



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

30 July 2004

Dear Parents,

We are now well into term three and the pressures of timetables and schedules are upon us as we commence our preparation for 2005. Future plans jostle with dreams and hopes. At times like this, we often find within ourselves a general restlessness and a desire to have everything organized and completed. We expend much energy, sometimes with little result.



In the midst of this busyness and pressure, a pelican came to rest in the habitat at Presentation Campus in Newborough-much to the delight of students. It is pictured here and our thanks go to the photographer with a camera handy.

Such an event at a hectic time in our schedule was a reminder to us to create a clearing for ourselves, within the tangled thicket of our thoughts and anxieties, a space where we can connect with ourselves and with our God.

Let's hope the habitat will continue to offer us not only an environment to study and understand, but also a reminder from time to time that in the rhythm of our life, we need moments to still our mind and find opportunities for reflection and quiet.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Congratulations

Well done **Kate Walker** who has again been selected for the Under 14 Victorian State Hockey Team.

The Yr 7, 8 and 9 Girls Football Team won the All Gippsland Finals on Tuesday 27th. The girls were victorious over Beaconhills College 2.3 .15 v 1.1.7 and Wonthaggi 4.5.29 v 0.0.0. Best player **Michaila Hutchison**.

Congratulations also to a number of the College Community who are involved in the local Production of "**West Side Story**".

This week we were pleased to be visited by Darren Berry who spoke to students about responsible responses to drugs and alcohol. I am sure many parents are working with these issues with their children - you might like to discuss Darren's visit with your child.

St Paul's (contd....)

Family Life

Last week Sue Collis presented her Yr 9 information to Yr 9 Parents. Sue's presentation certainly generated some interesting discussion and the parents gained a very clear idea of the information Sue would pass on to their children. This will also provide many points of discussion for parents and children.

Yr 9 Transition

Our thanks to the staff at Kildare and to Mr Schneider for the informative evening last Wednesday. The families present were pleased to hear of the variety of pathways open to students at the senior level, and to have the opportunity to ask questions.

The evening was a great starting point for parents and students to work together on course planning for 2005.

Away

Mrs Jenny Roy has been away over the last two weeks after a medical procedure. Unfortunately she is not recuperating as quickly as expected and will be away for at least another week. We thank Mrs Minnie Varghese who has filled in for her for the last two weeks.

*"And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly, to love tenderly and to walk
humbly with your God"* Micah 6:8 (NIV)

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

This week, our Year 9's attended the first round of subject selections for Year 10, 2005. It is important that you spend time with your son or daughter and discuss the options available not only next year but in Years 11 and 12.

Attendance at the Expo next Friday the 6th of August is compulsory for all Year 8 & 9 students. A bus will leave the Campus at 11.30am and return at 3.00pm. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children and are welcome to use the bus.

Please remember subject selections and Expo in the coming weeks.

Uniform is being worn well by the majority of students. To the students that are having difficulty wearing the kilt correctly (below the knees), not wearing ties and thinking PE happens every day, we ask your co-operation.

On *A Current Affair* this week a story was told of a Queensland boy seriously disabled in a motor vehicle accident. For those of us who think that 'this cannot happen to me' it is worth looking up. Shemboy.com. Shem's diaries are worth reading. We can all learn from Shem's determination and courage.

The Year 8's went to Mount St Gwinear on Wednesday this week. My thanks to Mrs Allen and the students who made the day a great success. Our Year 9's and 7's have the option of going next week.

Over the weekend the Plover' nest was disturbed and all eggs broken. They provided us with a scientific and zoological focus for a week. They will be back!

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus*

Courses and Careers EXPO

Friday August 6th

Champagnat Centre, St.Paul's Campus

12.00 till 5.30

An opportunity to work together to plan for 2005

KILDARE CAMPUS

Course Selection

The process of subject selection for 2005 is in full swing at the moment, with workshops, conversations and discussions taking place on a regular basis.

