

# Lavalla Catholic College

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## From the Principal

Dear students, parents and staff

Over these last three weeks, each campus has been extremely busy not only with completing assessment tasks but also with attending numerous sporting events, competitions in a number of subject areas and the music agenda has similarly cut a cracking pace. The whole spirit of the College has been lifted by the successes of many sporting teams and individuals in a variety of events. Our reception areas are boasting many new trophies, medals and shields and you will find details of these in the pages of this edition of the newsletter and I take the opportunity to thank our students for being worthy ambassadors, for their sense of fair play and for performing to the best of their abilities. Teachers, coaches, trainers, parents who attended and bus drivers are also recognised and thanked for these extraordinary calls beyond their normal duties. Without their support and goodwill we would not be able to run such extensive sporting opportunities and extracurricular activities overall.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September members of staff gathered to celebrated our 10th anniversary with an enjoyable dinner and the presentation of certificates to founding staff members. In the busyness of our days, we rarely take time to look back and appreciate how far we have come, but on this night there was much reminiscing and many stories shared.

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, I attended the opening of Sion House in Warragul which is where Bishop Christopher Prowse is now situated (instead of Sale), as well as many other services such as CDF, Catholic Welfare Service and the Catholic Education Office. It was a fitting occasion with many dignitaries and friends present to witness the transformation of the Catholic Education Offices into an inclusive Catholic centre.

### Debutante Balls

After lengthy discussions and much deep consideration we advise that 2013 will see the College hold the last of its Debutante Balls. Students who will be in Year 11 in 2013 will be able to make their debut as we understand that for many students and families planning for this event is already underway. Unfortunately, after 2013 the

College will not be in a position to offer its facilities, staff or resources to organise any future Debutante Balls. I point you to the full letter which is posted on our webpage and included in this newsletter.

### St Michael's Primary School

Recently we learnt that Mr Richard Wans, current Principal of St Michael's Primary school has accepted a position at another primary school in Narre Warren. We are sorry to see him leave our parish and town as he has made a positive contribution to the school and community but take this opportunity to wish him well as he embarks on this new adventure. We welcome in his place Mrs Cathy Blackford who is the designated Principal in 2013.

### End of Term

Many students and staff are still carrying winter illnesses and feeling quite weary. Teachers are preparing for parent-teacher interviews on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September and I encourage you to come and receive feedback on your child's progress. Students who travel on buses will be collected early on the last day of term and I ask that you check for the details under the campus report.

The beauty of the term break is that a few spring days during the holiday will help rejuvenate our spirits and lift our moods and I am sure we will approach term 4 with renewed vigour. Like all terms, it will be a busy last term and within three short weeks the focus turns to the year 12s, their exams and their finishing celebrations.

### Bon Viaggio

Some of our Year 9 and 10 LOTE students will spend their holiday in Italy on the biannual immersion experience. I wish them and their accompanying teachers; Mrs French, Ms Bonatti and Mr Martin, all the best for a worthwhile and valuable immersion and a safe return home. No doubt it will be a rich and profound experience for all.

Best wishes for a restful holiday

Yours faithfully

Ms Erica Pegorer  
Principal

## Anniversary Prayer

Saving God,  
God of history and time,  
We thank You for the many  
gracious acts of salvation  
You have visited upon this  
College and its community  
during our first ten years.

We ask that You would  
graciously continue to bless us  
with Your presence.

You come to us in Word and  
sacraments,  
Keep us faithful in responding  
to your grace in our lives.

Through the intercession of  
Our Lady of Grace

We ask that you fashion us  
into a light that cannot be  
hidden,

That others may know Your  
great love

Through Jesus Christ, Your  
Son, and also our Lord.

Amen.



## St Paul's Campus Update

Andy Martin - Campus Director

I was excited this week to be leading our year 7 students in the act of planting out a significant portion of the College's boundary line with Photinia. These plants are perfect for hedging, as they grow relatively quickly, thickly and lastingly - living over 100 years if cared for appropriately.

