

A Prayer for Refugees

*Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son
became a refugee
and had no place
to call his own;*

*look with mercy on those who
today are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.*

*Bless those who
Work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity
and compassion
in all our hearts;
and guide the nations
of the world towards that day
when all will rejoice in
your Kingdom of justice
and of peace;*

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Principal's Report

Monday 20th June is acknowledged by the United Nations as a day to remember our refugees and displaced persons. 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?

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 of term we've had exams, final assessment tasks, reports, Year 10 Music Night, 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.

Holidays: A time to get organized

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.

Congratulations: Rayvia McIntosh

Recently Rayvia competed in the Victorian Cross Country Championships. He is to be congratulated on his training and preparation leading up to the event where he was able to compete very well against a large field of runners. Well done Rayvia. Thanks to Mr Connor and Mr Strachan for their support.

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 students gained much from it. On behalf of the students, I'd like to thank Mr Taylor, 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

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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

On Tuesday 27th June, a small group of staff and students will participate in the St Vinnies Winter Sleep Out. Thank you to all the students and staff, in particular Ms Dykes for the planning and participation in this significant event, as it is a powerful way of raising awareness about the issue of homelessness.

Outdoor Education Camp.

The Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp commenced on Wednesday 21st. Everyone returned with many exciting stories to tell and were most satisfied with their achievements.

Start of Term 3

Term 3 will commence on **Monday 17 July**. Please note this will be **Day 1** of the Semester 2 timetable. Timetables can be accessed through the SIMON Learning Management System at any time during the holidays.

Semester One Reports

Reports will be available to view and download through the PAM portal from Thursday 20th July. A letter will be sent home with students on Monday 17th 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 Thursday 3rd August. An interview with the Pastoral Care teacher needs to be booked online through the PAM portal by Friday 21st July. Bookings will be open from Monday 17th July.

Early Dismissal on Thursday 3rd August

As Student Parent Teacher interviews begin at 1:30pm on Thursday 3rd August, students will be dismissed at 12:40pm, the end of period 4.

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 Mr Orsini 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 in your diary.**

Wednesday 2nd August:
Sydenham Expo and visit.

Tuesday 15 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

Friday:
21 July 11 August
25 August 09 September

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

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

Enrolment for Year 7 2019

The timing of the Year 7 enrolment process has changed for those students starting Year 7 in 2019. The enrolment process will now take place in Terms 3 and 4 of Year 5.

Critical Dates

25 August 2017:
Applications for Year 7 2019 close.
13 October 2017:
Offers of places to prospective Year 7 students are posted.
27 October 2017:
Final date for families to accept offers made.

Enrolments are now open for Year 7 2019. 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.crcstalbans.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
- Years 9 and 10 exams
- Year 10 Titration Stakes
- Yr 10 Outdoor Education Camp.
- Yr 9 Premier League Training
- SACCSS Junior Futsal Training (preparing for game on 9th June).
- Year 7 verbal combat drama production.
- Afternoon tea for IEP families.

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.



KEVIN QUINN
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Faith MATTERS

WEDNESDAY MASS

We welcome families to join us on Wednesday mornings from 8.30am

TERM 2 ROSTER

28 June: CRC—MCE 7 YA



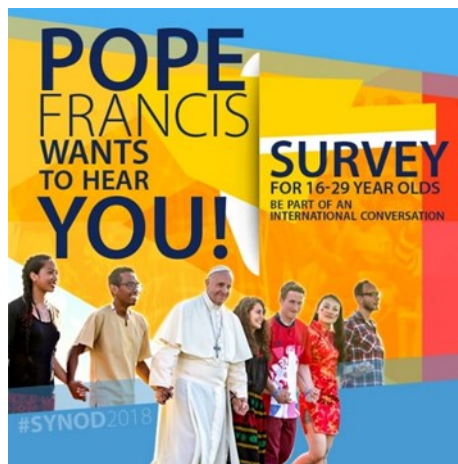
Youth Festival in Sydney December 2017

For all those under the age of 30, the Australian Youth Festival is happening in Sydney this December.

