



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

19 October 2007

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Students

The recently held *International Assembly on Marist Mission* was an inspirational, life giving and life changing experience for me personally and for the 110 international delegates who attended this conference. Participants described this as a Pentecostal experience and others saw it as an Annunciation where the spirit of the 'angel' called us to respond wholeheartedly to our mission to work with young people especially those most marginalised.

There were three significant proclamations from this conference that I would like to share with you. The first is based on the sheer magnitude of the Marist family itself. The realisation that in every continent, across 77 countries and just as many languages there are devoted and committed Marist, both lay and brothers, working to improve the lives of young people. The participants spoke of the conversion of the heart that occurs when one listens to God's voice in guiding our work. Amongst the obvious diversity of cultures, languages and Christian traditions that confronted us each day, the strongest thread that united us was our core faith expressed through our love for children.



Secondly, the idea that as Marist we are all responsible for the promotion of vocational life became a dawning realisation. We realised that there is a continuing and increasing need to keep alive Champagnat's charism and that vocational life in today's world might look quite different than it has in the past. We discussed implications for the way we live in our families and in our communities and in our formation as Marists and people of faith.

The third most profound discovery was the ground swell commitment for the defence of the rights of children as an advancement and development of the Marist apostolate. There exists in the Marist organisation the Bureau of International Solidarity (BIS). This organisation is involved with international organisations in advocating for the human rights of children, especially their right to education and their welfare. Since July of 2005, the Marist Brothers have found a voice before the United Nations human rights agencies in Geneva. This Assembly was able to ignite world wide interest and commitment to this important advocacy work.

The Superior General, Br Sean Sammon in his closing remarks summed up this 10 day conference like this:



With Jesus at the centre of our dream and with the image of Champagnat holding up Jean Baptiste Montagne, we imagine a future that integrates a revolution of the heart and conversion, the Marist presence in evangelisation, Marist education and the defence and promotion of the rights of children and young people"

Above: Delegates from Oceania - Australia and New Zealand

*Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal*

Kildare Campus

Spring is certainly upon us. It has been a pleasant start to the last school term of 2007. Students have finished selecting their subjects for next year and are focussed on what remains of 2007. Year 12s are in the final stage of their secondary education and I pray that they will use what little time remains to revise and review what they have learnt this year at Lavalla Catholic College.

Year 12 Information

Early next week we will be handing out two important pieces of information to our Year 12 students. The first is from the Office of Peter McGauran on school leaving and options for students after secondary schooling. The other is a short pamphlet that tells students how to be safe when they are participating in School Leaving Group Activities. This has been provided to us by the State Government. I would encourage you to read and discuss this information with your children.

Year 11

Students in Year 11 will be busy completing Assessment Tasks over the next few weeks. Some important dates for them will be the week of **12-16th November - will be Year 12, 2008 Subject Workshops** and **19-23 November - will be Year 11 Exams**. Preparation with Exam Week commencing the week of 19th October. Students will be on campus full time during these weeks and I invite them to take advantage of this new initiative so that they can make a positive start to their 2008 studies.

Year 10

Last week we had the National Evangelisation Team run retreats for our Year 10's. They were a witness to our students of God's call and they were able to share their experiences and knowledge of the Word with our Year 10's. It was an energising time and judging by the popularity of the Friday Voluntary sessions our students appreciated this experience.

Debutante Balls

The Debutante Balls were a splendid occasion for our Year 11 students this year. They were formal, gracious and appreciative of this opportunity. Special thanks to the dedicated Debutante Committee and all those involved in the planning and organisation.

*Mr Marco Di Cesare
Campus Director*

Year 12 Mass

Wednesday 24 October
commencing at 6.00pm sharp
St Michael's Church, Traralgon

Year 12 College Assembly

Thursday 25 October at 11.00am
held at Champagnat Centre, St Paul's Campus

Year 12 Graduation Night

Thursday 29 November
6.15pm for a 6.45pm sharp commencement
held in the Champagnat Centre, St Paul's Campus
Tickets available through Office/VCAL office
Purchase before **Friday 2 November**

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

Presentation Campus

Welcome to Term 4. This will be a short run up to Christmas.

Our Year 9's have about 26 face to face teaching day for the remainder of Term 4. Please discuss your son or daughters' progress. Check on due dates and all work requirements, if you have any concerns please contact the appropriate staff member.

Last week we saw a number of our students involved in Debating, a Writing Competition and Community Service. Mr Connor, Ms Winfield and Mr De Van Der Schueren have included information on these events.

Year 7/8 Debating

Two Years 7/8 teams debated the topic 'THAT the Voting Age be Lowered to 12 years'. The affirmative team of Lisa Phillips, Stephanie Wise and Luke Wiebenga enjoyed their taste of victory, whilst the negative team of Katrina Barrett, Kate Troy and Abbie Attard are seeking their taste of victory in the next (and final) round. These students are participating in the Debating Association of Victoria's Junior Secondary Program taking them to Warragul for evening debates.

