



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

30 April 2004

Dear Parents,

Term 2 is well under way and a perusal of the accompanying calendar (lime green sheet) will give you an idea of our planning for the term. In about 5 weeks time, Year 12 students will be sitting for their first external examinations in some subjects and preparation for this is crucial.

The first section of the renovated Stoddart Block is almost complete. Although we are still awaiting the arrival of new lockers, we have moved the students into these new classrooms, so that the builders can commence work on the remaining section.

My presence at the College will be intermittent over the next two weeks. I have a wisdom tooth problem which will require day surgery and a period of recuperation. The following week, I expect to be in Sydney for a major Marist meeting.

During my absence Ms Erica Pegorer will, thankfully, stand in for me and deal with matters which require the immediate attention of the principal.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

**WINTER UNIFORM –
A reminder that all students should be in Winter Uniform as from next Monday 3 May**

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

We were delighted to return to school last week and move into some of the newly refurbished classroom. This has meant more movement of homerooms but our hope is that all current Yr 9 students will have an opportunity to make use of the new rooms before they leave the campus.

The block is centrally heated, the rooms are carpeted and incorporate a protective dado. White boards and colourful pin boards are features in the rooms. The hallway which currently services four classrooms is coated in a heavy duty, durable vinyl finish flooring. The colours are essentially soothing and allow for students and teachers to add splashes of colour in their displays. As yet the new lockers have not arrived we expect them next week. These

will be in bays outside each classroom so as not to crowd the classrooms.

The second stage of the project, the western end of the block, has begun and we are confident that we will be housing students in there by term 4. We have been very pleased with the cooperation and responsibility shown by students living with the building site and expect that this very sensible behaviour will continue.

Yr 9 Camps

Tamboritha camps are taking place during the first four weeks of this term: **9.1** 21- 23, **9.2** 28-30 April **9.3** 5-7 and **9.4** 12-14 May.

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SOSE Excursions

Throughout the term there will be a series of excursions for students at all year levels. These will compliment the class work being studied and also give students a chance to visit other places, particularly Melbourne, to broaden their experiences. Generally students will be asked to contribute towards the cost of these activities, wear full school uniform and act as ambassadors of the College.

Enrolments

This term we begin in earnest our enrolment program for Yr 7, 2005. Information Nights will be held on **Thursday May 6th** and **Tuesday May 18th** at **7:30 in the Yr 7 area**. **Open Morning** will be on **Wednesday 12th 9:30 – 1:00pm**. Enrolments close on May 28th.

But what is happiness except the simple harmony between a man and the life he leads?--Albert Camus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that everyone enjoyed the Easter break and were renewed in some way for the experience.

The changeover date for **Winter Uniform is May 3rd**. We would expect all students to be correctly attired by then. Beanies and hats are not part of the winter uniform. We would appreciate students not bringing these items to school.

On Sunday the 25th of April Mr. De Van Der Schueren, Jeremy Waanders, Monique De Carli and Brennagh McKenzie represented the College at the Moe Anzac Day Ceremony. We thank them for their representation.

Brennagh on behalf of the youth of Moe read her prepared speech. This is included below for your reading. I thank Brennagh for the time and energy she put into preparing and delivering the speech.

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

ANZAC

"My name is Brennagh McKenzie.

Moe RSL approached Lavalla Catholic College to see if one or two people would like to speak about why Anzac is important to the youth of Australia today. I am honoured to be here because I believe that Anzac Day is a true part of Australian tradition.

Each year hundreds upon thousands of people go to memorials just like this one, all over Australia, to commemorate the lives that were in these terrible wars.

I asked many people if they still found Anzac Day to be important. The main response was that people do, and will never lose appreciation for – those men and women that left their homes, country and their families to fight for Australia in her time of need.

I could never hope to understand what it was like out there on the battlefield; the pain and the trauma they must have gone through. Watching their comrades fall and the knowledge that they may never come back.

Wakening to this every day would be the hardest thing to do, but they did it. Day after day they got up and did it because that is what they were there to do. Like most "Aussies" you give us a job and we don't back down from it.

I know most people are proud of what these men and women went through because I am sure as heck am.

A few people may think all Anzac Day is – is a day off from work – a day off school – but it means so much more to so many.

If more people took the time to have a look at what happened they could learn to appreciate the hardship and sacrifice that Anzac Day commemorates.

The freedom that we now live in and sometimes take for granted, is what these men and women were thinking of as they went off to war; the knowledge that the generations to come would be able to walk down the street without fear – without having to look behind their back – to be safe – to be free!

Those men and women who lost their lives so we could be free didn't even know us! But they still did it because they believed in a free country.

For one, I will be bringing my children and my children's children to these services for many years to come so that they too can be proud and honour the memory of our fallen Anzacs."

