



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

12 November 2004

Dear Parents,

A part of the end of the year ceremony for the Graduation Mass will include our Leaders for 2004 handing on the responsibility to a new team for 2005.

These students must meet significant criteria for their selection. They must have a good, if not impeccable, record of co-operation and general conduct; they must have the support of staff and students and they must be able to represent the College in public, in the community and among the whole student body across the three Campuses. They must be able to manage commitments related to family, part time work and sport as well as keeping focussed on their studies. The Captains and Vice Captains work as a team, and share the various tasks and duties required of them. It is a tall order and for the role to be effective, they need the encouragement of all.

Hence I am happy to announce the College Captains and Vice Captains for 2005.

Captains:-                    **Caitlin Mitchell and Michael Waanders**  
Vice-Captains:-           **Julia Auciello and Michael Teychenne**

I speak for the whole College community in congratulating them and encouraging them in this new responsibility. I wish them well as they take up their tasks.

***Br Julian Casey***  
***Principal***

### ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

At the recent campus assembly our Italian travellers gave us glimpses of their trip. While we all recognised pictures of the Colosseum it was a little harder to identify our students in Italian national costume! It was very obvious that a great time was had by all.

**Congratulations to Nicholas Shaw, 8.1,** who was recently named Strzelecki District Scout of the Year. Nic has earned many badges and put

in lots of hard work to receive this award - well done.

#### **Class Celebrations**

Rather than having numerous celebrations we will be holding homeroom parties on Thursday, 9 December. Most classes will include a Kris Kringle in this activity. These activities are important to the life of the campus, they allow students and teachers to celebrate their hard work and help give closure to the year.

*St Paul's (contd....)*

### **Attendance**

It is our expectation that all students will attend school until the last day: **9<sup>th</sup> December for Yr 9s and 10<sup>th</sup> for the Yr 7 and 8s.** It is important that you follow usual school procedures and let us know if your child is absent. Students should not have the message that it's OK to stay away. Students should be in appropriate uniform until the last day of school.

### **Tidy Homerooms**

In the last few weeks we have made awards to tidy homerooms. The students have responded very positively to this. It has been great to see their enthusiasm and pride in their classrooms. I look forward to announcing the ultimate year level winners at the end of term.

### **Orientation Day**

**Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Yr 6 students enrolled for Lavalla 2005, will visit between 9:00 and 12pm to meet classmates and teachers for next year. **Yr 9** students will be at the **Kildare Campus** for the day, bus travellers will arrive at and depart from Kildare Campus.

This will give them another opportunity to familiarise themselves with the campus before beginning classes next year.

### **Indigenous Culture**

Recently we had a visit from Linda Mullet who worked with Yr 7 students and staff so that we could gain an appreciation of the experiences of indigenous people. Linda worked to develop empathy for the losses suffered and brought us all to a greater understanding of indigenous culture, particularly in our area.

### **Lost Property**

Now is a good time to check if your child has all pieces of uniform. If not, they should visit Mr Roga who has quite a store of lost property, which needs to be claimed before the end of the year.

*"He that gives good advice builds with one hand; he that gives good counsel and example builds with both....--Francis Bacon"*

*Lee McKenzie  
Head of St Paul's Campus*

## **PRESENTATION CAMPUS**

*The end of Week 6!*

Assessment and Reporting are now the focus of both staff and students. Please dialogue with your son or daughter over work requirements, assignments and due dates. If you have any concerns please contact the teachers concerned. Your assistance with this aspect of your son or daughter's education will be welcomed.

Next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> at about 1:00pm an Emergency Services Demonstration is to be held at this Campus. Senior

Constable Kristie Olsen who runs the Police Education Program at the College has arranged for the State Emergency Service, the Fire Brigade, Ambulance and Police Services to conduct a mock road accident rescue. This will be an excellent opportunity for our students to see the work of the Emergency Services and inspect the equipment used. Further information will be available next week. Parents are welcome to attend.

A member of staff, **Mrs Haupt**, has included the following article this week.....

