

## Principal's Report

*Today*

*Today*

*May I give and  
receive love.*

*Today*

*May I work for justice.*

*Today*

*May I listen and pray.*

*Today*

*May I sing God's praises.*

*Today*

*May I delight in  
God's beauty.*

*Today*

*and every day.*

### Farewell: Anne Stokie

Over many years one of the most familiar faces to College families has been Anne Stokie. In her roles as Registrar, Principal's Personal Assistant and First Aid Officer, she would have spoken with and assisted most families in some way. Last Friday, after 28 years of loyal and dedicated service to this community, we farewelled Anne as she has decided to retire. Whilst we are all very sad to see Anne leave, she is very much looking forward to this new and exciting phase of her life.

Apart from her skills in administration, Anne brought warmth, care, hospitality and a deep interest in people to our community. I am sure that all families will join me in thanking Anne for all she has done and in wishing her every blessing as she enjoys life at a less hectic pace.

### Congratulations: Year 10 Students

The last five weeks have been a significant time for Year 10 students. They've spent a week in the workforce, selected courses for Years 11 and 12, and thoroughly enjoyed a great night at the Year 10 Social. Each of these events is very much a rite of passage; a marker on their journey towards adulthood. They have impressed us all with their preparation, maturity and openness to advice.

A very big thank you to Mr Eder Ramos (Year 10 Level Leader), Mr Chris Orsini (Careers) and the Year 10 teachers who have supported students during this time.

Lastly, thank you also to all families who have been with their children every step of the way; the additional meetings at school and at Sydenham; ploughing through the course selection information and taxiing students around for the social. This year's pick up from the social was so smooth, all staff were well on their way home by 11.30pm. Thank you. We couldn't do it without you and your support is very much appreciated.

With pathways for 2018 nearly finalised, it is

important that everyone now focuses on the present, particularly their Year 10 studies. Too often thinking about the future can be unsettling. Students can lose focus and forget the routines that have served them well to this point. **In many ways the only thing that you can do about the future is to do your absolute best in the present.** With more than 1/3 of the year to go, there is still much work to be done!

### Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: Coming Soon!

After months of planning, auditions, rehearsals and preparation, the opening night for the school production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' is less than two weeks away. We are all very much excited and looking forward to the event.

The show will run on **Thursday 31 August** and **Friday 1 September**. Tickets are available through Try Booking at:

[www.trybooking.com/rixa](http://www.trybooking.com/rixa). Cost of tickets is only \$5 per person or \$15 per family pack of 4. I encourage families to get their tickets as soon as possible and look forward to seeing you there.

### School Improvement Surveys

Each year the school invites feedback from students, staff and parents through the Insight SRC School Improvement surveys. These surveys are completed in both primary and secondary schools across Australia, in Government, Catholic and Independent schools. The data helps schools to identify what is going well, to measure the impact of new initiatives and to identify areas for further growth.

Early next week **100** randomly selected families will receive the survey. These will be given to students to take home and must be returned by **Friday 8 September**. The survey can be completed online or in hard copy.

### Friday 18 August 2017

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If you are interested in completing a survey but are not part of the group of families who have been randomly selected, please email:

[echlamers@crystalbans.com.au](mailto:echlamers@crystalbans.com.au) and Eileen Chalmers will forward you a copy to complete.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

## Author in Residence

Demet Divaroren, author of *Living on Hope Street* is our 2017 'Author in Residence'. Throughout the year she has conducted a series of workshops for students interested in having their writing published in the 2017 edition of Shared Stories. Over the last week she has 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.

## Sudanese and Vietnamese Cultural Nights

Last week Years 9 and 10 Sudanese and Vietnamese students organised cultural nights for their families. On each night we enjoyed a meal together, listened to a range of presentations by students, celebrated their achievements, played trivia, participated in cultural activities and discussed the transition to CRC Sydenham. Both nights were lots of fun.

I thank our Multicultural Education Aides: Mr George Atem and Mr Tung Phan for working with students to organise the nights; and the families and staff who attended.

## Languages Week

Last week students and staff enjoyed many different special activities to mark Languages Week. One event was the staff vs student futsal game. Thank you to both the students and staff who participated. Congratulations to the very talented student side who comprehensively beat the staff

team 5 – 0. It looks as if we might need some additional training or recruiting before the next game!

