

Principal's Report

**O Spirit of Love,
you in whom we live and move
and have our being. Lead us
and awaken us to the new light.
Open the doors of our hearts,
the windows of our souls,
the walls of our minds.
Awaken us to new insights.
Make our hearts ready to
receive the brightness of
your presence.
To you we give praise.
Amen**

Welcome

Welcome back for Term 3. I hope that everyone had a good break and feels energised and ready to 'open the doors' to the new learning experiences, insights and challenges it will bring.

I would especially like to welcome Eileen Chalmers to our staff and the new students and families who have joined our school community this semester.

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 27 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 31 July**.
- Student / Teacher / Parent interviews will take place on Thursday 3rd August. 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.

Early Dismissal

Families are reminded that students will be dismissed at 12.40 pm, the end of period 4, on Thursday 3rd August as Student Parent Teacher interviews start at 1:30pm.

Congratulations: Dante Alighieri Poetry competition finalists

Earlier in the week, Marissa Lamb and Sharelle Lynch, both of Year 9, competed in the finals of the Dante Alighieri Poetry Recitation Competition at the University of Melbourne. We are extremely proud of the girls on their outstanding achievement. Not only did they stand out amongst the thousands of secondary students to reach the finals but they were terrific ambassadors for the College.

On behalf of the students I'd like to thank Ms D'Astoli-Iannuzzi and Ms Iaria, our Year 9 and 10 Italian teachers, for all their work in preparing the students and in ensuring that the students have authentic and engaging learning opportunities in Italian.

Visitors from China

Next week we are hosting 6 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 oppor-

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Friday 21 July 2017

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tunity for our students to learn firsthand about another culture, to practise 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, Mr Orsini, 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.

2018 Course Planning

Over the next five weeks students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be planning their courses of study for 2018. 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 Careers Partners (PCPs)** night on **Wednesday 26 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 2 August**. 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.

School Assembly

On Monday 31 July at 10 am, there will be a school assembly to recognize and thank Fr O'Reilly for his 40 years of inspirational leadership and unconditional support of Catholic Regional College. St Albans Parents are most welcome to attend.

Applications for Year 7 2019

Enrolments are now being taken 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.

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 3 2017:

Fridays: 21 July 4 August
 18 August 01 September
 15 September

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

<http://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 7 *Verbal Combat* Play
- Year 10 Mannix Community Service
- St Vinnie's Winter Sleepout
- Shared Stories Author Visit
- Throwback Thursday
- Semester 2 Goal Setting

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.



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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, Learning & Teaching



“Are you enrolling your child into Year 7 for 2018 or 2019?”

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

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





You are invited to our whole School Assembly on 31st July 10am

This assembly will be an opportunity to join with us on this special occasion as we farewell and thank Father O'Reilly and will be followed with a morning tea.

St Albans CRC Vinnies Winter Sleepout

Winter Sleepout had 25 participate this year. Students developed a presentation exploring the various types of homelessness, from sleeping rough, to sleeping in crisis accommodation. In solidarity with the homeless, students gave up their beds and for the night slept on the hard floor of the basketball stadium. Some of the feedback from the students is included

"I found the night interesting and challenging, it has motivated me to do more about the issue". Vincent Le Yr 10

"I was glad I participated in the winter sleepout and I would recommend students participate next year". Bolis Nyok Yr 10



WEDNESDAY MASS

We welcome families to join us on Wednesday mornings from 8.30am
The services are led by both Sacred Heart Primary School and CRC St Albans.

TERM 3 ROSTER

- 26 July:** - CRC JIA, 7SN
- 2 August:** - Sacred Heart
- 9 August:** - CRC JDS, 10 MK
- 16 August:** - Sacred Heart
- 23 August:** - CRC MGN 9LY
- 30 August:** - Sacred Heart
- 6 September:** - CRC MSK 9BT
- 13 September:** - Sacred Heart
- 20 September:** - CRC DIO, 9CT & JDS, 9DK

Brimbank Vinnies is also holding a movie night about Homelessness

Saturday 29th July 5:00pm

Holy Eucharist Parish Hall, 1a Oleander Drive St Albans South

Food and drinks will available for purchase on the night.

Tickets: \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased on the night, or book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/QPAJ>

For more information, phone Jessica (0412 447 771) or email brimbank.yv.conf@svdp-vic.org.au.



Free meningococcal ACWY vaccine for Year 10

In 2017 the Victorian Secondary School Vaccine Program will offer free meningococcal ACWY vaccine to students in Years 10. The vaccine provides protection against four strains of meningococcal disease (ACWY) and is administered as a single dose.

