

LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

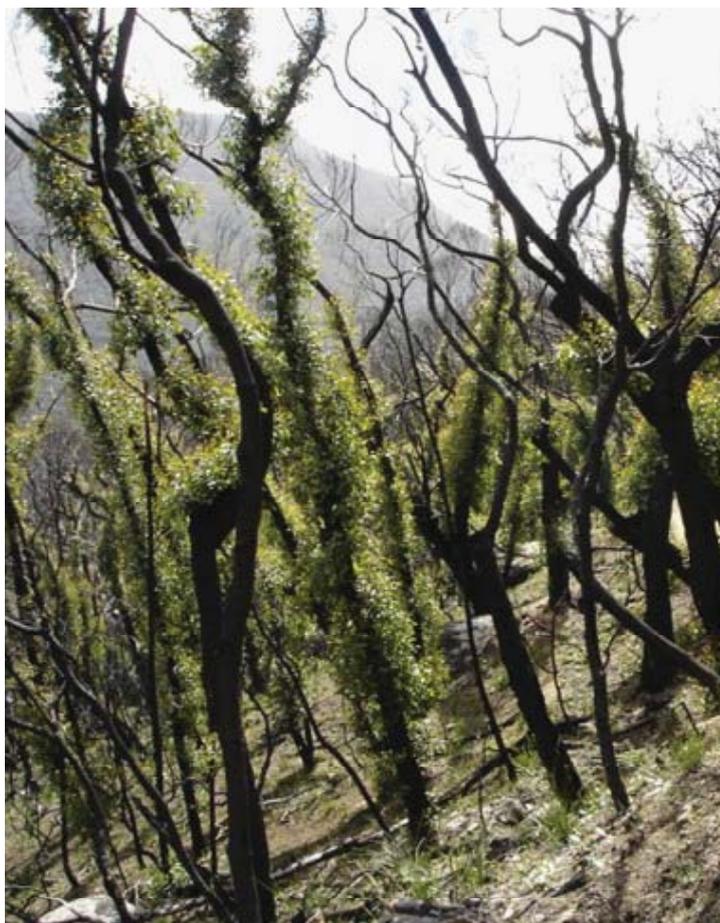


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Dear Parents, Students and Teachers

From the Principal's Desk

After the horrific scenes of scorched earth earlier this year, the death of so many and hard road to recovery, there is something particularly sacred as we enter our Easter celebrations. The signs of birth and re-growth are already evident in the hills of Calignee and Traralgon South. **"Hope begins in the dark,"** says author Anne Lamott. Signs of hope and resurrection are evident in the fresh fragile sprouts that live starkly against the black burnt trunks. This hope from darkness is the miracle that Christians believe was made real through the resurrection. Sometimes nature helps us along the way, like a burnt trunk sprouting new shoots or gentle rain falling to replenish the thirsty. The other way is to reach out to those in need and to see the hope sprout from the good will shared. Thousands of people have donated funds to help our fire victims and now help rests in the actions we will take to help people recover. Let us remember those whose Easter will be filled with sorrow and grief and hope for them the grace of tranquillity and serenity.



A Good End to the Term

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our staff this term, especially in the care they have shown in dealing with the pastoral need of our students and their families after the bushfires. The effects are not

always immediate but without exception the staff has been supportive and attentive to the needs as they arose. Many staff members themselves were anxious about their own properties for many weeks after Black Saturday and they too are deserving of a rest and time out to renew their energies. On behalf of the College community, I wish you all a safe, restful and renewing Easter break.

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Rest in Peace

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Mrs Campbell, Molly and Grace** (Year 7, St Paul's Campus) who are coming to terms with the loss of their husband and father **Don Campbell**. We are deeply sorry for their loss and hope that the fond memories they hold near to them at this time will help in their sorrow, grief and healing. Please keep the Campbell family in your prayers as they grieve both the loss of their dearly loved father and husband and their own home lost during the bushfires earlier this year.

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal

Reflection on the Last Supper and the Washing of the Feet

This reflection was given at the Easter Liturgy on the Kildare campus, Wednesday April 1st

The hour has arrived. Jesus meets for a last meal with his disciples. We all know the events that follow for Jesus after this last meal with his followers. His hour of suffering and defeat. His hour of glory and victory.

