



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

29 April 2005

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. In these historic times we mark the death of Pope John Paul II and the election of Pope Benedict XVI

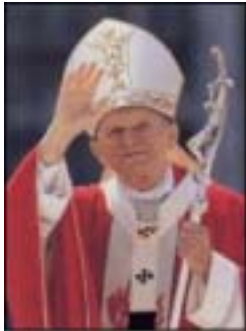
Br Julian Casey
Principal

JOHN PAUL II

NOT A YOUNG POPE, BUT THE POPE OF THE YOUNG

Elected in 1978, Pope John Paul II was the third longest serving Pope in the history of the Church, and has been a major influence not only in the Catholic Church but in the world.

We celebrate his achievements: his pivotal role in the demise of communism and the spread of democracy in Eastern Europe; his constant advocacy for human rights and liberty; his efforts to rebuild relations with other churches and faiths; and his widespread travel. He was the first Pope to visit a mosque, the first in a synagogue. He loved young people – his visits brought literally millions of young people into the streets.



For many young people, John Paul II was the only Pope they had ever known. A man who consistently called the world to values that were not the norm; a citizen of another generation who had reached across the divide of age to touch their hearts.

In his last days, ill and in obvious decline physically, John Paul II resisted any suggestion of resignation by those who worried about his capacity to lead the Church. Choosing to give the upper-hand to life rather than efficiency, he kept the watch up until the end. Somehow the young understood his reasons better than many of the rest of us.

Similar to events that take place during the passing of a much loved grandfather whose goodness is never in question and love never in doubt, young men and women from around the world gathered for someone who was very special to them indeed. May this good man and pastor to the world's young and old among us, rest in God's everlasting peace.



POPE BENEDICT XVI



Pope Benedict, the newly elected Pope is 78 years of age and one of the oldest popes to be elected. He is a man of ideas, a churchman with great faith in discipline and a theologian committed to law.

Pope Benedict said that, like his predecessor, he considered the Second Vatican Council the compass for the modern church. In particular, he stressed his commitment to ecumenism and dialogue and said he was aware that "concrete gestures" were sometimes needed to promote breaking through old antagonisms.

At the same time, he said the chief priority for the modern church is to announce Christ to the world. "The church today has to renew its awareness of the task of re-proposing to the world the voice of the one who said: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life,'" he said.

**ALL STUDENTS EXPECTED TO BE IN FULL WINTER UNIFORM
FROM MONDAY 2nd MAY**

Letter Received from Br Allen Sherry, Director Marist Solidarity Office, Melbourne on receipt of a cheque covering donations from students:- \$3,252

April 19, 2005.

Br Julian Casey
Principal
Lavalla College
Traralgon. Vic. 3844

Dear Br Julian, Staff, Students and Members of the Lavalla Community,

Many thanks for your College Community's response to the Tsunami Appeal launched by the international leader of the Marist Brothers, Brother Sean Sammon.

This donation will be used to aid the reconstruction of a Marist School in Sri Lanka that was totally destroyed. It will also assist with projects to aid families and young people affected who are close to the work of Marists in both India and Sri Lanka. In both of these countries the Marist Brothers, and their lay partners, are working with people directly to try to restore some measure of assistance through supplying basic living items, some aid for long term income generating projects and also be present to the people so as to restore their spirit in these devastated regions.

Your assistance joins the solidarity response world wide of Marist school communities. It is deeply appreciated by the Marists working in these countries among those who continue to suffer.

Yours gratefully,

Brother Allen Sherry fms

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

We continue term two in the unseasonably warm weather. While the days are delightful we pray for rain that is so badly needed.

Winter uniform

All students should be in full winter uniform by Monday 2nd May. A special note on kilts - please don't have the length altered on these, while the shorter length may be currently more fashionable it may eventually mean that the kilt cannot be resold. Also the shorter kilts either restrict the girls' movements or lead to awkward flashing of underwear. For both boys and girls shirts must be tucked in with all buttons, including cuffs done up.

