



Parents and Teachers working together



I dreamed I stood in a studio
and watched two sculptors there,
the clay they used was a young child's mind
and they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher;
the tools being used
were books and music and art,
One, a parent, with a guiding hand
and a gentle, loving heart.
Day after day they toiled
with touch that was deft and sure,
while the parent laboured just as hard
and polished and smoothed it o'er.
When at last their task was done
they were proud of what they wrought,
for the things they had moulded into the child
could neither be sold nor bought.
And both agreed they would have failed
if they had worked alone;
for behind the parents stood the school
and behind the teacher, the home.

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 CRC 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. On your behalf I thank each of them for all they give to our community.

Thank you to the student leaders who have organised morning tea today as a small token of students' appreciation of all staff do.

Our opening prayer is a reminder that parents and families have a particularly important part to play in educating young people; in fact, they are the first and primary educators of their children. As teachers in Catholic schools we are called to assist and support families in the Christian formation and education of their children. Our prayer illustrates this beautifully.

Reis Week

Last week we celebrated the final of our House weeks: Reis Week. This House is named after Fr. Conrad Reis who was the founding priest of Sacred Heart parish. He served the Sacred Heart community for 20 years from 1953 to 1973.

As director of migration for the Archdiocese of Melbourne and later as parish priest he was a great advocate for migrants and understood the importance of making newcomers feel at home and included. He

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often quoted Jesus' parable: "I was an outcast and you took me in" and argued for upholding the Australian value of a 'fair go'.

Fr. Reis always said that there were three major influences in his faith life: World War II, St Albans and Vatican II.

"Three major influences moulded his views on the teachings of Jesus Christ. One of them was St Albans where, with the parishioners, Fr Con Reis constructed a remarkable spiritual family. Here, people of dozens of nationalities, some former enemies in World War II, worshipped side by side and their children went to school together. There are ways to avoid ethnic conflict and St Albans has been an example."

Val Noone (at the funeral mass for Fr. Reis)

Cup Weekend

Families are reminded that there are no classes on Monday 2nd or Tuesday 3rd 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 2017 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 18th November, 2015**. 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 2016. 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 2016 are required to attend.**

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 is 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**

Term 4 Uniform

From Wednesday 4th November all students must wear the summer uniform.

Please note: The College spray jacket can only be worn with the PE uniform.

Re-enrolment 2016

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)**. 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 2015:

Friday 13th November

Friday 27th November

Thursday 17th December (mailed home)

The newsletter can also be accessed on Friday morning (Day 10) on the College website at: <http://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 8 Premier League
- Image 2015
- Year 7 Family Afternoon and Assembly
- Year 9 Trinity: Shrine of Remembrance / Immigration Museum visits
- Reis Week concert
- Year 9 Author visit

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



Catholic
Regional
College
St Albans



*Love one another
as I have loved you*

You are warmly invited to attend our
YEAR 7 2017 INFORMATION EVENING
Thursday 29th October, 7.30pm

Catholic Regional College St Albans, Library

Visit our school at work during one of our
fortnightly tours.

Contact the office to make an appointment

10 Theodore St, St Albans | T: 9366 2544 | www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au



family Matters

SCHOOL FEES

We request families on Direct Debit & Credit Card payments to contact the office on 9366 2544 to set up their Direct Debit & Credit Card payments for the 2016 School Year.

We encourage all Yr 10 families to finalise their child's school fees by 26th November 2015 and Yr 7 – 9 should be finalised by 2nd December before school closes on the 4th.

Parents with Centrelink Concession Card/Health Care Card please contact Mrs. Ross on 93662544 to make appointment for 2016 CSEF (formerly EMA). For more information on the CSEF please see the article at right.

If families are having any difficulties with fee payments please do not hesitate to contact me at the college office on: 9366 2544 — Anne Ross



Department of Education & Training

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school



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Catholic Regional college St Albans

A few vacancies remain for year 7 2016

To enrol call **Anne Stokie on 9366 2544**

or visit www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au for more details



[w.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au](http://www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au)

Someone Once Said . . .

“ Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together.”

- James Cash Penney

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.

	Thurs 19 th Nov (Day 4)	Fri 20 th Nov (Day 5)	Mon 23 rd Nov (Day 6)	Tue 24 th Nov (Day 7)	Wed 25 th Nov (Day 8)
Periods 1 & 2	Year 9 Maths	Year 9 Humanities	Year 9 English	Year 9 Language	Year 9 Religion
Periods 3 & 4	No exams	Year 9 Science	Year 10 Humanities	Year 10 Maths	No exams
Periods 5 & 6	Year 10 Language	Year 10 English	Year 10 Science	Year 10 Religion	No exams

Year 9

- Normal classes periods 3 - 6 on Thursday 19th November
- Normal classes periods 5 - 6 on Friday 20th November
- Normal classes periods 3 - 6 on Monday 23rd November - Wednesday 25th November

Year 10

- Normal classes all day on Thursday 19th November except for students in the language elective who will have an exam during periods 5 & 6
- Start at lunch time on Friday 20th November - Students need to be at school by 1 pm
- Start at recess time on Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th November - Students need to be at school by 10.30 am

Australian Mathematics Competition

On Thursday 30th July, 32 of our students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition and were awarded the following certificates:

- 1 High Distinction
- 1 Distinction
- 9 Credit
- 18 Prudence
- 3 Participation

Congratulations to the following students and all who participated.