Just for a moment, try putting yourself in Jesus' position. He must have been aware of the mounting opposition against him and with so little time left, what words or actions would you say or do to leave your mark on the world? How would you like to be remembered? What legacy would you leave behind?

For three years Jesus taught and formed his disciples as they sat at his feet. What final instructions would he give them? The disciples thought they had learned their lessons well, but this was to be their graduation ceremony. What deep insight does Jesus reveal about the Kingdom of God? As 'Teacher' and 'Lord', Jesus sums up his life in a simple gesture of love and service. He kneels before his friends as he washes their feet. In this simple act, Jesus abolishes the roles of master and servant, superior and inferior, powerful and powerless. He gives us a vision of a new community in which people welcome and serve one another in love and with compassion for the real needs of others.

"Do you understand what I have done for you?" Jesus asks. It is not a question for a time long ago. It is a question for each of us today. Can we grasp its profound significance? A little later in the Passover Meal he takes bread and commands us to, "Do this in memory of me". Do what? we might wonder. Break bread? Drink wine? Yes... and wash feet! This action is about life, it is about how Jesus calls us to live, and it means servanthood.

St Paul's Campus

Term 1 is over, bar the shouting. It has been busy and taxing. The bushfires drained us emotionally, but the generosity of the community was truly awesome. We are now in the process of returning to normal. The students have been good in Term 1 and the teachers assiduous in keeping them on task. The holidays are richly deserved.

Lenten Speaker from Caritas

Margarita, a young Caritas worker from Sydney spoke to a number of students over three days. The Project Compassion 2009 theme was 'An Environment to Grow In'. The face of the Project Compassion 2009 was Teopista, a Ugandan woman. With help from Caritas, Teopista, bought a cow and from there ensured the security of her family and generously helped others. Her local community has gone from struggling to survive, to a more secure future.

Margarita, raised the awareness of our children to poverty around the globe and how we could bring about change. She used the stories of Teopista and others to help the children connect. The children responded sensitively to the presentation.

Project Compassion: Student Activities

Students ran a variety of activities to raise funds for Project Compassion. While the children contributed money, each homeroom could be creative in its fund raising. Making and selling pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, sausage sizzles, soft drinks, lollies, muffins etc were popular food stalls. This year the focus was on two main fund raising days. The Champagnat Centre was opened at lunch times

So, living the example of Jesus we wash one another's feet.

This action is called the Mandatum', which is Latin for 'commandment.' By washing one another's feet, we are fulfilling Jesus' supreme commandment to love one another as he loved us. We have not dramatized Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples here today, instead, we are participating in this humble action of service to rehearse and remember who we are called to be and what we are called to do as Christians in the world.

Jesus very specifically tells us that not only should we serve others, but we should serve them humbly and lovingly. In serving others, we are not only helping them but also humbling ourselves and admitting that we are not perfect

Alert to opportunities to do good, rolling up our sleeves, we kneel and put our hands into the murky waters of life, soiled by so many feet. By such involvement we are transformed and cleansed – both



those who do the washing and those who are washed. In the midst of the rough and tumble of the real world we reveal the great paradox of the Kingdom of God. God is truly served by those who serve God's people.

Whose feet do you need to wash today?

Mr Mike Hansen
Director of Faith and Ministry

and different homerooms ran games stalls, food stalls and stalls that sold items children had made. It was very encouraging to see children not just contribute money, but to be personally involved as well as devoting time and energy. The SRC ran a special fundraiser, some had raffles and one class organised a Walkathon. We are grateful to the parents and grandparents of **Alyse** and **Dylan Day** who brought their poffertje cart and donated the raw material, the transport costs, their time and all proceeds to Project Compassion.

Cricket

On 25 March Lavalla (St. Paul's- Years 7 & 8) played a friendly match with Flinders Christian College at KLP Grounds. **Mubtasim Murshed** won the toss and elected to field. Due to some great bowling Flinders were in trouble at 29 for 5 off 10 overs. However, some big hitting from Alex Kangalaris helped them to a total of 69. **Charlie Merton, Shane Kosterman, Locky Pollard** and **Tom Couling** took the wickets.

