

Gratitude

To be grateful for what is instead of underscoring what is not.

To find good amid the unwanted aspects of life — without denying the presence of the unwanted.

To focus on beauty in the little things of life — as well as being deliberate about the great beauties of art, literature, music and nature.

To be present to one's own small space of life - while stretching to the world beyond it.

To find something to laugh about in every day— even when there seems nothing to laugh about.

To search for and see the good in others— rather than remembering their faults and weaknesses.

To be thankful for each loving deed done by another— no matter how insignificant it might appear.

To taste life to the fullest— and not take it for granted.

To seek to forgive others for their wrongdoings— even immense ones, and to put the past behind.

To find ways to reach out and help the disenfranchised— while also preserving their dignity and self-worth.

To be as loving and caring as possible in a culture that consistently challenges this virtue.

To remember to say thank you – for whatever comes as a gift from another.

To be at peace – with what cannot be changed.

Bountiful God, we give thanks for one another, for all of creation, for the many blessings we have received and for all who have walked with us during Term 3.

(Joyce Rupp, The Circle of Life)

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Principal's Report

Thank You

As this is the final newsletter for Term 3 I'd like to thank students, families and staff for your ongoing support, hard work and the care that you've given so generously over the past 10 weeks.

Without a doubt it has been a very busy term so it's no surprise that we are all ready for a break! I hope that students and staff enjoy this time with family and friends, and the opportunity to move at a less hectic pace.

Social Services Sunday

Sunday 17th September was Social Services Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This is an opportunity to reflect on the Gospel call to service. Each of us is called to reach out to help those who are poor, marginalized or excluded in our society.

It is also a time for the wider church community to give thanks for the social service work being carried out by Church agencies, parishes and school communities on behalf of the Church as a whole. Different Catholic social service organisations provide direct support to hundreds of thousands of people in need each year. This might be in assisting and advocating for people caught up in family violence; providing housing and homelessness support; partnering with Indigenous people; providing mental health and disability services; offering support and services to people seeking asylum, to migrants and to refugees, and through prison ministry.

Catholic Social Services, through its staff and volunteers, works with and on behalf of the vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our society, trying to ensure that the dignity of all people is recognised in all the decisions we make and all we do.

At our school, students have many different opportunities to participate in community service and social action. The opportunities range from assisting with the 'Loaves and Fishes Food Bank' to participating in Reading Buddies at St Albans library; from visiting the elderly at local nursing homes to helping at the local primary schools; from being involved in the 'Kids teaching Kids' project to the Vinnie's Winter Sleepout; from growing produce in the community garden to developing sustainability initiatives, and much, much more. Underpinning our curriculum and many cocurricular activities, is the challenge to make a difference in our world; 'to see a need and to do something about it'.

"An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it." (Pope Franics, Evangelii Gaudium)

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Congratulations to all involved in the school production, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Thank you to everyone involved for taking us on this wonderfully creative adventure into a land of pure imagination. The acting was superb; the set amazing; the dancing and music captivating, and the costumes were just 'to die for', in fact, the whole experience was just magical.

A production like this is the work of many hands. Thank you to all the very talented students who took part. The many hours of after school and weekend rehearsals were well worth the final experience. You are all such incredibly talented young people. We are in awe of what you've achieved.

Thank you to all the staff involved but particularly Ms Mhairi Shepherd (Director/Producer), Mr Clarence Marshall (Musical Director), Mr Ben Wisbey (Production Assistant) and Ms Pauline Corson and Ms Jo Mallia (Costumes) for all your work. There would be have countless unseen hours of planning, preparation and worry in bringing the production together. We hope that you are all well pleased with what you've achieved. It was terrific.

Sports News

Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed success in a number of SACCSS interschool sporting events.

SACCSS Athletics

Congratulations to all the athletes who represented the school. Your school spirit, sportsmanship and willingness to give 100% were evident in the lead up and on the day.

There were many outstanding individual performances with a number of students posting a personal best and / or first place. We were particularly thrilled with the Junior Boys team which placed second overall.

Congratulations to Agel Thon who was the individual champion for the Intermediate girls. This is a remarkable achievement by a very talented athlete. Well done Agel.

Year 9 Premier League

Congratulations to the Year 9 Boys Volleyball Team who defeated St Monica's 3 - 0 in their cross over final to make the grand final this week. We wish them all the best for Tuesday.

