



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

16 July 2004

Dear Parents

Lavalla Catholic College Council

The Annual General Meeting of the Lavalla Catholic College Council will be held in the Principal's Conference Room at the Kildare Campus at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th July. This is an open meeting and you may wish to be present. At this meeting there will be an overall Report from the Chairman, Mr Larry Naismith, a Principal's Report and the audited Financial Report on the Accounts for 2003. The AGM is usually over within 40 minutes and is followed by the normal monthly meeting at which only members of the Council are present.

The present members of the Council are: -

Mrs Norma Bellerby	Parent Member
Fr Peter Bickley	Parish Priest nominated by the Bishop
Mr Vincent Carr	Nominee of the Director, Catholic Education Office, Warragul.
Br Julian Casey	Principal
Mr. Peter Cefela	Parent Member
Br Paul Kane	Nominee of the Marist Brothers
Mrs Annemarie Clarke	Staff Member
Fr John Dunlea	Parish Priest nominated by the Bishop
Mr Peter Foster	Parent Member
Mrs. Margaret Hammond	Parent Member
Mr. Larry Naismith	Parent Member, Chairperson

Mr Robert Tarraran, Business Manager, attends each meeting.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent from the Moe/Newborough Region.

The Council members provide a very significant service for the College Community. Importantly, the Principal and Business Manager report to the meeting and in this way the Principal exercises accountability for the operation of the College to the Council. The Council offers advice to the Principal in the operation of the College. Agenda items include such matters as Staffing, Building, Planning, Finances, Fees and Enrolment.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

FOR TERM 3 CALENDAR DATES –
SEE SEPARATE SHEET (Mauve)

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

It has been wonderful to see everyone coming back from their winter holiday refreshed and ready to launch into the second half of the year. **Messrs Dan Caffrey and Brendan O'Hara** have taken Long Service Leave from the beginning of the term. We welcome **Mr Damian Tripodi** back to the fold as he takes on Brendan's classes, Dan's classes will be covered by Ann Brown, Anne English and Marco DiCesare. **Ms Gloria Zahra** also returns to us from Long Service Leave this term.

During this term Yr 8 students will have an opportunity to visit (homeroom-based) the snow. This is the major excursion for Yr 8's and families have been advised of the expected cost. It seems that the cold winter will be a boon for our would-be skiers and snow boarders.

As part of the Science program the Yr 9 students will take part in tours of the Open Cut Mine as well as a power station; Yr 7 students will be visited by Star Lab as part of the Yr 7 M & M program.

Family Life

Yr 9 Students will be visited by Sue Collis from the Catholic Education Office who will continue her Family Life Program. There will be an information night for parents on Wednesday 21st in the Lecture Theatre at St Paul's and I would encourage all Yr 9 parents to attend. This is being coordinated by Miss Kathy Matters.

Champagnat Mass

Our mass in celebration of St Marcellin Champagnat will be held on this campus at **9:30am on Tuesday 20th July**. You are all most welcome to attend and share in this whole school celebration. We ask that all students are particularly attentive to their personal presentation on this day.

The best and safest thing is to keep a balance in your life, acknowledge the great powers around us and in us. If you can do that, and live that way, you are really a wise man ... Euripides

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Welcome back to another term!

We have a number of staff changes that will impact on the first weeks of this term. Mrs Haupt has broken her ankle and will be away for at least a month. Mrs Buchwald will be replacing her in 9.10 SOSE and 7.9 Contact. I will be taking 7.10 RE, Mrs Roga is back from leave and will be taking 9.9 English and 7.10 Contact. Mrs Gatti will be taking 8.9 RE and Contact.

Our Year 9's will be going to Kildare Campus on July 27th for their first Year 10 2005 information session. A parent

information evening will be held at Kildare Campus on 28th July.

