



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

11 November 2005

Dear Parents and Students

We have been advised that there will be *a national day of protest* on the Tuesday 15th November. The purpose of this industrial action is to protest against the Federal Government's proposed Industrial Legislation. At this stage we are not sure how this will affect our organization on the day but we will confirm arrangements with you on Monday 14th November via a special newsletter.

We are looking forward to the opening of the biennial *Arts and Technology Exhibition* on Wednesday 16th November. It is a great opportunity to showcase our talented students and to glimpse the strength of the educational processes that produce such creativity. For the teachers and students this is a hugely satisfying moment and I encourage you to come and share it with us. More specific details can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.



Next week we will *farewell Mark Kelly* after almost 20 years of teaching at Lavalla Catholic College. He will undertake a pastoral internship in a major hospital in Melbourne and this will be the final stage of his Masters Degree in Theology. After which, Mark will be ordained as a Deacon in 2006 with the timeless ritual of the *laying of the hands*. Mark will become a sacramentally ordained minister of the Church who has a ministry of Charity (reaching out to those in particular need of the Church's attention); the Word (reading the Gospel and preaching) and of Liturgy (assisting at Mass as well as conducting Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Benediction and other liturgical celebrations).

This new journey for Mark also means that he and his wife Hilary will move to another Parish in the diocese. We have been blessed to have had Mark with us for all these years and have gained much from his devotion and commitment to his faith. Hilary has been involved in the College in various capacities since 1990 and we will miss her presence also. The College community extends our congratulations and God's blessing upon them both.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

At last week's assembly we had two special guests: **Mr Trevor Mason** from Latrobe Regional Hospital and **Mr Brendan Jenkins, M.P.** Trevor was here to accept our cheque for \$850.00, which was raised via our 'footy colours' day and a netball competition. The money will go towards the new **Cancer Care Centre**. Trevor gave the students an understanding of the benefits this facility will bring to our community.

Mr Jenkins presented the students with certificates for their participation in the **Premier's Reading Challenge**. He also presented us with a Commonwealth Games flag and explained the significant role that Latrobe City will play in staging some of the basketball games here. He also asked the students to help prepare our city for visitors by tidying up and to be welcoming of the many international visitors when they arrive.

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Water

As the weather has warmed up students have been looking for ways to cool down. Unfortunately some students have brought water bombs to school. We have made clear statements that these are unacceptable for the following reasons: wastage of water, litter, potential to upset others and effect on the good order of the campus. Students who have or throw water bombs will be suspended.

Yr 9 VRAPS

Staff has been delighted with the behaviour and demeanour of the Yr 9 students who have visited Melbourne recently. We can all be very proud of the way these young people conducted themselves.

Poor relationships

There has been much attention in the media lately about the negative impact some students have on their peers. It's important to note that some of this is happening via text messages or

on-line. It is vital that parents keep a "weather eye" on these activities to ensure that their children are not intimidating or being intimidated by others. Realistically these are great forums for **gossip**, which can be very damaging to individuals who are targeted.

Congratulations

Stephen Maselli and **Kate Walker** are both very worthy recipients of **scholarships** from the **Victorian Institute of Sport**. We wish Kate and Stephen well for next year as they work on developing their sporting prowess.

"The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks."-- Luke 6:45

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

The term rolls on. In this newsletter we have a report from two Year 7 students Jamie and Chris on their recent trip to Inverloch. Kayla Broeren has submitted her poem and Carol Wilson is seeking assistance for the forthcoming book sales. Our Year 9's head to Tamboritha next week for what should be an enjoyable Alpine experience.

Surfing at Inverloch

On Friday the 4th November the year 7's went surfing at Inverloch. When we got there Shane and the gang from the offshore surfing school gave us a lesson surfing. Then we got our wetsuits and surfboards and walked to the beach. We were put into groups and went to surf, our spirits were high and our pride was crushed as we were dunked under the sea (by the small waves).

On the trip home we had Maccas. The healthiness was low, the fattiness was high and our stomachs were large as we finished our journey through Maccas. All in all it was a good day. (Jamie Curtis and Chris Bortignon)

Parents please note that unfortunately the **Super 8's cricket was postponed** due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled for Wednesday 16th November.

Secondhand Book Sales Procedure

- Will be on Wednesday, 14th December between the hours of 9.00am and 1.00pm
- Parents of Presentation students are advised that books may be dropped off at the Campus between Monday, 28th November and no later than Wednesday, 7th December.
- The sorting of books will occur on Thursday, 8th December between the hours of 9.30am and 12.30pm
- Books will need to be labelled and in a secure bag, **also labelled**.
- We are in need of help and support - any one who is able to assist on either Wednesday 8th or Wednesday 14th or both days please contact Carol Wilson on 5127 5111.

