



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

21 May 2004

Dear Parents,

I want to especially thank Erica Pegorer who attended to a number of matters and meetings in my recent absence. I acknowledge Erica's generosity and that of other staff members and parents who were most patient with my absence.

We have commenced the retreats for Year 11 and the reports have been most positive. It is a useful time for students to be together in order to see how they stand in relationship to others and to God. This time is important for students, their well-being and their sense of direction.

As we approach Ascension Day and Pentecost, it is important for us never to forget that when Jesus prayed 'that they may all be one', he was praying for something much more profound than a comfortable secular togetherness. What he was basically praying for was really nothing less than the mending of creation. Jesus never, of course, thought that this would be something quick and easy to do. He knew too profoundly the weaknesses of human nature to think that. And that is why he prayed and why he promised that he would not leave us deserted, solely dependent on our own resources.

At a time when young people are looking at emerging divisions and conflict in our world and the threat of terrorism, it is important that they touch base with the fact that God is among us, and closer to us than we can ever imagine.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

We were well pleased with **Open Day** last week. As usual many of our SRC representatives acted as tour guides on the day. Visitors were asked to give feedback and most comments focused on the warmth, openness and friendliness of our students.

Sporting Activities

We have recently had students away representing the College at Basketball, Table tennis and Athletics. These students are to be commended on their generous spirit in giving their talents to train and play for the College.

Uniform

Students who arrive at school in the wrong uniform without a suitable note of explanation will be asked to call their parents to have the correct uniform brought in.

This can be most inconvenient so it is important that your son or daughter is correctly dressed before coming to school. Many students complain of top buttons on their shirts either being missing or too tight, could you please assist them with this.

Condolences.

Our condolences to Mr Desira and his family on the death of their sister Alice.

"The three hardest tasks in the world are neither physical feats nor intellectual achievements, but moral acts: to return love for hate, to include the excluded, and to say, "I was wrong" ... Sydney Harris

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

The results are in! After such a successful **Athletics Carnival** with most students competing in 5 – 11 events each, the following students are the Level Champions for 2004 at the Presentation Campus.

Year 7: Jade O'Brien, Brendan Caffrey

Year 8: Anna Parniak, Jared Risol

Year 9: Mieke Van Niel, Liam Carolan

The winning House for 2004

1 st	Champagnat	613
2 nd	MacKillop	576
3 rd	Delaney	534
4 th	Nagle	452

The Medals and House Shield will be presented to Level Champions and Champagnat Sports Captains at the assembly next week on Thursday, 27 May.

At the assembly, Br. Michael will speak to the students and staff about the Marist Missions in East Timor. The SRC will be raising funds for this worthy cause during Term 2.

To start the **fund-raising** students will have a '**Casual Day**' on Thursday 27th May. The cost will be a gold coin donation. A bar-b-que will be available at lunchtime with the money raised going towards the **East Timor Missions**.

A **combined social** between St. Paul's and Presentation Campus will be held in the Circulation Area on the night of the 27th. Tickets are \$5 pre sold or \$7 at the door. Full

security and no pass-outs apply. A professional DJ is being hired for the night. Great sound, great lights and great music!

The **Information Night** last Wednesday was well attended and all primary schools in the area were represented. The feed back on both the Open Day and Information Evening was very encouraging.

My thanks to the students who presented on the night. Jeremy Waanders, Monique De Carli, Nikki Wulffers and Simon Tatlow.

The **Parent Support Group Trivia Night** is coming up on Saturday June 5. Tickets are available at the Office

An **article in the Moe/Narracan News** for the 11 May on Ron Cameron, a CFA volunteer of 30 years, had this comment embedded in the write up:

Ron, who drives a School Bus for LV Bus Lines, said Lavalla students he took from Moe to Traralgon each day were fantastic. They are part of the reason he has stayed in the job.

"They're very well behaved, a great credit to the school, their families and the village. A lot of kids could learn from them, they're excellent kids".

Five weeks to go! Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Kildare Campus Youth Week Activities

Last week was Youth Week and the campus embraced the week with the organisation of a series of activities, raising money for the Sale Diocese Bishop's Family Foundation. Fr. Bickley assisted Mr. Judd's RE Leadership Class in launching the week at the assembly on Thursday. A total of \$990 was raised for the Foundation.

The activities included a Fashion Parade – sponsored by Patch of Blue, Jay Jay's and Skunkwear, a BBQ, a Film Festival – sponsored by Midvalley 8 and Don Louis Pizza, a Sports' challenge and Lavalla Idol – sponsored by Australian Idol/BMG Records and Mark Holden who provided signed CD's as prizes.