The Festival hopes to welcome over 15,000 attendees and will include Bishops and Catholic speakers from around Australia and International guests.

If you want to know more, please email Ms Dykes on jdykes@crcstalbens.com.au

Youth Survey



If you are under the age of 29, you are encouraged to complete a survey for the Australian Catholic Bishops. Young people across Australia are being called to share their views about life, faith, and their experience of Church through an online survey. The survey seeks to capture the opinions and perspectives of young people as part of a national consultation process that will inform an international conversation in Rome next year. Pope Francis will lead the inter-

national conversation at the Vatican. Representatives from all over the world will be invited to Rome to share their experiences and views at a meeting in October 2018. Australians aged between 16 and 29 years are encouraged to complete the survey. The questions cover a range of topics including: the experience of being listened to, using social media and technology, friendships and influences in today's world, opportunities for engagement with Church activities such as, outreach programs, youth masses, community leadership or parish events. Pope Francis has called young people to join this inclusive journey saying that the Church 'wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities'. He stressed, 'Every young person has something to say to others ... all of us need to listen to you!', and he added 'even young people who consider themselves agnostics, even young people whose faith is lukewarm; even young people who no longer go to Church; even young people who consider themselves atheists'. **The survey can be completed online <https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey> Go to the blue box on the right of your screen where it says "Start Youth Survey" It will run for four weeks, the closing date for responses is midnight on Sunday 2 July 2017.**

St Vinnie's Crew 2017

Winter Sleepout

Tuesday 27th June 2017



Come help us help those in need

Tuesday the 27th June students from CRC St Albans will be participating in a Winter Sleepout held at the school to raise awareness of homelessness in the community. All students participating need to donate an item to keep a homeless person warm this winter. This could be a blanket or a scarf.

APPLICATIONS CLOSED FRIDAY 23RD.



Match the words below with the correct meaning . . .

Quiz 11

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|---------------|--------------|
| 1. BEWILDERED | 6. ENNUI |
| 2. CONFORM | 7. CONTEMPT |
| 3. INDIGNANT | 8. GALLANTLY |
| 4. DIVERT | 9. BLASÉ |
| 5. DELINQUENT | 10. ASININE |

- Courteous and brave, especially towards women
- To draw attention from something, or to change a route or path
- Angry or annoyed at the unfairness of somebody or something
- Not impressed by something
- To act or think like others
- A lawbreaker, especially a young one
- Extremely confused
- Boredom from lack of interest
- An attitude or feeling of utter disgust or hatred
- Extremely or utterly foolish

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR 10 STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THIS FORTNIGHT'S LIVING ARTS AWARDS. . .