## NAPLAN Years 7 and 9 students

The NAPLAN results for Years 7 and 9 students have arrived and will be mailed home to families early next week.

## Parent Access Module (PAM)

Families are reminded that you have ongoing access to the daily bulletin, attendance information, due dates for work and assessment through the Parent portal, PAM.

The information provided through PAM should assist families in supporting student learning at home. It is a good way of keeping in touch with what is happening in the school and I encourage families to log on regularly.

If you have misplaced your password please contact the office and we will resend it.

## 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:  
1 September      15 September

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

<http://www.crcystalbans.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.crcystalbans.catholic.edu.au](http://www.crcystalbans.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:

- Making Healthy Food Choices Day
- Author in Residence program
- Languages Week
- Student Leadership Conference
- MacKillop Community Service
- Vietnamese and South Sudanese Family Nights
- Years 11 and 12 course planning day.
- Year 10 Social
- Year 7 Swimming program
- Year 9 Premier League
- Rehearsals for 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.'
- Staff vs Students Futsal

It's again been a busy two weeks. 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



*God, give me grace to accept, with serenity  
the things that cannot be changed,  
Courage to change the things  
which should be changed,  
and the Wisdom to distinguish  
the one from the other.  
Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,  
Taking, as Jesus did,  
This sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that You will make all things right,  
If I surrender to Your will,  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.  
Amen.*

