

LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



7th August 2009

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers

From the Principal's Desk



Keep Lavalla Cool

In the next week you will receive correspondence from me asking you to support the **Parents and Friends School Raffle**. **The big prize is a Mazda 3!** Businesses from our local community have generously donated 15 prizes to make the total value of prize winnings to be \$34,855.00. The money raised will help **"Keep Lavalla Cool"** with the view to install climate control measures (air conditioners, tinted class, louvers etc) for some classrooms before the summer hits in earnest next year..

As an incentive to sell tickets broadly, please note the **Ticket Sellers' Prize (prize 16)**. Each booklet sold entitles you to a ticket in the draw for a year's free tuition. So if your family sells 1 booklet, you are entitled to one chance to win a year's free tuition and if you sell 4 booklets – 4 chances and so on. The draw is on **5th November** at the Champagnat Centre at St Paul's. The Parents and Friends are currently organising a family event to help make the draw a community oriented fun event. More details about this event as they come to hand.

Principal's Invitation to the Marist Chapter

I am delighted to share with you that I have been invited by **Br Sean Sammon**, Superior General of the Marist Brothers to participate in the **21st General Chapter** in Rome in September. From an international field, I am fortunate to be one of 12 lay people selected to join almost 100 Marist Brothers for two weeks. It was a humbling experience to be asked and a great honour to participate in such an important conference, as it will discern the way forward for the Institute for the next 8 years. My last day is Friday 28th August and I will be back on deck on the 5th October – the first day of term 4.

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Mrs Lee McKenzie – Acting Principal

In my absence, the governors are pleased to appoint **Mrs Lee McKenzie** as Acting Principal. Many of you will remember Mrs McKenzie as the Head of St Paul's Campus a few years ago and she currently holds the Director of Staff Development role. She comes with many years of educational experience. We wish her well in this appointment.



Visiting Italian Students

We warmly welcome our Italian visitors who arrived on Tuesday night and will be part of the Lavalla community until Friday 14 August. They have arrived from Padova and **Mrs Laura Cellini** has accompanied the 15 students. They are being hosted by our families and will spend some of the time touring the Gippsland region. For the rest of the time they will be in classes trying to refine and develop their English language skills. We hope their stay is both memorable and fruitful.



Champagnat Mass

On the 28th July we celebrated our Champagnat Mass at our St Paul's Campus. Thirteen students were presented with the highly prized Champagnat Medal.

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2009 Champagnat Medal Recipients

Presentation Campus

Year 7 - Emily Gibson
Year 8 - Chynche Laurins

St Paul's Campus

Year 7 - Con Kavadias and Corey Kavadias
Year 8 - Daniel Arandt
Year 9 - Erin Lawn and Dylan Glasson

Kildare Campus

Yr 10 - Ashley Bransgrove and Sarah Roberts
Yr 11 - Chris Bortignon and Brooke Ward
Yr 12 - Lewis Wentworth and Nicole Xuereb

Teacher recipients

Mr Mark Judd
Mrs Lisa Williams



Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal

St Paul's Campus Campus

There is plenty happening; the Year 8 camps are on; the Champagnat Mass and Festival was held on 28th July on the campus; EXPO is on the 14th. The staff is very busy getting ready for EXPO; subject displays, career pathways, planning information sessions for parents and students, subject selection processes etc are all well underway. In the meantime, it is business as usual.

Champagnat Festival

On Tuesday 28 July, the campus hosted students and staff from the other two campuses, parents and representatives from the **Primary Schools** and the **CEO** at the Champagnat Mass. **Fr. Mark Godridge** was the celebrant. **Br. Doug Walsh**, Principal of the College in the 1980s and a winner of the OAM delivered the opening address.

After the Mass, the students were entertained by a variety of bands who played in the Champagnat Centre, including our own "**Albion**". It was quite unusual to see students from three campuses wandering in and out of the Champagnat Centre, chewing on sausages or burgers from the stand set up by the Lions Club. Of course, the rock bands were a big hit with the students.

At 1.15 the St. Paul's and Presentation Students met members of the **Marist Outreach**. The presentation from the GAP Team included a music video clip by Nickelback called "If everyone cared" as they presented their work with disadvantaged young people.

