



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

25 August, 2006

Dear Parents and Students,

These last few weeks of term become terribly important as teachers try to finalise their courses for the term and students are required to remain focused. It is precisely because it is heading towards the end of term and because there are days when the spring air invites us to soak up the sun, that I remind students of the importance of finishing the term well. That is, remaining focused on study programmes; on wearing the uniform with pride and more importantly of all of being in right relationships with your teachers, friends and family. That is, remaining respectful with each other and working in co-operation and harmony.

Parent Committees

The College is supported by the good will and great work of volunteer parent groups and each year these groups look for new membership. Two such groups are:

Tamboritha Committee of Management - This group meets on the last Tuesday of each month, in the evening, and their main focus is to maintain the Tamboritha Chalet in good working order so that our students can benefit from this great resource. Responsibilities include: ensuring that all amenities are in working order; ensuring ample supply of firewood; maintaining financial viability and maintaining vehicles in good working order. If you enjoy the outdoors and the wilderness then this is an opportunity to be part of a group with similar interests and at the same time provide a valuable service to our students: For further information please contact Mr Wayne Howe on (0400) 957 846.

Parents Auxiliary - Each year this group oversees and manages the uniform shop and the second hand book sales and only meets to organise these activities. Mrs Maryanne Taylor has managed this role admirably over the years and unfortunately has tendered her resignation given that after this year she will no longer have children at the College. If you have an interest in book keeping or can offer some time at the end and beginning of the year I would be pleased to hear from you.

Attendance & Promotion Policy

You will remember that the College has introduced an ***Attendance and Promotions Policy*** where students are expected to be present in each class for at least 85% of the scheduled class time. Co-ordinators are in the process of checking records and informing students and parents if our records show that the student is at risk of not being promoted due to lack of attendance. Similarly at the end of term, records will be checked for academic performance. I am bringing this to your attention because given the good will of all parties we will still be able to remedy most situations.

Successful Students

Congratulations are extended to Matthew Stokes and Bobby Jacobsen who have qualified to compete in the Winchester/VCTA Championship final at Bendigo on 4th September. Andre Mayoroga was prized with \$500 and a tool box by RACV in recognition for his efforts in his pre-apprenticeship training in auto-mechanics.

Congratulations to the Senior Choir for coming first place in the Secondary School Choir Section. The ***Championship Trophy*** is again in residence in the Music Centre for a further year. The Junior Choir also performed extremely well in their section and was awarded a first place. Further, the Senior Wind Ensemble received a Gold Award at the Melbourne Bands Festival. Only three awards are given in each section.

Congratulations are extended to all our students on their great efforts.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

2006 Celebrating 50 Years of Marist Education

As always the campus has been a busy place. Year 9 students have finished the last of the visits to Power Works and have come back with a better understanding of our fossil fuel based energy. Thanks to Ms Kim Stewart for her organisation of these excursions.

The first of the Year 9 SOSE excursions has gone ahead with students visiting the State Library and the electoral office. As usual staff at both venues spoke very highly of the way students conducted themselves. The activities gave students a chance to become familiar with State assets and to gain an understanding of how our electoral system works. Given that most Year 9 students are three years away from voting age, the information is timely.

VCSSSA Netball

Best wishes to the girls competing in the finals on Thursday 31st August.

VCSSSA Soccer

On Thursday this week Lavalla hosted the soccer competition. At the time of writing the results were not in.

Attendance and Promotion

It seems that there are some students who will not reach the necessary 85% attendance in particular subjects or across the board to meet the requirements for promotion to the next year level in 2007. Parents and students will be contacted later this term and into next term to examine options. Naturally those students with genuine reason for absence and who have endeavoured to keep up with work may be granted a conditional promotion. Students who have been both absent and tardy with work will not be promoted.

SRC

Our student leaders have been very proactive this year and have established a meeting room off the Lecture Theatre. They are to be congratulated on their initiative and forward planning. It is their hope that SRC meetings will be held in this room for years to come and they are keen to create a sense of history.

Staff Professional Development

From time to time your child may come home and tell you that a particular teacher was absent attending Professional Development. Like so many industries, it

is vital that teachers receive training in current theory and practice. Generally a day out of school means double the work for teachers as they prepare the work to be left for students, attend the training and then correct the work on their return. I thank them for their efforts and their dedication to continual improvement.

Staff Leave – Ms L. Williams

Ms Williams will be away the last week of Term 3 and will not be available for Parent/Teacher interviews. She has made herself available to meet with parents after school. Any parent wishing to arrange an appointment time please contact the St Paul's office.

Jesus, please teach me to appreciate what I have before time forces me to appreciate what I had.--Susan L. Lenzkes

Lee McKenzie.
Head of St Paul's Campus

**Combined Saint Football Club
50th Year Celebration
Saturday 26th August
Call 5174 4756 or 51766654**

Celebrating 50 Years of Marist Education - 21st October

Any families who have memorabilia, which could be displayed on the day, are asked to make contact with Nina Montano on 5174 7355. Please register your interest in attending via the College website or call any of the College offices.

Italian Performance

by Years 7 - 12 students on

Wednesday 30th August

St. Paul's Lecture Theatre,
Grey Street, Traralgon, at 7.30 p.m.

\$ 10.00 per person (with supper)
\$5.00 concessions/children

DOOR PRIZE : 2 nights accommodation in a two bedroom fully self contained apartment for up to 4 people at: THE ESPLANADE RESORT AND SPA in Lakes Entrance

Semester I Unit 1 VCE Examination Awards Presentations:

Last Thursday we held an Assembly, the focus for which was the celebration of student achievement, of recognition to some and of encouragement to all students, and the presentation of the Semester I Examination Academic Awards.

