



Every Person

Every person I meet has something to teach me.. Some of life's lessons are:

- Never give up: the outcome can be surprising.
- One's attitude is more important than facts.
- Sincerity cannot be seen; it can only be felt.
- Kindness, no matter how small an act, is never wasted.
- Always look for the best in others.
- There is a cut-off point for everything.
- Never let the future disturb you; take one day at a time.
- Violence never solves problems.
- Love is stronger than evil.
- Judging others does not allow you to love them.
- It's okay to start again.
- Do not be afraid.

Jesus, we pray that we will always be open to your words of wisdom. You gave us a checklist of how to live our lives:

- to love God with all our heart, mind and soul,
- and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

Help us to be true to your teaching, to love others as you loved us.

**(Rachel Tullio:
Staff Prayers and Reflections)**



From the Principal . . .

Welcome

A very warm welcome back to everyone for Term 3. I hope that you had a good break, are well rested and re-energised for what will be a busy and challenging but enjoyable term. In particular, I welcome back Mr Ross Russo and Ms Emily Lowe who have been on leave in Term 2.

Semester 1 Reports

Yesterday all students had the opportunity to read and reflect on their Semester 1 reports and with the assistance of their pastoral care teacher to develop goals and action steps for Semester 2. These will be shared with families at Student Parent Teacher interviews.

Families can now view reports through SIMON and are reminded that they need to book for Student Parent Teacher interviews by **Thursday 21 July**.

Early this week families received information regarding reports. Below is a summary of key points:

- Families can access the report online through the Parent Access Module (PAM). Passwords for this were re-distributed with this letter.
- Families who cannot access the report online can request a printed copy. It is important that this is done prior to Student / Teacher / Parent interviews.
- Once they have read the report, families are asked to complete the 'Response to Semester 1 Report' and to return this to the College by **Monday 25 July**.
- Student / Teacher / Parent interviews will take place on Tuesday 26 July and Thursday 28 July. Interviews need to be booked through PAM.
- Students need to attend with their families and to see their pastoral care teacher first and then other teachers as required.

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Early Dismissal

Families are reminded that students will be dismissed at 2.15pm on Tuesday 26 July and Thursday 28 July as Student Parent Teacher interviews start at 3.00pm on these days.

Congratulations:

Dante Alighieri Poetry competition participants

Late in Term 2 a large group of Years 9 and 10 students attended the Dante Alighieri Poetry competition at the University of Melbourne. Each student had prepared a poem to be recited to the judges.

We are very proud of all the students who represented our school on the day. Not only were they terrific ambassadors for the College but they were willing to test their skills in a challenging situation.

On behalf of the students I'd like to thank Ms Iaria, Ms D'Astolilannuzzi and Ms O'Shea, our Year 9 and 10 Italian teachers for all their work in preparing students and in ensuring that students have fantastic learning opportunities in Italian.

Visitors from China

Next week we are hosting 11 students and a staff member from our sister school, Nanhu Experimental International Middle School in Jiaxing, Zhejiang, China. Our visitors will be with us for a week and will attend classes with Year 8 students. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn firsthand about another culture, to practice their Chinese language skills and to share their experiences of school in Australia.

Work Experience

Next week Year 10 students will be on Work Experience. We wish them well and hope that it is a rewarding time for each of them. Many thanks to Jill Gerada, Ms Dykes, Mr Ramos and the Year 10 staff for all their work in preparing students. We look forward to hearing all the stories on their return in Week 3.

Year 7 House Council

At the end of last term Year 7 students finalised their House Council for Semester 2. Congratulations to all the students who nominated and to all who were successful in being elected to this role.

We look forward to working with you. I am sure that your leadership, ideas and work will have a very positive impact on our school.

Kiewa: Rhanel Hao, Vivian Dang, Delvana Dorbor

Snowy: Patrick Mendoza, Lynda The Le, Musa Shan

Wimmera: Jessica Tran, Nikita Skoullis, Jordan Tran

Yarra: Arabella Julian, Augustine Morris, Karen Nguyen

Year 9 House Council

Year 9 students have also elected a House Council for Semester 2. Congratulations to the following students:

Barton: Selena Paras and Ayden Rowland-Murphy

Curtin: Aaliyah Nicdao and Vincent Le

Deakin: Kim Nguyen and Nathan Taylor

Hughes: Jenny Nguyen and Tomas Carville

Lyons: Darianna Nuez and Jacob Borg

2017 Course Planning

Over the next five weeks students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be planning their courses of study for 2017. With so many options this is a challenging process.

We encourage students and their families to participate fully in this process; by reading all the information provided, attending information sessions and discussing options with relevant staff. The Student Parent Teacher interviews are an excellent opportunity to begin this conversation.