Br. Harry Prout who works with the Exodus Community in Melbourne and **Kerry Joyce** spoke to children about the life for the disadvantaged in Fitzroy.

Br. Doug Walsh spoke of his experiences in setting up schools for the children who did not

receive education or fit the mainstream schools. **Br. Tony Caddy** presented the life of Marcellin Champagnat and his relevance to students today.

St. Paul's at EXPO

14th August is a day with a difference. Classes will not run at St. Paul's. Instead Year 7 students and parents are encouraged to visit **EXPO**. Year 8 students will report to school as normal for Homeroom. They will then be transported to Presentation Campus for an introduction to Year 9, 2010. After a visit to EXPO they will then be picked up by the buses from Kildare Campus. Year 9 students are required to visit EXPO at Kildare Campus from 11.00 onwards, meet staff about subject selection and visit the external career providers present at EXPO.

St. Paul's SRC and 40 Hour Famine

St. Paul's SRC are driving activities to raise awareness among students and staff and to raise funds to support the less fortunate. SRC members and other volunteers are participating in the 40 Hour Famine. The rest of the campus is supporting the initiative by having a 'no electricity' and 'no furniture' day wherever possible to express solidarity with those children who do not have electricity or furniture on 20th August.

National Footy Competition

Rachel Drenen (Year 9) and **Monique Tracey** (Year 8) represented Victoria in the recently concluded footy championships in Maroochydore, Queensland. Of the 4 games played the team won 2, drew 1 and lost 1. They were runners up. Rachel was named best on field.

Mr Chris Roga
Campus Director

Presentation Campus

It was a great pleasure to welcome the staff from **St Mary's** and **St Kieran's** to gather with us on Tuesday 4th August. This is the third meeting of this group – Moe/Newborough Partners in Education. It was formed last year to promote stronger professional links as well as a more comprehensive understanding of the skills, knowledge and teaching methods employed in Prep-Year 9. We believe conversations like this enable a more effective flow in the curriculum and also support an easier transition into Secondary School. It was also wonderful to have **Fr Bernie** (St Kieran's P.P) and **Br Bill** (Marist Community) joins us. Special thanks to our Year 8 class, **Mrs Fredrickson** and **Mrs DiSavia** who prepared afternoon tea using the eggs and lettuces from our mini produce enterprises.



Congratulations to:-

- **Cassie Malady Yr 7, Georgia Broeren Yr 8 and Maddie Rickard Yr 9.** Who took part in the recent CAS Netball competition. Cassie's team were Champions on the day and so they will travel to compete in the All Catholic Schools competitions to be held in Melbourne August 6th.
- **Sam Aquilina** and **Tenielle Palmer** for their Leadership role in the recent LV Winter Zone Sports Day.
- **Miss Kimberley Stewart** who represented Victoria in the recent Australian Surf Life Saving Carnival in Queensland.
- **Simon Noy** for his organisation of the recent Table Tennis tournament and prizes. (**Winners - Luke Prekop and Mr Ozga**).

We are fast entering the next phase of the year with Expo @ Kildare, subject selections and the launch of the initial pilot program to be run on Campus of a group of Year 9's. It promises to be an exciting addition to the many special programs already contained in the College's curriculum offerings.

Mrs Leanne Mills
Campus Director

Kildare Campus

We are making a very concentrated effort to ensure that all students are in the correct uniform and also wearing the uniform with pride. We are judged closely by the local and wider community, especially on student appearance and we must ensure that we maintain the highest of standards. Please continue to support us as we work with our young people in their appearance. I encourage parents to refer to our **Uniform Brochure** that was sent out early this year if they are unsure of expectations.

Course and Careers Expo

Next week is a very busy one for us at the Kildare Campus. We have the **2010 Year 10 Information Night** on Wednesday, the **2010 Year 11 Information Night** on Monday and our Course and Careers Expo on Friday 14th. The week of the 10th is an important time for our students as they start to discern their options for 2010. Attendance at these events is always strong. Please spend some time talking with your young adults about their options for 2010 and beyond.

Cross-Age Tutoring

Congratulations to the **Student Leadership Team!** They have been committed to the Cross-Age tutoring, donating their time both within class times and after school to support their peers.