A Poem

There are good days,
There are bad days,
There are days you want to scream.
There are days you're full of happiness
And days you cry and dream.
Some days it's hard to understand,
Why your even here,
And some days you just cuddle close,
To people near and dear.
Some days your life is like a book,
You skip right to the end,
And others you just savour it,
Like a 'soon to leave you' friend.
Life is full of mysteries,
No-one knows its reason,
It's not like a T.V show,
Where you'll see in the next season.
You ARE here for a reason.
You've here to find your way,
You live it by the moment,
Until your final day.
(By Kayla Broeren Yr 902)

'Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts'

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Year 11 End of Classes:

Today marks the end of classes for Year 11's. We held a liturgy in the Chapel that was prepared and conducted by Mr. Kelly, and then retired to the Virtual Services Centre for activities arranged by Mrs. Sonka and Mr. Rijs. A large electronic presentation was shown throughout the afternoon's activity and highlighted the Debutante Balls, the Retreats and other co-curricular activities that occurred throughout the year.

The Year 11 Exam week begins on Monday. All students have been given their personalised Exam Timetable through Homeroom. I would like to advise parents and to remind students that Exams are compulsory, that students need attend only those times when the exams are scheduled and that they are required to wear full College summer uniform, not the P. E. Uniform for the exams. Students are not permitted to leave the examination centre prior to the scheduled conclusion of the exams. Now is the time to be prepared with all the necessary equipment for the exams. Please make sure that Calculators

have fresh batteries at the ready; have spare pens and pencils available; be at least fifteen minutes early for the exam; and prepare well in the days beforehand.

The following week sees the running of the Workshops in preparation for 2006. These Workshops are also compulsory for all students returning to complete Year 12 in the new year. Staff has spent a great deal of time at this busy part of the year to prepare for these, and it would be very ungrateful, to say the least, for students not to attend. Although full summer uniform is required for the exams, students need not wear their uniform for the Workshops.

I wish all the Year 11's and their parents a happy Christmas, a restful holiday break and trust that they can return in 2006, rested and ready to begin that all-important Year 12 year, where the rewards for hard work and dedication are there for the diligent.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

2005 BIENNIAL ART & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

Every two years the Lavalla Catholic College displays work produced in the Arts and Technology areas of learning. You are invited to attend the opening night of the exhibition on Wednesday the 16th of November from 6.00 to 9.00pm in the Champagnat Centre on the St Paul's Campus. The occasion brings together the talents of students in all year levels. This exhibition showcases paintings, drawings, woodwork, visual communication, sculpture, computer graphics, drama and music performances, food productions, and textiles. The highlight of the opening night will be the presentation of the Principal's Award to students who have produced work that is deemed exemplary for its skill and creativity.

The exhibition will continue on Thursday the 17th and Friday the 18th 9.00am to 3.30pm.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The following students competed in the State All-Schools Athletics Carnival during the weekend of 29/30 October:

Hayley Bermingham, Cameron Hughes, Connan McKenzie, Andrew Broberg and Emma Doderico.

Emma came second in the state for 15 yrs Javelin

Cameron won the boys 14 yrs High Jump and 8th in the 400m race.

Connan came 4th in the 14 yrs 100m and 7th in the Long Jump.

Hayley came 4th in the 14 yrs Girls High Jump and 8th in Long Jump.

All represented the school magnificently in the school colours.

EDUCATION FORUM FOR PARENTS END OF THE YEAR GATHERING

Traditionally our group has a gathering at the end of each year to thank the many people who have helped us during the year and to farewell the teachers who are leaving the college.

We are meeting at the St Paul's Campus staffroom at 7pm for some light refreshments on Monday November 28th.

I would like to invite anyone who has come along to our nights throughout the year.

Hope to see you there,

Norma Bellerby- Chairperson Ph 51341677 (BH)

CANTEEN ROSTER:

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 14 Nov.	D Webb, M Nocera	C Dougan
Tue 15 Nov.	S Garrett, T Pledge	H Van Berkel
Wed 16 Nov.	C Hinds (help wanted)	M Tomkins
Thu 17 Nov	C Barry, F Webb	P Radovich
Fri 18 Nov	R Gillow, P Brown, S Brady	I Koolen