### ***Year 7 S.O.S.E. Endangered Species***

*“Last Wednesday afternoon our year 7 students listened with interest as Colleen Wood from the Southern – ash Wildlife Shelter, Rawson, spoke of her work in caring for wildlife that has been orphaned or injured.*

*As Colleen spoke of the many native animals she has cared for and released back into the wild, she stroked a cuddly baby Koala that had been orphaned. Its mother had been killed after being struck by a car.*

*A wombat only nine months old was also looking very relaxed at being on show. The wombat was being held by one of the shelter’s foster carers, Mrs. Raymond.*

*Students were amazed to hear of the different animals cared for by the shelter and of the many hours devoted by staff to nurturing and re-establishing them back into the wild.*

*We thank Colleen for her visit which coincided with our unit on Endangered Species. Her talk encouraged students to appreciate the wildlife in our area and to be aware of the facilities available for caring for our native animals.”*

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds  
and Compassionate Hearts

***Chris O’Brien***  
***HEAD OF CAMPUS***

## **KILDARE CAMPUS**

### **Mobile Phones:**

I am concerned about the increasing incidence of students using mobile phones during class time.

Mobile phone technology is so sophisticated at the moment that some students can use their phones for playing games, sending SMS’s to friends, as a clock, as a calculator, as a diary or appointments manager; some are using it to photograph their friends or to record voice messages, to listen to music, to access the Internet, or even to send faxes. Regardless of how the phone is being used, it is a significant distraction for students and unauthorised use of mobile phones is forbidden.

After discussion with the Campus Leadership, students who are using or playing with mobile phones during class time will have the phone confiscated. It will be kept in a safe place and I will ask parents to come in and collect it. I will explain the College policy with them in more detail at that point.

In the near future we will review the policy regarding mobile phones. I would welcome input from parents on the matter.

***Peter Schneider***  
***Head of Kildare Campus***

## **MUSIC NEWS**

All parents and friends of the music department are invited to our ***Vocal Evening on Monday 15th November in the Kildare Music Rooms at 7.00 p.m.*** All the students who learn from our voice tutor, Mr John Lander, will be performing on the evening and there will be a light supper provided during interval. We can promise a wonderful evening’s entertainment and you will be supporting these dedicated singers who have been working very hard all year.

***Marian Jenkinson***  
***Director of Music***

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 15 Nov  
 Tue 16 Nov  
 Wed 17 Nov  
 Thu 18 Nov  
 Fri 19 Nov

**St Paul's**  
 J Parker  
 V Winwood  
 R Crowle, P Brown  
 D Buckley, D Leatham  
 S Brady, N Ellis, M Lowe

## 2004 / 2005 TIMELINE

### BOOK SALES

DAY	DATE	MONTH	EVENT
Mon-Wed.	1st - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov - Dec	Yr 12 students may hand in Second Hand books for re-sale at <b>Kildare Campus</b>
Wednesday	10th	November	Subject confirmation & Lists of Books for purchase and sale distributed to 2005 Year 12 students.
Thursday	25th	November	Subject confirmation & Lists of Books for purchase and sale distributed to 2005 Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 students.
Saturday		First week Dec	2005 Yr 12 ENGLISH NOVELS - available at Newsagency
Mon-Fri		29 Nov - 3 Dec	Current Year 10 & Year 11 students may hand in Second Hand books for re-sale at <b>Kildare Campus</b>
Mon-Fri		29 Nov - 3 Dec	Current Years 7, 8 & 9 students may hand in Second Hand books for re-sale at <b>St Paul's &amp; Presentation Campuses</b>
Tuesday	7th	December	<i>ORIENTATION DAY</i> - UNIFORM SALES 12.00 - 2.00pm
Wednesday	15th	December	2ND HAND BOOK ORDER COLLECTION - 10.00am - 7.00pm Yrs 7 to 12 St Paul's & Kildare 2005 students
Wednesday	15th	December	2ND HAND BOOK ORDER COLLECTION - 10.00am - 3.00pm Yrs 7 to 9 Presentation 2005 students
Wednesday	19th	January	COLLECTION OF BOOKLIST ORDERS - 8am - 8pm <i>Kildare Campus Hall</i>
Thursday	20th	January	COLLECTION OF BOOKLIST ORDERS - 4pm - 7pm <i>Newborough Campus</i>
Tuesday	25th	January	COLLECTION OF BOOKLIST ORDERS - 8am - 12 noon <i>Kildare Campus Hall</i>

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