

My Lord God, I have no idea
where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead
of me.
I cannot know for certain
where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think
I am following your will, does
not mean that I am actually
doing so.

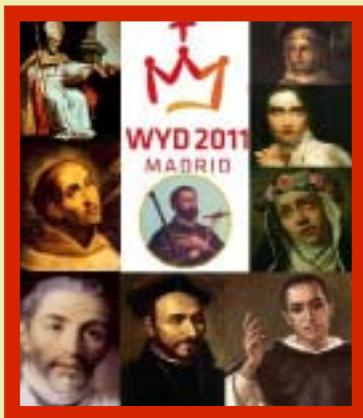
But I believe that the desire
to please you does in fact
please you and I hope that I
have that desire in all that I
am doing.

And I know that if I do this,
you will lead me by the right
road
although I may know nothing
about it.

Therefore will I trust you
always
though I may seem to be lost
and in the shadow of death,
I will not fear, for you are ever
with me and you will never
leave me to face my perils
alone.

Amen

*Prayer of Cistercian monk,
Thomas Merton OSB for
World Youth Day 2011*



Dear Member of the Lavalla Community
If you are a regular reader of our newsletter you will know that the first two weeks of August is an incredibly busy time for us. It is at this time in Term Three that we turn our attention to subject selections for the following year. We offer parent information nights for all senior levels as well as further support in subject selection choices through our Course and Careers Expo! And while it is true that we can all feel rather weary with the number of events we need to organise and the intensity of the conversations, it is also true that we all enjoy the interaction with parents and students. It is a rewarding time when teachers and students and parents work in true partnership with each other. Some of the latest research also adds the very important ingredients of love in the family and parental expectations about their students' performance. We know that the most effective support comes when parents help direct their child's education through calm communication and a general understanding about what career path or further education a child should pursue. So as parents you can be most supportive of your child's education and future success by being present in the traditional sense (attending meetings, supporting school guidelines, showing an interest in their reports) as well as clearly communicating your own expectation of your child's performance. Children will often rise to meet their parents' expectation so the obvious involvement of parents during our subject selection processes this week has been most heartening. These nights are not possible without the effort and dedication of so many teachers who work diligently to prepare useful materials for students and parents in their decision making. It is yet another example of the wonderful team work evident at this College and I thank all those individuals and teams; those making presentations and those working be-

hind the scenes; those who offered hospitality and were involved in catering; those who ensured that technology was working and all those who prepared the visual displays; each and every team was a vital link to the great success that is our whole Expo Week. I would particularly like to thank Mr Marco DiCesare, Ms Suzanne Farley, Mrs Annemarie Clarke and Ms Claire Couling for taking the leadership of this very important process.

STAFF RETREAT



On a bi-annual basis, staff members participate in a retreat or reflection day that focuses on our Catholic Identity as well as our formation in the Marist Way. The focus this year was on the solidarity programmes that the Marist Brothers facilitate and on 'outreach to the marginalised'. On Monday 22 August, the Director of Faith and Mission, Mr

Mike Hansen co-ordinated a memorable day where staff members were invited into the communities of some of the most marginalised in Melbourne, including the Sacred Heart Mission, House of Welcome and the Exodus community. There were 15 such communities organised and, in small groups, we visited at least one organisation. Each one of us was touched in a profound way as we understood more clearly the plight, struggle and sacrifices made by the disad-

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vantaged members of our community, among whom were asylum seekers, refugees and families affected by violence. In the conversations that followed, as we internalised the challenges that faced us that day, we began to see more clearly the great need at our own doorstep and that our call as teachers in a Marist school was not only to provide a good academic education but, also, to invite students on a journey with us to make our world a better place. Being aware of Social Justice Issues and being moved to work for a better society is our moral purpose here at Lavalla. As Marcellin Champagnat was known to say... "Teach them to be good Christians and Good Citizens". Our collective experiences on Monday gave us all time to reignite our response to Marcellin's call.

YEAR 11 DAY

With the motivation of facing personal and life challenges, the Year 11s participated in physical activities that tested their resilience and resolve. Within it, they would have needed to draw on their faith which as Pope Benedict said at the WYD mass, "is an ability to grasp the mystery of Christ's person in all its depth". In the facing of our darkest moments, we realize the depth of our own humanness and come a little closer in understanding that Jesus was 'fully human and fully divine'. May you have a peaceful week, compassion-ate to those who feel marginalised in our society. asylum seekers, refugees, families affected by violence and s o in- we ers



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"There is no question that we have a very desperate situation and it is deteriorating rapidly. We urgently call to our brothers and sisters across the world to help us in this time of need."
Bishop Peter Kihara, the Bishop of Marsabit in one of the worst-hit areas of Northern Kenya

What Is Happening?

