



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

17 June 2004

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of semester 1, may I take this opportunity to thank all for their co-operation and assistance in making the first part of the year a satisfying one and wish everyone a pleasant and relaxing break.

Last week we had the transit of Venus across the sun and I joined others at Mr Zitkevicius' telescope in the College Grounds to have a look at this wonderful happening.

Through the Science of Astronomy, we have become more knowledgeable about the immensity of the Universe, its history and its future. We know the Universe is still expanding with galaxies of stars still receding in the aftermath of the Big Bang. We understand how crucial it was for the sun to be exactly the right temperature for our world to survive and develop. We appreciate how critical it was for gravity to be not too strong or too weak to hold us at the right distance from the sun. Even in the light of these simple discoveries, we can understand that human life is not an accidental by-product in this vast universe. Rather human life was prepared for (over a period of about 12,000 million years) and eventually accommodated in this Universe. In the words of one famous physicist, "the Universe knew we were coming."

Hence the image of "Creator God" is just as valid in the Science of the third millennium as it was for our ancestors in biblical times. This simple connection between Science and Faith is an important example of the efforts the College makes to not only expand the students' knowledge of our world, but also to help them get a glimpse of the meaning for our existence.

*Br Julian Casey*  
*Principal*

Sun. 20 <sup>June</sup>	Marist Netball Championships commence, Forbes NSW
Tue. 22	Showcasing our Curriculum: 11.00am to 1.00pm
Wed 23	End of Semester Reports Distributed
Thu. 24	Parent Teacher Interviews: 4.00 to 7.30pm Term 2 classes conclude 3.30pm
Fri. 25	Parent/Teacher Interviews – 10am to 12noon TERM BREAK
Mon. 12 <sup>July</sup>	Staff Day
Tue 13	Students commence classes for Term 3

## ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

During this week your son or daughter will have brought home a sheet for you to indicate which teachers you would like to meet with at the **Parent, Teacher and Student interviews on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> or Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**. Your requests are collated at the office and as far as possible are grouped so that you have minimal waiting time between appointments. If you haven't had an opportunity to arrange these appointments please call the office.

Generally it is expected that your child also attend the interviews. They come to understand how much you value their education and you and the staff have an opportunity to model adult discussion for them. They can participate in discussions about improvement or bask in the glory of a job well done. It is also an occasion to show them how to thank people who have helped them.

My thanks to the teachers, many of who were here over the long weekend, crafting their reports.

### **Yr 7 Excursions**

In the next two weeks Yr 7 classes will be taking part in the Water Watch Program as part of Mind and Matter. They will also be attending "Polaroid Madness" Days in the Park. This is part of the Religious Education and Pastoral Care programmes at Yr 7. Naturally both these activities will be dependant upon good weather and may need to be postponed at short notice given the current conditions.

### **Curriculum Show Case Day**

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> students will be encouraged to explore the work done by their peers at the College and to gain an understanding of the tasks performed by the next year level. This is a great opportunity for our students to show their talents and efforts to each other.

*Long-term planning is not about making long-term decisions, it is about understanding the future consequences of today's decisions ...* Gary Ryan Blair

*Lee McKenzie*  
*Head of St Paul's Campus*

### **Marist Netball Competition**

**On June 22<sup>nd</sup> the College will be represented in Forbes for the Marist Netball Competition. We wish the girls, coach and support people well.**

## PRESENTATION CAMPUS

This will be my last newsletter report for this Semester.

May I take this opportunity to thank the staff here for their dedication and commitment to the students throughout Term 2 and to commend the students for their willingness to be challenged and for their positive responses to all that is offered here at this campus. Finally, to sincerely thank the parents for their

involvement in the education of their son or daughter. We only see the students between 8.30am and 3.20pm each day. The behind-the-scenes efforts by you are appreciated by all staff.

