



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

9 June 2006

Dear parents and students

Last week you would have received as a supplement to this newsletter a letter from the Director of Catholic Education - Sale, Dr Therese D'Orsa, outlining the changes to the reporting requirements. If this letter did not reach its destination, you can access another copy through our web page: www.lavalla.vic.edu.au On this site, you will also find a copy from the Director of Catholic Education – Melbourne, Ms Susan Pascoe. To access these letters, parents can click on **News, Catholic Education Office and Reporting to Parents - Government Requirements** to view the document. Alternatively, parents can go directly to the CEO section of our College web site (<http://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au/news/ceo.asp>) and click **Reporting to Parents - Government Requirements**.

A reminder to all parents that **Semester 1 reports** will be issued on Wednesday 14th June and that on this occasion **you will need to request** interviews with your daughter's and son's teachers should you wish to discuss learning behaviours and progress. The parent-teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 15th June from 4.00-6.30pm and it is our hope that while you are here that you also attend the information sessions on the new reporting process. Curriculum Team Leaders will run sessions on each campus at 5.00-5.30pm and also at 6.00-6.30pm. It is a valuable opportunity to clarify any points of confusion.

It is true to say that most teachers in Victoria have felt the effects of the compliance reporting requirements. It has been a hard term in this respect and I believe that the final outcome for the English and Mathematics reports will communicate your child's progress in a clear and concise way. Reports in other subjects remain in the usual format.

I attended the year 11 retreats this week and I compliment most students on their co-operation, goodwill and ability to build a trusting and supportive environment so that each participant had an opportunity to explore their issues of faith and human growth. I was most appreciative of the staff who attended this retreat - firstly, because they gave generously of their time and secondly, because they selflessly put their tiredness aside to be present and engaged with the students.

College Council

After six years, Mr Peter Foster has completed his term on the **College Council** and nominations are therefore sought from parents in the Newborough/Moe area to fill this vacancy. We thank Mr Foster for his contribution and his keen interest in the College particularly during the time of the consolidation.

The Council meets on the last Tuesday of each month and works as a support to the Principal in the areas of finance, strategic planning and development. **If you are interested** in such a role please make direct contact with me as soon as possible. The Annual General Meeting will be conducted on 11 July and ideally the new parent representative would be invested at this meeting.

Erica Pegorer
Principal

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Last week saw some classes involved in tests in various subjects. These usually serve a number of purposes: to train students to focus and produce work under test conditions, to ascertain what information the student has retained, to pick up on areas that need to be retaught. It is important that all students have the opportunity to practise the discipline of taking a test.

Congratulations

The St Paul's staff last week organised a lunch around the "Biggest Morning Tea Theme". This was organised by Mrs Jenny Roy; with donations and raffles the effort raised \$250.

Also to the families and students who organised the Trivia Night in aid of the LOTE students. It was a fun night and thankfully re-affirmed the fact that we employ smart teachers (yes, the teachers' table won). It was heartening to see families of previous LOTE trippers attending the evening to offer support, this is truly what community is about.

Raffle

As happened last year, in the last few weeks of term staff will be handing out raffle tickets to students who are wearing their uniform well, being co-operative or working well. While we expect these behaviours, it is very pleasant to pay attention to them in this way and it is a great way of recognising students who generally manage themselves very well at school. Tickets are drawn at the end of each week and winners receive a ticket to visit the cinema.

Coats, hats etc

Please remember that any accessory worn with the uniform must be navy blue.

Enrolments

We have been very pleased with the response to the enrolment period. This is a final reminder to all families with siblings in State schools to please ensure that you contact Mrs Jean Jennings for an enrolment package.

Please do not assume that we are aware of younger brothers or sisters in State schools.

Exiting the school

Please remember that if for any reason your child will be permanently leaving the school you need to make contact with the Head of Campus and to complete an "Exit Form". If your child is to be absent for a lengthy period e.g. a term, you will need to make contact with the Head of Campus and complete an 'Interrupted Study Form'

Thank you to all the parents who take the time to keep us informed of issues, which may impact on their child's performance or well-being at school. These families are truly working with the College community.

Thanks also to the members of staff who have spent many hours after school and over the weekend grappling with the new report format. I am sure that all families will be most appreciative of their efforts.

Champagnat Day, 6th June

We will be holding a full school mass next term to celebrate this day as a College. Br Bill is preparing talks for the Yr 7 students so that they can come to understand who Champagnat was and why we hold him in such high regard.

Yr 8 camps

19th-21 st July	8.3 & 8.4
26 th - 28 th July	8.5 & 8.8
2 nd -4 th August	8.1 & 8.2
9 th - 11 th August	8.7 & 8.6

These camps are **compulsory** and must be **fully paid** for before departure day. If there are any problems with this contact Mrs Rita Albanese to arrange a schedule of payments.

