



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

13 October 2006

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the last term of the year. I always look forward to this term not only because we enjoy some spectacular spring weather but also because it can bring with it a level of anticipation and celebration for both teachers and student not evident in other terms.

For example on the one hand, the whole College is focused on our Year12 students finishing their compulsory years of schooling in a fitting and memorable way and on the other hand we are working with year 9 students to assist with a smooth and relatively anxious-free transition to the Kildare Campus. Others in the school are working with Primary schools in preparation for the incoming Year7s in 2007 and behind the scenes the recruitment of new staff begins and there is a frenzy of activity as all the administration is put in place.

Students can find themselves in a state of anticipation and celebration many times in one day as well as moments of sadness as they face changing relationship and different routines. The College prides itself in the way we farewell and celebrate the conclusion of each year level and prepare students for the various transitions ahead. Liturgies touch the heart and the spirit and can assist in dealing with the emotions that surface during this time. It is also important that family and friends are present to share the experience, to guide and support and to help celebrate.

Foremost in our thoughts at the moment is our year 12 cohort who has only a number of days remaining before they begin the next phase of their lives. A full College assembly will be held on **Tuesday 17th November to farewell the Year 12 class of 2006** and to announce the new College Captains and Vice-Captains. As always parents are most welcome to attend the Assembly.

On behalf of the College community I wish them well for their exams, thank them for their leadership and particularly thank the parents for the significant part that they have played in this educational journey.

New Appointments

You will remember that towards the end of last term a number of significant positions were advertised by the College. The selection process is now complete and I have great pleasure in announcing the following:

- *Director of Staff Development* – Mrs Lee McKenzie
- *Director of Student Learning* – Mrs Rita Nainie
- *Director of Kildare Campus* – Mr Marco DiCesare

These three people are well known to the College community and we congratulate them on their appointment, which will commence in 2007.

The appointment of Mrs McKenzie and Mr DiCesare to these new leadership roles has created the following vacancies:

- Director of St Pail's Campus
- Director Educational Resources

Applicants are being sought and interviews will be conducted shortly.

2006 Celebrating 50 Years of Marist Education

College Uniform Modification for 2007

Over the next few weeks parents will receive communication that will outline in more detail the uniform requirements for all students in 2007. In short the College will introduce

- The College *blazer* to Year 7 and to Year 9 students
- The College *backpack* as a compulsory item of all year levels

The letter will also contain specific regulations about school shoes, winter coats and accessories.

Celebrating 50 Years of Marist Education – 21 October

To assist us with catering and other activities, we would appreciate if you could register online via our website. At this stage you might be interested to know that people are attending from Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia.

Any families who have memorabilia which can be displayed on the day are asked to make contact with Nina Montano on 5174 7355.

Glasses, mugs and School Magazines available on CDs will be available for purchase or mail order on the day.

Celebrating 50 Years of Marist Education
Saturday 21 October 2006

All Campuses open between 10.30-12.30am

Lunch at St Paul's Campus at 12.30pm

Celebration Mass & College Choir in the
Champagnat Centre at 2.30pm

Afternoon tea at 4.00pm

You are all warmly invited and we look forward to sharing this special celebration with former and current students, teachers, parents, clergy and religious orders.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Welcome back to Term 4. All students have returned refreshed and invigorated for the final weeks of 2006. This will be a busy term.

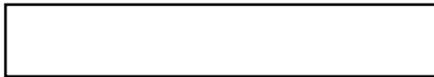
This term will offer a variety of experiences however it is essential that the main focus is on a successful completion of all academic requirements and meeting the requirement of the College attendance policy. Please discuss with your son or daughter the importance of planning to enable submission of all work. If you have concerns about any issues please contact the teacher's concerned.

Ms Kylie Downie has become the Youth Pathways worker for Presentation Campus since Russell Aitkin moved to another position at the beginning of the new term. She will be working with students from Year 7-9 to set things in place that will support the best choices for them in future schooling and in post school options.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien,
Head of Presentation Campus

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We have begun the term with typical spring weather. Most students have made the transition to summer uniform which should see this complete on Monday 16th October. Thanks to those parents who ensured that dress lengths were adjusted. As the weather heats up, students are reminded to bring water bottle, apply sunscreen and to wear navy blue sun hats whilst outdoors.

We welcome back **Ms Maria Doganeri** and **Mr Brendan O'Hara** from Long service Leave. Thanks to **Ms Joh Lyons** for her work as Yr 9 Coordinator during Maria's absence.

Year 9 Camps have begun. Long time stalwart of Tamboritha, Mr Tony Van Rossum reported 9.1's camp as the best he has been on. Hopefully we will hear similar from the other groups as they enjoy the facilities at the chalet. This year students will have the opportunity to go mountain bike riding and horse riding. Please ensure that your child has returned permission forms for these two activities before attending the camp. As these camps are seen as important group activities they are not optional.

