



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

21 April 2006

Dear Parents and Students



This week marks the anniversary of Saint Marcellin Champagnat's canonization in 1999 and it begs the question how does an ordinary man become a saint? Was he particularly holy? Did he ever lose his temper, get frustrated with people or demonstrate those signs of human weakness that are all too familiar to us? What did he do to become a saint?

At the Canonization, Pope John Paul II said of him that "*in the midst of a world sometimes lacking the sense of God and despite countless difficulties, he remained faithful to Christ because of his unshakeable faith. He was sensitive to the spiritual and educational needs of his time, especially to religious ignorance and the situation of neglected experienced in a particular way by the young*".

The Pope could easily have been speaking of our own times and the spiritual and educational needs of the youth of today; of the youth here in Australia and indeed the youth here at Lavalla Catholic College. This is why Marcellin's mission is particularly relevant for us as teachers. In a Marist school, teachers are called to be authentic adults for young people and to provide for them a sense of hope. Marcellin Champagnat has been described as an *apostle for the youth* because he dedicated his life to make God known and loved and the young men in his care responded well to his enthusiasm and leadership.

So to answer the questions with which we began....Marcellin was a holy man who lived an ordinary lived exceptionally well and did ordinary things with extraordinary fervor. These great gifts allowed him to be open to God's messages and he proclaimed the good news with abounding grace. I wonder if Marcellin ever knew the impact that he had on the young people whose lives he touched. I wonder if he ever imagined that his message would be lived-out and carried down through the centuries and that 44,000 brothers and lay people and 500,000 young people would be aspiring to his message today. Herein lies the answer as to why Marcellin Champagnat was proclaimed Saint.

"We are inheritors of the Charism of Marcellin and to some extent its guardians but it is a joy and responsibility to be able to share that gift". Br Charles Howard. fms

Erica Pegorer
Principal

2006 Celebrating 50 Years of Marist Education

50 YEARS OF MARIST EDUCATION CELEBRATION!

All families are invited to keep Saturday 21st October clear to celebrate 50 years of Marist Education. There will be Open Mornings on all three campuses, luncheon and a Eucharist celebrated in the Champagnat Centre at approx 2:00 pm. Please make any of the College's ex students aware of these arrangements and refer them to the College website for registration and further details.

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Students and staff returned on Tuesday from the short Easter break and launched into term two. Just a reminder that all students need to be in full **winter uniform from May 2nd**. Any repairs or replacement of items needs to be attended to before then. The next two weeks have been cut short:: **Tuesday 25th April** is **Anzac Day** and the following **Monday, 1st May** is a **Pupil Free Day for years 7-11**. The term two holidays are a little earlier than usual, starting on Saturday 17th June, which will mean this is a nine week term.

I am very proud to announce that the fund raising efforts for **Project Compassion** have produced **over \$3,200**; this total is not final as there are one or two events yet to be completed. This is a wonderful effort by the 620 students and 40+ staff on this campus. While the contributions may have been small change to us, they will be life changing for many of the recipients. My congratulations to the whole campus for this fine effort!

Enrolments

During term two we will be visited by Yr 6 students from our Catholic Primary Schools and will make visits to them. Information nights will be held on **Thursday 11th May and Monday 22nd May**. **Open Morning** will be **May 17th from 9:00 – 1:00**. It is important that families with children in State schools make contact with the College so that they can receive an enrolment package. Please

encourage interested families to make contact with the College for further details.

Restorative Practices

Please be aware that when dealing with student behaviour, particularly poor interpersonal behaviour, we work with students to try to encourage positive conversations and outcomes. While some students will find these discussions may make them 'uncomfortable', it is important that all our students learn to negotiate their way through life's difficult times. The key questions for the perpetrator: *What were you thinking about at the time, what do you think of your actions now, who has been affected here, what can you do to make this better, how can I help?* This process enables students who have done the wrong thing to reflect on their actions and helps move them towards better choices in the future. It also allows the injured parties to voice their concerns and have their point of view heard.

Yr 9 Social

The Yr 9 Social which was to be held at Kildare on the 21st April will now not go ahead.

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen".--Winston Churchill

*LeeMcKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

The beginning of a new term.

The focus of this term will be the enrolment process for year 7 2007. The Open Day and Information Evening for this Campus is Wednesday, 17th May 2006. Our student

leaders will be visiting St Kieran's and St. Mary's Primary Schools at the beginning of May. Visits of the grades 6's to this Campus will be arranged in the week prior to the Open Day.

