



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

19 September 2007

From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents and Students

As we come to the end of Term 3 and prepare to pace ourselves through a fortnight's break, we can consider ourselves fortunate to be members of an educational community that thrives on being forward looking and proactive.

While we all become understandably worse for wear after a busy term, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have done the best we could for those we serve, in our roles as peers, caregivers and educators. *"Educating children means training their hearts and developing all their good dispositions."*...from the Sayings of Marcellin Champagnat.

While the daily life of the College has kept ticking over, with timetabled classes, campus based activities, a magnificent College concert, staff gatherings and preparations for end-of-term Parent Teacher Interviews, the primary focus this term has been the selection of subjects for 2008. It is always exciting for students and parents to plan for future possibilities and, as teachers, we have been privileged to share the goals and dreams that our young people articulate so confidently and earnestly.

The online enrolment for all returning students in 2008 Years 9 – 12 has been completed and this has been a consuming task for our dedicated Curriculum and Campus leaders. We also thank you for the interest, active support and vigorous dialogue that you have engaged in with your sons and daughters, as this has helped them to refine their choices in an informed and considered manner. We are now able to forge ahead with our planning for the staffing of classes and timetabling for next year.

We wish all members of the Lavalla Catholic College community a safe and productive time with family and friends during the coming term break. School resumes for all students on **Monday 8th October**, when our Principal, Ms Erica Pegorer will also return from her sojourn overseas. We wish her a gentle easing back into an even busier Term 4.

Please note that all students should be in full summer uniform by **Friday 19th October**.

Ms Rita Nainie
Acting Principal

Kildare Campus

As the term draws to close, I would like to thank our Campus Community for the hard work and effort that went into a busy term. We had various changes in the weather, student on camps, excursions, guest speaker, sporting commitments and achievements, public speaking.... And the list goes on. There isn't a day that goes past where there isn't something dynamic and different happening.

I wish our community a restful term break and pray for our Year 12 students as they enter into their final weeks of secondary education. Their teachers have supported them throughout the year and the focus will now turn towards revision classes.

Dante Alighieri Society Recitation Competition

100 Lavalla students from Years 9 to 12 participated in this prestigious poetry recitation competition where 60 schools from across Victoria competed against each other.

Erin Stoddart (Year 10), Kirsten Larkins (Year 11), Stephanie Sola and Gianni Romano (Year 12) made it to the finals. On Friday 3rd August the four finalists went to Melbourne. They were very well prepared and very nervous! The judges had a difficult time deciding as there were so many good recitations but when the results came, two of our students were victorious: Kirsten Larkins came first in her section (Year 11 from Non Italian background) and Gianni Romano came second in his (Year 12 from Italian background). Congratulations Gianni and Kirsten!! All our students performed very well and many received a Merit/Honourable Mention certificate. Well done!

Annual Music Concert

Last week the Kildare Campus hosted the Annual Lavalla Music Concert. It was a spectacular display of the talent our Music teachers harness throughout the year. This year Mr Reid introduced a new initiative - a collaborative performance piece with the Julie Ryan dancers. It was a huge success and added to the mood of the night. I thank Mr Reid, Ms Teychenne, Mr Harris and Mrs Testa for the quiet way in which they conduct themselves during the school year so that we can benefit from nights such as this. I would particularly like to thank each student who participated in the night to make it a huge success. I will be providing a morning tea for them early next term to show our appreciation.

Lavalla Live Earth

Last week our Environmental Sustainability Group organised a lunchtime "Battle of the Bands" competition. It was a terrific initiative with funds raised going towards the purchase of Solar Panels for the Kildare Campus. We had a variety of performances with some serious judging occurring. In the end all the students were winners, with the environment being the largest winner. Thankyou Mr Caffrey and Phoebe Trinidad for coordinating this event.

Keys Please Information Session

A large number of parents braved the weather last Monday to attend the Keys Please Information Session. The night provides an opportunity for parents to participate in a workshop that outlines the process of applying for a driving licence for young people. Thankyou Ms Stewart for organising this session.

Displan

Last Friday we practised our Campus Disaster Plan. This is an important trial for our community. Students and staff moved to our designated gathering point in record time and the trial went well. While there were minor possible adjustments, I was pleased with its overall implementation.