### **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**

**23 August:** - CRC MGN 9LY

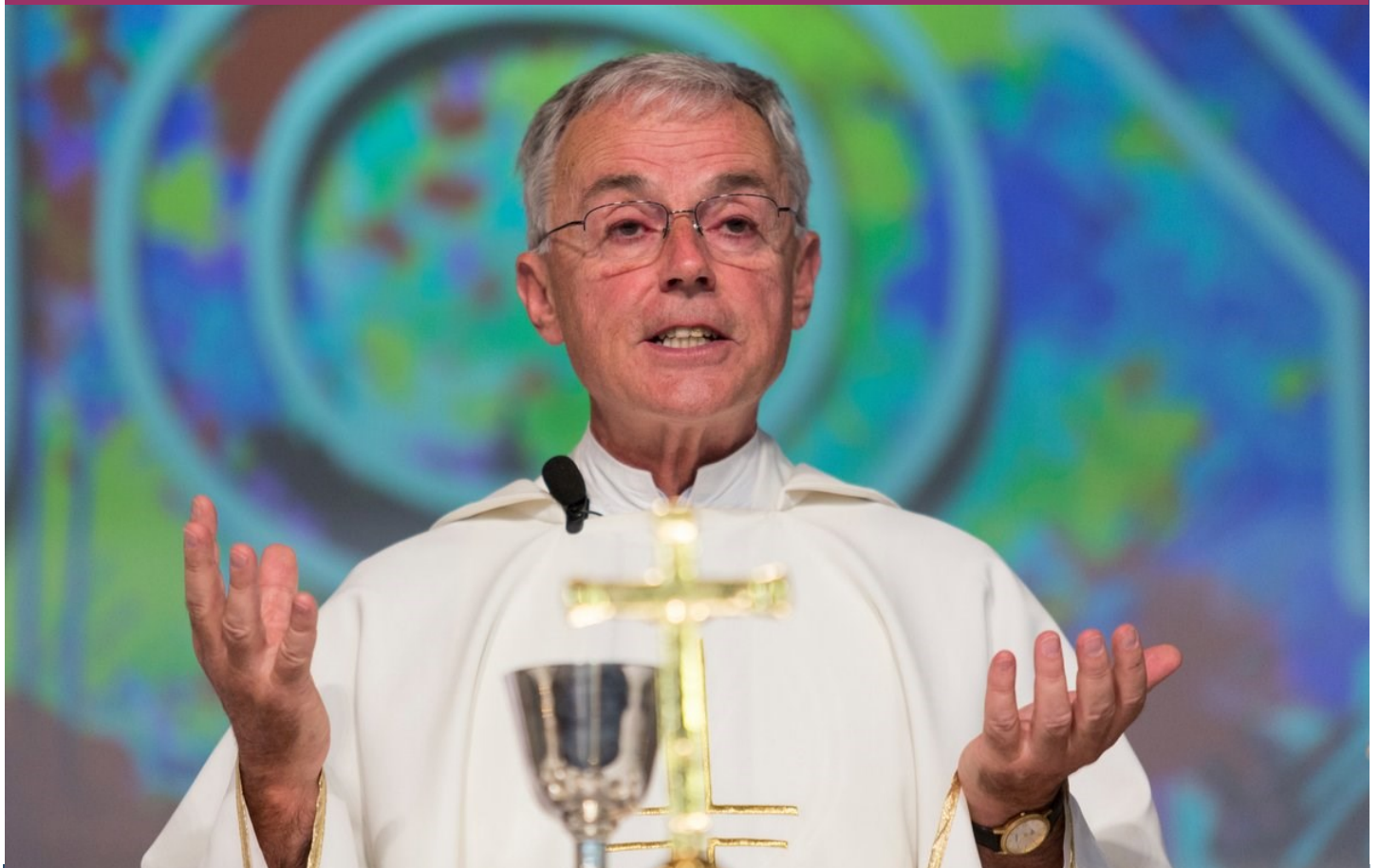
**30 August:** - Sacred Heart

**6 September:** - CRC MSK 9BT

**13 September:** - Sacred Heart

**20 September:** - CRC  
DIO, 9CT & JDS, 9DK

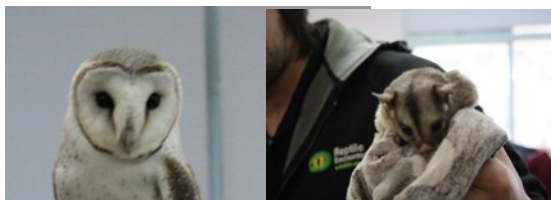
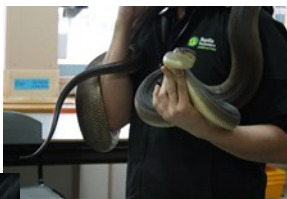
## **CRC St Albans welcomes Fr M Cooney to the parish**





## ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

As part of the Year 10 Evolution unit, students have participated in an incursion with Reptile Encounters, where they came face to face with a variety of native animals. They learned about the special characteristics they each have evolved over millions of years to help them be better suited to their environments.



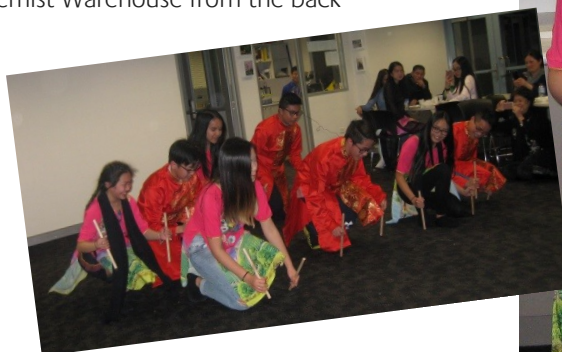
## Work Experience: A Reflection

*Presented by Tina Bui at the Vietnamese Family Night (Thursday 9 August)*

Good evening students, teachers and families, my name is Tina and today I will be talking to you about our Year 10 work experience. To kick start our semester, Year 10s were given the opportunity to do work experience for a whole week. Work experience gave us the chance to develop employability skills, to explore possible career options, understand employer expectations and increase our self-understanding, maturity and independence. Our work experience placements were organised with the help of our Career Coordinator Mr Orsini and Year 10 Coordinator Mr Ramos. I believe I speak on behalf of the Year 10s when I say work experience was not what we expected it to be. Early mornings, busy traffic, memorising product names, greeting customers, running up and down aisles... Some of us worked in a team environment, others worked independently. Either way, it was completely out of our comfort zone. It was a week in the shoes of an adult.

I was given the chance to work at Chemist Warehouse, Highpoint! There I was briefly trained in how to take in prescriptions, tag products, assist customers, face the shelves and know which product belonged to which aisle. It was a busy setting, day in and day out. By the end of the week, I knew everything about Chemist Warehouse from the back of my palm.