SACCSS Tennis

The College was well represented by a talented team at the SACCSS tennis last week. Their spirit, endeavor, sportmanship and skill were outstanding. Well done to Olivia Barisic, Isabel Jankovic, Rejoyce Modi, Chanel Hurmez, Alex Haddad, Jeremy Lawang, Carl Mikhail Sevillano, Peter Phan, Donovan Hughes and Caeser Pagano. Thank you to Mrs Trish MacDonald, Ms Jess Iaria and Mr Liam MacDonald for accompanying the team.

Congratulations to Donovan Hughes and Caeser Pagano who won the Boys B Division Tennis in a nail biting final on Thursday.

Lantern Festival: 12 October (6pm - 8pm)

Early next term we will once again have the Lantern Festival at the College. Please keep this evening free and join us for a night of lantern making, food, storytelling, entertainment and the lantern parade.

This was a great night last year. Please join us. No need to bring anything. All lantern making materials and food will be supplied.

Catholic School Parents Victoria

The latest newsletter for this organisation is available at the link below. It provides a range of information for parents.

http://vcspb.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/32855

Parenting Seminar: Growth Mindsets -Strategies for Teenage Success

Families are invited to attend this Parenting Seminar featuring Darren Pereira which is being offered at CRC North Keilor. Details in the flyer later in the newsletter.

Beginning of Term 4

Term 4 begins on Monday 09 October. This will be Week 1 and Day 1 of the timetable.

Preparing for Term 4

The school holidays are certainly a time for rest and recreation, however, they're also an opportunity to prepare for the new term. Some students will have projects or homework to complete over the break. It's a good idea to get this done earlier, rather than later.

With exams only 7 or 8 weeks away, the holidays are a good time to begin revision of Term 3 work and / or to catch up on any missed work. Those who struggle with organisation might use this time to put some order into folders. Filing old notes and worksheets might be a good start and ensuring that you have all the stationery you need for Term 4 would help.

If students do little else it would be helpful to find some time to read each day.

Term 4 Uniform

Families are reminded that Weeks 1 – 4 are a transition period for uniform. Students can wear either full summer or full winter uniform but not a mix and match of both.

Following the Cup Weekend break, from Wednesday 08 November all students will need to be in full summer uniform.

The holidays may be a good time to check that students have all that is required.

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 4 2017:

Fridays:

 13 October
 27 0

 10 November
 24 0

27 October 24 November

The final newsletter will be posted home on 19 December (posted)

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

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:

SACCSS Athletics Year 7 Maths Games Day 10 O'Connell Community service Book Week / Book Week Breakfast Year 7 Languages excursion Year 7 2018 interviews Brimbank 'Kids teaching Kids' conference Year 7 Swimming Year 10 Reflection Day Year 7 Werribee Park zoo visit Year 9 Reach program SACCSS Tennis Year 7 National Gallery of Victoria visit

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.

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On Thursday 14th September the following students represented CRC St Albans at the SACCSS Tennis Tournament : Alex Haddad

- Peter Phan
- Donovan Hughes
- Ceazar Pagano
- Jeremy Lawang
- Carl Sevillano
- Olivia Barisic
- Isabel Jankovic
- Rejoyce Modi
- Chanel Hurmez

All students played well and in good spirit. We had a wonderful day. A special congratulations goes to Donovan Hughes and Ceazar Pagano for winning the boys Intermediate B team championship. Their effort was outstanding. Well done! Miss laria and Mrs McDonald



Year 10 reflection day





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

- Opulent 5 Lummox 1 2 Exemplary 6
 - Oust Succulent

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Caustic

10 Animosity

- 3 Trivial 7 8 Incessant
- 4 Precocious
- А Sarcastic in a bitter way
- В A clumsy, stupid person
- Continuing without a break С
- D Strong dislike
- Е Tender, juicy, and tasty
- Highly costly and luxurious F
- G Of little value or importance
- Developed at an earlier age than usual or expected Н Deprive of or exclude from having something L
 - Very good

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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

20 September: - CRC 8 Clark will be leading Mass



Year 10 Reflection Day

On Tuesday 12th September the Year 10's experienced their Reflection Day. On this day students explored the world today and the mark they want to leave on it.

