



NEWSLETTER

Lavalla Catholic College

3 September 2004

Dear Parents,

We are currently reviewing our policy with regard to excursions and we are collecting data concerning number, cost and relationship with curriculum.

It is important to remember that when education is taken outside the classroom, and the community becomes a curriculum source, barriers between school and community are further broken down as students learn within and about their community.

We have made a point of emblazoning the College Bus and our Transit Bus with our name and contact. Both vehicles are out every day, letting people know that Lavalla Catholic College is a part of the community and pulls its weight in community matters. Likewise in the newspapers and TV, we seek opportunities to let the community know of some of the activities undertaken.

This approach is a significant contributor to community revitalisation because the simple recognition of students in their midst can lift morale. As well, in a community dealing with change and instability, the stability and permanence of the schools become very important factors in contributing to community spirit.

Br Julian Casey
Principal

**CLUSTER GATHERING FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS
ON
THE NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FRAMEWORK
FOR IMPLEMENTATION DURING 2005
ST VINCENT'S HALL
MORWELL
MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER AT 4.00PM**

ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Thanks to all the staff, students and parents who contributed to the Sudan Appeal. The total on this campus was **\$1450**, which will go a long way to alleviate hunger and misery on the Sudan. When we see students working on fund raising like this we know that the world will be in good hands when they come of age.

I would also like to thank the students for the appropriateness of their dress on the Plain Clothes Day. They were all well presented, and did not take the change of clothes as permission not to do school work.

Tournament of the Minds

On Saturday 28th August, St Paul's Campus sent two teams of students to compete in the Tournament of Minds - Language and Literature Challenge held at Monash University Gippsland.

The Challenge was for a group of students to create, on a set theme, a play including props and costumes. Both teams performed well and even drew tears of laughter from the judges with their witty sense of humour.

Out of the thirteen teams that competed, our Group Two team was one of three teams to receive honours for their great work. Well Done Everyone! Congratulations to all the students who participated in this last Saturday. Thanks to Mrs Deb Reynolds and Guilie Pezzutto for their assistance with preparing the students.

Chicken Pox

There have been a few cases of chicken pox through the term. It is worth keeping this in mind if your child has not had them.

Appointments

Just a reminder that it's generally not possible to arrive at school and expect to see a staff member, homeroom teacher etc; on

the spot. Usually, all staff will have commitments. To save frustration it is best to ring the office and make arrangements for a mutually convenient meeting time or time for a phone call.

Intercampus exchanges

As part of our process of giving the Yr 9 students a chance to meet each other before commencing at Kildare Campus, four St Paul's students spent three days at Presentation Campus. This visit is being followed up this week with a visit to St Paul's by three students from Presentation Campus. It is very normal for our Yr 9 students to be anxious about the transition to the Kildare Campus and taking up the challenge of senior study. The exchange seeks to relieve some of the concern they may feel about merging socially.

"Once a human being has arrived on this earth, communication is the largest single factor determining what kinds of relationships he makes with others and what happens to him in the world about him"--
Virginia Satir (Peoplemaking)

Lee McKenzie
Head of St Paul's Campus

PRESENTATION CAMPUS

To all Dads, Happy Father's Day for Sunday 5th September.

As part of Projects, two of our Year 9 students are holding a Father's Day Raffle drawn next week on Friday 10th. Brendan Farrugia and Allan Renwick have approached local businesses and acquired a range of prizes: 1st prize - Drill Kit, 2nd Tool Box, 3rd Car Wash Pack, 4th Screwdriver Set and 5th Chocolates.

The tickets are 50c and are on sale here at school. Money raised will go to the Sudan Appeal.

Last Friday was a Plain Clothes Day. A donation of \$2 was requested and we raised \$300 for the Refugee Crisis in Sudan. With the proceeds from the Rice Day the students

and staff here raised \$500. An excellent effort.

The fundraiser was more than just raising money. Assemblies, power point presentation, videos and prayer, offered an awareness of the global picture of poverty and humanitarian needs. Our school motto of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts becomes a lived experience and an expression of our desire to assist others on occasions such as these.

The warmer weather has seen an increase in activities on this campus. The SRC has purchased additional basketballs and footballs Beach Volley Ball is offered at recess and lunchtime. Cricket, table tennis and skipping are also popular. It is encouraging to see the majority of students engaging in healthy exercise at lunchtime.

We are still getting enquiries about places available in Year 8 and 9 here for 2005. We have a few vacancies so please encourage those interested to contact Mrs. Zyhajlo during office hours.

Enjoy the increasing hours of daylight and the warmer weather. Hope your team is successful!

Yours in the Spirit of Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts.

Chris O'Brien
HEAD OF CAMPUS

KILDARE CAMPUS

Year 10 & 11 Retreat Teams:

Last Thursday, the Year 10 and 11 R.E. Youth Retreat class went to St. Gabriel's Primary School. The students organised a mini Olympics for 56 Grade 4 students. The day was a huge success with a time of great fun and games had by all. Father Michael attended and presented the winning teams with their ribbons. The classes were organised into 7 "countries" and stiff competition saw a day of competitive excellence by the Grade 4's. The Youth Retreat Team performed remarkably well with students putting in hours of planning and preparation to bring together this event. They did an excellent job. Special thanks go to Mr. Michael Hansen who stepped in at the last moment to cover Mr. Carmody.

