

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents, students and teachers

It is with pleasure that I announcement the appointment of **Mr Andrew Martin** as the new Campus Director for the St Paul's Campus who will begin in 2012. Mr Martin has worked in Catholic Education in Melbourne and has been involved in a special Year 9 programme for the last five years. He is a family man and a creative educationalists. We welcome him to our community and hope he finds in us a strong community and a good home.

Mr Roga has dedicated himself wholeheartedly as Campus Director over these last five years and I am pleased to stay will offer his many talents and skills in others ways next year. He is a leader who puts the students at the center of everything he does and he approached his work with integrity, wisdom and great compassion, making a difference to the lives of many young people and families. On behalf of our community I thank Mr Roga for his work with all the families and teachers at St Paul's. We have been blessed with a fine man, an excellent educator and an insightful leader who will no doubt continue to make a positive contribution to the development and growth of Lavalla.



In finishing their days at Lavalla, our year 12 students are congratulated for the way they entered into proper celebrations and festivities to mark the occasion. The full College assembly and liturgy, the graduating mass and the special breakfast on Friday were all special rights of passage for our students. The final graduation dinner on 25th November, after all the exams are concluded, brings with it some sadness as we farewell our students for the last time and farewell some families as well. I was particularly impressed

with our Year 12 photo and heartfelt message, written by the College leaders because it recognized all the people necessary in providing a child with a proper and broad education. As the adage says, "it takes a village to raise a child". The students' message captures this beautifully and more importantly gave thanks to all for their dedication to them. We wish our year 12 the very best for the exams and their journeys in life after that.

Like me you probably reacted with horror and sadness at the news that a number of refugees drowned off the coast of Indonesia this week. How terrible and desperate are the lives of the refugees that they risk their lives in this way and that parents put the lives of their own children at the mercy of the torrid seas. What a harrowing ordeal it must have been and how many times do we need to witness such tragedies. It is hard to comprehend why the conversations around these people seeking safety and a better life is so vexed with misinformation and negativity. We should not be asking where should the refugees be processed but why are we not opening our doors more widely and integrating these people in our society with their dignity and humanity intact. We need to imagine a better way.

ICT IN 2012

The technology reference group has been working diligently to discern the future infrastructure needs of the college in preparation for 'any device, any time' for our students and parents. Parents of year 7 students and year 10 students in 2012 have been invited to information nights to hear the latest developments. I strongly recommend that you contact the Manager of Education Resource if you are considering buying a device for your child.

All Souls Day and All Saints Day allows us to take pause to remember our loved ones and to prayer for the peaceful repose.



God bless

Ms Erica Pegorer
Principal

THE SPIRIT OF ASSISI

On 27th October, 1986, 160 religious leaders spent the day together at Assisi fasting and praying for world peace. They represented 32 Christian denominations and 11 non-Christian world traditions. Last Thursday was the 25th anniversary of this peace initiative and the Liturgical choir and some of the Young Marists from the St Paul's Campus supported an ecumenical prayer service at Christ Church, Anglican church in Drouin.

We joined other Gippslanders who gathered there to honour the call to peace in the world and in our hearts. A central part of this time for prayer was the declaration of what has come to be called The Assisi Decalogue, ten statements of belief proclaimed unanimously by the world's religious leaders at Assisi twenty five years ago. The Decalogue is really ten facets of the same desire for peace. Pope Paul VI said many years ago ... If you want peace work for justice.

I include the Decalogue here for you to ponder and make your own:

1. We commit ourselves to proclaiming our firm conviction that violence and terrorism are incompatible with the authentic spirit of religion, and, as we condemn every recourse to violence and war in the name of God or of religion, we commit ourselves to doing everything possible to eliminate the root causes of terrorism.
2. We commit ourselves to educating people to mutual respect and esteem, in order to help bring about a peaceful and fraternal coexistence between people of different ethnic groups, cultures and religions.
3. We commit ourselves to fostering the culture of dialogue, so that there will be an increase of understanding and mutual trust between individuals and among peoples, for these are the foundations of authentic peace.
4. We commit ourselves to defending the right of everyone to live a decent life in accordance with their own cultural identity, and to form freely a family of his or her own.
5. We commit ourselves to frank and patient dialogue, refusing to consider our differences as an insurmountable barrier, but recognizing instead that to encounter the diversity of others can become an opportunity for greater reciprocal understanding.
6. We commit ourselves to forgiving one another for past and present errors and prejudices, and to supporting one another in a common effort both to overcome selfishness and arrogance, hatred and violence, and to learn from the past that peace without justice is no true peace.
7. We commit ourselves to taking the side of the poor and the helpless, to speaking out for those who have no voice and to working effectively to change these situations, out of the conviction that no one can be happy alone.
8. We commit ourselves to taking up the cry of those who refuse to resort to violence and evil, and we desire to make every effort possible to offer the men and women of our time real hope for justice and peace.
9. We commit ourselves to encouraging all efforts to promote friendship between peoples, for we are convinced that, in the absence of solidarity and understanding between peoples, technological progress exposes the world to a growing risk of destruction and death.
10. We commit ourselves to urging leaders of nations to make every effort to create and consolidate, on the national and international levels, a world of solidarity and peace based on justice.