Last Day of Semester

School will finish at **2:30pm on Friday 16th June.**

To ensure equity in the Yr 8 classrooms, the following classes will be changing rooms on the last day of term

8.7 move to Stoddart block 12	8.2 move to Portable 1
8.6 move to Stoddart block 11	8.1 move to portable 4
8.8 move to Stoddart block 13	8.3 move to portable 2

It is vital that all students are present so that they can take responsibility for the transfer of their books. Any students who are ill on the day are asked to contact a friend / classmate to move their books for them

“Cultivate your own capabilities, your own style. Appreciate the members of your family for who they are, even though their outlook

or style may be miles different from yours. Rabbits don't fly. Eagles don't swim. Ducks look funny trying to climb. Squirrels don't have feathers. Stop comparing. There's plenty of room in the forest”.--Chuck Swindoll

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

Last Thursday the SRC organised a '**Bring a Friend' Social**. Approximately 124 students attended and enjoyed the music, dancing and socialising for 4 hours. The Parent Support Group catered for the evening. My thanks to Mrs. Bramstedt for organising the parents who assisted and a special thank you to Peter Hansford and Brittany Aquilina for organising the social. Money raised will go towards the Marist East Timor Mission Appeal.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 15th June between 4.00pm and concluding at 7.30pm. We would encourage all parents to meet with their son's or daughter's teachers to discuss the Semester Report. Interview sheets were sent home Friday 9th June, please complete these and return your requests via your child by Wednesday.

On Tuesday the following students represented Lavalla Catholic College at the year 7-9 Football Competition. Our congratulations go to: Stephanie Wilson, Katrina Barrett, Christopher Bortignon, Ryan Broeren, Sam Price, Sam Amaira, Jarrod Thornton and Jayden Shaw.

Two of our female students, Katrina Barrett and Stephanie Wilson, represented our campus at the annual Year 7/8/9 Girls Football Competition in Sale on June 6th. From reports this girls' team did not have a score registered against them at all in the two games they played. Both girls acquitted themselves well, particularly Katrina who was nominated in the best 4 players on the day. Well done Katrina and Stephanie. (Mr Dominic de van der Schueren)

Yours in the '*Spirit of Strong minds and Compassionate Hearts*'

Mr. Chris O'Brien
Head of Presentation Campus

KILDARE CAMPUS

Year 11 Retreats:

The Year 11 Retreats have been completed. I am very grateful to the students for their participation, for the generosity of their contributions and their co-operation. The Retreats at Year 11 are a good indication of the work covered next year at the Year 12 experience and certainly the students with whom I spoke were surprised and delighted at the program. All had a very different expectation of what they thought they were going to experience and all were pleasantly surprised.

The theme of the Retreats was "Masks." Students were led towards an understanding of themselves, their emotions and their

relationships with each other, their families and the wider community. The Year 12 experience will take this theme another step further.

I am especially grateful to the staff and former students who gave up their family time and other commitments to attend the Retreats. Several of them attended both Retreats, working all day and then long into the night to ensure that the experience was valuable, relevant and beneficial to the students. I travelled to Rawson and then to Forest Edge on both occasions and I was very pleased at the success of the Retreats.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Tue 13 June	I Gregson	B Boothman, M Northover
Wed 14 June	T Thornton	A Fletcher (help needed)
Thu 15 June	F Webb, C Barry	V Sammut (help needed)
Fri 16 June	C Payne (help needed)	L Weckmann, J Kivisalu

MARK KELLY

There is much cause for celebration as we prepare for Mark Kelly's ordination as Deacon. You will remember, of course, that Mark was a teacher at this College for almost 20 years and during these past few years he retrained to follow his vocation. The Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Friday 23rd June at St Michael's Church. For all those who know Mark and who would like to attend this special celebration, Fr Peter Bickley has extended to you all a warm invitation.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

We all do things to enhance our lives. Fitness programs and diets to improve our health – inservice programs to improve our job skills. This is an opportunity for married couples to give a wonderful gift to your children by enhancing your marriage through a Marriage Encounter weekend.

Weekends scheduled for 2006 are **July 14-16 at Millgrove** and **October 27-29 at Lysterfield**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to have more information and we will send some Marriage Encounter brochures to you. Please phone Lambert and Elaine on 9744 4029 or email levander@hotmail.net.au.

For further information and bookings contact Peter and Erika Smith 9899 0824 or email Erika@hrpartner.com.au. Web site www.wvme.org.au

**PLEASE NOTE THAT CLASSES WILL BE DISMISSED AT 2.30PM ON THE
LAST DAY OF TERM, FRIDAY 16TH JUNE.**

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