



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

22nd August 2003

Dear Parents,

Recently in the media you would have read or heard of very young people stealing cars and going joy riding. In the course of the interview they proclaimed loudly that they had done a silly thing, that the consequences could have been terrible and that it was very dangerous. Nowhere in the course of the interview did they suggest that it is wrong to steal a car.

The emphasis given to consequences and fear of consequences is not a good way of educating students to do the right thing. A student weeping because his/her parents will find out that he/she has done the wrong thing is weeping about the consequences, not about the wrongdoing.

If and when the fear diminishes then we have a moral vacuum that can lead to wrongdoing. Moral education is something that we urgently need in schools and something, which can be glossed over if we become fixated on consequences and fear of punishment.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

Calendar Dates for Coming Week

August

Mon. 25	Tamboritha Committee of Management
Tue. 26	Year 7 (St Paul's) Second Hep B Immunization Years 7, 8, 9 (St Paul's) Meningococcal Immunization Lavalla College Council Meeting (7.30 to 9.30pm)
Thu. 28	Year 12 Student/Parent Tertiary Information Evening (7.30pm)
Fri. 29	Melbourne Band Festival (Senior Jazz Ensemble)

September

Mon. 1	Parents & Friends Meeting, St Paul's Campus (7.30pm)
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ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

This week our pupil free day was devoted to an **in-service by Andrew Fuller**. Andrew is a dynamic presenter who has wonderful insights into adolescents. Generally he took us through the notion of resilience and how we can help young people learn to 'bounce-back' from difficulties.

He certainly left us with much to think about and act on.

Andrew pointed out that some 88% of teenagers, when asked to nominate their heroes or role models, named their parents. This is heartening for parents as they grapple with family life.

St Paul's (contd....)

There have been **some disruptions** to classes through **staff and student illness** during the last weeks. Mr Geraldles has had to go home to Portugal at short notice to tend his sick mother. While all this activity is to be expected in the normal life of a school it does add stress to staff and students as they grapple with completing work requirements.

We are already beginning **planning for classroom changes** next term when renovation of the Stoddart Block begins. We will keep you advised of happenings, particularly at the crucial stage where the building will be without a roof.

Yr 8 Activity Days

Yr 8 students do not have a camp experience; rather they have a homeroom based activity day. This year these will generally involve some type of physical challenge. As detailed in your costs brochure the cost of these will be approximately \$40 and it is expected that each student will participate.

"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." -- Lou Holtz

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Fathers Manny and John have now completed class Masses for the Years 7's and 8's. I thank them once again for their spiritual guidance and direction with the students and staff of the Campus.

The Chapel is an excellent environment for these Masses and it is planned to hold a simple blessing of the Chapel in term 4 to mark its refurbishment and significance to the College.

Year 9 Projects

This semester the Year 9's focus on community involvement for their project. The students have undertaken three projects. Soft Toys (Bears) for Breast Cancer research, Quilt Making for Parents of Stillborn Babies and Wooden Toys as Christmas presents for children in need.

If anyone has any spare material, especially for quilt making, could you please let the College know.

The **subject selection** process for all junior school students is nearing completion. If you have any concerns regarding 2004 please contact the College.

Eisteddfod

A number of our students are preparing for Eisteddfods in the coming week. Can I wish all students every success and thank Mrs Barrett and Mrs Gaulton for their time and

assistance in the support and preparation for these events.

Speech and Drama Sections of the Eisteddfod

Beginning with some planning towards the end of term two, a number of Presentation Campus students have been working on speech and drama pieces in preparation for the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod. The pieces represent a variety of presentation styles – from readings, through recitations and mimes, to speeches. Stephanie Cassar, Amy Gorman, Keira Elliot, Teresa Gerrard-Tuschewski, Claire Hansford, Giselle Laming and Megan Plunkett will be performing in the evenings of Monday August 25th, Tuesday 26th and Thursday August 28th, with these sessions beginning at 7pm. Claire will also be presenting a speech on the afternoon of Wednesday August 27th. The students have been privileged to work with Mrs Anne Barrett, a parent volunteer who is a talented Speech and Drama teacher from Newborough. The campus community thanks Mrs Barrett very much for giving her time, energy and expertise to assist these students develop new skills.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and
Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

An Invitation to Parents and Year 12 students

On Thursday, August 28, the College will be hosting a Tertiary Information Evening in the Virtual Services Centre at 7.00 pm. A Video Conferencing link with VTAC and Universities will be a feature of the evening. Please contact Mrs. Trish Johnston if you wish to attend. All are welcome.

