



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

Monday 5 December 2005

Dear Parent and students

Well here we are – already at the end of the school year and the final newsletter for 2005. It is an opportune time to wish you all the very best for the festive season. May you enjoy the spirit of Christmas and engage in its true messages of forgiveness and hope, of giving and receiving and thanksgiving and graciousness. The love that abounds when we share in family spirit and laughter is indeed a sacred space and provides the thread that weaves the tapestry of our memories and bonds us together. This Christmas, I wish for all of you this sacred experience.

Farewell to staff members:

Each year a number of staff leave the College to take up positions elsewhere and with this comes certain sadness. **Mr Mark DeFazio** from the St Paul's Campus has been a vibrant, enthusiastic and committed teacher and a supportive and compassionate co-ordinator. Mr DeFazio has been employed at Padua College in Mornington and we wish him every success.

We also farewell **Mr Robert Toonen** (St Paul's), **Mrs Mini Varghese** (St Paul's), **Mr John Crawford** (Presentation), **Mr Damiano Tripodi** (St Paul's), **Mr Mark Kelly** (Kildare). **Mrs Ann Brown** (Kildare) will take leave for a year and we wish **Ms Gloria Zahra** (St Paul's), **Ms Sallie Davies** (Presentation) and **Mrs Allison Farley** (Canteen) all the best as they approach the most important career of their lives – being first time mums! **Mrs Margaret Beevor** (Canteen Manager) is leaving for Melbourne early in 2006. Each has given of themselves to our community and we thank them for their contribution. Of course, we will miss their presence and we wish them well for 2006 and beyond.

In 2006 we will welcome back **Mrs Meaghan Ambrose** and **Ms Karen Joyce** from their maternity leave; **Ms Eloisa Tripodi** from study leave and a special welcome back to **Miss Kathy Matters** who has recovered well after her illness this year.

Important Dates:

Please note the important commencement dates for 2006 at the back of this newsletter.

Thank you for your support of the College this year and especially of me in this last term. I look forward to what 2006 might bring but for now I wish you once again a Merry Christmas, a joyous Festive Season and God's peace.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

As the year draws to an end we will farewell the Yr 9 students on Thursday 8th at approximately 2:15pm in the Champagnat Centre. Parents are most welcome to attend the transition ceremony at school. Families should also have received personal invitations

to the Yr 9 Mass to be held that evening at St Michael's.

Yr 7 and 8's will finish school on the 9th of December at 3:30pm. It would be appropriate for all students to wear PE uniform for the last two days of school as we will be having a variety of activities.

St Paul's (contd...)

Re-cycling

The Yr 7s continue to be very successful with their aluminum collection and another 120 kg of aluminum was delivered to the recyclers. The total delivered so far is 346 kg. Well done to the Yr 7's and their teachers.

Shoes

It is timely to remind / suggest that when purchasing school shoes for next year that parents consider proper support and appropriateness. There has been a spate of students presenting in Skater style shoes which are definitely not acceptable as they do not allow the foot to move properly. A number of the girls have been wearing very light black shoes which are little more than ballet slippers. These don't offer suitable ankle support or in many cases thick enough soles. **Students are required to wear black, polish-able, lace up shoes and flexible, white, lace up sport shoes as appropriate.** These should provide suitable support and durability.

Campus leaders

During the last week we have held elections for the Campus leaders for 2006. During the process all students who were nominated were interviewed by either Mr Roga, the Yr 9 Coordinators or myself and at least one of this year's campus leaders. All the candidates were well presented and had given great thought to taking on the role. As it is not possible to have everyone as campus leader we have invited all these wonderful young people to become 'Energizers', who will help foster various campus projects next year. Congratulations to our four campus leaders for 2006, **Emily Robinson and Adam Hunter** who have been elected our campus leaders and to **Sjenna Harbridge and James Silvestro**

(semester 1) **Skye Hammer** (semester 2) who will be great assistants.

Thanks

My thanks to **Phoebe Trinidad, Kosta Pizzi and Chloe Poole** who modeled servant leadership this year.

To the general student body, for trying its best academically, socially and spiritually throughout the year.

To the Yr 9 students who have provided sound leadership to the rest of the campus and who have ended the year so well.

To the parents who have offered support to the College and who have volunteered for many of the day to day activities of the campus.

Thanks also to all the staff members, who maintain the grounds, feed students, keep records, answer phones, store books or teach classes. Their efforts this year have been much appreciated.

Christmas wishes

We wish all members of the College community a happy and holy Christmas and pray for many blessings in the New Year. Christmas Day is a day of joy and charity. May God make you very rich in both.

"Christmas gift suggestions from Oren Arnold: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect."

*Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus*

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Christmas Greetings! This is the last report for 2005.

I would like to thank all staff, parents and students for their individual contributions throughout 2005, who have made this year the success it has been.

On Wednesday of this week Ms O'Donnell held a very successful Art Display. A wide variety of student work was presented. My thanks to Ms O'Donnell for her efforts in

organising and presenting this event and to Peter Droog, Daniel Taylor and Anthony Albanese for assisting with the setting up of the Arts Display.

Next week our year 9's attend the Orientation Day for year 10 2006 at Kildare Campus on Tuesday 6th December.

