



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

16 November 2007

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Students

Last week we were very proud to attend the opening night of our **Arts and Technology Exhibition** at the Morwell Regional Art Gallery. It was an excellent evening not only show-casing the quality works in the visual art and technology areas but also the highly entertaining performances of our music and drama students. Normally this exhibition is held at the Champagnat centre but it has proved a wonderful opportunity and a great honour for our students to have their work professionally exhibited in the public arena.

Appreciation and thanks are extended to **Mrs French, Mrs Sim and Mrs Sonka** for co-ordinating the exhibition and to all members of the arts and technology faculties for assisting and contributing to the organisation. These teachers had much to cope with after the loss of works as a consequence of the fire but this did not seem to stand in the way of an impressive opening night. The whole exhibition is a great success and I really encourage you to support this initiative by visiting the gallery sometime within the next few weeks.

Last Friday evening **Dr Therese D'Orsa** was honoured in a fitting and memorable farewell ceremony. As you are no doubt aware Dr D'Orsa has been the Director of Catholic Education since the mid 1990's and recently announced her retirement. Representatives from numerous education groups attended her farewell, paying tribute to her courageous leadership during some difficult times, her deeply lived faith and her unqualified support for all the schools and families in the Sale Diocese. We wish her well as she begins her academic life. We take the opportunity to welcome the new Director of Catholic Education, Mr Peter Ryan and assure him of our support as he begins his new role.

A Vote for us all, is a statement written by the **Australian Catholic Bishops** to highlight vital issues for the Australian community in the lead up to the election. The Church has had a long tradition of actively working in education, health services and social organisations. As Catholics we are urged to promote and protect humanity in the hope that the poor, the marginalised, the sick and the forgotten members of the society can live a dignified and just life. The Bishops are calling us to consider a wide range of issues. For example, on the topic of Indigenous Australians they say that "a sustained effort...is needed to achieve lasting dignity and justice for our indigenous people"; on family life they maintain that "industrial laws must also support family life by ensuring fair wage fixing system...and fair compensation for the working of unsociable and un-family friendly hours. Finally, "Australia's future prosperity is closely linked with how well we care for our environment".

We need to consider not only our own needs but the needs of the greater community and who will serve it better. Good luck with your decision making.

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal



Remembrance Day

11 November 2007

Lest We Forget



Kildare Campus

As our Year 12s have begun their VCAA exams, our focus has shifted towards our new Year 12s for 2008. This year the transition into Year 12 was extended to a week providing a good opportunity for our students to familiarise themselves with what will be required of them in their Unit 3 & 4 subjects. As well, this provides them with the opportunity to commence their studies over the Christmas Break. Their approach to the week was impressive and the way that they entered into their class discussions and experiences bodes well for a successful 2008 year. I am looking forward to a focussed group in 2008.

Over the last fortnight we have had a number of opportunities for our community to see student work being showcased. Congratulations go to our Arts & Technology students and staff across the College for their displays at the Latrobe Regional Art Gallery. It is an outstanding display of the gifts and talents at the College.

Congratulations also go to our Music staff and students for the various recitals and performances over the last fortnight. The Year 11 music night was particularly impressive and for those who were fortunate enough to be there, you will agree that we are privileged to have such talent in our Performing Arts area.

Our Drama students were also involved in a number of activities. On a recent visit to the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre we were fortunate to be able to watch *The Club* with our Year 10 drama students. The students behaviour was exemplary as was the performance. On Monday we were entertained by a number of our Year 11 students. Their performance was confronting at times and the students worked well with minimal props. Congratulations to these students and to Ms Eloisa Tripodi for her work in this area.

Year 11 Exams

Students will begin their Year 11 exams on Monday 19th November. The usual process will be following. Students are expected in full College summer uniform.

*Mr Marco Di Cesare
Campus Director*

Year 12 Graduation Night

Thursday 29 November

6.15pm for a 6.45pm sharp commencement held in the Champagnat Centre, St Paul's Campus

Families who wish to sit together must arrive in time to secure a table as they are not allocated.

Presentation Campus

Over the past two weeks our students have been involved in a number of co-curricula activities. Mr De Van Der Schueren and Mr Carmody have included accounts of these events:

7 & 8 Super 8s

On Wednesday 7 November two boys' and two girls' Cricket Squads from Presentation Campus attended the annual Year 7 & 8 Super 8s Cricket Tournament at Bellbird park, Drouin.

