



Loving God,

*Open our hearts,
so that we may feel the breath and
play of your spirit.*

*Unclench our hands
so that we may reach out to one another,
and touch and be healed.*

*Open our lips
that we may drink in the delight and
wonder of life.*

*Unclog our ears
to hear your agony in our humanity.*

*Open our eyes,
so that we may see Christ in friend and
stranger.*

*Breathe your Spirit into us,
and touch our lives
with the life of Christ.*

Amen.

- Margaret Hebblethwaite

From the Principal . . .

World Teachers' Day

Tomorrow marks World Teachers' Day in Australian schools. It is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and to thank them for all that they do.

At our school we're fortunate to have dedicated, talented and enthusiastic teachers who work hard to ensure that students have every opportunity to achieve their full potential. Their skill, openness to further learning, ideas, generosity of spirit, care for students and commitment to the St Albans community are inspiring. We are indebted to each of them. I thank them for all that they give to our school.

Images 2014

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the opening of Images 2014 on Tuesday night. This year's exhibition was once again a terrific celebration of our students' work. The support from families on the night was fantastic. It was great to see everyone there in such good numbers. I'm sure that you are all very proud of the high quality work that the students have presented.

Thank you to the Arts faculty and the student curators who spent many hours working on the displays. Their dedication, energy and hard work were well rewarded by the appreciation and comments of the many visitors to the exhibition.

Walking through the exhibition and sitting in the cinema I was again and again reminded of just how talented our students are. The designs, art work and films displayed depth of thought, fresh ideas and many different and unique insights about our world. Some were sobering, some quirky, some ingenuous but all expressed ideas with inherent beauty and creativity.

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Congratulations to the students who received awards on the night. I know that the judges had great difficulty in reaching a decision due to the outstanding quality of the work presented. I'm sure that all who visited Images 2014 would agree.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the music students who entertained us on the night and to all who assisted with hospitality.

Cup Weekend

Families are reminded that there are no classes on Monday 3rd or Tuesday 4th November.

The break provides students with the opportunity to prepare for the final weeks of Term 4. It is a good time to catch up on work and to do some exam revision.

Year 11 2016 Sydenham Information Night

In the past few days all Year 9 families will have received a letter from CRC Sydenham, inviting them to attend an Enrolment Information Night on **Wednesday 19th November, 2014**. The night will include the chance to tour the school and to hear about the many different pathways and opportunities offered at Years 11 and 12.

It is important that all Year 9 families attend as information about the enrolment process will be given out on the night.

Please contact Sydenham or the office at St Albans if you have not received this information.

Following the Information Night there will be a second meeting for all students who are taking a VET or VCE subject as part of their Year 10 course in 2015. Students and their families will have the opportunity to meet teachers / trainers to get important information about course requirements, materials and times. **All students taking a VCE or VET subject in Year 10 2015 are required to attend.**

Thank You

Yesterday we held the first of our Year 7 2016 Information Nights. As part of the presentation to

prospective families, Lucero Cuzcano (Year 10) and William Dang (Year 7), reflected on their time at the College. They highlighted positive relationships, diverse opportunities and the way we work together as strengths of our school community, and each spoke of being challenged and supported to be the best person and learner that they can be.

I'd like to thank both for the time they put into preparing for the night and the poise and confidence with which they presented. They were terrific ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of them.

Inter House Athletics Carnival

Arrangements are all in place for tomorrow's Inter-house Athletics Carnival. Best wishes to everyone who is competing for their House. At the stage, it looks as if all Houses have a very good chance of taking out the trophy at the end of the day. It certainly seems too close to predict a winner.

Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us. Should it be raining in the morning, the carnival will be cancelled and we will run the normal Day 10 program at school.

Families are very welcome to join us for part, or all of the day. The Keilor Athletics track is located near the Keilor Basketball Stadium.

**Keilor Athletics Track
Stadium Drive
Keilor Park 3042**

Year 12 Graduation CRC Sydenham

On Friday 17th October Year 12 students finished classes and in the evening celebrated the conclusion of their secondary education with mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. As a school community we can be very proud of these young people and all they've achieved throughout their time at CRC. Their first day in Year 7 seems only yesterday. Thank you to all the staff, both here and at Sydenham, who've worked with them and supported them to this point.

The students are now fully focussed on preparing for their final exams which begin on Wednesday. I ask that

you keep them and their teachers in your thoughts and prayers at this very important time.

Congratulations to former St Albans students who were acknowledged with awards on the night. Aldrin Cristobal received a Principal's Award and Doreen Vella received the Corpus Christi Award.

Year 10 Level Leader

Vince Iannuzzi will be on long service leave from Wednesday 5th November until the end of the year. We wish him well for this well deserved break. In Vince's absence Liam Stewart will take on the responsibilities of Year 10 Level Leader.

Chicken Pox

Currently there is someone in our school community whose health could be adversely affected if they come into contact with chicken pox. I'd ask that families notify the school as soon as possible if their child comes down with chicken pox or is in contact with someone who has chicken pox.

Term 4 Uniform

From Wednesday 5th November all students must wear their summer uniform.

Re-enrolment 2015

Families who have not returned their re-enrolment form are asked to do so as soon as possible.

If there are difficulties in paying the \$100 enrolment deposit please speak with Mrs Ross, our Bursar, about this. It won't be a problem.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published fortnightly and distributed on **Day 10 (Friday Week 2)** or Day 9 if there is a whole school off site activity on the Friday. Students will have a

chance to read it before placing it in their diary to be taken home to parents that evening.