In reply Mubtasim and Shane Kosterman scored 57 runs off 5 overs before retiring. In 20 overs St. Paul's scored 115. **Mubtasim** was declared Man of the Match, while Alex Kangalaris was declared MVP for Flinders. The cricketers enjoyed the day, thanks to **Mr. Antonopoulos** and **Mr. Archipow** who organised the events and accompanied them.

I wish each one of you a happy Easter and a safe holiday!

Mr Chris Roga
Campus Director

Kildare Campus

It is great to see the students dancing around the yard at recess and lunchtime. Some visitors may think it is because they are overly happy, others may think this is because the term 1 student break is nearly here.

Those of us who are experienced know that the Debutante Balls are upon us! There is a great sense of anticipation amongst those students participating in this event. The troubles of which shoes, what steps and who am I moving to next will all culminate in a night where students are able to engage in this traditional and formal ritual for many of our students.

Building Project

The noise has settled and the building work has now developed to a stage where we can start to visualise the size and shape of each room. There has been some interruption to movement around the campus and I would like to acknowledge and thank the way our community has adjusted to the changes.

Student Leadership Council

Our student leaders have set some challenging goals for themselves this year. They are eager to implement some of their ideas and I will aim to keep you posted as these occur. At the moment they are

Presentation Campus

As the term comes to an end it seems only fitting to reflect on the events and achievements for our Campus community so far in 2009. There have been numerous presenters who have visited our Campus and all have spoken of the pleasure it is to interact with our students. We have been enriched by the visits of **Ms Kylie Downey** from Youth Pathways, **Mrs Susan Grout** and **Margarita** from Caritas, **John White** speaking about his work and role as a mentor, **Mr Brendan Jenkins** speaking about courage and determination in the face of adversity.

Each classroom has taken on an identity of its own, as organisational and study-related lists, charts and posters as study units progress. In other learning areas design briefs, sketches and models are proudly displayed.

Our assemblies, liturgies, band and music activities, Year 7 Camp and diverse sporting events are also evidence of the holistic education which the College prides itself on presenting for your sons/daughters. In addition, many students to date have been given the opportunity to represent the Campus/College. In a real sense then, they become ambassadors and have the chance to develop their skills in public speaking, social interaction and leadership. Recently students have undertaken this role at:

Kanga Cricket Lucas Fry, Madeline Rickard, Kate Troy, Rowan Williams, Stephanie Wise, Matthew Amaira, Nicholas Clarke, Elliott DeCarli, Jamie Ferguson, Matthew Sawyer

From **Mr Rob Wood** Cricket Victoria who organised the event *"I am pleased to announce that this group continued the high standard set by last year's students. They conducted themselves in a manner that the school could only be proud of and one of the most impressive aspects was how they went out of their way to thank us on the day - again, most impressive"*.

St Joseph's Sports Day Luke Prekop, Ben Noy, Simon Noy, Nicholas Franklin, Josh Albanese, Melanie Renninson, Emily O'Reilly, Carly Stafford.

organising a regular Blood Bank Visit for our students and looking at some local outreach work. Cross-age tutoring, campus activity days, House challenges and a student newspaper are on the agenda for next term. I thank our student leaders for their enthusiasm and genuine willingness to make the Kildare Campus a great place to learn.

Past Student

We have been in contact with **Phoebe Trinidad** who completed Yr 12 in 2008. Phoebe is currently in Uganda as a volunteer. She is currently working at educating youth about approaches to health and wellbeing. It was great to hear from Phoebe and in particular her acknowledgement of her past years at the College working with social justice issues. Phoebe was our College Captain in 2008 and was heavily involved in Faith and Ministry promotion and issues. We keep Phoebe in our prayers and congratulate her on being a true representation of our motto – Strong Minds, Compassionate Hearts.

On behalf of the Campus I wish all of our families a safe break. May the Easter message bring about a renewed sense of purpose and being for our community.

