



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

13 April 2006

Dear parents and students

Apologies to our parents for the continued inconvenience caused by the incomplete entrance at the Kildare Campus and we are hopeful that the site will be complete after the Easter break. At the same time we appreciate that it might be difficult to clearly see the correct flow of traffic but for safety reasons and especially in inclement weather would you please be mindful that stopping around the entrance gates causes congestion and blocks a clear site of vision for the buses trying to enter the property. Would parents please try to make use of the **turning circle in front of the Virtual Service Centre** (inside the College grounds) when dropping off your children to school. Less congestion in front of the campus will ensure a safer environment for us all.

You might have noticed the new flag flying at the Kildare campus. It has been donated to us by the Federal Government and will become a good assembling point for the campus.

There has been a positive and overwhelming response to our **parent workshops** being run in conjunction with our parent teacher interviews on all campuses. As a result some of you might have experienced disappointment by not being able to meet with your children's teachers. If this is the case, teachers will ring you to either arrange another interview time or to discuss your daughter's and son's progress over the phone.

Accompanying the interim report you would have received a **letter from the Director of Catholic Education for the Sale Diocese, Dr D'Orsa**. It is inspiring to note the number of initiatives and innovations that are outlined. While all items are of interest, can I draw your attention to the announcement about the **new reports** that you will receive at the end of the semester. We expect that more detailed information from the Catholic Education Office to be released to parents early in term 2.

Given the cold spell we experienced last week some students have already begun to wear their winter uniform. The official change over date is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April with a two week lead in period. **All students will be expected in be in full winter uniform by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** and please refer to the daily planner if you need to consult about the appropriate attire, shoes and accessories for winter.

I join with the Heads of Campus and on behalf of the staff at Lavalla Catholic College we all extend to you our very best wishes for this very sacred and holy Easter season.

*Erica Pegorer*  
*Principal*

## ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

As we come to the close of term one I would like to commend the campus community on the way it has coped with our unusual time sequence. Student and staff have certainly made the most of the time at school and it seems that there has been no 'effective work time' lost through the early holiday break. I hope we can continue to work with such efficiency throughout the year.

### **Project Compassion**

At the time of writing the campus has raised approx \$2,000, with a number of activities still to be completed including the Social (see details below). Wednesday saw the some students make the 4km return trip to Traralgon Creek carry 20litres of water. Hopefully you will have seen this on TV or in the newspaper. The aim of the activity was to raise student and public awareness on the lives of children in Third world countries. Many of these children either don't go to school at all or must collect the family's water for the day before they leave. Often the water they collect is contaminated, leading to illness and death.

### **Interviews, workshops and displays**

My thanks to the staff members who spent considerable time setting up these displays and work shops and preparing for interviews. Many parents used these to gain further insights into their children's lives at school and to be better acquainted with the work their children and teachers do together.

### **Winter Uniform**

Please remember that there will be a two week grace period, however all students are required to be in full winter uniform by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Please be mindful of the following: Any coats worn over the uniform should be navy blue in colour with inconspicuous brand names or writing. Hats, gloves etc; must also be navy blue. Shirts must be tucked in and top buttons done up- if

the shirt is too tight please move the button. Shoes need to be *sturdy*, with a thick enough sole to protect feet and enough covering to keep feet dry.

### **Social**

Year 9.8 are organising a social to meet requirements of Project class and to raise funds for Project Compassion. The social will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April in the Kildare Hall. Teachers will be in attendance and there will be professional security. Tickets are \$7.00 pre-purchased or \$10 at the door, no pass outs. There will be door prizes, local band, DJ's and competitions. Drinks, packets of chips, icy poles and fairy floss will be available to be purchased on the night. Students are asked to present their student ID card at the door on the night of the social.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations Matt Moffat who won the Australian Singles Bocce Championship 2006 held in Sydney, and to Jack Dalrymple, doubles runner up and 4<sup>th</sup> in precision shooting. Also to Maria Barrett who is back from her Walk for Life- well done Maria.

