



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

4 April 2003

Dear Parents,

As we approach the Easter Season we are reminded of our Christian origins, so often symbolized by the cross, the central motif of Christian symbolism. It is at this time that people reach out and touch the depths of their faith. Although we celebrate Jesus' victory over death at this time, it is important for us to realise that Jesus was not crucified on an altar between two candles, but on a rubbish dump between two thieves.

We often tend to shy away from the cross and we find it hard to confront destructive forces, whether they be in Iraq or here in Australia. In spite of our powerlessness and insignificance, we still need to confront evil and to work at trying to transform it. The peace and joy of Easter arises from the transformation that takes place, not only in Jesus' life, but also in the lives of those who follow him.

I hope our return on April 29th will be characterised by a special peace and joy, which flows from an engagement with Easter this year. To assist students, we will be having a liturgy on each Campus before the end of term.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

Some Important Reminders

- ✂ **Students return to school on Tuesday 29th April**
- ✂ **Mothers' Day Raffle will be launched in the first week of term**
- ✂ **Timetable for Term 2 will be available on or after April 9th**
- ✂ **Finalization of first Instalment of Tuition Fees would be appreciated**
- ✂ **Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted at the end of this term**
(Please note particular details for each Campus)

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next week.

The Interim Report will have a section marked 'Interview', either Optional or Requested. If requested, please make yourself available to see the teacher concerned. Optional interviews are encouraged especially if you have not met your son or daughter's teacher for 2003. Your son or daughter will bring home an interview sheet to be completed before Thursday, 10th of April. **If you have any questions regarding the reporting process contact the Office on 5127 1311.**

On Thursday, 10th of April an Easter Liturgy will be held at 11:50 am. All classes will be

involved in presenting some aspect of the Passion. Parents are most welcome to join us at this Liturgy. After lunch the Easter Bonnet Parade will be held. Students are asked to make a "bonnet" in one of the 3 categories: Religious, Traditional or Novelty. The Parade will be for all students and conducted on a House basis with prizes for individual winners and Houses. **The Parent Support Group Easter raffle** will be drawn at 2:30pm. **Please return your tickets by Monday 7th April.** Period 6 will be for a short clean up of the Campus and all students in Year 8 and 9 are asked to take all books home for the holiday period, as finishing touches to the floor in the locker area need to be completed.

Presentation (contd...)

The term has been a busy one and a lot has been achieved. My thanks to the students for their positive and enthusiastic start to the year. My gratitude to the staff for the professional and generous manner in which they have approached all aspects of a busy school program. My congratulations to you, the parents, for your valuable contribution to the life of the campus in

assisting with the demands placed on your time by the very fact of having a teenager in Years 7, 8 or 9.

Enjoy the Easter break! Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts,

Chris O'Brien
Head of Campus

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Yr 7 Family Life

Unfortunately we received word that Mrs Sue Collis our presenter, was taken ill and the evening and day sessions had to be postponed. Apologies to the families who had made arrangements to attend on the night. We will let you know the new date as soon as we can clarify this with Sue.

Projects

Thanks to those parents who have worked through the LOTE Mask and/or the Medieval projects with their children. Hopefully these have been fun learning experiences for all involved.

Shave for a Cure

Better late than never - we went ahead with this activity on Wednesday. It was important to help raise money for this worthy cause and also to come together as a whole campus to have some fun. Particular thanks to the Campus Leaders and

the Junior St Vinny's group for their organization of the day.

Next week

Please remember that Mr Van Berkel and I will not be available and that urgent, serious matters should be directed to Br John Hilet. However most usual concerns should be directed to homeroom teachers or year level Coordinators.

"Lead from death to Life,
from falsehood to Truth.
Lead me from despair to Hope,
from fear to Trust.
Lead me from hate to Love,
from war to Peace.
Let Peace fill our heart, our world,
our universe." Satish Kumar
Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

College Uniform:

Mrs. Clarke and I would like to thank parents and all students on their response to our constant attention to the wearing of the College Uniform. Most students are taking pride in their appearance and are wearing their uniform correctly. However, there are some pockets of resistance, and it is to these students and parents that I am now appealing.

Mrs. Clarke and I have identified 26 students (that's only just over 3% of the Campus student body) who are regularly out of uniform or who are dressed in incorrect uniform. These students will be receiving a letter in the near future and will be required to meet with a member of the Campus Administration Team each morning to show that they are correctly dressed.

If students have medical reasons for not wearing the uniform, it would be expected that the appropriate documentation is forthcoming so that it may be included on file, and members of staff alerted to the special provision. Further, I would ask parents not to write notes asking that we waive the College regulations on uniform.

Parent and Teacher Interviews:

Arrangements for Parent and Teacher Interviews may be made in one of the following ways:

- ✍ Filling out the Interview grid.
- ✍ Contacting the Office by phone on 5174. 8111 and making arrangements.
- ✍ Faxing the Campus with your request on 5174. 0783.
- ✍ e-mailing ptinterviews@lavalla.sale.catholic.edu.au

Parents and students are asked to attend if requested. If no interview is requested and you would like to speak with teachers, you are most welcome to make an interview time.