Congratulations

During the holidays the local theatre group "Class Productions" staged "Macbeth - the Musical". There were a great many Lavalla students and parents involved. The musical itself is a clever representation of Shakespeare's text and makes use of Shakespearean language. The setting and costumes were well conceived. While I hesitate to mention names for fear of leaving out cast, crew

or dance troupe members, Melissa Forlano and Zach Ruane, as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, deserve special mention. The production certainly shows how young people can commit themselves to worthwhile projects and make them work. I am sure all involved in the many months of rehearsals and staging are very proud of the final product.

Contact details

Please ensure that you have updated your contact details. These are vital if we are to make contact with you particularly in an emergency

Anzac Day

On Friday 22nd, the campus stopped to reflect on Anzac Day. The students gathered in the Champagnat Centre for a very poignant ceremony organised by Ms Romano and a group of volunteers. Thanks to all the students, those who organised and those who participated; it certainly honoured the Anzac legend.

As we grow as unique persons, we learn to respect the uniqueness of others.--Robert H. Schuller

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Welcome back to a new term.

On Monday Mr. De Van Der Schueren, Michael Gauci and Rita Chandra (Campus Leaders) represented the campus at the **Anzac Day Service** in Newborough.

“On ANZAC Day, Monday 25th April, Rita Chandra and Michael Gauci accompanied by Mr. De Van Der Schueren, represented the school at the Newborough RSL Club ANZAC Day service.

The Service was opened with a march at 9.30. We marched along the street and into the gardens where we gathered around the Cenotaph.

After listening to speeches, the names of the represented organisations were called out to lay their wreaths. When the wreath laying ceremony was finished, Ross Devent, a visually impaired boy, played the Last Post and the Reveilry.

This marked the end of the service. Light refreshments were served afterwards.

The ceremony was very emotional and showed true ANZAC spirit.”

By Michael Gauci and Rita Chandra

May is the month set aside for **Enrolments for 2006**. Each of the Catholic Primary Schools in the area have now received **Information Packages** for all Grade 6 students. Over the next two weeks visits will be arranged at both St. Mary's and St. Kieran's for myself, Mrs. Haupt and student representatives to talk to the Grade 6's. All Grade 6's will then be offered the chance to see the Campus and meet with the current Year 7's. The Open Day and Information Evening are scheduled for Wednesday 18th May.

Enquires are also welcomed for Year 8 and 9 in 2006. A few places are available.

Our Prayers and Condolences are with Mrs Winfield in the passing of her mother and Mrs Allen in the passing of her father in the last week of Term 1. We are supportive of both families in their time of grief.

The Parent Support Group met on Tuesday evening. A Mother's Day raffle is being held over the coming weeks. Please support this fund raising activity.

A Day's Surfing at Inverloch will be offered to 32 students in Year 8 on Friday, 13th May. Students in Year 8 who elect not to attend this activity will be required at school as usual. A letter outlining this trip has been sent home.

This term all Year levels will be offered **Reconciliation and a Mass** at either St. Mary's or St. Kieran's. I thank Father Manny Lomagno and Father Bernie O'Brien in their generous offer to assist the students in the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church.

Reconciliation: -Year 7 19/05, Year 8 9/06, Year 9 15/06

Mass:- Year 7 – St. Mary's 25 May
Year 8 – St. Kieran's 15 June
Year 9 – St. Mary's 22 June

Additional Dates:- Year 7 Hep B injections on 26 May and Year 8 Medieval Day 8 June.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
HEAD OF CAMPUS

KILDARE CAMPUS

VCAL Award:

Mr. Russell Henry (VCAL Coordinator) and Mrs. Anne English (Director of External Programs) attended the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority VCAL Student Achievement Awards for 2004 late last term. Scott Dwyer was nominated for and was the recipient of the Senior Personal Development Skills Award.