Newsletter Days for Term 4 2014:

Friday 14th November and Thurs 28th November

The final newsletter for the year will be mailed home with reports on Thursday 18th December.

The newsletter can also be accessed on Friday morning (Day 10) on the College website at:

<http://www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au>

Applications for Year 7 2016

Enrolments are now being taken for Year 7 2016. Application forms and College Information packs can be obtained from the front office at any time. The application form can also be downloaded from the College website at: www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au.

Since our Last Newsletter....

Over and above the day to day activities of the school since our last newsletter students, families and staff have participated in the following:

- Year 9 Immigration Museum visits
- Loaves and Fishes Food Bank
- Year 7 Gallery visits
- Year 9 Chemistry excursion
- Years 7 -> 9 PAT Maths and Reading tests.

I am sure that students and their families are very appreciative of all these opportunities and the time and energy that staff put into organising and offering these experiences.



CHRISTINA UTRI
PRINCIPAL



Wednesday Morning Mass Roster

TERM 4

5th November CRC 9 Hughes - MFA
 12th November CRC 10 Mannix - MDO
 19th November Sacred Heart
 26th November Sacred Heart
 3rd December Sacred Heart

*"To love God and neighbour
 is not something abstract, but
 profoundly concrete:
 it means seeing in every person
 the face of the Lord to be served,
 to serve him concretely.*

*And you are,
 dear brothers and sisters,
 the face of Jesus."*

~ Pope Francis

St Vinnies Crew Update:

IMAGES INSTALLATION

The St Vinnies Crew designed a can installation for the Images night. The installation was another way to build awareness of those in need in our community and the importance of us as a Catholic Regional Community responding to that need.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

Our next social action day will be a joint venture between the Vinnies Crew and the SRC. This will be a casual clothes day to raise money for the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank at Holy Eucharist. The day will start with breakfast in the Library from 7:30 (families are welcome). Lunch time the SRC will be organising a barbeque and organising games.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CAPTAIN

For the first time Catholic Regional College St Albans will have its own social justice captain. This role will lead many of the social justice initiatives that are occurring within the school. Applications are now open for Year 9 students and they can be collected from Jill in the front office.





family Matters

YEAR 9 FAMILIES REMINDER



Wednesday
19 November 2014
ENROLMENT
INFORMATION EVENING
– YR 11 2016

followed by

INFORMATION SESSION
– VCE AND VET CLASSES 2015

Location:

Multipurpose Hall

Catholic Regional College

Sydenham

380 Sydenham Road, SYDENHAM

Tours of the College
6.15, 6.30 and 6.45pm
from the front of the College

Information Session
for all families

7.00pm

Year 9 & 10 Examination Schedule

As we are now well into Term 4, Year 9 and 10 students should be preparing in earnest for their exams. It is important that students develop and adhere to a study routine and follow the advice of their teachers in order to prepare thoroughly for all exams. We wish them well with their studies.

Time	Thursday 20 th Nov (Day 4)	Friday 21 st Nov (Day 5)	Monday 24 th Nov (Day 6)	Tuesday 25 th Nov (Day 7)
Per 1 & 2	Year 9 LOTE & Year 9 Literacy Support	Year 9 Mathematics	Year 9 English	Year 9 Science
Per 3 & 4	No Exams	Year 10 Humanities	Year 10 Mathematics	No Exams
Per 5 & 6	Year 10 English	Year 10 Science	Year 10 RE Followed by Graduation Rehearsal	No Exams

Year 10 LOTE – in elective time on Tuesday 18th November



Communicating with teenagers

Turn off the TV

The average family home in Australia has three TVs, three mobile phones, two computers, two dvd players and a video-game console. So how much time is your family using passive activities? "Make an effort to create

quality time together," Dr Sarah Edelman, clinical psychologist and author of Change Your Thinking (ABC Books) says. "That way your family can share in much richer, interpersonal experiences, which make your family unit feel bonded, secure and happy."

She suggests sharing meals at the dinner table and actually talking about school, activities, plans and friends; getting outdoors for a game of backyard cricket instead of flopping in front of the TV after work; having a regular family card or games night; or choosing a family dvd once a week that actually provokes discussion. *BY Michael Grose, Parenting expert - <http://www.parentingideas.com.au/>*

SCHOOL FEES

Thankyou to those families whose fees are up to date.

Families in arrears and particularly Year 10 families, need to have all 2014 fees paid before the end of Term 4.

Should you have any difficulties please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Anne Ross at the college on 93662544.

Someone Once Said...

Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.

–Albert Einstein



KEY DATES 2014

Please mark these important college dates in your diary.

TERM 4

Friday 31st October:

Interhouse Track and Field

Mon / Tues 3rd and 4th November:

Cup Weekend Mid Term Break

Tuesday 18th November:

Final school assembly
- McAuley Awards

20th – 25th November:

Years 9 and 10 exams

Tuesday 25th November:

Final day of classes for
Year 10 students

Wednesday 26th November:

Year 10 Graduation Mass (7.30pm)

Friday 28th November:

Report preparation day
(students not required)

1st – 5th December:

Year 11 Transition program
at CRC Sydenham.

Thursday 4th December:

Ball Sports Day
(Years 7 – 9 students)

Friday 5th December:

Final day for Years 7 – 9

Friday 19th December:

School office closes