It was important that our students did the initial planting, and that they now take some responsibility for the ongoing nurture of the trees in terms of watering and mulching as they develop over the next few years. This is important because building a culture of belonging and student ownership starts with projects just like these; projects where students take possession of their space and defend it in solidarity with their community. The notion of 'leaving a legacy' to be remembered by and looking forward to the future, are also integral to the idea of building a school where membership is meaningful - now and into the future.

This weeks' work will create a more private and secure setting for students to enjoy into the future, but most importantly, it is a symbol of our commitment to a community where active learning and real connection with our peers and environment are an expectation rather than a hope.



**Notice for last day of term - Friday 21st September**

**Presentation Campus will finish at 2.10pm  
Classes as normal throughout the day.**



## Second Hand Uniform Shop

### NEXT OPEN:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September

3.30pm – 8.00pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October

3.30pm – 6.00pm

### Shop located at:

St Paul's Campus

### Payment options:

Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS

(Please note Kilts/Skirts must

be tried on. They are not sized)

## Kildare Campus Canteen Helpers

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September

C Jackiw

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

L Zalesiak

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

C Wilson

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September

M Holt

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September

L Clarke



## Kildare Update Marco DiCesare - Campus Director

On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September students wore blue for a gold coin donation in support of the Marist Brothers in Aleppo. Students raised just over \$500 on the day. Thank you to everyone who participated.

### Trial Exams

As you are more than likely aware by now, the College is conducting VCAA Trial Exams during the second week of the holidays. These have been time tabled between Monday, 1st and Friday, 5th October. Attendance is compulsory for all students completing VCAA examinations in November. The purpose is to focus as well as better prepare students for their final exams and to assist in determining examination indicative grades. Information about how the trial week will be managed is below:

1. Students are not required to wear school uniform
2. The campus grounds will be open from 8.30am - 5.00pm
3. Entrance via the southern road of the campus
4. The SSC will be open for students to study or assemble
5. At least 1 staff member will be on campus at all times
6. Students are to arrive at their exam no less than 10 minutes before it is scheduled to begin
7. Toilets at the VSC will be open
8. The trial exam will be supervised by the chief VCAA Supervisor Mrs Kath Beckett in the Hall

The schedule of Trial Exams is listed on the last page of this newsletter for your reference.

### Notice for last day of term 3 - Friday 21st September

Type of Session	Start Time	Finish Time
Period 1	8:50:00 AM	10:00:00 AM
Period 2	10:00:00 AM	11:10:00 AM
Recess	11:10:00 AM	11:45:00 AM
Period 3	11:50:00 AM	1:00:00 PM
Period 4	1:00:00 PM	2:10:00 PM

# Presentation Campus Update

Tamsin McCormack - Campus Director



Bullying is a problem that affects everyone, whether you are the victim, the bully, a bystander or even a family member or friend of one of these. How people are affected can vary in intensity. It is not something that we should think will just go away or that they need to deal with alone. It is everyone's responsibility.

Did you know:-

- Approximately one in four Year 4 to Year 9 Australian students (27%) report being bullied every few weeks or more often (considered to be frequent) during the last term at school.
- Frequent school bullying was highest among Year 5 (32%) and Year 8 (29%) students.
- 83% of students who bully others online, also bully others offline.
- 84% of students who were bullied online were also bullied offline.
- Peers are present as onlookers in 87% of bullying interactions, and play a central role in the bullying process.
- Hurtful teasing was the most prevalent of all bullying behaviours experienced by students, followed by having hurtful lies told about them.
- Cyber bullying appears to be related to age (or access to technology), with older students more likely to engage in cyber bullying than younger students.

<http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/teachers/facts/did-you-know.html>

At Presentation Campus, we have the opportunity to trial different strategies to make students more aware of bullying, it's effects and what people can do to stop bullying.

