



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

28 October 2005

Dear Parents and Students

We keep the year 12 students in our prayers as they face and begin to settle to their exams. No doubt they will use this week to clock up some valuable study and to make contact with their teachers should they need help. In their last few days, year 12 students spent moments reminiscing the good times of the past years; some time was spent in prayer and reflection and many teachers' efforts were recognized in the usual ways. These year 12 students were excellent role models in the way they entered into the spirit of celebration, good will and thanks giving. The best gift of all for the College was that they left a lasting favourable impression that spoke of their gratitude and appreciation. There is nothing quite like the feeling one experiences when a community is proud of its members.

This week the College celebrates the appointment of those teachers who have agreed to accept *Positions of Leadership for 2006-2007*. I thank these staff members for their courage and dedication to embrace the demands and joys of leadership - some for the first time and others for a renewed term.

Next year marks the *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the St Paul's* campus and Marist Education in Traralgon. If you are interested in the committee to help organize the celebration in term 4 of next year, please contact Ms Lee McKenzie – Head of the St Paul's Campus.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, the staff was engaged in a curriculum development day where the process of auditing our curriculum in preparation for the introduction of the new *Victorian Essential Learning Standards* (VELS) began in earnest. This new direction in curriculum development encourages teachers to think in an integrated and holistic way and indicates 'standards' of achievement for students at different stages of their schooling and it also provides a framework for reporting to parents. With the first stage begun, we plan a two year transition period as we move from CSFs to VELs.

Lastly a reminder that it is still the expectation that students wear their uniform correctly – despite the spring weather! I have noticed a more relaxed attitude in some and urge you as parents to ensure that your child/children leave home correctly attired. It will help us maintain the standard but also help in keeping the students focused.

*Erica Pegorer*  
*Principal*

## ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

The campus is certainly looking beautiful as much of the garden is in bloom thanks to the hard work of our maintenance crew. The spring sunshine means that students are more energetic and the playing fields are being well used for cricket and soccer.

### Yr 9 Mass

I ask all parents of Yr 9 students to mark **8<sup>th</sup> December, 5:30pm at St Michael's**, in their diaries. This will be the farewell mass for the Yr 9's and we invite all families to attend. Following the mass there will be tea and coffee in the St Michael's Hall and we ask that each family bring a plate to share. We anticipate that the activities will end by 7:30pm.

### Youth Ministry Team Retreats

By the end of this week all our Yr 9 students will have had the opportunity to experience this retreat. I encourage all families to discuss these retreats with their young people as they are valuable experiences. Our thanks to Mr Hansen who facilitates these retreats.

### Centre against Sexual Assault –CASA

Again this year all our year 9 students are fortunate to have experts from CASA coming to speak to them on the topics of Drink Spiking and Sexual Assault. The sessions will be held on the **8th and 9th November 2005** over two periods and will incorporate the following: alerting students

to the dangers of drink spiking that can lead to sexual assault; problem solving and protective strategies young people can use to reduce the possible risks.

The program was developed to address young people prior to them being legally able to enter licensed venues so that when they do they will know how to keep themselves safe from possible predators. If any parent/guardian does not wish their child to participate please ring Sandy Francois, Counsellor at St Paul's Campus. This is very timely as the festive season approaches and some Yr 9 students will be in situations where alcohol may become an issue. While the topics maybe a little confronting it is better to give our young people information rather than hope that the issues will go away. I thank Sandy for making these arrangements for us.

### Warmer weather

Students are encouraged to bring water bottles into class to maintain hydration. It is also important that students use **sunscreen, sunglasses and sun hats**. The College doesn't have a 'uniform' hat, we simply ask that while outdoors, students wear a navy blue hat which will offer them protection from the sun.