May we proclaim together what we believe and together live what we proclaim.

Mr Mike Hansen, Director Mission & Ministry

ST. PAUL'S CAMPUS REPORT

Mr Chris Roga - Campus Director

The Melbourne Cup was just a remarkable race. A race that covers 3200m was finally won by a whisker. Everyone knows that the last 10 minutes in a footy match are the hardest. Getting over the line is important. For all our students the last impetus is important. 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going.' Let's see how they go.

YR 7 NETBOOK PRESENTATION NIGHT

The night was extremely well attended. It was a great demonstration of the work put in to take advantage of the Netbook as a tool. A few parents say that they wished they had this when they were at school. More information will be put on the school website shortly.



YR 7's CHRISTMAS HAMPER SHOPPING

The final major activity which Yr 7's will undertake is to make up Christmas Hampers to be given to Saint Vincent De Paul for distribution at Christmas.

YR 9 MASS

The Yr 9 end of year Mass is fast approaching. This year the Mass will be held at the Presentation Campus, Newborough. More details will be forthcoming via the students.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is on Friday 11th November 2011. Student at St Paul's will hold a Service of Remembrance. Student Leaders will conduct the liturgy and service to remember all Military Personnel who perished in the great war and wars that followed.



SSV BASKETBALL

The Lavalla Catholic College Year 8 and intermediate boys' basketball teams have progressed through to the South East Conference finals of SSV. The intermediate boys made it through the Regional Finals unscathed after recording three solid wins against Wonthaggi Secondary College, Lowanna College and Nagle College at the Traralgon Sports Stadium on Thursday, October 27. They will now travel to Dandenong on Monday, November 14 endeavouring to become the first Lavalla team to reach the State Finals in SSV basketball. The Year 8 boys' basketball team also accomplished an unbeaten record at their Regional Finals held at Traralgon Sports Stadium on Friday, October 28. Lavalla posted comfortable victories against Wonthaggi Secondary College and Bairnsdale Secondary College but escaped with a hard fought, come-from-behind win over Drouin Secondary College. The Year 8 boys will also travel to Dandenong on the same day looking to accomplish the same feat of becoming the first Lavalla team to reach State Finals in SSV basketball.

PRESENTATION CAMPUS REPORT

Mrs Tamsin McCormack - Campus Director

This term has seen a busy start, with students from our campus, MSP and local primary schools getting involved in Questacon. Students from Lavalla Catholic College, St Mary's Primary School (Newborough), St Kieran's Primary School (Moe), St Joseph's Primary School (Trafalgar) and Newborough East Primary School had the opportunity to see mini explosions, the mystery of gravity and air pressure, learn how things fly through a hands on interactive show. Judging by the amount of laughter, questions and enthusiasm a great time was had by all. The interest in science displayed by the student presenters from Australian National University was infectious.

On Monday 24th October, Master Survivor Students headed to the Summit to participate in the "Best Day Thinking" program. This program encourages students goal setting, to work through practical activities and move out of their comfort zone.

During our short respite of nice weather last week, Master Survivor Students went camping and surfing at Wilson's Prom. By all accounts they had a great time, enjoyed the sunshine. Students participated in hiking, surfing, canoeing, games on the beach, and a night walk with many students and their teachers quite thankful they had a long weekend to recover.

Last week, all year 9 students participated in retreats, run by Youth Mission Team Australia. These retreats allowed students to appreciate the gift of their own individuality and uniqueness, be free to be themselves and to recognise that everyone has a profound dignity and value. The students thoroughly enjoyed this retreat.

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who have been handing in Coles and Safeway vouchers, these have now closed, with our points being put towards fun outdoor and indoor activities for the students and teaching aids for the staff. We are still collecting Paul's Collect-a-caps.

This week our year 8 students will have the privilege of watching and listening to students from 6 primary schools involved in debating. This will be a great opportunity for our students, enabling them to see how a debate is run and to also let them form their own opinion as to which side puts forward a more rounded and convincing

argument. I'm sure they will represent the College well.

Next week the rest of the Master Survivor Students head to Tamboritha for their Bush camp, and the year 8 students will head to Tamboritha for the second half of the week for their camp. Hopefully the weather will be kind to them and I'm sure that they will have a great time.