We thought we would have a good chance this year, but our hopes were not high. The competition was rigorous: with 9 boys' and 8 girls' teams competing. The first round saw the boys B team win their first game, the boys A team get flogged, and the girls A and B teams each win their first match. Then round two saw both the boys B and girls A and B teams all come up short. And, courtesy of a bye, the boys A got a 'win'. Into round 3, we needed big wins by all teams to boost score aggregates into the top two positions to enable play-offs in the gold-medal matches.

Unfortunately, both B teams lost their 3rd games. But the girls A team won to make the final. And the boys A team made the biggest score seen in an 8 over match. That was, with 12 wickets taken, for an extra 60 batting points at 5 points per wicket, and 213 batted runs, the boys A team compiled a total of 273 runs for the 8 overs: a win by over 130 runs – a phenomenal effort.

The final "play-offs" saw each team go down, regrettably. A second in both the girl and boy competitions has left us on "stand-by" for the next round of matches in Melbourne, as the winning School may not be able to go. A great day was had by all. Well done to all team Captains and Vice-Captains for their leadership; to Mr. Schneider and the Year 9 boys for their supervision; and to all the players for their great efforts throughout the day.

Remembrance Day

On Sunday 11 November five students from Presentation Campus attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Moe RSL. The service was held indoors this year due to the aging population of our veterans. After the service we assembled outside around the centrepiece laying wreaths as a sign of respect for those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. The Moe Fire Brigade sounded their alarm at exactly 11am which was followed by a minutes silence and then by the laying of the wreath.

Two of Lavalla Presentation students Justin Stankovic and Cameron Mizzi attended in 304 Engineer Squadron full dress uniform and carried our flags. Emma Handley, Ashlee Raymond and Breanna Albanese represented the College in laying our wreath with great dignity and maturity.

Yours in the spirit of strong minds and compassionate hearts

*Mr Chris O'Brien
Campus Director*



St Paul's Campus

The Campus moves into the 'No Interruptions period' from 14 November to 27 November. During this time teachers encourage students to focus on completing assignments and subject tasks. The idea is to give students the opportunity to improve their performance. There is no better feeling than the feeling of doing one's best.

Year 9 Camps

The Year 9 camps to Blairgowrie on the Mornington Peninsula have proved to be an excellent experience. As one student said, 'The best camp ever!' which is a bit different from the normal, 'Yeah! Not too bad'. Students went surfing, horse riding, visited historic sites, and engaged in team activities. They also helped cook and clean. I am grateful to the parents who adjusted so admirably to the change in location from Tamboritha and to the staff who took on this 24-hour duty for the duration of the camps.

Lest We Forget...

At 10.15am on 12 November, the campus gathered in front of the flagpole for the short, yet stirring, Remembrance Day ceremony. We began with readings and poems emphasising the significance of the day. Annie-Rose Ferguson spoke about her experience of visiting Gallipoli and the battlefields of the western front. She spoke movingly about the 'silence' that honours the sacrifice of those who fell in the war, and the importance of our participating in the silence.

This year's initiative was to ask students to give the names of their relatives who had fought in any of the wars to the organisers. These names were handwritten onto tags with handmade poppies glued on. During the ceremony each student/staff representative came forward and tied the tag on to a guy wire linked to the flagpole. This simple gesture connected the students and staff with the essence of the event. Matt Staple brought the ceremony to a fitting close with 'The Last Post'.

As one student said, "this is a time when we reflect on the people who fought in the wars for our country. We acknowledge the pain and suffering they went through."

Congratulations to Mrs Di Sisto and the following students who organised the ceremony. Eliza Hartley, Antonia Prestipino, Isabella Nocera, Sarah O'Dowd, Rhiley Wentworth, Andrew Ware, Kyle Hornsby and Logan Edwards.

Buddy Training

On 12-13 November, over 50 Year 8 students were trained as Buddies for 2008 by Sandy Francois, College Psychologist, and Pam Mathieson from the CEO Warragul. These students will assist the Year 7 students in making the adjustment from primary school to high school. Some of them will visit Year 7 classes and work with the teachers to help groups of Year 7 students in class;

others will help organise games and activities for them; still others will just offer friendship during lunch and recess times.

Fashion Obsession 2007

Lights, smoke, loud, hard rhythms, colour, clothes, and sashaying models brought 'Fashion Obsession' to life. A nearly full Lecture Theatre was entertained by the Year 9 Fashion Project Class who presented 'Fashion Obsession' on 13 November from 7.30 pm. Both young men and young women 'strutted their stuff' through beachwear, street wear, after 5 wear, formal wear and pyjama wear. The models impressed, the environment clothes the students designed were dramatic and student work drew admiration. The light supper and the door prizes added to the festive occasion. Congratulations to Mrs. Di Sisto, her Year 9 Project Class and the male models.

