

# LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER



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Dear parents and students

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who behaved respectfully and in good spirits during their farewell celebrations during last week. On each occasion, it was evident there was a warm and mutual rapport between the students and the staff of this College. Our Year 12 group left knowing that there is a genuine care for them and they too left us with feeling proud to have known them. The Graduation Dinner (27 November) will be the final celebration of their contribution to this community and the recognition of their talents and gifts through the award ceremony. However, students need to face their exams before that. Exams begin on Friday 31 October. We wish them all well.

### College Captain 2009

We announce with pleasure the Captains for 2009 are Sky Hammer and Christine Scholtes and the Vice Captains are Matthew Bogan and Jessica Lowe.

### World Teachers' Day – Today

The theme for the 2008 World Teachers' Day is "Teachers Matter". There is no doubt that teachers matter in every way and during every day. We can all remember the impact on our lives of a good teacher - the teacher who took the extra time with us or who made us laugh at ourselves or who showed us great compassion and understanding. At Lavalla we recognise exemplary qualities in our teachers through awarding the Champagnat medal each year and also by nominating teachers for special awards. We applaud UNESCO for the initiative to acknowledge the extraordinary contribution made by teachers to the lives of all children.



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### Teacher on Study Tour in Canada

By the time you receive this newsletter, Mrs Maria Haggett will be on her way back from a study tour in Canada. Together with other teachers from the Sandhurst Diocese, Mrs Haggett has visited schools to learn more about their way of communicating with parents about their child's academic progress.

The **Kildare Campus** will trial this initiative for Year 10 students in 2009. It will require more frequent and effective communication with parents about work completed in all classes; levels of achievement and about outcomes reached. Homeroom teachers will become the focal point for parents and students as they will meet as a team every 5 to 6 weeks. The success of this programme lies on the one-on-one attention that the student will receive about their progress and achievement. It is an exciting new programme that will ensure sound study habits are inculcated before students enter VCE or VCAL in earnest.

### Mr Chris O'Brien

Mr Chris O'Brien has been offered an exciting opportunity to work on the Year 9 team at St Paul's Anglican in Warragul from 2009. While we wish him well and know that he will be an asset to the team there, it is with sadness that we farewell him. In the 30 years of dedicated service he has been instrumental in many of our College developments and especially the consolidation between CRC Traralgon and CRC Presentation College in 2001. We will miss him but have every confidence that he will be successful in this new venture.

**Ms Erica Pegorer**  
**Principal**

# Kildare Campus

## Farewell to Our Year 12 Students

Mark Twain once said, "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

I challenge you to live your life to the fullest like Mark Twain suggested. Try new things and make the journey exciting. Work towards a goal. Don't forsake opportunities just because they may be new and a bit uncomfortable. But always be true to yourself. If you do this, you can look back in twenty years with more memories and fewer regrets.

So, Year 12 of 2008, go with our love, our hope and our blessing. We pray that your time with our community has been positive and fruitful and we trust you now to God's guidance.



## ASX Competition

As many have watched investments fall and community concern grow, I would like to highlight the work of one of our students at the Kildare Campus.

Mrs Seabrooke invited a number of students to take part in the Annual Stock Exchange Competition that is run for school-aged students. While proud of all entrants I would like to recognise the efforts of one student in particular – **Antonia Prestipino**. Of the 16000+ syndicates that have been set-up around Australia, Antonia has been able to remain in the top 3. This is a fantastic effort and we wish her well as the deadline draws near. At last check she was number 1 in Australia.

**Mr Marco Di Cesare**  
Campus Director

# St Paul's Campus

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The Year 9s are straining at the leash, just waiting to finish and go on to the next phase of their education; the waiting is the hardest part. The Year 8s are waiting to take over as the top dogs. The Year 7s have found their feet and are spreading their wings. Teachers balance these emotional changes and desires and encourage students to focus on learning. Term 4 is fascinating.

The wearing of uniforms is much better and we are grateful to parents for their support. In time, I am hoping that uniforms will be a non-issue and a sign that the children are amenable to the more important task of learning.

We now need to tackle mobile phones to ensure our children are safe and learning to use them wisely. We have noticed a small number of students sending and receiving inappropriate text messages, using social exclusion tactics and sending and receiving inappropriate pictures. Bluetooth is easily misused. Sometimes mobile phones are used to secretly video situations and people and the footage posted on the internet.

The campus practice has worked successfully for a number of years. Children are safe on the campus; they should concentrate on learning in the classroom and talking, running, playing with their friends during recess and lunch. The Front Office phones can be used for any urgent communication between parents and children. **Mobile phones are not required at all in school.** The students know that.

If a child is observed using a mobile phone it will be confiscated and kept at the Office until the parent/s claim it.

## Presentation Campus

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The business of learning is one which requires perseverance and dedicated effort. For some students it is difficult to sustain this. They need our encouragement and our commitment in a supportive partnership to help them. As the year gets closer to completion it still requires that they need to be at school whenever possible, to ensure they have the equipment they need for their class and that they continue to make the most of their learning opportunities.

It was wonderful to be a part of the final assembly with Year 12 last week and to experience the tradition of the College through that final ritual. A particularly memorable part was the reflection given by **Jessica Edwards** who spoke of the privilege there was for her in this final year to be able to serve, to give back to this community that had given so much to her. In this type of attitude it is easy to see the spirit of Marcellin alive in our College.

Recently our Year 7's participated in a Retreat Program planned and presented by a special RE project group of **Year 11's and Ms Justin**. Their theme revolved around Heroes/Superheroes and what qualities they might aspire to develop so that they can make a difference in their world.

For repeat offenders, I strongly advise parents to leave the phone at the Office for a longer period of time. The third time the phone is confiscated for a Term, the phone will be returned at the end of the Term.

