

Catholic Regional College St Albans

Love One Another As I Have Loved You

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NEWSLETTER

21 May

From Parent to Child

I gave you life, but cannot live it for you; I can take you to church, but cannot make you believe; I can teach you right from wrong, but cannot always decide for you; I can teach, of course, to share, but I cannot make you unselfish; I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honour; I can advise you about your friends, but I cannot choose them for you; I can tell you about drugs, but I cannot say no for you; I can tell you about lofty goals, but I cannot achieve them for you; I can teach you about kindness, but I cannot force you to be gracious.

It is the hope of every parent that their child will become a man or woman of honour and strength; a person of strength who makes the right decisions and respects the rights of others to make their personal choices.

Every parent experiences the paradox of guiding and directing a child while taking the necessary steps to let the child learn to make his or her own decisions. The instinct of the parent is to hang on to their children, to protect them and to enjoy the bonds of dependency. Yet they know they must nourish independence and prepare their children for responsible adulthood. Children must grow to make their own choices and decisions, to establish their integrity and love of others, to learn the value of unselfishness, generosity, kindness and morality.

(Author Unknown)

Family Night. I know that it hit a chord with a number of parents / guardians as it captures well the struggle for all who work with young people, particularly adolescents.

Our opening reflection was used at a recent Year 8

From the Principal

Pentecost

This Sunday marks the Feast of Pentecost. At Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of Jesus' scattered and frightened friends. Pentecost is seen to be the birthday of the Christian community, or in other words, the birthday of the Church. Imagine what it would have been like for the disciples in the days after the ascension. They undoubtedly felt helpless and confused. It is little wonder that they chose to hide away in the upper room.

The arrival of the Spirit, as promised by Jesus, changed this radically. Renewed and transformed by the Spirit, the early Christians were able to do remarkable things. With the Spirit at work in their lives, they found the courage to be the disciples that Christ called them to be; to speak to crowds of every race and nation and to create understanding rather than division between people.

At tomorrow's Feast Day mass we will come together as a school community to explore how we, with gifts that differ, can come together as one to renew the face of the earth.

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Feast Day Mass

Mass will be at 9.30am in Sacred Heart church. Families are warmly invited to join us for mass.

Arrangements for Feast Day

The planning is done, preparations are finished, fingers are crossed that the weather will be kind to us and there is only one sleep to go to Feast Day. I hope that everyone has a great day. School will begin at the normal time of 8.40am and conclude at 3.05pm.

Congratulations

Last week was a big one for Years 7 and 9 students as they sat their NAPLAN literacy and numeracy tests over three days. Congratulations to all students involved. They approached the tests with maturity, listened carefully to instructions and it was clearly evident that they were keen to do their absolute best.

Thank you to families for ensuring that there were no unnecessary absences on these days. This helped to reduce the number of 'catch up' tests that we had to run.

Lastly, thank you to all the staff involved, particularly Peter Renda, Odelia D'Souza and Grace Cini for their organization of NAPLAN.

Year 10 Drama Night

On Tuesday night we enjoyed a night at the theatre. As part of their final assessment for the semester the Year 10 Drama class presented two very different plays. The first, 'Smart Phones, Dumb People' was a thought provoking look at the pitfalls of social media, and, in the second, we

enjoyed a comic interpretation of the epic Greek myth, Perseus and Medusa. The performances were entertaining and students displayed their understanding of a range of styles and techniques. Congratulations to all involved, particularly Mhairi Shepherd, the Year 10 Drama teacher. It was a terrific night.

Thank you also to all the students, staff and families who supported students at the lunchtime matinee or at the evening performance.

Enhancing Catholic School Identity surveys

In the next few days families will receive a letter inviting parents / guardians to complete these surveys. I ask that you read through this information carefully and if at all possible, participate in this process.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published fortnightly and distributed on **Day 10 (Friday Week 2).** 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 2 2015:

Friday 5th June Friday 19th June

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

http://www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au

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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:

10 MacKillop Community Service
Year 7 Premier League
Years 7 and 9 NAPLAN Testing
Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp
Senior Pathways Transition program
Year 7 Safety on Public Transport talks
Project Rockit presentation for Year 9
Interschool intermediate futsal competition
Year 10 Drama night

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

Someone Once Said...

"Family is not an important thing - it is everything"

- Michael J Fox

KEY DATES

Friday 22nd May:

College Feast Day

Fri 5/6 – Thurs 11/6:

Years 9 and 10 exams

Monday 8th June: Queen's Birthday Holiday

Friday 12th June:

Immersion Day

Tuesday 16th June: Parents as Careers Partners night

Wednesday 17th June:

Report preparation day (No classes for students, except VCE and VET) PAGE 4 ISSUE 7 2015



Year 9 & 10 Examination Schedule

As we are now well into Term 2, 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.

Year 9 & 10 Exams Friday 5th – Thursday 11th June 2015

Exam Schedule:

Year 9

Normal classes periods 3-6 on Friday

Normal classes periods 1 & 2 on Tuesday and Wednesday

Normal classes periods 3-6 on Thursday

Year 10

Start at lunch time on Friday 5th June

Normal classes on Tuesday 9th June and Wednesday 10th June during periods 3-6, unless required at Sydenham Start at recess time on Thursday 11th June

TIME	Friday 5 th June (Day 10)	Tuesday 9 th June (Day 2)		Wednesday 10 th June (Day 3)	Thursday 11 th June (Day 4)
Periods 1 & 2	Year 9 Humanities	Year 10 Maths		Year 10 RE	Year 9 English
Periods 3 & 4		Year 9 RE		Year 9 Maths	Year 10 Science
Periods 5 & 6	Year 10 English	Year 9 Science	Year 10 Italian	Year 9 Languages	Year 10 Humanities

Year 7 Enrolments for 2016 are now open

Enrolment information is available from the school office or on the school website.

