



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

10 March 2006

Dear Parents and Students

It has been an important week of celebrations and we welcomed and appreciated the presence of Bishop Coffey, Br Paul Gilchrist, the Provincial of the Marist Brother, Br John McMahon, the Director of the Champagnat Education Council and Dr Therese D'Orsa, the Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Sale. Their presence made the Commissioning of our College Leaders a memorable occasion reminding us that we do not stand alone in this community but that we are participants together in building a strong and vibrant community.

We require of our leaders a sense of loyalty to what the College stands for and an ability to encourage, listen to and support the College and their peers. The simple message of the College is to develop *strong minds and compassionate hearts*. Marcellin Champagnat taught us that *openness to others* and *self-sacrifice* are essential characteristics if we wish to lead others. So are hard work, energy and vision. Therefore, leadership is not a position of status or prestige but a position of service to others and the community. In this regard being a student leader is a wonderful opportunity for personal growth and I congratulate all the commissioned student leaders from each campus and wish them well in their efforts for 2006.

The Commissioning Mass provided a significant platform to launch our celebrations of the *50 Years of Marist Education in the Latrobe Valley*, since it was almost to the day that the first classes began at the St Paul's Campus in 1956. Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find details about how to keep informed about these celebrations.

This year our *reporting format for English and Mathematics for Years 7-10*, will comply with new government regulations. While these changes had been flagged for 2007, the disclosure of this early implementation has meant that much energy has been spent in preparation for the semester 1 reports. As a result, we have declared

Monday 1 May a student free day for all year 7 to year 11 students

Year 12 classes will not be affected and classes will proceed as usual.

A parent information night called "*What's Different About Reports?*" for all Year 7-10 students will be held in June. It is our hope that this might assist parents in understanding the changes. Further details will be sent home closer to the date. However, there will be no change to the interim reports that you will receive towards the end of term 1 in April.

We welcome to the College community and the Kildare Campus, Dr Antony Joseph (Biology and Science) who commenced this week and Mr Peter Collins (Mathematics) who will begin after the March break. Mr Dixon resigned earlier this term. We wish him well and thank him for his contribution to the College.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

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ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

In the past week the students of St Paul's Campus have gathered three times for important events: The launch of **Project Compassion, Ash Wednesday** and our **Commissioning Mass**. On each occasion this campus has hosted visitors and students have had to sit for long periods in the Champagnat Centre giving respectful attention to proceedings. On each occasion I have been left feeling proud of the behaviour of the students. They have been a credit to themselves, their families and the College. In particular our campus leaders and SRC representatives who had tasks in these events, were wonderful role models for the rest of the students. These occasions are the lifeblood of the College.

Campus Office

Please be aware that during special occasions such as the ones listed above, the office is closed and the answering machine is left on. This is to allow all members of our community to participate fully in the life of the school. If you need to make emergency contact with the campus this is best done through **5174 5272 or 5174 8111**, which will connect you to Kildare Campus and/or Marcellin House. A message will be promptly passed to the campus.

Congratulations

A number of our boys are involved in Clay Target shooting and competed creditably in the recent Junior Development Clay Target Shoot. **Nick Satori** gained two 1st's and one 2nd place, **Bobby Jacobsen** gained and overall 3rd. This is a very

disciplined sport and the boys are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Congratulations also to **Jack Dalrymple** and **Matt Moffat**, who along with **Megan Griffiths**, from the Presentation Campus, have been selected for the **Victorian U. 18 Bocce** team which will play in Sydney later this month. Buona fortuna !

Also, congratulations to **David Broberg** for winning the silver medal in the U/13 triple jump and to **Jordan Symons** for also winning silver in the U/12 70 metres at the State Little Aths Championships held at Bendigo last weekend. Great achievements.

Project Compassion

The Campus will be forging ahead with fund raising until we end term 1 at Easter. I ask that through your sons and daughters you give generously to this very worthy cause.

Term 1 Interim Reports

With the change in routine to accommodate the Commonwealth Games, it is important to remember that term 1 officially ends in Easter Week and that we will be distributing interim reports and holding interviews in that week.

"Don't be reluctant to give of yourself generously, it's the mark of caring and compassion and personal greatness."-
-Brian Tracey (*The Treasury of Quotes*)

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

On Tuesday this week the Commissioning Mass was held in the Champagnat Centre. Approximately 1600 staff, students and parents attended the Commissioning of our Principal Ms Erica Pegorer, and the Campus Leaders of Lavalla.

