



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

13 May 2005

Dear Parents,

As we enter into the second week of our Information Nights and Open Mornings, I am conscious of the care that parents are increasingly taking to ensure that they make the right choice for their children's school. So much in later life in terms of happiness, faith, values and appropriate preparation for the workplace or university can be affected by the schooling your children receive. Choosing a school is a most important decision made by parents.

The evenings also served to remind me that last Sunday marked the celebration of Mothers' Day and although a little bit late, I would like to encourage all to reflect a little on the significance of this day. Each one of us has a mother and knows first hand the selfless love that our mother has given to us. The strength that our mothers possess is hard to fathom for students and unfortunately it often goes unappreciated. A mother experiences some bitter-sweet moments when raising their children. The fact that they are called on to be intuitive and understanding, encouraging of independence yet ready to give undying support, and of course have the great ability to know when it is OK to speak and when to be quiet, is often quite a challenge. So my hope is that there can be more sincere gestures of appreciation of mothers.

*Br Julian Casey*  
*Principal*

### ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

It is a pleasure to see so many students making an effort to wear the winter uniform smartly. It shows real pride in themselves and the College.

#### **Athletics Invitational**

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Athletics last Friday. In particular thanks go to Nikki Heenan, ably assisted by Ben Quinn and other staff members, for the many hours of planning and preparation that went into the day.

#### **Yr 9 Camps**

At this stage the Yr 9 camps at Tamboritha have all gone very well. We

have been fortunate with the weather, which has meant that all planned activities have gone ahead. This year we have included horse riding as an activity and by all accounts this has been well received by the students. For many this has been a real personal challenge.

Next week 9.7 and 9.8 will take their turns at Tamboritha. Thanks to all the teachers who have given up their time to attend these camps and the members of the Tamboritha Committee who see to the ongoing maintenance of the chalet and provide support while we are there.

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### **Flying Bookworm Co.**

For a number of years now we have had visits from this company. They present a series of scenarios to students, which highlight the impact of bullying and strategies to deal with this. This is particularly important for the Yr 7 students who are striving to learn more adult ways to operate while understanding the power of inclusion and exclusion.

### **Open Morning**

Please feel very welcome to attend **Open Morning on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> between 9:30am – 1:00pm.** It is an opportunity to see the school in action on a working day and also an opportunity to inspect the newly renovated Stoddart block.

### **Rubbish**

We are concerned about the rubbish, which students are dropping around the yard. From an environmental view it would be helpful if families gave thought to the packaging of food items.

### **Miss Kathy Matters**

While we expected Miss Matters to return this week from her Long Service Leave, unfortunately she is unwell. Following surgery this week and a recuperation period we expect her return probably in term 3. In the meantime, Mrs Kaylene Mustoe will continue in her stead.

### **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

A reminder that the Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May (the third Thursday of the month).

### **“How the West was Warped”**

There are major rehearsals planned for this weekend. Could all cast members please ensure that they attend.

*“Correction does much, but encouragement does more” ... Goethe*

*Lee McKenzie  
Head of St Paul's Campus*

## **PRESENTATION CAMPUS**

On Monday this week an **Athletics Day** was held for this campus. The day was a great success with most students entering between 4 to 6 events in a combination of Track and Field. Our appreciation is extended to all the students who entered into the spirit of the day, to the Sports Captains and Vice Captains who assisted in the setting up, to the staff who worked tirelessly throughout the day, to the parents who assisted with time keeping and especially to Mr. De Van Der Schueren for his organisation and inspiration on the day. The results follow:

### **Winning Team**

1. Red - MacKillop
2. Yellow - Nagle
3. Blue - Champagnat
4. Green - Delany

### **Level Champions**

Year 7

Boy Joshua Hersey  
Girl Alex Sheedy

Year 8

Boy Brendan Caffrey  
Girl Anne Turra

Year 9

Boy Kye Knowles  
Girl Melissa Breit

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May all Year 7 students enjoyed a **SOSE Excursion** to Melbourne. My thanks to Miss Davies, Mrs Haupt, Mr Flahavin and Mr. Crawford for their time and energies in the organisation and conducting of the day. Chontau Kerrison has included the following account:-