He made an address to the gathering and impressed everyone with the articulate telling of his VCAL life story, his commitment to VCAL, the achievements he had made and his genuine down to earth approach.

In 2004 over 8000 Victorian students were enrolled in VCAL. This secondary qualification specifically

focuses on applied learning and provides pathways for more students, preparing them for apprenticeships, traineeships and employment, as well as further education and training.

From the VCAL awards booklet, it was written that: "Scott has been an active participant and leader in the personal development program and has used his studies as a stimulus for involvement in a wide variety of community and school projects. He has excelled in the LandCare Program and has researched, planned and led a wetland fencing project. In addition, Scott has provided leadership to the Foundation students involved in the VCAL, showing a willingness to lead by example.

Kildare Campus (contd...)

“Scott’s other personal achievements include nomination for Lions Club Youth of the Year, an Australia Day Community Service Award and an ongoing involvement as a volunteer in the Country Fire Authority.”

At the end of the gathering, Scott made the closing address to thank the Minister for Education and Training, the Hon. Lynne Kosky, MP.

Scott’s achievements, and the achievements of so many of the VCAL students, are testimony to the work done by Mr. Russell Henry and his team of dedicated teachers who work with the students on a daily basis. We congratulate Scott and all those who are associated with the VCAL classes.

Shave for a Cure:

Also at the end of term, after pledges and all other moneys had been collected, Mrs. Clarke’s RE Leadership would like to announce that the final total raised for leukaemia research in 2005 is \$4,192.10. Congratulations to all concerned.

Marist Basketball Competition

The College basketball teams recently travelled to Queensland for the 16th Annual Australian Marist Basketball Championships played at Ashgrove, where both teams enjoyed a successful tournament. The girl’s team, coached by Ms Karen Joyce,

ventured through the tournament unscathed to win their seventh Marist Championship in eight years. The boy’s team, coached by Mr Mark DeFazio, equalled their best ever placing at the tournament. Their 3rd placing matched the efforts of the boy’s team that competed in 1998 when our College hosted the event.

Stacey O’Brien, Laura Pickering and Sarah Johnston, who claimed her third successive tournament MVP, were selected in the tournament’s All Star Five for the second straight year. Honourable mentions to Matthew Hammond, Lachlan Dowling, Chris Panayiotou and Reannah Marino all performed extremely well and were perhaps unfortunate to miss selection.

Cameron Ferguson (boys) and Janeene Johnston, who has been involved with team since the girl’s inclusion to the tournament eight years ago, were assistant coaches for their respective teams and their efforts are appreciated and I would like to express my gratitude to Coaches, their assistants, to Mr. Leon and Mrs. Margaret Hammond who travelled with the College teams and helped enormously with organising transportation, managing the teams and performing scoring duties.

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

EDUCATION FORUM FOR PARENTS

Depression and Teenagers

This is the topic that one of our college counsellors, Sandy Francois, will be speaking on at our next **Education Forum for Parents meeting on Monday 2nd May 7.30pm.** Our meetings are held at the St Paul’s Information Services Centre (Library). Sandy’s talk will start following our short meeting.

This night is for anyone interested in learning more about the issues of Depression. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Norma Bellerby, President

CANTEEN ROSTER

	<i>St Paul’s</i>	<i>Kildare</i>
Mon 2 May	R Bermingham, J Hartley	L Barrett, J Rowe
Tue 3 May	S Garrett, T Pledge	H Van Berkel, K Dugan
Wed 4 May	H Stoddart	M Tomkins, C Wilson
Thu 5 May	C Barry, F Webb	H Symons, M Wojchiechowski
Fri 6 May	K Roberts, C Bruzzese	P Johnston, L Weckmann

**BILLETS DESPERATELY REQUIRED for
INTERSTATE TENNIS TEAMS (Secondary School Students)
Australian Championships will be played in Traralgon from 6 to 14 May
If you can help out with hosting one (or preferably two students) please ring
Principal’s Secretary, Jan Williams, on 5175 805**

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