Attendance letters

Thanks to all the parents who took the time to respond to these letters and pass on necessary information. Your feedback and help were much appreciated.

No Interruptions

Like all other terms, this one will be busy with many activities which give life to the campus. In order for staff and students to complete all necessary work and assessments the period from **17th to 24th November** will be kept activity/ excursion free. The only exceptions to this will be the Outdoor Education hikes. Please be aware of the importance of these works and encourage your child to make use of this time to complete the year well. Naturally it is imperative that all students maintain attendance at school throughout the term.

Pupil Free Day

Friday 20th October is a pupil free day. Staff at this campus will use the time for curriculum development and course writing

Medieval Day

All Yr 8 students will be travelling to the **Presentation Campus** on Thursday **26th October** to take part in medieval activities including jousting and dancing. This day will add to the knowledge already gained about this period in SOSE classes this semester. It also provides an opportunity for the students of both campuses to interact on shared tasks. Thanks to Ms Widdrich and the curriculum team for the organisation of this day.

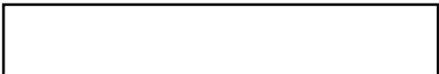
Fun Run

October 5th the Yr 9 Students completed their fun run, with the Yr 7 & 8 completing theirs on October 12th. This activity helps raise funds for sporting equipment for the campus. Please ensure that all monies and forms are returned to the College by Friday 27th October. Thanks for Mr Sizeland for once again overseeing this activity.

Congratulations to Courtney French from Year 9 competed in the Melbourne Marathon 7.5km Marafun event on Sunday. Courtney put in a huge performance coming 2nd in her age group and 4th Female overall in a field of over 1000 competitors.

All successful people men and women are big dreamers. They imagine what their future could be, ideal in every respect, and then they work every day toward their distant vision, that goal or purpose.--Brian Tracy.

Lee McKenzie.
Head of St Paul's Campus



Debutante Ball – 2006:

At the end of last term, the College hosted the 2006 Debutante Balls at Kernot Hall. The young women were beautiful and the young men who partnered them looked resplendent in their suits. Fr. Bernie O’Brien, Fr. Bickley, Fr. Mizera, Ms. Pegorer, my wife and I made up the official reception parties and I remarked that the occasions were a real and demonstrable celebration of family. It is often a pity that more friends and relations could not be present, invited by the family groups, but in spite of the size of Kernot Hall, it is not possible to put any more tables around the dance floor.

I would like to thank the Committee, especially Glenda Marino (Team Leader), Penny Johnston (Assistant), Nina Montano (Secretary), Sharon Firth (Assistant), Annie Chapman (Treasurer) and Christine Burge, Tracy Demetrios and Sharon Irving (Assistants) who made up an executive group. There were 24 ‘regulars’ on the Committee, some travelling weekly from Moe and Newborough to work behind the scenes. The deb set was spectacular, indeed one of the very best the Committee has ever put together.

Last Days:

Time is very short for the Year 12s who have only one more week of classes before a week of exam preparation and the final exams begin. It is most important that all Year 12 students finish the year on a positive note, that they settle down to some serious preparation for the examinations, that they provide a good role model for the Year 10s and 1’s and that their behaviour reflects the good year level that they have been throughout. This is nearing the end of a significant journey for them all and it is only fitting that the year concludes without hiccup. More information was delivered to the Year 12 students at meeting during lunchtime today – including consequences for those students who may not be able to rise to the responsibilities associated with celebrating the end of the year.

Preparation for exams:

Some remote preparation can be made by Year 12s, indeed all year levels, in preparation for the upcoming examination period. Parents can be a great help here. Often the stresses associated with the exams can be averted by careful forward planning. Items such as pens, pencils, rulers, batteries for calculators and the like can be purchased now. Developing a sensible study regime (and sticking to it) for the last couple of weeks, will also ensure that exam preparation is thorough and comprehensive, a sure way of eliminating some of the stresses.

On behalf of all their teachers, from Year 7 to Year 12, I wish all students every success in their final examinations.

*Peter Schneider,
Head of Kildare Campus*

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul’s	Kildare
Mon 16 Oct	D. Webb, L. McDonald	A. Scully, (help required)
Tue 17 Oct	I. Gregson (help required)	J. Clarke, (help required)
Wed 18 Oct	S. Jones, S. Duncan	C. Wilson, (help required)
Thur 19 Oct	A. Mooney, M. Bird	G. Edebohls, (help required)
Fri 20 Oct	Pupil Free Day	Pupil Free Day
Mon 23 Oct	L. Stockdale, T. Roberts	L. Barrett, B. McNulty
Tue 24 Oct	R. Gillow, (help required)	G. Breed, M. Byl
Wed 25 Oct	M. Lowe, G. Edebohls	H. Stoddart, (help required)
Thur 26 Oct	V. Frescura, K. Clarke	M. Johnston, V. Summut
Fri 27 Oct	K.Roberts, C. Bruzzese, E. Panayiotou	C. Barry, A. Zaghet

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