Tammy Van Wisse

As part of the Yr 12 Programme each year Mr Ernie Rijs organises a motivational speaker for our Year 12's. This year we were privileged to hear from Ms Tammy Van Wisse. So far, Tammy has swum over 60,000 kilometres – testament to her amazing determination, stamina and strength. Breaking world records and winning world titles, she was well placed to share with our Year 12's what it takes to succeed. On behalf of the Year 12's, I thank Mr Rijs for his work in preparing these sessions for our students. As Tammy shared, 'The only place where success comes before hard work is in the dictionary'.

*Mr Marco Di Cesare
Campus Director*

Presentation Campus

Would like to thank all teachers, students and parents for a very successful Term 3.

Wish you all a safe and healthy Term break and look forward to your enthusiastic conclusion to 2007. First day for students is Monday 8th October. The transition period for the summer uniform will be Monday 22nd October we ask that winter and summer uniform be worn that no mixing or matching of uniform will be allowed during this period. Blazers are optional during Term 4 but can be worn.

The Year 9 Campus are scheduled for the sixth week in Term 4. Parents are asked to return all intention forms by Monday 8th October, if not already done so.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

*Mr Chris O'Brien
Campus Director*

St Paul's Campus

“Where has the term gone?” College life is full; classroom learning has intensified; the Year 8s went on camp to Melbourne; we lost the Art Block and had to adjust; we hosted the CAS Soccer and participated in a variety of Sports Events, Music Eisteddfods, Performances and Competitions, as well as numerous academic excursions and activities. Science Fair brought Primary School students to St. Paul's. The PAL program takes Year 9s to Primary Schools. Students are more energetic, noisier, and happier with the coming of spring and the holidays. D H Lawrence said it well in the poem, ‘Craving for Spring’.

I wish it were spring in the world.

Let it be spring!

Come, bubbling, surging tide of sap!

Come, rush of creation!

Come, life! surge through this mass of mortification!

Holiday time is the right time to celebrate the joy of living, to spend care free hours away from work, doing the simple, ordinary things that are enjoyable. Spring is magic! I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday.

Anti-Poverty Day

Anti-Poverty Day will be held on Thursday September 20. Each student and staff member is asked to bring at least one can of food to be given to St. Vinnies for distribution to combat poverty in our local community. Students have also been asked to bring any old pairs of shoes that are no longer being used. The shoes will be sent to the ‘Warm Feet Project’ which operates in Kenya.

Mentoring Year 8

Year 8 young men from St. Paul's and Presentation Campuses, participated in ‘Straighttalk’, sponsored by the Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network (BLLLEN) in partnership with The Smith Family organisation. ‘Straighttalk’ is part of The Smith Family's suite of Learning For Life programs that help young people reach their potential through education. The students lunched with mentors at the Waratah Training Restaurant. Shannon Grass, an ex-student spoke on his experience of growing up, making career and life choices.

The Age Melbourne Writer's Festival

Nearly sixty students from Years 7 to 10 across all three Lavalla Campuses were given the unique opportunity to hear some of Australia's most popular, contemporary writers at ‘The Age Melbourne Writer's Festival’ recently. Year 9 and 10 students heard Alexandra Adornetto, Greg Byers, Brigid Lowry, Maureen McCarthy and Sonya Hartnett speak about their work, while the Year 7 and 8 students listened to Garth Nix, Shaun Tan, Geraldine McCaughrean, Nick Earls, Rebecca Sparrow, James Moloney and Michael Gerard Bauer. All students were given valuable insights into how writers write, how writers develop their careers as well as many strategies for developing creativity.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week Activities

On Friday 7 September, over 200 Year 7 students celebrated National Literacy & Numeracy Week by participating in a series of entertaining literacy activities. These included Scrabble tournaments, word puzzles, newspaper scavenger hunts and creating advertisements. Students were able to complete their most preferred literacy based activities. English teachers, Nirmala Roga and Kaylene Mustoe organized the Literacy afternoon while Julie Pezzutto took photographs.



Primary School Visits – State Schools

Grade 6 students from state schools, who have been accepted into Lavalla in 2008, visited us for an Orientation programme on Friday 14 September and took part in activities, such as, Food Tech, Art and PE. The students were enthusiastic and had great fun, as they got a taste of some of the activities in Year 7.

Year 9 Fashion Excursion to Melbourne

The Year 9 students in the ‘Fashion Project’ visited the Box Hill TAFE on Wednesday 5 September and toured the Fashion Department. They attended a variety of exhibitions in the city as part of ‘Fashion Week’.

