



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

22 July 2005

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, 19 July the whole College gathered for a Mass together and the awarding of the Champagnat Medals. It was a wonderful occasion; with over 1400 students presenting themselves well. We welcomed Fr Peter Bickley, (Traralgon) Fr Manny Lomagno (Newborough) Fr Bernie O'Brien (Moe) and Fr Tom Cleary (Morwell).

The gathering of students and staff, parents and visitors filled the Champagnat Centre and the ceremony was most impressive. There was an enormous amount of preparation from the Choir, led by Shane Reid, the Liturgy prepared by Michael Hansen, the power point and screen set up by Roger Chambers, the organization of chairs by St Paul's Campus and the work of our maintenance team in transforming the Centre. I was very moved by the occasion and am deeply grateful to all.

The Champagnat Medals are awarded to those students who are showing in their lives signs of strong minds and compassionate hearts. We recognize these students as people who are prepared to make a difference for the good of those around them. We acknowledge their genuineness, honesty and simplicity. The medal is also meant to encourage students in their development. The medal is Year-Level based and recipients are able to receive the medal, once on each Campus.

This year the following students have been awarded the Champagnat Medal for 2005.

- Yr 7:- Kosta Psinas
Courtney Morgan**
- Yr 8: James Silvestro
Karina Byrne**
- Yr 9: Rita Chandra
Stephen Maselli**
- Yr 10: Kayla Moretti
Jeremy Waanders**
- Yr 11 Renee Gilmour
Michael Easton**
- Yr 12: Julia Auciello
Matthew Hardwick**

My congratulations to these students.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Champagnat Mass

This week we celebrated the life of Marcellin Champagnat and our place in the Marist community he founded. Our campus leaders: **Kosta, Chloe, Phoebe and Kyle** did us proud with the reading of the prayers of the faithful. **Rebecca** and **Megan** did a dignified job as altar servers and the rest of the students were quiet and respectful. It certainly is an awe-inspiring sight to see over 1400 young people join in prayer.

Congratulations to all the Champagnat medal winners and their families. Particularly to **Courtney Morgan, Kosta Psinas, James Silvestro and Stephen Maselli** from this campus. These young people are all worthy recipients of this honour. There were many other students nominated for these awards and while they cannot all receive medals it is pleasing to know that we have so many caring young people in our midst.

Yr 8 Camps

At the time of writing the camps are not complete, however I have every confidence that students will rise to the challenge of having a great time and learning some city skills. I am particularly grateful to Mr Michael Archipow and Ms Eva Amezquita who have spent many hours on arranging the camps. Any camps or excursion should be seen as a *privilege* for students and not a right. Very occasionally students

behave poorly and lose the privilege of attending the activity.

Food Excursion

Yr 9 students have the opportunity to visit GippsTafe Morwell Campus, to see the working of an industrial kitchen. The tour also allows the students to visit the music and fashion areas of Tafe hopefully to fill them with ideas for potential further study and careers. Included in the cost of the excursion is a 2-course meal which allows the students to have a more formal eating experience.

Uniform

Generally this has been worn, though not always well worn! May I remind parents that the required shoes are black leather 'traditional' school shoes and not the more fashionable, and often impractical, styles your child may show you. Any jacket, scarf or gloves must be plain navy blue.

Congratulations to Kate Walker, Year 9, who has made the state Hockey team again this year. Well done, Kate!

"The best leaders are clear. They continually light the way, and in the process, let each person know that what they do makes a difference"

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Academic Awards for Semester 1

At the College Assembly yesterday, the Semester 1 academic awards were presented. These awards acknowledge the work and excellence of our best results, our most determined and our hardest working students.

Congratulations to the following students:

Year 12:

Jessica Black; Julia Auciello; Adele Carpenter; Katy Web; Amie Marsh; Melissa Girvan.

Year 11:

Nicole Laidlaw; Reannah Marino; Renee Gilmour; Sean Roberts.

Year 10:

Chloe Lappin; Jeremy Waanders; Louise Wykes; Nicole Francis.

Preparation for 2006

At the moment, preparations are in full swing for 2006. We have recently had an excellent response to an Information Night for parents of Year 9 students and we will be hosting an Information Night for parents of students going into Year 11 on Monday night.

