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From the Principal

Dear parents, students and teachers

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday marking the end of the Easter season and traditionally the event that gave birth to the Church. Pentecost Sunday was the day when Jesus granted to his apostles the gift of the Holy Spirit which brought wisdom, understanding, knowledge, good judgment, courage and awe. Feeling transformed by these gifts the Apostles converted about 3,000 people which is why Pentecost Sunday is known as the birth-day of the Church.

Being still and opening our heart's to God's message is often all it takes to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit ourselves. In a world that is very connected to our electronic gadgets and extremely busy in our 'doing', we can neglect our inner nurturing and miss God's message for us. I encourage you to take some time on Sunday to reflect on your own life's journey and reconnect with your inner self. It is from this stillness that wisdom, courage and awe can flourish. I wonder what would happen if all electronic gadgets in the household were turned off for 24hrs and time was spent instead in connecting personally, face-to-face to one-on-one. I wonder if you too, like the apostles, would feel the power of the Holy Spirit blessing your day by the gifts of the people that surround you?

St Kieran's Opening

Lavalla Catholic College extends our congratulations to the community of St Kieran's Primary school for the opening of the new hall and refurbished classrooms last week. Bishop Christopher Prowse and distinguished parliamentarians, family and friends of the school celebrated this special occasion. The students at St Kieran's were exemplary and Mrs Johnston was right to feel very proud of her school community and the beautifully renovated surrounds.

Twilight for 2014

The St Paul's campus enjoyed another successful Twilight evening last week with many visitors coming to investigate our excellent educational programme proudly demonstrated by teachers and students. Please be mindful that enrolments close at the end of May and if you know someone who needs to be aware of this date, please pass on the information. Mrs Bev O'Brien can be contacted for details.

Le Rozey Centre

We have a name for our new Visual Arts Building. Le Rozey, is the birth place of St Marcellin Champagnat which is a fitting name for a building that sits adjacent to the Champagnat centre. St Marcellin's family home is now a small museum in the town of Le Rozey and having a name in memory of St Marcellin helps to deepen our Marist story on the campus.

The building is on schedule to be completed by next week. We are aiming to inhabit the building



Le Rozey Church built in honour of St Marcellin Champagnat's memory

For the Grace of Love

O Mary, my dear Mother,
how much I love thee! And yet in
reality how little!

Thou dost teach me what I ought
to know, for thou teachest me
what Jesus is to me and what I
ought to be for Jesus.

Dearly beloved Mother, how
close to God thou art, and how
utterly filled with Him!

In the measure that we know
God, we remind ourselves of
thee.

Mother of God, obtain for me the
grace of loving my Jesus; obtain
for me the grace of loving thee!

Amen.



St Marcellin Champagnat's family home

within two or three weeks.

Jazz Festival - Mount Gambier

It is exciting to report that our senior Jazz students were successful at the Jazz Festival held in Mt Gambier this year. Generations in Jazz has run and grown quite exponentially over the years and Lavalla students shared the stage with close to 100 other schools, representing every state in Australia and receiving a third place in our division was a real coup, almost certainly the most significant recognition Lavalla Jazz students have ever had given it was a national event. We congratulate Mr Reid and Mr Harris for their dedicated work over the years and for giving so generously of their time. I am sure it was a very proud moment for Mr Reid, as it was for us all, to be placed 3rd as first time entrants to this prestigious festival.

VCAL Awards

Our award winning VCAL teachers have done it again for the 6th year running. Based on the work in 2012 our VCAL teachers have won the Team Teaching Award; former teacher of the College, Mr Todd Proud was awarded VCAL Teacher of the Year and our Year 12 student Emily Garret was also awarded the Student Achievement Award (Foundation: Personal Development Skills). The competition has grown significantly over the years with Emily winning against 44 other nominations. As always we are proud of our team, colleagues, friends and students and congratulate them most sincerely.



