



Prayer for migrants and refugees

“How can the baptized claim to welcome Christ if they close the door to the foreigner who comes knocking”

Pope John Paul 11

*Lord, no one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.*

*In your kindness
watch over refugees and asylum seekers,
those separated from their loved ones,
those who are lost,
and those who have been exiled from their homes.*

*Bring them safely to the place
where they long to be,
and help us always to show your kindness
to strangers and those in need.*

This week marks *Refugee Week* across Australia. It is an opportunity to celebrate the strength, courage and resilience of all who've been forced by war and terror to leave the world they know to build a new life in a 'foreign' land. It is also a chance to pause and reflect on how well we, as individuals, as local and parish communities and as a nation, welcome strangers. Do we open the door when they knock? Do we reach out or are we indifferent to their plight? Do we stand in solidarity or run in fear? Do we recognise Christ in the strangers we meet?

From the Principal . . .

Thank You

As we draw to the end of what has been a very busy term, I'd like to thank everyone: students, staff and families for all your hard work and support over the last 11 weeks. The end of term is a particularly challenging time for everyone. Just in the last three weeks we've had exams, final assessment tasks, reports, Year 10 Music and Drama Nights, Year 9 Mock Job interviews, Tertiary visits, the Year 7 History Box incursion, Year 10 Titration Stakes, St Vinnie's Winter Sleep Out and the Italian Poetry competition. Without a doubt, this break is well deserved.

I wish all students, families and staff an enjoyable and relaxing break.

Congratulations: Piath Monoah

Last Sunday Piath was successful in winning the junior division of the Victorian Rostrum Voice of Youth public speaking competition. This is an outstanding achievement and we are all thrilled for Piath and very proud of her. She is an eloquent, engaging and passionate public speaker who presented excellent speeches in both the prepared (6 minutes) and impromptu sections (3 minutes with only 15 minutes notice)

Piath will now represent Victoria at the National competition on the 30 July 2016. She has our very best wishes for the final. Thank you to the staff and students who have supported Piath along the way, particularly Mrs Pannunzio.

Farewell

With the end of term we sadly farewell Mr Neil Dorney and Ms Johanna Petkov who've been at the College on replacement positions during Term 2. I thank them

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both for all they've contributed to the school during this time. Their work, interest in our students, readiness to be involved in school life and generosity of spirit is very much appreciated. Each has been a great member of staff and a fine teacher.

Podcast Newsletter

Last week families received an SMS message with links to a podcast of the newsletter in English, Vietnamese and Dinka. This initiative has been developed by our Community Liaison Coordinator, Laura Cioccia, and our Multicultural Aides, Tung Phan and Atem George.

We're interested in getting your feedback about the podcasts. Have you used them? Are they helpful? How could they be improved? You can ring Jill on 9366 2544 with comments, catch up with Laura, Atem and Tung at Student / Parent / Teacher interviews or email us at: enquiries@crystalbans.com.au.

School Scarves

Our school scarves have been very popular this year and have currently sold out. A new order will arrive early in Term 3. Scarves cost \$18 and can be ordered through Hayden O'Doherty. Not only do the scarves assist in keeping students warm during the icy winter months they also support a very good cause.

The scarves are produced by a social enterprise run by a group of women in Lima, Peru. This community project was started by the Sisters of Mercy in 1998. Tika is a fair trade organisation which specialises in making knitted school and football scarves, gloves and beanies in custom-made designs. The products are of a very good quality and the proceeds go directly to the women involved in the production. In a country with significant unemployment, poor education and inequity amongst the population projects such as this are invaluable.

More information about the Tika project can be found at www.tikaperu.org. Tika sells a range of gifts, particularly some very funky tea cosies! Supporting this project may be a very practical way of living the Year of Mercy.