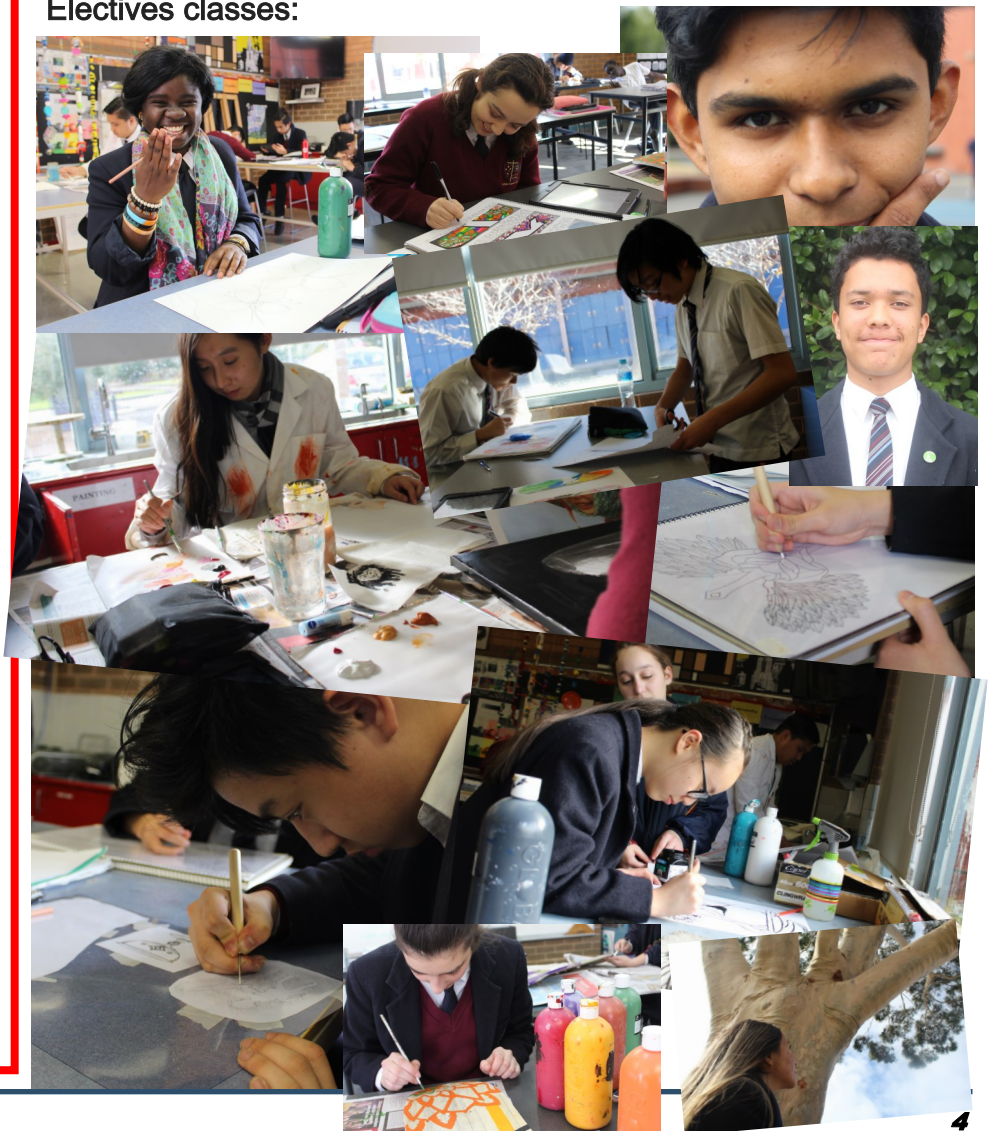
Vincent Le for his amazing performance on the piano during the Year 10 Music Performance Night. Vincent demonstrated high level of skill and an excellent connection with the vocalist as an accompanist.

Eva Katinic for her outstanding skateboard designs in Visual Communication and Design. Eva has explored a range of materials and methods and was able to document and annotate all her work in her visual diary.

Julia Bui is to be commended for her persistence, creativity and leadership demonstrated during the production stages of the music video clip project in Media Arts.

Kim Huynh is to be commended for her ability to work interdependently, problem solve and assist others in Visual Arts.

Enjoy the photos of our Year 10s working in their Semester One Electives classes:



Year 10 Music Performance Night



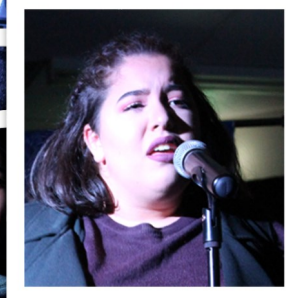
On Tuesday 6th June the Year 10 Music Night Performed their hard work to a live audience made up of their family. The night was given the title “Songs our Parents would know” as 90% of the song list were songs from the 60’s, 70’s, 80’s and 90’s.

Students performed professionally on the night with all performances being completely live. On the evening, students were formally assessed by two musicians and actors who are currently working in the industry. James Elmer and Ashleigh Marshall.

Both assessors were very impressed with all students and highlighted their hard work and commitment in their feedback.

It was a wonderful evening of music that was enjoyed by all.

Here are some photos from the night.