Overall, work experience was tiring but a rewarding experience. The skills and training I've developed through work experience, I will definitely take to my VCE years ahead and beyond.



## Staff vs Student Futsal Game





## Year 9 Parents as Career Partners information night

Last Wednesday night a large number of our Year 9 families gathered in the hall to listen to and collect information about the various future pathways that are available to our students as they begin to transition from year 9 into year 10 and beyond. The students are well underway in selecting subjects for year 10 and are encouraged to select subjects they enjoy, are most interested in and may lead to a desired pathway.

Thank you to all staff who contributed by assisting in the set up or attending the evening. A special thank you to our guest speaker Lucero Cuzcano, a past student of the college who was able to share her experiences of year 9, year 10 and how this led to her current career pathway that she is working towards. She was able to provide important messages about a VCE pathway and how important it is to put the time and effort into your studies at year 9 and year 10 in building a solid foundation for year 11. Lucero spoke about how choosing your subjects carefully for year 10 can help with your future pathway. We wish her all the best in her future studies.

Thank you to Mr Cuzcano, father of Lucero who volunteered his time and spoke at the evening to give a perspective on his experiences and feelings as a parent in supporting his children in making important career decisions. He was able to share how it was important for him to learn about all the requirements surrounding VCE, VCAL and courses offered by various institutions. This knowledge allowed him to provide the support and comfort required by Lucero in making informed decisions that were best for her.

Finally, we thank all parents and students who were able to attend the evening. We hope you were able to gain a better understanding of the subject selection process and the importance of the career partnership between parent and child in designing a course for year 10 and beyond which could lead to a future career pathway. Students are encouraged to make a time to see Mr Orsini if they have any questions or concerns around career pathways.

### Key Dates

Term 3, 2017

Monday 21 August:  
SACCSS Interschool Chess

Friday 25 August:  
Outdoor Education - Cross Country Skiing

31 Aug and 1 September:  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
School Production

04 September:  
SACCSS Interschool Athletics

12 September:  
Yr 10 Reflection Day / Yr 7 Zoo Experience

14 September:  
SACCSS Interschool Tennis

20 - 22 September:  
Year 9 Camp

22 September:  
Year 8 Reflection Day

# BOOK WEEK BREAKFAST

## FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 7.30 AM

Parents and students come join us for breakfast to celebrate at Catholic Regional College St Albans.



Lady Jayne [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com)

Have breakfast, enjoy a coffee or orange juice with toast, read a newspaper, or look at a [magazine](#) and meet other members of the school community.

Mời quý phụ huynh và học sinh đến dự bữa sáng mừng tại trường Catholic Regional College St Albans.

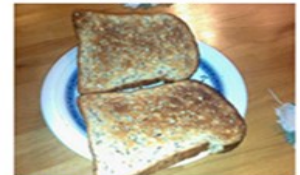


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Please return slip with numbers attending, to the school by **TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** to assist with catering

STUDENTS NAME: .....

NUMBER ATTENDING: .....



# TIME



# READ



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

**AUGUST 2017**

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

OUR COLLEGE

## BOOKWEEK ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY

MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> September

Question and answer competition with prizes



TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> September

Trivia



WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> September

Reading Hour



THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> September

Paper plane competition



FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> September

**BREAKFAST - 7.30 am**

*Remember to put your name down in the Library AND return your breakfast form.*

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

### The READERS Cup

Congratulations to 7 Kiewa for moving into 3<sup>rd</sup> place and to 10 MacKillop for climbing up two places



**KEEP READING**



### TOP TEN BOOKS BORROWED . . .



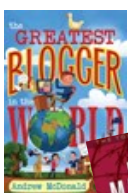
**Billionaire Boy**  
by David Walliams

**The Bad Beginning**  
by Lemony Snicket



**Wonder**  
by R.J. Palacio

**The Greatest Blogger in the World**  
by Andrew McDonald



**Tomorrow when the war began**  
by John Marsden



**Once**  
by Morris Gleitzman



**The wreck of the Zanzibar**  
by Michael Morpurgo



**Son of Death**  
by Andrew McDonald

**Boy overboard**  
by Maurice Gleitzman



**Emil and Karl**  
by Yankev Glatshteyn





**KEEP CALM AND READ**

*Can you match the words below with their correct meaning ... ?*

## Quiz 14

- |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1 Vortex    | 6 Primordial |
| 2 Menacing  | 7 Trounce    |
| 3 Calamity  | 8 Ravenous   |
| 4 Treachery | 9 Articulate |
| 5 Wrench    | 10 Flounder  |

