



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

20 June 2003

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all for their co-operation and assistance in making the first part of the year a satisfying one.

Students have been involved in so many activities and have represented us well at various functions. They have been enthusiastic and co-operative. Any problems that emerged have been faced and dealt with in a sensible and co-operative way. When staff members have been absent through sickness or in-service, there has been a real sense of teamwork of staff in ensuring that students are well organized and directed.

There is much to be thankful for and on your behalf; I would like to place on record my gratitude to staff members for their mighty contribution and to wish them a peaceful and restful holiday.

It is nice to know that people do think of the College and its needs. Earlier on this year we had a wonderful anonymous donor who arranged for a special trailer to be made and painted with the logo and College colours for the Lavalla Catholic College Bus. Recently we received a marvellous painting of St Marcellin Champagnat for the Kildare Campus. Both these gestures are a great source of encouragement to us all and on behalf of the community, I am most grateful.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

PLEASE NOTE

**Australian Marist Netball Carnival at
Warragul from 22nd-25th June.
We wish our Team well.**

***STUDENTS RETURN FOR SEMESTER 2
ON TUES 15 JULY 03***

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

On two occasions, the week before last, our students joined in activities with students from the St. Paul's campus. The occasions involved both personal development and community celebration. It is essential to experience both group and whole school celebrations as they emphasize the opportunities afforded all students as part of Lavalla Catholic College.

On Thursday the 5th June our Year 9's enjoyed the experience of a Retreat along with 60 year 9's from St Paul's. The day centred on personal reflection, group activities and community prayer. My thanks again to the Parent Support Group who catered for the lunch on the day. **On Friday** the campus

travelled to St. Paul's to celebrate Champagnat day. All students were treated to a variety of experiences centred around a talk on the Marist Brothers by Br. Julian, a play on the Life of Marcellin Champagnat and a presentation about the Marist pilgrimage held in April. The day was a relaxed and social occasion which was enjoyed by all.

This week saw the final Year level Masses at St. Kieran's and St. Mary's. Many thanks to Father John and Father Manny for welcoming our students into the parish. From all reports the experience of "parish" was a positive one. Our students selected the themes for the masses and lead the prayers and readings. Next term the Masses will be held in the newly

refurbished Chapel and will involve each class. Once again parents are encouraged to attend these times of prayer and celebration of Eucharist.

This term has been very busy and all parents will be invited to discuss their son or daughters progress for the Semester on **Thursday 26th of June between 4:00 and 8:00 pm.** By now you should have received an Interview Sheet inviting you to make an appointment with staff. The occasion will be an opportunity to not only meet the Staff but to view a range of student work completed this Semester. The displays will be available for inspection in the circulation area between 4:00 and 8:00pm.

Semester 2 will be a new start for all students. The units in all subjects will be new. It is important to understand this concept as a number of students who may not have attained their best results in certain subjects have the

chance to refocus and achieve better grades in the final half of the year.

My thanks to all parents for your support this Semester in having your son or daughter ready for the demands of secondary school: - making sure assessment tasks are submitted on time, forms returned, homework encouraged and supervised, uniforms washed and ready for each day and your positive support and encouragement for the College.

Enjoy the term break and look forward to the winter days and cold morning starts of Term 3.

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts,

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus.

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Champagnat Day

Although the weather foiled our plans for activities outside, the day was a great success. Presentation Campus joined us to celebrate the day with a play by **Yr 10 Drama students** telling of the life of Fr Champagnat. Br Julian spoke to us about the often dangerous work of the Brothers overseas. Erica Pegorer, Alby Van Berkel and I then presented photos and video from our Pilgrimage to France, Italy and India. A senior ensemble and Fake Mushroom played during the afternoon. Both groups were well received.

Lunch was provided for all students, this was a BBQ which was organised by **Nikki Heenan** and cooked by many willing student helpers. Our thanks to this dedicated bunch who fed around 750 people!! It was a wonderful community day.