Consent cards for the Meningococcal ACWY Secondary School Vaccine Program were sent home with your child on Wednesday 19th July. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

Adolescents are at increased risk of meningococcal disease. Although uncommon, it can become life-threatening, very quickly. There are different strains of meningococcal bacteria known by letters of the alphabet, including meningococcal A, B, C, W and Y. In recent years, the meningococcal W strain has increased across Australia, with Victoria experiencing 11 cases to date in 2017 and 48 cases in 2016, compared to 17 cases in 2015, four in 2014 and one in 2013. It is now the predominant strain in Victoria.

To learn more about meningococcal disease, the meningococcal ACWY vaccine and how you can prepare your child for vaccination, visit betterhealth.vic.gov.au or immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

The date of vaccinations for the year 10 students is Monday 7th August.

All forms need to be returned to school by Tuesday 1st August.

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.

Year 9 Parents as Career Partners Night

at CRC St Albans (Hall)

Wednesday 26th July 2017

7.00pm – 8.30pm

Your son/daughter will be receiving their subject selection forms shortly and will require support and guidance from teachers and parents to ensure they make selections that meet their future needs. It is important you attend this information session to understand the process and importance of choosing subjects for year 10 that match the needs of the pathways students are wishing to follow.

At this information session an overview of the work the students have been completing in Trinity to prepare for future pathways will be presented as well as an outline of the various pathways that are available to students as they transition to senior secondary school. The night will conclude with the opportunity to ask questions and gain subject selection information so parents can support their child in making important decisions for year 10 and beyond.

Year 10 Work Experience Week 2017

Monday 24th July – Friday 28th July

Students will be going out into the working world for a one week placement. This will give them the chance to see what it is like in the workplace. In particular, it will allow them to try out a job that they may be interested in. Students have been given a journal that they will need to complete during the placement and will need to think about the work, workplace and comment on their experiences. During this week students will receive a visit from a staff member and will also receive feedback from the employer at the end of the placement.

Students are strongly encouraged to make contact with their employer if they have not already done so to confirm their placement and ask any questions they may have. Some questions to consider may be:

Do you need to come in and meet your employer prior to work experience?

What will you have to wear?

What time do you start and finish work?

Who should you ask for on your first day?

Should you bring your lunch?

Are there any special requirements?

We wish all our students the best in this very important week in the world of work.

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TWILIGHT OPEN EVENING AND

CAREERS EXPO

WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST



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Career Pathways update

Term 3 is a very busy time in the area of careers. Students in year 9 and 10 will need to make some very important decisions around subject selections that best meet the needs of their future pathways. In order to support students in making these decisions a number of different events will be held leading up to the subject selection forms being distributed, completed and handed in.

All students are encouraged to participate in all events with enthusiasm and ask as many questions as required to ensure they have a full understanding of what opportunities are available to them.

A number of forms have been distributed to students regarding key events and need to be returned to their homeroom teacher as soon as possible.



PLEASE REGISTER AT THE COLLEGE MULTI-PURPOSE HALL ON ARRIVAL

There are several elements to the Twilight Open Evening as follows:

- 1—LEARNING AREA/SUBJECT DISPLAYS**—Families are invited to review each of the subject areas and meet with teaching staff in the college's Multi-purpose Hall from 5.00pm
- 2—CAREERS EXPO**—Provides opportunity for research and receive quality information from exhibitors, to develop an understanding of how your child's choice of programs will influence their future options.
- 3—FORMAL PARENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION**— (3 sessions) - 5.30-6.00pm, 6.15-6.45pm and 7.00-7.30pm

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND AT LEAST ONE PARENT ATTEND THE TWILIGHT OPEN EVENING

Course selection forms will be distributed at each of these sessions, which will be required when your child attends their course planning soon after this evening. Those families who are unable to attend the night are at a disadvantage as they will miss out on the myriad of direct information and advice given from staff and students at the event.

- 4—VCAL & VET PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION**— St Joseph's VCAL Centre (3 sessions) - 5.30-6.00pm, 6.15-6.45pm & 7.00-7.30pm



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LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



What's On When...

Reading Hour -
Tuesday 1st August
Book Week

Activites
Monday 21st -
Friday 25th August



OUR COLLEGE

The READERS Cup

Congratulations go to **8 Attard** who managed to move up 2 places on the Reader's Cup Ladder and now occupies 5th place. Good effort was put in by the following classes who all moved up 1 place:
7 Avoca, 7 Kiewa, 8 Orifici, 10 Mackillop and 9 Barton.



KEEP READING

Reading Hour Friday 23rd June

Everyone who attended enjoyed a quiet lunchtime reading the newly arrived books



NEW Book Bites BOOKS !!!

Pretty Girls Don't Eat by Winnie Salamon
Sixteen-year-old Winter Mae Jones knows exactly what she wants: a career in fashion design. There's only one thing standing in her way - fat girls don't work in the fashion industry....

