



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

29 October 2004

Dear Parents,

At a recent Leadership Meeting, the issue of careers was discussed and it was clear that at Lavalla Catholic College we have given a special emphasis to assisting students to make realistic choices and to help prepare them for a world beyond school. For some this means that they need to begin choosing particular subjects and creating enough space in the day to ensure that they can manage the study time, required along with any part-time work, sport or social activity. For others it is about helping them experience the world of work and the demands it will make, for others it means branching into more technical areas and taking on Vocational Education and Training. For that group of students “who don’t know what they are going to do” we try to get them thinking about their abilities and interests and to assure them that there are a huge number of different pathways they can take and a bevy of staff members to assist them to choose.

In all this, it is important to realize that careers advice and education is not about aiming for the job that will pay the highest. Rather it should help young people answer the following questions:-

What career will enable me:

- to use my particular talents, skills and interests best?
- to support myself and my future family?
- to contribute positively to our community and society?

If we all can chose a career that fulfils these requirements, our world would be a much happier place.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

Next Week's Events

Mon. 1 st	Year 8 (St Paul's) - Metung Parents & Friends Meeting, 7.30pm (St Paul's Campus)
Tue. 2 nd	Duke of Edinburgh - Practice Expedition Walhalla (St Paul's)
Fri. 5 th	CAS Tennis Championships (selected teams) Tennis (Sale)

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Youth Mission Team Visit

Yr 9 students participated in retreat days run by the Youth Mission team. These are formative days where our students hear from young men and women who have made a strong and public commitment to God. We are grateful for their work and in awe of their energy.

Mobile Phones

Reminder: Mobile phones should not be seen or heard during school hours. Unfortunately we have had a couple of incidents this week involving the misuse of others' mobile phones and in one case a phone has gone missing. The phones themselves are costly and the potentially large bills are a concern. While we will assist students to recover stolen phones, students who bring phones to school are aware that they do so at their own risk.

Christmas Hampers

St Paul's Campus has a tradition of donating Christmas hampers to St

Vincent de Paul. Generally each homeroom raises money and then compiles a hamper. It is one of the ways we try to focus students on caring for others and particularly in the face of a commercialised Christmas; it gives the opportunity to give rather than receive.

Yr 9 Transition Ceremony and Mass

These events will be held on **December 9th**. The first at **approx 2:15pm** and the Mass **at 6:00pm at St Michael's Church** followed by a cup of tea in St Michael's hall. I give you advance notice of this so that it can be entered into your diaries before the rush of the Christmas season. Students are asked to wear full summer uniform to the evening mass.

"Blessed are those who give without remembering and take without forgetting"--Elizabeth Bibesco

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

A number of activities were conducted this week: The Art Display on Wednesday 27th, Year 8 Activity Days and the Year 9 Retreat. Reports of their events will be available next week. I mention them here to acknowledge the extra time and planning that many of our staff put into the varied extra curricula activities offered at each campus for your son or daughter.

The final planning for the Year 9 camp is nearing completion.

My thanks to all students and parents who took the forms. The dates are November 30th and the 1st and 2nd December. The cost of the camp will be determined by the total number of students attending. Letters will be sent home in the next week.

A number of staff have written about current activities being conducted or planned for this term. These will be included in next week's newsletter.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Year 12 Dismissal:

Last Thursday and Friday saw several different activities arranged to farewell the Year 12 students. They have completed their coursework, are attending tutorials at school, studying and preparing for their final exams and we expect to see them all for English today. We wish all our Year 12 students every success in the next two weeks.

Uniform:

By now, all students should be wearing the summer uniform. Most students are wearing it correctly. However, there have been a few incidents of students wearing board shorts, especially with their PE uniform. Further, some students are wearing inappropriate footwear. Board shorts, thongs and sandals are not a part of the College summer uniform and should not be worn at school. Students who wear inappropriate clothing or footwear will be asked to go home to change or to make arrangements to have the correct uniform brought to school.

Senior Girls' Basketball – McDonald's Cup:

The Lavalla Catholic College Senior Girls played in the McDonald's Cup Basketball at Caulfield. The best 8 schools in Victoria competed. Round 1 was held on September 17, where our girls played 3 games against the best opposition in the State. The girls

won 2 out of the 3 games, losing to Upwey High School.

The second game was against Methodist Ladies' College in the semi-final. The girls put in a brilliant display of team Basketball, winning by a comfortable 12 points and advancing through to the Grand Final.

The Grand Final was at Caulfield. This game would determine who the best Senior Girls' Basketball Team is in Victoria. The game was neck-and-neck with the lead changing many times in the second half. Laura Pickering was on fire scoring 22 points. It wasn't enough, however, with an Upwey High Girl hitting a shot right on the buzzer to claim victory by the narrowest of margins – one point.

Congratulations to the Lavalla girls who have put in a brilliant effort throughout the year showing how strong our school is in Basketball. Thank you to Elisha Horne and Teagan Loechel who displayed their leadership throughout the year. They will be sadly missed in future Basketball tournaments

A special thanks should go out to Wayne Loechel for sacrificing his own time to drive a car load of the girls to Melbourne.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 1 Nov.	M Lappin, D Webb	J Adams, C Jackiw
Tue 2 Nov.	M Armatas	T Stratford, C Wilson
Wed 3 Nov.	J Bell, B Koedijk	A Fletcher, M Fievez
Thu 4 Nov.	P Radovich, R Henderson	M Wojciechowski
Fri 5 Nov.	C Battista, D Berryman, K Manson	D Howe

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BOOK SALES

DAY	DATE	MONTH	EVENT
Wed/Thur	20 th /21 st	October	Second hand book sales slips & list of Yr 12 books that can be sold available for 2004 Yr 12 students
Mon-Wed.	1st - 3 rd	Nov - Dec	Yr 12 students may hand in Second Hand books for re-sale at Kildare Campus
Wednesday	10th	November	Subject confirmation & Lists of Books for purchase and sale distributed to 2005 Year 12 students.
Thursday	25th	November	Subject confirmation & Lists of Books for purchase and sale distributed to 2005 Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 students.
Saturday		First week Dec	2005 Yr 12 ENGLISH NOVELS - available at Newsagency
Mon-Fri		29 Nov - 3 Dec	Current Year 10 & Year 11 students may hand in Second Hand books for re-sale at Kildare Campus
Mon-Fri		29 Nov - 3 Dec	Current Years 7, 8 & 9 students may hand in Second Hand books for re-sale at St Paul's & Presentation Campus
Tuesday	7th	December	<i>ORIENTATION DAY</i> - UNIFORM SALES 12.00 - 2.00pm
Wednesday	15th	December	2ND HAND BOOK ORDER COLLECTION - 10.00am - 7.00pm Yrs 7 to 12 St Paul's & Kildare 2005 students
Wednesday	15th	December	2ND HAND BOOK ORDER COLLECTION - 10.00am - 3.00pm Yrs 7 to 9 Presentation 2005 students
Wednesday	19th	January	COLLECTION OF BOOKLIST ORDERS - 8am - 8pm <i>Kildare Campus Hall</i>
Thursday	20th	January	COLLECTION OF BOOKLIST ORDERS - 4pm - 7pm <i>Newborough Campus</i>
Tuesday	25th	January	COLLECTION OF BOOKLIST ORDERS - 8am - 12 noon <i>Kildare Campus Hall</i>

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