With their Pastoral Care Group students spent the day discussing in small groups how they are God's hands, heart and mind here on earth. In the afternoon the students had time for some individual reflection and the day concluded with celebrating mass together.

I would like to thank the students for their positive contributions and the staff who attended each venue for their hard work. In particular, I would like to extend a huge thanks to Ms Trish Mcdonald, Mr Clarence Marshall, and Mr Eder Ramos for their leadership on the day. Thank you also to Fr Cooney, Fr Sullivan and Fr Tuan Do for leading us in Mass at the end of the day.

Student's observation of the day

`In the small groups I like how I got to know people not as teachers or as students but as human beings'. Faye, 10 Little

`Everyone got to express their inner feelings and have deep meaningful conversations with one another'. Peter, 10 Macauley

`I give the day a 9 out of 10'. Deng, 10 Mackillop





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School fees 2017

Term 3 School Fees are due before 22nd September 2017. If you have any difficulties regarding school fee payments, please do not hesitate to contact the office on: 9366 2544





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North Keilor

Parenting seminar GROWTH MINDSETS - strategies for teenage success

FEATURING

Daren Pereira, speaking on study skills, motivation and resilience. **COVERING**

Developing a growth mindset (latest work by world leading researcher and Professor of Psychology at Stanford University, Dr Carol S Dweck, PhD).

FOCUSING ON:

The difference between a growth and a fixed mindset; neuroscience and how the brain functions; using positive praise; research on developing 'grit' in kids; dealing with disappointment and bouncing forward after setbacks.

- VENUE: Catholic Regional College, North Keilor 1c Santa Monica Dve, Keilor Lodge Collaborative Learning space
- DATE: Tuesday 17 October 2017
- TIME: 7.00pm 8.00pm
- RSVP: office@crcnk.vic.edu.au 93611 5900



20 - 22 September: Year 9 Camp

22 September: Year 8 Reflection Day

Term 4 2017

12 October: Lantern Festival (6–8pm)

16 & 17 October: Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp

27 October: Interhouse Athletics Carnival

2 November: CRC Celebrates / Image Art Exhibition

> 6 November: Cup Weekend Break

> 7 November: Cup Weekend Break

21 November: McAuley Assembly

22 - 28 November: Years 9 and 10 exams

> **29 November**: Year 10 Picnic

30 November: Year 10 Graduation Mass

1 December: Correction Day (students not required)

4-8 December: Year 11 2018 Orientation Week (CRC Sydenham)

> 6 December: Year 10 2018 VCE and VET Orientation Day (CRC Sydenham)

5 December: Peer Support Training Day (Year 9)

7 December: Ball Sports Day (Years 7 & 8) / Trinity Ice Skating Day (Year 9)

> 8 December: Final day for Years 7-9

20 December: School office closes



Catholic Regional College St Albans

Lantern Festival

"VUI HỘI TRĂNG RẰM "



Join us for an evening of lantern making, food, entertainment, storytelling and lantern parade.

Thursday 12 October 2017 <u>6.00pm — 8.00pm</u>

CRC St Albans 10 Theodore Street St Albans

For more information call the college on: 9366 2544





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BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

THE LIBRARY HELD COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES LAST WEEK TO CELEBRATE BOOKWEEK. Monday and recess every day we had Library questions with prizes.

Tuesday we held a trivia competition that went very well. Reading Hour was held on **Wednesday**, with students being the first to sample the new books that were available. Thursday was the great Paper Plane Competition where competitors vied for the longest throw. First was Samuel Le with a throw of 12 metres and Bolis Nyok was second with a throw of 10 metres.



Bolis and Samuel



TOP TEN BOOKS BORROWED . . .

Billionaire Boy by David Walliams The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

Tomorrow when the war began by John Marsden Wonder by R.J. Palacio Once by Morris Gleitzman The Greatest Blogger in the World by Andrew McDonald Vampire Knight 3 Death note 6: Give and Take Vampire Knight 4 The 65 story treehouse

Breakfast was enjoyed by about 100 people on Friday 8th September when the school community came together for pancakes with ice cream, muffins, toast, croissants, crumpets, coffee and hot chocolate





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Cup Congratulations to 8 Attard for jumping 3 rungs of the Readers'Cup Ladder and reaching 3rd place. 9 Lyons moved up 2 places and 10 O'Connell moved 1 place. Currently the Top placings are: 7 Wimmera - 421 7 Yarra - 325 8 Attard - 278 7 Avoca - 276 7 Kiewa - 257 7 Snowy -- 246

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READERS



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YEAR 7 LANGUAGE EXCURSION

Last Tuesday 5th September, the Year 7 students attended Language Studies excursions. The students studying Chinese went to the Chinese Museum, where they looked at artefacts and learnt to do Chinese knotting. In groups, students then purchased a resource to be used in class.

