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## From the Principal

Welcome back to the 2014 academic year.

The way we are greeted always creates long and lasting impressions and I certainly feel warmly received by all.

As a new member of the Lavalla Catholic College community I am very aware of what it means to be welcomed and I have no doubt that this has also been the experience for our new families and students for 2014.

I also want to extend my thanks and appreciation to Ms Erica Pegorer for all the wonderful work she undertook in service of Lavalla Catholic College and wish her the best of success in her new role.

My view has always been that as we start each year there are always opportunities to learn more, form new relationships and to improve. It is my sincere hope that all who are part of the community at Lavalla strive to be their best and feel supported in their efforts.

Earlier this week we welcomed back some of our high performing students to a welcoming liturgy at the Kildare Campus. All who were present were privileged to hear from our 2013 dux, Mubtasim Murshed, who reflected on his time at Lavalla and provided inspiration and encouragement for the students as they embark on their academic journey in 2014. Also the Year 11 students from 2013 who achieved 40 or more in a VCE study were acknowledged, including Shannon Shepley who scored a 50. Mr Doug Doherty will provide more details on last year's results in his article of the newsletter.

Additionally, I would also like to acknowledge the great achievement of Bayley Charalambous who was honoured at the recent Australia Day awards as Latrobe City's Young Citizen of the Year.

New staff to join us this year, including some who undertook some replacement work last year, are:

- Mr Peter Russell (English and History)
- Mr Matt Buckland (Physical Education and Science)
- Mr Shane Lebbe (Religious Education and Music)
- Miss Dominika Szylkrot (Visual Communication and Design)



**Mr John Freeman**  
Principal

*Lord, God Almighty,  
you have brought us  
safely to the beginning  
of this day.*

*Defend us today by  
your mighty power, so  
that we may not fall  
into any sin, and that  
all our words may so  
proceed and all our  
thoughts and actions  
be so directed as to be  
always just in your  
sight.*

*Through Christ our  
Lord.*

*Amen.*

## From the Principal, continued:

We also welcome back:

- Maree Garrett from Maternity Leave and;
- Therese Main from a year teaching in the Primary School system.

I wish all these staff a happy and rewarding experience.

Congratulations to Mr Michael Townsend and Sandra on the birth of a grandson, Chase Hunter.

We also congratulate Peter and Sue Townsend on the birth of their granddaughter, Penny Rose.

I also want to acknowledge Ms Sally Sharp on completing her Masters of Education in 2013.

I ask that you keep in your prayers and thoughts: Ms Nicole Denovan, Personal Assistant to Mr Doherty, who is currently recovering from injuries sustained in an accident; Ms Ronda Waanders' father who is very ill and also Mr Michael Hansen whilst he is on leave for the first semester recovering from an illness.

Finally I commend to your prayers the father of Mr Bill Antonopoulos; Lincoln Ingravelle's grandfather; Mark Nelson father of Emily (Year 8) and Rachel (Year 12); and Trent Berryman, previous student – all of whom recently passed. May they rest in peace.

**Mr John Freeman**  
Principal

## School Immunisation Program 2014

Do you have a child in year 7, 9 (males only) or 10? If so it is time for immunisations.

Information is being sent home now about immunisations your child is due for at school this year.

Please take some time to look through the information and return the consent card/s to school as soon as possible.

If you would like further information, or require new consent cards, please phone the Council Health Services Team on 1300 367 700.



## Parent Volunteers - Can you help?

The Kildare and St Paul's Canteens are seeking parent helpers for 2014.

If you can spare a few hours one day a week or so then please contact the Reception at St Paul's or Kildare or email [principal@lavalla.org.au](mailto:principal@lavalla.org.au) to express an interest. We would love to hear from you.

## Franklin Park School Bus Service

We have recently had several queries about the possibility of establishing a school bus service for the Franklin Park area of Traralgon. Some years ago now we conducted a parent survey into the same question and didn't receive a strong response.

LV Bus Lines were also not too keen on the suggestion because the Franklin Street bridge was a no-go zone for them; the new bridge should alleviate their concern.

Our Bus Coordinator Mr Alby Van Berkel believes the demographics of Franklin Park have probably changed somewhat since then and is prepared to pursue the matter again. So, if you are a parent from the Franklin Park area, could you email Mr Van Berkel [vanbalb1@lavalla.vic.edu.au](mailto:vanbalb1@lavalla.vic.edu.au) with the following information:

- Family Name;
- Street address;
- Number of children currently attending Lavalla Catholic College;
- Number of children currently attending Primary school;
- Number of days a week you would use s school bus service into Franklin Park.

