



N E W S L E T T E R

L a v a l l a C a t h o l i c C o l l e g e

27 May 2005

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

We are really at the business end of the semester. In order for classes to complete tasks there will be limited excursions and activities in the coming weeks. Now would be a good time to sit with your child to check that all subjects are up to date, all tasks completed and handed in. If this is not the case, or you have concerns, please make contact with the subject teacher to redeem the situation before reports are written.

Family Life

During this week Mrs Susan Collis from the Catholic Education Office in Warragul spoke with each Yr 7 class about relationships, sexuality and personal integrity. There will be an opportunity in coming weeks for parents of Yr 7's to hear Sue's information so that you can discuss these issues with your child.

School Photographs

Tuesday was photograph day and it was great to see all the students so well dressed for the occasion. It would be terrific if they were so careful with their appearance every day! Thanks to Mr Van Berkel for his wonderful organisation on the day.

I-pods, Game Boys etc.

All of these techno gadgets are highly portable and therefore easily lost. They are also intended for use by a single user which means they are generally anti-social items. With both these thoughts in mind, these items should be kept at home for use at appropriate times and not brought to school.

"How the West Was Warped"

Our musical is really hitting its straps and will be staged on June 16th, 17th and 18th. Tickets are available from the offices on each campus. The students and staff would really appreciate your support for this endeavour.

Daniel Hutchison, a Yr 9 student, left us this week to take up a pre-apprenticeship in plumbing. We wish Daniel well as he enters to workforce.

Year 7, 2006

We have now completed the Information Nights and Open Morning. **Enrolment applications** are due in today, **Friday 27th**. My sincere thanks to all the staff involved in this, particularly **Mr Defazio** and **Mrs Barrett** the Yr 7 Co-ordinators and **Mrs Jennings**, our registrar. In coming weeks much of my time will be spent in interviewing applicants. During these interviews I try to let families know about the College and to see how each family and the College can benefit from working together to educate the young person. I apologise in advance if I am unavailable to you during this time.

Exam Week Year 9

Yr 9 SOSE - On Thursday 9th June all year 9 SOSE students will be sitting their mid-year Australian History exam. The exam will be conducted during periods 5 & 6 and will follow usual examination guidelines. It is essential that all students be present as this examination is an assessment task on the Yr 9 SOSE report for s1. Please help your son/daughter begin preparing for this important experience.

"Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can."
... John Wesley

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Last week's **Open Day and Information Evening** were well attended, some 50 families attended the Information Session on Wednesday evening. The night focused on the history of Lavalla, its Marist traditions and the influence of the Presentation Sisters. Transition, curriculum, student well-being and the Lavalla video were also covered. Br.

Julian spoke confidently about the success of the consolidation now in its fourth year. My thanks to the student leaders who spoke at the evening – Michael Gauci, Rita Chandra, Ashley Raymond and Thomas Gauci and to the other SRC representatives who assisted as tour guides and ushers on the day.

Enrolments for 2006 close on the 31st May

The Year 7's were offered Reconciliation on Thursday last week. Fathers John Dunlea, Bernie O'Brien and Manny Lamagno were available to speak to all students after a short Reconciliation Prayer Service. All levels will be offered this opportunity in the coming weeks. Mass for all Year 7's was held at St. Mary's in Newborough on Wednesday this week.

The students read at the Parish Mass at 9.30am. My appreciation to the Parishes of Newborough and Moe for organising these Masses.

"On the 23rd May, Matthew Smith and Callum Johnston travelled by bus to the Traralgon Table Tennis Centre to compete in the Latrobe Valley Table Tennis Championships. The teachers from the other schools that were participating all commented on how well the Lavalla students behaved."

(Written by Callum Johnston and Matthew Smith)

On Monday an excited student body, dressed to the nines, presented for school photos. A happy, enthusiastic, handsome group had class and individual photos taken. Photo packs will be available next month.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Australian Marist Netball Carnival

The 11th Australian Marist Netball Carnival was hosted by Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College in Alice Springs, NT from May 15 – 18. Seventeen Marist Colleges from around Australia participated in this exclusive event. Lavalla's senior netball team consisting of Deanne Cocksedge (c), Lisa Yates (vc), Stacey O'Brien, Laura Pickering, Caitie Mitchell, Sarah Scholtes, Carly Williamson, Rachael Loechel and Carly Jennings played 13 matches over the three days of play. After qualifying into the Championship division they were required to complete against the other 8 championship teams in a round robin tournament.

Overall their championship win:loss record was 4 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses, which was good enough to scrape into 3rd position on percentage over Sacred Heart, Adelaide. St John's Woodlawn, Lismore finished top and qualified straight through to the final, so we were left to fight out the semi-final against Catholic College Bendigo. We were very excited to reach the semi-final after two roller coaster days of netball, but played outstanding against a strong Bendigo side and got up by 6 goals.

The grand final played on Wednesday morning against St John's promised great things and Lavalla delivered. Having made the final last year we were able to calm our nerves early and get the upper hand. The girls remained solid throughout the pressure filled game, consolidating turnovers and taking full advantage of all opportunities, winning by 3 goals. This would mark the first time CRC/Lavalla has ever won the Marist Netball Carnival in the 9 years that we have competed.

Congratulations must go to all players within the squad, but special mention must go to Sarah Scholtes – MVP Monday, Caitie Mitchell – MVP Tuesday and Highly Recommended for All Australian Team, Laura Pickering – All Australian Team and Stacey O'Brien – Players' Player and All Australian Team.

Special thanks goes to Alan Ryan and Nikki Heenan for all of their assistance and support both leading up to the event and during the carnival.

My thanks to the team's coach, **Fiona Morrow**, for this report.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 30 May	G Hastie, T Roberts	C Dougan, help wanted
Tue 31 May	V Winwood, help needed	H Van Berkel, K Dugan
Wed 1 June	C Hinds, help wanted	M Tomkins, C Wilson
Thu 2 June	C Barry, F Webb	L Mills, C Shippen
Fri 3 June	P Cummins, A Farley	P Johnston, L Weckmann

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Application forms can be obtained from any GGT Office, your school or by visiting our web site.

Your application telling us all about yourself and why you are interested in a trade should reach us no later than Monday 6 June. Interviews will commence a week later and successful candidates will be notified by the end of June with a view to commencing your apprenticeship on Monday 11 July. An induction day for new apprentices will be held on Wednesday 6 July and parents will also be invited to attend.

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