Choosing courses of study for next year should not be a cause for anxiety. The purpose of the Information Nights is to inform people and to give them as much information as possible so that informed choices can be made. The evenings are provided so that parents and students can begin to think about and to look at answers to such questions as:

- What are the options that the Kildare Campus can offer?
- What are the options available after school is finished?
- Do you dream of going to University?
- Do you know what TAFE can offer?
- What is VET?
- Have you heard of VCAL?
- Do you know about the additional specialist programs on offer?
- Did you know that you could do an apprenticeship part time?
- How should you best prepare for an apprenticeship, traineeship or employment?

It is my hope that the evenings will have provided food for thought and that the discussions are able to take away some of

the apprehensions experienced by students (and sometimes their parents) about choosing for next year.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

We gathered as a college community on Tuesday to celebrate the heritage that is ours as a Marist School. When the whole school gathers as one for any celebration it is a grand sight. To go from a campus of 180 to one of some 1400 gives us a sense of solidarity and unity based on the motto of strong minds and compassionate hearts.

Our congratulations to all the Champagnat Medal recipients and their proud families. They have been recognized as agents of change both in their personal lives and that of their community. Rita Chandra and Karina Byrnes received this recognition from the Presentation community.

This Thursday we held an assembly. Our prayer focused on the way we can all be agents for change in our world today. The London terrorist bombings have highlighted the need for all of us to stand up and not be intimidated by people not prepared to accept that we are all equal in the sight of God and

have the right to peacefully co-exist as a global community. Along with other people from across the world some of our students elected to be photographed with a sign stating that "We're not afraid". A power point was presented to show photos of like minded people all prepared to make this statement. If you have time, look up 'werenotafraid.com'.

The response to the **Cross Country Ski trips** has been excellent. We will now consider offering a third day on the 10 August in addition to the 3 and 4 August. If your son or daughter is still keen to go we will extend the final date for acceptance to next Monday, 25 July.

The **Parent Support Group Trivia night** is on 31 July. Tickets are available at the school or by contacting Carol Wilson on 5127 1110. It is a great night and all funds raised go back into the College. Mr John Crawford is the MC for the evening; he was come out of retirement especially for the occasion.

Presentation (contd....)

The **Year 9 to 10 Transition** phase has begun. The Information Evening and subject information session have been conducted. Students have until the third week in August to make the important decision on subject choices for 2006. The College Expo is on 5 August and all Years 8 and 9 students from this campus are expected to attend. A bus will leave this campus at 11.30am and return at 3.00pm. The cost will be \$2 per student. Parents are encouraged to attend with their son or daughter and are welcome to save fuel costs and use the bus.

On the environment front, we have plovers attempting to hatch 4 eggs some 20 metres from the Year 9 classrooms. The nest was established in the holidays. The last egg was laid on Wednesday, 20 July. We can expect young chicks about 8 August all going well. The plovers' presence has brought a mixed reaction from the students. Peaceful co-existence, perhaps?

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts.

*Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus*

EDUCATION FORUM FOR PARENTS

Our next meeting is on **Monday, 25 July** at the St Paul's Campus Resource Centre commencing 7.30pm.

good opportunity to discuss the interview process and reports. Br Julian is looking for some feedback on this.

After a short meeting we will be having some discussion with Br Julian re the **Reporting** that has just been completed at the end of the first semester. This is a

So please come along if you can.

*Norma Bellerby, Chairperson
ph 51341677 (BH)*

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 25 July	R Bermingham, J Hartley	J Rowe, J Kurrle
Tue 26 July	R Heal, B Buykx-Smith	I Gregson, S Prosser
Wed 27 July	H Stoddart (help wanted)	S Hillier, T Sloan
Thu 28 July	C Barry, F Webb	M Wojciechowski, A Scully
Fri 29 July	N Ellis, L Weckmann (help wanted)	P Atkinson, C Barry

Kildare Canteen

urgent help required for the following days:

Mondays: 1, 8, 29 August; 12 September, 24, 31 October

Thursdays: 18 August, 1 September, 27 October

Fridays: 5, 19 August, 16 September

If you can help out on any of the above days please ring the Canteen (5174 5272)

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