



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

25 November 2004

Dear Parents,

We are preparing for that time of the year when we make some formal closures on the school year. Like families, Lavalla Catholic College has gathering experiences that express its identity as a Catholic College. Otherwise the identity of the College can be compromised. It is a time when staff and students come together. Together we recognize the blessings we have received, the challenges we have faced and the need to look towards the future. Together we are reminded about God's action in our lives.

All students benefit, because these experiences heighten an awareness of the mystery of life. When students are adults they will make their own choices, consistent with the normal religious freedom that we all enjoy. But students are not well served if they do not experience what it is they are being challenged to accept as adults. By not exposing them to prayer and liturgy at these important times, we reduce their capacity to choose as adults.

There are also a number of homeroom and Campus activities, which take place towards the end of the year once the formal curriculum and examinations are completed. These activities take the form of preparatory work for 2005, orientation days for 2005, special interest activities, community and social activities, clean-up activities and performances. These are all a part of building a happy team spirit among the students, finishing the year well and preparing for 2005. Hence students must not absent themselves from these activities.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Planning for 2005

This week **Yr 9 students** were given their **subject enrolment confirmation sheets and book lists**. If your child has not given you this package it is vital for your sake that you track it down. If there are any queries arising from the enrolment forms, please put these in writing to Mr Alby Van Berkel, who will respond in due course.

Camps

Last week we had a Duke of Edinburgh hike into Tali Kargn. Teachers reported that the students were 'awesome' in their participation and behaviour. Likewise, the inaugural science camp at Tamboritha was a

huge success. The key ingredients in both activities were: enthusiastic, well-prepared teachers and enthusiastic and co-operative students. My congratulations to both students and staff.

Yr 9 Conclusions

Thursday 9th December is school as usual for Yr 9 students - it would not be appropriate to hold celebrations or sleepovers on the previous Wednesday evening. It has been disappointing in the past when parents have been asked to remove their children from the campus on the last day because they are too tired and fractious to be here.

St Paul's (contd....)

While most students feel a certain discomfort at walking through the assembled campus during the transition ceremony, they would be most disappointed to miss it.

The 6:00 Mass that evening, is an acknowledgement that these young people are making a significant transition in their lives. It is expected that all students and at least one parent attend on that evening.

Report and magazine distribution 15th December

Reports will be available between 10 – 12pm. If you are unable to collect your child's report and make arrangements with a friend to do so, please give them a signed authority to take the report. This helps avoid confusion.

Second hand uniforms and books

As from 2005 items of uniform bearing the CRC emblem will no longer be 'legal'. Consequently the second hand uniform shop will not take these items nor does it have an extensive second hand stock of Lavalla items yet.

Please remember that the ladies who deal with our second hand goods are **volunteers**. They give their time to raise money for the school and to help minimise costs for families. I am sure many of you will wish to express your gratitude to them when you come to collect either books or uniform items.

"Christmas day is a day of joy and charity. May God make you very rich in both."--
Phillips Brooks

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

We are still travelling well with only a few weeks to go. Students are focused on completing assessment tasks and staff are preparing for another busy Report Writing session.

All Year 9 students have now received their Subject Selections for Year 10, 2005. If there are any difficulties please complete the form on the back of the Selection Information Sheet and return it to the office.

The Year 9 electives for 2005 will be finalized shortly.

There is a change to the Book sale date at Presentation Campus: It is now the 10th of December between 10.00am and 1.00pm.

On Friday last week Senior Constable Kristie Olsen hosted an Emergency Services Demonstration. The demonstration involved a simulated motor vehicle accident with 2 patients. Each of the Emergency Services was introduced and their role in the accident and emergency rescue outlined.

Our thanks to the Morwell Police, Moe Regional Ambulance Service, Newborough CFA and Morwell SES who attended for the demonstration. Paul Cam from Noel's Panels provided the vehicle for the exercise and demonstration the role of the tow services at road accidents. Kristie Olsen is to be congratulated for her organization of the day.

Students from Newborough East Primary also attended. In all about 240 staff and students were present.