In need of our Prayer

Please keep in mind Mrs Leanne Mills (former Campus Director of Presentation Campus); Mrs Riat Albanese; Mrs Anna De Savia's mother and Ms Vanessa De Savia's grandmother who are facing serious Health issues and in need our prayers. We offer our condolences to Mr Ben Verghese, former Director of Educational Resources at the College who is grieving the loss of his mother. May God keep our precious members of the community in His care.

Staff Movements

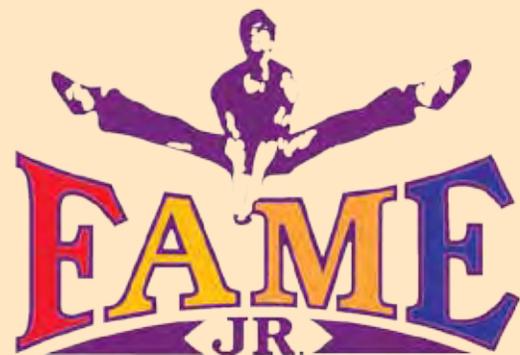
Mrs Kelly Murray and Mrs Carolyn McCabe are taking a period of Long Service Leave before the end of term and we wish them a relaxing and renewing time. Both are travelling overseas so we wish them safe travel and a speedy return.

My Personal Assistant, Ms Heather Perkins is moving to Halls Creek and we wish her the very best for her new adventure in life. I thank her for her commitment and dedication to the College and for her support of me personally.

We wish Year 7 students and teachers a good time on the Year 7 camp which is being held at Phillip Island next week and thank all the teachers who generously gave of their time to support of Year 8 camp programme.

Everywhere I go around the College, there is a palpable feeling of students and teachers working hard to make the school experience as good as it can be. We are very blessed to have teachers so committed to the development and wellbeing of our students and students who offer their talents and make positive contributions to the life of the College each day. These are the days where one cannot help but to feel very proud to belong to Lavalla Catholic College.

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal



Tickets to Fame Jnr are now on sale. Seats are allocated so if you would like to come along, the seats at the front will sell first.

Tickets are available from Kildare Students Services.

Performances are Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th May at Kernot Hall at 7.30pm.

Show runs for just over an hour.





St Paul's Campus Update

Andrew Martin - Campus Director

Twilight Evening

This year, the weather was on our side and the turnout of interested parties was very pleasing. Significantly, parents and prospective students who attended 'Twilight' commented on the wonderful student ambassadors who took them on their tours. It is clear, on review, that these students were our best resource on the night in terms of selling our school to prospective students and their parents. Their open cheerfulness, enthusiasm and knowledge of their school impressed our visitors. I would like to thank all of our staff, particularly our Year 7 teachers, for their hard work and for their dedication to providing information and activities appropriate for the occasion.

MSP Project Judging

A series of culinary delights were presented for tasting to several of the College Leadership Team last week as they were invited to Judge the project work of our MSP group working at Presentation Campus throughout Term 2.

Areas of project work assessed comprised, Food (creating a three course meal and menu), Construction (Bridge Building Challenge), Fashion (contemporary design and modelling) and Mechanics (self-propelled car challenge). While outcomes varied across groups in terms of their ability to meet the design briefs, it was evident that the application of the critical skills being developed, (working in collaborative teams and to a process), were at the forefront of student and teacher thinking. It was evident to the College Leaders on the judging panel that students are engaged, thinking and aware of goals and the need to evaluate outcomes. There is no doubt in our minds that the MSP program is adding value to our students' education at Lavalla.

Winter Uniform

Thank you to all parents and students for supporting the Winter Uniform Policy as requested. I note that the overwhelming majority of students sporting the correct attire. As I have written before, this aspect of our presentation is important if the College is to support student solidarity and a standard of excellence in all that we do.

NAPLAN

Our Year 7 and 9 students will be engaged in the NAPLAN Testing regime on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of May. The College will conduct the Year 7 tests in the Year 7 Centre and Year 9 testing in the Champagnat Centre. As almost no students have been withdrawn from the process, the College will look to using the data resulting from the process to give us a clear picture moving forward, in respect of the way in which we map student progress and design our class structures for the coming years.



