



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

10 September 2004

Dear Parents,

The tragedy in Beslan serves to remind us that hatred breeds more hatred until everything escalates to a point of no return where no one knows why they've killed, who they've killed, what the cause was and whether any of it was worth killing or dying for. The fact that so many of the victims were children and innocents only adds to our shock at such actions.

I hope that there is a lesson for all of us as we approach the end of the third term. The message of Jesus and his Gospel spell out quite clearly that love must displace our hatred before it spirals out of control and this needs to happen at all levels, national, community and personal.

As we approach the last term, I hope that students can reflect on the wonderful gift they have in being able to live in peace and without fear. This should only help to realize their responsibility to make the most of this opportunity and to prepare themselves for making the world a better place.

*Br Julian Casey*  
*Principal*

### Important Calendar Dates

#### September

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| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Parent Teacher Interviews - 4.00pm to 7.30pm<br>GCSSSA Touch Football Championships (selected teams) |
| Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Last day of Term 3 for students<br>Debutante Ball, Kernot Hall, Morwell                              |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Parent Teacher Interviews - 10.00 to 12.00pm<br>Debutante Ball                                       |
| Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup> | Debutante Ball   |

#### October

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| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> | Staff return for Term 4    |
| Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> | Students return for Term 4 |

## ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

### **Bon Voyage**

We wish our LOTE students, Ms Doganeri and Br Peter a safe journey and hope they have a wonderful time in Italy. We know that they will have many stories to tell upon their return.

**Congratulations** to the clay target shooters who acquitted themselves very well in Geelong last week.

### **Absences**

Thanks to all the parents who helped us update our attendance records by returning explanation slips.

### **Tragedy in Beslan**

On Tuesday we held a Solidarity Liturgy at Kildare Campus. I was heartened to be able to take a busload of St Paul's students over to the Kildare Campus to

participate. It really helped reinforce the notion that in the face of unspeakable horror we can draw together in prayer to find strength. The fact that I could so easily take a group of students and assume their safety and well being reminded me of how fortunate we are to live in Australia and how we should work to make others as secure as we are.

**All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. ... Universal Declaration of Human Rights (U.N. Article 1.10 December 1948)**

*Lee McKenzie*  
*Head of St Paul's Campus*

## PRESENTATION CAMPUS

This will be the last Newsletter for this term.

My thanks to everyone who has made the winter blues more colourful. To staff, parents and students our gratitude for your support, co-operation and positive attitude throughout Term 3.

We have achieved much:

1. Coping with the demands of the timetable.
2. Champagnat mass and Medal recipients.
3. Ski Trips to Mt. Saint Gwinear.
4. Inter-school Football and Netball Comps.
5. Youth parliament in Melbourne.
6. Socials.
7. Activity Days.
8. Expo.
9. Subject Selections.
10. Enrolment choices for 2005.
11. Year 9 Exchange program.

The Year **9 Camp** for 2004 will be conducted at Wilson's Promontory on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We have decided not to return to Delhuntie Park and thank Delhuntie for the many wonderful experiences offered to our Year 9's over the past 8 to 10 years.

In 2005 our Year 9's will be considering the "expanded" use of the College camp site at Sambain Chalet on Bennison Snow Plains near Mt. Tamboritha. The Year 9's at St. Paul's Campus currently use this facility.

Mrs. Winfield has included an article on the **Youth Parliament** held in Melbourne last week. May I congratulate the students involved for their enthusiasm and commitment to the day and Mrs. Winfield for her guidance and nurturing of those involved.

*“Youth Parliament was one of the highlights of the school year. Our inaugural venture into the world of State Politics was a wonderful success for the students involved. This was largely due to the application, enthusiasm and level of analysis and articulation of our very young team. Most of the teams on the day were made up of Year 9 students. Presentation Campus was one of the few exceptions to this practice.*

