

# LAVALLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER



2 MAY 2008

Dear Parents and Students

Just three days after we remembered our service men and women on ANZAC day, Australia suffered another loss with the death of Lance Corporal Jason Marks, an Australian soldier killed in Afghanistan. With the expectation of increased violence, our Prime Minister asks us to brace ourselves for more deaths this year. Unfortunately, we easily accept this message as inevitable. How sad it is in this day and age, that with all the wars that have already been fought and with all we know about human relations that all nations and all people cannot live in harmony and peace. How demoralizing that we should prepare for more soldiers to die rather than prepare for a possible resolution to what seems an endless war. It makes us wonder doesn't it, if the diplomacy is working and how many more have to lose their lives?

Students paid tribute to the tradition of ANZAC day in fitting and moving ceremonies across the Campuses on Thursday 24 April. They sat in absolute silence as a presentation highlighted the loss, pain and sacrifice of war. Seeing photos of Lance Corporal Jason Marks' two children sitting on his lap before he left to fight in the war, is a stark reminder that the effects of war cross every generation even after all these years since Anzac day was first declared over 90 years ago.



## AMSA Basketball Champions

Congratulations are extended to our girls' basketball team and to the team's coaches Mrs Nikki Schroeter and Ms Laura Joyce, who came home from Cairns as champions of the AMSA competition. After a thrilling and exciting match, Lavalla Catholic College defeated Catholic College Sale by only three points. Lavalla Catholic College have won the championship eight of a possible eleven times. Our boys' basketball team performed well, finishing 10th in the competition after some very tough matches. Our thanks to boys basketball coaches Mr Steve Erdely and Mr Ross Sizeland. Well done to all concerned.

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## Staff Retreat

For the first time in a number of years on Friday 9th May, all staff will participate in a day of reflection about what makes Marcellin Champagnat's teachings relevant to us today. Sr Frances O'Carroll a Marist sister from New Zealand will facilitate the programme. A reminder to parents that Friday 9th May is a student free day for all students.

## Centro Universitario Mexico visiting Lavalla

At the end of July students and teachers from Centro Universitario Mexico will return us a visit. They will arrive at Lavalla Catholic College on Saturday 27 July and stay with us for a few days. We hope to return the warm hospitality extended to us when we visited for the soccer tournament and the science fair. We are looking for families to billet the 60 students and 20 teachers that will accompany this music group. Mr Steve Erdely from the Kildare Campus is co-ordinating the billeting and you are invited to contact him if you are in a position to look after at least 2 students or teachers for three nights.

## With Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Bortignon, Jessica (Year 12, 2007), Nicole (Year 12) and Chris (Year 10) who are coming to terms with the loss of their father and husband Carlo Bortignon who died on Thursday 24 April. We hope that the fond memories they hold near to them at this time will help in their sorrow, grief and healing.

Please keep the Bortignon family in your prayers as well as three very ill members of staff; Ms Nadsadina, Miss Needham and Mr Carmody. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Ms Erica Pegorer  
Principal

## Presentation Campus

There have been many occasions this year when we have received praise for the behaviour, ability, appearance and enthusiasm of our students. Most compliments are passed on verbally but it was an enormous pleasure in these last few days to receive a letter which so loudly proclaimed the characteristics that you as parents and we as educators, would want to be promoting in the leaders of tomorrow.

In part it read "Thank you for your welcome"; "we felt privileged to share our roles and the work we do" within our Parish ministry.

*"The students showed interest and were all very courteous. I personally would like to express gratitude and admiration to all the students; you are all a credit to your families and your school."*

The event referred to was our Parish Expo which, this time, featured St Kieran's Parish and encouraged students to see the diverse ways in which people serve our local community under the title of "The Church-More than just a building".

We were pleased to have Fr Dunlea, Fr Bernie and Sr Joy as part of the presenting group, who along with about 20 others, had generously prepared information boards and handouts about their particular group and its role of care in the Parish.

It was a great pleasure to also welcome staff and students from our partners in Catholic education in the Moe/ Newborough area, St Mary's and St Kieran's to the event and to share lunch with them.

In Fr Bernie's words "The Expo had many positive effects, especially the hands-on student friendly approach to learning, as well as the bonding between College and Parish."