With more than 12 million people in need of assistance throughout East Africa, please donate to provide families with essential life-giving support.

Caritas Australia is mandated to deliver at least 92% of all funds raised to East Africa. Up to 40 percent of children in the region are suffering from severe malnutrition. The worst droughts in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and across East Africa in 60 years have left more than 12 million people in need of food, water and basic facilities. Half of those are children.

The situation has now been officially declared a 'food crisis'. That means children and the elderly are severely malnourished. In parts of Somalia, the United Nations has declared the situation a famine.

The drought is not expected to ease until early 2012 and the numbers of vulnerable people affected are anticipated to rise dramatically. Over the coming three to four months, the region's fragile food security will continue to deteriorate; the most vulnerable communities are preparing for below-average summer harvests, early depletion of pasture and water, and continued high prices of food, water and fuel.

How You Can Help

Support the people of East Africa by donating online to Caritas Australia's East Africa Crisis Appeal. All funds raised through the appeal will be spent in assisting vulnerable people in East Africa. Caritas Australia is mandated to deliver at least 92% of all funds raised in emergencies to the emergency in question.

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On August 15 the Church celebrated the Assumption of Mary, the Mother of God, body and soul into heaven. In the Orthodox Church this day of special solemnity is called the Dormition, the Sleeping, of Mary. Since earliest times the Consensus Fidelium (the will of the people) had held firm that God would not allow the mother of the Lord to be corrupted by death... so God meet her body and soul and took her to himself. It is an interesting prospect that God would intervene thus into the affairs of the world to perform such a remarkable act. The faithful hold it to be a mystery... to be pondered as a reward for the fidelity and holiness of Mary, the first among the disciples and the Theotokos, the God bearer.

What can such a remembrance hold for us at this time? It has to have a meaning beyond the actual event... some deeper truth. Perhaps, as Jung would have it, it is a recognition of the feminine in a male dominated notion of the nature of God – a balancing out of the two genders. Perhaps!

Perhaps it is the zenith of a high Mariology that places Mary as co-redeemer and the mediatrix of all graces. It would make perfect sense to then make Mary the Queen of Heaven alongside her Son, the King of the universe. Perhaps!

The Assumption is perhaps just another stumbling block on the road to Christian unity... there being no Scriptural reference for such an event in the salvation story. Perhaps!

I would like to suggest that the deep truth of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is the lived longing of all humanity to a reality beyond death. For the meaning of the assumption, in part, surely declares that we too have a destiny... and that destiny is to be with the God of our hearts... to eventually occupy one of the rooms in the mansion promised by Jesus himself. That oblivion is not the ultimate reality... that we are called forward to be with the one who loves us as much as he loves Mary, the mother of his Son. That we, too, will receive the crown of salvation and live in the fullness of life.

Assumption Day is a reminder to us that all are called to life, both now and after death. That it is worth living a life of sacrifice, honesty and self-giving, just as Mary did. With the glory of Mary's Assumption before us we can rightly work towards the dignity of all knowing that we are all drawn towards the Father's gift of eternal life with him.

It is this call to life that motivates and emboldens the church to build hospitals, orphanages and schools. It is why our founder, Saint Marcellin Champagnat, gathered around him a band of Brothers who lived to lift the youth of rural France above the level of their ignorance by establishing a string of educational communities that drew them towards the liberating path of a formal education.

As inheritors of Champagnat's vision, we too would put before our students the hope of a world made new... to see those that are spun to the edges of our society both here at school and in the wider community and commit to change what we see, moving together to live a fuller life both here and in the dream of Jesus for the world. Perhaps this is why the feat of The Assumption is the patronal feast of the world wide Marist Family.

Mike Hansen
Director of Mission and Ministry



WORLD YOUTH DAY - MADRID 2011

From the 16th till 21st August, World Youth Day took place in Madrid.