### **Easter Liturgy**

The liturgy was held on Wednesday and revolved around the symbolic washing of feet. We were able to incorporate the water gathered from the creek in the liturgy. It is important that we re-tell our Christian stories, and particularly important to retell the Easter story so that our young people become people of faith and hope. Wishing you and your family every blessing through Holy week,

*He is risen, He is risen,  
And He lives forevermore  
He is risen, He is risen,  
Come on and celebrate*

*The resurrection of our Lord.*

*Lee McKenzie  
Head of St Paul's Campus*

## PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Firstly, my appreciation to staff, parents and students for the positive response to the parent teacher interviews held on

Wednesday. It was pleasing to see the positive communication and partnerships that are developing between staff and parents.

Our year 7's have settled in to the routine of secondary school life. They are a spirited and happy group of young emerging adults. They will have an active role in the Open Day and Grade 6 visits to be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May.

The canteen will be selling hot food in about week 3 of term 2. More information on this will be sent home in the coming weeks.

We have been asked by the Country Bus Co – coordinator to advise parents that the Country buses can only be used by students who live in Erica, Rawson, Willow Grove, etc. The buses cannot be used as a convenient form of transport:

- To home of another student**
- To after school employment**
- To sporting or other social events**

On Thursday an assembly was held to focus on the message of Easter. The Stations of the Cross were presented as a prayerful reflection by both students and staff. My thanks to Mrs Fredrickson for her organisation of this event.

May I take the opportunity to wish everyone the joy and the blessing of Easter. Enjoy the break and see you all refreshed for term 2.

Rhiannon Smith represented Victoria in a National Baseball Tournament recently. She has included the following article.

Amy Mc Cann who is a senior Victoria / Australia player in baseball had a dream to put together a junior all girls state team. Late November 2005 a group of girls got together and after many training days a team was formed. On April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> we played our first games in Sydney. On the Saturday we played three games undefeated, then on Sunday we played the finals against Sydney's composite team in the grand finals unfortunately we did not win, but during the game we got to share pitching and different fielding positions and we all got a bat after the weekend 3 girls had learnt how to play like a team, support each other and have fun playing the sport, also we got the honour to be the first even Junior Victoria Girls Squad.

*(By Rhiannon Smith)*

“Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassion Hearts”

***Chris O'Brien***  
***Head of Presentation Campus***

## KILDARE CAMPUS

### **Easter Wishes**

These first few months of the school year have been packed with activities, both internal and external. We have conducted the Year 12 Retreats, held a Swimming Carnival, a Senior Band camp, inoculated Year 10's with triple antigen, hosted Information Evenings for Years 10 and 12, celebrated Mass where we commissioned our school leaders, joined in and enjoyed the wave of pride and sense of achievement in the running of the Commonwealth Games, and followed that up with the Grand Prix, went on school excursions and attended numerous meetings

and professional development activities. Life has indeed been busy on Campus.

It is time now to stop and to reflect on the meaning of Easter.

On behalf of all Staff at the Kildare Campus, may I wish all families a happy and holy Easter and for all those who travel to be with friends and family, have a safe trip and a speedy return.

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

**SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP**  
*will open on Thursday 20 April between 3.30 and 4.30pm – St Paul's Campus*

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>
Tue 18 April	help required	K Dugan, H Van Berkel
Wed 19 April	R Crowle, T Thornton	C Wilson (help required)
Thu 20 April	M Johnston, S Julian	V Sammut (help required)
Fri 21 April	L Weckmann, P Atkinson	C Barry, P Johnston

**ENROLMENT 2007**

Students seeking places in Year 7 for 2007:

- **Students attending State / other schools who have a brother or sister currently at Lavalla College** should fill in the form below and return it to either St Paul's, Presentation or Kildare Campus office.
- **Students who do not have siblings attending Lavalla College and who attend State or other schools** should ring the St Paul's Campus office (51747355) to be placed on the application for enrolment list.
- **Students in Grade 6 at Catholic Primary schools** will automatically receive an enrolment package during April.

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**YEAR 7, 2007 ENROLMENT -  
SIBLINGS ATTENDING STATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

**Parent name/s and address:**

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**Phone No:** .....

**State Primary School student is currently attending:**

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**Student name:**

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