Second Hand Uniform Shop

NEXT OPEN:

Thursday 6th June
3.30pm – 6.00pm

Shop located at:

St Paul's Campus

Payment options:

Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS
(Please note Kilts/Skirts must be tried on. They are not sized)

REMINDER

Long sleeve shirts are to be tucked-in at all times.



Kildare Update

Doug Doherty - Campus Director

In my previous update I began to examine the meaning of living the Marist Charism and made a bold claim that it was 'a way of life that continues to blossom at the Kildare Campus'.

I then began to examine two further Marist Pillars as part of our preparation for the celebration of the Feast Day of St Marcellin Champagnat on 6th June. These 'Pillars' are categorised as Simplicity and Love of Work.

The concept of Love of Work would certainly not be an issue to illustrate as a catalyst within the life of Kildare Campus.

This has clearly been manifested with the astounding success of the school's VCAL team who won three awards at the 2012 VCAL Achievement Awards and were presented with their awards on Thursday 2nd May in Melbourne.

Award Winning VCAL Team

The VCAL team won the Team Teaching Award. The actual award statement described the team as, "working collaboratively to oversee each aspect of the CEO (Career, Enterprise and Opportunity) program...Under the guidance of the Lavalla teaching team, the CEO program has allowed students to drive the curriculum, based on their own interests, knowledge and expertise."

The success of the VCAL team was evident with the presentation of the VCAL Student Achievement Award to Emily Garrett. The award statement said that "Emily thrived in Lavalla Catholic College's virtual business program, through which she established and now manages Harmony Candles - a flourishing online business that sells Emily's own handmade bespoke candles."

Winners of the Jazz Festival

Success through the love of work was also clearly portrayed with the amazing success of our Jazz Ensemble, at the annual Generations in Jazz Festival in Mt. Gambier, South Australia. The ensemble achieved 3rd place in their division - an amazing feat against over 3,000 students. Connor Jenkins was selected as one of a small number of students who received one-on-one tuition from the world famous, Big Phat Band!



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Book in a Day

The Love of Work was again evident on Saturday 4th May, when Korey Kavadias, Con Kavadias, Alina Huggins, Grace Beauchamp went to St Peter's College, Cranbourne to participate in an event called 'Book In A Day'. At 10am they were given a writing prompt and they then had 8 hours to discuss the prompt, come up with a plan and write 8,000 - 12,000 words to create a novella.



Mrs J Brown, the teacher in charge and organiser, stated, "For these students, who love writing, this is like being part of a team going to Marist sport. It's their passion and the day is intense."

Grace Beauchamp was the winner of the 'most words written' prize, breaking the record of all time. Grace received a \$60 voucher donated by the English Faculty of St Peters.

The novellas are given to the Year 7 and Year 8 students of St. Peter's College to read and vote on best novella.

Fingers crossed for our team.

Touch Football Final

The Love of Work is clearly evident in all aspects of Kildare life, including sport. The Touch football students (male and female) also had amazing success, with the boys coming second in the state finals.

Simplicity is the 'Pillar' I found to be the most difficult to fathom, especially within such a successful College and with my motto of striving for 'Habits of Excellence' through 'Raising Aspirations and Delivering Excellence For All.'



However, I did not need a deep-delve into campus life to understand that this concept of Simplicity is actually the foundation stone of all our successes. This was highlighted to us by a guest speaker, Mr John Mackenzie, successful local entrepreneur and high achieving sports celebrity within the Latrobe Valley. John presented a whole campus assembly focusing on the importance of being genuine to yourself and others, through valuing oneself and being upright and conducting oneself freely. He outlined how these qualities are the foundation to raising aspirations and motivation to succeed in whatever we put our mind too.

Cause Worth Week

This concept of Simplicity also focuses on the quality of showing we believe what we say. This again is evident with the work of the Justice Student Leadership team led by Mikaela Tarraran and the Community Cohesion student leadership led by Jessica Elliot.