Students studying Italian went to the Veneto Club in Bulleen, where they engaged in a number of activities, such as playing bocce, soccer, pasta making, cooking sauce, preparing pizza and having an Italian meal. Below are a few pictures of these activities.



Year 7 Science Zoo Excursion

As part of the Year 7 Science program students spent the day on Tuesday at Werribee Open Range zoo.

One group were stopped by an inquisitive giraffe who decided to see what all the fuss was about.



CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE









Star power abounds at CRC. On August 31st and September the 1st students across Year 7-10 came together to perform "Charlie and the Chocolate factory" at Sydenham's Crate theatre., Mhairi Shepherd, the show's Director, and Clarence Marshall, the Musical Director, selected this show to provide an opportunity for students not only to perform for an audience, but also to expand upon the creative spirit and performing arts curriculum at CRC St. Albans.

The joy of learning was evident throughout both the process and the final performances. The commitment, self-discipline and energy the students brought to the process impressed all. Preparing props, costume and make-up added to the professionalism of the finished performance. Most notable, this is the first time CRC has produced a show that incorporated students from across all year levels, enabling them to show-case their diverse talents.

Students presented three sold out shows; a matinee and two evening performances. With help from the CRC St. Albans' community a magical set was created, with boats that floated down a chocolate river, imposing Industrial gates representing the gates of Willy Wonka's factory and of course edible plants.

Principal Christina Utri commented on how impressive it was to see "Students from different cultures, interests and experiences all collaborating to create this amazing theatrical event."

This show highlights the magic that can happen when committed staff and students come together.

QUOTES ...

"The play was an unforgettable experience beyond our wildest imagination, you could really feel the love and support back stage,it was amazing to see everyone's hard work come together for 3 spectacular shows. I will forever treasure the memories and experience from it."*Pranvera Nov Year 10*

"I really enjoyed this experience because of the way everyone got along. It was a great bonding experience. It was what I had thought it would be and more." *Liam Kilpatrick Year* 7

"It was a fun and memorable experience, something I will cherish when I leave CRC." *Lynda The Le,Year 8*

"I enjoyed meeting different people from each year level, I wouldn't have become friends with any of them if it weren't for the play. Since the play went so well, I got complimented by friends and family so that's pretty good." *Teresa Tram Bui Year 7*

"I really enjoyed the whole experience, it was very challenging but in the end very rewarding. Because it was my first high school production I had a great time learning more about other cast members and making lots of new friends." **Emily Gerada Year 7**





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Year 10 Outdoor Education Ski Day

On Friday 25th August our Year 10 Outdoor Education students spent the day cross-country skiing at Lake Mountain. It was yet another epic adventure for students and staff alike and it was great to see our students showcasing their leadership and teamwork skills throughout the day.

Thank you to Ms Lowe, Ms Pavlides and Mr Strachan for their assistance in ensuring the day was a success.



SACCSS Athletics Carnival...

Last Monday 4th September the college was represented by some 60 enthusiastic athletes. In what was quite testing weather conditions, with constant wind and intermittent showers all students performed with great determination and sportsmanship.

The college had a good number of students who finished either first second or third in a variety of disciplines during the competition. Several students won more than one event, they being, Arop Thom, 1500 and 800 meters, Augustine Morris Jnr, 400 and Relay, Rhanel Hao, Discus and Shot Put and Agel Thon for 100 and 400 meter events. Also, Agel Thon won the champion female athlete for the 16 year old girl's competition. Our school community should be proud of <u>all</u> student's efforts on the day as they accumulated valuable points to the college's tally. Overall results; Junior Boys Division 2nd place. Junior Girls 4th Place. Intermediate Boys 3rd place. Intermediate Girls 6th Place. A special thanks go out to all teachers who

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