



# NEWSLETTER

## Lavalla Catholic College

4 May 2007

### From the Principal

Dear Parents and Students

It is good to be back from my work in Brazil and I wish you a belated welcome back to Term 2. The work in preparing the *Marist International Assembly on Mission* is almost complete and will culminate with a ten (10) day conference in September. There is quite some excitement in the Marist world about this conference and insightful and exciting outcomes are anticipated. Over 100 international delegates, ten (10) of which will represent the Oceania Region, have been selected to contribute to the discussions and discernments about our future directions as Marist. I will be attending the Assembly as a member of the Preparatory Commission and will be away for the last weeks of Term 3.

#### College Master Plans

Earlier this week, the Leadership Team spent two days shaping and articulating our goals, expectation and aspirations for the College. As you are aware the College is investing energy into the Review and Renewal process; developing a Building Master Plan supported by a strategic plan and reviewing our curriculum offerings across the three campuses. We appreciated the opportunity to tease out and refine these future directions and in the spirit of this years' theme tried to approach and work with audacity and hope. I'd like to thank the staff who took responsibility for the campuses in our absences.

#### Show Stoppers Musical Production

A cast of over thirty (30) Year 9 and 10 students entertained the audiences with their polished production of *Show Stoppers* held at the Traralgon Little Theatre, last Thursday and Friday nights. Preparation for this production began in Term 4 last year and was ably and professionally directed by Lisa Williams, Eloisa Tripodi, Matthew Harris and Adriana Bianconi. The students appeared to have enjoyed the whole process and it was delightful to witness the excitement and joy after each production. Congratulations to all those involved.

#### College Uniform

Thank you, to you all, for your support in ensuring that your daughters and sons have the correct uniform items for the smooth transition into the winter uniform. Our students are looking very smart and have drawn positive comments from the public.

There is however one thing that needs clarifying. *Tail-less (straight) shirts for both boys and girls can be worn over the trousers or kilt bands only if the shirt sits on or above the hip.* Shirts that fall below the hip and sit on the thigh are considered too long and will still need to be tucked in.

#### Australa Marist Netball Carnival

At the end of June we are very pleased to host the Australa Marist Netball Carnival. Teams from Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia, Northern Territory and for the first time, New Zealand are participating. The level of competition is extremely high and there is now a strong sense of Marist Collegiality that has developed between the participating schools.

Over the years our students have enjoyed the hospitality of other Colleges and especially from families who have billeted them. We still need to accommodate approximately *100 participants* and urgently need your assistance. If you are able to *billet two or more girls* from *Sunday 24 June – Wednesday 27 June*, Mr Steve Erdely from the Kildare Campus would welcome your enquiry.

*Ms Erica Pegorer*  
*Principal*

## St Paul's Campus



### Show Stoppers: The Year 9-10 Musical

On 26th and 27th April, the Year 9-10 students put on a showstopper! The slick production had it all; music, dance, lights, costume, drama, suspense, comedy, fun. Most of all the performers enjoyed themselves, transmitting their energy and enthusiasm to the audience. 'Awesome' is an understatement! Equally impressive were the musicians and the backstage, technical and support crews. Preparations for the show began in 2007 and the long, sometimes painful, hours proved immensely worthwhile. Congratulations to Ms Williams and her team and all contributed to this production.

### Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews and Workshops

At the end of Term 1 the interviews were heartening. The parents-teacher-student dialogues were meaningful, and focussed on reports, performance and improvement. The workshops were valuable as a continuation on interaction to improve performance standards. Research and experience tell us that student success depends on positive partnerships between students, teachers and parents.

### Year 7 Round Up

The Fun Run was held on 26th April during SARA. Students ran 2.6 kilometres around the Morwell forest path. The first five male and female runners were: Alannah French, Chloe Haesler, Erin Lawn, Shaelyn Cadzow, Danielle Couling, Lachlan Morehead, Locky White, Josh Pegg, Jacob Hoskin and Jo Eccles. They will represent the College at the Catholic All Schools Cross-Country Competition in Ballarat on 24th May.

As part of their study of Ancient Civilisations, each Year 7 Homeroom visits the Melbourne Museum to see the exhibition on the 'Great Wall of China' and learn through observation and processing the information.

### An Encounter with Mark Giddens

Last week the Year 9 Careers classes met with Mark Giddens, an internationally acclaimed news, film and photo journalist. Mark graduated from St. Paul's in the early 1990s and is visiting family in the valley between assignments.

He captivated the students with his vivid experiences and exciting and entertaining stories when following breaking news in fifty-five countries; the Boxing Day Tsunami, the Bali bombing, Afghanistan, Iraq and so on. The students listened attentively and questioned Mark about the pathways he chose to find and succeed in his career. Mark is about to take up an exciting two year contract in Malaysia.