Our students have also been involved in the running of the Super8 competitions for local primary schools, delivering an activity based program at St Mary's, assisting St Kieran's with their Athletics Sports Day and in the liturgies and ceremonies which focussed on the Journey of the Cross and Icon.

As I move around the classrooms, the variety of work on display grows and changes as some units draw to an end and others start. Research skills and newly-learned presentation techniques are being put to good use and are serving to remind us of the progress of the semester.

## St Paul's Campus

### Project Compassion

Despite a very short first term, the staff and students raised over \$1900 through various activities in a spirit of friendly homeroom rivalry. This year had some novelty events like a watermelon seed spitting contest, the longest footy kick and "Lavalla! So you think you can Dance!". Congratulations to the winning homeroom Year 9.4 presented with The 'Homeroom' trophy and raised \$700. Many thanks to all homerooms, students and staff, for their hard work and innovative fund-raising ideas.

### Ceremony in Memory of the ANZACS

St Paul's ANZAC day ceremony was held on the 24 April in the Champagnat Centre where all the students gathered to show their respect to the ANZACS. Georgina Van Der Staay welcomed students and staff and Simone Annells and David Moulton presented a brief history of the landing in 1915. Stuart Clarke and Clare Harlow described what the ANZACS went through. A moving power point presentation also featured in the service.

Last Thursday, we held our ANZAC liturgy, which spoke of the legacy of the diggers. We then proceeded to celebrate our "Freedom Games," acknowledging the gift that so many fought and died for.

Our student House Leaders were deeply involved in the planning and execution of the event and can be proud of their effort and the lessons they will carry forward as they take the initiative to lead on future occasions.

We have also welcomed on Campus, Siri Berman, who has been presenting the Readak Program which fosters good study habits and looks at developing skills in many areas for example note taking and reading for information. Besides the actual program she has been a guest lecturer in several classes where she has passed on elements of these skills.

Another visitor to our College, who is working with all year levels and across all campuses, is Elissa Stellar our newly arrived Language Assistant from Vicenza, Italy. The students have enjoyed listening to her in class and look forward to getting to know her better as she will be with us for the rest of the year.

We were ably represented at Moe and Newborough services on ANZAC day by Mr Ozga, Ms Doganieri, Campus Captains Hannah Maunder and Ryan Mizzi, Nathan Snelton and Adele Hirsch. Several of our Year 7's joined with students from St Kieran's in a combined choir. Yet others marched proudly in our uniform with family members who had served during times of war.

**Mrs Leanne Mills**  
**Campus Director**

### Presentation Open Day

Wednesday 14 May 2008 at 9.00am - 1.00pm

### Presentation Information Evening

Monday 19 May 2008 at 7.00pm-9.00pm

**Year 7 2009 Enrolments**  
**due Friday 30 May**

James Fitzpatrick spoke about what the ANZAC spirit still represents and why we continue to remember them. Isobel Weckmann and Danielle Giacobbe read out the names of surrounding Gippsland towns while candles were lit by students from the SRC to acknowledge the men and women who have served and those who continue to serve our nation. The school leaders laid a wreath. Lindsay Templeton played the last post and rouse. Kyle Hornsby and Mitchell Turnbull stood to attention as representatives of the local Army and Air Force cadets.

### NAPLAN

All Year 7 and 9 students will take part in the new national tests scheduled for the 13-15 May. These tests will provide parents and school with information about student's progress in numeracy and literacy. An information brochure will be sent home to all parents in early May, which will outline the purpose of the tests and how they differ from the AIM tests. All Year 7 and 9 students will require a calculator for the Numeracy National Test on Thursday 15 May. Maths teachers will collect, label and store the calculators from next week to ensure all students have their calculators on the day.

### Year 7 Contact Excursions

The first of our Year 7 Contact excursions took place on Monday 28 April. Students went to the National Gallery to see the Ancient Civilisations exhibit which featured a collection of Greek and Roman vases as well as Egyptian and Aztec artifacts. They then went on to the State Library to learn about and view Medieval Manuscripts. This rare collection contains many beautifully decorated, hand written texts which communicated knowledge using images and text together. The day concluded with a tour of the Shrine of Remembrance which helped broaden their understanding of the importance of remembering and reflecting upon important events in Australia's modern history.

