



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

5 August 2004

Dear Parents,

At our Parents and Friends Association Meeting last night I presented an outline of the National Safe Schools Framework and indicated that I would be looking for some parents who would be willing to assist in the refinement of the principles and policies for Lavalla Catholic College.

This initiative is a nation-wide development and all schools will need to report to the Government on what has been achieved in this area. Our task will be to build on and to develop what we already have and, perhaps, test what we are doing against the national principles.

Further information and development will be available at the next P & F meeting in September.

In the meantime, I am sure you are well aware of the importance of this time of the year. The processes of course selection is most important and I urge all parents and students to make good use of the Expo of Courses and Careers. It is critical that we receive an indication for intentions for Year 10, 2005, as there is a waiting-list for enrolment at this level.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

Calendar Dates for Coming Week

Fri 6th	Careers and Courses Expo (Information for 2005) Presentation 9.9 Powerworks Excursion
Mon 9th	NET Retreat (Year 10 Champagnat House)
Tue 10th	Presentation 9.10 Powerworks Excursion NET Retreat (Year 10 Delany House)
Wed 11th	St Paul's 9.2 Powerworks Excursion NET Retreat (Year 10 MacKillop House)
Thu 12th	St Paul's 9.4 Powerworks Excursion Yr 7 & 8 Fun Run (St Paul's students) NET Retreat (Year 10 Nagle House)
Fri 13th	St Paul's 9.7 Powerworks Excursion Year 12 (2005) Subject Selection Forms and Deposit due NET Retreat Activities (Year 10)

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Thanks to WIN TV for organising **Darren Berry** to speak to our Yr 9 students about goal setting in their lives. Darren was very well received by the students and gave a strong message about not letting drugs and alcohol get in the way of achieving their dreams.

Students appearing in “**Oliver**”. It seems there is no end of talent in the College. We have it on good authority that **Jayden Hicks** is delivering sterling performances as Oliver at the West Gippsland Arts Centre. Congratulations to all involved.

Expo

There are no classes scheduled for Friday 6th. Our expectation is that all students, particularly the Yr 8 and 9's will be at the Expo for at least 1 to 2 hours. This day is vital in planning for their future and is a great way to get lots of information in one spot. Where possible I suggest that at least one parent makes the time to accompany their son or daughter to help them gather and filter information.

Italy Trip

Excitement is growing as the students and staff make their preparations for the trip. The St Paul's Campus has particularly appreciated the fund raising efforts of this group - we have had the pleasure of hot pasta lunches on Fridays.

Star Lab

Yr 7's were treated to a visit by Star Lab this week and hopefully you would have

heard much about this at home. It's not often that students have a chance to crawl into a darkened, inflated star lab to discuss the night sky! Thanks to Ms Sharman for seeing to the arrangements for this.

Student appointments

The office staff are often asked to interrupt classes with calls over the PA for students to meet parents in the reception area. While we understand that very occasionally this is unavoidable, as a courtesy to the rest of the community, we discourage the practice. *If you need to collect your child for an appointment please note this in their planner and remind them before the commencement of school, it is then his/her responsibility to be at the office on time.*

Uniform

Thanks to all parents and students. Currently we are very pleased with the attention to uniform. Whilst there is still a need to tuck shirts in and remove some accessories, generally, students are in the correct uniform.

'A good laugh overcomes more difficulties and dissipates more dark clouds than any other one thing' ...
Laura Ingalls Wilder

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Expo is tomorrow. It will be a great opportunity for all Year 8 and 9 students on this Campus to view all the career options available to them at the Year 11 and 12 level; whether it is VCE, VCAL, VET or a Traineeship. The day begins

at 12.00pm and concludes at 5.30pm in the Champagnat Centre. It is a non school day for all Year 7's. A bus will leave the Campus at 11.30am and return by 3.00pm. The cost is \$2 per student.

Presentation (contd....)

Year 10 (2005) subject selections are due on the 13 August and **Year 9 (2005)** on 20 August. I urge all parents to sit down with their son or daughter and go through the Booklets and discuss the various options for 2005.

Year 7 students completed the **AIMS English and Maths Tests** this week. A Booklet outlining the purpose of the AIMS TEST and their significance in your child's education has been sent home. Please take the time to read this.

Mr. Peter Flahavin has brought his culinary expertise to SARA for years 8 & 9 in the form of 'Bush Cooking' Peter has included an article on this very popular and innovative activity.