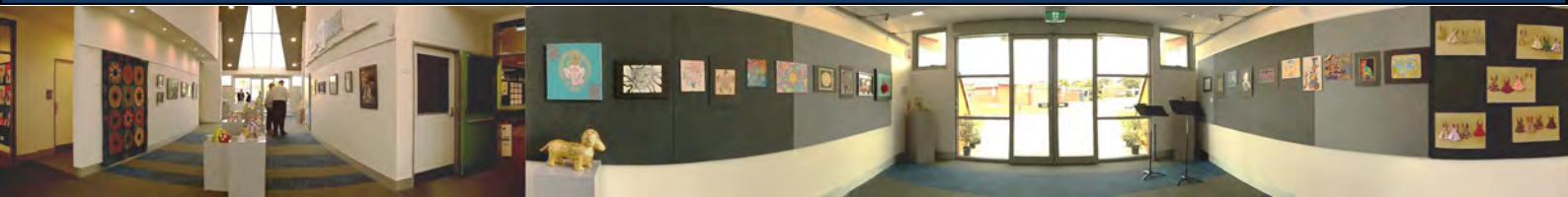
Thank you in advance for your participation.

## Congratulations

Our Traralgon uniform supplier, Riggalls ,held a raffle over the school holidays to win back the cost of your uniform purchase price.

We are pleased to announce that the winner was from Lavalla.

Congratulations to **Rochelle Bamford**.



## St Paul's Campus Update

### Mr Andrew Martin, Campus Director

As the new school year begins, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome those who are new to the college and extend my sincerest thanks to those who continue to support a Catholic education and the 'Marist Way', with its five tenets; Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of work, and, a focus on the way of our exemplar, Mary. We are confident that a learning experience distinctly underpinned by a sense of faith and possibility will prove to be valuable in shaping your children's formation as good Christians and world citizens.

It has been great to see our new Year 7s settle in so well and with so much enthusiasm. It was also lovely to see so many new faces at our Information Night on Thursday, where parents were given the opportunity to meet teachers, wander around the college and see the facilities, attend a workshop or just mingle and enjoy the BBQ. On such a hot night, it was great to see all those who were able to attend.

In an effort to better meet the needs of both students and parents, we conducted a survey of over 200 families last year to determine their needs in regards to reporting and interviews. As a result, we will be implementing a new reporting structure for 2014 and it will take the form of 6 weekly feedback from every subject teacher, for every child from Year 7-12. At the St Paul's campus, the Learner Advisor program will look different in this new year. Only students from Years 7, 8 and 9, whose academic performance needs improvement, will be required to attend Academic Review meetings with their parents and their homeroom teacher every six weeks. This meeting will be an opportunity to share information, foster communication links between home and school and encourage students to set goals in order to provide a focus for their learning and assist them in developing learning behaviours and strategies that will improve their academic performance.

After another successful year of Homework Club, we are keen to make it bigger and better for this year. As a result, Homework Club will now run EVERY Monday and Wednesday after school from 3:30pm until 4:30pm in the Information Services Centre. These sessions are supervised by teachers and is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain additional assistance with their work.

## The Second-hand Uniform Shop has Moved

To make way for the new Year 8 Centre, the Second-hand Uniform Shop has moved. It is now located next to the canteen, please see the map below.

We are currently well stocked on all uniform items, although smaller sizes are limited. For a complete listing of what is currently available for sale in the shop and a price guide please visit The College website <http://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/Second-hand-Uniform-and-Textbooks/> and download the "Uniform Shop Quantities and Open Days" file. This file is updated after every open day.

If you haven't been to the Second-hand Uniform Shop before and are in need of some Uniform pieces please come and look in our new shop, our upcoming open days are listed below.

The Second-Hand Uniform shop is open every first and third Thursday of the month from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. There are also 3 late sessions during the year that operate until 8.00pm. All advertising of open days is done via The College newsletter and website.

### Upcoming open dates for Second-hand Uniform Shop:

- Thursday 20 February, 3.30pm - 6.00pm
- Thursday 6 March, 3.30pm - 6.00pm
- Thursday 20 March, 3.30pm - 6.00pm

Volunteers are needed to help in the shop, usually from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. If you are able to assist please leave your details with St.Paul's reception 5174 7355



## Kildare Campus Update

Mr Douglas Doherty, Campus Director

**“Prayer in action is love, love in action is service.”**  
**Mother Teresa**

A new year has begun at Lavalla Catholic College, bringing with it many new beginnings.