### Year 7's Protective Behaviours

The Year 7s have commenced the Protective Behaviours Program delivered by the School Counsellor and homeroom teachers. The major aim is to develop a growing awareness of acceptable behaviour between individuals or groups of people. Students are taught how to protect themselves from unacceptable behaviour that can occur within the school environment and within society at large. They are taught to recognise their own physical symptoms that warn them of possible danger. They are also taught how to evaluate whether they are capable of handling a difficult situation themselves, or whether they need to ask for help from a trusted adult. They are guided to develop a network of trusted people both within and without their school environment. Examples of positive self talk and the right to be safe at all times is highlighted.

## Kildare Campus

### Vocational Education and Training - Mrs Anne Symes

This year we currently have 74 students enrolled at TAFE doing Engineering, Hospitality, Electro-technology, Clothing & Design, Sport & Recreation, Hairdressing, Beauty and Building/Furnishing. Students attend TAFE one day per week. Lavalla Catholic College is also a Registered Training Organisation and therefore on campus we deliver Certificate III in Multimedia and Business Administration to Years 11 & 12 students.

In 2008 we have been trialling Vocational Education and Training (VET) delivery at Year 10 level. Students are completing some units of competence from Nationally Accredited Courses in Hospitality, Information Technology, Outdoor Recreation, Certificate in General Education for Adults and Building Studies. Students who decide to continue with these courses will already have gained credit for units completed in Year 10. All students will receive a nationally recognised statement of attainment at the end of the year.

### PE Uniform

Our maintenance team have added hooks and some shelving to our student toilets/change-rooms. Appreciation is extended to Mr Symons and his team for their work in this area. This should make things easier for students as they change into their PE uniforms.

### Go For Your Life Program

VCAL students have been working in partnership with "Go for Your Life" representative Ms Marnie Dans on promoting Nutrition, Activity and Media within Primary Schools. Student Groups have been formed to cover each aspect and students are working on designated projects that they will carry out in a primary school to help them achieve "Go For Your Life" accreditation.

The "Go For your Life" program has been a huge success so far. The VCAL students attended their first field trip to the Italian Australian Club, Morwell, where they were able to engage in an eventful game of Bocce. A guest speaker spoke about nutritional value and importance of an

### Cricket

Ben Julin has been training with a district cricket club who have been watching him during the season. They are very interested in him and want him to join their winter training senior team as part of a junior development squad. He has also been nominated for the Victorian squad. Apparently he has real potential to play District Cricket at an early age. Out of 50 boys aged 14-17 who were invited, Ben has made their next list. He has been told he needs to ensure he is doing a fitness program and has been doing classes 3 nights a week in Traralgon where he "sees his old PE teacher". Ben is such a quiet achiever. We wish Ben the very best in his endeavour.

Mr Chris Roga  
Campus Director

### St Paul's Open Day

Wednesday 14 May 2008 at 9.00am - 1.00pm

Campus Tour - 9.30am

Information Session - 10.15am-11.30am

Campus Tour - 11.45am

### St Paul's Information Evening

Tuesday 20 May 2008 at 7.00pm-9.00pm

active lifestyle. Thank you to all staff who attended and to the students for their participation.

### Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning - Mr Brett VanBerkel

On Tuesday 22 April VCAL students were given the opportunity to attend an excursion to the Healesville Sanctuary. They started the day off with a live "Birds Of Prey" demonstration. It was exciting to see the bird handlers and wildlife experts demonstrate the amazing relationship that these dangerous hunting birds have with human beings.

Students enjoyed a BBQ lunch with salads prepared by VCAL food experts and Mrs Hunter. Overall the day was a great success exposing students not only to the importance of conservation but the broad range of job opportunities that were available at a place like the Healesville Sanctuary. Jobs such as Vet Nursing, Land and Conservation, Facilities Management and Building and Construction were clearly on display.

### A Student Leader.....

**Lyntton Tonta** is in his final year at Lavalla Catholic College and is one of our College Captains. Lyntton is studying the following VCE Unit 3/4: Physics, Math Methods CAS, English Language, PE and Outdoor Education. Lyntton completed VCE Units 3/4 Chemistry in Yr 11. Lyntton has been to a number of schools during his schooling life, joining Lavalla Catholic College half way through Year 9. Lyntton is a NCOD (Non-Commissioned Officer of Disciplinary) as a SGT at 426 SQN AAFC, is a member of Traralgon East Rural fire Brigade(CFA) and is also involved in the Australian Red Cross as an Emergency First Aider. Lyntton enjoys playing football on the weekends and taking part in martial arts when he can during the week – in-between work and his studies. Lyntton aspires to join the Special Forces in the defence force at the end of Year 12.