Year 9 Mock Job Interviews

Congratulations to all Year 9 students on completing their mock job interviews during Trinity last week. Students prepared a resume, cover letter and presented for an interview. The interviewers were most impressed with how students presented themselves and their engagement in the interview process. We hope that stu-

dents gained much from it. On behalf of the students, I'd like to thank Mr Orsini, Jill, the Year 9 Trinity teachers and the members of the community who supported this activity.

Year 7 Premier League

This term Year 7 students have been participating in Premier League. Congratulations to all teams on the terrific school spirit and fine sportsmanship they've shown. Each team can boast that they did their absolute best and that they continually improved throughout the season.

Years 9 and 10 Exams

We'd like to congratulate all students in Years 9 and 10 on their excellent approach to the recent exams. They followed instructions, were well prepared and managed themselves in a mature and responsible manner throughout the week.

Thank you to families for all your support during exam week, by being there for your son / daughter, in ensuring that they have the time and space for study but also in dealing with the changed arrangements for the school day.

With each experience of exams you can see students developing better approaches to their studies. Hopefully, everyone is beginning to see that the best preparation for exams begins in the first lesson of the semester, not the night before the exam!

St Vinnie's Winter Sleep Out

Thank you to all the students and staff who participated in the St Vinnie's Sleep Out in the hall on Wednesday night. This night is a powerful way of raising awareness about the issue of homelessness. In the early part of the evening we were joined by families for a simple meal of soup and bread, and the induction of our Social Justice Council. Thank you to Ms Lee-Anne Steele and the Year 10 Food Technology students for preparing the soup and damper, and Mr Marshall and the St Vinnie's crew for organising the night.

Holidays: A time to get organised

The holidays provide a good opportunity for families to check uniform items, to buy school shoes if these are needed, to let down hems if the kilt is too short, to mend PE uniforms that have become tattered etc... There's really no excuse for students not being in full

uniform at the beginning of term. It's always surprising how often we hear the excuse that a uniform is in the wash or that shoes are lost or worn out on the first day of term! I ask the support of families in this matter.

Students who are disorganised in their approach to their studies might like to spend some time organising their books, notes and iPad / laptop.

Start of Term 3

Term 3 will commence on **Monday 11 July**. Please note this will be **Day 1** of the Semester 2 timetable. Timetables can be accessed through the SIMON Learning Management System in the second week of the holidays.

Arrangements for Friday 22 July: Staff Planning Day

Years 7 – 9 students will not be required at school on this day. (Year 10 students are on work experience). Staff will be involved in a review of the Year 8 learning program or will attend a day with Dr. Ernesto Valiente, a theologian and Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at Boston Theological College. The day will be at Catholic Regional College Melton and is a joint professional learning activity with all the Catholic Regional Colleges.

Save the Dates: Year 10 Families

In the early part of Term 3 Year 10 students will be selecting their courses for Year 11. This brings to a conclusion much of the planning and preparation that they have already done in the Chrysalis program, in their interview with Ms Dykes and in their preparation for Work Experience.

Year 10 families need to be aware of some key dates related to course planning for Years 11 and 12. Each activity is designed to support students in planning for the next two years and in their transition to CRC Sydenham. It is very important that Year 10 students and their families attend all activities. **Please note these important dates in your diary.**

Wednesday 27 July:

Sydenham Open Evening and Careers Expo

Tuesday 09 August:

Course Planning Day at CRC St Albans

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:

Friday:	15 July	29 July	12 August
	26 August	09 September	

The newsletter can also be accessed on Friday morning (Day 5) on the College website at:

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

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 www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au.

Since our last newsletter....