Alex Masut won the Film Festival with a student designed five-minute short movie with Emma Buglisi and Robert Langridge coming in equal second. The sports' challenge was fought out between Delany 4 and MacKillop 2 with Delany 4 the eventual winners. The Lavalla Idol showcased the musical talent on campus. Mark Deada was the winner with Victoria Wood and Simon Tipping placed equal second.

I would like to extend a big thank you to our sponsors, who were most generous in providing support and prizes and to Mr. Judd

and his RE Leadership class for their work in organising the week's activities.

2003 Awards

The Jim Coffey Encouragement Award for Leadership Potential in a Year 10 Student was awarded to **Melissa Forlano** and the 2003 VET in VCE Multimedia Award sponsored by International Power Hazelwood has been awarded to **Aleisha Horne**. Congratulations to both these young ladies – worthy recipients.

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

BUS TRAVELLERS

I would like to make it quite clear that students should not be travelling on any other bus except the one assigned to them and for which they have a valid pass. The School Conveyance Allowance covers just that – **bus travel between home and school. Sports activities, part-time jobs or visiting friends are not valid reasons for getting on a bus**. The loads on many of our buses are close to

the limit and parents and students would be rightly concerned if they were to increase just because it is convenient for a few more students. **Any requests for alterations to bus travel arrangements should be made in writing to me at least a couple of days in advance, and requests are not automatically granted.**

Alby Van Berkel, Bus Co-ordinator

WORK EXPERIENCE

Ministerial Orders 23 & 24 – Guidelines for Schools Department of Education & Training, Victoria

Notice to all Parents & Students: New regulations handed down by the Department of Education and Training, Victoria, mandated April 19, 2004.

The Legislation requires all students taking part in Work Experience/Structured Workplace Learning, under the terms of Ministerial Orders 23 & 24 (either during school hours or school holidays) must complete an Occupational Health and Safety course ([Safe@Work](#)) at the College.

The [Safe@Work](#) module and test will take the student at least 1 hour to complete. Students

wishing to part-take in Work Experience over the school holidays must make time to complete the module at least two weeks prior to commencing Work Experience. **The College is unable to accommodate students who have not completed the module.**

Parents or students wanting further information regarding the New Legislation are able to contact me at the College on 5174 8111.

*Ms Trish Johnston
Work Experience & Structured
Workplace Learning Coordinator*

PARENTING YOUNG ADOLESCENTS PROGRAM

Beginning in June, ABCD – Parenting Young Adolescents Program - will be offered at St Paul's Campus Library/ Information Services Centre primarily for parents of Year 7 and 8 students, however other parents are also most welcome. Four 2 1/2 hour sessions will be held

on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm - 9.30pm. The dates are: June 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd 2004 - **please mark these dates on your calendar if you'd like to join us.** The program aims to promote healthy and happy relationships with families. Light supper will be provided

Parenting Program (contd....)

Information notices have been sent out via your child. If you have not received it from him/her yet do not hesitate to contact us. For further information/queries and confirmation of attendance please telephone **Sandy Francois, College Counsellor, on 51747355**

or **Liesel Collings at Parentzone Gippsland on 51285606** by Monday 24th May. Hoping to see many of you attend the program.

*Sandy Francois
College Counsellor*

Calendar for Coming Week

Mon. 24	9.2 – Keeping Place, Bairnsdale CAS Hockey Competition (Senior Boys & Girls) Year 11 Delany House Retreat commences Year 10 Immunization (Polio, Dipth. Tetanus)
Wed. 26	St Paul's Class Photos
Thu. 27	DAV Debating – Berwick
Fri. 28	Cross Campus Photos (Sport, Music, SRC groups) Deadline for Year 7, 2005 Enrolment Applications (State Primary students)

Youth Group News

Churchill Youth Mass (celebrated by Fr Michael)
at Churchill, Sunday May 23rd 9:30 a.m. with the popular gospel group “The Sparrows”

Traralgon St Michael's Youth Group

Friday, 28 May, Indoor Go-Kart at Morwell.

Please contact Joy Heyfron 51741904 or Fr Michael 5174 2060
for more details

The Latrobe Chorale presents

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Saturday 29 May, 8pm, Traralgon Performing Arts Centre

Bookings: Traralgon Performing Arts Centre 5176 3559 or

Select Music Systems 5174 2849

Adults \$17; Conc/Students \$15, Child \$10; Family \$50

CANTEEN ROSTER:

	St Paul's	Kildare	Presentation
Mon. 24 May	G Hastie, T Roberts	S Mills, R Greaves	F Gelagotis
Tue. 25 May	M Armatas, M Armatas	M Northover, M Whitty	P Hayes
Wed. 26 May	C Hinds, L Calabrese	F DiIorio, A Prezioso	K Glen
Thu. 27 May	P Brown, A Scully	S Eccles, H Symons	G Smith
Fri. 28 May	P Brown J McCallum S Staley	J Hansch, D Howe	J Byrne

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