### Year 9 Camps

Next week the Year 9's will do the AIM tests in Mathematics and English. On completion of the AIM tests, the first of the Homerooms will head off for Tamboritha. The Year 9 camps will have begun. We remind Year 9 students to have all the requisite paperwork completed and handed up, in time.

### Year 7, 2008 Enrolments

This is the month for Year 7 enrolments for 2008. Some important dates for St. Paul's Campus are:

<b>10 May</b>	Information Night (7.00pm-9.00pm)
<b>16 May</b>	Open Day (9.30am-12noon)
<b>21 May</b>	Information Night (7.00-9.00pm)

**Mr Chris Roga**  
*Campus Director*

## Presentation Campus

Congratulations to Alex Sheedy and Carr Mullen-Bianconi for representing the College during the holidays in Adelaide in the senior Girls Basketball. Well done to both girls.

### Anzac Day

We were represented at the RSL's of Moe and Newborough by Sam Price, Chris Lebbe, Ashlee Raymond, Karlee Attard Mr Der Van de Schueren and Mr Carmody. Our thanks to these students and staff for representing Lavalla in the wider community. The ceremony and prayer service held last Thursday was very well received by both staff and students. The respectful and dignified manner in which the spirit of the Anzacs was celebrated showed that Australian Pride in its history is alive and well.

### Year 7 2008 Information

On Wednesday our SRC students visited St Kieran's and St Mary's Primary Schools and spoke to the Grade 6's regarding Year 7 at Lavalla in 2008. The students modelled all aspects of the uniform and spoke with confidence and pride about their school. Next week the Grade 6's will attend for a morning session of Food Technology and a tour of the Campus.

**Wednesday 16th May**  
**Open Day (9.30am-1.00pm)**  
**Information Evening (7.30-9.30pm)**

If people are aware of families in the State School system interested in attending Lavalla in 2008 please have them contact the school.

### Parent Support Meeting

On Tuesday this week the Parent Support Group held their AGM. I am pleased to announce the following positions for 2007.

**President:** Irene Bramstedt  
**Treasurer:** Doris Aquilina  
**Secretary:** Geraldine Stephens

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 5th of June** at **7.30pm**.

We are victims of the drought. The water level in the lake has fallen below pumping levels. The water feature is currently dry, - Lets all pray for rain.

Yours is the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts.

**Mr Chris O'Brien**  
**Campus Director**

## Kildare Campus

Over the holidays there were some works that were completed in the front office area of our Kildare campus. It is amazing what a new lick of paint can do - not to mention the upheaval that this process can create. I thank the front office staff for their patience and forbearance throughout this time.

### Lavalla Rifle Team

Congratulations to our team on their participation in the Inter-School bore shoot. Our students performed well with a score of 141 out of a possible 160. Our highest scorer was **Wayne Swan** with 38 and 2 central bulls eyes. Mr Williams coaches these students and we thank him for his commitment.

### Living in the Landscapes of the 21st Century

A class of our Year 10's, headed by Miss Bianconi, will be participating in a research programme organised by the University of Melbourne. The study will investigate student perceptions of landscapes and environments now and into the future. The main focus this term will be on what students are thinking about the future of land, water and food and how students foresee their role in the 21st century. We are excited to be one of the 10 schools chosen across Victoria to participate and look forward to the results.

### Career News - Where are they now?

Do you know some of our ex-students? Have they embarked on successful career pathways and would they be interested in sharing their stories with our current students? We would love to include them in our series of *Conversations about Careers*. Please send their details to Anne English – Careers Coordinator, at the Kildare Campus, so they can invited to inspire our students as they plan for the future.

### Conversations about Careers

Sarah Hammond visited at the end of the last term to share the story of the study and career pathway that she has embarked upon since leaving us in 2000. This is the first of our *Conversations About Careers* that will be held this year. Since leaving Lavalla Sarah has completed a Science degree majoring in Genetics, followed by a long overseas travel experience whilst waiting to be accepted into the Australian Federal Police. She recently completed her initial training with the AFP and is due to take up her duties in Melbourne. Her interest doing Forensic work could become an option with the AFP as well as a range of exciting opportunities in National Security, both in Australia and overseas. Some of our current year 12's are interested in Police work and were challenged by the story Sarah shared with them. They now have a broader vision of the possibilities available to them when they leave school. We wish Sarah every success and look forward to updates from her as her career progresses.