This year we have adapted a new theme as a whole college – *Faith and Learning: Serve One Another*. This also has a strong link with our Marist theme for 2014 - **#serveoneanother**.

I would offer a very warm welcome to our new Year 10 students and many other students who have joined the Kildare community from a wide range of other local schools.

It is very promising to hear that Kildare Campus is receiving such positive comments amongst the local community, thus ensuring that it is the school of choice for many families seeking a holistic education for their children.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff at Kildare. We are very lucky to have employed Miss Domenica Szykrot, Ms Kim Widrich, Mr Kevin Rafferty and Mr Shane Lebbe at Kildare. We are also blessed with the contribution of several staff who will work across both campuses.

Last year the Kildare Campus achieved it's best overall VCE results in the past four year, as well as increasing the number of applicants for tertiary education by 14%.

Due to the great success with raising our ATAR scores, it was also very rewarding to know that 71% of our students who applied for Tertiary Education achieved their 1st choice; whilst 11% achieved their 2nd choice.

We had many excellent results including Teneille Hecker, Apphia Ochilo and Samantha Mann, who all achieved ATARs of 90+.

Our College DUX (Student with the highest ATAR) was Mubtasim Murshed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mubtasim and Samantha for coming to our first whole Campus Assembly to speak to the students to help raise aspirations and give sound advice for success.

We wish all our class of 2013 the very best and request that they keep in touch with their school community. These great achievements, illustrates that as a college community we are striving to “Raise Aspirations and Deliver Excellence for All”.

2014 will again see even greater results. This has been evidenced to date with the formation of the 40's Club – Students who have already achieved 40+ as a Study Score in their VCE examination last year. These students include:

Stephanie McDonald	Samuel Roberts
Mark O'Donnell	Joshua O'Sullivan
Lachlan Slatter	Samuel Clavarino
Bree Guttridge	

Kildare Campus was also very excited about the achievement of Shannon Shepley, who achieved a maximum Study Score of 50 in Business Administration. This is an outstanding achievement and shows that the high level of education at Lavalla Catholic College.

### **New Initiatives at Kildare**

Student Administration Assistants  
This year will see the introduction of Student Administration Assistants within our Campus. This is practise found in many top performing schools. It will involve all Year 10 students having the opportunity one day per year, to perform duties that develop a range of skills. These skills include communication, public relations, analytical decision making, time management, etc.

## Kildare Campus Director Report, Continued:

The students will work in pairs for one day per year. They will work out of their own office and will assist with a range of tasks throughout the day, whilst still completing their studies for that day.

Some of the duties may include the meeting and greeting of visitors, prospective parents and students; delivery of important notices to the relevant person; Examination of protocols of school life on that particular day; etc.

We look forward to working with our students, helping them to develop confidence and an understanding of the requirements of a work-place.

When undertaking this role, students will be assigned their own individual lanyard and badge to identify as to why they are not in a classroom at a specific time.

At Kildare Campus, we have also directed ourselves to 'Walk with individual students to help them achieve pathways to success.' This individual support and guidance will be essential to fulfilling our Marist guidance of "Loving our Children".

I wish all members of our school community the very best for the coming year. I encourage all to strive to "Raise aspirations and Deliver Excellence for all".

God Bless

**Mr Doug Doherty**  
Campus Director, Kildare

### What can you do to help manage your child's asthma at school?

- If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (*e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl*) as well as a spacer while at school;
- Ensure that you have provided your child's school/ preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan;
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- Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to

make sure they are using their reliever medication properly;

- Ensure your child will seek help from school/ preschool staff if they experience asthma Symptoms;
- Ensure that your child's asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child's school

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)

### Upcoming Events

#### Monday 17 February

Sports Leaders Training Day

#### Tuesday 18 February

Year 12 Chemistry Excursion - Federation University

Year 12 Unit Physical Education Excursion

#### Thursday 20 February

Kildare Swimming Carnival—Traralgon Pool

#### Friday 21 February

Year 12 English - Oral Presentations

#### Tuesday 25 February

St Paul's Swimming Carnival - Traralgon Pool

Year 11 & 12 Information Night - Kildare 7.00pm - 8.30pm

#### Thursday 27 February

School Sports Victoria - Swimming Sports, Sale

Year 7 – 'World of Maths' Travelling Roadshow - St Paul's Campus

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