# Catholic Regional College St Albans

Love One Another As T Have Loved You

# From the Principal . . .

## Welcome to Term 2

Welcome back for Term 2. Hopefully all families had a good break and are enjoying the joy and hope of this Easter season. A quick look at the calendar indicates that we have a big term ahead of us so I hope that everyone is well rested, full of energy and raring to go.

15 April

### **New Staff**

With the start of a new term we welcome Mr Neil Dorney (Humanities), Ms Johanna Petkov (Humanities / English) and Mr Tung Phan (Mathematics and Vietnamese Multicultural Aide) to our staff. They replace Mr Russo, Mr Renda and Ms Lowe who are on leave during Term 2.

Each brings a wealth of experience, many gifts, fresh ideas and a strong commitment to learning and our students. I wish them every blessing as they join our school community.

## **SACCSS Interschool Swimming**

Congratulations to all the students who represented our school at the SACCSS Interschool Swimming in the last week of Term 1. We are very proud of this small but very competitive team who not only achieved some outstanding results but also showed wonderful team spirit and sportsmanship.

Cameron Nguyen took out first place in the individual medal for 16 year old boys; Kathleene Mendoza was second in the 15 year old girls, and Jonah Winton was second in 15 year old boys with Jatila Dissanyake third. The Intermediate team came second in overall aggregate and the junior team came fifth.

Thank you to Andrea Jurcec who ran training for the team, and to Claire Rayos and Mark Donahoo for accompanying the team on the day.

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# An Easter Prayer

### O Lord,

Risen, alive and full of grace. You paid such a price that we may live in freedom today. We worship your holy name and give thanks for your redeeming grace.

Heavenly Father,

May we drink in your tender love so that we can pour this love out to others.

Come reign in our hearts, minds and spirits.

## Holy Spirit,

We welcome you to blow through our every word, action and thought. Come transform us on the inside so that each day we become more like our risen Lord.

Amen.

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#### Newsletter

The newsletter is published fortnightly and distributed on **Day 5 (Friday Week 1).** 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 2016:

Fridays: 29 April, 13 May, 27 May, 10 June, 24 June

The newsletter can also be accessed on Friday morning (Day 5) on the College website at: <u>http://www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au</u>

### **Applications for Year 7 2017**

Enrolments are now being taken for Year 7 2017. 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 <u>www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au</u>.

### 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 SACCSS Interschool Swimming Harmony Day Concert Year 10 Media Arts visit to ACMI Pathways Program Parent / Teacher / Student interviews Year 9 State Library Visit Year 9 Drama excursion Writer in Residence: Demet Divaroren

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

# KEY DATES TERM 2

Monday 18 April: School Review Day 1

Tuesday 19 April: Student Parent Teacher interviews (2.15pm dismissal)

> Friday 22 April: Year 7 Reflection Day

Monday 25 April: ANZAC Day Holiday (No classes)

Tuesday 03 May: SACCSS Interschool Cross Country

**10 – 12 May:** NAPLAN Testing Years 7 & 9 students

Tuesday 17 May: Staff Professional Learning Day (students not required)

> Friday 27 May: Feast Day

Thursday 02 June: Year 10 Drama Performance evening

Wednesday 08 June: Year 10 Music Performance evening

> Monday 13 June: Queen's Birthday holiday (no classes)

**15 – 20 June:** Years 9 and 10 exams

Tuesday 21 June: Correction Day (students not required)

Thursday 24 June: Final day for Term 2 Year 10 University and TAFE visits



# Wednesday Morning Mass

### **TERM 2 ROSTER**

20th April CRC, 10 McAuley Mr Donahoo

27th April CRC, 7 Kiewa Ms Cantsilieris

4th May Sacred Heart

11th May CRC, 9 Lyons Ms Gusman

18th May Sacred Heart

25th May CRC, 7 Wimmera Mrs MacDonald

> 1st June Sacred Heart

8th June CRC, 8 Clark Ms Iaria

15th June Sacred Heart

22nd June CRC, 10 Little Mr Mead

#### Annie Dinh

My name is Annie Dinh. As a member of the 'Social Justice Council - Environment', I would like to achieve a more sustainable environment in our school. I would also like to grow more fresh produce to donate to the people in need, for the staff to eat and the Food Tech students to cook with. I look forward to learning more about the food bank and how we help, and I look forward to the knowledge I will gain by attending the excursions that will take place.

## St Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral 17th March

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 11 Students and Mr Marshall attended the St Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral as part of the Catholic Education Week. The mass was a wonderful chance for representatives from every Catholic Primary and Secondary school in Melbourne

to attend. Archbishop Denis J Hart DD had some very important and relevant insights to share with both adults and students on the day. We all made a commitment to *"continue spreading the Good News of Jesus by working together in respect, love and* 

peace, making God's Kingdom a reality in the world". After the mass we all shared a meal together and enjoyed each other's company. It was a fantastic day!!! Here are some pictures of the day:



# Meet some of the team from the Social Justice Council...



Nyanjuma Akoul



My name is Nyanjuma Akoul and I'm in the Student Justice Council (Action). The reason why I applied for this role is because I feel it's important for every individual in our school community to feel safe and included in any way possible. I feel all students should be happy in our school environment and be looking forward to going to school, and that will be achieved if everyone is treated with respect and learns to live justly.