Creative Writing Competitions:

Congratulations are in order to Melissa Griffiths [Yr902] and Sarah Aquilina [Yr 802] for winning 1st and 3rd prizes, respectively, in the Churchill & District 2007 News Short Story and Poetry Competition, in the 13-18 age group. Melissa wrote a moving poem entitled, 'About My Horse' and Sarah wrote a reflective and passionate short story entitled 'Run'. Both students had their work published recently by the Churchill & District News, a monthly insert of 'The Express', and received an Angus & Robertson gift voucher.

Report – Basketball Tournament for Primary Schools

On Friday 12 October eight students from the Presentation Campus kindly offered their time to umpire at the local Primary School Sports Association Annual Basketball Tournament held at the Newborough Recreation Centre.

The day was a success and our students acquitted themselves very, very well. Everyone appreciated their efforts and their responsible handling of these games.

Such a day is always a valuable 'leadership' opportunity for all the students involved and the community. We thank each for their time and effort during the Tournament.

The students included the following: Stephanie Wise, Billy Gatt, Mitch Drowley and Jamie Ferguson, all of Year 7; Amy Dickason, Year 8; and Pat Frendo, Steven Gelagotis and Alex Sheedy, Year 9.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts

*Mr Chris O'Brien
Campus Director*

STUDENT FREE DAY
Friday 26 October 2007

St Paul's Campus

We have worked hard since January, the end is near and so we should relax a bit and slacken off. That is the temptation of Term 4. However, every sports person knows, 'it ain't over till it's over'. Therefore, the focus of this term is on performance, on finishing strongly and well. It calls for strength of character in staff as well as students. Games are often won in the last 10 minutes.

Spring weather stirs restless thoughts and longings; to be outdoors, to run, to play and to talk. However, Term 4 brings the pressure of work tasks to be completed, tests and other learning activities and reports. This dynamic tension between desires and responsibilities is a great opportunity for every student and staff member to make suitable and timely choices, to achieve and to finish with pride.

This is also the last term for our Year 9 students at St. Paul's. They have spent eleven terms with us and we are attached to them. We have helped them grow. Some have done it effortlessly; some have done it hard; all have done it in their own way, in their own time and at their own pace. What is heartening is to see the tangible growth in three years.

Robin Williams says, '*Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"*'. I agree. But I also say, '*Let the celebrations start in mid-December. Now there is work to be done.*'

Sustainable Future

St Paul's Campus has now installed a rainwater tank for the vegetable garden. The collected water will be used by the students to water the vegetable garden. Since the tank is on a stock trough filled with sand, the water is gravity fed and needs no pump. We thank Traralgon Concrete Products and Andrew McConnell at Latrobe Irrigation and Pumps for their help and sponsorship.

Sporting Achievements:

Jordan Symons, Matt Royal and Tenielle Talbot will be participating in the Australian Under 15 Touch Football Championship in Melbourne on 22-26 October.

PE and Health Week (Monday 15/10 - Friday 19/10)

As part of PE and Health week the Campus will be having the following activities:

| Monday 15 | Wed 17 | Thursday 18 | Friday 19 |
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| Lunchtime | Lunchtime | | |
| Year 7 Soccer Year 8 Soccer Year 9 Soccer | Skipping | Rugby - Yr 9 Boys | Touch footy - Yr 8 Girls Rugby - Yr 8 Boys Staff V Students |

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 for this event on 7 December 2007. The students selected because of their enthusiastic participation in the programme are: Holly Cropper 8:5; Adele Hirsch 802; Sam Stoddart 7:5; Clancy Smart-D'Ettorre 7:4. Holly Cropper will accept the framed certificate on behalf of Lavalla Catholic College. The students will then be treated to a fabulous lunch and a 45 minute tour of the National Gallery. Mrs Kim Widrich and Mrs Jeananne Brown will accompany the students. Certificates will be awarded to all students who successfully completed the Reading Challenge at a Campus Assembly later this term. Congratulations to all students and teachers for their participation in the VPRC in 2007.

Band

The Ringwood College Band is visiting Lavalla on Monday October 22nd. They will perform for the Year 7 students in the Champagnat Centre at noon.

Year 9 Camps

Since the road the Tamboritha is still not usable, the Year 9 camps are being held at Blairgowrie on the Mornington Peninsula. Besides surfing, horse riding and other activities, the students will be taken on a history tour of the area.

Mr Chris Roga
Campus Director

Appointment of Campus Director at the Presentation Campus 2008

It is with pleasure that I announce that *Mrs Leanne Mills* has been appointed the *Director of the Presentation Campus* commencing in 2008. Leanne has been committed to Catholic Education for almost 20 years and currently works in the Ballarat Diocese. She has held a number of leadership positions in various schools and will bring her depth of experience, her enthusiastic approach and her insightful nature to this role. We welcome her to our community.

