



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

10 October 2003

Dear Parents,

On the first day of this term, the School Officers gathered. School Officers include staff who assist in such areas as the library, canteen, administration, secretariat, finance, sport, careers, classroom support, integration and technology. There are over 60 staff members in this capacity and they are crucial to the smooth operation of the College.

I took the opportunity to speak to them about the importance of developing a **family spirit** among us at Lavalla Catholic College, where each and everyone **feels at home in the College**.

When parents sit down at table with the family, they don't need, want, nor expect, to be the centre of attention, a prerogative healthy adults generally cede to the kids. What parents do need and want is that the family be happy, respect each other, respect the ethos of what are the family values, and that everyone is essentially on the right track in his or her life so that each family member knows what's ultimately sacred, moral, and important.

The College tries to mirror this approach with its students. To be sure, children don't always recognize or credit the family or the College for what they have been given to prepare them for life and happiness. But that preparation and education is absolutely essential and gives purpose to the efforts and energy that all staff members expend on behalf of students.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Welcome back to everyone! A short but important term for all.

Firstly, the **Parent Support Group** are holding the annual **TRIVIA NIGHT** this Saturday at the Newborough Campus at 7.00pm. This is a fantastic night and a great way to expand your general knowledge and be rewarded with prizes and great company. Tickets are \$5 per person and tables of 10 are available. Please ring Carol Wilson on 51 27 5111.

Coming Events

1. Wednesday, 15th October Family Life Program for Parents of Year 7 at 7.30pm and for Year 9 Students lessons 3 and 4. Mrs Sue Collis from the CEO will present this.
2. Campus Assembly Wednesday 22nd October. Theme "Peace".
3. World Cup Rugby Excursion 26th October. England vs Western Samoa.
4. Year 7 and 8 Drama Night 12th November.
5. Year 8 Activity Days are on 13th and 14th November.
6. Year 9 Camp at Delhantie Park is scheduled for 19th, 20th and 21st November.
7. Year 9 Graduation Mass and Meal, December 3rd.

Presentation (contd...)

On the Environmental Front

12 ducklings have hatched. The Winter Plover chicks have grown and a new nest has been established. The lake and surrounds are responding to the Spring Season.

Enjoy the final term.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

We have begun the term with the Stoddart Block out of commission due to the refurbishment. Hopefully next week we will have four of the classrooms in the building back in use.

The two new classrooms in the old music centre have been completed and will provide really vibrant and creative classrooms for students. These classrooms have separate locker areas and annexes attached which will allow for a variety of classroom activities. At this stage 9.4 and 9.8 will have the honour of being the first students to use these rooms.

The Canteen has also moved back to its refurbished home; Julie and Pat have been busy settling in as well as providing normal canteen service.

As of next week all Yr 9 and Yr 8 students will be assigned different classrooms as homerooms. This is to ensure stability on the campus and to make maximum use of available classrooms. Yr 7 classrooms will remain the same. Particularly while we are settling into new routines it is important that students are security conscious: don't bring valuables to school and do have locks for lockers.

Naturally we are constantly reminding students of safety issues in relation to the building site.

Staff

Ms Dionny Penketh will be leaving us at the end of next week to begin her maternity leave. We wish her all the best as she begins this new phase of her life and I thank her on your behalf for her efforts with your children.

Ms Kathy Mattters has returned refreshed and renewed from her Long Service Leave.

Mr Tim Campbell is on Long Service Leave this term and we welcome **Ms Eileen Powell** who will be taking his classes.

Mrs Tina Weston is currently honeymooning and will return next week.

Yr 8 Hastings Excursion

Traditionally, in the fourth term, Yr 8 students at St Paul's Campus have visited the Hastings Marine Life Centre at Hastings as part of their major assignment for the study of Ecology. However, due to a change of ownership of the Hastings Marine Life Centre, there has been a difficulty in the new owner obtaining registration to conduct boat trips as part of the study. If registration is not approved soon, the excursion may be postponed or cancelled. If the latter, then any payment which has been made will naturally be refunded. As advised in your fees and costs pamphlet, the cost this year will be approximately \$30 per student. An alternative assignment will also be found for the students' assessment. An alternative entirely land based excursion to Hastings is also being investigated. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause you. (**Dan Caffrey**)

The Plain Clothes Day at the end of last term raised \$630 on this campus.

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does” - William James

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Last Term:

Welcome back to the last term, a very important term not only for the Year 12 students, but also for the Years 10 and 11 students who will be consolidating their approach to the final years of the VCE.

All Year 12 students and their parents received a letter during the holidays, which provided information about the end of the year. Information about the Term 4 SAC program and exam preparation program, the SWAT VAC, last day arrangements, College expectations about the last days, examination timetables, *Rules of Conduct* for the Exams, information about the Graduation Mass and Supper Dance were all outlined by Mr. Judd.

I would like to encourage all Year 12 students to spend the remaining three weeks of term gathering a momentum of preparation towards the end of year exams. All serious students will be spending at least three hours a night and at least one full day each weekend in study and revision for the exams. **A word of advice:** Remember to use all the resources you have at your disposal – including your

teachers – so that you are able to meet the exams head-on and with much confidence.

