. The first 2 days there were many falls and tumbles but the hour lesson we had each morning really started to help. The next 4 days we all gain more confidence and started to try new runs down the slopes. The more times we went down the better we became. Being a part of the Outdoor Rec course has allowed me to be a part of this great experience and I would recommend it to anybody.

Jarrold Henderson



It was great to see so many students from Years 10 and 11 especially, attending the Federation University Open Day on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> August. Nothing beats actually speaking with the staff involved in delivering the courses students are considering applying for in the future. Federation Training (nee GippsTAFE) were also present on the day and students were able to discuss alternatives to University or possible pathways into University via the TAFE system.

I'd like to alert everyone to some new resources that have just been uploaded to the Careers section of the school website including: How to choose a course in 6 easy steps, 2015 Accommodation resource, just to name a few. All of these resources have been emailed to senior students over the past term and are useful documents for parents to refer to for future planning with younger students.

We are very lucky to have Deakin University visiting Traralgon for a Parent and Student Tertiary Information Night on September 11 at 6pm at the Little Theatre in Traralgon. It is rare these days for Universities to agree to visit regional schools, preferring to encourage students to visit them on Open Days. The evening is open to all schools from Gippsland so I encourage students and parents to register online as soon as possible at:  
[www.deakin.edu.au/deakin-in-the-region](http://www.deakin.edu.au/deakin-in-the-region)

Unfortunately I can't be in attendance but I am sure you will find it an informative night. More information can be found on last week's student Careers Update newsletter which you will find on the careers section of the Lavalla website:  
<http://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/News/Careers-Newsletters/>

I would like to thank all parents and staff who took the time over the past fortnight to complete the Careers Survey that I sent out. Responses are being collated at the moment and they will be used to evaluate what we have done this year and used for planning our activities based around our available resources for the future.

One of the most obvious results from the survey is that some parents weren't sure who the school's careers advisers are or how to contact us; so here is a refresher:

*Prudence Scholtes*, works with Years 11 and 12 students at Kildare, providing individual assistance to students. She is available to meet with parents also after school on a Wednesday. Daytime interview times will need to be negotiated around the classes she teaches. You can contact Pru via email [schopru1@lavalla.vic.edu.au](mailto:schopru1@lavalla.vic.edu.au)

*Nicole Sizeland (Soon to be Mrs Nicole Fenech)* works with students from Years 7 to 10 on an individual basis. Nicole looks after all Work Experience and VET activities and assists the Year 9 teaching staff with careers issues as requested. This year she is available every Tuesday at the St Paul's campus to meet with

students and parents if they wish. Nicole does not teach so she is available for appointments from 8:30am to 4:30pm. You can contact Nicole via email [sizenic1@lavalla.vic.edu.au](mailto:sizenic1@lavalla.vic.edu.au)

Nicole and I are enjoying the new roles in Careers we have taken on this year and look forward to continuing to work with students and parents for the remainder of the year.

## LATROBE VALLEY 'ALL-ABILITY'

### CRICKET

### TERM 4, 2014

'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for **EVERYONE!** The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with special needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills, activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team.

We now run three sporting programs locally, Term 1 – Tennis at Pax Hill Tennis Club, Term 2 & 3 – Footy at Southside Football Club and Term 4 – Cricket at Traralgon West Cricket Club.

All school aged children with special needs are invited to join us for

'ALL Ability' Cricket, the sessions will run weekly during Term 4, 2014.

#### Sessions will be held at

*Traralgon West Cricket Club 'West-end' – Jack Canavan Oval, Douglas Pde, Traralgon on*

**TUESDAYS from 5pm – 6pm, starting**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate with the child.**

**Cost is \$10 for the Season** – siblings welcome to join in too!

Each participant will receive a Traralgon West shirt and hat to be worn to each session. For more information phone Sam or Louise Varsaci on 51750877 or 0414540296 or find us on Facebook - All-ability Sports, Latrobe Valley

# JUNIOR BOYS FALL AGONISINGLY SHORT OF STATE NETBALL TITLE

Lavalla Catholic College junior boys' netball team was one goal shy of capturing the School Sport Victoria Championship Title on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> after an epic battle with Camberwell High School.

Lavalla started the match well and held the upper hand throughout the first half of the contest in a low scoring game. Each possession was pivotal as both teams were beginning to become anxious with the game reaching the shadows of full time. Lavalla had plenty of opportunities to take stake a claim in winning the encounter but it was not to be with Camberwell winning 11-10.

The boys should be extremely proud of their achievement as the State Championships always provide quality opponents and to make it to the Championships game was a rare opportunity. The junior boys have made it through to the top four for the past three years but this year was the first time of making it all the way to the final.

The junior boys' team consisted of Dylan Evans, Joshua Galea, Jarred Burns, Ewan Williams, Justin Hough, Luke Dal Pra, Harrison Law, Tom McMahon, Jaxon Gardiner, Blake Willebrand and Joseph Darling.