Subject Enrolment Forms

If the 2004 Subject Enrolment Form has not yet been returned, I would exhort all students to return the forms along with the \$25.00 enrolment deposit as soon as possible please. The enrolment deposit is deducted from the first term fees next year. The **Year 12 (2004) Enrolment Forms** were due last Tuesday and **Year 11 (2004) Enrolment Forms** were due today.

Decisions need to be made very soon about classes, numbers of classes, class sizes, staffing, and the generation of a viable 2004 Timetable. In order to do this in preparation for next year, the data needs to be put into the computer so that the process can take place. It is most important that the Enrolment Forms come back immediately.

Italian Poetry Competition

I am very happy to announce that the following students received an honourable mention in the Dante Alighieri Society Poetry Competition: Jessica Black, Rebecca Vandegeer, Ben Vannapruseuth, Natasha Sertori, Luke Van Lambaart, Vanessa Bomba, Anthony DiDonato, Meagan Smith, Rocchina Della Fortuna, Alana Moretti, Lara Talerico, Sara Harvey, Maria Marino, Jacinta Turra and Tiziana Prezioso.

Congratulations to Julia Auciello and Simone Weckmann who will compete in the finals in Melbourne today. Buona fortuna ragazze!
(Raffaella Cataldo)

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

SPORTS NEWS

Clay

Target Championships

Last Thursday, 7th August, the College presented three teams in the South East Zone All Schools' Annual Clay Target Championships held at the Frankston Clay Target Club in Carrum Downs. Thirty-two Colleges presented and a total of 163 shooters competed.

The final results were:

- 1st: Parade College, Bundoora: 67/80 points.
- 2nd: Gippsland Grammar, Sale: 60/80 points.
- 3rd: Lavalla Catholic College: 55/80 points.

The Lavalla Teams comprised:

Team 1

Frank Albanese, Ben Albanese, Courtney Wyeth, Kosta Pizzi

Team 2

Christopher Brady, Matthew Stokes, Bryan Swan, Tim Lawless

Team 3

Nathan Borg, Adam Cummins, Stephen McKenna, Darren Green

Other shooters were: Matthew Hammond, Martin Power and Owen Kosakiewicz.

Congratulations to all shooters and to their dedicated Coach, Mr. John Williams.

VAS Netball - Shepparton

On August 5th and 6th the College sent three teams to compete in the Victorian Catholic All Schools Netball tournament in Shepparton. One hundred and fifty teams had travelled from all over Victoria to attend this annual tournament. Despite the rain and the under 10 degree temperatures, the teams played hard, watched some great Netball and learnt a little more about the game.

The senior girls, despite a first game loss to Bendigo, won all other games quite convincingly and made it through to the semi finals. They won their semi final in a closely contested game and made it through to the grand final. The team was playing some great Netball with Louise Membrey on fire in the

goals and Kassie Alford, Emma Brady and Claire McLean forming a very strong backcourt. Unfortunately the girls lost the grand final by just two goals. It was great to watch good structured netball played at the highest level. Well done on a great effort!

The Intermediate girls struggled all day against some very strong teams, and finished 5th in their pool. The junior girls were very

strong all day, but their one loss by just one goal was enough to put them out of finals.

Thank you to the players for their commitment to training and sportsmanship shown on the day and a big thank you to the coaches: Mr Alan Ryan, Ms Nikki Heenan, Mr Ross Sizeland, Miss Karen Joyce and Miss Fiona Morrow.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Presentation	Kildare
Mon. 25 Aug.	M Grass, M Northover	P Thornton	F DiIorio, A Prezioso
Tue. 26 Aug.	A Zaghet	S Taylor	H Van Berkel, M Matthews
Wed. 27 Aug.	S Sleswick	C Dougan	A Fletcher, M Fievez
Thu. 28 Aug.	C Barry	S Carrigy	R Greaves, S Sammut
Fri. 29 Aug.	M Lafferty, M Johnston C Pattinson	A Fogarty	J Farquhar, B Fulton

Help Required at the Kildare Campus Canteen on Tuesday, **16 September** and Tuesday **11 November**. Please contact the Canteen if you can help out. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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