Madrid was completely submerged by the young. There were multi-coloured flags to identify countries, organizations or groups of people. "Plaza del Sol" was like a world map, a jigsaw of many pieces drawn by young people coming from all around the world. They arrived with their rucksacks, cameras, hats, parasols, bottles of water, alcohol-free drinks, shorts, fans and mobile phones -to be in touch with their families and friends-. They sat on the street to eat, they sang, they chanted slogans, they waved flags, they were noisy. But they walked quietly, peacefully, filled with



joy, participating to a big celebration. They were groups of friends, school friends and/or church groups. They exchanged smiles, shook hands and took pictures with people coming from other countries. Madrid became

organized an exhibition on Gaudi's church: the "Sagrada Familia". Further away, there was a sea of white sails that were confessionals all spread out in one of the streets of the park. This space bore the name "Celebration

of forgiveness". People were queuing up waiting and it was possible to confess in five different languages. In another spot, there was a tent to adore the Lord in silence.

a mini world made by the young.

The church of Barcelona

The World Youth Day also offered to the participants catechesis sessions organized in linguistic groups. The talks were given by bishops coming from all over the world. In our Maristschool "Chamberi" were organized vocation and solidarity workshops.

The next World Youth Day will take place in 2013 in Rio de Janeiro.



KILDARE CAMPUS REPORT

Mr Marco Di Cesare - Campus Director



INTENTION FORMS

Please note that intentions forms are now due for all students planning to study at the Kildare Campus in 2012. Over the next cycle students will begin to work through their LA's to enrol into their 2012 Subject Preferences. Any outstanding forms will mean that student subject intentions cannot be processed and may result in students not receiving their first preferences. Please attend to this asap. For students who are not intending to return, please ensure that the forms are returned indicating this.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

There have been a number of sporting activities that have occurred over the last few weeks at the Kildare Campus. We have had students competing across a number of competitions in Netball, Volley Ball, Soccer and Basketball. Congratulations to all our competitors. In most cases we have progressed through to further rounds with students excelling in these fields. There can sometimes be a tension with these wins and time out of classes. I encourage parents

Congratulations to our community on the wonderful achievement of the Courses and Careers Expo. There was a buzz around the campus and it was affirming to see so many parents, students and staff working together to ensure good choices and good outcomes for 2012 and beyond. Once again our external providers were impressed with the level of questioning and planning from our students. I certainly noted the increased confidence and determination of students with their future goals. Thank you to the parents and staff who have worked with our young people in sorting through their future years.

to talk to their young adults about time away from school. Our 85% attendance rate is required for classes – please speak to an LA if you are concerned about class absences.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

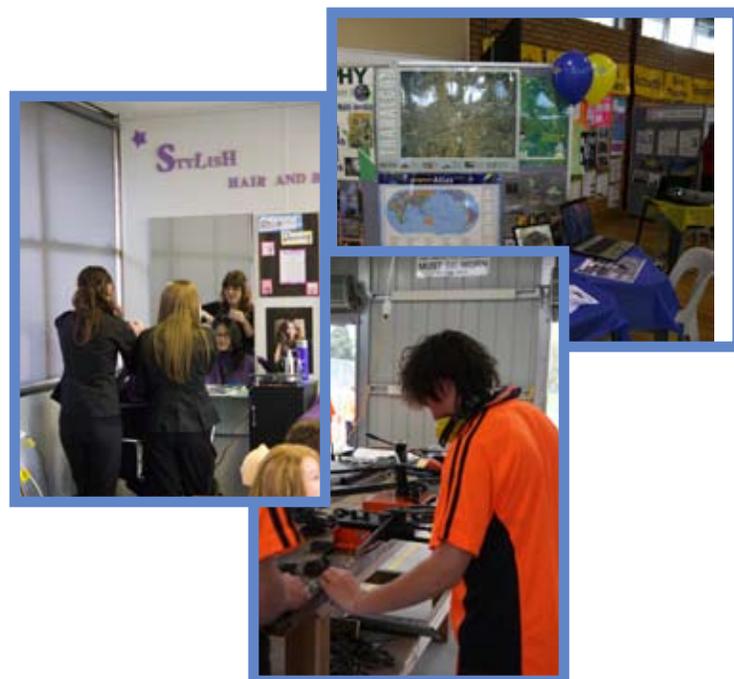
Current College Captain Jessica Lewis left on the weekend to represent Australia in this important international forum in Thailand. Good luck Jess as you venture into this arena. Our prayers are with you.

Just today I received news that we have had more success with the National Youth Science Forum for 2012. Congratulations to Leigh Jones and Dylan Glasson who were selected to attend the Forum in January 2012. Leigh and Dylan will attend Monash University in October for an orientation meeting.