Certificate of High Distinction

Year 7: Martino Nguyen

Certificate of Distinction

Year 7: Roshith Thanthulage

Certificate of Credit

Year 7: Tommy Nguyen, Tina Le,
Jordan Luong & Michelle Nguyen

Year 9: Truc Troung, Emily Jong & Kathlene Mendoza

Year 10: Diana Bui & Henry Nguyen

YEAR 9 FAMILIES Wednesday 18 November 2015

ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

YR 11 2017

followed by

INFORMATION SESSION

(VCE AND VET CLASSES 2016)

@ **Multipurpose Hall**

CRC Sydenham

380 Sydenham Road, SYDENHAM

Tours of the College

6.15, 6.30 and 6.45pm

from the front of the College

INFORMATION SESSION - ALL FAMILIES

7.00pm



Since our last newsletter.....



Welcome back to Nutrition corner . . .

We at CRC St Albans will soon be having a “Making it Healthy” week. During the week, the students will be able to purchase a range of healthy treats including, chobani yoghurts, meal in bottle drinks, fruit, veggie sticks, breakfasts and other healthy items.

We encourage everyone to drink water, have breakfast and cut down on sugary processed foods.

It is important for us all to create an awareness in the benefits of being healthy and the importance of breakfast as the best start to the day. So much research points to the fact that students in particular, have greater cognitive abilities when they’ve had a satisfying and healthy breakfast.





Wednesday Morning Mass Weekly Roster:

TERM 4

4th November CRC/Sacred Heart
10 O'Connell - CML/10 Little - JMD
11th November CRC 8 Hollows/8 Attard
MCS/ TMD

It will be great to see more members
of our school community attending Mass
on Wednesdays.
You are all welcome.

**ST VINNIES
CREW**



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

20c Coin Drive – Make a difference. Make the distance.

The 20c coins have been flowing in over the past week. We need everyone to continue bringing in and donating 20c coins and place them in the collection boxes in your homeroom, office and even the canteen!

At present we have raised just over \$900 – keep up the great work!

Thanks for all your contributions on the casual dress day last Friday.

Gratitude

Over the past week, many RE classes have explored the concept of Gratitude through our class prayer and reflection. Here are some quotes that students and staff see as important and inspirational.

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." *William Arthur Ward*

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." *G.K. Chesterton*

'Enough' is a feast. *Buddhist proverb*

"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things." *Robert Brault*

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them." *John F. Kennedy*

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." *Charles Dickens*

"Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance." *Eckhart Tolle*

"If you want to turn your life around, try thankfulness. It will change your life mightily." *Gerald Good*

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity...it makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." *Melody Beattie*



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Young Adults Sacred Heart Emmaus
Meet each Wednesday, @ 7.30pm
ROOM 15
@ Sacred Heart Primary School

Year 10 Brisbane Ranges Overnight Hike

Congratulations to all Year 10 Outdoor Education students who attended the Brisbane Ranges overnight hike on Thursday 15th - Friday 16th October. The sun was shining allowing for beautiful hiking conditions and perfect camping weather!

While Mr Quinn decided to sleep under the stars, all students enjoyed sleeping in the tents after a tiring day of hiking up and down the hills. Some students were lucky to see koalas and wallabies during the trip. All students had the chance to lead their class during a part of the hike. This required students to read a map correctly and navigate the group through the bush tracks. Other students showed their true team spirit by motivating others or helping to carry extra supplies to help their classmates.

Well done to all students for completing their hike and sharing the Brisbane Ranges experience, your Outdoor Education teachers are proud of all of you! Miss Lowe, Mr Quinn and Miss Moss.



KEY DATES TERM 4

Thursday 29th October:
Year 7 2017 Information Night

Friday 30th October:
Interhouse Track and Field Carnival

Monday 2nd November:
Cup Weekend Break

Tuesday 3rd November:
Cup Weekend Break

Thursday 12th November:
Year 7 'back to'day

Tuesday 17th November:
McAuley Awards ceremony

Wednesday 18th November:
Information Night @ Sydenham for
Year 9 Students (Yr 11 in 2017)

19th – 25th November:
Years 9 and 10 exams

Wednesday 25th November:
Year 10 Picnic

Thursday 26th November:
Year 10 Graduation Mass

Friday 27th November:
Correction Day

Monday 30th November:
Year 9 Peer Support Training

Thursday 3rd December:
Year 9 Trinity
Years 7 & 8 Ball Sports Day

Friday 4th December:
Final day for Years 7, 8 and 9

Friday 18th December:
School Office closes.



Academy Uniforms are now ON-LINE!

1. Simply go to
www.academyuniforms.com.au
2. Select
ORDER ON-LINE
3. Select
CRC ST ALBANS
and enter password
ST ALBANS



Orders can be sent to the Sydenham Campus
or your home address.