Recent Absentee Letters:

I would like to thank the parents who responded to the recent letters that were sent out concerning unexplained lateness or absenteeism. It is timely to remind parents (and students) that we are obliged to keep accurate records of students who are late to school or who are absent when the roll is taken at the beginning of the day (during Homeroom) and immediately after lunch. Consequently, when a student is late or absent, the College asks that a note is provided to explain the reason. The recent letters provided parents with the opportunity to note the dates and to offer any explanation needed.

Peter Schneider
Head of Kildare Campus

SPORTS NEWS

2004 CAS Soccer Championships

Lavalla Catholic College hosted the Catholic All Schools Soccer Championships with the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Boys playing at Morwell Falcons Park and the Girls playing at Harold Preston Park in Traralgon. There were 10 different Catholic Schools from Victoria travelling from areas as far afield as Wodonga, Bendigo, Geelong and Melbourne to play off for the CAS Championship.

The junior girls won their first game 1-0 against Catholic College Bendigo, but found it tough losing their next 2 games against the finalists, St.Monica's College Epping and Mercy College Epping. Best players on the day were Krissy Jennings, Stephanie Paull.

Intermediate girls had a strong squad, drawing their first game and winning their next 2 games against CRC St.Albans and St. Mary of the Angels and making it through to the finals against St.Monica's, Epping. The girls gave it their all but were beaten by a

better team on the day 3-0. Best players were Mary Corponi, Michaila Hutchison and Karissa Tanti.

The senior girls had it tough throughout the day lining up against some pretty accomplished competition. They went down all three games to St.Monica's Epping, Mercy College Coburg and Catholic College Wodonga, but they were pretty unlucky not to win at least 2 of their 3 games. Best players for the day were Elisha Massaro, Ashlea Rohde, Julia Auciello and Jasmine Flores.

Junior boys had a very successful day winning 2 and drawing 1 of their preliminary games against CRC St.Albans, Catholic College Wodonga and St.Monica's College Epping respectively, making it through to the final against St.Monica's College Epping. The boys convincingly won 1-0. Their best players for the day were Brayden Dunne, Steven Marselli and Taylor Jackson.

Intermediate boys also had quite a strong team. The boys were a bit rusty in the first game drawing with St. Joseph's College Geelong. However, they were the best team all day proving it by winning their next 2 games against Catholic College Wodonga and St. Monica's College Epping, and winning the final against St. Monica's College Epping 2-0. Best players for the day were Cameron Dunne, Adrian Fazioli, and Shane Dorgan.

The senior boys weren't quite as lucky as the junior and intermediate boys losing their 1st game, winning their 2nd and drawing their 3rd against some quality opposition. The boys were probably good enough to regain the Championship but proved unlucky on the day. Their best players on the day were Jarrod Pirotta, Mitchell Jackson and Dean Pyle.

*(Report by Cameron Ferguson,
Sports Trainee)*

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The **next meeting** will be held on next Monday, 6 September 2004 at the Resource Centre (I.S.C.) at St Paul's Campus. Meetings for remainder of 2004:

- **11 October – Guest speaker Sandy Francois will speak on Depression**

- **29 November – Christmas function**

If you are unable to attend the meetings but would like a copy of the minutes or any further details please do not hesitate to contact either chairperson, **Jenny Hansch** 5122 1684 or **Felicetta Kile** 5166 1480.

PARENT SUPPORT AUXILIARY

Secondhand Uniform Shop

The final opening for this term of the Uniform Shop will be Thursday, 16 September. We will also open on Thursday 7 October, the first week back next term. Opening times are 3.30 to 4.30pm.

The Shop has an assortment of girls' dresses, some Lavalla-logo boys' short sleeve shirts, grey shorts and plenty of trousers.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	St Paul's	Kildare
Mon. 6 Sept.	J Parker	S Robb, M Rigg
Tue. 7 Sept.	M Armatas	M Northover, M Whitty
Wed. 8 Sept.	M Bell, B Koedijk	F DiIorio, A Prezioso
Thu. 9 Sept.	C Barry, P Radovich	M Johnson, H Symons
Fri. 10 Sept.	C Battista, D Berryman, K Manson	J Hansch, D Howe

● **IT'S ON AGAIN!** ●

The Lavalla Catholic College's 'September Concert' 2004

The night will feature an array of music for all tastes from all of the school ensembles, choirs and VCE soloists

- At the Kildare Hall
- 8th of September 2004
- Starting at 7pm
- Please bring a plate for supper to share
- Raffle to be drawn on the night with lots of fantastic prizes to be won

- Tickets: Available at the door
- \$15 family (2adults 2children)
 - \$6 Adult
 - \$4 Concession
 - \$3 Child