This week two students in Yr 9, Janelle Axisa and Rachel Pickard, led a session for the whole campus relating to this issue. They had put together a clip, got students to create skits in groups relating to the types of bullying and then as a whole they analysed the skits and what we can all do to stop the bully or to make the victim empowered.

In the coming weeks, students will continue to work through this issue and try to formulate more strategies that they can implement to help themselves and others. Bullying is not going to go away overnight, but as a College we are determined that by working together we can reduce the severity and ensure that Lavalla Catholic College is a safe place for all.

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# Music News

Mr Shane Reid - Director of Music

Our choirs have once again done us proud at the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod. Our Junior Choir came third in the U20 choral group and our Senior Choir won the Secondary School Championship as well as the Open Choral section. It is the seventh time in the past eight years that our Senior Choir has won the Secondary School Championship which is a testament to the standard of excellence produced by a large number of our students past and present. It was a quality night with a very high standard of choral singing evident in all of the choirs who competed.

## Secondary School Championship

1st Lavalla Catholic College  
2nd Gippsland Grammar  
3rd St. Thomas Aquinas College Tynong

## Open Choral section

1st Lavalla Catholic College  
2nd St. Thomas Aquinas College Tynong  
3rd Coal Valley Men's Chorus



# SPORTS REPORT

## SOCCER

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September, our Year 7 and 8 boys soccer teams attended the SSV state championships in Melbourne.

The Year 7 boys had a win, a draw and a loss from their three games, narrowly missing the final. Duop Dieng was the star of the team with dominant performances in all three games. Liam Antonelli was strong in goals while Josh Charlton and Ryan McCauley were lively through the midfield.

From their three games, the Year 8 team had two wins and a draw, sending them into the final against the undefeated Rowville.

A tense first half saw Rowville with the advantage of a strong breeze, but Lavalla's defence held strong with Dougal Williams, Liam McCluskey and Stefan Sbagli using their strength and skill to repel many opposition attacks.

Lavalla created a few chances of its own in the second half, with Bayley Row getting busy in midfield and Sam Delicato and Jackson Catlin starting to look dangerous up front. Unfortunatley Rowville was up to the task and the score finished nil all at full time.

It was more of the same in extra time with neither side able to break the deadlock. Both sides now faced the dreaded penalty shootout.

Lachy Galea starred in goal saving Rowville's first penalty. Each of the first four Lavalla players held their nerve to find the back of the net and when the final Rowville penalty rebounded off the upright the Lavalla team erupted in celebration of being the 2012 state champions!

Having seen the Year 8 team lift the trophy the Year 7s are determined to defend it for Lavalla next year.

A big thank you goes out to all those parents who travelled on the day and gave such great support.



# SPORTS REPORT



## CLAY SHOOTING

The Clay Target Shooting team attended the Winchester Victorian Clay Target Championships in Bendigo on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. It was a fantastic day as competitors travelled from all regions of the state to see who would be crowned champion.

The team event was conducted over two rounds of fifteen targets per shooter for a total of one hundred and fifty targets. Our squad performed very well in the first round scoring 61/75 and placing it in outright first place. The second round didn't go as smoothly with the team scoring 59/75 and dropping to equal first. A shoot off was held to decide the result and unfortunately the team finished runner up.

The highlight in the individual competition was Samantha Bennison finishing equal third in the senior girls division. However, after a shoot off she slipped to fourth place. This is a fantastic achievement by Sam who has shown great improvement this year.

A big thankyou goes out to all the parents who donated their time and money so that the team could compete at this prestigious event: Greg Sartori, Elaine Firmin, Peter Asmussen, David Bennison, Daryl and Carol Ewert, and Jay and Meaghan Prosser.

## BASKETBALL

Our sporting success has continued as the College basketball teams have commenced their competitions at the Wellington Division level for the year 7 & 8 boys/girls.