May I congratulate our Campus leaders **Peter Hansford** and **Brittany Aquilina** on their acceptance of this important student leadership role within the school.

On Thursday at an assembly Peter and Brittany presented badges to our SRC Representatives and Sports Captains. We congratulate all students involved.

SRC for 2006

Year 9

Leah VanLambaart , Karina Byrnes,
Callum Johnston, Cassie Frendo

Year 8

Ashlee Raymond, Steven Gelagotis,
Samantha Grubb, Sam Price

Year 7

Lucy Stephens, Jack Sheedy, Katrina Barrett, William Troy

The Year 7 **parent information evening** was held on Wednesday. Approximately 26 families attended a very pleasant evening. My thanks to all those who supported the College in the venture.

Congratulations to Brendan Caffrey who recently competed in the Victorian State 'Multi Event Titles' held at the Newborough Athletic Track on Sunday 12 February. He was placed 14th overall in the State after winning his 800m event in a time of 2min.21sec. A most commendable effort given the large number of students participating. Well done, Brendan.

Enjoy the Commonwealth Games.

*Yours in the spirit of strong minds and
compassionate hearts*

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

VCAL Award

Whenever we have the opportunity, we like to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our students. One such achiever is **Finbaar Moylan** from last year's Year 12 VCAL (Intermediate level) class. Yesterday, Finbaar attended a gala function at Federation Square where he received the VCAL State Award for Work Related Skills from the State Minister of Education the Hon. Lyn Kosky. Finbaar worked in a dairy at Tyers during last year and the skills he learned contributed to a very satisfactory result by the end of the year

for him. Congratulations are extended to Finbaar and to the VCAL Teachers who guided and encouraged him along the way.

Athletics

Emma Doderico from Year 11 competed in the Open Women's Javelin in the Victorian Open Track and Field Championships at the MCG on Sunday February 19 and was placed 10th overall. This is a remarkable achievement considering she has just turned 16. Well done Emma.

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An Observation

I have been very pleased with the way Year 12 students have been approaching the year, with the way they have co-operated with staff, with the positive attitude they have shown towards their studies and in particular to their use of their study periods, with the use they are making of the VCE Study Centre and with the leadership many have brought to the Campus.

Their good example and positive role modelling creates a climate of constructive co-operation and affirms to all on Campus that the relationship between staff and students is for the benefit of all. Their example encourages us all to work together in a spirit of collegial support.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

50 YEARS OF CATHOLIC SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE VALLEY

March 5th, 1956, marked the opening of St. Paul's College by the Marist Fathers, with an enrolment of 92 students. We have come a long way since then: St. Paul's handed over to the Marist Brothers, Kildare College, bussing students to crossover classes, Lourdes College for Year 11 & 12, co-education with Catholic Regional College, and in more recent times, Lavalla Catholic College and the amalgamation with Presentation College Moe.

To celebrate this great milestone, October the 21st is being set aside for a gathering of all past students. The details are still being finalised and we hope to keep you informed on the school website:

www.lavalla.vic.edu.au [in the NEWS menu]

For now we are asking you to pass on the news to all your school contacts. And if you have any memorabilia that you are willing to donate for display on this date, please contact us with details.

For further inquiries please contact Jan Williams, the Principal's Secretary, at Marcellin House on 035174 5272.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 27 March	L Barrett	K Manson, D Berryman
Tue 28 March	C Hinds	K Dougan, H Van Berkel
Wed 29 March	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED
Thu 30 March	V Frescura, A Mooney	C Shippen P Radovich
Fri 31 March	D Buckley, L Weckmann	B Boothman, M Marsiglio

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Have you considered opening a Christmas Account for 2006?

If not, start planning now so that Christmas 2006 will be worry free.

Call the friendly staff on 51 44 4 311 and be prepared for next Christmas.

Postal address PO Box 1080 Traralgon 3844	Marcellin House Admin Coster Circle Traralgon Ph 5174 5272	Kildare Campus Kosciuszko St Traralgon Ph 5174 8111	Presentation Campus John Field Drive Newborough Ph 5127 1311	St Paul's Campus Grey St Traralgon Ph 5174 7355
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