Annual Report 2016

Our 2016 Annual Report is now available to families on the College website at : www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au Hard copies are also available from the school office and will be available at Student / Parent / Teacher interviews in the third week of Term 3. I'd encourage all families to take a look.



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SCHOOL FEES 2017

Term 2 School fees are due by 30 June.

If you have any concerns or difficulties PLEASE CONTACT Mrs Ross : 9366 2544

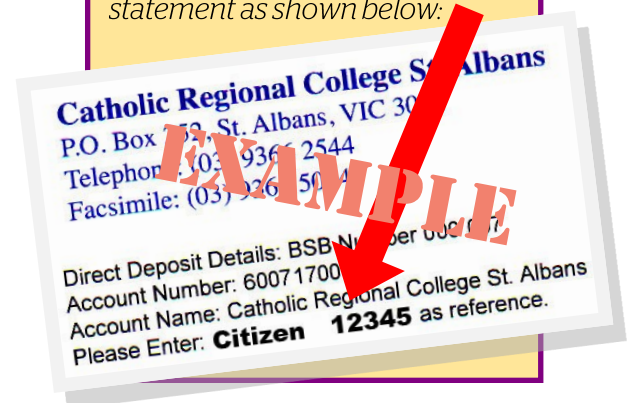
If school fees are paid in full before the end of term 2, (Friday 30/6/17) a

\$100 DISCOUNT

will apply.

NET BANKING

A reminder to those families who are using Internet Banking for payment of school fees, that it is important that you enter the I.D. number and child's family name which is located on the bottom left hand corner of your statement as shown below:



“Are you enrolling your child into Year 7 for 2018?”

For all enrolment enquiries call **Anne Stokie** on 9366 2544

Application forms are available online at <http://www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au> or come in and pick one up from 10 Theodore Street St Albans



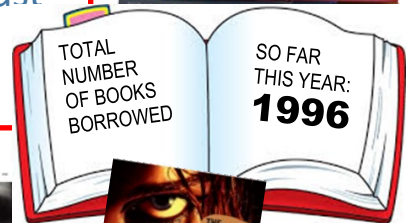
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What's On When

Reading Hour
Friday 23rd June, Tuesday 1st August

BOOKWEEK
Activities to be announced



The READERS Cup

Congratulations to 7 Snowy who moved up 2 places this week and are now in Third place. The other movers this week are 8 Orifici, 9 Deakin and 9 Lyons. The Reader's Cup Challenge is now halfway through, and any class can still win with a big reading push in the second half of the year.



KEEP READING

The Fall by Tristan Banks

In the middle of the night, Sam is woken by angry voices from the apartment above. He goes to the window to see what's happening - only to hear a struggle, and see a body fall from the sixth-floor balcony. Pushed, Sam thinks. Sam goes to wake his father Harry, a crime reporter, but Harry is gone. And when Sam goes downstairs, the body is gone, too. But someone has seen Sam, and knows what he's witnessed.

My Life as a Hashtag by Gabrielle Williams

From the highly acclaimed author of *The Guy*, *the Girl*, *the Artist* and *His Ex* comes this funny, heartfelt novel about rage, regret and the pitfalls of life in the digital age. I'd been warned - in French, no less. By a tram-riding, mermaid-swaying, wolf-eaten, peace-sign flipping friend. I knew she wouldn't be happy if I stayed out here by the pool, with Jed's nail tracing the length of my neck. But I didn't want to go inside. I didn't want another drink. I wanted to stay out here and see what would happen.

The Tribe series - The Interrogation of Ashala Wolf (The Tribe #1)

"There will come a day when a thousand Illegals descend on your detention centres. Boomers will breach the walls. Skychangers will send lightning to strike you all down from above, and Rumlbers will open the earth to swallow you up from below. ... And when that day comes, Justin Connor, think of me." **The Disappearance of Amber Crow** [Tribe #2]
The foretelling of Georgie Spider [Tribe #3]

TOP TEN BOOKS BORROWED LAST WEEK . . .