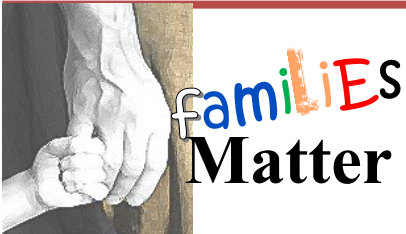
Over and above the day to day activities of the school since our last newsletter students, families and staff have participated in the following:

- Year 9 Mock Job Interviews
- Dante Alighieri Poetry competition
- Rostrum Voice of Youth State Finals
- St Vinnie's Winter Sleep Out
- Years 9 and 10 exams
- Year 10 Titration Stakes
- Junior SACCSS Interschool Futsal (girls and boys)
- Rugby Tryouts
- Soccer game with Parade College
- Year 10 Tertiary visits
- Year 9 concert

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



Semester One Reports

Reports will be available to view and download through the PAM portal from Thursday 14th July. A letter will be sent home with students on Monday 11th July with information about accessing the reports and booking Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews.



Student Parent Teacher Interviews

Student Parent Teacher interviews will be held in the third week of Term 3 on **Tuesday 26th July** and **Thursday 28th July**. *An interview with the Pastoral Care teacher needs to be booked online through the PAM portal by Friday 15th July*. Bookings will be open from Monday 11th July.

KEY DATES TERM 3

Monday 11 July:

Day 1 Term 3
(Day 1 of the timetable)

18 – 22 July:

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 18 July:

Year 9 VET Taster Day
at CRC Sydenham

Friday 22 July:

Staff Professional Learning Day
(Years 7 – 9 not required)

26 July:

Student / Parent / Teacher
interviews
(end period 5 finish: 2.15pm)

28 July:

Student / Parent / Teacher
interviews
(end period 5 finish: 2.20pm)

Tuesday 09 August:

Year 10 course selection day /
Year 10 Social

Wed 10 August:

Staff Planning Day
(students, **except** Yr 10 VCE /
VET not required)

Monday 29 August:

SACCSS Interschool Athletics

06 September:

Immersion Day

14 – 16 September:

Year 09 Camp

Friday 16 September:

Year 8 Reflection Day



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



Thông báo nhập học cho các em học sinh lớp 7 năm 2017

Trường hiện nay đang nhận đơn nhập học cho các em học sinh lớp 7 năm 2017. Mẫu đơn và thông tin có thể thu được từ văn phòng của trường CRC St Albans bất cứ lúc nào. Quý phụ huynh có thể tìm thấy mẫu đơn nhập học từ trang web của trường tại

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**Wednesday Morning Mass
TERM 3 ROSTER**

- 13th July CRC 8 Orifici - CML
- 20th July Sacred Heart
- 27th July CRC 7 Snowy - JIA
- 3rd August CRC 9 Deakin- DIO
- 10th August Sacred Heart
- 17th August CRC 8 Edison - MGN
- 24th August Sacred Heart
- 31st August CRC 10 O'Connell – ERS
- 7th September
CRC 8 Hollows/9 Hughes- TMD
- 14th September Sacred Heart

In Term 3 more students from across the school will be involved in the planning and leading of our Wednesday Morning Liturgies.

Families are all welcome to attend these Masses: which begin at 8:30am on Wednesday Mornings at Sacred Heart Church.



“Spiritual Acts of Mercy”

As a school we have begun to unpack the ‘Acts of Mercy’, in particular, the **Spiritual Acts of Mercy.**

In our previous newsletter we presented the “7 Steps to

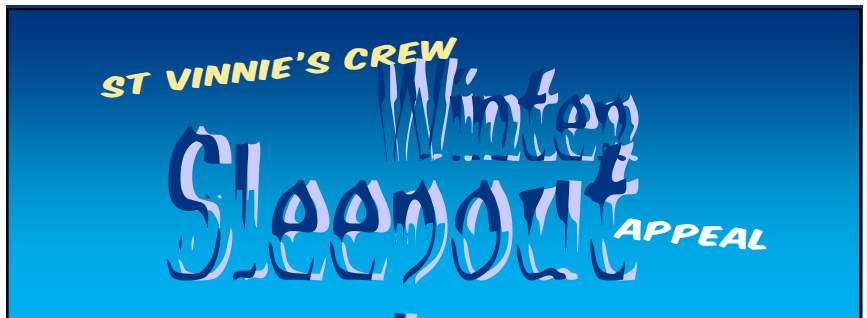
Year of Mercy

Forgiveness”. This fortnight as part of the Religious Education program, students and staff have been looking at the strategies we could use “To Bear Wrongs Patiently”. A few of these include:

