



Migrant and Refugee Sunday

Mary Most Holy,
you, together with St. Joseph and the Child Jesus,
experienced the suffering of exile.

You were forced to flee to Egypt
to escape the persecution of Herod.

Today we entrust the men, women and children
who live as migrants and refugees
to your maternal protection.

Grant us the grace to welcome them with
Christian hospitality, so that these brothers and
sisters of ours may find acceptance and
understanding on their journey.

Teach us to recognise your Son

- in the migrant who labours to bring food to our tables
- in the refugee seeking protection from persecution, war and famine
- in the man, woman and child who are victims of human trafficking
- in the asylum seeker imprisoned for fleeing without documents

May all those who are far from their place of birth
find in the Church a home where no one is
a stranger.

We ask this in the name of your blessed Son,
Jesus, our Lord,

Amen.

From the Principal . . .

***“Migrants are our brothers and sisters
in search of a better life,
far away from poverty,
hunger, exploitation and
the unjust distribution of the planet’s resources
which are meant to be equitably shared by all.
Don’t we all want a better,
more decent and prosperous life
to share with our loved ones?”***

Pope Francis: World Migrant and Refugee Day January 2016

SACCSS Interschool Chess

Recently our junior and intermediate chess teams represented the College at the SACCSS interschool chess tournament at Catholic Regional College Sydenham. The intermediate team finished 2nd overall and the junior team was in 7th place. This is a terrific effort. Your skill, school spirit and sportsmanship were outstanding and we commend each of you on how well you represented our school. Thank you.

Congratulations to **Minh Vo** (9 Deakin) who is the intermediate chess champion taking out first place in the individual competition. I am sure that Minh and his family are very proud of this fine achievement, I know, we are all very pleased for him.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Tim Luong who has been coaching the team during Term 2. Tim is a former student of CRC St Albans who is now at University. He him-

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self represented the College in the same competition in 2011. We really appreciate Tim's generosity, time and interest in supporting the team.

I'd also like to thank Mr Neil Dorney for assisting with the coaching and Mrs Andrea Jurcec for accompanying the team.

Author in Residence

Demet Divaroren is our 2016 'Author in Residence'. Throughout the year she has conducted a series of workshops for students interested in having their writing published in the 2016 edition of Shared Stories. Last week she worked with our budding authors 1:1 or in small groups, giving them feedback on their drafts and working with them to further shape their writing. The students involved are delighted to have input from a professional author.

Shared Stories is an annual anthology of creative writing and visual arts by primary and secondary students from 18 Catholic schools in Melbourne. We look forward to its publication in November.

Review of the Year 8 Programme

We are currently reviewing the Year 8 programme to see how well it meets the needs of students and to identify areas for further development in light of the new Victorian curriculum. During Term 2 all Year 8 students had the opportunity to give feedback about what they valued in their learning. Following is a summary of key themes. Some of these are already happening and need to be maintained, others are opportunities for growth.

Year 8 2016 students want:

- to learn and have a thirst for knowledge;
- to be engaged in tasks that are practical, relevant, interactive and interesting (authentic learning);
- to be appropriately challenged and supported in their learning (differentiated learning);

- to work in groups and enjoy a positive atmosphere with classmates / friends;
- more active learning; new experiences, excursions, projects and experiments, and
- a voice in their learning.

I thank all Year 8 students for their input. It has been invaluable to the staff as they explore directions for future development. I am sure that families will agree that there is much wisdom in their responses.

SACSS Athletics

Best wishes to all students who have been selected to represent the College at the Interschool Athletics on Monday.

Annual Report 2015

Our 2015 Annual Report is now available to families on the College website at:

www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au Hard copies are also available from the school office. I'd encourage all families to take a look.

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.

the final newsletter day for Term 3 2016 is:
Friday, 09 September

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

<http://www.crcstalbans.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.crystalbans.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:

McAuley Community Service

CRC's Got Talent (Heats)

Year 9 Italian Banquet

Premier League

Year 10 Music excursion

Year 7 Language excursion

Outdoor Ed Rock Climbing Day

Author in Residence

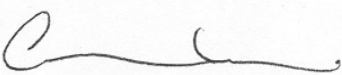
Year 7 2017 interviews

Year 7 Swimming

Humanities Field Trips

Book Week Breakfast

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

“Are you enrolling your child into Year 7 in 2017?”

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



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OUR GARDEN

Our school community garden is proud to announce that we have formally partnered with Zea Hungry Goods to expand our school composting program to include our food waste from the staff room, food technology and from the school yard.



Zea have provided more than \$1000 worth of equipment in the form of worm farms and live worms, in return for our year 8 participate students recording by weight all of our school waste that goes into the worm farm systems.

Zea is a social enterprise business that focus on preventing food waste, soil loss and lack of access to fresh food by selling fair trade clothing and other items that come with a guarantee that each purchase composts 10 kilos of food waste. Here's a link to their website and a video explaining what Zea do.

<http://www.zeahungrygoods.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-ksC0AQAFM>

Also here's a link explaining the Hungry Bin Worm Farm that Zea have provided to compliment our 3 Hungry Bins already onsite:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-GgaOx68xQ>

We're looking forward over the coming weeks to roll out a whole school approach to managing our food waste and recycling programs.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT:

The date for the community working bee has changed to

Saturday 17th of September

which is the first weekend of the school holidays. Students will receive a flyer in the coming weeks with more info.