Mikaela and her teams are working tirelessly with Mrs Clarke to arrange and lead 'Cause-Worth Week'. Already we have had the first round of the Kildare Trivia, where teams from all LAs battled to achieve a place in the final. The campus hopes to raise at least \$6000 this week. There will be a range of events including a walkathon to the actual head shave. One of our students, Matilda Lappin, who has made the local media, hopes to raise at least \$2000. All funds will go to Gippsland Cancer Care Centre. All donations would be gratefully accepted and can be given to Mrs Clarke at Kildare Campus.

Jessica Elliot also showed how we as a Marist school are trying to fulfil our vision for this year "Faith and Action-Change the World" through the virtue of Simplicity. She organised for a group of music students to visit the Yallambee Aged Care Centre on Friday 12th May, to perform for a Mother Day's High Tea. This was very well received and again showed the importance of how young people do value others for who they are.

So in our preparation for the Feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat, the reflection of the past two weeks shows that we are a Catholic School in action not just word.

Lavalla Catholic College

Music Support Group

Dear Parents and Students,

As part of our fundraising efforts this year, we will be holding a Barbeque outside the TRARALGON Bunnings store on Saturday May 25th.

We would greatly appreciate some parental assistance during the day.

Please indicate your availability to help by contacting Maria Testa at the St. Paul's Campus on 5174 7355.

Many thanks in advance.

Mike Matthyssen
President
Lavalla Music Support Group

THAILAND TRIP - Phoebe Trembath

My trip started on the 16th of April, it was a long flight to Bangkok, Thailand but it was worth the long exciting wait. When we were over there we competed in the Asian Under 21 Championships as the Australian Under 18 National Junior Women's Team. We took two teams over, a Green and Gold and I was in Green, and we also had a training camp before the tournament and after.

Being such a young team in the competition we didn't win as many games as hoped but we were very close and we won many sets overall. It was such a climate change that not only were we adjusting to their style of game but we were also adjusting to the extreme humid heat, we were competing in 40 degree heat daily which was very asking but it was all a part of the experience.

I am very grateful for the opportunity I was given, not only to play volleyball, but on ANZAC day we also attended an ANZAC day memorial at hellfire's pass, at the Thai Burma Railway track where the Australian and New Zealand Prisoners of War built the railway, it was a very sad but eye opening day. This was towards the end out our journey and we saw many other touring Australians at the memorial.

It was physically and emotional one of the hardest two weeks I had experience but I learnt a lot in such a short amount of time and I am very grateful for the opportunity I was given.



YEAR 12 VIS COMM/STUDIO ART EXCURSION TOP DESIGNS, MELBOURNE MUSEUM - Jayden Byrne

On Wednesday the 8th of May, Year 12 students from both Visual Communication Design and Studio Art went to Melbourne to visit the Melbourne Museum to view the Top Designs exhibition.

The exhibition showcased Victoria's best Visual Communication Design students who did well in both their exam and portfolio work during 2012. This work included many different designs, from engineering products to designs for skateboards and also posters.

I examined the work of a student designer who did two designs for skateboards and also did a promotional poster for the release of the new product. Each of the designs included the student's folio and the proces they took while creating their final. I was really inspired by how this student set out his work and how he took very small steps to work up to creating the design I was looking at.

The trip to Melbourne has really helped me get motivated and I am eager to make a great folio throughout the year. I am both a Visual Communication and Studio Art student and this trip has inspired me to create fantastic folios and final works - just like I saw on this excursion.

YEAR 12 VIS COMM/STUDIO ART EXCURSION - Steph Kay



Before visting the Melbourne Museum to view Top Designs, the year 12 students visited Top Arts in Federation Square. This exhibition showcases the best Studio Art finals and visual diaries completed by year 12 students from 2012 from all around the state.

We were all really impressed with the standard of work that is expected from us if we were to be aiming to get into Top Arts 2014. Some of the students were really intimidated by seeing this exhibition and others were inspired and excited to get working on our final pieces for the year.

I believe our students can achieve this high standard of work. We all have big passions and commitments

when it comes to our art work and this is what has been driving us all year.

This trip made me realise there are so many options and I am free to do whatever I feel will help convey my message through my art. This trip is also going to influence my development work and understanding of visual diaries.

