



# NEWSLETTER

## Lavalla Catholic College

2 November 2007

### From the Principal

Dear Parents and Students

It is with pleasure that we announce our College Captains for 2008. *Phoebe Trinidad* and *Lynnton Tonta* were elected College Captains and *Jessica Edwards* and *Sky Hammer* are the College Vice-Captains. These students accepted the Year 12 leadership flame from the current Year 12 leaders in a moving assembly at the end of last week.

Jeremy Waanders, Melissa Germano as Captains and Brendan Smith and Monique De Carli as College Vice-Captains were excellent leaders being commendable ambassadors and able to work with all members of the College community. We thank them for their work for their peers and for the College.

*On behalf of the College community I wish the Year 12 class of 2007 well for their exams, thank them for their leadership and particularly thank the parents for the significant part that they have played in this educational journey.*

#### **Review and Renewal Drawing to a Close**

The student free day on Friday 26th October provided us with an opportunity to farewell the Year 12 students and to wish them well for their exams. However, for most of the day the staff worked on refining and polishing the College vision and mission statement and finalising some goals and strategies of each of the five mission directions. We have remained focused on this task for most of the year and we are almost at the end of the process paving the way to move forward next year.

#### **Marist Brothers Beatified – Sunday 28th October**

At the Champagnat Mass in August this year I spoke with the students about the Spanish Marist Brothers. In the early hours of the 8th October 1936 44 brothers were shot dead. As young as 19 years of age - intellectuals, expert teachers and poets did everything possible to remain faithful to the children and young people of Spain entrusted to their care. Victims of the religious persecutions that took place in Spain during the 1930's, these men are now recognised by our Church as martyrs, heroic witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ. On Sunday October 28th, 2007 we acknowledge and celebrate the beatification of the Marist martyrs by Pope Benedict XVI at the Basilica of St Paul's in Rome.

#### **NetAlert**

The Parents and Friends association are proud to announce another parent information session on 20th November at 7.30pm in the Lecture Theatre, St Paul's campus. NetAlert presentations explore the online activities and behaviours of young people and the risks they face in these environments. Presentations are easy to understand, thorough, non-technical and informative. Please consider the letter attached as your personal invitation.

#### **Arts and Technology Exhibition**

This year we are opening up to the community the talented work of our Arts and Technology students by presenting our exhibition at the Latrobe Regional Gallery. Despite the damage caused by the fire we are still able to offer a magnificent display of Year 7-12 pieces. See invitation in the Newsletter and it would be wonderful to have your support on Opening night.

*Ms Erica Pegorer*  
*Principal*

I am standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before me.

I am stronger for their courage; I am wiser for their words.

I am lifted by their longing for a fair and brighter future.

I am grateful for their vision, for their toiling on this earth.

## Kildare Campus

What a tremendous privilege it is to be part of your child's education. Last week we celebrated with our Year 12's the end of their secondary education. For some there was a sense of sadness as they came to realise that their time with us was coming to an end. For others, there was a sense of relief.

On Wednesday we celebrated our Graduation mass. It was a fitting celebration and we thank Fr Peter Bickley for presiding and for his inspirational words. On Thursday the College gathered to farewell our Yr 12's with an Assembly at the Champagnat Centre at St Paul's Campus. This was soon followed by homeroom lunches, speeches and farewells. It was an energetic week and I would like to thank the students for their good behaviour, support and general approach to their final week. The last week of Year 12 can be a testing week for schools and on behalf of the staff I would like to congratulate and thank our students for making this a positive and memorable experience.

### **YEAR 12 ROSE PLANTING REFLECTION**

As you near the end of your time at Lavalla Catholic College,

I am sure you can all recall having made a contribution to your school in some way:

For some it will be on the sporting field,  
or as a member of an official team.

For others it is being a member of the  
College music ensembles.

You may have been part of a debating team  
or a representative at a Youth Gathering.