(Brennagh McKenzie)

KILDARE CAMPUS

I am pleased to be back and to welcome students to the second term. During the last five weeks of Term I, I had the wonderful opportunity of visiting a number of schools both throughout Victoria and interstate. I spoke with Principals, Deputies and other senior members of Staff at seventeen schools. I was able to have the time to visit these other schools and to speak with people of like minds and similar responsibilities and am grateful for the opportunity to have been able to do so.

I will be working closely with the College Leadership, the Campus Administration Team and members of Staff to continue to provide the best education for your sons and daughters that we can. The challenges are certainly there and we will meet them head-on with a systematic and coordinated plan into the future.

What has and will come out of this study tour is a series of recommendations for the next few years on the Kildare Campus. Education is changing rapidly and for the College to keep pace with these changes, the needs of young people must be identified, addressed and a coordinated approach formed.

I would like to especially express my gratitude to Mrs. Clarke, to Mr. Erdely and to Mrs. Wilson, all of whom took on extra duties to cover my absence. It is comforting to know that I am able to leave the Campus for a short period of time and that it remains in such generous and capable hands. It reinforces the importance that we place on teamwork in our daily routine. Thank-you.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

KILDARE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Thursday the 22nd of April, Kildare Campus held their Athletics Sports. The colours, enthusiasm and participation from the students were fantastic all day. I would personally like to thank all the enthusiastic students and staff that participated and helped out on the day. It was a fun-filled day and to every ones surprise Nagle again came out on top as victors.

sportsmanship and just showed how easy it is to have a go!

Congratulations to Nagle, the house captains **Jessica Davidson** and **Ben Schembri** and all the Age Champions on the day.

I personally congratulate the terrific leadership displayed by all the Year 12, 11 and 10 House Captains on the day. A final thanks to everyone that took part and showed great determination,

House Athletic Scores:

1st	Nagle	1273 points
2nd	Mackillop	1234 points
3rd	Champagnat	1076 points
4th	Delany	827 points

Age Champions were as follows:

U16 Boys	Jason Katiforis	U16 Girls	Justine Hughes
U17 Boys	Courtney Sheriff	U17 Girls	Heidi Armstrong
U21 Boys	Christopher Barrett	U21 Girls	Caitlin Mitchell

Xavier Gargan
Sports Organizer

MUSIC DEPARTMENT CHOCOLATE DRIVE

In the next two weeks each family with students enrolled in the music department instrumental & vocal program will bring home a box of chocolates (one per family) to sell for the Music Support Group as the first fundraiser for the year.

YEAR 7 2005 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment applications have been posted to parents for students attending State primary schools in Grade 6 who are siblings of Lavalla students.

If you have omitted to inform the St Paul's Campus of a sibling attending Grade 6 at a State primary school, or if you have not received your package in the mail, please telephone Jean Jennings at the St Paul's Campus office immediately. (51747355)

Other students attending State primary schools should register their name on the enrolment application list by telephoning St Paul's Campus.

Applications must be completed before the deadline of May 28th.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The **next meeting** of Parents and Friends will be held on **Monday, 3 May** at the Resource Centre (Library) at St Paul's Campus starting at 7.30pm. Guest speakers for the evening will be Mary McNamara and Sandy Francois who will speak on their role as Student Counsellors

The **secondhand uniform shop** will be opened from 6.45pm to 7.30pm prior to the P & F meeting to give parents who are unable to attend the

daytime uniform shop the opportunity to obtain their child's winter uniform needs for Terms 2 and 3.

If you are unable to attend the meetings but would like a copy of the minutes or any further details please do not hesitate to contact either Chairperson, Jenny or Felicetta.

*Jenny Hansch 51221684
Felicetta Kile 51661480*

PARENT SUPPORT AUXILIARY

The **A.G.M.** will be held on **Thursday 20th May** at the Morwell Club commencing with lunch at 12.30pm followed by a short meeting. Parents, particularly those new to the College, are most welcome.

CANTEEN ROSTER:

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 3 May	M Lappin, D Webb	M Grass, C Dougan
Tue. 4 May	M Lowe, V Winwood	S Prosser, B Boothman
Wed 5 May	R Crowle, L Weckmann	M Fievez, A Fletcher
Thu. 6 May	C Barry, M Johnston	D Leatham, S Carrigy
Fri. 7 May	C Battista, D Berryman, K Manson	B Koedijk, I Koolen

CENTRAL REGIONAL LITURGY DAY

Saturday 22 May 2004

Teachers' Centre, Connor Street Warragul

This will provide an excellent forum for people involved in areas such as children's Liturgy and the Ministry of the Eucharist to the Sick

Registration by 18 May – phone 5623 1642

Gold coin donation