The Dream Walker by Victoria Carless
The weight of a secret can drag you under . . . Sixteen-year-old Lucy Hart has been counting the days till she can get the hell out of Digger's Landing - a small Queensland fishing hamlet home to fifteen families, a posse of mongrel dogs, and Parkers Corner Store (no apostrophe and nowhere near a corner). But just like the tides, Lucy's luck is on the turn, and as graduation nears her escape plans begin to falter....

The Ones That Disappeared by Zana Fraillon
Some stories need to be told... A moving, beautifully-written and poignant novel about modern child slavery. Kept by a ruthless gang, three children manage to escape from slavery. But freedom isn't just waiting on the outside. Separated, scared and looking after a small child, Esra will do whatever she can to reunite with her friend Miran, who was captured by the police - the police who she mustn't trust. Hiding in the shadows of the forest, Esra is found by a local boy and together they create a man out of mud. A man who will come to life and lead them through a dark labyrinth of tunnels until they finally have the courage to be free.

- WIMMERA
- YARRA
- AVOCA
- KIEWA
- ATTARD
- SNOWY
- EDISON
- ORIFICI
- CLARK
- LITTLE
- MANNIX
- LYONS
- DEAKIN
- O'CONNELL
- CURTIN
- MACKILLOP
- BARTON
- HUGHES
- MCAULEY

TOP TEN BOOKS BORROWED . . .



Billionaire Boy by David Walliams A hilarious, touching and extraordinary new fable from the author of *The Boy in the Dress* and *Mr Stink*. Dear Reader, I'm sorry to say that the book you are holding in your hands is extremely unpleasant. It tells an unhappy tale about three very unlucky children. Even though they are charming and clever, the Baudelaire siblings lead lives filled with misery and woe. **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. Charlie has plenty to blog about—his best friend Phattius Beats, who runs an illegal red-cordial business. **Son of Death** by Andrew McDonald Forget everything you know about dark, hooded figures with scythes: these days grim reapers dress like everyone else, have families of their own and scythes that look a lot like mobile phones. **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse. August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a facial deformity that prevented him from going to a mainstream school—until now. He's about to start 5th grade at Beecher Prep, and if you've ever been the new kid then you know how hard that can be. **The 65-Storey Treehouse** by Andy Griffiths Andy and Terry's amazing 65-Storey Treehouse now has a pet-grooming salon, a birthday room where it's always your birthday (even when it's not), a room full of exploding eyeballs, a lollipop shop, a quicksand pit, an ant farm, a time machine and Tree-NN: a 24-hour-a-day TV news centre keeping you up to date with all the latest treehouse news. **Once** by Morris Gleitzman Felix, a Jewish boy in Poland in 1942, is hiding from the Nazis in a Catholic orphanage. The only problem is that he doesn't know anything about the war, and thinks he's only in the orphanage while his parents travel and try to salvage their bookselling business. And when he thinks his parents are in danger, Felix sets off to warn them—straight into the heart of Nazi-occupied Poland. **Too bad** by Gwen Pascoe **Black** by Fleur Ferris Ebony Marshall is in her final year of high school. Five months, two weeks and four days . . . She can't wait to leave the town where she's known only as 'Black'. Because of her name, of course. But for another reason, too. **Boffin Boy And The Forest Of The Ninja** by David Orme Rick Shaw, an extremely clever 14-year old, who is only interested in science. When his father is killed, he vows to use his scientific skills to fight evil - as Boffin Boy.



KEEP
CALM
AND
READ

Match the words below
with the correct
meaning . . .

Quiz 12

- 1 Covert
 - 2 Labyrinth
 - 3 Nuzzle
 - 4 Plethora
 - 5 Qualm
 - 6 Elusive
 - 7 Phenomenon
 - 8 Accolade
 - 9 Oblivious
 - 10 Cryptic
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- a. A dazed state brought on by shock or lack of sleep
 - b. Angry or annoyed at the unfairness of somebody or something
 - c. Having or showing great knowledge gained from study & reading
 - d. Intelligent & well informed
 - e. A lawbreaker, especially a young one
 - f. Socially awkward, lacking grace & tact
 - g. Doubtful and unbelieving
 - h. Physically harmful, poisonous
 - i. Calm and unconcerned about things
 - j. Hostile, argumentative, & confrontational



Due to Staff Professional
Development
the Library will be closed
after school and there will be

**NO HOMEWORK
CLUB**

ON

Tuesday 25th July

Parents are advised that all
students will need to go
directly home
when students are dismissed
at 3.05pm.

Key Dates Term 3, 2017

24th – 28th July:
Year 10 Work Experience

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

Wednesday 26th July:
Year 9
Parents as Career Partners Night

Thursday 3rd August :
Student / Parent / Teacher interviews
(end of period 4 finish at 12.40pm)

Tuesday 15th 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)

20 – 22 September:
Year 9 Camp

Friday 22 September:
Year 8 Reflection Day