Second Hand Uniform Shop

NEXT OPEN

Thursday 17th November

Thursday 1st December

3.30pm – 6.00pm

Shop located at: St.Paul's Campus

Payment options: Cash, Cheque or

EFTPOS

Upcoming:

Tuesday 13th December 3.30 – 8pm

(Year 7, 2012 ONLY)

KILDARE CAMPUS REPORT

Mr Marco DiCesare - Campus Director



Our Year 12 students commenced their VCAA exams this week. All their hard work and commitment to their education will now be called upon. Joining them is a growing group of Year 11's. Over the years we have found more and more students commencing their VCE at Year 10. Gaining the experience of exams is vital if we wish our students to do well.

On Friday we went through what is now tradition – a cooked breakfast, the story chair and time capsules, students awards and the exit through the archway. It was a fitting finish to the year and I thank the Year 12's for the way that they entered into the celebrations.

YEAR 10 AND 11 EXAM WEEK

A reminder to parents of Year 10 and Year 11 students that during our examination week (beginning 14th November) there will be no formal classes. While students are always welcome to use the ISC for study purposes, many will choose to study from home. Examination timetables will be circulated soon.

LOCKERS

The Kildare Campus will begin allocating lockers for 2012. This will mean that as 2011 classes finish next week, students will need to empty their lockers. Please encourage your son or daughter to begin the transfer of books etc from school to home over the next two weeks. It will save students having to take all of their locker contents at once.

FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 12

Our Year 12 students have bid us farewell at both a College and Campus Assembly. This is the first group of students to go through the Learner Advisor process. Relationships have developed between families and their LA.



Our LA breakfasts were an opportunity for both staff and students to celebrate the last three years together. The day ended with our celebrations at the Kildare Campus. I thank all of the Year 12 who participated on stage – once again our staff act was the highlight for me!

DATES

Please ensure that you mark these important dates on this newsletter in your diaries.

- **Thursday 3rd November**
Unit 4 VCAA Exams commence
- **Monday 14th November**
Exam Week for Yr 10-11. No classes this week
- **Monday 21st November**
2012 Yr 11-12 Classes begin
- **Thursday 1st December**
2012 Yr 11-12 students finish
- **Friday 2nd December**
Report Writing Day



With the farewells for the year 12 class of 2011 now behind us our focus turns increasingly to arrangements for 2012.

Students in years 10 and 11 will be completing their current units of study in the next few weeks, the examination period marking the end of their 2011 classes. They will finish the year with two weeks of the Head Start Program.

This is traditionally a time when students find it hard to maintain their focus. It is important that all students approach the exams seriously. In addition to being an important assessment tool they provide a valuable learning opportunity for our students who, in future years, will be challenged in examinations of different sorts as they pursue their pathways beyond secondary school. Examination preparation requires students to organise, review, summarise and revise the subject matter. This preparation would be an excellent use of student's home study time, particularly if nothing formal is set by their teachers.

Details of the Examination and Head Start programs for the Kildare campus are provided within this newsletter. Please check the dates and details carefully.

SUBJECT ALLOCATIONS FOR 2012

Students will soon receive their subject allocations for 2012. These will be provided to students via LA classes prior to the beginning of the Exam and Head Start programs. Students are asked to check their allocations carefully and raise any concerns with their LA teachers immediately. Every effort has been made to accommodate all student requests, and considerable time has been given to checking and working with students whose selections needed clarification or review. Unfortunately some students may find that their requests could not be accommodated because of timetable clashes, class sizes or teacher expertise, however, I'm confident most students have received their chosen subjects.

BOOKLISTS FOR 2012

Students will also soon receive their booklists for 2012. This information will be made available on the College Website too. Please read this information carefully and note the dates set. Books and resources are made available through Seymour Street Newsagency and I ask parents to

read carefully how orders and payment should be made.

YEAR 10 2012 ORIENTATION

Current year 10 and year 11 students will finish at the Kildare Campus on Thursday 1st December. The absence of students on the campus will provide the opportunity for the year 10 class of 2012 to familiarise themselves with the staff and surroundings of the College's senior campus. Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th of December have been set aside to welcome this new group of students. During these two days students will take part in a variety of activities, including introductions to their 2012 subjects.

If you have any queries about preparations for 2012, the upcoming Examinations or the Head Start program please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Suzanne Farley

Learning & Teaching Leader (years 10-12)

Mr Steven Erdely

Academic Development – VCE

Ms Jeananne Brown

Academic Development – Year 10

Examination & Head Start Program Year 10 – 12 Semester Two, 2011

Examination Program

Examinations are one of a number of assessment tasks that teachers of years 10 and 11 will use to determine the level of achievement of students. They also provide a valuable learning opportunity for our students who, in future years, will be challenged in examinations of different sorts as they pursue their pathways beyond secondary school.

