



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

19 May 2006

Dear Parents and Students

We are entering the business end of the term with only four weeks remaining. Teachers are focusing on completing their courses and finalising their assessments and no doubt our students are beginning to feel some pressure in meeting deadlines and at the same time trying to achieve their best possible result.



In recent weeks we have been able to recognise those students who have achieved excellent results in certain fields. In particular, we congratulate **Finbarr Moylan** for being prized a State award for achievement in **Work Related Skills**. The ceremony conducted at Federation Square is a prestigious and important ceremony recognising excellence in applied learning. I would also like to thank the innovative and tireless work of **Mr Russell Henry** (pictured) who is well recognised by his colleagues in other schools, for providing a well-

rounded and rigorous programme for our students. Mr Henry and his team have on many occasions been invited to speak at conferences and offer advice to course writers in other schools. Finbarr's achievement is not only a wonderful personal achievement for him but a wonderful recognition of the College as well. Mr Schneider offers more detail of the ceremony elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lavalla Catholic College played host to the **GCSSSA Athletics** competition which was held on Tuesday at Newborough. We were proud of all our students' effort as many students achieved their 'personal best results' and we would like to particularly mention our 8 age group champions. Congratulations are extended to Sherrie Hibbs, David Broberg, Hayley Birmingham, Connan McKenzie, Emma Doderico, Andrew Broberg, Rachel Lamont and Christopher Barrett. Being hosts added some extra pressure to our Sport's Co-ordinator Nikki Heenan and I extend to her a special word of thanks and to the team who ably supported her in the organisation – Sarah Scholtes and Fiona Morrow.

Recognising achievement, effort and excellence is the major agenda item for the first College Assembly on June 15. A newly formed committee has been tasked to implement a process whereby students' achievement can be duly recognised. Our aim is to affirm students and to celebrate their successes. Details of this scheme will be presented to you in future communications.

As we get deeper into winter, remember to go gently.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

2006 Celebrating 50 Years of Marist Education

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

We were blessed with beautiful weather for the Athletics Carnival and the Open Morning. It was a great relief on Open Morning to see clear blue skies and our visitors enjoying their walk around the campus in glorious autumn sunshine. A number of students acted as tour guides on the day:

Tim Fitch, Anne Ferguson, Stirling Smith, Marie Lafferty, Tim Bedford, Hayley Spence, Fern Estcourt, Emma Winwood, Erin Keogh, Sandra Cultrera, Rocchinna Marino, Katie Kindellan, Charmaine Pezzutto, Mitch Caulfield, Nadine Lont, Tom Pattle, Tia McNair, Justin Forlano, Eliza Hartley, Rohana Atkinson, Costa Psinas, Annabel Hecker and Nick Silver.

Without exception the visitors reported that the students had been excellent in their conduct and answering questions. I am always proud of our College and the students on this Campus, but particularly so when they are so co-operative and generous with their time.

Yr 7 Family Life Evening

The evening, run by **Mrs Sue Collis** and organised by **Miss Kathy Matters**, was a great success with many families taking the opportunity to become better informed about the various issues facing adolescents. The program offers students and parents a values based approach to sexuality and is helpful in further family discussions on these matters.

Canteen helpers

This week we have struggled to man the canteen. I ask that all volunteers check their rosters to ensure that they attend their allotted session or organise a replacement. If you have not previously volunteered, Pat and Carol would give

you a warm welcome if you would like to start.

Information Night 22nd May

This will be the final Information Evening for **Year 7, 2007**. The session will be held in the Lecture Theatre at 7:30pm, followed by an opportunity to visit the Year 7 area.

Rough Play

Currently football season seems to have brought out a spate of rough play amongst the boys. It is important to remember that the grabbing, shoving and tackling, which may be tolerated on the field, is not acceptable in the yard. The potential for these games to get out of hand and lead to broken bones is ever present. While we appreciate the particular physical needs of boys we need to be aware of the risk rough play poses to everyone on campus.

End of term 2

Please note that in order to conform with bussing arrangements with other schools, classes will end at **2:30pm on Friday 16th June**

"Courage is reclaiming your life after a devastating event robs you of your confidence and self-esteem. It is facing tomorrow with a firm resolve to reach deep within yourself to find another strength, another talent... It is taking yourself to another level of your own existence where you are once again whole, productive, special..."—Catherine Britton

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

On Tuesday 14 students from this Campus represented Lavalla in either **Athletics or Basketball**.