Polaroid Madness

The Year 7 students are looking forward to 'Polaroid Madness' in the Park. On 28 and 29 November, the eight homerooms, homeroom teachers and coordinators will have a reflection experience at Victory Park, involving activities, teamwork, polaroid cameras and reflection.

Book Sales

Year 9 students at St.Paul's will need to hold on to their books until Tuesday 27 November before putting them in to the second-hand book pool. Year 7 & 8 students need to keep their books until Thursday 29 November.

*Mr Chris Roga
Campus Director*

Music News

The Intermediate Band performed at the ABODA Concert Band Festival on Monday the 29th of October at the Banyule Theatre in Heidelberg. The festival allowed our students to perform for an adjudicator, participate in a short workshop with a guest conductor, and listen to other concert bands perform. After a very early start and a long bus trip, our students performed very well, receiving a Superior Rating (the highest ranking for the festival) from the adjudicator. All students should be congratulated on their performance and how well they represented the College on the day.

The Junior Choir and Senior Jazz Ensemble performed at the St Michael's Parish World Youth Day Fundraising concert on Tuesday the 30th of October. Both ensembles performed very well on the night. This was a great performance opportunity to celebrate the good work completed throughout the year.

Alison Teychenne



INTO LIFE

(Year 5 & up) St Michael's Youth Group, Traralgon

Mystery Tour & Toy Run

When: Friday 23 November

Meet at St Michael's Hall - 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Cost: Bring a New Toy to donate to the Toy Run

Contact: Lou 5175 0877 or Sally 5174 9661 for info.

LIFE TEEN

(Years 9-12) St Michael's Youth Group, Traralgon

Sunday 25 November - Wet & Wild

Meet straight after 6pm Mass, Dinner provided.

7pm-9pm at Parish Centre. All Welcome

Contact: Ben 0439 371 148

NIGHT TIME UNIFORM SHOP

A night time uniform shop will be available Tuesday 4 December - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

The 2007 Biennial

Arts and Technology Exhibition

is showcasing the work of

Year 7-12 students

in *Studio Art, Design and Technology and Visual Communication and Design.*

The Exhibition is open for public viewing until

Monday 26th November

at Latrobe Regional Gallery,
138 Commercial Road, Morwell

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Berry Street Victoria on Ph: 5134 5971

2008 Term Dates

Term 1 31 January - 20 March

Term 2 7 April - 27 June

Term 3 15 July - 19 September

Term 4 6 October - 5 December

Forthcoming Events

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

- 19-23 Nov Year 11 Examinations commence [K]
- 20 Nov NET Alert (*7.30pm Lecture Theatre*) [SP]
- 25-27 Nov Marist Leaders Seminar Student Leaders [K]
- 26 Nov Boys in Education - Canoe Skills [K]
- 27 Nov Second Hand books sales [P]
Christmas Music Concert (*Victory Park, Tgn*)
- 28-29 Nov Year 9 Transition [SP & P]
- 29 Nov Year 12 Graduation (*Champagnat Centre @ 6.15pm*)
- 30 Nov **Traralgon Show Day (Student Free Day)**

DECEMBER

- 3 Dec Awards Ceremony (*Champagnat Centre @ 7.00pm*)
Curriculum Writing Day (Student Free Day)
- 4 Dec Year 9 into 10 Orientation Day
Grade 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day
- 4-6 Dec Boys in Education Camp [K]
- 5 Dec Year 9 Graduation Night [P]
- 6 Dec Year 9 Graduation Night [SP]
- 6 Dec Year 9 & 10 Last Day
- 7 Dec Year 7 & 8 Last Day
- 12 Dec Reports Distributed
- 18 Dec Administration Officially Closes

2008 TERM 1

JANUARY

- 21 Jan Administration Officially Opens
- 31 Jan Years 7, 10 and 12 return

FEBRUARY

- 1 Feb All Students Return

CANTEEN ROSTER

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

- Mon 19 Nov L. Hare, L. McDonald
- Tue 20 Nov K. Licciardi, (help required)
- Wed 21 Nov S. Jones, M. Whitty
- Thu 22 Nov C. Hines, (help required)
- Fri 23 Nov F. Webb, (help required x 2)
- Mon 26 Nov W. Heiser, (help required)
- Tue 27 Nov J. Campbell, (help required)
- Wed 28 Nov T. Thornton, (help required)
- Thu 29 Nov Help Required x 2
- Fri 30 Nov Traralgon Show Day Holiday**

KILDARE CAMPUS

- Mon 19 Nov K. Manson
- Tue 20 Nov J. Campbell
- Wed 21 Nov A. Scully
- Thu 22 Nov H. Stoddart

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