*"Every spring is the only spring, a perpetual astonishment."*—Ellis Peters

**Lee McKenzie**  
*Head of St Paul's Campus*

## PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Each morning at 8.30am staff gather for prayer and news on the day's events. On Tuesday of this week Peter Flahavin read

the following reflection by R. W. Emerson. Please take the time to contemplate

*To laugh often and much  
To win the respect of intelligent people,  
And the affection of children,  
To earn the appreciation of honest critics  
And to endure the betrayal of false friends,  
To appreciate beauty,  
To find the best in others,*

*To leave the world a bit better,  
Whether by a healthy child, a garden patch  
Or a redeemed social condition,  
To know even one life has breathed easier  
Because you lived,  
This is to have succeeded.*

**Questacon** entertained our Year 7 and 8's on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October with a science circus. Our thanks to Mr. Flahavin, Mrs. Allen and Ms. Hines for their efforts in organizing this educational and fun event.

On Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> a group of Year 9 Projects students held a **fashion parade**. The event was held in the circulation area at the Presentation Campus and the students' clothing was proudly supplied by Supre, Metro 7, Cactus Black and Ce' le Vie. The students performed admirably and were all very excited. They learnt valuable social and work related skills which are sure to help them in the future. A big congratulations to them all!!!

#### **Coming events:**

- The year 9 Camp at Tamboritha will run from 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November. Activities to include abseiling, mountain bike riding, horse riding and hiking.
- Surfing Trips to Inverloch have been scheduled for Year 8's on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Year 7's on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.
- Our Year 8's will be involved in the Kanga Super 8's on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at Drouin.
- Next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November CASA will be speaking to our year 9's about the healthy attitudes to teenage drinking.

*Chris O'Brien  
Head of Campus*

### **KILDARE CAMPUS**

#### **VCE Examination Period begins:**

Today marks the commencement of the VCE Examination period with English at 9.00 a.m. All students enrolled in Unit 4 subjects will 'face the music' so to speak and be held accountable for their efforts throughout the year. Many students took the opportunity to come in to the College this week to speak with their teachers, to attend the tutorials, and to put the final edge on their preparation. I was pleased to see such large numbers attend. I reiterate what I stated in the first newsletter this term and wish them every success.

However, Year 12's are not the only students to face the final exams. Years 10 and 11 students will also have exams. These are designed to give students invaluable experience in the exam process, an opportunity to hone their exam

technique and the chance to work under the pressure of a strict time line and supervision regime. More information will be made available to students in the coming weeks. Exam timetables will be given to students as the time draws closer.

In the meantime, as advanced notice for parents, the Year 11 Exams will be held in the week of November 14, the Year 12 (2006) Workshops, compulsory for all returning Year 11 students, will be held in the following week and the Year 10 Exams and Workshops will be conducted from November 30 until December 7. Remote preparations can be made from now and the wise student (and parent) readies themselves in plenty of time for the remaining assessment processes.

*Peter Schneider  
Head of Kildare Campus*

## COLLEGE KILTS

We have been advised by Fletcher Jones that they will no longer be able to supply the College Kilts after October this year. Kilts will now be available for fitting, ordering and alteration through either of the Riggall's stores in Traralgon and Morwell. If a new kilt is warranted it is highly advisable to place your order before the commencement of the 2006 school year.

Riggall's are the sole stockists of the Kilts and are the official suppliers of school uniforms for Lavalla Catholic College

## CANTEEN ROSTER

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>
Mon 31 Oct	L Hare, R Freeman	L Barrett (help wanted)
Tue 1 Nov	V Winwood (help wanted)	I Gregson, S Prosser
Wed 2 Nov	R Crowle (help wanted)	S Hillier, T Sloan
Thu 3 Nov	M Johnston (help wanted)	M Wojciechowski, A Scully
Fri 4 Nov	S Staley (help wanted)	P Johnston, L Weckmann

## Invitation

The Valley Pastoral Group Parishes  
Of Traralgon, Morwell, Churchill,  
Moe and Newborough  
invite you to a celebration of the Eucharist  
to end this Year of the Eucharist.

11.00 am on Sunday 30th of October  
at Sacred Heart Church Morwell.

Principal Celebrant  
Bishop J Coffey

BYO lunch -  
tea and coffee provided at Sacred Heart School  
after Mass.