VCAL Project:

Late last term I was invited to the opening of the Moe Rooming House, an initiative of Community Housing Ltd. Our Year 11 VCAL students had completed a project of the development of an entertainment area adjacent to the car park. They had formed two large garden beds, completed a large area of brick paving, established an entrance to the area and built a BBQ. They had received a grant of \$5000 towards the cost of the project and had come in under budget and ahead of schedule, in spite of the fact that they only had eight Tuesdays to complete the task.

The students cooked a BBQ lunch for Members of the Board, invited guests and the house patrons. Mr. David Hansen led the initiative and was ably assisted by Ben Albanese, Rory Clarke, Robert Byrne, Sam Anderson, Dean Lont, Daniel Cook, Scott Dwyer, Rohan Patten, Tim Lawless and Michael Dargie.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

SPORTS NEWS

Victorian Colleges' Basketball:

On Friday, September 12th the boys' and girls' senior basketball teams travelled to the Coburg Basketball Stadium to compete in the Victorian College Championships. Both teams performed well on the day with the boys finishing in third position and the girls placed second.

The boys progressed through their pool games with three wins from four games. Their first encounter was against The Grange College where they were able to come away with a victory in a very close tussle. The end score was 36 to 32. Other games where they were victorious were against Broadford College and Emmaus College. In their semi final they came up against a very strong St. Bede's College where they were overrun, 55 to 25. Best players for the boys, with consistent efforts all day were, **Ryan Murphy, Cameron Ferguson** and **Jack Marino**.

The girls' team went through their round robin games undefeated, winning most games easily except their encounter against Flinders/Waverley Christian College. This was the first game of the day with both teams starting out a little sluggishly but the game was eventually drawn at 14 all. This took the teams into overtime with the girls eventually coming away victors by four points. They then met this same team in the grand final where they were not able to continue their winning form, going down 13 to 17. Best players for the girls throughout the day were **Laura Pickering, Sarah Johnston** and **Teagan Loechel**.

Many thanks go to **Mr Xavier Gargan, Ms Karen Joyce, Mr Mark DeFazio** and **Miss Jess Oates** for their time and expertise as well as those who made the trip to support both teams.

Sports News (contd...)

GCSSA Touch Football Championships

On Wednesday, September 17th the College sent four teams to Sale to compete in the GCSSA Touch Football Championships.

While the junior boys only won three of their six games, by the end of the day the team had gelled well and were playing some good structured touch football.

The junior girl's team played brilliantly considering that for all players it was their first year in the competition. They actually went through the day undefeated, and will be putting into practice what they learnt for next year's VSSSA Competition. Congratulations girls and well done to coach **Nikki Heenan** for all her work with the team.

The senior girl's lost one game for the day with **Belinda Flowers** and **Claire McLean**, the main try scorers. The senior boys played some excellent Touch and went through the day undefeated.

In a concluding game we had a mixed Lavalla team playing a mixed Nagle College team. At the end of regular time the teams were tied at 2 all, thus the game went to a drop off. (A deciding extra time game where 1 player drops off the field after every 2 minutes until there are only 3 players on the field, the game continues until one team scores.) With only 3 very tired players left on the field **Glen Scholtes**, **Robbie Cahill** and **Belinda Flowers** were the first to score to give Lavalla the game and the championship

trophy in very exciting conditions. Well-done to all team members for bringing home the championship trophy for the second year running.

Special thanks must go to **Ms. Karen Joyce** and **Miss. Nikki Heenan** for training the teams and **Miss. Jess Oates** for helping out on the day. Good luck to our year 12 players and we hope to see you out there playing and promoting touch football in the future.

Noteworthy Performances

Chris Griffiths, **James O'Rourke** and **Jason Grant** represented the Latrobe Valley in the Victorian Under 18's Baseball Championships at Mildura late last term. The team came runners up. Well done to these representatives.

Congratulations

At the **Catholic Schools All Schools Competition** held last term, **Andrew Broberg** won gold in the Boys Under 13 Javelin. Andrew also competed in the 100m, 200m and long jump and did well despite not getting a medal.

From Presentation, **Oliver Caffrey** won gold in the 200m and 400m sprints and silver in the 100m for the under 14 age group.

Raff Laurens from Kildare won gold in the boys 18 to 21 years Discus and shot put. The discus was remarkable in that with throw of 53.18m he almost doubled the distance attained by his nearest competitor

*Conor Clarke
AFL Sports Trainee*

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Presentation	Kildare
Mon. 13 Oct.	S Mills, L Barrett	P Cooper-Cassar	J Adams, C Jackiw
Tue. 14 Oct.	B McNulty, I Gregson	C Jackiw	J Hansch, R Sawyer
Wed. 15 Oct.	L Talerico, L Calabrese	W Gibson	M Tomkins, D Hall
Thu. 16 Oct.	D Webb, S Eccles	M Bortignon	R Greaves, S Barber
Fri. 17 Oct.	M Lafferty, M Johnston C Pattinson	D Paulet	P Atkinson, C Barry

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