LAVALLA TOUCH FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

Our U18 touch football teams travelled to Elwood Park for the Victorian Secondary Schools Touch Championships on May 2nd and 3rd.

Lavalla was represented with two teams with the boys playing on the Thursday and the girls fronting up on the Friday.

The U18 boys' team progressed through their Championship rounds with great success and managed to record a 3-all draw with Haileybury College in their final match before the final. Haileybury were a class unit and turned it on in the final to outplay our Lavalla boys.

The U18 girls' team started with a win, a draw and another win before falling away with successive losses to miss the Championships final. The U18 girls team blooded some of the junior members from the U15 team and will prosper for future years.

Overall, another encouraging result for our College touch football competitors at this level.

RESULTS

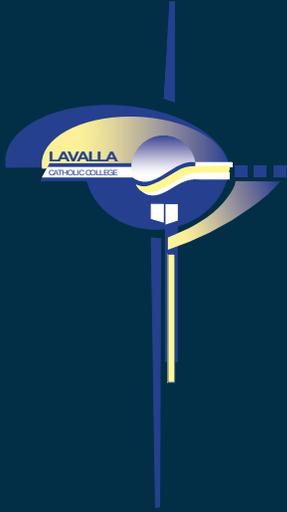
Girls Championship

- Round 1: Lavalla 3 def. Chaffey SC 2
- Round 2: Lavalla 1 def. Mentone Blue 1
- Round 3: Lavalla 3 def. Westhall 0
- Round 4: Haileybury 3 def. Lavalla 1
- Round 5: The Peninsula School 5 def. Lavalla 0

Boys Championship

- Round 1: Lavalla 4 def. BGS Blue 2
- Round 2: Lavalla 7 def. Hallam 4
- Round 3: Lavalla 5 def. VUSC 1
- Round 4: Lavalla 7 def. Chaffey SC 3
- Round 5: Lavalla 3 def. Haileybury 3
- Grand Final: Haileybury 4 def. Lavalla 2





Upcoming Events

Monday, May 20

Yr 7 camp
SSV tennis Yrs 11 & 12
Cause Worth Week commences

Tuesday, May 21

ICAS computer skills
SSV football Yrs 7 & 8 boys

Wednesday, May 22

Clay shooting

Thursday, May 23

Outdoor rec overnight hike
Walkathon

Monday, May 27

SSV netball Yrs 7 & 8
SSV soccer Yrs 7 & 8
Yr 12 Solo Soiree evening

Tuesday, May 28

Yr 7 immunisations
Yr 9 immunisations
School production 'Fame Jnr' night 1

Wednesday, May 29

School production 'Fame Jnr' night 2

Monday, June 3

MSP city camp
Yr 10 exam week



Construction Excursion

A group of our students travelled to Melbourne to visit two construction sites managed by GROCON, Australia's largest privately owned construction company. Kylie Downey from BAW BAW LLEN was able to organise another annual visit for VET Building students from the region.

The two sites were the Emporium and the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre.

The Emporium site in central Melbourne involved demolition of the existing buildings which started in 2010. Construction of the new building commenced in 2012. Steel retention systems were erected at night to support the historic facades on Lonsdale and Little Bourke streets dating back to around the late 1800's. The Emporium will ultimately have around 250 specialty shops linking the current David Jones and Myer buildings. Students were guided by GROCON Emporium project manager who shared his wealth of knowledge of the site and the commercial building industry.

Students asked many questions about the types of trades, the plant and equipment including GROCON's cranes and the Latrobe Valley's input into the project via a local engineering firm's scissor lift device which will be used for receiving and dispatching goods.

The VCCC Project is a \$1 billion world-class cancer centre that "will drive the next generation of progress in the prevention, detection and treatment of cancer", GROCON says. Students scaled scaffold stairs to stand above the site on the gantry. It was here that they stood in awe of the sheer scale of project and the amount of work involved and gained a real appreciation of the organisation and management of such a huge project that was jam-packed with technical and logistic challenges.

Students ascended the scaffold to enter the basement of the site. GROCON project managers explained the importance of quality control and attention to detail when preparing each concrete pour.



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