This Term has been a busy one. We can easily forget all the activities and extra curricula events that have occurred as we move from week to busy week. So to recap:

- Year 9 SOSE Excursion to Melbourne
- Anzac Day Assembly & Prayer Service
- Brennagh McKenzie speaking at Anzac Day Service in Moe.
- Year 7, 8 and 9 Parish based Masses.
- Year 8 Medieval Day
- Campus Athletics Carnival
- School Photos
- Open Day and Information Evenings
- St. Mary's and St. Kieran's visits
- Bratz Disco – Year 9 Project
- Mother's Day Raffle – Year 9 Project Group
- Parent Support Group Trivia Night \$750
- Year 8 Surfing Days
- Marist Missions / Talk from Br. Michael / Casual Clothes Day - \$300 raised.
- Intermediate Band Playing
- Year 9 Football / Year 7 – 8 Soccer / Year 9 Netball Team representation
- Year 7 Flying Bookworm Company
- Year 9 SOSE Exam
- Every day Timetable and Curriculum.

We have much to be grateful for.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Chris O'Brien  
Head of Campus*

### KILDARE CAMPUS

#### **Parent and Teacher Interviews:**

On Wednesday morning during Homeroom, a personal invitation was distributed to all parents through the students to make arrangements to meet with the teachers regardless of whether an interview is requested or not. Because the reports will not be issued until Wednesday, June 23, and the first round of interviews occur the following day, there will not be much lead-time to make those arrangements. I would strongly recommend that your son or daughter accompany you. This is an opportunity for students, parents and subject teachers to discuss individual strategies to maximise student learning.

We would ask that you ensure that your son or daughter, or you may do this yourself, makes an interview time with teachers either by contacting the office on

5174 5272, or faxing the form to 5174 0783, or returning Interview Booking Sheet to the Homeroom Teacher or by email to: [ptinterviews@lavalla.sale.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ptinterviews@lavalla.sale.catholic.edu.au)

The interviews are planned for:

- ?? **Thursday, June 24 from 4.00pm – 7.30pm**
- ?? **Friday, June 25 from 10.00am – 12.00 noon**

All staff will be available for interview during the above times. However, some staff will only be available at the times listed on the sheet that came home on Wednesday. The interview sheet will be returned through your son or daughter's homeroom and we will endeavour to allocate a time closest to your requested time.

*Peter Schneider  
Head of Kildare Campus*

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>	<b>Presentation</b>
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> June	L Barrett, Sandra Mills	J Adams, C Jackiw	F Gelagotis
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	I Gregson, P Johnston	T Stratford (help req'd)	P Hayes
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	C Hinds	F DiIorio, A Prezioso	J Dickason
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	P Radovich, R Henderson	S Eccles (help req'd)	M Donovan

## Canteen Roster (cont'd...)

### TERM BREAK

Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> July	S Garrett, T Pledge	M Northover, M Whitty	I Bramstedt
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	C Bruzzese, H Stoddart	M Tomkins, M Leahy	K Glen
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	P Brown, V Sammut	D Leatham, S Carrigy	A Fogarty
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	M Byl, M Lafferty, L Mills	P Johnston, K Manson	J Byrne

### ST KIERAN'S PARISH EXPO AND ASSEMBLY

Father John Dunlea and the Parish Council invite you and your family to attend the St Kieran's Parish Expo and Assembly to be held on Sunday, 27 June between 2.00 and 4.00pm in the Hall. Afternoon tea will be provided.

The Expo is an opportunity to find out about all the different groups operating within the Parish. Group members will be available to answer questions and invite the community members to join them. The Expo will help us to answer or reflect upon these questions:

- ✍* Where have we come from?
- ✍* Where are we now?
- ✍* What do you want from the Parish Pastoral Council?
- ✍* What can we do together?

Please contact Mrs Hassall on 5127 3606 with any queries.

### Appointments for free Dental Care is currently available to:

- ✍* Students in Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 whose name appears on their parent's current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.
- ✍* School leavers under 18 years of age whose name appears on their parent's current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

### What type of treatment is available?

Dental checkups and advice, Dental Sealants, Cleaning, Fillings, Emergency appointments

### Where to go for treatment?

Latrobe Community Health Service – Dental Clinic. Phone 5127 9181 to make an appointment.

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10 am – 4 pm

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10 am – 4 pm

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