Monique Hustler has recently been advised that she has been selected for the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum in Auckland, New Zealand. Congratulations Monique! What a wonderful achievement.

DELIVERIES TO THE COLLEGE

A reminder to parents that delivering lunch to the gates at break times is not appropriate. If your child forgets their lunch or other items, please drop these off at the Students Services Centre. Mrs Lawler and Mrs Symes are very obliging. I do not wish to place students at risk of receiving unauthorised packages at the fence.



COUNSELLORS REPORT

Ms Rebecca Lindsay

Year 10 students recently attended a safe schools presentation. The session focussed on bullying; including indirect or covert bullying, cyber bullying and safe school policies and protocols at Lavalla Catholic College.

After the presentations students were asked to complete a confidential safe schools survey. The information from this survey is critical to ensure staff, students and the community further understand the issue of bullying and discuss strategies to prevent bullying - creating safe schools.

The data from the Safe School Surveys will further be employed so that the College can continue to develop policies to raise awareness and provide training in dealing with bullying behaviours, evaluate the frameworks for responding to bullying, ensure change is occurring in the classroom and other areas of the school and importantly teach students what they post online can have implications for them now and in the future.

- According to child psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg;
- 60% of adolescent socialising is spent on the internet with facebook being the major networking site.
- Facebook has 600 million users (If it were a country, it would have the third largest population in the world)
- 73% of 12-17-year olds have at least one profile
- 22% of teens check social networks 10 or more times per day
- 48% of Facebook-using parents with kids under 18 are "friends" with their teens on Facebook

Research from beyond blue and the Kids Help line report that as the use of technologies is rapidly growing amongst young people, so too is its popularity as a forum for bullying, known as 'cyberbullying'.

Cyberbullying is the transmission of hurtful messages/images by SMS, email or internet, used to cause psychological or social harm to others. Regardless of how or where it occurs all forms of bullying, harassment and violence have the potential to engender fear, depression, loneliness, anxiety, insecurity, academic lethargy and, in some cases, self-harm and thoughts of suicide. Additionally, physical harassment may provoke physical retaliation, which places victims at risk of further physical and emotional harm.

While many surveys suggest that young males

tend to be the primary perpetrators and victims of 'traditional' bullying behaviour, recent research shows that cyberbullying appears to follow the opposite gender pattern. Girls tend to report higher involvement than boys both as bullies and victims.

It's hard to protect your child if you don't understand the problem with cyberbullying or see it happen. Parents need to be the ones their kids go to when something is wrong. However, parents are often the last ones to know about problems because their kids fear getting into more trouble. Here are some practical tips to help parents, children, and schools prevent and stop cyberbullying.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

1. Keep the computer in a common area of the home.
2. Learn how various social networking websites work.
3. Talk regularly with your children about online issues. Let them know they can come to you for help if anything is inappropriate, upsetting, or dangerous.
- 4.. Tell them not to respond to any cyberbullying threats or comments online. Do not delete any of the messages. Instead, print out all the messages, including the e-mail addresses or online screen names of the cyberbully. You will need the messages to verify and prove there is cyberbullying.
5. Don't blame your children. If they are being bullied, be supportive and understanding.
6. Don't under react by telling your children to "shrug it off" and don't threaten to take away your children's computers if they come to you with a problem.
7. Encourage your child to talk to the school counsellor or LA teacher.
- 8.. Dowload Windows live family safety 2011. This allows parents to monitor their child's activity on all internet sites. To access this free program <http://explore.live.com/windows-live-family-safety>. The freeprogram gives parents weekly reports of how much time their child has spent online and in what sites. Parents who want more control can use 'Family Safety' to block inappropriate content or even limit kids to age-appropriate sites. You can also limit your kids' email and instant messaging access to approved contacts on Windows Live Hotmail and Windows Live Messenger.

Helpful links / resources

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| www.kidshelp.com.au | www.cybersmart.gov.au |
| www.talktoyourkids.com.au | www.bullyingnoway.com.au |
| www.cybersmart.gov.au | www.cybernetrix.com.au |

The College Courses and Careers Expo was a great opportunity for staff to showcase their subject areas as well as provide valuable information for parents and students as they confirm their subject pathways for the coming years.

Over the next few weeks, Learner Advisors will assist students in their group to determine study programs and complete the on-line enrolment process. Parents who are seeking further information or were unable to attend on Friday are asked to contact their Learner Adviser or any member of the Curriculum Development Team.