**Trip Experience, by Chontau Kerrison**

*“When we arrived in Melbourne we were split into groups, Room 701 went to the Art Gallery while 702 were exploring the Melbourne Museum.*

*We walked outside the Art Gallery to see an interesting art work. A few minutes later we found ourselves touring the Art Gallery looking at paintings and artifacts way back from the past, unfortunately we didn't have enough time to explore the whole gallery because we had to make our way to the mysterious Museum.*

*We arrived at the Museum a few minutes later travelling by bus.*

*We got in the Museum to find stuffed animals that 'did' live and we headed to a rosy room to participate in activities like - the death of Blackie, Pharlaps Heart, what could it be? and heaps more. Once we completed these activities we had free time and a chance to go to the cafe. Then we headed on our journey home.”*

**Open Day / Information Evening**

A further reminder that the Grade 6's from St. Kieran's and St. Mary's will visit this campus next Monday morning and that the **Open Day (9.30am to 1.00pm) and**

**Information Evening is scheduled for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May (7.30 to 8.30pm).**

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Chris O'Brien*  
**HEAD OF CAMPUS**

**KILDARE CAMPUS**

**Cross-Age Tutorial Program:**

As part of the House Mentoring system, the Campus Cross-age Tutorial Program begins next week and continues until the end of Term III. Year 12 students are available in a wide range of subject areas to assist students from Years 10 and 11 with work they are doing. This program allows for all students to get some extra help if needed and is a great way for Year 12's to put a little something back into the educational community from which they themselves have benefited.

**Year 11 Debutante Ball:**

Registration Day for participation in the Year 11 Debutante Ball is Friday, May 27.

Registration Forms and the deposit will be collected from Room 41 at lunchtime. Girls will need to have a partner from Year 11 and if a partner is requested from a different year level, approval needs to be sought from the Head of Campus. As the Debutante Ball is a Year 11 function, partners typically come from that year level. Students who leave the College before Registration Day and the payment of the deposit, are not accepted as Debutantes or Partners. Students who leave after Registration Day may continue, as long as an undertaking is made to cover appropriate behaviour.

*Peter Schneider*  
**Head of Kildare Campus**

A reminder that the Secondhand Uniform Shop will be open next Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May between 3.30 and 4.30pm, St Paul's Campus

## WEBS FOR BUSINESS PROGRAM

The Certificate III in MultiMedia students in years 11 and 12 will be taking part in the Webs for Business program initiated by Telstra Country Wide's Gippsland office.

Webs for Business allows students to spend time with small business owners and local entrepreneurs, gathering information and learning about the daily operation of their business, for which they designed a web page to meet the business needs.

The experience gained allows students to develop their skills in Information Technology and Multi Media, preparing them for meaningful careers and wet their appetite for networking with local business owners.

For more information about the "Webs for Business™" program or to register your business for involvement please contact Suzanne Tyson, Telstra Country Wide Gippsland on 1800 687 829. You can also contact Marco DiCesare or Anne English at the Kildare Campus.

### ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH GROUP

#### SWEET SENSATIONS NITE!!!

(Games for those with a sweet tooth)

FRIDAY 20 MAY

St Michael's Hall between 7 and 9pm

Cost \$2 (Phone Lou for more information 5175 0877)

### ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH MASS

Don't forget! Last Sunday of each month - 6pm

#### CANTEEN ROSTER:

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>
Mon. 16 May	R Crowle, help required	C Jackiw, J Adams
Tue. 17 May	R Heal, B Buykx-Smith	I Gregson, S Prosser
Wed. 18 May	R Crowle, help required	S Hillier, T Sloan
Thu. 19 May	M Johnston, help required	M Wojciechowski A Scully
Fri. 20 May	S Staley, J McCallum, help Required	P Atkinson, C Barry

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