

LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



1 May 2009

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers

Welcome to Term Two. Hopefully the Easter break was a refreshing time for us all. Students and staff have become immersed in this term's program in a variety of ways. We welcome back our travellers from far and wide and you will be hearing about their exploits later in this newsletter. This week, our Principal, **Ms Erica Pegorer**, is attending a Leadership Development Course at the Melbourne Business School, organised and funded by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership. With only 40 participants selected nationally, this is an excellent opportunity for Ms Pegorer, as she engages in a course of study that is certain to invigorate and challenge her.

The 12th, 13th & 14th of May are significant dates for all Year 7 and Year 9 students as the NAPLAN literacy and numeracy testing across Australia occurs on these days.

All families are invited to visit us on our Open Days advertised in this newsletter.

It is with great pleasure that we now share with you the travel stories of **Ms Kim Widrich and Ms Roma Valentine**, "During the recent Easter holidays we went to Europe on a Western Front study tour organised by St Francis Xavier College. Our first and last stop was Paris, where we regaled in the splendour that is Paris and its many wonderful destinations. Of course, the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, the Champs Elysees and many more, were exquisitely captivating and we delighted in their antiquity and beauty. However, the primary reason for our tour beckoned; *the battlefields of the Western Front*.

Travelling through the countryside of Northern France and Southern Belgium, it is hard to imagine that these regions were the sites of not only one war but two utterly devastating World Wars. The gently undulating fields are green, farmers have grown crops and restored their homes and villages. But, occasionally

the remnants of the past are revealed. A solitary bunker, overgrown with grass, animals now wander all around it, its original purpose a fading memory. Or, the not quite filled in trenches and the gaping Lochnagar Mine hole, that provide a stark reminder of where many soldiers lived and died for us. The visit to the Villers-Bretonneux school, established with funds donated by Victorian school children, "as proof of their love and good will towards France," touched our hearts. This tiny school has now raised €10,000 for Victorian families affected by the bushfires, they were touched by our tragedy.



The cemeteries and memorials we visited were numerous such as the Australian Memorial Park, VC Corner Cemetery, Polygon Wood, 'Cobbers' Memorial and the site of the new cemetery for those soldiers from World War I that have just been located. Walking around these sacred places there is an air of tranquillity, peace, dignity and most of all respect, they are maintained meticulously and with honour. We began reading the names on the graves and memorial walls, which gave us a personal glimpse into the devastation that was inflicted on so many people and nations that text books can never really re-create. However, it is the multitude of nameless grave stones that simply read, "An Australian Soldier of the Great War. Known Unto God.," that brings home the enormity of the Western Front. Most confronting at these sites are the signs of World War II, the artillery damage that restorers decided to leave for historical integrity; this overwhelmed us and reminded us of the incredibly valiant efforts made by these men and women and that their sacrifice should never be forgotten.

Upon our return we attended the Anzac Day Dawn service and parade, these were made even more poignant by the experiences we had at the Western Front.

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20th Annual Marist Basketball Carnival

From April 23rd to 27th over three hundred Marist students from all over Australia gathered to compete in the Carnival co-hosted by Trinity College Lismore and St John's College Woodlawn. The two schools organised an efficient and friendly competition held across three sites. A highlight of the carnival was the Anzac Day parade, where the competitors, in full school uniform, marched behind their school banners in the Lismore parade.

Lavalla was represented by:

Girls

Taylor Brouns
Michelle Clarke
Aimee Davidson
Kiah Hillier
Hayley James
Krissy Jennings
Jaimee Salleh
Tenielle Talbot
Shantelle Thorburn

Boys

Stephen Gelagotis
Thomas Holt
Matthew Pattle
Thomas Pattle
Andrew Roberts
Matt Royal
Chris Sutton
Andrew Ware
Alex Wykes

Coaches

Karen Joyce
David Roberts

Managers

Laura Joyce
Rose Sizeland

The girls were Grand Final runners-up to Catholic College Sale. The boys team were the winners of the second pool. Congratulations to **Kristina Jennings** who was selected for the Marist All Star team. We were very proud of the efforts and sportsmanship of all our competitors. Much thanks and appreciation goes to the coaches and managers who did a wonderful job of keeping the teams focused on playing their best and enjoying themselves. Particular thanks to **Dave "Robbo" Roberts**, who gives so freely of his time and skills to coach the boys. Also a special thanks to past student, **Jenna Blackwood** who attended the carnival as a referee.

2010 will see Lavalla hosting the carnival again. This will give more students and families the opportunity to be actively involved in the carnival and to share the fun of this friendly but fierce competition.

Ms Lee McKenzie
Director of Staff Development

St Paul's Campus

416,809 Australian men enlisted to participate in World War I, altogether 51% of the young men in Australia were brave enough to volunteer. The volunteers were from New South Wales, 164,030, Queensland, 57,705, South Australia, 34,949, Tasmania, 15,485 and Victoria, 112,399. Volunteers' ages ranged from 17-68 years. Many volunteers were the same age as our Year 11 and 12 students. The youngest was probably James Charles Martin at 14 years; he was the same age as the Year 8 and Year 9 boys at Lavalla. World War I saw 4044 Australians taken prisoner, of whom 397 died. World War I brought 215,585 Australian casualties. This means that of 416,809 Aussie men who enlisted, over half returned home wounded, some went missing and we know that 61,919 were killed in battle. That is 61,919 families did not see husbands, fathers, sons or brothers again. And 61,919 men never saw wives, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters or friends again. 354,890 risked their lives for us. 61,919 died for us. All 416,809 deserve our respect.