Students who completed VCAA mid-year VCAA exams, were issued with their results 2 weeks ago. Congratulations to all those students who achieved the grades they were hoping for. For those who were disappointed, the challenge to learn and prepare more thoroughly for the end of year exams needs to be taken up. As a means of preparing and supporting students completing Unit 4, a series of workshops is being organised to be held during the extended LA session every Thursday 1 until the end of the term.

A reminder to all students applying to VTAC, that timely applications close on Friday, 30th September at 7.00pm. Mrs English has been providing ongoing support for students in regards to this process. Students who still need help are asked to see Anne before Friday, 9th September, after which time she will be enjoying a well deserved break in the UK!

In closing, a word of encouragement to all our Year 12's and their parents. This is a 'long' and demanding term with continual assessment demands as well as decisions to be made which affect future hopes and dreams. The importance of a well-balanced but focused lifestyle is important and will go a long way to ensuring a successful time at school. It is important to dig deep, work hard and remain fully focussed on the expectations and demands which face you. Personal success will come and a feeling and sense of fulfilment awaits those who can say they have given their studies the best possible efforts.

Good luck to all.

BILLET FAMILIES REQUIRED

The NET Team will be here in early September to conduct the annual retreats for all Year 10 students. It is the responsibility of the host school community to billet the team in groups of two or more for the duration of their stay with us. So, if you can assist with accommodation please contact me.

The 12 young adult members of the team will need accommodation for 3 nights. The basic requirement is for a bed, breakfast and an evening meal.

The College will provide a substantial lunch for the team during the retreat days. The experience in the past of host families and their NET guests has been most positive and has enriched the life of the family as a whole. The team members will have been away from home and on the road since February. The richness of family life is a tonic for their spirits and past teams have greatly appreciated the care we have extended to them. Lavalla Catholic College is a place they look forward to coming to... our reputation for hospitality and friendship goes before us.

In scheduling host accommodation there is a need to minimize the amount of travel time between the Kildare Campus and housing. Ideally, this would mean accommodation in Traralgon itself or nearby.

The team will arrive **Sunday 18th September and depart Wednesday 21st**. We will need to accommodate the team between these dates. If you can help with part or all of this time I would love to hear from you.

Please either return this form or ring me here at the College for further information

Thank you in anticipation.

Mr Mike Hansen

EXPO 2011



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PRESENTATION CURRICULUM REPORT

By Mrs Adrianna Bianconi

Curriculum is an area that from the outside may seem rather static and unchanging. In fact this term in particular has shown just how much curriculum can go through changes or how things can be added to ensure that our students receive the most out of their education at Lavalla Catholic College.

Our Year 9's have just discovered how much scope they have with their subject selections next year at Kildare. Students have been busy searching the school website for information about subjects offered and asking questions. They have been to the school's expo and visited the various subject areas. They are discovering just how many different subjects and pathways are available to them, with some of them revealing in this and others wondering what on earth they should do! Year 9's will also be visiting Fulham Prison and having guest speakers for their studies on Law and Politics.

Yr 7 and 8: We strive to enrich our students learning through varied activities. Some of these take place within the confines of the school and others will take place outside. On Friday 2nd September our Year 7 and 8 students will be visiting the Tutankhamun exhibition in Melbourne. Year 7's are currently studying ancient civilisations and it is impossible to let such a rare opportunity go by. The objects in the Tutankhamun exhibition give us a glimpse into some of the practices of the Ancient Egyptians. Students will be able to see what people believed in, the technology available to them, their craftsmanship and burial practices. The Year 7's have also just completed their own museum pieces based on their preferred ancient civilisation.

Although our Year 8's studied Medieval societies this year, rather than Ancient civilisations, we felt that it was important to allow our Year 8's to visit the exhibition as well. The Year 8's developed their own Medieval day this year with stalls and information. We felt this tied in nicely with museum exhibits and was a way to congratulate them for their hard work.

As always we endeavour to make curriculum accessible and relevant to the students. By offering students real life experiences based on their studies we hope to continue to develop their enthusiasm for their schooling.

Keep Catholic Education affordable and accessible to all



Catholic schools welcome students from diverse cultural, social and economic backgrounds. Families from all walks of life choose Catholic schools. Catholic schools are accessible to most Australian families. They are affordable because of modest tuition fees. No child is refused enrolment in a Catholic school because his or her parents cannot pay full fees.