Examination preparation requires students to organise, review, summarise and revise the subject matter. In addition to testing knowledge and understanding, examinations measure the quality of revision and time management before and during the examinations, and the ability to focus and answer the examination questions.

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

The Semester Two Examination Timetable for Year 10 and Year 11 students will be available on the College Website (www.lavalla.vic.edu.au) and will be made available to all students via LA classes from Friday November 4th.

The Semester Two Examination Timetable for Year 12 (Unit 3/4 studies) is available on the VCAA website (www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) and an individualised timetable has been distributed to all Unit 3/4 students.

All examinations will take place at the College and students are reminded that they must wear full school uniform (summer) to attend all examinations. An overview of examination rules and procedures for year 10 and 11 exams can be found on the College Website.

EXAMINATION DATES - SEMESTER TWO, 2011

Year 12: Examinations begin on Thursday November 3rd.
All VCE Unit 3/4 Studies & VCE VET Unit 3/4 Studies

Year 11: Monday November 14th – Friday November 18th All VCE Unit 2 Studies

Year 10: Monday November 14th – Friday November 18th All Subjects except Religious Education

Please Note: During the examination period, year 10 and year 11 students are ONLY REQUIRED on Campus to attend exams. At all other times students in these year levels should undertake private study and exam preparation at home.

HEAD START PROGRAM

In the last weeks of this term students in year 10 and year 11 will be taking part in the Head Start Program. This program involves students moving into their chosen 2012 units of study. Students will be introduced to the subject and subject requirements and will begin their 2012 studies.

This is an essential part of our students learning program and all students are required to attend their timetabled classes during these weeks.

IMPORTANT DATES

Year 11 and 12 2012:

Head Start will take place from Monday November 21st – Thursday December 1st. Each day will begin and finish at the normal times (8.45am – 3.20pm)

Students in year 11 and 12 2012 will complete their school year for 2011 on Thursday December 1st.

All Students: Will have a STUDENT FREE day on Friday December 2nd for Staff Report Writing.

Year 10 2012: Orientation will take place on Monday December 5th & Tuesday December 6th at the Kildare Campus. Each day begins at 8.45am and will conclude at 3.20pm.

Gippsland Carers Support Group

Gippsland Carers Association new monthly peer Support Group is open to all unpaid family carers in Gippsland. It's a great opportunity to take some time-out from caring and meet people who, like you, really understand what it's like to be a carer. The Support Group will meet on the first Wednesday each month. Support Group Meetings will feature speakers, social activities and group discussions.

If you are providing care and support to a family member or friend with a dependent disability, frail aged or mental illness then this Support Group is for you.

Time: 10am -12pm

Where: CCG (next to iGain), 58-60 Commercial Road, Morwell

Dates: Wednesday 7th December 2011

RSVP: Kate Buxton on 0439 377 001 or gippscarer.kate@gmail.com

RESULTS - ICAS COMPETITIONS

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Throughout the year a number of students have taken part on the ICAS Competitions. These competitions include tests of students' knowledge and skills in Computer Studies, Science, Mathematics, Writing and English, and are undertaken by students nationally.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students who undertook these tests. I make particular mention of the following students who achieved results of Credit and above in the following ICAS Competitions. To receive a Credit students have achieved in the top 25% of the state.

| Computer Studies | Science | Mathematics |
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| Year 10 | Year 10 | Year 10 |
| Mubtasim Murshed (Credit) | Eden Bourke (Credit) | Rodney Kearns (Credit) |
| Mitchell McDonald (Credit) | Mubtasim Murshed (Credit) | Lauren Wain (Distinction) |
| Cayde Dixon (Distinction) | Mitchell Stone (Credit) | |
| David Diaz (High Distinction) | Mitchell McDonald (Distinction) | Year 11 |
| | | Domenic Germano (Credit) |
| | Year 12 | Claire Holt (Credit) |
| | Jacinta Bogan (Credit) | Leigh Jones (Credit) |
| | Terry Panayiotou (Credit) | Shaun Sammut (Credit) |
| | Robert Sutton (Credit) | Sarah Shepley (Credit) |
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| | | Year 12 |
| | | Billy Duncan (Credit) |
| | | Rhys McDonald (Credit) |
| | | Robert Sutton (Credit) |
| Writing | English | |
| Year 10 | Year 10 | |
| Tenielle Palmer (Credit) | Macey Henderson (Credit) | |
| | Mitchell McDonald (Credit) | |
| Year 11 | Cameron Miller (Credit) | |
| Aimee Hunter (Credit) | Tessa Crawford (Distinction) | |
| Erin Lawn (Distinction) | Teneille Hecker (Distinction) | |
| | Lauren Wain (Distinction) | |
| | | |
| | Year 11 | |
| | Ruby Callaghan (Credit) | |
| | Oscar Machen (Credit) | |
| | Jessica Wall (Credit) | |
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