Some have been cross age tutors, members of the SRC.

You have cooperated with the learning processes  
and engaged new ideas.

You have been a "listening heart" for a fellow student  
when the need was there.

You have all in some way, helped contribute  
towards your College.

Today you leave a lasting legacy to your College  
by planting a rose.

Since biblical times, trees and plants have been  
symbolic of growth, stability and prosperity.

This symbol of yourselves will remain  
always as a reminder of your presence.

Its yearly bloom will remind those of us who remain  
of what you are becoming:  
men and women who are  
strong of mind and gentle of heart.

*Mr Marco Di Cesare  
Campus Director*

### **Year 12 Graduation Night**

Thursday 29 November

6.15pm for a 6.45pm sharp commencement  
held in the Champagnat Centre, St Paul's Campus

Tickets available through Office/VCAL office  
Purchase before **Friday 2 November**

*Families who wish to sit together must arrive in time  
to secure a table as they are not allocated.*

## Presentation Campus

It has been a busy couple of weeks.

The highlight of the week was the Year 12 Farewell assembly. This group of Year 12's were the first Year 7 group to begin the Consolidation of Lavalla. It was exciting to see the students from the Presentation Campus who began as keen Year 7 students in 2002. The first 6 months of Year 7 was at the old Senior Campus in Wirraway Street, Moe.

We wish the Year 12's every success in the coming exams.

### **ROUND 3 DEBATING**

Once again our small band of valiant Year 7/8 Debaters took part in the Junior Secondary Program series of debates recently in Warragul. Triumphant were the Negative team of Katrina Barrett, Lisa Phillips and Luke Wiebenga. Braving unforeseen difficulties beyond their control, the Affirmative team of Stephanie Wise, Kate Troy and Abbie Attard displayed a gallantry of which we can all be proud. Both teams debated the topic: 'THAT Computers Do More Harm than Good'. Many thanks to Br Peter for efficient and reliable transport.

### **"CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK"**

The Year 9 Woodwork class were set the task of constructing a coffee table for Semester two. They had to develop the design, engineer the components and produce a detailed diagram of their tables. Once they completed that the final theory component was to produce a material list, costing and a detailed procedure to construct this unit.

The students have worked hard and their tables are now nearing completion. There is a sense of excitement as the individual pieces of wood are being jointed together and the unit starts to take shape. Mr Carmody has been very pleased with the hard work and dedication of the class. There are some very interesting and wonderful units being produced.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Mr Chris O'Brien  
Campus Director*

### **PARENTS OF ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 7, 8 & 9**

The Sunday Age will recognise the achievement of Victorian students who have successfully completed the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge in a special liftout on Sunday 18 November.

### **AIM TEST RESULTS**

By now all parents of Year 7 students who were present for the AIM tests in early August should have received a report in the mail. This report will provide you with information about your child's progress in Maths and English. The AIM data provides the school with insights into each student and the whole year level. It will be used by the school as the basis for discussion on any new programs or initiatives we may introduce and the data will also help us assess each student's academic progress.

If you have not yet received your report, please contact Jo-Maree Sharman at the St. Paul's Campus.

## St Paul's Campus

The elections afford us a chance to reflect on issues, to think about the kind of nation and the kind of future we want our children to inherit. They present an opportunity for long term vision and goals. They also afford us the chance to discuss these issues with our children, to educate them in the way of the world. Children often have a disconcerting habit of cutting to the heart of the matter and they often startle us with their perceptions, questions and wisdom.

It is important to give our children a picture of the future, something to aim for, something to strive for, something to work for, and something to hope for.

### BASKETBALL

Shannon Musgrove (U-14, Albury in January) and Chris Sutton (U-15, Port Macquarie in January) have been selected to represent Country Victoria in Basketball. We wish them success against teams from NSW Country, NSW Metro, South Australia, Queensland and New Zealand. Congratulations to the two basketballers!