The Federal Government is conducting a sweeping review of school funding—government, Catholic and independent alike.

Even after parent contributions are taken into account, Catholic schools are resourced at around 10% less than government schools. Income per student at Catholic schools is \$10,008 per student and for government schools it is \$11,132 (My School website, March 2011).

Catholic schools have a commitment to supporting all families – no matter what their economic or social circumstances. The capacity for Catholic schools to maintain this commitment as a minimum depends on government funding support continuing in real terms.

Catholic schools have been providing quality education to Australian children for over 180 years; this year alone 712,864 Australian children are being educated in Catholic schools.

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) has made a submission to the review calling for certainty so it can continue its commitment to equity, accessibility and affordability. Read the NCEC submission.

Catholic Schools do MORE with LESS!



Even when parent contributions are taken into account, on average, Catholic Schools operate on about 10% of the resource level of government schools!

PRESENTATION CAMPUS REPORT

Mrs Tamsin McCormack - Campus Director

Over the past few weeks we have been raising funds for a number of very worthy, and equally important causes; Caritas' East African Famine Appeal, Vinnies Winter Appeal and Jeans For Genes Day. I am extremely proud of the generosity of the students. Their enthusiasm for each and every event has been inspiring and their efforts should not go unnoticed.

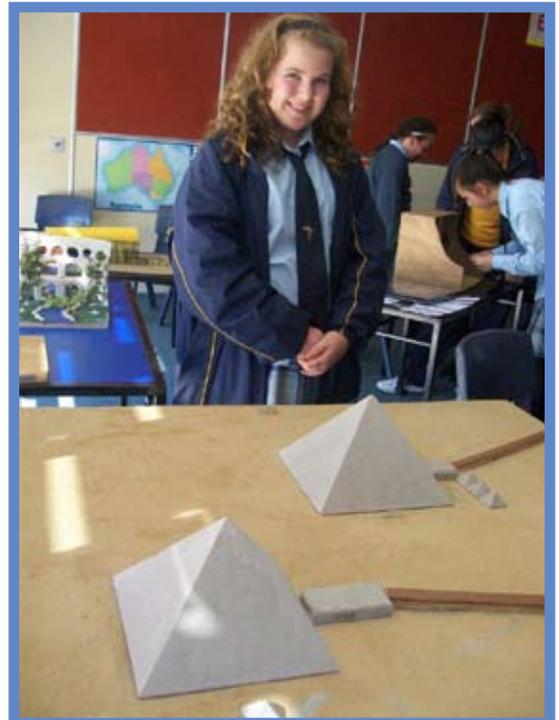
In all the Presentation students have raised a total of \$436.50 and have done so in a variety of ways. The Caritas East African Appeal saw students wear casual clothes, cook and purchase goods at a sausage sizzle as well as donate change at the canteen. For the Vinnies Winter Appeal we have run fresh soup days (something the students have looked forward to on the cold days). The funds raised from will be used to purchase warm blankets for the St. Vincent DePaul's winter appeal.

The MSP students have chosen to continue fundraising for charity as part of the Community Service component of their course. This week they are making sweet goodies to sell to students at recess and lunchtimes, I'm sure that this venture will be a success. Stay tuned!

A major component of our successful MSP program is to assist students in developing Leadership qualities. This week a group travelled to Melbourne to participate in the Melbourne Zoo Leadership Program. This program is a great opportunity for students to learn and enhance their leadership skills whilst interacting with zoo staff and animals. They have also been at work in the community assisting in local primary schools, nursing homes and opportunity shops. The feedback has been extremely positive from both students and the wider community.

We look forward to the coming weeks of activities and warm weather. I would remind students that they are required to be in full winter uniform until the conclusion of this term.

I also encourage all students and parents to read the article written by Miss Rebecca Lindsay on Bullying and safety, this information can be extremely valuable to all to ensure safe use of cyber technology.



ST. PAUL'S CAMPUS REPORT

Ms Lee Mc Kenzie - Acting Campus Director

We are through the midpoint of the term and it is lovely to see the blossoms hinting at Spring.

Next week parents of Yr 8 students will be coming in for the 4th round of LA interviews. If you haven't yet nominated a time please call your child's LA teacher to arrange a meeting. These are valuable sessions where parents, students and teachers meet to review the last six weeks and to set goals for the next six. It's also an opportunity to pass on information about your child's health and welfare which may be impacting on learning.

