



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

13 August 2004

Dear Parents,

We have just finished our Courses and Careers Expo and I would like to especially thank our staff members who have put so much work into this presentation. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to see the content of the courses and to come to an understanding of the various options that are open to students. Anne English was responsible for the leadership of this event and I am sure that we are most appreciative of her efforts in this area. It is an event that requires much planning and long preparation. Thank you, Anne.

We have now reached that time when students must decide about courses for next year. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to take stock and to review or develop some goals for the future. It is an opportunity for parents to start sharing with their son or daughter just how the future seems to them and to identify whether their son or daughter can imagine a way forward; whether they are hopeful or anxious; whether they have some ideas that seem to point to a particular future; whether there is a desire to leave their mark on this world.

Generally speaking healthy choices are not made by people who just bob along, letting the current of life take them wherever it will. Good choices are the result of reflection, discussion and decision. So it is important to take this time with the utmost seriousness.

Above all the students need to eventually ask whether the world will be a better place because they have been here and because they are making the right choice.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Expo

We were proud to again host Expo. It was a terrific day and gave students and parents a chance to explore career and subject choices. My thanks to the staff members, who gave so much of their time to set up, man and dismantle the various displays.

Drink Spiking

Our Yr 9 students are fortunate to have experts from **CASA** coming to speak on Drink Spiking and Sexual Assault. The two-period sessions will incorporate alerting students to:

- the danger of drink spiking that can lead to sexual assault
- problem solving
- protective strategies that can be used to reduce risk.

St Paul's Campus (contd...)

The program was developed to target young people prior to them being legally able to enter licensed venues so that when they do they will know how to protect themselves from possible predators. The dates are **Monday 23rd August, Tuesday 24th August**. These sessions have been well received in the past and help reinforce the messages our young people are receiving at home about alcohol.

PowerWorks Excursions

The Science Department has organized excursions during the next week for each Yr 9 class to visit PowerWorks, an open cut mine and a power station. These visits are invaluable and really give our students an understanding of power industry, environmental and employment issues in our area.

Sudan Appeal

In coming weeks we will be encouraging students and families to donate to our Sudan appeal. This appeal will include a **plain clothes day on Friday August 27th**. Generally we designate charities at the beginning of

the year and focus our fund raising, however with the crisis in the Sudan we feel moved to respond to the human tragedy which is unfolding there.

Leaving the College

A reminder that if your child is leaving the College to attend school elsewhere it is administratively important and courteous to let us know of this as soon as possible. Generally parents would make contact with me by phone or make an appointment to discuss the move.

Thanks

We have had quite a number of staff away on sick leave in the last weeks. The students have generally been most cooperative dealing with emergency and replacement teachers.

“Challenge is the core and the mainspring of all human activity. If there's an ocean, we cross it; if there's a disease, we cure it; if there's a wrong, we right it; if there's a record, we break it; and finally, if there's a mountain, we climb it”--James Ramesy Ullman

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Expo was a great success. With the exception of a few students from Yrs 8 and 9, all who attended gained an insight into the courses and career options available at our Senior Campus. **All Subject and Enrolment Forms are due in next week.**

The **Ski Trips** have come and gone. About 95 students across all 3 levels opted to attend the Cross Country Ski Day at Mount St Gwinear. My thanks to Mrs. Allen for her help and support on the days and to the students for their enthusiastic approach. It is hoped to offer these trips again in 2005. The days offer students an outdoor education

focus, a sense of a winter alpine environment and the discipline and techniques associated with Nordic Skiing.

Mrs. Fredrickson and the Food Technology students are well established and are enjoying the new **Food Technology Centre**. A range of menus are prepared by the students - these range from simple meals such as Pizza to the less familiar Risottos.

On Friday 27th the College is holding a **Plain Clothes Day** to raise much needed funds for the refugee crisis in Sudan.