To prevent misuse and confiscation, students can leave their phones at the Office at the beginning of the day and pick them up at the end of the day. In that way they will have their phones kept safely and they will be able to use them after school.

### Year 9 Retreats

As part of their development, the Year 9 students will participate in an all-day retreat On 29th and 30th October, conducted by the National Youth Retreat Team. In the past the students have entered into the Retreat enthusiastically and experienced an insight into themselves and life.

### International Teachers Day

The UN celebrates the importance of teachers in the lives of students and their influence on the world in International Teachers Day on 31 October. This is the day to contact a teacher you admire and say 'Thank You'. I can assure you the teacher will be thrilled and so will you.

### Powerworks

The Year 7 students have visited Powerworks as part of their study on the Electricity unit for Science. They visited the open cut, learned how important the region is for the generation of electricity, wore hard hats and ate chocolate. It couldn't get better than that.

**Mr Chris Roga**  
*Campus Director*

We thank them for challenging our students to think about their lives and their role in our community.

At our Campus, we have again been blessed with two full classes for Year 7 2009 and we look forward to welcoming them all into our community for their Transition Day on December 9th. Many of the group attended their second Orientation session last week. It was delightful to see their wide-eyed enthusiasm as they spent time in our Wood room working with **Mr Gerald** and his assistants **Ms Webb, Ms Gaulton, Ms Haupt** (Lavalla) and **Ms Rickard** (St Kieran's).

Congratulations to **Sherrie Hibbs** (Year 9) who was a guest speaker at the recent Athlete Development day as part of her involvement with the Gippsland Sports Academy.

Planning is well underway for the Year 9 Camp, the Mass and Graduation as well as ensuring that we are making the best decisions in the provision of curriculum and skill development for 2009.

**Mrs Leanne Mills**  
*Campus Director*

## Forthcoming Events

### TERM 4 NOVEMBER

- 3-5 Nov VCAL Year 11 Excursion  
**4 Nov Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**  
5-7 Nov Unit 2 Outdoor Education - Surf Camp [Kildare]  
7 Nov Last Day of Year 11 Classes  
CAS Tennis  
10-14 Nov 2009 Year 12 Classes  
10-11 Nov Training Band Camp  
12-14 Nov Year 9 Camp at Tamboritha [Presentation]  
13 Nov Melbourne Symphony Concert [Kildare]  
14 Nov Yer 9 Fashion Parade [St Paul's]  
17-21 Nov Year 11 Exams Week [Kildare]  
19 Nov 2009 Integration Students [St Paul's]  
20 Nov Additional Needs Student Award (1.00-3.30pm St Paul's)  
Secondhand Uniform Shop OPEN (3.30-4.30pm St Paul's)  
20-27 Nov VCAL Year 11 Work Experience  
21 Nov Youth Mission Team for Year 9  
23-24 Nov VCAL Year 11 Excursion  
24-28 Nov Year 10 Exams  
24 Nov Lavalla Christmas Concert  
26 Nov Parents & Friends Thank you Supper (7.00pm Staff room St Paul's)  
27 Nov Year 9 Transition held at Presentation Campus  
Year 12 Graduation Dinner  
**28 Nov Normal School Day**

### DECEMBER

- 1 Dec **Curriculum Day - Student Free Day**  
Awards Ceremony

### Year 9 Fashion Projects presents..... **Have you got a Passion for Fashion?**

Well then join us at the annual Year 9's Fashion Project class' fashion parade for 2008.

**Venue:** CHAMPAGNAT CENTRE, Grubb Ave  
**Date:** 14th November 2008  
**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Tickets:** \$10 Adults / \$5 Concession

The students will be modelling clothing provided by various local businesses as well as presenting their own creations. The work produced by fashion students this year will be displayed on the night for all to see. Supper will be provided during intermission and wonderful door prizes can be won on the night.

Special performances will be provided on the night by the Year 9 Project Dance class and the band 'The Fallen' will debut.

Tickets available from Thursday 30th October at the St Paul's office and can be purchased at the door on the night.

## Canteen Roster

### ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

- Mon 3 Nov L. Broeren, (help needed)  
Tue 4 Nov Melbourne Cup Public Holiday  
Wed 5 Nov S. Thompson, W. Whelan  
Thu 6 Nov Help Needed x 2  
Fri 7 Nov L. Zalesiak, (help needed)  
Mon 10 Nov I. Gregson, V. Agius  
Tue 11 Nov T. Pledge, S. Garrett  
Wed 12 Nov T. Grunwald, D. Arandt  
Thu 13 Nov R. Petrucci, G. Breed  
Fri 14 Nov K. Nelson, K. Arbuthnot

### KILDARE CAMPUS

- Mon 3 Nov D. Buckley, (help needed)  
Tue 4 Nov Melbourne Cup Public Holiday  
Wed 5 Nov A. Scully, (help needed)  
Thu 6 Nov V. Sammut, (help needed)  
Fri 7 Nov M. Tatlow, (help needed)  
Mon 10 Nov C. Jackiw, (help needed)  
Tue 11 Nov C. Templeton, (help needed)  
Wed 12 Nov R. Crowle, (help needed)  
Thu 13 Nov H. Stoddart, (help needed)  
Fri 14 Nov R. Salleh, (help needed)

### 2009 Education Maintenance Allowance Changes

Please find attached with this Newsletter a letter from the Minister for Education, Hon Bronwyn Pike MP regarding changes to the 2009 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

### Year 7 2009 Orientation Day

to be held on  
Tuesday 9 December 2008

### Secondhand Uniform Shop OPEN

Thursday 20 November 2008  
from 3.30pm-4.30pm  
St Paul's Campus