



# NEWSLETTER

## Lavalla Catholic College

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### CURRICULUM NEWS

While every term is a busy one, this term is even more so for students and teachers, with considerable time and energy devoted to camps, excursions, statewide testing, curriculum development in VELs, re-enrolment procedures and VCE mid year results.

#### *Subject Selection Processes*

Families are encouraged to take advantage of all the assistance provided throughout the term while students engage in decision making relating to subject choices in their re-enrolment. Subject handbooks for Years 9-12 are a very useful source for contacts and key dates. The EXPO on 4<sup>th</sup> August aims to cover a range of services and is an invaluable step in this process.

#### *Achieving the Right Balance*

Good education requires students to apply good thinking and the task of mapping courses for the following year can be an enjoyable and challenging one. Keeping options open, being flexible in one's thinking and striving for a range of skills each year helps to generate the knowledge that students will need to deal with the unpredictable problems and challenges they will face in their lives and their careers.

Good thinkers ask questions, compare and contrast and invent alternative perspectives and value thinking skills enough to use them as a matter of habit. As parents and teachers, and as educators of our students, we can provide them with opportunities to practise what they see as valuable thinking behaviours until they become internalized.

#### *Important Dates To Remember*

7 <sup>th</sup> August	2006 Yr 8-12 re-enrolment intention forms distributed to students
11 <sup>th</sup> August	2007 Year 8 re-enrolment intention form due
11 <sup>th</sup> August	2007 Years 10 & 12 re-enrolment intention form plus deposit (\$25) due
14 <sup>th</sup> August	2007 Yr 9 re-enrolment intention form due
14 <sup>th</sup> August	2007 Yr 11 re-enrolment form plus deposit (\$25) due
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Online re-enrolment period for current Years 8-11

*Mrs Rita Nainie*  
*Director of Curriculum*

#### 50 Years of Marist Education

Last week you received a flyer in the mail along with the Semester 2 Information Bulletin. It would be much appreciated if you could take this flyer into your work place or any other public venue where you believe that interested parties might see it. We thank you for your support of this celebration.

*2006 Celebrating 50 Years of Marist Education*

## ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

This term there is a focus on course selection and career planning particularly for Yr 9 students. Currently the Yr 9 Co-ordinators, Ms Joh Lyons and Mr Mark Warnock, as well as members of the curriculum team, are working to ensure that all students are enthused and well informed. Please take the time to talk through all these choices with your son or daughter and be sure to return the enrolment deposit on time.

### Expo

This year's Expo will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August at Kildare. While there are **no classes on this day**, students are expected to attend. Many students on this campus do not have a clear idea of what they would like to do in the future. Expo can help give them information and focus for senior study, tertiary study, vocational training or employment. It is particularly beneficial to the students if parents are able to visit the Expo with them.

### Family Life

Thanks once again to **Miss Kathy Matters** who facilitates the Family Life Program on this Campus. She and Mrs Sue Collis met with parents of Yr 9 students to take them through the program, which was offered to Yr 9 students this week. Parents who attend these sessions always value the information and support Sue offers.

### Tests and Competitions

This week selected students entered the annual Westpac Maths competition. The

results of this give the students an understanding of their standing amongst a national cohort of students.

Next week Yr 7 students will be undertaking the AIM test on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### Sustainability

Next week Yr 9 students will have a guest speaker speaking on Green House issues. This talk could become another point of discussion at home as we all grapple with the reality of global warming and our impact on the environment.

### Yr 8 Camps

The first camp was a great success. Students and staff seemed to enjoy the experience and certainly gained skills at finding their way around the city, using public transport and being self-reliant. I anticipate that the rest of the camps will be just as successful. As always, my thanks to the staff who give up precious family time to provide our students with this invaluable experience.

**Mid term break 7<sup>th</sup> August - school will be closed on this day.**

*Once a human being has arrived on this earth, communication is the largest single factor determining what kinds of relationships he makes with others and what happens to him in the world about him.--Virginia Satir (Peoplemaking)*

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

## PRESENTATION CAMPUS

We are fast approaching the half way point of the term.

A number of significant events are coming up:

- Our year 7's have their **AIM TESTS** in Maths and English on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. All students will sit the exams in the ISC during lessons 1 and 2 on each day.

- **Expo** is coming up on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August. There will be **NO** scheduled classes for year 7's, and all Year 8 and 9 students are expected to attend sessions between 12.00 noon to 5.30pm. A bus will leave the campus at 12.00noon and return at 3.00pm. Cost will be \$2.00 per student. Parents are welcome to use this service considering the current high fuel prices

- On the 15<sup>th</sup> August, the Feast of the Assumption, the campus will be attending **Mass at St Mary's, Newborough** at 11.00am. Father Manny Lomagno and Father Bernie O'Brien will concelebrate the Mass. Parents are welcome to attend.