Year 9 students have been visiting the Kildare Campus and looking at what the Campus has to offer. Many are discovering that there are several pathways that they can take to achieve their ultimate goals; whilst for others the process of thinking more seriously about their future is occurring, perhaps for the very first time. It is not a time to be overly anxious about future directions, however, if questions arise, please contact key personnel on the Campus to have them addressed.

Year 10's and 11's are also going through a process of subject selection and whilst they are more familiar than the Year 9's with choosing their courses of study, they too need to be careful to ensure that the relevant prerequisites are included if necessary. To do this they need to consult with staff, with VICTER Booklets and the

various supports in the Information Services Centre and the Careers Office.

Due Dates

This time is also administratively critical for us. It is most important that Enrolment Forms are returned by the dates prescribed. The College needs to make decisions about staffing, class sizes, how many classes will be offered and to begin the development of the 2005 timetable. With over 650 individually negotiated programs, this is an enormous task and we are held up if the subject enrolment information is not with us by the prescribed times listed below:

Years 10 & 12 (2005) - Friday, August 13

Year 11 (2005) - Friday, August 20

If parents are concerned about the process of their sons or daughters choosing their courses of study for next year, please make contact with us early so that arrangements may be worked upon before key decisions are too far down the track.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

YEAR 10 RETREAT

A reminder to parents of students in Year 10 that the NET Retreats are starting on Monday, 9 August. The students will be having House retreats and are expected to attend the Kildare Campus as usual. The daily schedule will be changed for the day of the retreat.

Billets: It has been the custom for many years to billet members of the NET Team with Lavalla families. If you are able to

assist please let me know... at present we have only one billet offer. There are twelve members of the NET Team who need to be billeted in twos. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Please ring me at the Kildare Campus if you can help. The team arrives on Saturday, 7 August and departs Saturday, 14 August.

Mike Hansen
Director of Faith & Ministry

SPORTS NEWS

On Friday 23rd July, the senior girls soccer team competed at Traralgon in the Catholic All Schools Eastern zone

competition. Their only match for the day was a closely contested game against Aquinas College.

Sports News (contd...)

Throughout the first half of the game, Aquinas College constantly placed pressure on the defence who stayed compact and prevented a number of scoring opportunities. In the second half, Lavalla looked to be the stronger side with the midfielders and forwards creating more attacking opportunities. At full time the score stood at 0-0 resulting in a penalty shoot out to determine the winner.

Goalkeeper **Jasmine Flores** was outstanding, saving every penalty taken against her. **Elisha Massaro** and **Adele Brady** sealed the game for Lavalla scoring their penalty shots. The team now advances to the finals to be played in Traralgon on August 24th.

Miss Stewart
Senior Girls' Soccer Team Coach

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Want to have a say in how our compulsory P & F levy is spent? The Parents & Friends Association is looking at contributing funds to the Stoddart Block and any parent who is interested in where our funds are being spent is certainly welcome to come along and be part of the P & F Association.

Our **next meeting** will be held on **Monday 2nd August** 2004 at the Resource Centre (Library) at St Paul's Campus. A brief meeting will commence at 7.30pm

followed by **guest speaker Mark Judd, Year 12 co-ordinator**. This will give all parents the opportunity to find out more about VCE and to discuss any questions they may have regarding their child's upcoming VCE years.

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 Hansch 5122 1684 or Felicetta Kile 5166 1480.

CANTEEN ROSTER:

| | St Paul's | Kildare | Presentation |
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| Mon 2 Aug | L Barrett, S Mills | S Robb, M Rigg | F Gelagotis |
| Tue 3 Aug | C Deering, A Zaghet | T Stratford, C Wilson | C Wilson |
| Wed 4 Aug | D Darling, P Brown | K Daniels, D Hall | P Hayes |
| Thu 5 Aug | P Radovich, R Henderson | M Johnston, H Symons | K Drowley |
| Fri 6 Aug | R Hadjistefanis, J Kivisalu C Shippen | P Atkinson, C Barry | - |



YOUTH ALPHA

This program is now underway - lots of fun, scrumptious food and drink. Come and see what life's all about. You are most welcome to come along - you may like to bring a friend. Come along this Sunday!!

Where: St Michael's Hall
When: Every Sunday evening at 7.00pm

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