KEY DATES TERM 3

Monday 29 August:
SACCSS Interschool Athletics

06 September:
Immersion Day

08 September:
CRC's Got Talent

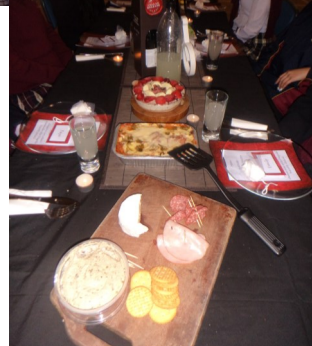
14 – 16 September:
Year 09 Camp

Friday 16 September:
Year 8 Reflection Day

Year 9 Italian Banquet Day



On Wednesday, the Year 9 Italian students enjoyed a typically Italian inspired meal for lunch. Prepared and catered for by the staff and students, they were marked on their group's table presentation and language skills.





**Wednesday Morning Mass
TERM 3 ROSTER**

31st August
CRC 8 Hollows/9 Hughes - TMD
7th September
CRC 10 O'Connell – ERS
14th September
Sacred Heart

A big thank you to 8 Edison, Ms Gusman and the students and staff from Sacred Heart Primary, for leading us in Mass on Monday 15th August; for the Feast of the Assumption. It was so wonderful to see so many members of the College community at mass for this very special and important feast.

Spiritual Acts of Mercy

Over the term, in Religion classes, students have been unpacking the Spiritual Works of Mercy. We have used various scripture, poetry, picture story books, and stories to explore the key concepts of these Spiritual Acts. We have used wool in a variety of ways to help symbolise our thoughts and prayers, and enable us to connect the messages within the Spiritual Acts of Mercy to the how we treat one another. To date we have looked at the following Spiritual Acts of Mercy:

- FORGIVENESS**
- BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY**
- COMFORT**
- HELP OTHERS FIND THEIR WAY**

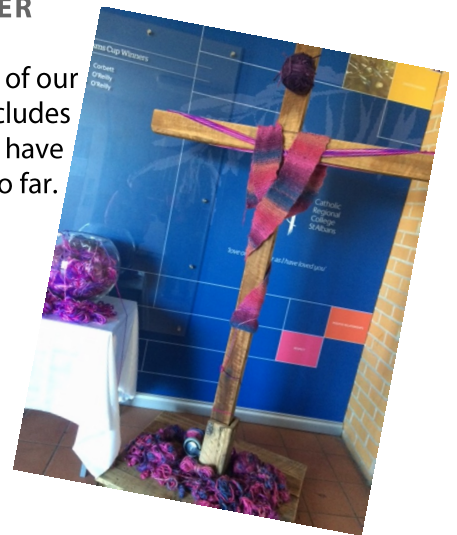
The outcome of these has been the creation of:

- The 7 steps to forgiveness
- The top 5 ways we can bear wrongs patiently
- The true ways we comfort those in need
- The realisation that we all make mistakes

We still have the following three to unpack for the rest of this term:

- COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL**
- LEARN ABOUT OUR FAITH**
- PRAY FOR EACH OTHER**

Here is a photo of our "Cross of Mercy" that includes all the wool activities we have completed so far.



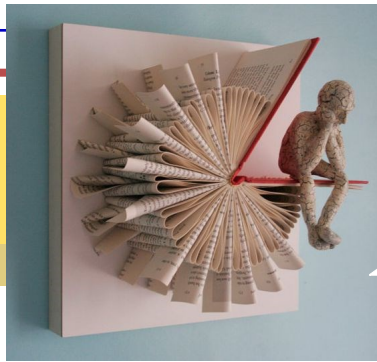
SCHOOL FEES

If families are having any difficulties with fee payments please contact me at the college office on: 9366 2544 — Anne Ross

All families should have received their school fee statement showing their current balance and are reminded that payments towards Term 3 fees are now due.

TIME

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

2 READ

AUGUST 2016

ST ALBANS LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Readers Cup Leader Board

CONGRATULATIONS to 8 Edison
For another dramatic increase again this week with a jump of 7 places.
The competition is heating up but any class can win. - **KEEP READING!**

NEW BOOK WEEK TIMES

MONDAY 29TH AUGUST

Trivia Quiz

- Limit of 8 team tables,
- 4 people to a team.

Put your name down @ the Library

TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST

Reading Hour

Put your name down @ the Library

WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST

Spot quiz

THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

Paper plane competition

Put your name down @ the Library

FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER.

COMPETITION WINNERS

PIZZA LUNCH
For the winners of the Trivia and Paper Plane competitions



NEW MANGA SERIES COMING!

One Punch man—come in to the Library and find out more ...



SAACS CHESS

Congratulations to the students who took part in the chess team.

This year the day was held at CRC Sydenham and it was a great day of competition. All students represented our college proudly and demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Minh Vo of 9 Deakin for winning the intermediate division. Our Intermediate team came 2nd overall in their division missing out on first place by half a point. Well done also to our Junior team who placed 7th in their division.

MINH VO, Intermediate Chess Champion