Lachlan Sloyan's email to us recently summarises the success that students supporting students can bring: "it's really useful because the tutors know their stuff. They can help you by showing you formulas and shortcuts in maths or tips on any subjects. Even if you don't need assistance with work it's a great place to get homework done fast without distractions. It really helped towards the end of term when exams were coming up. I'd recommend it to anyone who isn't understanding something in maths or a VCE subject. It's also good for anyone that promises themselves they'll do homework at home, but know they won't, like I do."

Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition Finals

Our LOTE (Italian) programme continues to demonstrate its high expectations and commitment to learning. The following students have moved through to the next phase and will be competing in the Dante Alighieri Society Poetry Competition Finals this Friday 7th August:

Blake Kistler, Andria Forlano, Marie Lafferty, Luisa Bomba, Brooke Ward, Eliza Hartley, Chris Bortignon, Isabella Nocera, and Keena Fresnido.

I congratulate **Ms Cataldo** on her work with these students and look forward to hearing the results.

Senior Football

Lavalla Catholic College Senior Boy's Football Team defeated Nagle College Senior boys football team in a close, fast flowing game played in perfect conditions at the Bairnsdale Main Oval. Assistant Coaches **Hayden** and **Damian Hector** (who played in the recent Victoria Country Football Championships) dominated around the ground and Gippsland Power U18 player, **Tim Northe** displayed silky skills and hard tackle pressure in the forward line that helped set up numerous goals. Other players who played well included **Daniel McEntee** and **Ash Thornton** whose robust attack on the football was vital in setting up the victory and **Sean Alexander** and **Sky Hammer's** hard running set up play and numerous goals.

Well done to our players and good luck as you advance to the next round.

Mr Marco DiCesare
Campus Director

Forthcoming Events

TERM 3

AUGUST

- 10 Aug Year 11 2010 Parent Information Session
Re-enrolment intention forms distributed
- 12 Aug Year 10 2010 Parent Information Session
Re-enrolment intention forms distributed
- 14 Aug **Course and Career Expo (Kildare Campus)**
- 17 Aug **Student Free Day**
- 18 Aug Applications for all Variation subjects due
- 19 Aug Course Variation Interviews commence
- 19 - 21 Aug Year 8 Camps (8.4 and 8.5)
- 21 Aug 2010 Year 9-12 re-enrolment intention forms and deposit (\$100) due
- 21 Aug 2010 Year 8 re-enrolment intention forms due
- 20 Aug Uniform Shop open (3.30pm to 6.00pm St Paul's)
- 20 Aug **Lavalla Catholic College Restuarant**
- 24 Aug Parents & Friends (7.30pm St Paul's Library)
- 24 Aug On-line enrolments commence for current Year 11 students
- 25-28 Aug Year 11 Retreat
- 26 Aug 2010 Year 9 Parent Information Session
- 26 - 28 Aug Year 8 Camps (8.1)
- 31 Aug On-line enrolments commence for current Year 8-10 students. Re-enrolment intention forms distributed.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Sep Year 8 Camps (8.3 and 8.6)
- 17 Sep Parent & Teacher Interviews
- 18 Sep Term 3 concludes

Second Hand Book and Uniform Shop.

NEXT OPEN

Thursday 20th August

Hours: 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Shop located at: St.Paul's Campus
Payment options: Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS

Bishop Christopher @ RE 4 the Rabble

Bishop Christopher Prowse invites all young people of the Diocese to join him for RE 4 the Rabble, **5.30pm Saturday September 12** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morwell. Bishop Christopher will revisit the questions Pope Benedict asked us at Randwick last year; "What legacy will you leave to the young people yet to come? What difference will you make?" Mass will be at 7pm with supper to follow. For more details contact Jess Denehy on jessd@sale.catholic.org.au or 5126 1063.

RE 4 the rabble



Catechesis sessions for ordinary, everyday young people.

What: Bishop Christopher Prowse asks:

"What legacy will you leave to the next generation?"

Where: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 266 Commercial Rd, Morwell

When: 5.30pm Saturday September 12th

How much: Free

www.sale.catholic.org.au