- Take a moment to think before you react
- Walk away and count to 10 to calm down
- Never react on-line or on any social media platforms
- Think before you speak

- Put yourself in the other persons shoes
- Always take the time to reflect on what has happened instead of being reactive

In term 3, we will continue to unpack and explore the *Spiritual Works of Mercy* and apply these to our lives and the way we treat others.



Thank you to all members of our school community for kindly and generously donating items towards our St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. Our donations will be warmly appreciated.



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CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE SYDENHAM

A Catholic School for Year 11 and 12 students

POSITIONS VACANT

CURRENTLY 3 POSITIONS AVAILABLE for IMMEDIATE START

FINANCE MANAGER

Full time

For further information or to apply for the above position/s, please view job application information and the position descriptions available on the College website.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

+ TEAM LEADER

Full time

Further information can be obtained from Director of Staffing, Chantelle Gauci via email at: jobs@crsyaldeham.net

ACCOUNTS POSITION

Contract position for 2 days per Week.
Flexible hours

Applications will close for these positions on **Monday 4 July 2016.**

TIME



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ST ALBANS LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

<http://dishfunctionaldesigns.blogspot.ca/>

Readers Cup Leader Board

This week's big mover on the Readers Cup leader board is 9 Hughes. They have managed to move up 3 more places to now stand in 8th position. 8 Edison, 9 Lyons, 10 Little and 7 Yarra have all moved up one place. Congratulations to everyone.

Children's Book of the Year Shortlisted

A Single Stone
by Meg McKinlay



Every girl dreams of being part of the line—the chosen seven who tunnel deep into the mountain to find the harvest. No work is more important.

Jena is the leader of the line—strong, respected, reliable. And—as all girls must be—she is small; years of training have seen to that. It is not always easy but it is the way of things. And so a girl must wrap her limbs, lie still, deny herself a second bowl of stew. Or a first.

But what happens when one tiny discovery makes Jena question the world she knows? What happens when moving a single stone changes everything?



Me Before You
by Jojo Moyes

Lou Clark knows lots of things. She knows how many footsteps there are between the bus stop and home. She knows she likes working in The Buttered Bun tea shop and she knows she might not love her boyfriend Patrick.

What Lou doesn't know is she's about to lose her job or that knowing what's coming is what keeps her sane.

Will Traynor knows his motorcycle accident took away his desire to live. He knows everything feels very small and rather joyless now and he knows exactly how he's going to put a stop to that.

What Will doesn't know is that Lou is about to burst into his world in a riot of colour. And neither of them knows they're going to change the other for all time.



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The holidays are coming

DON'T FORGET
YOUR HOLIDAY
READING



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

WHAT'S ON NEXT ...

Reading Hour @ Lunchtime
Wednesday 20th July and Thursday August 25th
Book Week
Monday 22nd – Friday 26th August
Book Week Breakfast
Tuesday 23rd August @ 7.30 am



TITRATION EXPERIMENT

On Monday, June 20, an enthusiastic group of young chemists helped out **The Vinegar and Sauce Company** to determine the concentration of ethanoic acid, commonly known as vinegar. After many titrations and calculations the results were submitted.

Congratulations to the following students who participated:
Kathleen Mendoza, Jessica Nguyen, Jenny Pham, Jennifer Rios, Glydel Lawang, Vivian Truong, Stephanie Tran, Nam Nguyen, Julie Phung, Truc Truong, Michelle Nguyen, Czecebel Binghay, Danny Pham, Elias Cormanes, Isabella Caicedo-Vanegas and Madelyn Ruel.

These fortunate students were able to develop their laboratory skills and get a taste of VCE Chemistry.