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

Due to our participation in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge (VPRC), Lavalla has been invited to send 4 students and 2 teachers to the Premier's Reception on October 24th at the National Gallery in St Kilda Rd. Congratulations to all students and teachers for their participation in the VPRC in 2007. Certificates will be awarded to all students who successfully completed the Reading Challenge.

Important Dates: Year 9 Camps

Venue: Bay Play Adventure Camp - Blairgowrie

9.1 camp 10 - 12 October	9.5 camp 24 - 26 October
9.2 camp 15 - 17 October	9.6 camp 29 - 31 October
9.3 camp 17 - 19 October	9.7 camp 31 Oct - 2 Nov
9.4 camp 22 - 24 October	

Mr Chris Roga
Campus Director

LAST DAY - BUSES DEPART
 Presentation Campus at 2.00pm
 St Paul's & Kildare Campus at 2.30pm

COUNTRY BUS TRAVELLERS 2008
 All forms to be returned to Campus Officers by **19th October 2007**

NIGHT TIME UNIFORM SHOP
 A night time uniform shop will be available Tuesday 9th October - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Emmaus Retreat
 Kildare Chapel - 11th, 18th, 25th October from 4.00-6.00pm
 Come for a heart warming journey with Jesus as He explains the scriptures.
 Contact: Mike Hansen, Kildare Campus

CANTEEN ROSTER

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Mon 8 Oct Help required x 2
 Tue 9 Oct C. Towns, (help required)
 Wed 10 Oct K. Lowden, H. Stoddart
 Thu 11 Oct C. Hines, (help Required)
 Fri 12 Oct C. Bruzzese, (help required x 2)

Mon 15 Oct W. Heiser, (help required)
 Tue 16 Oct J. Campbell, (help required)
 Wed 17 Oct S. Jones, S. Duncan
 Thu 18 Oct Help required x 2
 Fri 19 Oct L. Weckmann, (help required x 2)

KILDARE CAMPUS

Mon 8 Oct Help required x 2
 Tue 9 Oct A. Dorrington, (help required)
 Wed 10 Oct A. Scully, (help required)
 Thu 11 Oct C. Shippen, H. Stoddart
 Fri 12 Oct M. Byl, (help required)

Mon 15 Oct D. Webb, B. McNulty
 Tue 16 Oct G. Breed, (help required)
 Wed 17 Oct S. Hillier, (help required)
 Thu 18 Oct V. Sammut, G. Edebohls
 Fri 19 Oct A. Fogarty, (help required)

Forthcoming Events

TERM 3
SEPTEMBER
 20 Sept Parent / Teacher Interviews (4.00-7.30pm)
 21 Sept **Final Day Term 3**
 21-22 Sept Debutante Balls

TERM 4
OCTOBER
 8 Oct **First Day Term 4 commences**
 9 Oct VCE Oral & Performance Exams [K]
 Year 12 English Practice Exams [K]
 15 Oct LOTE Poetry Competition [SP]
 24 Oct Year 12 Assembly and Mass [K]
 25 Oct Year 12 Last Day [K]
 26 Oct Staff Professional Development(*Student Free*)

NOVEMBER
 2 Nov Year 12 Examinations commence [K]
 8 Nov Year 10 Drama Excurison [K]
 9 Nov Last Day Year 11 Classes
 16 Nov Year 11 Examinations commence [K]
 19-23 Nov Year 12, 2008 Subject Workshops [K]
 28-29 Nov Year 9 Transition [SP & P]
 29 Nov Year 12 Graduation Night
 30 Nov **Traralgon Show Day (Student Free Day)**

DECEMBER
 3 Dec Awards Ceremony
 Correction and Curriculum Writing Day (*SF*)
 4 Dec Orientation Day
 6 Dec Year 9 & 10 Last Day
 7 Dec Year 7 & 8 Last Day
 12 Dec Reports Distributed

WANTED ANOTHER 100 LEARNER DRIVERS
 To take part in research held at Vic Roads Morwell during this school holidays You will receive a free 45 minute driving assessment from a qualified instructor and also receive \$20 cash on the day.
 To register your interest either call Kaye on 5174 3037 or 0411 704 502 or email kaye@profiletm.com.au

CAT SHOW
 Where: Lavalla Catholic College, Kosciuszko Street, Traralgon
 When: Sunday 23 September 2007
 Time: Open to Public 9.30am-3.30pm
 Cost: Adults \$3, Family \$8
 Children & Pensioners \$2

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