Yr 9 Retreats

The Retreat team challenged our students to "make Jesus their friend". This is quite a challenge in our modern world where young people are encouraged to find satisfaction in material acquisition. Not everyone was able to open their ears and heart to this message at the time, but we have great hope that the seeds will grow.

Thanks to the Presentation Campus which hosted three of our classes for the retreat. This was also an important step in the blending of Yr 9 students before they make the transition to Kildare. We are mindful of what a big step this can seem and will be working with students on both campuses to allay any concerns they may have.

Strezlecki Show Time

A great number of past and present students are involved in this year's production at the Little Theatre. It is a great celebration of what young people are capable of and certainly a lot of fun. Congratulations to all involved.

Parent Teacher Student Interviews

If you have not already contacted the school to arrange your appointments please do so as soon as possible. It is important that your child attend these interviews too as they need to hear any praise or constructive criticism. They are the ones best able to make any improvements.

"Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory".--Gen. George S. Patton

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Vocal Concert

On Monday evening, the Music Department hosted the first of the College Vocal Concerts in the Music Centre at the Kildare Campus. A quite large audience of parents, friends and staff attended and were treated to a wonderful evening of entertainment. We have some wonderfully talented young people in the music department, some of who show all the poise of seasoned performers, and who present their talent with skill and confidence. Thanks to all, including their voice teacher Mr. John Lander and the accompanist Mr. Geoff Urquart.

Year 10 Drama Night

Following the tradition of the musicians the Year 10 Drama students held a Drama Evening in the Lecture Theatre at the St. Paul's Campus on Tuesday evening. Again the students showcased their talent, displayed their creativity and celebrated the work they have been completing during the first semester. I would like to congratulate the students on their performances and to thank their teacher Ms. Eloisa Tripodi.

“Club Refuge” Performance:

Last week several actors preformed a series of readings, stories, poetry, monologues and song to raise awareness about the plight of the refugees and the Australian Government's approach to their processing. The performances were very insightful, created a powerful impact on the audience and provided much food for thought. I would like to thank Mr. Paul Denny for this initiative and Mr. Kelly for liaising at the College end. About 200 Year 10 students and 25 visitors attended the matinee performance at 2.00 pm. There were some very searching questions and comments from

the floor as part of the afternoon's activity. Another 54 visitors to the College attended the performance that evening. Some money was raised and the College made a small donation. Thank you to all who were involved.

Gippsland Senior Trap Shooting Competition

On Monday, the three College Trap Shooting Teams competed in the Howard and Schuback Perpetual Trophy, Secondary Schools' Clay Target Challenge, 2003 at Longford. Competing Teams included St. Anne's and Gippsland Grammar, Sale College, Yarram Secondary College, Nagle College and Bairnsdale Secondary College.

The three teams the College fielded, were made up of Owen Kosakiewicz, Phillip Sanders, Adam Cummins, Courtney Wyeth, Nathan Borg, Tim Lawless, Darren Green, Stephen McKenna, Ben Albanese, Chris Brady, Brendan Clarke, Martin Power, Paul Ballentine, Brian Thexton and Matthew Stokes. All members shot creditably and the College was placed second, only four points behind St. Anne's and Gippsland Grammar. Phillip Sanders was top scorer on the day and Courtney Wyeth was placed third in the girls' competition. Michael Dargie volunteered to man the traps.

I would like to thank Mr. John Williams who has managed the team for the past three years and who has enthused the shooters to improve their skills and their commitment to safety.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

CANTEEN ROSTER

	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>St Paul's</i>	<i>Kildare</i>
Mon 23/6/03	P Thornton	M Grass, M Northover	M Auciello, J Rowe
Tue 24/6/03	C Jackiw	W Hieser, H Van Berkel	K Manson, S Prosser
Wed 25/6/03	W Gibson	K Dyer, S Sleswick	M Leahy, M Wojciechowski
Thur 26/6/03	M Bortignon	T Harlow, C Barry	R Greaves, S Barber
Fri 27/6/03	----- END OF TERM -----		

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