

## Principal's Report

### Reflection

Blessed,  
therefore, are the open hands that  
embrace the poor and  
help them:  
they are the hands that  
bring hope.

Blessed are the hands that  
reach beyond every barrier of  
culture, religion and  
nationality,  
and pour the balm of  
consolation over the wound of  
humanity.

Blessed are the open hands that  
ask nothing in exchange,  
with no 'ifs' or 'buts' or 'maybes':  
they are hands that call down  
God's blessing  
upon their brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis (2017)

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Sunday marks the start of Anti-Poverty Week across Australia. Weeks such as this set out to highlight issues of poverty and hardship, to strengthen our understanding of its causes and consequences, and call all of us to *action*. While many in Australia live in comparative comfort, three million Australians (including over 730,000 children) live in poverty. Around the world more than a billion people are desperately poor.

Anti-Poverty Week ties in well with the most recent Social Justice Statement developed by the Australian Catholic Bishops. "*Everybody's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy*" invites us to reflect on the ethics of business; the equitable sharing of wealth, the common good, solidarity with the poor and how we might build a more sustainable economy where everyone gets a fair go. Despite 25 years of continuous economic growth, inequity has increased in Australia. The Bishops call for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person.

Against a backdrop of issues such as housing affordability, cuts to Sunday penalty rates, decreasing job security, under employment and homelessness, this statement is a timely reflection on how business can and needs to work for everyone, not only some. It is also a reminder that doing something about this, is our business. Each of us must do something. We cannot excuse ourselves with an 'if', 'but' or 'maybe'.

Reading the statement might be a good start. For a copy of the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website at: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au).

The report is supported by a number of interesting resources, including 10 action steps that we might take.

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to term 4. I hope that everyone had a really good break and returns well rested, re-charged and ready for a big final term.

I am sure that all Tigers supporters in the school community are absolutely thrilled with their win on the last Saturday in September. There is much that we can learn from Damien Hardwick and his team. Their resilience and determination are remarkable. Only 12 months ago they finished in 13<sup>th</sup> place and many outside the team were ready to give up on them. Yet instead of giving up, the coaches, players and administrators took on the feedback, made adjustments where they were needed and continued to develop areas already working. They never lost sight of their goal and what they needed to do to get there. It is a story of perseverance, making mistakes and learning from them, and keeping at it, even when the going was tough. Learning that school is no different. It requires persistence. During any term, there will be ups and downs but we need to keep at it.

The coming weeks are looking very busy as we prepare for Inter-house Athletics, the Image 2017 exhibition and CRC Celebrates all in Weeks 3 and 4 of term.

I encourage all students to really focus on their studies this term. Ensure that you keep on top of things: use your diary, work in class, ask for help, complete homework, start exam revision today, meet deadlines, come to class prepared.....

Whilst we are now a few minutes into the last quarter there is still time for those who haven't been doing their best to turn their game around. For those who've put in a solid effort throughout the year - it is important to keep the momentum to the end.

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## Year 9 Premier League

Congratulations to the Year 9 Boys Volleyball Team who won the Premier League Volleyball final late last term. Throughout the tournament the boys displayed skill, fine sportsmanship and terrific school spirit. I am sure they and their families are very proud of what they've achieved. We are.

## Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships

Every year secondary schools across Victoria can nominate students to be considered for the Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships offered through Melbourne University. Applications are judged on academic achievement, school involvement and leadership skills. At the College we shortlist based on Semester 1 results and then look at involvement in school life and leadership to confirm the nominations.

I'd like to congratulate **Thuong Nguyen, Caitlyn Gonsalves, Jocelyn Cuzzano and Xavier Bondoc** on being our nominees for the scholarship in 2017. Best wishes to these students. Each would be a worthy recipient of this award. We should hear by early December if they've been successful.

## Year 9 Camp

On behalf of the Year 9 students I'd like to thank Mr. Taylor and all the staff who planned and attended the Year 9 camp. From all accounts it was a terrific experience for everyone. Families will recognise that it is a huge responsibility taking away over 100 adolescents. I thank staff for their willingness to be part of challenging activities such as this, and students who were both mature and responsible in their approach to the camp. I know that the benefits of learning opportunities such as this are immeasurable.

## Tutoring

Do you need help in getting your homework done? Are you struggling with your assignments? Why not take up the following offer of help?

Edmund Rice runs a free tutoring program for secondary and tertiary students at the Errington Community Centre on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 – 5.00pm and here at CRC St Albans in our library on Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 12.00pm.

The Saturday program has tutors from a range of professions and assistance is generally 1:1. Often families pay significant amounts of money for this type of support. I encourage you to take up this service.

## Re-enrolment forms

Re-enrolment forms will be sent home on Monday. In order to assist us with planning for 2018, families are asked to return these by **Friday 10 November, 2017**.

## 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: 27 October 10 November 24 November

*The final newsletter will be posted home on 19 December (posted to families).*

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](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 9 Camp

Year 8 Reflection Day

Yr 7 Visual Arts National Gallery of Victoria visit

Performing Arts Theatre visit

10 O'Connell Community Service

Year 8 Premier League

Melbourne Museum visit (Intensive English program)

Vietnamese Lantern Festival

J.C Burke Author visit (Year 9)

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



### 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 4 ROSTER

**11 October** - Sacred Heart

**18 October** - CRC  
JIA—9 Hughes

**25 October** - Sacred Heart

**1 November** - CRC  
MSK—8 Orifici & MGN— 8 Edison

**8 November** - CRC  
MDO—8 Attard

**15 November** - CRC  
JDS—8 Clark

**22 November** - Sacred Heart

**29 November** - Sacred Heart

## Reflection

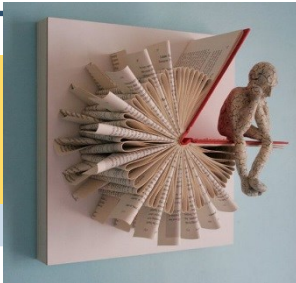
Year 8 students enjoyed a delicious Devonshire Tea at Overnewton Castle as part of their recent learning during REFLECTION DAY.



