



## NEWSLETTER

# Lavalla Catholic College

**21 November 2003**

Dear Parents,

As we come towards the end of the year, I find it important to relay to you as much information as possible. This Newsletter has much of the detail about important dates. In order to cover everything, there will be a mail-out to families next week to ensure that all parents have all the information necessary to complete this year and to commence in 2004.

Br Julian Casey  
Principal

### CALENDAR DATES

#### November

Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Student Free Day – Report Writing Day
Tue. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 (2004) Workshops commence Year 10 PEALs Diving Excursion at Cape Patterson
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup>	College Christmas Concert – Champagnat Centre (6.00 to 8.30pm)
Thu. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Graduation Mass and Supper Dance (6.00pm to 12.00am)
Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Traralgon Show Day – student and staff holiday

#### December

Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 9 (Year 10 2004) Orientation Day at Kildare Campus
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 9 (Presentation) Graduation Mass (6.00pm)
Thu. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 (St Paul's) Transition Ceremony (2.00 to 2.45pm) Year 9 (St Paul's) Concluding Mass (6.00 to 7.30pm) Year 10 End of Year Paraliturgy and Activities (1.45 to 3.25pm) Year 10 End of Year Social (7.30 to 11.00pm)
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day for Years 7 and 8 Students
Tue. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Students Orientation Day (9.00 to 1.00pm)
Thu. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Secondhand Book Sales Collection: Kildare Campus 12.00 to 8.00pm (incl. Year 9 Presentation) Presentation Campus 10.00 to 3.00pm (Years 7 & 8 2004)
Thu. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Report Distribution Years 10-12 Administration and School Offices close

### PRESENTATION CAMPUS

The **Peer Mediation** course facilitated by Pam Matheison was valued by all students who participated. Good communication skills and conflict resolution were the main focus of the day. Congratulations to the following students who now join our current peer mediators for 2004.

**Year 8: Liam Carolan, Anthony Battista, Kevin Munro, Kim Bramstedt, Monique De Carli and Eliza Gibson.**

**Year 7: Joel Dickason, Michael Gauci, Leigh Winters, Jenna Shaw, Amy Gorman and Johanna Stephens.**

Presentation Campus (contd...)

On Wednesday of last week three of our Year 8 students volunteered to attend a presentation at the Moe Library. The following is an extract from a fax received from Jill Beck -

“Our committee was impressed with the interest displayed by **Brennagh McKenzie, Alan Renwick** and **Kevin Munro**, their conversations concerning book plots and characters was most illuminating and their manners highly commendable.” Our congratulations to these students.

Three students have been selected to represent the College from this campus in the Victorian School Teams Golf Championship on 24<sup>th</sup> November. We Congratulate **Michael Gauci**,

**Jeremy Waanders** and **Anthony Erdley** and wish them a good round on the day.

The **Year 8 Activity Days** conducted last week were a great success. All Year 8 students had the opportunity to participate in Mountain Bike Riding Day in the Moondarra State Forrest. The ride was approximately 18 km. All students accepted the challenge and discipline required for such an activity. My thanks to Michael Morgan from First Track Adventures for conducting the trips and Mrs Allen and Mr Perona for supervision on the days.

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

**Chris O'Brien**  
*Head of Campus*

### ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

During the week I attended the annual afternoon tea for the canteen volunteers. Our canteen managers graciously welcomed the group. We have a number of volunteer groups within the school and I often reflect on what these people are teaching their children through their actions. Certainly they are demonstrating to their children that not everything in life is about monetary reward and also that to build and belong to a community you have to contribute to it.

#### **Review Meetings**

This week has seen the campus focusing on students completing work requirements. Most have their studies well under control. For those few who have struggled this year, parents and students will be invited in to a meeting to discuss the difficulties and to make some proactive plans for 2004.

#### **Gratitude**

It is important that your sons and daughters are encouraged to thank their teachers as the year draws to an end. Much is expected of teachers

in the way they educate and care for students and they deserve thanks. For young people it's important that they learn to show appreciation and acknowledge other peoples' efforts on their behalf.

#### **Second Hand books**

The second hand book sale will soon be upon us. Remember that orders are dealt with strictly in order of receipt - it is best if you or your child hand the order into the campus office first thing in the morning.

We truly know that Christmas is upon us when we hold the College Christmas Concert. I look forward to seeing many of you on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November at the Champagnat Centre.

**“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*

### KILDARE CAMPUS

#### **Second-hand Book Sales**

I would like to remind Kildare Campus parents and students (Years 10 – 12) that books may be left at the Campus for sale as second-hand items. There are several large green wheelie

bins into which books, including the relevant completed paperwork taped to the inside cover, may be placed. Books that are in good condition will attract a price equal to 2/3 of the new price.

The Parent Support Group has asked that books need to be brought to the campus by December 1 (Year 10's will still be completing their exams at that time) and that the Second-hand Book Sale for all levels will take place on Thursday, **December 11 from 10.00 am – 8.00 pm** from **Rooms 41 and 42** at the Kildare Campus.

Books may also be left at the St. Paul's and at Presentation Campuses. Names of owners of unsold second-hand books from Years 7 – 12 will be displayed in the canteen areas during the first week of Term I next year. These may be

collected on Thursday, February 5 at the St. Paul's Campus Uniform Shop.

**Year 10 and 11 Exam Weeks:**

The exams are progressing this week and will continue next week as well. It is pleasing to note just how seriously the students are taking the examination practice. The experience that the College is offering will surely stand students in good stead for the future. I would continue to encourage all students to prepare well for their exams and to take the practice very seriously.

**Peter Schneider**  
**Head of Kildare Campus**

**KILTS/SKIRTS for 2004** – for those girls requiring new skirts/kilts for next year, Fletcher Jones (Traralgon Store) has arranged to have a full fitting range of garments available from Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February to Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February. (These sample sizes will be available only on

these dates). Parents are asked to be present during fittings to ensure that they are satisfied with the sizing of the garment. To ensure delivery of the skirt or kilt before the start of second term, orders will need to be finalized by the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2004.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

Parents and Friends will be meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003 at the Staff Room at St Paul's Campus for their **Christmas Breakup and farewell to leaving teachers.**

Break-up, please contact Jenny or Felicetta by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November to assist with numbers for catering.

**Jenny Hansch / Felicetta Kile**  
**(03) 51221684 / (03) 51661480**

Could any P & F members who haven't already confirmed their attendance to the Christmas

The **PARENT SUPPORT GROUP** is in **desperate need of assistance** from parents to help sort and pack secondhand books on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December through to Thursday 11 December between 10.00am and 3.00pm. If you can help out for any period of time (even one hour would be helpful) please ring Maree Debono on 5174 1766. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Presentation</b>
Tue. 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	C Hinds, M Inger	C Jackiw
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	P Radovich	I Koolen
Thu. 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	C Barry	
Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	L Thorburn	P Thornton
Tue. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	A Zaghet	S Taylor
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	D Hall, R Crowle	
Thu. 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	J Ryan, P Brown	S Carrigy
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	J Ryan, P Brown	K Shaw

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