### HOMEROOM CUP - Tuesday 6th November

Each Homeroom has been given a 'horse'. The Homeroom has to decorate the 'horse', name it and find a jockey for it. The St. Paul's Homeroom Cup will be run at lunch time on Tuesday 6th November in 3 separate races, one per Year level. The winning 'horses and jockeys' will be awarded a trophy and hot chips for their Homerooms. There is also a BEST DRESSED and DECORATED horse/jockey category for each Year level. Funds raised will go towards the Year 9 Fashion Parade.

### FASHION PARADE - FASHION OBSESSION

The Year 9 Fashion Project Class of 2007 will stage 'FASHION OBSESSION' on Tuesday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Lecture Theatre. The students will model outfits supplied by local retailers. Wonderful student designs and constructions will also be displayed for the public. Tickets can be purchased at the St Paul's office and at the Lecture Theatre on the night - \$10 adults and \$5 students/children.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Monday 12 November. Students who have relatives who have fought in any of the conflicts are asked to meet Mrs Di Sisto to help with the ceremony.

### THE SHAK

The Shak is planning a sausage sizzle at lunchtime on 14 November. The funds raised will go towards improving the facilities in the Shak. 3TRFM is planning to come in and do live crosses with our students. We are hoping to make it a fun lunch hour.

### YEAR 9 RETREATS

The Youth Mission Team from Melbourne conducted the Year 9 Retreats on 31 October and 1 November in the Champagnat Centre. These seven young adults made the retreat experience lively and fun, through activities and games, music and drama and personal sharing of experiences. It is always heartening to see teenagers reflect so positively on life values and justice. In addition, the students reported that they enjoyed the day.

*Mr Chris Roga  
Campus Director*

### ELECTION NOT IN THE BAG

*compliments of the Herald/Sun 31 October, 2007*

Psychology students at Lavalla Catholic College (Traralgon) did a survey last week and found 45 per cent of respondents (aged 17 to 68, with a mean age of 40) preferred Mr Howard as PM and 42 per cent supported Mr Rudd. The remaining 13 per cent had no preference.

Scores on an attitude scale towards the two leaders showed no significant difference with an average, moderate approval ratings for both leaders.

However, the most telling statistic was the one in three respondents had not yet decided which party to vote for. It appears that are a lot of people whose vote could be influenced by the future campaigning of all political parites.

**Mara Bormanis**  
*(on behalf of LCC Psychology students)*

### Arts and Technology Exhibition

will be showcasing the work of  
Year 7-12 students  
in *Studio Art, Design and Technology*  
and *Visual Communication and Design*.

Exhibition will be open for public viewing from

**Wednesday 7th November - Monday 26th November**  
*(Official Opening Wednesday 7th November at 6.00pm)*

held at Community Access Gallery,  
Latrobe Regional Gallery,  
138 Commercial Road, Morwell

**Second Hand Book Sales**  
Please find a notice attached to  
this Newsletter

### AWARDS NIGHT SPONSORSHIP

The College will be conducting its Annual Awards Night on Monday, December 3. Students are presented with a variety of academic, sporting and community service awards. Any business or organisation wishing to donate sponsorship to these awards is asked to contact Mr Peter Schneider on 5127 1311 during business hours.

Gippsland Women's Health Service  
is delighted to host Real Girls---Let's talk! featuring

### **Anthea Paul**

who will deliver a FREE fun session with pamper bags and prizes for mothers and daughters on positive self esteem and body image for girls 10-18 years on

**Sale:** Monday 12 November at 4.30pm  
Sale Bowls Club, Foster Street, Sale

Bookings essential  
Please phone Freecall 1800 805 448

**INTO LIFE**

(Year 5 & up) St Michael's Youth Group, Traralgon

**Rollerskating**

When: Friday 9 November

St Michael's Hall 6.30pm for lift or

7.00pm Ozskate rink, Bell St, Moe

Cost: \$7.00 Contact: Lou 5175 0877

**LIFE TEEN**

(Years 9-12) St Michael's Youth Group, Traralgon

**Sunday 11 November - Go Karts**

Meet straight after 6pm Mass, Dinner provided.

