

# Lavalla Catholic College



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## Beginning The Day Right

O that we could begin this  
day  
in devout meditations,  
in joy unspeakable,  
and in blessing and  
praising Thee,  
who hast given us such  
good hope  
and everlasting  
consolation.

Lift up our minds  
above all these little things  
below,  
which are apt to distract  
our thoughts;  
and keep them above  
till our hearts are fully  
bent  
to seek Thee every day,  
in the way wherein Jesus  
hath gone before us.

## From the Principal

Dear parents

The end of the school year activities are upon us, a reminder that Christmas will soon be here. This is a 'lite' newsletter, next Friday, after the Awards evening we will post to the web site the last newsletter for 2012.

Next week sees the last day of classes for all students, with the Year 9 students entering the Head Start Program at Kildare. These students were farewelled from the 7-9 campuses at a mass held in the Champagnat Centre on Thursday, this was followed later in the day by the departure ritual.

Above is a picture of Fr Francis who celebrated the Mass for our community. He reminded the students that they will face times of growth and change in their lives. That like tender plants they have been nurtured at the campuses and now it is time for the next stage of growth.

Families of award recipients will have received personal invitations, but of course all members of our College community are invited to

**Awards Evening**  
**Monday December 3rd**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Champagnat Centre**

to celebrate the achievements of our young people.

# The Season of Advent

Advent starts on the Sunday nearest to St Andrews Day and spans approx 21-28 before Christmas. It is a time of reflection and preparation for the coming of the Christ child. Traditionally we have an advent wreath which has 4 candles, one for each week of Advent. The lighting of each candle reminds us of the coming of the light, Jesus. In the midst of our hectic schedules it is important to take the time and reflect on the joy that the birth of Christ brings to the world. As you put up your Christmas trees and decorate your homes, take some time to reflect on the wreath of welcome- it welcomes not only your guests, but the Christ child.

Pictured below at the Year 9 farewell Mass

Fr Francis

2013 Campus Leaders

Year 9 students

