



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

7th August , 2003

Dear Parents

We all know that winter months can sometimes seem longer. Some students feel the pressure of approaching tests and SAC's, others feel cooped up by the season or the work, others are restless and sometimes resentful about restriction. The end seems a long way off for students and they don't always see the connection between the present moment and the end of the year results or the future career.

Sometimes the strain manifests itself in strained relationships or misbehaviour. Sometimes it manifests itself in poor or careless wearing of the uniform. Sometimes poor attention to work requirements and assignments are the symptoms. Hence it is essential that parents work with staff in trying to keep students focussed on their school life in all its many dimensions, its academic programme and the demands, the sporting opportunities, the eisteddfods, the choral festivals, excursions, retreats, workshops and so forth. The College offers a wide range of activities and some very challenging and stimulating courses.

Our Expo on Friday 8th will assist this process of re-focussing and settling down for the remainder of winter.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

Calendar Dates for Coming Week

Fri. 8	2003 Careers & Courses EXPO
Mon. 11	Year 10 NET Retreat (Champagnat)
Tue. 12	Year 10 NET Retreat (Delany)
Wed. 13	Year 10 NET Retreat (MacKillop)
Thu. 14	Year 10 NET Retreat (Nagle) GCSSSA Gymkhana (selected students)
Fri. 15	Feast of the Assumption VAS Netball Championships (Senior Boys)

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

The Parent Support Group held a thank you dinner for all parents involved in assisting with the Opening of the Refurbished Campus in May. The dinner was well attended and once again we recognize the support and dedication of parents in the activities of the College. The PSG is conducting a Father's Day Raffle this month and a Trivia Night in the coming term. Your support of these two fund raising activities will be appreciated.

Security cameras are currently being installed at the Campus. The cameras are to assist with the out of hours supervision of the property. The

installation should be completed in the next 2 weeks.

Preparations for EXPO and subject selections for 2004 will be well under way by the time you read this article. Year 9's received their subject booklets for Year 10 last month. The Year 8's received their booklets for Year 9 on Monday of this week. Please take the time, with your children, to read over the material included and assist with the selection of subjects for 2004. If you have any questions contact the College for an appointment or have your son or daughter speak to their homeroom teachers.

Presentation (contd....)

Corn Flower Day will be on the 22nd of August. All students are encouraged to buy a Corn Flower with a gold coin donation in the support of Motor Neuron Disease. Elise Dwyer's father, John, has the condition. Elise spoke of his needs at the assembly last week.

Could I take this opportunity to thank Ms Creighton and Mr. Nagle for their time with us

over the past few weeks. They have been of great assistance to the students and have contributed in a professional manner to all aspects of their teaching.

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

For any parents who are free it is worth remembering that we usually have a class of students attending Mass at St Michael's at midday on Wednesdays. You may like to join the class and parishioners for this.

2003 Debating Report

This year Lavalla Catholic College had debating teams each made up of three people go to St. Margaret's School in Berwick to debate against other schools on various topics. It took a lot of time and effort to prepare for a debate: D-Grade speeches had to go for 4-5 minutes but the A-Grade speeches had to go for 7-8 minutes. Going to a debate was a lot of fun, especially the bus ride up and back where we stopped for tea at Pakenham and got to have a good laugh with our friends (from all three campuses) before getting serious for our debate.

Some of the topics were: "THAT *the ANZAC spirit is irrelevant to young people*"; "THAT *we should support nuclear energy production*"; "THAT *we should allow schools to drug test their students*"; and "THAT *we should have the death penalty for terrorists*".

On behalf of everyone on the debating teams I would like to thank Mr Connor for organising everything this year and I would also like to thank Mrs Van Berkel and Mrs Reynolds for all their help with preparing our speeches. Debating is a lot of fun and a great way to get better at public speaking. It has helped build my confidence in public speaking and I encourage everyone who is interested to go and join one of the school teams. I look forward to starting again next year and hope to see more people joining the teams.

(Article by *Laura Fleming*)

Year 7 & 8 Girls' Football Team

'Undefeated' is at least one word you can describe this team. In the first round at Sale we played 3 games against
Sale College 2.5:17 to Lavalla 4.1:25
Traralgon Sec. 0.0:0 to Lavalla 5.4:34
The grand final against
Maffra 0.0:0 to Lavalla 7.6:48
We then went onto round 2, in Traralgon.
Marist Sion 2.1:13 to Lavalla 5.4:34
Korumburra 3.0:18 to Lavalla 5.6:36

After having a few casualties we defeated both teams and are now going to play in Melbourne. Medals were also awarded to the best players in each round.

For the first round Reannah Marino, who is also the captain of the team, was awarded the medal, and in the second round it went to Michaila Hutchison.

Leading goal kickers for each round were Mary Corponi and Melissa O' Conner. And the presentation girls were well represented with Anna Parniak being their best player.

It was a wonderful effort by the girls to win, and it wouldn't have been possible without the help of Mr. Archipow who trained the girls every week and was a wonderful coach.

Article by the Girls Footy Team)

"If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people".-- Chinese proverb

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Open Day & Information Night:

Last Wednesday, in spite of the very cold weather, the Kildare Campus opened for visitors. The theme of the Open Day was: "Welcome! Come and see a working day on Campus." At 9.30a.m. the Year 9 students from the

Presentation Campus arrived to have a good look around. Last year's Presentation Campus students, now in Year 10, ushered them around the Campus after I welcomed them in the warmth of the Virtual Services Centre.