-adapted from a speech delivered by **Erin Lawn**, Campus Leader, on the occasion of ANZAC Day.

ANZAC Reflection Ceremony

The ANZAC Reflection Ceremony was held on Thursday, 23rd April. It included visuals connected with the ANZACs, prayers and reflections by the Campus Leaders, **Ryan Ward, Kristina Psinas, Dylan Glasson and Erin Lawn**. The SRC lit tapers on behalf of all the students as a sign of respect to the ANZACs and a promise to live up to their example. One of the most gratifying memories of the ceremony was the engagement and silence of more than 600 students and staff for the entire duration of the ceremony. Congratulations to **Mrs. Kim Widrich** and



her team of Campus Leaders and SRCs who organised the ceremony. **Erin Lawn** (St. Paul's Campus), **Matt Bogan and Christine Scholtes** (Kildare Campus) presented wreaths on behalf of Lavalla Catholic College at the cenotaph at an impressive ANZAC Day parade. For all three it was moving to be part of the community on such an occasion. It was also gratifying to see many of our students participate as part of groups such as the Cadets, Scouts and Guides.



CAS Tennis

At the recently held Catholic School Tennis competition in Melbourne, **Sophie Grumley, Jarryd Garlick and Alastair Salerno** performed outstandingly. All three had progressed to the state finals in Melbourne. At the end of the tournament, Sophie was ranked 4th in the state and Jarryd was ranked 4th in the juniors. Congratulations to all three students.

Michael Foat Flying Scholarship

The 414 Air Training Corp Squadron, Michael Foat Flying Scholarship for 2009 was presented to Ld/Cadet, **Kyle Hornsby**. A delighted Kyle has now embarked on flying lessons.

Mr Chris Roga
Campus Director

Kildare Campus

The cold weather is upon us and the welcomed rain has arrived. As students move into their winter uniforms I encourage them to represent the school with pride and determination. Please support us as we support our students in the correct wearing of their uniform.

Lavalla Art Exhibition at the Arts Centre - Traralgon

The Latrobe City Council has recently established a small gallery space in the foyer of the Performing Arts Centre in Grey Street Traralgon. The purpose of the space is to showcase art work produced by professional artists, photographers, printmakers and art students of the Latrobe Valley.

Mr Mesaric has great pleasure in informing our community that many of our students have produced art work that will be hung in an exhibition featuring Lavalla Catholic College senior students. Congratulations to **Stephanie Germano, Annaliese Marino, Rocchina Marino, James Silvestro, Kristie McConnell, Chloe Irvine, Sherrie Hibbs, Aleeshia Karapulka, Sarah Robert, Lillian Wentworth and Georgia Lazaris** on their outstanding efforts. This will be the inaugural exhibition for the space and I encourage family and friends to drop into the venue to view student work. You will be able to do so during normal working hours, weekends and evening performances.

Cycling

Congratulations to **Shannon McCurley** who came 1st in the time trial and 1st in the road race of the Schools Cycling Cup. It is a tremendous effort. Lewis Apai came 20th out of 40 in the road race and Jarrod Thornton came 21st out of 50 in the road race. In this race he competed against international and state riders. It was also Jarrod's first attempt at racing. Well done!

Bocce Championships

Megan Griffiths once again represented Australia in the World

Women's Bocce Championships in Bevagna, Italy. Megan has been ranked 20th in the world of Senior Women's Bocce. She also competed in the Australian Junior Championships coming 2nd in the singles, 2nd in precision and 1st in doubles. Her team won in the best overall team area.

Matt Moffatt took out 1st Prize in the Australian Junior Championships. He won the singles, rapid, and best and fairest. Congratulations to these two Year 12's.

Australian National Aerobatics Champion

Ben Lappin competed over the holidays in his fifth Australian National Aerobatics Championships and became the Aerobatics Australian Intermediate Champion. He has been flying for 12 years. Ben had to fly two flights – a known sequence and a free sequence. These occurred over two days. Well done Ben and we wish you all the best in the upcoming state championships.

A Student Leader

As College captain, **Christine Scholtes** heads the Ministry area of our Student Leadership Structure. She works with the Student Leadership Council in organising Fundraising, Social Justice and Liturgy. A former student of St Gabriel's Primary School, Traralgon, Christine is a final year student enrolled in English, Further Maths, History, Outdoor Education and Biology. She wishes to go to university in 2009 to study Film and Digital Media and hopes to travel to Egypt in the near future.