Optional Cross Country Ski Trips are planned for July 28th and August 4th and 5th. Students are requested to express their interest and final arrangements will be made. The cost is approximately \$45 (includes bus, ski hire and instruction). The day will be held at Mt St Gwinear.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

A New Beginning

The end of Term 2 has been and gone and I am sure that it was a welcomed break for staff and students alike. The second term is indeed a busy one for us all and the onset of winter makes the days colder and shorter and less inviting each morning. The brighter news is that the winter solstice occurred during the last week of term, so the days are now becoming a little longer each day.

Nevertheless, the second term was a term for consolidation. Although there were Retreats, excursions and field trips, sporting carnivals and various events, as well as several other interruptions, the work of the Campus continued to forge ahead. Students at all levels have worked solidly throughout the term and for many of the Year 12's a firm foundation upon which to build their ENTER Score at the end of the year has been laid.

Students in Years 10 and 11 have also made good use of their time and of the resources available to them and can approach the second semester with confidence. Some have decided to change subjects as they search for their pathway in the coming years, while others have built on their work as they continue to strive for their goals. All this notwithstanding, I am pleased by the way most students are responding to the daily challenges that are placed before them and I am expecting a renewed energy, commitment and approach to the second semester.

I would like to express my thanks to a most hard-working staff who have been generous throughout. I refer to the teaching and non-teaching staff, because it is through the teamwork that we all engage in that our collective goals are met.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Over the past few years the Year 7 program has continued to be presented in the evenings with both students and their parents present. Unfortunately Year 9 evening programs have been cancelled on a number of occasions, as students are often reluctant to attend with their parents. The relevant information has therefore been presented to Year 9 classes during daytime classes. Whilst this has been valuable it has not guaranteed ongoing communication between student and their parents.

To ensure parents are informed and in a position to engage in discussion with their son or daughter the College is offering Year 9 and 10 parents the opportunity to attend an Information Evening where a survey report by Latrobe University on Students Sexual Behaviour will be discussed together with the latest information on Sexual Transmitted Infections, teenage pregnancies and the effects of alcohol on teenagers' sexual behaviour.

Date: Wednesday, July 21st
Time: 7.30 pm
Venue: St Paul's Lecture Theatre
Presenter: Susan Collis, Curriculum Advisor, Diocesan Catholic Education Office

It is most important that parents have this information so that they can enter into dialogue with their children to support them as they face the transition from adolescence to adulthood.

The aim of the program is to support not only students but also you the parents.

Letters have been sent home to parents of all Year 9 and 10 students.

Mike Hansen
Director Faith & Ministry

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE– SEMESTER 2

Second instalment

If you were paid the EMA for the first instalment **and** your child is enrolled at the same school for the second instalment, you will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

If you were **NOT** paid the EMA in the first instalment (even if you applied but were not eligible), **you must submit the second instalment application to the school by 6 August 2004.**

If you transferred your child to another school after 27 February 2004 and prior to 6 August 2004, it is **your** responsibility to reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

To be eligible to receive the EMA, you must:

- ?? be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- ?? be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 1986 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent; and
- ?? submit your application to the school by the due date.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (**12 July 2004**) for the second instalment. Any applications based on Centrelink payments that are not income tested (eg Carer Allowance [formerly Child Disability Allowance, Mobility Allowance and Remote Area Allowance) are not eligible unless the claimant, in their own name, complies with the second dot point above.

Please note: The Department will not accept late applications.

Application forms may be completed at Marcellin House or at the Newborough Campus office.

All enquiries regarding EMA should be directed to Mrs Helen Orr at Marcellin House, 5174 5272.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare	Presentation
Mon 19 July	G Hastie, T Roberts	L Barrett, A Zaghet	A Maunder
Tue 20 July	I Gregson, P Johnston	B Boothman, S Prosser	C Risol
Wed 21 July	J Clegg, R Mills	A Fletcher, M Fievez	G Fiddelaers
Thu 22 July	A Scully, M Wojciechowski	S Eccles (help wanted)	D Parniak
Fri 23 July	P Brown J McCallum S Staley	B Koedijk, I Koolen	K Mills

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