# TIME



# READ



OCTOBER 2017

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

OUR COLLEGE

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

## WHAT'S ON WHEN ...?

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

### READING HOUR

Due to exam preparations this will be our last Reading hour for 2017

At the start of Term 4 the Readers' Cup placings are unchanged. Classes who want to catch 7 Wimmera will need to keep up their reading! Good luck and

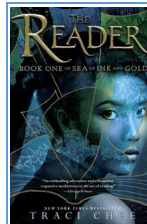
## KEEP READING



### Library Activities ...



## NEW BOOKS ...



### The Reader (Sea of Ink and Gold #1)

by Traci Chee

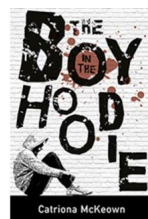
Sefia knows what it means to survive. After her father is brutally murdered, she flees into the wilderness with her aunt Nin, who teaches her to hunt, track, and steal. But when Nin is kidnapped, leaving Sefia completely alone, none of her survival skills can help her discover where Nin's been taken, or if she's even alive.



### Nyxia (The Nyxia Triad #1)

by Scott Reintgen

Emmett Atwater isn't just leaving Detroit; he's leaving Earth. Why the Babel Corporation recruited him is a mystery, but the number of zeroes on their contract has him boarding their lightship and hoping to return to Earth with enough money to take care of his family. Before long, Emmett discovers that he is one of ten recruits and each recruit must earn the right to travel down to a planet that Babel has kept hidden—where they will mine a substance called Nyxia that has quietly become the most valuable material in the universe. Emmett will face the ultimate choice: win a fortune at any cost, or find a way to fight that won't forever compromise what it means to be human.



### The Boy in the Hoodie

by Catriona McKeown

Kathleen Morrow is a Pastor's kid struggling to find her place in the world. To protect a friend, she lands herself in detention where she meets a boy with a serious reputation. As an unlikely friendship develops between the two, Kat realises her own problems are insignificant compared to the ones this boy hides under his grey hoodie. And now he's asking for her help. How far is she prepared to go to help him? Kat must choose between the future she wants and a friendship unlike any she has ever known before.

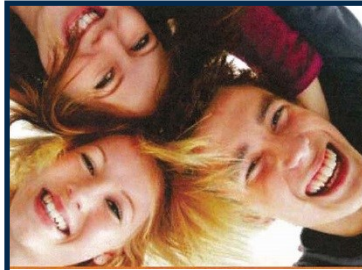
## TOP TEN BOOKS BORROWED



- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket
- Escapes! Ten perilous escape stories from around the world by L. Scandiffio
- The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants by Ann Brashares
- Tomorrow when the war began by John Marsden
- The Rabbits by John Marsden
- Freedom Writers Diary by Erin Gruwell
- The 65 Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths
- Billionaire Boy by David Walliams
- Vampire Knight 4
- The 65 story treehouse



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



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## Parenting seminar

**GROWTH MINDSETS - strategies for teenage success**

**FEATURING:** Daren Pereira - study skills, motivation and resilience.

**COVERING:** Developing a growth mindset

**FOCUSING ON:** The difference between a growth and a fixed mindset; neuroscience and how the brain functions; latest research.

**VENUE:** Catholic Regional College, North Keilor  
1c Santa Monica Dve, Keilor Lodge

**DATE:** Tuesday 17 October 2017

**TIME:** 7.00pm - 8.00pm

**RSVP:** [office@crcnk.vic.edu.au](mailto:office@crcnk.vic.edu.au) or 93611 5900



### MUSIC NEWS

## 2017 ANZCA Music Examination Results

Congratulations to the following Year 10 Music students for their incredible scores on their ANZCA Singing Performance Exams:

**Emily Aguila** Grade 2  
98/100 First Class Honours

**Caitlyn Gonsalves** Grade 3  
95/100 First Class Honours

**Darianna Nuez** Grade 4  
99/100 First Class Honours

I am so proud of all three students for their dedication, passion for singing and hard work.

Your results are excellent.

**Mr Marshall**



## GUITAR, UKULELE, BASS LESSONS

Are you interested in learning the guitar, ukulele or bass? We offer shared or individual lessons at CRC and we provide a number of opportunities throughout the year for students to perform.

Cost

Shared lessons - \$12 for 25 minutes.

Individual lessons are also available

Cost

\$25 for 25 minutes.

Students can commence lessons at any time throughout the year.

Limited places available.

Please contact

Mr. Clarence Marshall



## VOLLEY RIGHT ON BALL FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP!

The year 9 SACCSS Premier League season finished during term 3 with all teams developing some friendships and skills playing in a team together. Particularly worthy of a mention is the Boys' Volleyball team, who showed an impressive dedication to training, and a commitment to teamwork. These traits were rewarded with the team winning seven straight matches to claim the championship. This is the first time in at least 5 years that a CRC St. Albans team has won a Premier League competition. The members of the team were KennetteBrian DeChavez, Jimmy Tran, Daniel Duong, Thomas Nguyen, KhaiMinh Vo, Jady Hoang, Jordan Nguyen, Andy Nguyen, Ronald Khuu, Pham Lam, Roshith Thanthulage and Damien Le.



### Key Dates - Term 4 2017

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