We were privileged to have the Senior Band play for us on Wednesday during lesson 4. The professional performance demonstrated the commitment of all band members to perfecting their special skills and talents in the mastering of their instruments. My thanks to Mr. Shane Reid for organising this performance, and to the senior band members who participated.

All students are expected to be in full winter uniform by Tuesday, 2 May. The summer

uniform is being worn well by all students. My thanks to the parents who have supplied notes for any '*Out of Uniform*' problems. If the winter uniform is worn before the 2nd May could you please ensure no mixing and matching.

Yours in the '*Spirit of Strong minds and Compassionate Hearts*'

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

Welcome to term 2:

Thank you to all parents and students who attended the recent round of Campus Curriculum Interviews. We offer an apology to those parents who were unable to meet with Staff because of the unprecedented response we had. **A letter to those parents of Year 11 and 12 students will be sent early next week** proposing a number of options, so that we might better meet the needs of parents who wish to meet with Staff. Year 10 parents will be contacted by phone.

KILDARE CAMPUS

Uniform:

As advertised in last week's Newsletter, the changeover to full College winter uniform is Monday, May 1. **Advanced notice:** Although this day is a pupil free day for Years 7 – 11, all Year 12's will be expected to attend, classes for Cycle 2 will run as usual and the week is an Assessment Week. There will be **NO CANTEEN** on that day.

A Sporting Result:

On April 7, the College full-bore rifle team competed in the Annual Howard and Schuback Full Bore Trophy at the rifle range in Rosedale. In very windy conditions, which make sighting and shooting extremely difficult, there was an extraordinary result. Mr. Williams, the Team Coach, who has competed at both at local and State levels has never before seen a three-way tie. Yarram Secondary College, St. Annes's and Gippsland Grammar and Lavalla Catholic College all finished on 147 points. Given the conditions and the evenness of the skill of

the teams, this was indeed an extraordinary result.

The College results:

Wayne Swan 39 (+ 3 centre bulls).

Matthew Coad 37 (+2).

Lachlan Dowling 35 (+1).

Ashley Estcourt 36 – all of which made up the College score.

Brendan Clarke 33.

The final results (on a centre bull count back):

1st Yarram Secondary College 147 (+10)

2nd St. Anne's and Gippsland Grammar 147 (+7)

3rd Lavalla Catholic College 147 (+6)

Well done to all the competitors.

Marist Basketball – Campbelltown:

The boys and girls Marist Basketball Representative Teams will leave for Campbelltown on Saturday morning. We wish them well and especially wish the girls every success in their defence of the Championship that they won last year.

Marist Basketball (contd...)

Coach: Ms. Karen Joyce Manager: Miss. Sarah Scholtes Reannah Marino – year 12 Melissa Depellegrini – year 12 Gaby Pyle – year 11 Carly Jennings – year 12 Laura Fleming – year 10 Laura Joyce – year 11 Rachael Loechel – year 12 Courtney Moulden – year 10 Emily Pickering – year 10 Kristy Depellegrini – year 10	Coach: Mr. Shane Burns Manager: Mr. Steve Erdely Ben Kerrigan – year 11 Daniel Lee – year 12 Alex Wykes – year 9 Andrew Buyx-Smith – year 10 Dylan Hvalica – year 12 David Van Berkel – year 11 Daniel Loprese – year 12 Tom Dalton – year 10 Henry Hollingsworth – year 11
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The winners of the fundraising Easter raffle were:

- 1st - Laura Fleming
- 2nd - Andrew Buyx-Smith
- 3rd - Amanda Grumley
- 4th - Anne Wall

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

PARENTS EDUCATION FORUM

Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2006

Meetings will be held on Monday nights in the Principal's Conference Room, Kildare Campus on 8 May, 5 June, 10 July, 14 August, 11 September, 9 October and 20 November.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 24 April	M Noccera, L Calabrese	J Rowe, (help needed)
Wed 26 April	M Lowe, G. Edebohls	(help needed)
Thu 27 April	A Mooney, M Bird	M Wojciechowski, S Bridges
Fri 28 April	D Buckley, I Moulton	L Weckmann, M Marsiglio

**Information Afternoon and Evening for
Parents/Carers Supporting Children Affected by Sexual Assault**

**Venue: Latrobe Community Services Health Services
Moe Community Room, 42-44 Fowler Street. Moe**

Date: Wednesday 10th May

Times: 12.30pm to 2.30pm and 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Bookings Essential: Further information call Amanda Vosper

RSVP: Call LCHS on 5127 9100

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