On Monday, 5 December our year 8 and 9's for 2006 will have an Orientation Day. A range of activities, election of student leaders

and subject advice for next year will be the focus of the day.

On 8 December Presentation Campus will be sorting the second hand books, - we still require more helpers.

If you are able and willing to help please call Carol Wilson on 5127 5111.

The Orientation Day for grade 6's is on Tuesday 6 December from 9.00am to 1.00pm. A BBQ lunch will be provided.

Last Day:

Year 9's finish on Thursday, 8 December at normal time 3.10pm.

Year 9 Mass is on Wednesday 7 December at St Mary's at 6.00pm. followed by a meal at the Moe Golf Club. Tickets are \$21.00 and are payable on the night.

Year 7 and 8's finish on Friday 9 December at normal time 3.10pm

I wish everyone the blessings for Christmas and an event filled Happy New Year.

Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Farewell 2005:

As I reflect on the year passed, I am constantly reminded of the wonderful efforts of staff and students on Campus. Students have, by and large, been most cooperative throughout the year and for that I am very grateful. I have also had a very positive relationship with the vast majority of parents. Certainly the relationship and link between home and school is strong, alive and well.

I would also like to publicly express my gratitude to all members of staff who have worked hard and long to ensure that the best outcomes are achieved for all students in their care. Sometimes, students do not fully appreciate the direction and if necessary the correction given to them by members of staff. I have often reinforced amongst both staff and students that if we didn't care we wouldn't bother.

I would like to especially thank the ladies of the front office. Mrs. Giddens, Mrs. O'Brien, Miss Brennan and Miss Rankin are a most welcoming public face of the College and all have worked so hard to ensure that the Campus meets and greets people in a true spirit of Christian fellowship. I am most grateful to them for their work throughout the year and for the friendly way in which they interact with all.

Finally, I would like to wish all members of the Kildare Campus community, the peace and joy of the Christmas Season and that all have a safe and restful holiday with family and loved ones.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

LOTE NEWS

On Monday 7th November the Year 11 Italian students went to Melbourne for an Italian Culture and Language immersion. They gathered information about the influence of Italians in Lygon Street and had a great lunch in an Italian restaurant. The afternoon was dedicated to Italian art at the National Gallery. The tour at the gallery was held in Italian and students were encouraged to ask and answer questions in the language. They also had the opportunity to paint their own masterpieces. What a great day!

On Thursday 10th November 60 Year 8 students from Lavalla Catholic School and Lowanna College participated in the inaugural Inter-school Italian Poetry Competition held at the Presentation campus. A lot of students were awarded Honourable Mentions and some got into the finals. Congratulations to all and in particular to our winners: Andria Forlano and James Silvestro from Lavalla Catholic College. A special thanks to Mrs Luisa Penone-Tumino for kindly donating her time and expertise to be the judge of the competition. The day ended with a beautiful pizza and gelato lunch.

LOTE News (contd...)

The two year 10 Italian classes held their end of year lunches on 22nd and 28th November. Parents, grandparents, friends and teachers gathered together and had the opportunity to enjoy a home made lunch with the students. Congratulations to all of the students who put a lot of effort into these events. The food was great!

Last but not least. This year a language assistant from Italy, Eleonora Morelli, joined the LOTE team. All of the students and staff have enjoyed her professionalism, her

wonderful personality and contagious smile. She has done a lot for our students: from helping the year 8s and 9s with their poems for the competitions to speaking with the senior classes and encouraging them. She has prepared worksheets and lessons and compiled a wonderful photo reportage. At Expo she even taught everyone how to make tagliatelle! We will miss her a lot and hope we will keep in touch. Arrivederci Eleonora!

Raffaella Cataldo
Head of LOTE

CALENDAR DATES

December

Friday 2	Pupil Free Day – Report Writing/Correction Day
Sun 4 – Wed 14	Marist Cricket Carnival, Lismore, NSW
Tuesday 6	Year 9 Familiarisation Day at Kildare
	Year 7 (2006) Orientation Morning
	Year 11 (2006) Workshops commence
Wednesday 7	Last Day for 10 students
	Graduation Mass for Year 9 Presentation students, St Mary’s
Thursday 8	Last Day for Year 9 students
	Year 10 Social, Kildare Hall
Friday 9	Last Day for Years 7 and 8 students
Wednesday 14	Reports Distributed
	Secondhand Book Order Collection – 10am to 7pm for Years 7 to 12 St Paul’s and Kildare 2006 Students
	Secondhand Book Order Collection – 10am to 3pm for Years 7 to 9 Presentation 2006 students
Thursday 15	Last Day for Teachers
Friday 16	Administration and Campus Offices close
<u>January 2006</u>	
Wednesday 18	Collection of Booklist Orders – 8am to 8pm, Kildare Campus Hall
Thursday 19	Collection of Booklist Orders – 4pm to 7pm, Newborough Campus
Monday 23	Administration Office (Marcellin House) opens
Wednesday 25	Collection of Booklist Orders – 8am to 12noon, Kildare Campus Hall
Friday 27	Campus Offices open
Monday 30	Teachers return
Tuesday 31	Years 7, 10 and 12 commence
<u>February</u>	
Wednesday 1	Years 8, 9 and 11 commence

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