- A a whirling mass of fluid or air**
- B be a threat or possible danger to**
- C an event causing great and often sudden damage or distress**
- D the quality of being deceptive**
- E pull or twist suddenly and violently**
- F basic and fundamental**
- G defeat heavily in a contest**
- H extremely hungry**
- I express fluently and coherently**
- J show or feel great confusion**

## SCIENCE – CRC Students active in their Science learning.

Last term, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May, 43 students from across all year levels participated in the ICAS Science Competition run by the University of NSW. Students worked through 45 questions of varying degrees of difficulty and were assessed on their scientific skills: Observing/Measuring; Interpreting; Predicting/Concluding; Investigating and Reasoning/Problem Solving.

32 students were awarded Participation certificates

7 students were awarded Merit certificates

4 students were awarded Credit certificates

Congratulations to all participating students with special mention to the following students on their achievements:

### Certificate of Credit

Tomas Carville (10)  
Xuen Dien Vo (9)  
VJ Munoz (9)  
Vivi Nguyen (7)

### Certificate of Merit

Long Nguyen (10)  
Roshith Thanthulage (9)  
Sharelle Lynch (9)  
Jordan Luong (9)  
John Vo (8)  
Hannah Nguyen (8)  
Teresa Tram Bui (7)



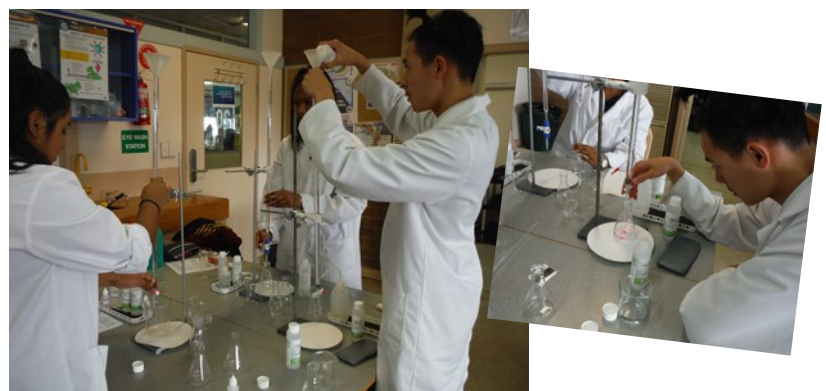
## LOTE COMPETITION

Last week, we celebrated LOTE week. The students in their LOTE classes enjoyed many fun activities. The Year 8 students watched a performance "Mission Gnocchi" which was very entertaining and funny. The Year 10 boys Intermediate Futsal Team challenged the staff to a game at lunchtime. The students easily beat the staff 5-nil. Congratulations to 7 Snowy and 8 Clark who won the LOTE homeroom competition.



## YEAR 10 – TITRATION STAKES COMPETITION

Last term, 9 Year 10 enthusiastic students dedicated several weeks to developing their laboratory skills and learning some Year 11 Chemistry concepts to carry out several titrations in order to determine the concentration of samples of vinegar for the "Vinegar and Pickle Company". 351 teams from many schools across Victoria competed. Congratulations to Jatila Dissanayake, Minh Vo, Ben Jansen, Caitlyn Gonsalves, Vincent Le, Jocelyn Cuzcano, Charmaine Jarlego, Kim Huynh and Crystal Molina, for their participation.





CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE ST ALBANS

PRESENTS

# Charlie

~ AND THE ~

## CHOCOLATE FACTORY

- A PLAY -

ROALD DAHL - ADAPTED BY RICHARD GEORGE

AUGUST 31ST & SEPTEMBER 1ST

AT 7.30PM



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