Mr Luis Gerald has included below an article on the Year 8 and 9 Woodwork Display. Our thanks to Mr Gerald for his work in this area

Woodwork Technology Display

Currently on display at Presentation Campus and St Paul's Campus, the Woodwork Assignment of Year 8 and 9. The work represents the free spirit of student's creation and imagination. The assignments vary from birdhouses, wine racks, tables, shelves to surfboards, etc.

We proudly congratulate the Year 8 and 9 for such achievements. We would like to invite the parents and community members to visit and support our school.

Chris O'Brien,
Head of Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Year 10 Assembly:

I held an Assembly on Monday to remind Year 10 students to remain focussed until the end of the year. It will be “business as usual” right up until the last day, Thursday, December 9. On that day, Periods 1 – 4 will see the last round of Workshops for next year, Period 5 will be the last Mentoring period for the year, Period 6 will be a brief classroom clean-up and we will hold a Liturgy and farewell during Period 7.

I also reminded students that Friday, November 26 is the Traralgon Show Day, a Local holiday. Thursday, December 2 marks the beginning of the Examination Period with English from 11.00 am – 12.40 pm and the 2005 Workshops begin. Mr. Erdely will arrange to publish and distribute the Examination and Workshop timetable in the very near future. Friday, December 3 is a Report Writing day for Staff.

Classes and other curriculum activities are continuing as usual. There are some specific activities occurring, for example: a LOTE lunch, a Drama night, a SCUBA Diving

excursion; our musicians will be involved in the Annual Christmas Concert, and some of our sportsmen will represent the College at the Marist Cricket Carnival in Bendigo in the last week of term.

The expectations for behaviour in class, and out of class, remain unchanged for all aspects of daily life on Campus – attendance, punctuality, good manners, cooperation, uniform, and work deadlines.

Gippsland Green PC – Refurbished PC’s:

Gippsland Green PC has good quality, refurbished personal computers available now at a very low cost. Two packages are available to families holding **current health care cards** – a “Start Up” Package, \$249.00 and a “Complete” Package, \$450.00. An interest free loan for eligible families is available through Anglicare. Information can be obtained by contacting the Kildare Campus Office.

*Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus*

SPORTS NEWS

Lavalla Golf Competition

Thursday November 18 saw the inaugural golf competition for students at the St Paul’s and Presentation Campuses. Fourteen selected students were sent out to play 18 holes at Traralgon Golf Club. The selected students conducted themselves well on the golf course and played in fine weather conditions. The results are;

Best Scratch Score; **Allison Briffett**-82
Runner up; **Jeremy Waanders**-96
Best Handicap Score; **Michael Gauchi**-65
Runner up; **Dean Chapman**-68
Teams Event; **Daniel Hutchinson, Simon Ferguson, Michael Gauchi**-304
Encouragement Award; **Andrew Buykx-Smith**

This will be a regular event to encourage younger golfers to improve their skills so that they can represent the College Golf Team in the future. To all players, congratulations!

Victorian Golf Association School Teams Event.

Nine students were selected for this competition held at Traralgon Golf Club on Monday November 22nd. Being a teams event of three competitors, Dylan Spence, Gerard Hayes and Nicholas Boothman (243) were successful in qualifying for the state final to be held at Victoria Golf Club on November 26. The other successful team was St Bede's (234). The other college teams compiled scores of 274 and 291. The winning group as well as the other competitors should be congratulated on their great sportsmanship shown on the day.

Ms Fran Renehan, Golf Co-ordinator

ST PAUL'S CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 29 Nov	D Webb
Tue 30 Nov	S Garrett, T Pledge
Wed 1 Dec	C Bruzzese, H Stoddart
Thu 2 Dec	C Barry, M Johnston
Fri 3 Dec	M Byl, M Lafferty, L Mills

Lavalla Music Department

Twilight Carols

Bring a picnic, chairs and your voices to
celebrate Christmas with us

Wednesday 1st December
at
6.30 pm.

St Paul's Campus
Grey St Traralgon

Featuring the voices of the Massed Choir including students of
St Vincent's & St Gabriel's Primary schools

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