I encourage all Year 9 families to attend the **Parents as Carers Partners (PCPs)** night on **Thursday 21 July**. This evening aims to provide you with information about the Years 10, 11 and 12 pathways, and how you might best support your child as they make decisions about the future.

Sydenham Open Evening and Careers Expo

Years 9 and 10 families have recently received information from CRC Sydenham regarding the Years 11 and 12 Open Evening and Careers Expo on **Wednesday 27 July, 2016**. It is expected that **all Year 10 families** will attend and we would encourage Year 9 students who are considering a VCE or VET subject in Year 10 to attend with their family.

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. Dr. Valiente will be looking at Christian Revelation; the human person and the experience of grace.

The day will be held at Catholic Regional College Melton and is a joint professional learning activity with all the Catholic Regional Colleges.

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: 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:

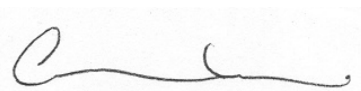
Rugby Training

Author in Residence program

Semester 2 Goal Setting

Guest speaker: Italian

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



*Love one another
as I have loved you*



OUR GARDEN

Recently, Year 9 and 10 students met with community members at **Padley Park Community Garden** to discuss designs and inspiration for the new community mural to be painted in spring. A big thanks to Fernanda from Brimbank Council and Bunnings in Taylors lakes for their partnership in the project.



CRC St. Albans is very happy to announce that we have partnered with **Days Walk Farm** in Keilor along the Maribyrnong river to grow more vegies! This winter season we have planted cauliflower, broccoli, mini red and green cabbage, silverbeet, parsley and spring onion, which will be available to our community through a series of open garden gates sales in September.



Dante Alighieri Italian Poetry Competition

On Wednesday 22nd June, 22 Year 9 and 10 Italian students took part in the Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition at The University of Melbourne. Students had been practising and preparing their poems for weeks prior to the competition and recited their poems, one at a time, in front of a judge. Thank you to the year 9 and 10 Italian teachers for preparing students for this prestigious competition; Ms Iaria, Mrs D’Astoli and Mrs O’Shea.



<u>High Distinction</u> (scores of 90-98)		<u>Honourable Mention</u> (scores of 80-89)		<u>Merit (scores of 65-79)</u>	
Emily	Aguila	Albana	Gegaj	Jocelyn	Cuzcano
Jordan	Brodie	Caitlyn	Gonsalves	Louisa	Zhang
Jatila	Dissanayake	Eva	Katinic	Elias	Cormaness
Dieuann	Nguyen	Crystal	Molina		
Thuong	Nguyen	Nathan	Taylor		
Fayelene	Reyes	Jennifer	Rios		
Kayla	Palmier	Stephanie	Tran		
Isabella	Vanegas - Caicedo	Isabella	Audino		
		Jacinta	Prestinenzi		





ST VINNIES CREW

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

St Vinnie's Crew Winter Sleepout Appeal

The Winter Sleepout on the 22nd June was a huge success this year with 28 students and 6 staff participating in this wonderful event. The night began with a meal in our simulated Soup Kitchen and then the activities began. The Social Justice Council and Mr Marshall led a variety of games and activities that raised awareness of the homeless problem here in Melbourne. As a school community we collected over 100 items including scarves, beanies, socks, gloves and umbrellas for the St Vincent De Paul Society. Social Justice Captains, Kathleene Mendoza and Chloe Nunan, delivered the donations in person to our local St Vinnie's shop. Shown here, are some photos from the night:

Wednesday Morning Mass TERM 3 ROSTER

- 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
- ERSCRC 8 Hollows / 9 Hughes - TMD
- 7th September
- CRC 10 O'Connell – ERS
- 14th September Sacred Heart

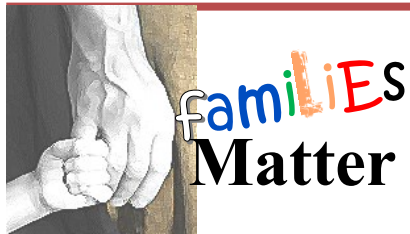
A big thank you to 8 Orifici and Mr Marshall for leading us in Mass on Wednesday 13th. It was a wonderful mass and the students involved were extremely well prepared.



Social Justice Commissioning Ceremony

On Wednesday 22nd June we had our inaugural Commissioning Ceremony that formally welcomed our Social Justice Captains, Council Members and students into the St Vinnie's Crew and Environment Groups. The night began with the students and their families attending a meal provided by the Year 10 Home Economics Class and Ms Steele. This was followed by a formal presentation of certificates for all students involved. Special Social Justice Pins will arrive in Term 3 for these students to wear on their Blazer Lapels with pride. Thank you to all students and families for attending this very special occasion.





Semester One Reports

Reports are available to view and download through the PAM portal on the College website.