*Our team of four, who sat in the seats of our State MP’s, was made up of three Year 7 students **Brittany Aquilina**, who presented the speech; **Patrick McKenzie**, a wizard at problem solving, a great team player and keen presenter of ‘Questions without Notice’; **Peter Hansford**, a quiet, thoughtful student and a most exacting practitioner of language, logic and clarity; and **Michael Gauci** a Year 8 student whose analysis and application, together with his quiet, thoughtful leadership of the team brought the five students together in a most effective manner over the 4 weeks of preparation. Our fifth team player, Robert Fiddelars [Yr 7] was an invaluable member of the team making a series of important contributions to the preparation work for the day in Parliament. He sat with me in the Gallery on the day.*

*Brittany was interviewed by the film crew making a promotional video for Youth Parliament to be distributed Statewide. We would like to thank Brittany for her fine representation of the College. A copy of the video will be made available to the College in the near future. Our team was also asked to present the final words of the day, with Michael Gacci “calling for the adjournment of Youth Parliament until 2005.*

*All in all, the students had a wonderful time: Patrick was heard to say to his sister that night. “It was as good as the World Rigby final, I learnt so very much, what with all the topics being debated and questioned!” He had gone home “pumped” as did the rest of the team and their teacher!*

*I would personally like to congratulate the team on their fine performance and the application and hard work which went into their preparation.” (Janet Winfield)*

Enjoy the break. Someone has to!

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds  
and Compassionate Hearts.

**Chris O’Brien**  
**Head of Campus**

## KILDARE CAMPUS

### **Parent and Teacher Interviews:**

Interim Second Semester Reports will be distributed to students at 3.15 pm on Friday, September 10, through homeroom. Because the first Debutante Ball takes place on the Thursday night, Parent and Teacher Interviews take place on Wednesday, September 15, from 4.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. and Friday, September 17, from 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon. Parents may make arrangements to meet with their sons’ and daughters’ teachers whether an interview has been requested or not. Interviews may be arranged through the Campus Office, on 5174 5272 or faxing the form in

the report pack to 5174 0783, or returning the Interview Booking Sheet to the homeroom teacher or by e-mail to:  
ptinterviews@lavalla.sale.catholic.edu.au

### **Debutante Balls:**

Year 11 students are looking forward to participating in the Debutante Balls to be held at Kernot Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights next week. There has been much preparation going on with buying dresses and shoes, hiring suits, dancing practices and purchasing tickets for friends and relations.

*Kildare Campus (contd....)*

Closer to the day, of course, more immediate preparations will need to take place. Hair, nails and make-up will need to be arranged and boys will also have preparations to make as well. The only students who have any reason to be absent on Thursday are the students who will be presented on that night. Students who are presented on Friday and Saturday nights are expected to be at school as usual.

**State Champion Clay Shooter:**

Congratulations to **Courtney Wyeth** of Year 11. On Monday, Courtney competed with the College Clay Target Shooting Team at the State Championships in Bendigo. The Team was placed a creditable second in the State. The overall girls' championship was decided in a shoot off which Courtney won with a score of 39 out of a possible 40 targets hit. This is an excellent result from our latest State Champion.

**Work Experience Closing Date and Procedures:**

Arrangements for Work Experience has closed for the September school holidays. Work Experience over the school holidays is one week only.

Due to new Legislation brought down from the Department of Education and Training Victoria on April 19th 2004 the changes regarding work experience are as follows:

**CANTEEN ROSTER:**

	<b>St Paul's</b>
Mon. 13 Sept.	Barrett, S Mills
Tue. 14 Sept.	C Deering, A Zaghet
Wed. 15 Sept.	P Brown
Thu. 16 Sept.	P Radovich, R Henderson

Students working in areas deemed high-risk industries eg: Builders, Carpenters, Electricians, and Plumbers must abide by the Education (Workplace Learning Act 2003) Ministerial Orders 23 and 24.

The act states every student undertaking Work Experience in these areas must complete the Occupational Health & Safety Module before they proceed with a placement.

Students are not permitted to do the following:

- Operate powered machinery of any kind.
- Work at heights where there is any risk of fall.
- Handle hazardous substances (chemicals).
- Operate mobile platforms.
- Operate automated machines.

Students are able to observe employers and ask questions regarding the workplace. Students are able to take notes on how employers complete tasks.

If parents would like a copy of the act please notify me at the office and I will forward it on. (*Ms Trish Johnston, Careers & Tertiary Studies Advisor*)

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

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