Mr Marco Di Cesare
Campus Director

Presentation Campus

Welcome to Term 2. We were grateful for the opportunity to meet with so many parents during the recent Parent/Student/Teacher interviews. What a wonderful opportunity it was to discuss the strengths and the opportunities for improvement in their learning procedures. Of great importance was the strengthening of the partnership so important in the education of your child. It was an ideal time to clear, as far as possible, issues obstructing their personal and academic growth.

One exceptionally valuable way to continue this contact is through your child's planner. These are best checked weekly and students do have them checked by their Homeroom teacher. It would be a great support if you could also spend a little time when you sign them to discuss their recording of homework, any staff notes and what happened at the activities listed in them.

Last week you received the subject information for the term and this would also have provided an opportunity for some conversation about your student's learning. In the note with it, we invited anyone who could provide expertise or who had contacts related to the topics, to get in touch with us. Many thanks to those who have done this. We believe they will provide exciting additions to our programs.

Last Thursday we held our ANZAC assembly and liturgy. One guest speaker, **Mr Eric Bauman** President of the Yallourn/Newborough RSL said that "By displaying the characteristics of the ANZAC spirit – comradeship, unselfishness, courage

and tenacity of spirit, we can enrich the Australian tradition." **Mrs Rosemary Copeland**, Secondary Consultant Sale Diocese shared her reflections on the courage and sacrifice of past and present generations and the inspiration they are to each of us fortunate enough to live in this land "of beauty rich and rare."

We congratulate **Simon Jackiw, Jack Dorrington, Kate Troy** and **Katelyn Somerville** on the manner in which they, along with **Miss Adriana Bianconi** and **Mr Adam Ozga**, represented the College at the neighbouring ANZAC Day services. It was wonderful to see so many other students from our campus gather and/or march at the local RSL services at the weekend.

Early in the term we also welcomed GET's travel representative, Janine Craig and parent **Mrs Kathryn Harrison** who informed us about various aspects related to preparations for our tour of New Zealand which will take place in the September holiday break this year.

Finally, please mention our **2010 Twilight Enrolments** on **May 13th** to other families whose students are ready to make that all important transition to Secondary School next year. The Campus will be open from 4:30 – 8:00pm with family activities at 4:30pm and 6:30pm and our Information sessions are at 5:00pm and 7:00pm

Mrs Leanne Mills
Campus Director

Australian Government Bonus

As part of an economic stabilisation package, the Australian Government has released a Bonus for Families project whereby an eligible parent can claim up to \$750 per primary student and **\$1,500 per secondary student** per year for education related expenses and receive 50% credit at tax time. This bonus includes, but is not limited to, the purchase of computer hardware and software. For further information visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/home/

2010 Twilight Open Campus - Presentation

Wednesday 13 May 2009 4.30pm to 8.00pm

4.30pm to 6.30pm - Activities for families

5.00pm to 7.00pm - Information Sessions

2010 Twilight Open Campus - St Paul's

Tuesday 19 May 2009 5.00pm to 7.00pm

5.00pm to 5.45pm & 6.15pm to 7.00pm - Tours conducted and Activity Sessions

5.45pm - 6.15pm - Information Sessions

ENROLMENT 2010

Students seeking places in Year 7 for 2010:

Students attending State / other non-Catholic primary schools who have a brother or sister currently at Lavalla Catholic College and Students who do not have siblings attending Lavalla Catholic College and who attend State or other non-Catholic primary schools should telephone Jean Jennings at the St Paul's Campus office (51747355) to be placed on the list for enrolment applications.

Students in Grade 6 at Catholic Primary schools will automatically receive an enrolment package during April.

Enrolment deadline: Friday May 29th 2010.

WINTER UNIFORM

Commencement from the 27th April to 1st May with full compliance by the **4th May 2009.**

Forthcoming Events

TERM 2

MAY

4 May
4-6 May
6 May
11 May
13 May

FULL WINTER UNIFORM

Year 12 Retreats
Campus photographs (Presentation campus)
Student Free Day (all campuses)
Open Day and Information Evening (Presentation Campus)
Campus photographs (Kildare campus)
Open Day and Information Evening (St Paul's Campus)
Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-6.00pm)
Parents and Friends meeting (St Paul's Library 7.30pm)
Campus photographs (St Paul's campus)

JUNE

8 Jun

Queens Birthday (Public holiday)

12 Jun

Student Free Day

26 Jun

Last Day Term 2 - Student Free Day

Canteen Roster

KILDARE CAMPUS

Mon 4 May Help needed
Tue 5 May S. Budge
Wed 6 May S. Hillier
Thu 7 May M. Johnston
Fri 8 May L. Clark

Mon 11 May R. Crowle
Tue 12 May C. Templeton
Wed 13 May G. Fiddelaers
Thu 14 May H. Stoddart
Fri 15 May T. Newton

Second Hand Book and Uniform Shop.

NEXT OPEN

Thursday 21st May

New Hours: 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Shop located at: St.Paul's Campus
Payment options: Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS

RE for the rabble

Catechesis sessions for ordinary, everyday young people.

What: Fr Bernie Krotwaar discusses what the Eucharist means to us
Mass & dinner included
Where: St Patrick's Parish Centre, 142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham
When: 5.45pm Sunday May 3rd
How much: Free

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