



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

**8 October 2004**

Dear Parents,

In welcoming students back for Term 4, I would like to take the opportunity to put on record my thanks to Peter Schneider, Jane Mitchell and the Debutante Ball Committee for their efforts in the presentation of the students and in the organization of the three nights. The presence of the large number of people associated with Lavalla Catholic College was very encouraging to all.

It helps to remind us that Lavalla Catholic College is a community. Such a community is built up in many ways - by signs, by symbols, by shared experience and by speaking well of the College. It is combined events such as the Debutante Ball, Music Events and College Sporting Teams where students derive a sense of identity and belonging and this is crucial in their development. Those who help develop these experiences contribute immensely to the good health of the College.

We thank two staff members who are leaving us: at the end of last term Minnie Shashikumar began shifting interstate to be with her family and Will Johnston decided to concentrate on further studies. We wish them well and we welcome their replacements, Mini Varghese and Jacquie Milroy. In addition, we welcome replacement staff in the Arts and Technology:- Libby Witchell , Antje Kuzeff and Naomi Silvester.

Each year we face the question of which public holiday to take in Term 4. We have decided that it is more convenient for the majority of the community to take the Traralgon Show Day on 26<sup>th</sup> November as a holiday, rather than Melbourne Cup Day or the Moe Cup Day. Classes will continue on those Cup days and students are expected to be present. It would be helpful if parents could take special care to offer an explanation if their son or daughter is to be absent on these days.

***Br Julian Casey***  
***Principal***

### Uniform Change-over

**During the next two weeks students will be able to wear either full summer or full winter uniform.**

**From 18 October, they are to be in summer uniform only.**

### ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Welcome back to the spring term! We are very happy to begin the term with students housed in the refurbished **Stoddart Block** and Co-ordinators in their new offices. The maintenance staff have worked over the holidays to complete landscaping and gardening around the building. Many of you would have had the opportunity to see some of these rooms during the last parent-teacher interviews. We are very proud of these new facilities; it is a credit to the College and to

the parent community that we are able to provide such great facilities for our students.

As usual we began the term with an extended homeroom period so that students and teachers had an opportunity to share their holiday experiences. This reinforces the importance of the homeroom and homeroom teacher as a major source of pastoral care within the campus.

#### **St Paul's (contd....)**

**Congratulations** to the many students who participated in the recent Traralgon Eisteddfod. Congratulations and best wishes also to the many students (and some staff) involved in Show Time in the coming weeks.

#### **Yr 9 Camps**

In coming weeks the rest of the Yr 9 students will attend camps at Tamboritha;

9.5 6-8 October	9.6 13- 15 October
9.7 20-22 October	9.8 27-29 October

We are grateful to the staff, parents and members of the Tamboritha Committee who are giving up their time so these camps can go ahead. Tamboritha is a wonderful asset for the College and the Yr 9 students are fortunate to have the use of it.

#### **Yr 8 Science Excursions**

As a part of the curriculum offered in Term 4, all Yr 8 students will attend an excursion at either Lakes Entrance or Metung in coming weeks.

#### **Excursions Forms**

Students are always issued with excursion forms for off-campus activities.

It's important that these are completed and returned before a student takes part in any camp or excursion.

A reminder to **all Country Bus travellers for 2005** - your application for Bus Conveyance should be returned to your campus office by October 15.

#### **Mathematics Resource Room**

Beginning on Monday 11 October, Portable Room 3 will be opened during lunchtimes for those students who would like assistance with Mathematics. This will be particularly useful for students who need to catch up, or who are having difficulties with any topics or even for those who enjoy Mathematics and would like to come along to challenge themselves further. Please encourage your children to make use of this resource. Any queries about this should be directed to Mrs Jenny Sutton.

*"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**

### **KILDARE CAMPUS**

#### **Beginning of Term IV:**

With the end of one term comes the beginning of another. For the Year 12 students, the fourth term is very short. Indeed, there are only three weeks of classes. This is followed by 4 days of study week and the English exam is from 9.00 am – 12.15 pm on Friday, October 29.

It is, therefore, timely to remind our senior students that remote preparations for the end of year examinations need to be commenced. The wise Year 12 student is the student who has developed a study plan, who is devoting at least three hours to study time each night and one day each week-end to preparing for those exams and who is consistently revising the work covered in the course, by summarising notes ... and then summarising the summaries. I am also

advising students who are having difficulties with work previously covered, to go and speak with teachers for clarification, further instruction and direction and if necessary correction of concepts not fully understood. The responsibility for education at this level lies clearly with the individual and the truly independent student is the student who grasps the support network the College provides, and takes the opportunity, proactively, to make real decisions about his or her future.

Don't leave work to the last frantic minute. Reduce levels of stress and anxiety about the exams, especially Year 12's, by preparing well ... and by preparing in advance. My challenge to you all is to work solidly to the end.