Is your child enrolled for Year 11 2017 @ Sydenham?

# Year 11 2017 Academic Testing Saturday 30 April

Testing of students enrolled into the Sydenham campus for Year 11 in 2017 will be conducted by Academic Assessment Services at Catholic Regional College Sydenham, 380 Sydenham Road SYDENHAM – in the College Hall. The details are as follows:

## Date Saturday 30 April

Time

8.30am until 12.30pm

(Please ensure that students are picked up promptly at 12.30pm)

Bring Black or blue pen and a scientific calculator. A snack and drink for recess.

Uniform Full school uniform must be worn on this day.

# SCHOOL FEES

A Reminder to families that **Term 1 fees are now overdue** and families should be <u>making payments towards Term 2 fees</u>.

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



Do you have one of these valid Centrelink cards? Please contact the office if you have not yet seen

Mrs Anne Ross this year. Telephone: 9366 2544.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

#### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is 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 is:
- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

#### HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

#### MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



# **Catholic Regional college St Albans**

## Are you enrolling your child into Year 7 in 2017?

To enrol call **Anne Stokie on 9366 2544** or visit www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au for more details



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# NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for students in Years 7 and 9 will be held on Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May.

The results of the tests provide information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs at

the school level and improve student achievement. Each student's report will be sent home later in the year showing student performance on a national achievement scale for each test.

#### The NAPLAN tests assess:

Writing Language Conventions (including spelling, grammar and punctuation) Reading Numeracy

The students will be completing two numeracy tests. For one of these tests, calculators are permitted. Students **must bring their own calculator** to the test scheduled on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. If any student does not have a calculator, please ensure that one is purchased as soon as possible to allow time to develop familiarity with its functionality.

Further information about NAPLAN can be found at: <u>http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/prep10/naplan/parents/index.aspx</u>



Mr Tung Phan began work at the College this week. Tung comes to us in two roles. As well as teaching Maths to Year 7 Kiewa and 8 Attard, he will also develop the new role of Vietnamese Multicultural Aide. Through his work we hope to develop stronger relationships with Vietnamese families, and to engage with them more deeply about the learning of their children.

Following is a short letter from Tung where he introduces himself and his role. I am sure that you will all join me in welcoming Tung to the College.

#### Dear Parents,

My name is Tung Phan, the Vietnamese Multicultural Education Aide and Mathematics teacher. I am really glad to welcome you and your child to my classroom this year. I graduated from the University of Melbourne with a major in Actuarial Studies and later did my Graduate Diploma of Education in Secondary with major in Mathematics and Commerce from the Australian Catholic University. I love to interact with kids and make them feel loved. Apart from that, I am always on a quest to meet new people and to learn about their languages and cultures.

My role is to develop links between home and school to support the learning of Vietnamese students and also provide learning support within class. I am looking forward to meeting as well as knowing each student of my class and their parents. If you would like to meet me to discuss your child's performance or any other problems that he/she is facing in class, you can feel free to call me on 93662544 or email me at:

<u>Tphan@crcstalbans.com.au</u> to discuss any concern you have about your child. You are welcome to speak Vietnamese. Yours Sincerely, Tung Phan Quý phụ huynh thân mến,

Tôi tên là Phan Thanh Tùng, giữ vai trò hỗ trợ giáo dục cộng đồng người Việt và phụ trách dạy toán. Tôi rất vinh dự đón chào quý phụ huynh và các em học sinh năm nay. Tôi tốt nghiệp ngành toán học tại trường đại học Melbourne và bằng cao học sư phạm tại trường Australian Catholic University. Tôi rất vui được sinh họat cùng các em học sinh. Ngoài ra, tôi rất thích giao lưu văn hóa và học thật nhiều ngôn ngữ. Nhiệm vụ cua tôi là tạo một cầu nối giữa gia đình người việt và trường học nhằm mục đích giúp các em học tập tốt. Tôi hy vọng được gặp quý phụ huynh và các em học sinh trong thời gian gần nhất. Nếu quý phụ huynh cần sự giúp đỡ về ngôn ngữ hay muốn biết thêm về học lực của các em học sinh, thì xin vui lòng liên lạc với tôi qua số điện thoại 93662544 hay email cho tôi tại địa chỉ <u>Tphan@crcstalbans.com.au</u>. Thân mến,

Phan Thanh Tùng



# CAREER CORNER

# **Open Day FAQ's**

Do I need to arrive at the start time?

Please arrive as close to the start time as possible as many sessions have a formal presentation and we'd hate for you to miss any information.

How long are Open Day sessions usually? Sessions vary in length from 30 minutes to over an hour and a half.

Can I bring a friend or family member along? Of course! Friends and family are great to help you work out which course suits you and where you want to go with your career.

Do I have to pay for parking on Open Days? No. Parking is free at Chadstone, Moorabbin and Waverley campuses on Open Day.

