



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

5 November 2004

Dear Parents,

Although we live in a secular society, it helps us from time to time that there is, amongst us, a persistent and universal desire for spirituality. Unexpectedly, avenues of spiritual awareness are opening in many places throughout the world.

In our catholic community saints are the central motif of this November month and we could do well to reflect on the life stories of those great people of our past. Their lives give evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit and provide inspiration and enlightenment to us today.

It also happens that in our daily lives, we come across men and women whose life is a source of great inspiration to us. This serves to remind us that we are indeed a community of saints. In this community there are people with very different talents, but all of us have a story to tell. All of us can fit into one or the other of the beatitudes of the gospel message. This community of saints is not made up of perfect people, but of people who live by faith and good works, and who may sometimes have to face failure.

What they teach us is that some failure on our journey is to be expected; but failing to get back up and continue the journey is what is disappointing.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

November Calendar Dates

Mon. 8 th	CAS Tennis (Traralgon)
Tue. 9 th	Super 8's Cricket Drouin (Presentation students)
Wed. 10 th	Yr 11 Outdoor Ed. Excursion to Wilson's Prom (3 days)
Fri. 12 th	Last Classes for Year 11 Students
Mon. 15 th	Year 11 Examination Period Commences
Wed. 17 th	Duke of Edinburgh - Tali Karng (first qualifying expedition)
Mon. 22 nd	Canteen Ladies Afternoon Tea
Thu. 25 th	Graduation Mass and Supper
Fri. 26 th	Traralgon Show Day Holiday
Mon. 29 th	Parents & Friends - Christmas Function
Tue. 30 th	8.6 Surfing Excursion

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

During the coming weeks teachers and students will be making efforts to complete the year's work. It is vital that all students attend school and do not have "time off", as this will put them behind with their work. While I appreciate that some families like to schedule holidays and outings during school time I would ask them to consider the message that they are giving their children about the value of their education.

Disciples Youth Mission Team

It has been great to hear the feedback from the Yr 9 students who found last week's Youth Mission team visit invigorating and motivating. Young people are not always able to tell us how they are moved by these experiences but the impact of this group was so strong many of the students have commented on it. Hopefully the Yr 9's will carry the insights they gained with them through life.

Yr 8 Excursions

The Eco-excursions to Lakes Entrance were a great success. One group spotted a seal on the 90-mile beach and another group, a pair of dolphins near Nungerna. The students should have all gained an appreciation of the marine and bush environments in the area.

Campus Leaders 2005

In coming weeks we will be electing our campus leaders for 2005. In the past we have left this until the beginning of the year but have decided to give our current leaders an opportunity to hand over to those who will follow them. We have appreciated the wonderful leadership offered by Tom, Melissa, Vincent and Belle throughout this year.

Duke of Edinburgh

This group was tested on its overnight hiking skills under fairly harsh conditions this week. All students made it back and enjoyed the activity. I am sure they will remember this activity as a personal challenge that they were able to meet. There will be a qualifying hike beginning November 24th to Tali Karng. Hopefully they are all feeling well prepared for this.

"Successful people men and women are big dreamers. They imagine what their future could be, ideal in every respect, and then they work every day toward their distant vision, that goal or purpose" -- Brian Tracy

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

We are now at the half-way point of the term.

Last week **Mr John Crawford** held an **Arts Display** showcasing a wide variety of student work. My thanks to Mr. Crawford and all staff and students who supported this event. All people who attended remarked on the quality of the work on display. My thanks also to Mrs. Marian Jenkinson and the music department for their contribution on the evening. An excellent performance by all ensembles.

Mr Crawford has included an article on the Art Display below –

"An excellent Display Day took place last Wednesday the 27th with the help of an enthusiastic band of helpers both students and teachers. All faculties were represented and despite the cold, damp weather a steady trickle of parents and friends attended in the evening.

A great deal of success for the event with the contribution of the Music Department with both the Beginners and Intermediate Jazz Ensemble performing spiritedly.

The function had been noted in the local Newspaper as requested and it is planned to make the day an annual event.

Thanks again to all those who helped set-up and dismantle the works which sadly were only up for 24 hours and thanks also to the students whose fine works were displayed."