### **New Bus Loading Arrangements:**

We have introduced new arrangements for the loading and departure of the buses at the end of the day. This is in the interests of the safety of all staff, students and parents. Consequently, the congestion that has been increasing at the end of the day in the bus area will need to be monitored. In order to ensure that the buses have right of way, it is most important that the "KEEP CLEAR"

zone between the pick up area and the bus bays **is kept free of traffic at all times.** Parents who wish to pick up their sons and daughters at the end of the day are asked to do so from the six pick up parking spaces, to do so quickly, and then move cautiously through the gates on to Kosciuszko Street.

*Peter Schneider*  
*Head of Kildare Campus*

## PRESENTATION CAMPUS

It is great to see all students back refreshed and eager to complete the last term of 2004.

Our **numbers for next year** are as follows. Year 7 - 6; Year 8 - 55 (one vacant position available); Year 9 - 54 (two positions available).

A number of our current Year 9 students are still undecided as to their choice of school next year. Lavalla College currently has a waiting list for 2005 in Year 10. If parents are deciding to change schools please notify the college as soon as possible.

**Dates for Term 4** - Bike Hikes for 8.9 and 8.10 – 28 and 29 October respectively and the Year 9 Camp 30 November to 2 December. Notices regarding these activities will be sent home in the coming weeks.

The College **will operate as normal** on **Moe Cup Day**. Students not attending school on this day will require a note from their parent or guardian.

News from our 2 students in Italy is that all is well and they are currently in Rome. We wish Megan and Jessica a safe return on Monday next week.

All students received a copy of the Uniform 2004 – 2006 Policy and Guidelines on Tuesday. The Policy clearly outlines the standards required and the expectations of all students. Please take time to read this.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Chris O'Brien,*  
*Head of Campus*

## MUSIC NEWS

Before the holidays on Wednesday 8th September, all students involved in the bands and choirs in the school gathered together for the annual Music Department Concert in the Kildare Campus Hall. In front of an audience of several hundred people our students were able to showcase the best of the music they have been rehearsing all year. Stars of the evening were the Training Band and Junior Choir with staff and parents alike commenting on the high standard of musicianship these students have achieved this year. The Music Support Group once again provided a light supper and a raffle of 10 prizes all of which were donated by the parents of the students involved.

This evening allows both the parents and friends to hear their children performing,

some times for the first time this year, as well as providing incentive for the junior players and singers by exposing them to the high level of musicality provided by the senior groups.

Thanks to all who attended and supported the students on the evening and over the whole year. Keep your eyes out for information on the Christmas Concert in December.

On Monday, 4 October, the 7 students from the **VCE Solo Performance class**, along with their families and friends came together in the Kildare Music Centre for the annual Year 12 Soiree. This evening is the final performance SAC for these students before their external performance exams in a few weeks' time and allows the students the

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opportunity to showcase their musicianship in a warm and supportive atmosphere.

We would like to thank Mrs Libby Witchell for setting up the stage for the evening and Mr Geoffrey Urquhart for his fine accompanying of the vocal students. The music staff would like to congratulate Amy

Ryan, Amy Leviston, Bridie Witchell, Victoria Wood, Lomond Freeman, Kevin Lane and Leigh Marino on their hard work and dedication and hope they may continue to enjoy making music for many years to come.

*Marian Jenkinson  
Director of Music*

## LOTE NEWS

### Dante Alighieri Competition Final Results

I am very happy to announce that Jacinta Turra (Yr 12) is the third prize winner in the Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition. She is the first Lavalla student to be a prize-winner in this competition and we congratulate her for this wonderful effort. We also had four finalists from Yr 9: Lisa Millsom, Melissa Germano, Alex Marino and Zach Ruane. Also, twenty-four of our students received Honourable Mentions making this year our best year ever. Bravi!

### Italian Trip

On Monday 20 September a group of 15 LOTE students from Yrs 9 and 10

accompanied by Miss Maria Doganieri and Brother Peter embarked on a three-week trip to Italy. They are visiting the region of Molise, Rome and Pompeii and staying with host families. I am sure they are having a great time and the experience of a lifetime. Last term, the LOTE teachers, students and parents were involved in fundraising for the trip with activities such as pizza days, a trivia night, a dinner dance and the LOTE concert. I would like to thank all the people who helped and especially the students who did not go on the trip but who put a lot of time and effort in all the different projects.

*Raffaella Cataldo  
LOTE Head of Learning*

## PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOC.

The **next meeting** will be held on **Monday 11 October** 2004 at the Resource Centre (Library) at St Paul's Campus. Guest Speaker for the evening will be College Counsellor, Sandy Francois, who will be speaking on "**Depression**". All parents and friends welcome. We believe that the evening

will be of interest to parents with children of all ages.

If you are unable to attend the meetings but would like a copy of the minutes or any further details please do not hesitate to contact either chairperson Jenny Hansch (5122 1684) or Felicetta Kile (5166 1480).

### CANTEEN ROSTER

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>
Mon. 11 Oct	M Crawford, B McNulty	A Zaghet (help needed)
Tue. 12 Oct	W Heiser, H Van Berkel	M Northover, M Whitty
Wed. 13 Oct	D Darling, P Brown	P Radovich, D Hall
Thu. 14 Oct	V Sammut, P Brown	M Johnson, H Symons
Fri. 15 Oct	J McCallum, S Staley, P Brown	B Koedijk, I Koolen

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