A final reminder to all year 9's that subject selections and enrolment confirmation are due in the coming weeks. The information evening held at Kildare Campus last Thursday was well attended and provided all information necessary for planning for year 10, 2007.

The Commonwealth Government has, for many years, assisted students in secondary schools by running programs to help them progress through school and

make wise decisions about selecting and undertaking further education, training or employment.

The program has altered this year – no longer are all our Yr 9s participating. Instead, some students from each of the year levels have been selected for a limited number of places in the present program which is being delivered by Youth Pathways personnel. If there is anybody who wants to know more about the Youth Pathways program, which is just beginning, please call at the office.

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts.

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

### **YEAR 7 AIM TEST**

The statewide Achievement Improvement Monitor Test (AIM) for Year 7 students will be held on Tuesday the 1st and Wednesday the 2nd of August. The results of these tests provide information to teachers and parents about a child's performance in Maths and English. You will receive your child's personal report in Term 4. More information is available in the brochure that has been sent home with this newsletter. *Queries may be directed to Ms Jo-Maree Sharman, Yr 7-8 Curriculum Team Leader.*

## **KILDARE CAMPUS**

### **Information Nights**

The Parent Information nights have been a great success, over 190 parents and students attended last week and last night nearly 100 people came along. Questions around the following topics were adressed and are designed to assist students and their parents in making subject choices as they move into Years 10 and 11 next year.

- What are the options that the Kildare Campus can offer?
- What are the options available after school is finished?
- What about University?
- What can TAFE can offer?
- What is VET?
- Have you heard of VCAL?
- Do you know other programs on offer at the College?
- How should you best prepare for an apprenticeship, traineeship or employment?

The Kildare Campus promotional DVD was unveiled and has also been hailed as a great success.

**Peter Schneider**  
**Head of Kildare Campus**

## SPORTS NEWS

### Year 10 Physical Education

The 2006 Sport Education Physical Education Program (SEPEP) involved all year 10 students conducting a league of soccer. Students were involved in officiating, scoring, organising equipment, administration; constructing draws, undertaking leadership roles such as captain and coach, and participating as players.

Finals were held after a successful 8 weeks of the program. League one winners were *Pink Cobras* and league two winners *Lavalla F.C.* Each week the duty team voted for the most valuable players:

League One:

*Taylor Jackson, Chloe Poole*

League Two:

*Matthew Scully, Daris Laurins, Rebecca Lawless*

*For enquiries about this program, please contact Ms Kimberley Stewart, Yr 9-10 Curriculum Team Member.*

### Clay Shooting Team

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2006 the Lavalla Clay Shooting Team took off to the Sale Gun Club to compete in the annual Howard and Shuback Mega Sports Perpetual Trophy.

There was a team of 17 boys competing for age group championships as well as the team trophy. Unfortunately we missed out on the return of the perpetual trophy with the too good Gippsland Grammar taking it out. Although we did come out on top in the junior individual events taking out first and second **Bobby Jacobson** was unstoppable in the second 10 targets shooting 10/10 to take out first place of 16/20 followed closely by **Dale Fleming** 15/20 taking out second place. Congratulations to these boys and we wish all 17 shooters well at the Frankston Shoot that is held on the Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. I would like to thank all the parents who came to the Sale Shoot to support the boys - your time and effort means much to the College especially the training practices on Wednesday nights. *(Nikki Heenan)*

### CANTEEN ROSTER

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Kildare</b>
Mon 31 July	R Bermingham, J Hartley	C Jackiw, J Adams
Tue 1 Aug	T Pledge, S Garrett	H Van Berkel (help required)
Wed 2 Aug	R Mills, J Clegg	T Sloan, S Hillier
Thu 3 Aug	(help required)	M Wojciechowski (help req'd)
Fri 4 Aug	<b>Expo</b>	
Mon 7 Aug	<b>Mid term break</b>	
Tue 8 Aug	I Gregson (help required)	J Clarke (help required)
Wed 9 Aug	K Lowden (help required)	C Wilson (help required)
Thu 10 Aug	(help required)	(help required)
Fri 11 Aug	D Buckley, I Moulton	A Prezioso, C Barry

### Calendar Dates for Coming Week

#### August

Tue 1	Year 7 AIM
Wed 2	Year 7 AIM
Fri 4	Careers and Course EXPO (Yrs 8-11 students compulsory attendance)
	CAS Netball, Werribee
Mon 7	Mid-term Break for Staff and Students

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