Award Ceremonies give us the chance to reward and to publicly acknowledge our students who are the best performed ... in this case the Semester I Examinations. We also want to recognise our very hard-working students; encourage them to continue their good work; encourage them to strive to even greater heights; and encourage other students to try even harder.

Recipients of these awards needed to have achieved a grade of A or A+ in their examination in order to be presented with these awards. Mrs. Kay-Taylor, Curriculum Team Member, presented the recipients with a certificate in recognition of their excellent work.

This year's Academic Award winners for the Semester 1 Examinations are:

Millsom	Lisa	M5	Accounting	A+
Van Berkel	David	N4	Accounting	A+
Wykes	Louise	C2	Biology	A
Wykes	Louise	C2	Chemistry	A+
Orchard	Emily	C2	Design Technology (Food)	A
Lelito	Wanda	C3	English Language	A
Malone	Sarah	C3	English	A+
Hollingsworth	Henry	D3	English Literature	A+
Boom	Saskia	M6	General Mathematics (FM)	A+
Burcombe	Mathew	D2	Geography	A
Albanese	Daniella	C2	Health & Human Development	A+
Kellett	Sandi	M2	History [1900 - 1945]	A+
McNulty	Mary-Claire	D2	Mathematical Methods(CAS)	A
McNulty	Mary-Claire	D2	Physics	A
Weckmann	Erik	M1	Music Performance (Solo)	A+
Brammall	Alia	M5	Outdoor Ed & Environmental Studies	A
Peterson	Mark	C4	Physical Education	A+
McCabe	Rachel	N3	Psychology	A+
Leslie	Dwayne	M4	Visual Communication & Design	A+
Irving	Jason	D7	Studio Arts	A+
Barry	Daniel	N1	Enhancement Physical Education	A
Hodge	Kira	D4	Philosophy	A

Subject Selections (2007)

A long process of collecting information, of workshops, of parent information evenings, of inservicing staff and of preparing students for choices, has culminated in a very successful day of subject selections for 2007. Years 10 and 11 students logged in to the network and have selected their courses of study for next year. The process has run very smoothly and I would like to thank parents and students for their co-operation in this important decision making time for the College. There are still a small number of students, however, who have not yet completed the enrolment process. I would ask that they attend to this important matter as soon as possible, please.

Peter Schneider, Head of Kildare Campus

SUSTAINABILITY AT LAVALLA

As part of our efforts to become sustainable, the Traralgon campuses have been collecting aluminium for recycling. The Year 7 classes at St Paul's have taken this as a special project and have almost collected one tonne in less than a year. Amongst the many environmentally aware students to have eagerly participated, special mention needs to be made of Kevin Stoddart from 7.6 who has single handedly brought in over 2000 cans. Well done to the Year 7's and all the other students and staff who have supported this effort.

Mr Caffrey



On Tuesday the 15th August the Campus Celebrated the Feast of the Assumption with a Mass at St. Mary's. In the introduction it was noted that the Assumption is the Patronal Feast of the Marist Brother's and we are asked to follow Mary's lead in walking peacefully, yet with a sense of urgency in our mission to bring Christ to others with a Christian faith and hope in the future. Our thanks to Father Manny Lomagno for his celebration of the Mass.

The Parent Support Group has initiated a Water Feature to be situated between the main gate and the lake. The water feature is to be recognising the contribution of the Marist Brothers and Br. Julian Casey in the consolidation of Catholic Regional College and Presentation Regional College in 2001.

The feature will consist of a large rock waterfall flowing via two small waterfalls into two "reflection pools". Construction begins in September. Water for the stream will be pumped from the existing water supply of the Lake. We are looking for additional rocks.

If you can assist please contact Mr. O'Brien at the Presentation Campus. A donation of \$4000.00 from Insulmet, Moe has been received for the project. The Parent Support Group will provide the remaining funds. An official opening with Br. Julian in attendance is planned for term 4.

SPORT

Recently the campus has had a number of students selected for various Lavalla Sporting Teams. Congratulations to:

- ✓ Adrian Iacovou, selected in the Victorian U/14 Soccer Team to play in Interstate Tournament
- ✓ Sam Amaira, Sean Spiteri and Lisa Phillips selected in the Year 7/8s Interschool Soccer Tournament
- ✓ Jarrod Thornton ran 3rd in the annual cross-country held at Nagle College.
- ✓ Alex Sheedy and Emma Handley, recently made the 'A' and 'B' netball teams (respectively). The A Team dropped just one game, and the B team won all their matches.

*Chris O'Brien,
Head of Presentation Campus*

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The CDF offers a great range of products that are available for all members of the school community to use.

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- No Fees or charges
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down load an application from the Diocesan Website www.sale.catholic.org.au

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 28 Aug	M. Nocera, L. Calabrese	K. Manson, D. Berryman
Tue 29 Aug	C. Hinds, M. Norton	K. Dugan, H. van Berkel
Wed 30 Aug	M. Lowe, (help required)	H. Stoddart (help required)
Thur 31 Aug	M. Johnston, S. Julian	H. Symonds (help required)
Fri 1 Sept	K. Roberts, C. Bruzzese, E. Panayiotou	J. Kivisalu (help required)
Mon 4 Sept	W. Heiser (help required)	A. Scully (help required)
Tue 5 Sept	R. Gillow (help required)	J. Clarke, G. Breed
Wed 6 Sept	(help required)	T. Sloan, S. Hillier
Thur 7 Sept	(help required)	M. Johnston, (help required)
Fri 8 Sept	D. Buckley, I. Moulton	A. Prezioso, C. Barry

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