**Mr Marco Di Cesare**  
**Campus Director**

## Forthcoming Events

### MAY

- 7 May Year 7.2 Museum Excursion [SP]  
 8 May Year 7.3 Museum Excursion [SP]  
 8 May Year 9 AIM – Mathematics [P&SP]  
 9 May Year 9 AIM – English [P&SP]  
 Year 7 Museum Excursion [P]  
 9-11 May Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp [K]  
 9-11 May Year 9.1 Tamboritha Camp [SP]  
 14-16 May Year 9.5 Tamboritha Camp [SP]  
 16-18 May Year 9.6 Tamboritha Camp [SP]  
 16 May **Presentation and St Paul's Campus Open Day  
 Presentation Information Night (7.30pm-9pm)**  
 17 May Year 7.5 Museum Excursion [SP]  
 18 May Staff Consultation Day – Student Free Day  
 21 May **St Paul's Information Night (7.30pm-9.00pm)**  
 21-23 May Year 9.3 Tamboritha Camp [SP]  
 23 May Year 7.8 Museum Excursion [SP]  
 23-25 May Year 9.7 Tamboritha Camp [SP]  
 24 May Year 10 Diocese and Justice Camp [K]  
 28-30 May Year 9.4 Tamboritha Camp [SP]  
 29 May Years 9.2 & 9.3 ArtsConnect Excursion [SP]  
 30 May GCSSSA Athletics (Moe)  
 Year 9 Humanities Excursion [P]  
 Year 12 Drama Workshop [K]  
 Year 9.1 & 9.5 ArtsConnect Excursion [SP]  
 30 May-1 Year 9.2 Tamboritha Camp [SP]  
 31 May Year 9.6 & 9.7 ArtsConnect Excursion [SP]

### JUNE

- 1 June Enrolments Close Year 7, 2008**  
 1 June Year 9.4 ArtsConnect Excursion [SP]  
 5 June School Photographs [K]  
 6 June School Photographs [SP]  
 7 June School Photographs [P]  
 11 June Queens Birthday – Public Holiday  
 12-13 June VCE Exam  
 14 June VCE Exam – GAT  
 15 June Curriculum and Report Writing Day – SFD  
 17-19 June Intermediate Band Camp  
 24-27 June **Marist Netball Carnival**  
 28 June Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00pm-7.00pm)  
 29 June Last Day Term 2

### JULY

- 16 July Student Free Day  
**17 July First Day Term 3 commences**

**\*\* UNIFORM SHOP OPEN \*\***  
**Thursday 17 May - 3.30pm-4.30pm**

**Parents and Friends Association**  
 meeting will be held on  
**Monday 7 May at 7.30pm**  
 in the St Paul's Campus ISC.  
 All Welcome!!!

## YEAR 7 2008 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment applications have been posted to parents for students attending **State Primary Schools** in Grade 6 who are siblings of Lavalla students.

If you have omitted to inform the St Paul's Campus of a **sibling** attending **Grade 6 at a State Primary School**, or if you have not received your package in the mail, please telephone Jean Jennings at the St Paul's Campus office immediately. (51747355)

Other students attending State Primary Schools should register their name on the enrolment application list by telephoning St Paul's Campus. **Applications must be completed before the deadline of June 1st.**

Our Information Evenings and Open Morning are scheduled as follows:

### INFORMATION EVENINGS

**Venue:** St Paul's Campus - Lecture Theatre  
**Dates:** Thursday 10th May - 7.30pm  
 Monday 21st May - 7.30pm

**Venue:** Presentation Campus - Circulation Area  
**Date:** Wednesday 16th May - 7.30pm

### OPEN MORNING

St Paul's Campus and Presentation Campus  
 Wednesday 16th May - 9.00am to 1.00pm

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

- Mon 7 May L. Hare, L. McDonald  
 Tue 8 May S. Garrett, T. Pledge  
 Wed 9 May K. Lowden, H. Stoddart  
 Thu 10 May C. Hines, (help required)  
 Fri 11 May C. Bruzzese, (help required x 2)  
 Mon 14 May I. Gregson, J. Caffrey  
 Tue 15 May J. Campbell, (help required)  
 Wed 16 May T. Thornton, (help required)  
 Thu 17 May Help required x 2  
 Fri 18 May D. Buckley, (help required)

### KILDARE CAMPUS

- Mon 7 May D. Webb, B. McNulty  
 Tue 8 May G. Breed, (help required)  
 Wed 9 May L. Lloyd, (help required)  
 Thu 10 May M. Wojciechowski, (help required)  
 Fri 11 May A. Fogarty, (help required)  
 Mon 14 May C. Jackiw, J. Adams  
 Tue 15 May J. Campbell, (help required)  
 Wed 16 May R. Crowle, (help required)  
 Thu 17 May M. Johnson, G. Edebohls  
 Fri 18 May M. Tatlow, K. Drowley

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