Visits are conducted throughout the year and arranged at a time to suit families and the school.

Please ring Anne Stokie on 9366 2544 or contact her for further information at: astokie@crcstalbans.com.au

Alternatively, visit our website at: www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au



A reminder that First Term Fees are now overdue

If families are having any difficulties with school fee payments please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible at the college office, on: 93662544

Anne Ross

Enhancing Catholic School Identity' (ECSI) survey

Parents / Guardians who would like help or company when completing the 'Enhancing Catholic School Identity' (ECSI) survey are invited to join us:

What: ECSI Survey Day

Where: College Library

Who: Parents / guardians

When: Wednesday 3 June

at **9.30am** OR **2.00pm** OR **7.00pm**

We will provide

NIBBLES COMPUTERS INTERPRETERS and HELP

All you will need to bring is yourself.

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There are more than 105,000 Australians who sleep rough each night of the year. Just under half of these are women; a quarter of these are under the age of 18.

Business and community members are invited to rise to the challenge and experience what it's like to be homeless for one night and help Vinnies raise vital funds and awareness of homelessness.

When:

Tuesday 23rd June – Wednesday 24th June

Time:

6:45pm Tuesday till 8:00am on the Wednesday

Place:

College Hall

ONLY 40 PLACES AVAILABLE AT THE WINTER SLEEPOUT

Participants will be required to donate blankets or jumpers for the St Vincent De Paul Society.

Application forms can be collected from the front office and need to be returned to the office by Friday 12^{th} June. Students will be notified of their success by $3:05\,\mathrm{pm}$ on Monday 15^{th} June.

As a school we will all have a chance to donate money to support the Winter Sleepout – More information will follow in regard to this.

Please see Faith Nguyen or Hieu Nguyen (Our Social Justice Captains) if you have any further questions.

Wednesday Morning Mass Roster for Term Two:

DateSchoolClass27th MayCRC7 Snowy-TMD

3rd June Sacred Heart

10th June CRC 10 Little- JMD

17th June Sacred Heart

24th June CRC 7 Kiewa- JDS

Thank you to Mr Marshall and 8 Clark for leading mass on 13th May.



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SACCSS Intermediate Futsal

The girls' and boys' teams competed at the SACCSS Futsal competition at Albert Park Indoor Sports Centre. Both teams did well, the girls team, coached by Mr Donahoo, won one match and drew two, and the boys team, coached by Jack, managed to make it to the semi-final. Great skills were shown by all players and the tournament was enjoyed by all.

Welcome back to Nutrition Corner.

SALT: Are we eating too much of it? Salt is a highly consumed mineral, which makes food tastier. Salt is also hidden in many foods we buy and because of this we are now consuming more than is recommended. A diet high in salt is the leading cause of Hypertension, stroke and Cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of deaths worldwide. Salty foods also drive our thirst for sugary soft drinks, with both sugar and salt being the leading cause of childhood obesity. In Australia, Children generally consume salt through bread, cereals and cereal products. It is surprisingly scary just how much salt is in a serving of cornflakes and a couple of pieces of toast. Not to mention, the alarming levels in fast food and in the many sauces and condiments we consume on a daily basis. The statistics: the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia have revealed the UL (the Upper Limit is the most we should be consuming) recommendations of salt intake and how much Australian children are actually consuming.

Age group	Recommended UL	Ave daily salt intake
2-3 years	2.5g	4.2g
4-8 years	3.5g	5.4g
9-13 years	5g	6.7g
14-18 years	5.75g	7.9g

There is no doubt that Australian children are consuming too much salt. Many of us are under the impression that we need salt. It is true we

need some, but not too much. Unfortunately, it can become an addiction once there is a taste for it. Let's face it, how boring would hot chips be without salt? The key is to reduce it in small steps, as food will taste bland and boring without it. You could also try sprinkling lemon juice



and a variety of herbs and spices on your food to impart flavour. Increase your consumption of foods rich in potassium. Potassium is a mineral that works by *protecting blood vessels from oxidative damage* and does a balancing act with sodium in order to keep our cells healthy. Currently we are consuming too much salt and not enough potassium. Potassium rich foods: BANANAS, YOGHURT, SWEET POTATO, GREEN BEANS, MUSHROOMS and POTATO SKINS.

http://www.awash.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Salt score card for kids meals.pdf

 \ldots . This is a link to help you choose products low in salt. It comes from the Australian world Action on Salt and Health. Another way to help

reduce salt is look at labels on foods and make sure there is no more than 100mg for each serve. Breads and cereals should be you first step in reduction as taste is not such an issue with these foods.



Until next time



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To register for the program please contact Gina Zumbo, enrolments Officer on: 9361 0004 or enrolments@crcsydenham.net

Changed your Contact Details?

Families are reminded that the school needs to be notified immediately that there are changes to phone contact details or addresses. Please ring the office, on 9366 2544 or come in and speak to Jill.