Mr Marco Di Cesare  
Campus Director

## Forthcoming Events

### TERM 2

#### MAY

2 May	Lavalla Athletics Carnival
4-7 May	AMSA Netball Carnival - Shepparton
5 May	Health & Human Development Speaker [K] Year 7.2 Humanities Excursion
6 May	Year 10 Immunisation - Females
8 May	Year 7.5 Humanities Excursion CAS Basketball Finals [K]
9 May	Staff Consultation Day - <b>Student Free Day</b>
12 May	Year 10-12 Outdoor Recreation Year 7.2 Humanities Excursion Parents & Friends (7.30pm ISC [Library] StPaul's)
13 May	Photography Day [St Paul's] National Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Year 11 Law Seminar
14 May	Open Day [Presentation] Open Day & Information Session [St Paul's]
15 May	National Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (3.30pm-4.30pm)
16 May	Careers and Employment EXPO (Melbourne Exhibition)[K] Year 7.8 Humanities Excursion
19 May	Year 7 2009 Information [Presentation] (7.00pm-9.00pm) Family Life [St Paul's]
20 May	Year 7 2009 Information [St Paul's] (7.00pm-9.00pm) CAS Football [Kildare]
21 May	VCE Ensemble Performance [Kildare]
23 May	Year 7.1 Humanities Excursion
26 May	Year 7.4 Humanities Excursion Year 11 Solo Performance Evening
27 May	Photograph Day [Kildare]
28 May	Photograph Day [St Paul's]
29 May	Melbourne Symphony Concert [Kildare]
30 May	2009 Year 7 Enrolments due Year 7.7 Humanities Excursion

#### JUNE

2 June	Unit 4 VCE begins Years 10 & 11 Examination week
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## YEAR 7 2009 ENROLMENTS

Students seeking places in Year 7 for 2009:

- Students attending State / other non-Catholic Primary Schools who have a brother or sister currently at Lavalla Catholic College should telephone Jean Jennings at St Paul's Campus office (51747355) to register their names.
- Students who do not have siblings attending Lavalla Catholic College and who attend State or other non-Catholic Primary Schools should telephone Jean Jennings at the St Paul's Campus office (51747355) to be placed on the list for enrolment applications.
- Students in Grade 6 at Catholic Primary schools will automatically receive an enrolment package during April.

Information Evenings and an Open Morning  
will be held in May.

**Enrolment deadline: Friday 30th May 2008**

## Canteen Roster

### ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Mon 5 May	W. Heiser, R. Gillon
Tue 6 May	T. Pledge, S. Garrett
Wed 7 May	T. Thornton, S. Fisher
Thu 8 May	R. Petrucci, L. Elliott
Fri 9 May	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
Mon 12 May	L. Calabrese, L. Broeren
Tue 13 May	R. Diaz, (help needed)
Wed 14 May	M. Whitty, (help needed)
Thu 15 May	M. Johnston, G. Breed
Fri 16 May	L. Weckman, (help needed)

### KILDARE CAMPUS

Mon 5 May	D. Berryman, K. Manson
Tue 6 May	C. Templeton, (help needed)
Wed 7 May	R. Crowle, (help needed)
Thu 8 May	H. Stoddart, (help needed)
Fri 9 May	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
Mon 12 May	D. Buckley, S. Jacobs
Tue 13 May	J. Campbell, (help needed)
Wed 14 May	A. Scully, (help needed)
Thu 15 May	S. Bridges, (help needed)
Fri 16 May	A. Fogarty, (help needed)



**Left:** Kyle Hornsby and Mitchell Turnbull stood to attention as representatives of the local Army and Air Forces Cadets at the ANZAC day ceremony held at St Paul's Campus.

"LEST WE FORGET"

## Breakfast Club @ Kildare

Every Wednesday from 7.45am-8.45am  
Held in the Food Technology room  
All Welcome!!

**Enquiries contact:** Mike Hansen

## PARENTS & FRIENDS

You are all welcome to our next meeting on

**Monday 12th May at 7.30pm**  
at St Paul's Campus Library.

Come and get to know some other parents.  
Our meetings are informative and pro active.