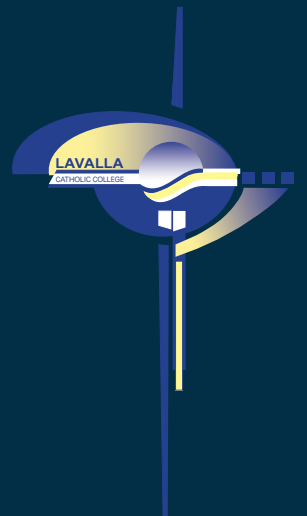
The Year 7 girls advanced through remaining undefeated throughout the day. A narrow escape against Catholic College Sale was our toughest challenge for the day as we preserved a three-point victory, 16-13.

After claiming an unblemished record in the pool matches, our Year 7 boys got the early jump on Catholic College Sale in the final to eventually triumph by six points, 17-11.

Our most thrilling contest of the day was the Year 8 girls final against Catholic College Sale where Sarah Watson produced two clutch free throws when they were needed most. Trailing 13-12, Sarah went to the foul line after being fouled on her way to the basket. With much support from all, Sarah calmly knocked down the first free throw. She then iced the game with the second free throw and Lavalla had prevailed 14-13.

Our Year 8 boys capped off a remarkable day by eclipsing Catholic College Sale 25-14 but the score didn't reflect how close this contest was. The boys were able to capitalise on a narrow three-point advantage at half time and managed to extend their lead during the second half.

Congratulations to all coaches and team members ..... the Regional Finals are scheduled for Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> for the Year 7s and Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> for the Year 8s.



## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, September 11**

College music concert

**Wednesday, September 12**

Yr 7 immunisations

**Saturday, September 15**

Italy excursion

**Monday, September 17**

Interim reports released

**Tuesday, September 18**

Years 7-9 Fun Runs

**Thursday, September 20**

Parent Teacher interviews

**Friday, September 21**

**Last day of Term 3  
- please see individual  
campus update pages for  
information regarding  
finishing times**



## March for the Babies

You may be aware of the Victorian *Abortion Law Reform Bill 2008* passed in Parliament in October 2008, legalising abortion up to the moment of birth and rejecting 60 proposed amendments to the Bill including denying medical assistance for babies who survive a failed abortion.

With the fourth anniversary of this bill fast approaching, a committee has been formed, comprising of Maffra and Sale parishioners under the banner of *March for the Babies*. The goal of the committee is to raise awareness of the intrinsic sacredness and right to life of every unborn child, as well as the need for practical support to mothers and fathers facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Two events have been scheduled in support the this cause. The first is a lunch to be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October (RSVP to Marianne Bagguley on 5147 1019 by 28<sup>th</sup> September). Guest presenters will include Bernie Finn and Helen Parker. The second is a March to be held at 1pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at Treasury Gardens. A bus will run to and from the March at a cost of approximately \$23 a seat. Bookings are essential - contact Marianne on 51471019 by 7<sup>th</sup> October.



### Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to **\$500** to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

Berry Street delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

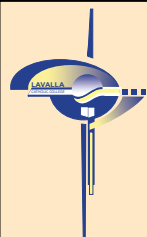
You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself.



To find out more contact Meryl Watson,  
Saver Plus Worker at Berry Street  
5120 2506 / 0478 398 695 or  
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Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program, developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.