In announcing this appointment, I also acknowledge the thirteen years of loyal service to the Presentation Campus and the Newborough and Moe communities by *Chris O'Brien*. Chris was instrumental in the consolidation between Presentation Regional College and Catholic Regional College in 2001. He has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically; he has always been supportive of and has coped with, the changing nature of education and he has been loyal and committed to the development of the Presentation Campus. Chris has worked very hard for the Campus and has given generously of himself to this role.

With thanks

My vote of thanks is extended to the Acting Principal, *Mrs Rita Nainie* for her work while I was at the International Conference. Together with the leadership team, Mrs Nainie gave generously of her time to ensure that all matters were dealt with and I especially thank them all for affording me the opportunity to participate in the International Conference.

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CONCERT
World Youth Day Fundraiser

Date: Tuesday 30th October 2007
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Kildare Hall
Cost: Adults \$5, Concession \$3, Family \$10.
 Tickets available from Louise Varsaci 5175 0877,
 Ivanka Moulton 5176 6881 or Parish Office 5174 2060.
 Tickets also available at the door from 6.15pm

INTO LIFE

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

freaky Friday

When: Friday 26 October (7pm-9pm)

Where: St Michael's Hall Cost: \$2.00

Dress up in a costume. A nite of mystery and surprises!!

Contact: Mel 0408 499 012 or Sam 5176 1105

LIFE TEEN

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

Sunday 28 October - Virtue

Meet straight after 6pm Mass, Dinner provided.
 7pm-9pm at Parish Centre. All Welcome
 Contact: Ben 0439 371 148

CANTEEN ROSTER

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Mon 22 Oct I. Gregson, J. Caffrey
 Tue 23 Oct K. Licciardi, (help required)
 Wed 24 Oct R. Crowle, (help required)
 Thu 25 Oct Help Required x 2
Fri 26 Oct Student Free Day
 Mon 29 Oct M. Korsak, R. Salleh
 Tue 30 Oct L. Barrett, (help required)
 Wed 31 Oct T. Thornton, (help required)
 Thu 1 Nov A. Mooney, (help required)
 Fri 2 Nov M. Holt, L. Zalesiak

KILDARE CAMPUS

Mon 22 Oct C. Jackiw, J. Adams
 Tue 23 Oct H. Vanberkel, K. Dugan
 Wed 24 Oct L. Lloyd, (help required)
 Thu 25 Oct M. Wojciechowski, (help required)
Fri 26 Oct Student Free Day
 Mon 29 Oct I Gregson, (help required)
 Tue 30 Oct J. Campbell, (help required)
 Wed 31 Oct S. Bridges, (help required)
 Thu 1 Nov M. Johnson, (help required)
 Fri 2 Nov M. Tatlow, (help required)

Forthcoming Events

TERM 4

OCTOBER

22 Oct Ringwood College Band Performance [SP]
 22-24 Oct Year 9.4 Camp [SP]
 24-26 Oct Year 9.6 Camp [SP]
 24 Oct LOTE Oral Exam
 24 Oct Year 12 Mass (*St Michael's Church, Tgon-6.00pm*)
 25 Oct Year 12 Assembly and Year 12 Last Day
 26 Oct Staff Professional Day (*Student Free Day*)
 29-31 Oct Year 9.7 Camp [SP]
 31 Oct Year 9 Retreat [SP]
 31Oct-2Nov Year 9.5 Camp [SP]

NOVEMBER

1 Nov Year 9 Retreat [SP]
 2 Nov Year 9 Retreat [P]
 2 Nov Year 12 Examinations commence [K]
 7 Nov Super 7&8 Cricket, Drouin [P&SP]
 8 Nov Year 10 Drama Excurison [K]
 9 Nov Last Day Year 11 Classes
 12-13 Year 9 Buddy Training
 12-16 Nov Year 12, 2008 Subject Workshops [K]
 19-23 Nov Year 11 Examinations commence [K]
 27 Nov Christmas Music Concert
 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
 Curriculum Writing Day (*Student Free Day*)
 4 Dec Year 9 into 10 Orientation Day
 4 Dec Grade 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day
 6 Dec Year 9 & 10 Last Day
 7 Dec Year 7 & 8 Last Day
 12 Dec Reports Distributed

WORLD YOUTH DAY CHOIR

As part of WYD preparations, a WYD choir is being formed. The WYD choir will sing at the Opening Mass, the Vigil and the Final Mass (with the Pope) during the WYD week in Sydney. The choir will include young singers from all over Australia that will learn & practice in their own diocese and then join together in Sydney for final rehearsals.

For anyone who is interested in applying or requires more information please contact Trudy at the WYD office on 5126 1063.

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