UNIFORM

Please remember that if for some reason your child is not in correct uniform he or she will incur a uniform infringement, three infringements and your child will be required to attend an after school uniform community session. Should there be a reason for your child to be out of uniform we ask that you please provide a dated, signed note of explanation for each day your child is out of uniform.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Senior Jazz ensemble, and Senior Wind Ensemble which include a number of students from the St Paul's campus, received rave reviews

at the recent Melbourne Bands Festival. Congratulations to Mr Matt Harris and Mr Shane Reid conductors, to the students and the parents who have faithfully conveyed their children to early morning practices.

YR 7 ON SHOW

Yes it is on again. Yr 7 students and teachers are excited to welcome Parents, family and friends to join them on Thursday 1st September 5:00-7:00.

INTERRUPTED STUDIES

Occasionally parents find the need to withdraw students from school for a few weeks. It is vital that you inform your child's LA teacher if you are planning such an absence. The College has a responsibility to record your child's school attendance and needs written notification from you about any planned absences. It is also wise to chat with your child's teachers to ascertain if such an absence will seriously jeopardise his or her learning.

CHURCH- COMMUNITY DAY

Yr 7 students will be participating in a Church- Community Day on Friday 5th of September. The students will be able to participate in sessions on things such as St Vinnies, Sudanese music and Church tours. This should be a great opportunity for Yr 7s to experience

a different day of learning and way of interacting without community.

GOOD LUCK

Over coming weeks many students will be competing in the Traralgon Eistedfodd. We congratulate these young people on their willingness to participate in this local activity and to challenge themselves in this way. So whether they are part of a school group or participating as individuals we wish them luck and assure them that we are very proud of their efforts.

THANKS

Special thanks to Ms Claire Couling and her team for the information nights, forms and assistance given to families and students as they make subject selections for 2012. It is important that all forms and deposits are returned promptly to ensure that you son or daughter secures a place in the subjects of their choice. If your child is not returning to the College please return the form and indicate this. If you are unsure of your child's return next year, please contact us to discuss how this can be managed.

"Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate."--Albert Schweitzer

YEAR 7 ON SHOW

View class museums, science projects and art and technology displays

Thursday 1st September, 2011 from 5pm-7pm

Cake stall and sausage sizzle to support UN East Africa appeal

At the Year 7 Centre St Paul's Campus

Music Report

Mr Shane Reid, Director of Music

It is this time of year that the hard work done by our student musicians in the wee small hours of the morning begins to really pay off. My father in law is a wheat farmer in Western Victoria, he speaks of harvest time only ever being successful if you plant well and more importantly assiduously maintain your crop. You reap what you sow and fortunately, 2011 has proved to be a bumper crop. Harvest time for our music department draws upon the efforts of our students and parents who ensure that they are

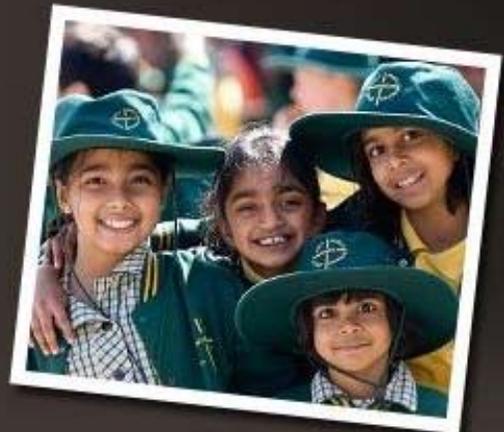


on time for our rehearsals. We are so very proud of the achievements of our senior groups recently who have maintained the standard of excellence for which our music department is rightly recognised for. Our Senior Wind Ensemble and Senior Jazz Ensemble both performed at the Melbourne School Bands Festival. Both groups received some wonderful feedback from the respective adjudication panels. It is this event that gives

us some context to how our work measures up at a state wide standard. At the time of writing, we await the end of the festival with our fingers crossed for the final adjudication but however the cards fall, our groups have done us proud. Congratulations to all of the students who were involved. Just last night, our Senior and Junior Choir performed in the opening sections of the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod. It was a wonderful night. Our Junior Choir received a third placing and some very positive encouragement from the adjudicator. Our Senior Choir won both sections that they performed in. Our students did us very proud and we thank and congratulate them all.

Catholic school funding considerations

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Funding certainty: a must for our schools and our communities



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