Mr Marco Di Cesare
Campus Director

From **Ms. Lydia Goodwin** Principal *"The students were a fabulous help. We really would have been struggling without them. You can be very proud of them."*
St Kieran's Sports Day Damon Bednarski, Emily Jeffrey, Chynche Laurins, Joshua McGrath, Nicole Mwenenjawa, Milly Sapkin, Stephanie Schena, Darcy Zwagerman.
From **Ms. Jo Johnson** *"Thank you for your wonderful students yesterday. Many comments were made about their helpfulness and maturity on the day. Please pass on our congratulations and thanks to them"*.

Speakers at the Catholic Primary schools

Mathew Hibbs, Luke Prekop, Emily Gibson, Melanie Renninson, Joshua Albanese, Tyler Briggs, Eilish Brenton, Lisa Tops and to **Mr Williams** and **Ms. Stewart** and all other Year 7 students who participated in classroom activities at the respective schools we say thank you.

Our thanks as well to **Ms. Teresa Greenough** and **Ms. Jo Johnson** and their staffs who welcomed our students into their schools on Thursday 26th March.

CAS Swimming in Melbourne March 31st Cameron Stitt and **Alex Axisa** will compete and represent the College in this event.

The Parents and Friends group, lead by Ms Irene Bramstedt who have been busy with the Easter Raffle; the purchasing of table tennis tables and equipment and committing to generously support the Campus re-vegetation plans including the vegetable patch, chooks and orchard areas.

A final thanks to the staff who have contributed generously throughout the term and to you the parents, whose support is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Leanne Mills
Campus Director

Forthcoming Events

TERM 1

APRIL

- 3 Apr Last Day Term 1 - Student Free Day
Year 11 Debutante Ball
Parent Teacher Student Interviews (9.00am-12.00pm)
- 4 Apr Year 11 Debutante Ball

TERM 2

APRIL

- 20 Apr Term 2 Commences - for all students and staff
- 23 Apr Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-6.00pm)
- 23 -27 Apr Marist Basketball [Lismore]
- 25 Apr Anzac Day
- 28-30 Apr Year 9-10 Musical
- 30 Apr Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-8.00pm)

MAY

- 4 May **FULL WINTER UNIFORM**
- 6 May Campus photographs (Presentation campus)
- 11 May Student Free Day (all campuses)
- 13 May Open Day and Information Evening (Presentation Campus)
- 14 May Campus photographs (Kildare campus)
Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-6.00pm)
- 19 May Open Day and Information Evening (St Paul's Campus)
- 29 May Campus photographs (St Paul's campus)

JUNE

- 8 Jun **Queens Birthday** (Public holiday)

Canteen Roster

KILDARE CAMPUS

- Mon 20 Apr C. Jackiw
- Tues 21 Apr C. Templeton
- Wed 22 Apr C. Hinds
- Thu 23 Apr Help needed
- Fri 24 Apr T. Newton and L. Clarke
- Mon 27 Apr I. Gregson
- Tue 28 Apr J. DePellegrini
- Wed 29 Apr L. Xuereb
- Thu 30 Apr Help needed
- Fri 1 May R. Salleh

Help with Homework

Your Tutor is a service from Latrobe City Library to library members. It provides one-on-one online tutoring support for students in Years 4 to 12 covering Maths, Science and English as well as help with research and essay writing.

Your Tutor is available to Latrobe City Library members between 4pm and 8pm via any internet connected PC through <http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Library/> or choosing the Libraries prompt through <https://connect.yourtutor.com.au/list.aspx>

WINTER UNIFORM

Commencement from the 27th April to 1st May with full compliance by the 4th May 2009.

**Night Time
Second Hand Book & Uniform
Shop.**

OPEN

Thursday 30th April 2009

**Following the day session from
6.00pm – 8.00pm**

Shop located at: St.Paul's Campus
Payment options: Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS

Second Hand Book and Uniform Shop.

NEXT OPEN

Thursday 23rd April

New Hours: 3.30pm – 6.00pm

*CHANGE OF DATE FOR EXTRA
DAY*

No w o p e n T h u r s d a y 30th
A p r i l NOT T h u r s d a y 7th M a y

Shop located at: St.Paul's Campus
Payment options: Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS

Second Hand Book and Uniform Shop.

NEXT OPEN

Thursday 30th April extra session for
Uniform season change. **3.30pm -8pm**

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Thursday 14th May

New Hours: 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Shop located at: St.Paul's Campus
Payment options: Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS