



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

1 June 2006

Dear parents and students

This week the parable of the Good Samaritan comes to mind. It is a well known story of our Christian faith where a Jewish man was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho and was beaten up by a group of robbers who left him to die. Passers by, a Levite and a priest – friends of the Jews, left him to die and it was the Samaritan who came to his aid. To understand the significance of this story we need to know that the Jews held Samaritans in disregard and practiced open hostility towards them. Yet it is the Samaritan – the most unlikely of the characters in this parable that offers a helping hand.

It was reported last week that an Asian woman who had just left work to bank the day's takings was attacked in the car park by a man. Her screams for help were heard by a number of people standing near by and remarkably none went to her aid or called for the police. Traces of her blood and hair were eventually found at the scene and after an extensive air and road search, she was found dead in the boot of her car. An Asian man was later arrested.

Then there was the story of Lincoln Hall, the Australian mountain climber left for dead just below the summit of Mt Everest. Fortunately, he was discovered by some Sherpas who helped him to safety. Not so lucky was the British climber, David Sharp, who was left to die on Mt Everest on his own, while a number of climbers passed him by as they continued on their ascent.

Aren't these stories in strong contrast to the sense of community and hope we experienced with the rescue of our Tasmanian miners? So why have people behaved so differently in these situations? Is it to do with our own self-centeredness? Was getting to the top of the mountain more important than assisting a dying human being?

Is it that we do not want to get involved in helping someone who is being violently attacked, for fear of our own discomfort or has our attitude of *not interfering* in others' business gone too far? Why do we do nothing when we hear a woman scream for assistance or take no action when we know we are being called to lend a helping hand? As we examine these stories each of us would surely hope that should we be in need, there would be a Good Samaritan coming to our aid?

Jesus' teaches and calls us not to be self-centred but other-centred. The prayer of St Francis brings to mind this call

Lord,
Make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred...let me sow love,
Where there is injury...pardon,
Where there is doubt...faith,
Where there is despair...hope,
Where there is darkness...light,
Where there is sadness...joy.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

2006 Celebrating 50 Years of Marist Education

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

The St Paul's Campus Report was not available this week as Mrs McKenzie is attending a conference and workshops.

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

On Friday 26th May our Campus leaders, Peter Hansford and Brittany Aquilina accompanied by Tracey Kippen represented Lavalla Catholic College at the opening of the Senior Constable Kristi Olsen memorial garden at the Apex Park in Moe. Kristi Olsen was part of the Community Police Program and taught at this Campus over a 7 year period. She was tragically killed in Egypt earlier this year. Our students were active in raising much needed funds to assist Kristi Olsen's son early in Term 1.

Brittany Aquilina, Tracey and I went to the opening of a garden at Apex Park. It had been established in memory of Senior Constable Kristi Olsen. There was a large turn out from the community and other schools of the area. A weeping cherry tree was planted along with a plaque in memory of Kristi. It was a very moving day. (Peter Hansford , Year 9)

A reminder to parents whom have students currently enrolled at Lavalla and who are intending on enrolling their siblings for 2007, are asked to have the forms in by the end of this week. St Kieran's and St Mary's

Grade 6 enrolments are also due. Interviews with applicants from State Primary School students will be conducted in June.

Our canteen is now serving hot food. Tracey Kippen, our canteen manageress, has included the following item.

The canteen now has a select range of hot food available. This is what we have at the moment and there prices:

HOT FOOD

Pies, Sausage Rolls, Pasties, Cups of Soup or Noodles, Hot Jam Donuts

The canteen is going to extend its range of hot food as the year progresses. I will keep you informed as to what is available. Students are asked to order the hot food prior to lunchtime. Order forms are available from the homeroom teacher, during homeroom. They may either be left in the rolls or alternatively dropped in at the office during recess. (*Tracey Kippen*)

Yours in the Spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts

Mr. Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Arrangements this week and next:

Year 11 Exams' week was conducted in the Campus Hall this week. I would like to commend the Year 11's on the very dedicated fashion with which they approached the exams and for the co-operation they showed throughout the exam week. As mentioned in a previous newsletter,

Friday, June 2 is a pupil free day to enable staff to complete writing Reports and to work on various curriculum projects.

Next week sees the beginning of the **Year 11 Retreat Week**. I would like to remind all parents and students that the Retreats are a compulsory part of

the Year 11 Religious Education curriculum and are an overnight stay at the Retreat Centre. Any problems are directed towards Mr. Hansen or may be brought directly to me. A large number of staff has generously given their time and have put family and personal commitments second as they act as life group leaders for the two days.

Champagnat and Nagle will be on Retreat on Monday and Tuesday, June 5 and 6. **Wednesday, June 7 is a pupil free day for all Year 11's.** This will allow all Year 11's undertaking a Unit 3 & 4 Study to attend the GAT and as a result will not miss out on any aspect of the Retreat. MacKillop and Delany will attend their Retreat experience on Thursday and Friday, June 8 and 9. The Retreats will be conducted at the Convention Centre at Rawson and at the campsite at Forest Edge near Neerim South.

Year 12's will not have classes during the VCE June Examination period – Monday, June 5 to Wednesday June 7. Further, the VCE English Oral SAC, the LOTE Oral SAC and the Food Technology SAT will take place on Thursday, June 8 and classes will return to normal on Friday, June 9 for all Year 12's. As for Year 10's: it is business as usual.

Kildare Campus Photographs:

On Tuesday, June 13, in the last week of this term, the **Campus photographs** will be taken by John Ansell Photography. Homeroom groups and personal portraits will be taken. I would ask parents and students to make sure that all is in readiness for this day in respect of uniform and personal presentation. Long hair is tied back and make-up is natural. Young men need to have shaved if necessary.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

CURRICULUM NEWS

Yr 7-10 Reports for Semester 1

While English and Maths will be reporting progress according to VELs levels, all other subjects will be using CSFII levels. Please note that your child will receive a mix of progress reports or unit reports with S (satisfactorily completed) or N(not satisfactory) The satisfactory completion of each unit of work is linked to the following criteria, stated in the college promotion policy:

- An attendance rate above 85%
- Attitude to learning demonstrated by co-operative behaviour in class
- The punctual submission of high quality tasks.

Interview sheets will be coming your way shortly. Please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher(s), if you have queries about their learning progress.

Queries about English and Maths reports can be addressed at Information Workshops which will be offered at each campus at the following times:

Session 1 : 5.00 – 5.30 pm
Session 2 : 6.00 – 6.30 pm

Rita Nainie
Director of Curriculum

Parent Teacher Interviews on 15th June

Education Forum For Parents Meeting Notice

Our meeting for June is on Monday 5th commencing 7.30pm
We are meeting in the Principal's Conference Room, Kildare Campus
We will be continuing with arrangements for the
50th Anniversary Celebration of Marist Education
to be held in October
Anyone interested in helping would be most welcome
Norma Bellerby 51341677 BH

CANTEEN ROSTER:

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 5 June	M Nocera, L Calabrese	K Manson, D Berryman
Tue 6 June	T Pledge, S Garrett	G Breed, (help required)
Wed 7 June	R Mills, J Clegg	T Sloan, S Hillier
Thu 8 June	(help required)	M Wojciechowski (help req'd)
Fri 9 June	(help required)	A Fogarty (help required)

Forthcoming Calendar Dates

Fri 2	Report Writing and Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Mon 5	Yr 11 Retreat (Champagnat and Delany Houses) VCE Unit 3 Exams begin
Thu 8	Yr 11 Retreat (MacKillop and Nagle Houses) General Achievement Test (Unit 3 & 4 students)
Fri 9	English & LOTE SACs (Kildare Campus)
Tue 13	Kildare Campus Photographs
Wed 14	End of Semester Reports Distributed Yr 12 Outdoor Education Excursion, Wilson's Promontory
Thu 15	Parent Teacher Interviews – 4.00 to 6.30pm + Parent Information Session for the new English /Mathematics Reports
Fri 16	Classes conclude - Term 2 ends

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