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# Trial Exams Schedule

Time	Exam
Monday, 1st October - 9:00am - 12:15pm	English Unit 4
Monday, 1st October - 1:00pm - 2:45pm	Chemistry Unit 4
Monday, 1st October - 1:00pm - 3:15pm	Outdoor and Environmental Studies Unit 4
Tuesday, 2nd October - 9:00am - 10:45am	Food and Technology Unit 4
Tuesday, 2nd October - 9:00am - 10:45am	Visual Communication and Design Unit 4
Tuesday, 2nd October - 9:00am - 11:15am	LOTE Italian Unit
Tuesday, 2nd October - 11:45am - 1.30pm	Further Mathematics Unit 4 <b>Paper 1</b>
Tuesday, 2nd October - 2:30pm - 4:45pm	Business Management Unit 4
Tuesday, 2nd October - 2:30pm - 4:45pm	IT Applications Unit 4
Wednesday, 3rd October - 9:00am - 10:15am	Mathematical Methods (CAS) Unit 4 <b>Paper 1</b>
Wednesday, 3rd October - 9:00am - 10:45am	Drama Unit 4
Wednesday, 3rd October - 9:00am - 10.45am	VCE VET Cert III Outdoor Recreation 4
Wednesday, 3rd October - 11:45am - 1.30pm	Music Performance Unit 4
Wednesday, 3rd October - 11:45am - 1.30pm	Product Design and Technology Unit 4
Wednesday, 3rd October - 11:45am - 2:00pm	Legal Studies Unit 4
Wednesday, 3rd October - 2:30pm - 4:15pm	Biology Unit 4
Thursday, 4th October - 9:00am - 10:15am	Specialist Mathematics Unit 4 <b>Paper 1</b>
Thursday, 4th October - 9:00am - 10.45am	Psychology Unit 4
Thursday, 4th October - 9:00am - 10:45am	Accounting Unit 4
Thursday, 4th October - 11:45am - 1.30pm	Systems Engineering Unit 4
Thursday, 4th October - 11:45am - 2:00pm	Literature Unit 4
Thursday, 4th October - 2:30pm - 4:15pm	Physics Unit 4
Thursday, 4th October - 2:30pm - 4:45pm	Physical Education Unit 4
Friday, 5th October - 9:00am - 11:15am	Health and Human Development Unit 4
Friday, 5th October - 11:45am - 2:00pm	English Language Unit 4
Friday, 5th October - 11:45am - 2:00pm	History - Revolutions Unit 4
Friday, 5th October - 2:30pm -4:45pm	Geography Unit 4
Friday, 5th October - 2:30pm -4:15pm	Studio Arts Unit 4

13 September 2012

Dear parents and students,

After lengthy discussions and much deep consideration I write to advise that 2013 will see the College hold the last of its Debutante Balls. Students who will be in Year 11 in 2013 will be able to make their debut as we understand that for many students and families planning for this event is already underway. Unfortunately, after 2013 the College will not be in a position to offer its facilities, staff or resources to organise any future Debutante Balls.

As you are no doubt aware, Mr Marco DiCesare, like his predecessors, has worked tirelessly with successive Debutante committees to ensure the smooth running of past events. This has taken considerable time and effort: attending meetings, supervising practices, attending balls as well as managing interpersonal matters as they arise. The College is no longer in a position to resource this event.

Some of the other factors in this decision are:

- The College has always struggled with the tension between offering this opportunity to students and creating an event which might be cost prohibitive for some families
- Given that most young people are socially very active there is no longer any real sense of "being received into polite society" at a Debutante ball
- For some students, the Debutante Ball and all its preparations become the focus of Year 11 to the detriment of their studies.
- Dance lessons focus on only a limited number of presentation dances and are not really directed at students learning the traditional steps of "ball room dancing"
- The issue of partners within the College community can be problematic
- This change is an opportunity to look at other models of social functions for students at the College.

I know some of you may be disappointed to hear of the demise of the Debutante Balls. For those of you who see these balls as significant events for your child I suggest you work with your parish or local service groups to perhaps provide this activity through another venue. Students who have suggestions about alternative formal College events, I invite you to pass your suggestions to the Welfare and Wellbeing Leader on your campus so these can be considered.

I take this opportunity to thank the many mothers and fathers who over the years have formed our Deb Committees and worked for the College community to produce these balls. Their efforts have contributed much to our community and have always been appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Ms Erica Pegorer  
Principal