During the course of the morning and early afternoon, we had sixteen groups of interested parents and friends come through to view us at work. A number of Years 10 and 11 students also acted as ushers and answered questions while taking our guests on a tour of the Campus facilities.

Later that evening, we hosted an Information Night to look at several key questions related to 2004 subject selection and to the Expo. There were sixty-two people in attendance and the response by parents was most positive. There was a lot of information presented and I would like to make special mention to the following team members who were instrumental in creating a very successful night – Mrs. Anne English, Mr. Mark Judd, Mrs. Anne Wilson, Mr. Rodney Swansborough, Mrs. Rita Nainie and Mrs. Annemarie Clarke.

As a way of celebrating a most successful day and to thank our student ambassadors, we shared a morning tea in the Principal's Conference Room at recess the next day.

Melbourne Choral Festival:

Last Friday, the Senior Choir performed as part of the Melbourne Choral Festival. Choirs from

across Victoria participated and presented some great music of many different styles. All of the Choirs had the opportunity to work with expert adjudicators after performing their programs.

The College Choir received excellent comments from all adjudicators. There was high praise for their musicianship and artistic interpretation. This was a great performance opportunity for our Lavalla singers as it confirmed our standard of performance as very high in comparison with those across the State. Congratulations to all the singers on a superb performance.

“Journeying Together” Program.

On Monday, July 28, Mr. Mark Kelly and four Year 11 students, Robyn George, Maria Marino, Brendan Yates and Benjamin Schembri, joined Year 11 students across the diocese at the Catholic Education Office in Warragul to discuss Bishop Coffey's Pastoral Plan “Journeying Together.” Students from many schools were able to bring a young person's perspective to where the Church is going in our diocese. Thank you to our College representatives.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

Countdown to Expo 1 day to go.

Friday August 8th
Champagnat Centre, St. Paul's Campus
12.00 till 5.30pm
All students in years 8-11 are required to attend.

Students in year 12 are advised to come and speak with the representatives of the Universities, TAFE's and employment providers.

Students in year 7 are invited to attend to begin exploring the options they will have in the coming years.

Some questions to ask:

- ✂✂ What is this subject all about?
- ✂✂ Can I study this in year 8 or 9 or 10?
- ✂✂ What is the difference between VCE and VCAL?
- ✂✂ What kinds of things do the VCAL students do?
- ✂✂ How can I apply for a VET course?
- ✂✂ Do I need to put in a special application to be able to do this subject?
- ✂ I hear that TAFE offers some great courses. What are they? Do they lead on to University

FAITH & MINISTRY

NET Retreat

Two years ago saw the introduction of a special pastoral House system on the Kildare Campus. Students from Years 10 to 12 are organised into one of four houses: Champagnat, Delany,

MacKillop and Nagle. In keeping with this pastoral strategy, the annual retreat for Year 10 students has been planned so that students from the same house will have their retreat together. This occurred last year and was very successful.

Faith & Ministry (contd...)

This retreat is an important part of the personal and faith development offerings of the school. It is a time for the students to pause and critically examine their lives. The theme of the retreat is 'The Experience of God's Love'. So often for young people, God's love is an abstract concept. During this retreat, students will have an opportunity to hear how God's love has had a tangible impact on the lives of the retreat facilitators. The specific goal of the retreat is...

to enhance the self esteem of each individual through their awareness of God's unconditional love and acceptance of them.

The school community again is host to the National Evangelization Team (NET), who will be conducting the retreat on site. The youth team of six young men and six young women will be conducting retreats for all Year 10 students during the week of August 11th - 15th.

August 11th:
August 12th:
August 13th:

Champagnat
Delany
MacKillop

August 14th:
August 23rd

Nagle
Year level activities

Billeting of the NET Team

It is the responsibility of the host school community to billet the team in two's or more for the duration of their stay with us. Assistance for a couple of nights or the duration of the team's stay would be most welcome. The basic requirement is for a bed, breakfast and an evening meal on the nights the team is not on retreat. The experience in the past of host families and their NET guests has been most positive and has enriched the life of the family as a whole. The team members will have been away from home and on the road since February, with only a short semester break. The richness of family life is a tonic for their spirits and past teams have greatly appreciated the care we have extended to them. Lavalla Catholic College is a place they look forward to coming to... our reputation for hospitality and friendship goes before us. So, if you can assist with accommodation please contact me.

Mike Hansen
Director of Faith & Ministry

CANTEEN ROSTER

	Presentation	Kildare	St Paul's
Mon. 11 Aug.	C Dougan	M. Auciello, J Rowe, C Jackiw	J Griffiths, M Wojciechowski
Tue. 12 Aug.	G Stephens	D Miller, K Daniels	W Hieser, H Van Berkel
Wed. 13 Aug.	K Camilleri	L Weckmann, P Radovich	L Ware
Thu. 14 Aug.	M Kane	S Barber, G. Edebohls	A Scully, C Deering
Fri. 15 Aug.	D Paulet	E Whittaker, D Howe	N Ellis, S Brady, K Clarke

RETROUVAILLE is a program for married couples who are anxious about their marriage or feel alone or disillusioned or lack communication or are hurt and angry. Rediscover the joy of marriage. It is not counselling or group therapy.

DON'T GIVE UP, GIVE RETROUVAILLE A GO!
Next Program August 15th-17th
For information or bookings phone 9570 6677 or 5221 7055

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