Student Parent Teacher Interviews

Student Parent Teacher interviews will be held in the college hall on **Tuesday 26th July** and **Thursday 28th July**.

Interview times need to be booked with the Pastoral Care teacher which can be done via the PAM portal on the college website.

If you are having difficulty with your booking, please contact Jill at the college office on: 9366 2544.

CRC ST ALBANS WEBSITE: <http://www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au>



Are you enrolling your child into Year 7 in 2017?

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



KEY DATES TERM 3

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



Year 9 Parents CAREER INFORMATION NIGHT

This night will be a great opportunity to learn how to help your child choose subjects for Year 10 to assist with their career.

Thursday 21st July
7:00pm

Language Centre @ CRC St ALBANS

RSVP: jdykes@crcstalbans.com.au

Year 10 Work Experience 18th July - 22nd July

Year 10 are currently contacting employers and finalising their work experience arrangements. Here are a few points on how parents can help as their child enters the world of work:

- ⇒ Help your child understand the employer's goodwill in offering the placement.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to have realistic expectations about the type of work they will be undertaking. Your child will not be able to do hands on work, but can do simple tasks after proper induction and always under supervision. The days will be longer than a school day.
- ⇒ Help your child organise safe travel to and from work
- ⇒ Notify the school immediately if your child is absent from, or is having difficulties with the placement.



Year 9 VET Taster Day MONDAY 18 JULY

@ CRC SYDENHAM

**Students will be dismissed at 3:05
from the Sydenham Campus**



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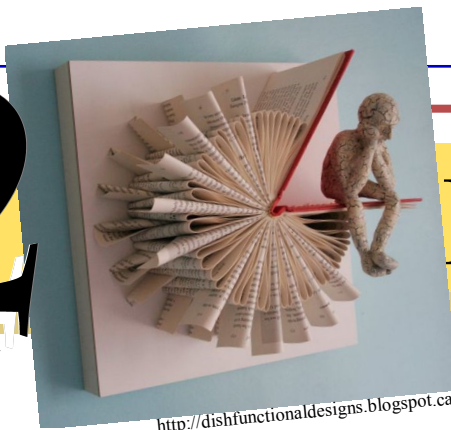


READ

JULY 2016

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE ST ALBANS

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



<http://dishfunctionaldesigns.blogspot.ca>

Readers Cup Leader Board

Congratulations to the following classes who all managed to advance one place on the Reading ladder : 8 Orifici, 8 Attard, 8 Hollows, 9 Barton, 9 Lyons, 10 McAuley and 9 Curtin.

- KEEP READING

WIMMERA

KIEWA

SNOWY

ORIFICI

YARRA

MACKILLOP

LITTLE

ATTARD

HOLLOWS

BARTON

HUGHES

LYONS

O'CONNELL

DEAKIN

MCAULEY

EDISON

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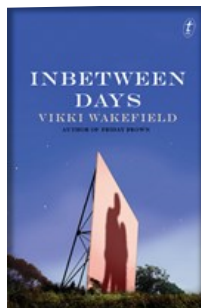
MANNIX

CLARK

Children's Book of the Year Shortlisted

Inbetween Days

by Vikki Wakefield (



At seventeen, Jacklin Bates is all grown up. She's dropped out of school. She's living with her runaway sister, Trudy, and she's in secret, obsessive love with Luke, who doesn't love her back. She's stuck in Mobius—a dying town with the macabre suicide forest its only attraction—stuck working in the roadhouse and babysitting her boss's demented father.

A stranger sets up camp in the forest and the boy next door returns; Jack's father moves into the shed and her mother steps up her campaign to punish Jack for leaving, too. Trudy's brilliant façade is cracking and Jack's only friend, Astrid, has done something unforgivable.

Jack is losing everything, including her mind. As she struggles to hold onto the life she thought she wanted, Jack learns that growing up is complicated—and love might be the biggest mystery of all



The Road to Winter

by Mark Smith (

Since a deadly virus and the violence that followed wiped out his parents and most of his community, Finn has lived alone on the rugged coast with only his loyal dog Rowdy for company.

He has stayed alive for two winters—hunting and fishing and trading food, and keeping out of sight of the Wilders, an armed and dangerous gang that controls the north, led by a ruthless man named Ramage.

But Finn's isolation is shattered when a girl runs onto the beach. Rose is a Siley—an asylum seeker—and she has escaped from Ramage, who had enslaved her and her younger sister, Kas. Rose is desperate, sick, and needs Finn's help. Kas is still missing somewhere out in the bush. And Ramage wants the girls back—at any cost. The Road to Winter is an unforgettable novel about survival, honour, friendship and love. It announces an extraordinary new talent.



www.filigranes.be



WHAT'S ON NEXT ...

Reading Hour @ Lunchtime

Wednesday 20th July

and

Thursday 25th August

Book Week is coming

Watch this space for details

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