Nathan Hersey, Year 11, will be an exchange student in Japan for the next five months. He has arrived safely and appreciated both the staff and students' best wishes for his stay in Japan.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

CURRICULUM – ENHANCING OUR LEARNING

Homework Helpline

If you are struggling to complete homework tasks, look no further than your friendly Student Support Staff who offer assistance and guidance on campus each Wednesday of the school term between 3.30 and 4.30 pm. Contact: Mrs. Debbie Reynolds and Mrs. Margaret Gaulton.

Tournament of Minds

Students at all year levels who enjoy participating in problem solving ventures are invited to enter this competition. Teams of seven students each will present their “solution” on Saturday, 30th August at the Gippsland Campus of Monash University. Contact: Mrs. Debbie Reynolds.

Parent Volunteer Program

Our fledgling volunteer reading and basic numeracy program at Years 7 and 8 is now well and truly embedded within the school curriculum. Last week, a new team of parent volunteers was inducted into the program. A very special thank you to the parents who offered their time in 2002: Elisabeth Beaglehall, Tammy Estcourt, Julie Alexander, Barbara McNulty, Jenny Kellett, Catherine Chamings, Glenice Canny, Sue Hill, Lynne Jones, Kerry Webb, Patricia Bardon. Your presence on campus was greatly appreciated by the students who needed the extra assistance.

A Taste of Cultures

Year 9 Global Communication classes are widening their horizons, learning about different cultures and lifestyles in the context of global issues. This year students will explore information links with Marist schools in Brazil, Japan, India and the Philippines. Last week Mr. Ray Connor’s class experienced their first glimpse of a snapshot of Indian culture through a hands-on approach to traditional festive Indian food and dress.

The major cultural task in Year 8 Italian is being finalized this week and the most worthy “Carnevale Masks” will be on display during the Careers & Courses EXPO later this year.

VCE Achiever Awards

Nominations for the VCE Achiever Awards 2003 are open to all aspiring VCE students who are currently enrolled in at least two VCE Units 3 & 4. These monthly awards acknowledge community service activities and a profile of the winners is published in each of the VCAA Bulletins during the year. Contact: Mr Mark Judd.

Parent and Community Workshops

The “*Learn to Speak Italian*” workshop series is being offered to all parents and members of the Lavalla community next term. If you have not received a flyer this week and wish to know more about this program, please contact Ms. Maria Doganieri.

Rita Nainie,
Director of Curriculum

HOT CROSS BUNS

The Lavalla Remar Group is holding a Hot Cross Bun drive this Easter. Students will be given a yellow order form in their homeroom this week to bring home. Forms are to be completed and returned to homerooms no later than Tuesday, 8th April. Please put returned order forms and money in a sealed envelope.

Buns can be collected at the Kildare Campus, Principal’s Conference Room recess time (10.45am -11am) or 3.30pm - 4pm on Wednesday 9th April. St Paul’s students can pick up their orders from the St Paul’s Campus at lunchtime (12.55-1pm) or 4-4.30pm on Wed. 9th. Any further enquiries can be directed to **Mr Carmody** on 51748111.

EXPLORE MONASH - GIPPSLAND CAMPUS

Monash University Gippsland Campus is offering students and their families the opportunity to visit the campus during the school holiday break. The 2003 **Explore Monash** sessions are as follow:

Tuesday 15 th April	2pm - 5pm
Tuesday 8 th July	10am - 2pm
Tuesday 30 Sept.	10am - 2pm

Please note that the Tuesday 15th April session also includes the option for students to attend a free hands-on seminar by Mr Steven McInnes. Steven has also attended sessions at the College and if

parents and students missed his talk it is highly recommended that you go and see what Steven has to say. The seminar will help students develop skills to deal with VCE challenges. The seminar will be from 9am to 1pm and students are encouraged to register early as space is limited. If you wish to attend booking forms are available in the careers office, or parents are able to contact me at the College.

Trish Johnston
Careers & Tertiary Studies Adviser

**PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICES
FOR LENT & EASTER**

Second Rite of Reconciliation

CHURCHILL Lumen Christi Parish

Friday 4th April at 7.00 pm

MORWELL Morwell Catholic Parish

Tuesday 8th April at 7.00 pm

MOE St Kieran's Parish

Wednesday, 9th April at 7.00 pm

NEWBOROUGH St Mary's Parish

Thursday 10th April at 7.30 pm

TRARALGON St Michael's Parish

Wednesday 9th April at 7.30pm

CANTEEN ROSTER

	Presentation	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon 7 April	P Cooper-Cassar	C Shippen , ?	S Robb
Tue 8 April	S Taylor	W Hieser, H VanBerkel	K Manson
Wed 9 April	-	A Fletcher, H Stoddart	D Hall, M Fievez
Thu 10 April	S Carrigy	A Scully, P Radovich	M Johnston, help req'd

**St Michael's Annual Parish Ball
(Celebrating Mothers)**

When: Saturday 10th May 2003
Where: Premiere Function Centre, Traralgon
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Dress: After-5 Wear
Cost: \$37.50 per person plus drinks at bar prices
Menu: 2-Course Meal with pre-dinner Appetisers
Band: 'Cool Change'
Bookings: Sharon McLean 5176 6882(Home) or
5174 2629(Business)
Morag Thompson 5174 2060 (Parish Office)

Any table of 10 booked and paid for prior to 28 April will receive complimentary bottles of a red and white wine per table. If you are unable to form a table we (Parish Ball Committee) will gladly have you join a Lavalla College table. Bookings for this can also be made through the phone numbers provided above.

Book early to avoid disappointment