At the Assembly this week our prayer focused on this crisis and a song "Alone" written by two of our year 8 students Hayley Aberly and Elysha Stayches was sung by the students as part of the Campus prayer and reflection.

The Lyrics are included below:

"Alone"

Written by Hayley Aberly
& Elysha Stayches

Verse 1

Do you ever feel alone?
Like no one is there,
Though people are 'round.
It's like they don't really care.

Chorus

If life has a meaning
If there is a reason
Then why do I hide?
All this loneliness
Locked inside
Of me.

Verse 2

I'm telling myself
It's all right
But I know it's not true
So I face another night

(Chorus then repeated twice)

Late nights – enjoy the Olympics!
Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and
Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Enrolment 2005:

I would like to remind all parents and students once again that the dates for returning the 2005 Enrolment Forms need to be adhered to. **Year 12 (2005) Forms** needed to be **returned today** and all **Year 11 (2005) Forms** need to be returned by **this time next week**. Planning can get under way as soon as we know all intentions for 2005.

Dante Alighieri Competition:

Congratulations to **Jacinta Turra**. Jacinta is a finalist in the Dante Alighieri Society Italian Poetry Competition. She did very well as there are only 14 finalists in her group (Yr 12 Italian) and the standard of competition was very high. She will be going to the finals on Friday, August 13. She is our first Yr 12 student to be a finalist.

Clay Target Shooting Success:

The Lavalla Catholic College Clay Target Shooting Teams were very successful at the South East Zone Schoolboy/Schoolgirl Annual Clay Target Championships held at the Frankston Clay Target Club, Carrum Downs, on August 5. The College No 1

Team consisting of Adam Cummins, Courtney Wyeth, Matthew Stokes and Frank Albanese won the Championship with a score of 64 out of a possible 80. The College No 2 Team was placed second with a score of 62 out of a possible 80. **Courtney Wyeth** won the Senior Girls' Individual Championship in an exciting 18 – 17 shoot off and **Matthew Stokes** won the Junior Boys' Individual Championship with a score of 19/20.

Ten Colleges from across the South East Zone nominated 135 students in total to compete for this prestigious event. The winning team has the opportunity of competing at the State finals, to be held in Bendigo on September 6. Congratulations to all team members and to Mr. John Williams, coach and manager. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Mr. Bill McKie who has trained the teams and provided them with expertise and encouragement.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 16 Aug.	M Crawford, B McNulty	L Barrett, A Zaghet
Tue 17 Aug.	W Heiser, H VanBerkel	B Boothman, S Prosser
Wed 18 Aug.	P Brown	A Fletcher, M Leahy
Thu 19 Aug.	P Brown, V Sammut	S Eccles, help required
Fri 20 Aug.	J McCallum, S Staley, P Brown	P Johnston, K Manson

Dates for Coming Week

Mon 16 th	Soccer Regionals commence St Paul's 9.6 Powerworks Excursion St Paul's 8.3 and 8.7 Ski Trip to Mt Baw Baw
Tue 17 th	St Paul's 9.8 Powerworks Excursion
Wed 18 th	St Paul's 8.4 and 8.5 Ski Trip to Mt Baw Baw St Paul's 9.3 Powerworks Excursion
Thu 19 th	St Paul's 9.5 Powerworks Excursion
Fri 20 th	St Paul's 9.1 Powerworks Excursion VAS Boys' Netball Championships (Senior Boys) Year 11 (2005) Subject Selection Forms due

The School of Evangelisation presents

New Life

What's Involved:

- The course is conducted from, 9am to 5pm on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 August
- It will be held in St Mary's Parish Pastoral Centre, Nicholson St. Bairnsdale
- The cost of the weekend is \$40
- Participants who require accommodation can be billeted locally
- BYO Lunch
- Transport can be arranged as needed

(Please note - lack of funds need not prevent you from attending as sponsorship is available)

For enquiries and registration ring 5672 2772 or 4174 3001

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