"Term 3 has seen the introduction of bush cooking added to the SARA program. The activity session involves students lighting their own fires on which to cook their small meal, prepare the food for cooking, cook the food and enjoy the spoils of their labour.

A variety of meals have been cooked to date, with the sausage steamboats and

the baked apples being the favourite among the year 8 and 9 classes.

For those who may be interested, the following steamboat sausage recipe can be tried at home or away camping.

Wrap the following in foil:

One flavoured sausage from local butcher shop (tomato & onion)
Four slices of butternut pumpkin,
Four slices of potato,
Four slices of carrot, some onion rings & three slices of tomato.

Before sealing the ingredients in the foil, sprinkle McCormick's Italian mixed herbs or Italian herbs.

Place the sealed food parcel on a bed of coals for approximately 15 minutes or until the ingredients have been sizzling for approximately four minutes.

Serve with Mountain Bread or other pitta breads and Enjoy!"

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

PLEASE NOTE

Mary McNamara will be taking Long Service Leave until the end of Term III. *Relationships Australia* has agreed to cover all counselling needs for the Campus in her absence. Ms. Anne McKenzie and Mr. Peter Little, two very experienced staff members of *Relationships Australia*, will take Mary's four days and will be available to Students and their Parents.

Careers and Courses Expo:

Although Friday is a day when formal classes have been suspended, it is not a pupil free day. Students on Campus are expected to attend the Careers and Courses Expo. There will be something for everyone, whether it be advice on courses for 2005 or about the pathways to work after secondary education. Staff will be available to give information about Years 10 – 12 courses, and Universities, TAFE Colleges and

Industry and Training Organisations will be on hand to answer all manner of questions that might be asked.

Past Student Achievement:

It seems timely, with all the discussion on Campus at the moment about courses and careers, that I inform everybody of the success of **Christian Van Der Velden** who completed his VCE at the College in 2000.

Christian enrolled in Aerospace Engineering at RMIT in 2001 and has recently been project leader of an international team designing a world-first deep space probe that could help determine how life on earth began. The probe has been designed to measure the physical interactions between our solar system and interstellar space and to gather data on organic material in space.

It has been designed with a sail the size of a football field and will use solar winds as a means of propulsion. It will be able to withstand temperatures of – 270C, and travel for over 30 years through 30 billion kilometres of deep space. We all share with pride in his pioneering work and success.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

YEAR 10 RETREATS

A reminder to parents of Year 10 students that the retreats are next week. Students come to school as normal and the retreat is conducted on campus. Full winter uniform or PE uniform to be worn on the designated day for each House:

Monday: Champagnat
Tuesday: Delany
Wednesday: MacKillop
Thursday: Nagle

We are still in desperate need of families from the school community to assist with billeting members of the NET team. If you can assist for a couple of nights please give me a call here at the college.

The retreat is not optional for the students. We ask for your support in this annual event, which has a significant impact on the Year 10 students.

Mike Hansen
Director of Faith & Ministry

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare	Presentation
Mon 9 Aug	J Parker	C Jackiw, J Adams	J Dickason
Tue 10 Aug	V Winwood	M Whitty, M Northover	C Risol
Wed 11 Aug	J Bell, B Koedijk	F DiIorio, A Prezioso	G Fiddelaers
Thu 12 Aug	D Leatham, M Johnston	B Whittaker, R Freeman	D Parniak
Fri 13 Aug	S Brady N Ellis M Lowe	J Hansch, D Howe	J Byrne

An INVITATION to EX-STUDENTS living in MELBOURNE: "Emmaus - the Road to Discovery"

All young adults, ex-students & friends are invited to one of our "Emmaus" meetings, held at the Marist Young Adult Ministry Centre, 139 Royal Pde, Parkville, just next to Melbourne University. "Emmaus" is about helping young adults to connect with each other, develop a sense of spirituality in their lives, and further discern life's direction. Monthly meetings involve input on the Sunday Readings, followed by an opportunity to see how the gospel might connect with faith and life issues, and conclude with prayer.

- Men's Emmaus Meetings-Tuesday 21st September, 12th October 7.30pm
- Women's and Men's Emmaus-Wed 22nd September, 13th October 7.30pm

If interested in attending a Meeting, or you'd like more information, contact Br Rod on 0428 627 478, or rthomson@maristmelb.org.au