John Crawford – Visual Arts

The **Year 8 Mountain Bike Days** were a great success. All students completed about 20 km on a variety of tracks in the Moondarra State Forest. The instructors on the day went out of their way to comment on the positive manner in which our students cooperated and behaved on the day. Again my thanks to Mrs Allen and Mr Flavahin for their involvement and leadership on the day.

On Tuesday the **SRC** held a very successful **Casual Clothes Day** to raise money for the **Catholic Missions in Brazil**. The dollar donation and Bar-b-que contribution came to about \$300. Congratulations to the SRC for their organization of this event.

We **welcome Mr Peter O'Sullivan** who is team teaching on this campus for a 3-week

period. Peter is actively involved in the SOSE department across Years 7, 8 and 9, and in particular the Year 9 Parliamentary Project. Peter has indicated that he is enjoying the learning experience and the interaction with both staff and students.

Next week our Year 7's and 8's will be involved in the **Super 8's Cricket** competition. The competition will be held in Drouin on next Tuesday the 9th. Mr Flavahin and Mr De Van Der Schueren will be team managers on the day. We wish them every success. Teams of both boys and girls will be competing.

On Tuesday this week **Mrs Susan Collis** from the CEO in Warragul spoke to all Year 7's on the topic of Christian Education for Personal Development. Topics included Human Sexuality, Body Image, Bullying, Issues related to Body Image and Challenges to Adolescent Health in Modern Day Society. We thank Susan for her time.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Year 11 Exam and Workshop period:

Last classes for Year 11 will occur next Friday at lunchtime. Following the last classes will be a short closing liturgy followed by the traditional staff and student awards presentation. Students will then come back for their final Unit 2 Exams, which will take place from Monday, November 15 until Friday, November 19.

Some important information:

1. Students are only required at school for their exam. They may, of course, use the College facilities for preparation for the next exam.
2. All exams, except for exams requiring computers, will be held in the hall.
3. Students are asked to wear their full summer College uniform.

4. All candidates are asked to be ready for their exam at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the exam.
5. All should be fully prepared with pens, pencils, rulers, highlighters, calculators, batteries, etc.
6. **MOBILE PHONES** are not permitted in the exam hall.

The Year 12 (2005) Workshops, which will take place from Monday, November 22 until Thursday, November 25, **are compulsory for all students returning to complete Year 12** and will give students important information about Unit 3 & 4 Course design and assessment requirements for 2005. Students need not wear school uniform for the Workshops.

Lions Youth of the Year:

At a recent Moe Lions Youth of the Year meeting, attended by Scott Dwyer, Ben Schembri, Nathan Hersey and Nathan Mackie, accompanied by Mr. Carmody, the four College students were asked to speak in public on a prepared topic for five minutes, then to answer two unrelated and unprepared questions from the selection panel. Each acquitted himself extremely well and in competition with several other

participants, it was Nathan Hersey who was awarded Moe Youth of the Year. We would like to congratulate Nathan on his award and wish him well in the regional finals coming up soon. Should he be successful he will then represent Moe the State finals in Melbourne. The State Chairman of Lions commented on the high quality of each of the presentations and congratulated the schools for the development of such fine young people.

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

Year 12 Group Photo

If anyone would like to order the 2004 Year 12 group photo that was recently published in The Express they can contact Rosemary Ansell at Gippsland Designer Photography on 5174 7714. The photos will cost \$15 each.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 8 Nov.	M Crawford, B McNulty	S Mills, R Greaves
Tue 9 Nov.	C Deering, A Zaghet	M Whitty
Wed 10 Nov.	P Brown	D Hall
Thu 11 Nov.	P Brown, V Sammut	B Whittaker
Fri 12 Nov.	P Brown, J McCallum, S Staley	

Updating Addresses for Past Students of Sion

Unfortunately many records have been inadvertently destroyed. We are most anxious to make the 2005 Centenary Celebration a suitable tribute to the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion and to do this we need to be able to contact as many past pupils as possible. If you can assist please contact Susan Collis at the Catholic Education Office, PO Box 322 Warragul 3820 - ring 5622 6626; fax 5623 4258; email scollis@ceo.sale.catholic.edu.au

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