Can I apply for a course before Open Day? Yes! When you know, you know. Click here to apply right now.

Can I apply for a course on Open Day? Of course. Our staff are more than happy to help you on the day. To speed the process along, make sure you have current proof of identification and any applicable concession cards. If you are hoping to apply for credits for previous study, you can also bring your transcripts along with you.

I can't make the session I registered for, what should I do? Just call us on 03 9564 1560 and we can cancel your registration and book you in for the next Open Day, or organise a one-on-one with the department.

I'm lost on campus, who can I call? We'll man the phones on Open Day, so if you need directions, just call us on 03 9564 1560 and we'll talk you through it. Or, look out for one of our lovely staff in blue who will be able to assist you.

Can I attend multiple Open Day sessions? If the session times don't clash, then we'd love to see you at as many sessions as you are interested in. It's important to us that you get the chance to find out all the information you need to help make those important decisions about your future career. Remember to register for every session that you want to attend.

Can I attend Open Days without registering? Unfortunately no. By registering we know how many people to expect and what teachers to have available on the day.

#### TERM TWO UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

**Holmesglen University** 

May 12th 2016 (Thursday)

#### June 16th 2016 (Thursday)



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Congratulations to 8 Hollows who have managed to move from 18<sup>th</sup> place into 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done Hughes and Little each has moved up 1 place. Keep reading as we have a long way to go until the winner is decided . . . *ANY CLASS COULD WIN!* 

#### **NEW BOOKS**

Johnny Shoebridge has just returned from fighting in the jungles of Vietnam. He no longer carries a weapon - only photos of the dead and a dread of the living...

Pursued by a Viet Cong ghostfighter called Khan, Johnny makes one last stand - knowing that if he cannot lay this spectre to rest, he will remain a prisoner of war for ever.

Drawing on courage, loyalty and love, Johnny tries to find a way back from the nightmare of war to a sense of hope for the future. A deeply moving exploration of trauma and recovery.

# A breathtaking glimpse into our future from the acclaimed author of Darkwater.

I am not Delia Greene. I should not be here. Why haven't they come for me?

Alone in my room, I log onto the Wastelands, the data dump where anonymity is guaranteed, where people go to throw their unfilled hopes and dreams, their despair, their pain, their loneliness, a great tangle and mess of words that cannot be unravelled, and I start to tell this story. The names are changed. So are the locations. As for the rest? It is up to you to choose what you want to believe . . .

Special is a beautifully crafted and atmospheric YA novel set in the not-toodistant future, where corporations control everyone's lives from their DNA to their schooling and career. Where a Lotto Girl – designed from before birth to be Special in

every way – can escape the slums and be given every opportunity to shine at an exclusive boarding school. Where the future is bright. Until it all goes wrong. **Breakfast to celebrate Catholic Education Week** was a great success with 46 students along with some parents and primary school siblings, turning up early to enjoy a breakfast of croissants, toast, English muffins, raisin bread, crumpets, orange juice, pancakes with ice cream and maple syrup, and Coffee and Hot Chocolate from a coffee van. It was a fabulous way to start the day. Thanks to everyone for all your help.

**APRIL 2016** 



www.filigranes.be

# What's on when..

Reading Hour Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April @ Lunchtime Premier's Reading Challenge *Book in at the library* 

# Remember we can help with:

Computer access, Computer assistance, Reading selection Homework help, Chess and card games are available in the library for quiet use at recess and lunchtime

Remember you can access the Library through the school web page www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au

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DEAKIN

YARRA

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HUGHES

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CURTIN

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CLARK

MANNIX

EDISON

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### Year 9 Boxercise!

Late in term 1, the year 9 PE classes attended a Boxercise session with head trainer John Scida, who has over 30 years' experience in kick boxing. Students learnt about basic selfdefence and felt the benefits of the intense work out! Some groups were lucky to meet an international athlete who has been flown to Melbourne to compete! The session was beneficially for the students to experience a different kind of fitness activity.



## **SACCSS Swimming Carnival**

At the end of last term 19 students took part in the SACCSS interschool swimming carnival at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in Albert Park. All of the students involved had a great day and represented the school with pride. This was our most successful year for a number of years. Congratulations to Cameron Nguyen of 10 Little for winning the 16 Year old boys individual medal. Congratulations also to Kathleene Mendoza (10MK) for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 15 Year old girls individual aggregate, Jonah Winton (9 HG) for also coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 15 Year old boys individual aggregate and Jatila Dissanayake (9DK) for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 15 Year old boys individual aggregate. Overall we came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Junior division and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Intermediate division.





# Join the West Melbourne Schools Orchestra



This new ensemble aims to provide young musicians in West Melbourne a place to play good music and socialise with other likeminded students outside of the school environment. We will be having an open rehearsal for new players on April  $18^{th}$ . Students are encouraged to come along and see if this ensemble is something they would enjoy. Rehearsals will be every Monday night from 7 - 9 at Footscray City College. The Musical Director for this ensemble is Jenny Going.

New players should fill in an application form on our website



at: <u>www.wmsorchestra.com</u> or email our manager Ashleigh at: <u>joinus@wmsorchestra.com</u>