The Greatest Blogger in the World by Andrew McDonald Charlie Ridge has one small goal in life—to be the greatest blogger in the world! The internet has been in a frenzy ever since a competition began to win the website address www.thegreatestbloggerintheworld.com, and Charlie is making sure he's the number one contender. **A Very Long Journey** by Carmel Reilly Migration from China started hundreds of years ago. First, people moved to other parts of Asia, then to countries all over the world. Now, parts of Chinese culture have made their way into western culture - making it richer for everyone. **Boy Overboard** by Morris Gleitzman A story of adventure, ball control and hope. Jamal and Bibi have a dream. To lead Australia to soccer glory in the next World Cup. But first they must face landmines, pirates, storms and assassins. Can Jamal and his family survive their incredible journey and get to Australia? **One Piece, Volume 02: Buggy the Clown** by Eiichirō Oda As a kid, Monkey D. Luffy vowed to become King of the Pirates and find the legendary treasure called the "One Piece." The enchanted Gum-Gum Fruit has given Luffy the power to stretch like rubber—and his new crewmate, the infamous pirate hunter Roronoa Zoro, strikes fear into the hearts of other buccaneers! **The Bus Stop (Fitzroy Readers #8x)** by Faye Berryman **Chinese Cinderella, the story of an unwanted daughter** by Adeline Yen Mah This book is the autobiography of a young Chinese girl. Born the fifth child to an affluent Chinese family, her life begins tragically. Adeline's mother died shortly after her birth due to complications bought on by the delivery, marking her as cursed, or 'bad luck', by her siblings **The Long Haul (Diary of a Wimpy Kid #9)** by Jeff Kinney A family road trip is supposed to be a lot of fun . . . unless, of course, you're the Heffleys. The journey starts off full of promise, then quickly takes several wrong turns. Gas station bathrooms, crazed seagulls, a fender bender, and a runaway pig—not exactly Greg Heffley's idea of a good time. But even the worst road trip can turn into an adventure **The first musician** by Amanda Graham The First Musician plays the orange morning. The second musician plays the yellow sunshine. Other musicians play different colours and unite in a band to play a rainbow. This story was inspired by the wonderful variety of music that comes from around the world. **Future Diary, Volume 8** by Sakae Esuno Yukiteru discovers the truth about the cause of his mother's death. Determined to bring justice, Yukiteru tracks down the one person responsible for his loss. **I Funny: School of Laughs (I Funny #5)** by James Patterson Teaching other kids how to be funny is the toughest gig that Jamie Grimm has ever had, and with the highest stakes. If he fails, his school library will be shut down for good!

Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships.



Last Saturday Rayvia Mc Intosh was CRC St Albans' sole representative in the Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships.

The race was conducted over a hilly 4km course at Bundoora Park, Bundoora.

Rayvia performed extremely well in a very large field of over 200 competitors, placing a creditable 54th against representatives from all over Victoria.

Mr Garry Connor

OUR GARDEN

VOLUNTEER GARDEN BUGS

Our school community garden will be open during the school holidays on Tuesday the 11th, Wednesday the 12th and Thursday the 13th of July from 10am till 3pm for all students who'd like to volunteer.



Please dress warmly, bring a water bottle and something to eat for lunch.

If the weather is poor (i.e strong winds, heavy rain or both) please don't come in as the garden will be closed.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch at hodoherty@crcstalbens.com.au

See you in the Garden.

Hayden

Key Dates Term 3, 2017

Monday 17 July:
Day 1 Term 3
(Day 1 of the timetable)

24th – 28th July:
Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 24th July:
Year 9 VET Taster Day
at CRC Sydenham

Friday 30th June:
Year 10 University
and TAFE taster days.

Thursday 3rd August :
Student / Parent / Teacher interviews
(end of period 5 finish)

Tuesday 09 August:
Year 10 course selection day

Tuesday 15th August :
Year 10 Social

Wednesday 16th August:
Staff Planning Day
(students, except Yr 10 VCE / VET
not required)

Monday 4th September:
SACCSS Interschool Athletics

20 – 22 September:
Year 09 Camp

Friday 22 September:
Year 8 Reflection Day