7pm-9pm at Parish Centre. All Welcome

Contact: Ben 0439 371 148

**VISITATION PROGRAM**

**Traralgon Parish**

A Visitation program is about to commence in the Traralgon parish. The aim is to make a friendly visit to all Catholics within the Parish to make them feel connected and cared for by the Parish community. If for some reason you prefer not to receive a visit please phone the Parish on Ph: 5174 2060.

**Saver Plus Program**

**Save up to \$1,000 for Education**

- Are you 18 or over?
- Want to save for your own and/or your child's education?
- Have a Healthcare Card or Pension Card?
- Receive income from paid work?

Then **YOU** may be eligible to receive **\$1 for every \$1** you save to put towards books, camps, computer, uniforms etc.

Give Kerry Bennett a call at  
Berry Street Victoria on Ph: 5134 5971

**2008 Term Dates**

Term 1 31 January - 20 March

Term 2 7 April - 27 June

Term 3 15 July - 19 September

Term 4 6 October - 5 December

**Breakfast Club @ Kildare**

Every Wednesday from 7.45am-8.45am

Held in the Food Technology room

All Welcome!!

**Enquiries contact:** Mike Hansen

**Forthcoming Events**

**TERM 4**

**NOVEMBER**

- 5 Nov Year 11 Solo Performance Recitals [K]
- VCE Unit 2 Legal Studies Excursion [K]
- 7-26 Nov Arts & Technology Exhibition (*Latrobe Arts Gallery*)
- 7 Nov Super 7&8 Cricket, Drouin [P&SP]
- 8 Nov Year 10 Drama Excurison [K]
- 9 Nov Last Day Year 11 Classes
- 12 Nov Year 11 Drama Performance Night
- 12-13 Nov Year 9 Buddy Training
- 12-16 Nov Year 12, 2008 Subject Workshops [K]
- 13 Nov Year 9 Fashion Parade [SP]
- 19-23 Nov Year 11 Examinations commence [K]
- 20 Nov NET Alert (*7.30pm Lecture Theatre*) [SP]
- 25-27 Nov Marist Leaders Seminar [K]
- 27 Nov Christmas Music Concert (*Victory Park, Tgn*)
- 28-29 Nov Year 9 Transition [SP & P]
- 29 Nov Year 12 Graduation (*Champagnat Centre @ 6.15pm*)
- 30 Nov **Traralgon Show Day (Student Free Day)**

**DECEMBER**

- 3 Dec Awards Ceremony
- Curriculum Writing Day (Student Free Day)**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**ST PAUL'S CAMPUS**

- Mon 5 Nov T. Roberts, R. Bermingham
- Tue 6 Nov S. Garrett, T. Pledge
- Wed 7 Nov L. Hodder, E. Panayiotou
- Thu 8 Nov Help Required x 2
- Fri 9 Nov C. Bruzzese, (help required x 2)
- Mon 12 Nov M. Nocera, L. Calabrese
- Tue 13 Nov C. Towns, (help required)
- Wed 14 Nov S. Fisher, T. Grunwald
- Thu 15 Nov Help Required x 2
- Fri 16 Nov D. Buckley, (help required x 2)

**KILDARE CAMPUS**

- Mon 5 Nov S. Jacobs
- Tue 6 Nov G. Breed
- Wed 7 Nov R. Crowle
- Thu 8 Nov V. Sammut
- Fri 9 Nov K. Drowley
- Mon 12 Nov D. Berryman
- Tue 13 Nov A. Dorrington
- Wed 14 Nov J. Rowe
- Thu 15 Nov C. Shippen
- Fri 16 Nov P. Johnston

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