The Athletics was the Catholic Secondary Schools Association Annual Event. Teams from Nagle Bairnsdale, Catholic College Sale and Lavalla competed for the CGSSA Trophy.

Congratulations to Sherrie and Steven Hibbs, Luke Wiebenga, Sam Price, Samantha Grubb, Rikki Gilbert, Alex Sheedy and Brendan Caffrey. A special mention to Sherrie Hibbs who was placed first in four events and won the Year 7 Age Championship.

Zac Whittaker, Ryan Broeren, Jack Sheedy, Pat Frendo, Callan Brooks and Steven Gelagotis travelled to Ballarat to compete in the Basketball Tournament. It is pleasing to see so many students prepared to represent the College and put their skills and talents to team sports.

Father Bernie O'Brien has resumed saying **Mass in the College Chapel** on a Wednesday morning. This is an optional Mass and available to all students to attend. Once again our thanks and appreciation goes to the Parish Priests for

their nurturing of the spiritual aspect of the College. Mass and Reconciliation will be offered to all students this term.

We are now half way through the term and **mid-term reports** will soon be finalised. Can you please take time to sit down with your son/daughter and discuss work requirements and assessment tasks currently being undertaken. If you have any concerns please contact the relevant teachers.

School photos will be on Tuesday 30th May, commencing at 9.00 am. **Full uniform is expected to be worn**

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts.

*Mr Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus*

KILDARE CAMPUS

VCAL Awards – 2005

Last week Mr. Russell Henry and I attended the VCAL 2005 Awards at Federation Square. There were twenty-four awards given to individuals and groups and covered all VCAL categories.

Finbarr Moylan, accompanied by his parents, brother and sisters, received his award from The Rt. Hon. Lynne Kosky, Minister for Education and Training. Finbarr's achievements in the Work Related Skills strand are as wide ranging as they are impressive. In addition to undertaking VET studies in Agriculture and Horticulture, and Building and Construction, he also completed courses in paddock renovation, artificial insemination, tractor driving and chainsaw operation.

Finbarr has a keen interest in dairy farming and has put his growing knowledge, skills and enthusiasm to good use in his job this year with a local dairy farmer. He also impressed us all last year with his commitment to the local community, enthusiastically involving himself in the wetland boardwalk project at the Presentation Campus. He had also

been active in promoting the VCAL program both within the College and by his participation in the Victorian Applied Learning Association and Vocational Education and Training Conference, adding leadership skills and self-confidence to his list of achievements.



Finbarr accepting his award from The Rt. Hon. Lynne Kosky, Minister for Education and Training

Some Important Campus Information: More details will follow, however, as a way of giving some prior notice to parents, the **Year 11 Exams week** will be held from May 29 to June 1.

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

The following week sees the beginning of the **Year 11 Retreat week**. Champagnat and Nagle will be on Retreat on Monday and Tuesday, June 5 & 6. Wednesday, June 7 will be a pupil free day for 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 & 9.

Year 12's will not have classes during the VCE June Examination period – Monday, June 5 – 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.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

CURRICULUM NEWS

The Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS)

You would have read, in our newsletter of 5th May, an explanation of the A-E rating system in use from this year for Years 7-10 English and Maths reports. This week we show you a sample of the chart that is included in a Yr 8 English Report:

English Dimensions	Rating	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Reading	C			•		
Writing	D		•			
Speaking & Listening	D		•			

The shaded column represents the expected level of performance by the end of Semester 1 at Year 8, while the dots indicate the student's level of performance. This graphical form of reporting is very similar to the Aim report you would have received for your child in Year 7.

Assessment Tasks in VCE - Please note this space for weekly updates on assessment details in VCE courses.

Rita Nainie, Director of Curriculum

ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH NEWS

Into Life & Lifeteen Youth are hosting
THE GREAT BASKETBALL CHALLENGE
Saturday 20 May - 4.30 to 10.00pm
St Paul's Campus, Grubb Avenue Traralgon
Trophy and Prizes - Free BBQ tea, Cans \$1
Band 'Scholastica' starts at 7.00pm
Speaker guest speaker - Jonathan Dyson
Contact Joy Heyfron 5174 1904

CANTEEN ROSTER:

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 22 May	D Webb, R Salleh	A Scully, L Barrett
Tue 23 May	L Barrett (help wanted)	K Dugan, H Van Berkel
Wed 24 May	(help wanted)	R Crowle (help wanted)
Thu 25 May	A Mooney, M Bird	P Radovich
Fri 26 May	D Buckley, I Moulton	C Barry, P Johnston

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