

Principal's Report

A Prayer for Artists

Bless the creators,
O God of creation,
who by their gifts
make the world a more joyful and
beautiful realm.
Through their labours
they teach us to see more clearly
the truth around us.
In their inspiration
they call forth wonder and awe
in our own living.
In their hope and vision
they remind us that life is holy.

Bless all who create in your image,
O God of creation.
Pour your Spirit upon them
that their hearts may sing
and their works be fulfilling.
Amen.

(Author Unknown)

CRC Celebrates

Last week as part of CRC Celebrates we enjoyed a series of excellent performances by the Year 9 Music, Drama and Dance students, some poetry reading and speeches from English and the Image 2017 exhibition.

As I was watching the performances, listening to the poetry and viewing the exhibition and the films, I was in awe of the talent on display. The performances, designs, art work, technology projects and films displayed depth of thought, fresh ideas and unique insights about our world. Some were sobering, others quirky or poignant but all expressed ideas with inherent beauty and creativity. Well done to everyone involved.

Each month Pope Francis has a special prayer intention. In August this year, it focused on artists. His words about art capture well what many of us felt as we watched the performances, viewed the films and enjoyed the exhibition last week.

“The arts give expression to the beauty of the faith and proclaim the Gospel message of the grandeur of God’s creation. When we admire a work of art or a marvel of nature, we discover how everything speaks to us of Him and of His love. That artists of our time, though their creativity, may help us discover the beauty of creation.”

(Pope Francis, August 2017)

Thank you to all the artists (poets, musicians, painters, film makers, sculptors, dancers, actors, designers and craftsman) in our community for helping us, through your gifts, to discover the beauty of creation.

Thank you to the Arts, Technology and English teachers, students and the student curators who spent many hours working on the performances and exhibition. Your dedication, energy and hard work were well rewarded in the responses of your guests. Thank you to the Healthy Food Group for the catering. The finger food was delicious.

Lastly, thank you to family and friends who joined us for the evening. Your support on the night was very much appreciated.

Inter-house Athletics Carnival

Recently we enjoyed a great day at the Inter-house Athletics. There were many remarkable individual feats and some great team performances. Participation and House spirit were great.

Thank you to everyone who came in fancy dress on the day. The costumes and colour really added to the fun and atmosphere. Congratulations to Guelen House, our overall champions on the day. They also took out the Boys’ and Girls’ aggregate. Special mention to Reis House who were second overall, and in each of the aggregate trophies.

Thank you to all involved in organising the day, particularly the Sports Captains, Mr. Garry Connor and Mr. Will Watson, but also everyone who participated and gave their absolute best for their team. It was a terrific day.

Vale Fr. Tony Guelen

Last week we were very sad to learn that Fr. Tony Guelen passed away on 25 October, aged 89. Fr. Guelen was the founding parish priest of Holy Eucharist (1971 – 1983), as well as being a key figure in the establishment of Catholic Regional College and the Priests Remuneration and Retirement funds.

Families connected to Holy Eucharist will remember Fr. Guelen’s humour, love of life, wisdom and kindness. He had a wonderful ability to engage with people of all ages and was much loved by all who knew him. After Holy Eucharist, he was for many years Parish Priest of St Mary’s in Dandenong.

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Please keep Fr. Guelen and his family in your thoughts and prayers. May he rest in the peace and love of the Lord.

Victorian School Garden Award (VSGA)

Our school community garden project continues to be acknowledged through a range of awards. As well as last week's Resource Smart Community Leadership award, this week students and staff won the regional VSGA award for secondary schools, and have been nominated as a finalist for the Victorian award. I congratulate all involved.

Year 8 Premier League

I would like to congratulate Year 8 students on a very good Premier League season. Students displayed great sportsmanship, fine team spirit and strong endeavour in all sports. Thank you to all the staff who coached a team, to Mr Connor and Mr Watson for their organisation of the events and all the students who represented our school so well.

Finishing the Year

Students across the school have a range of exams, class tests and assessment tasks which need to be completed over the next month. It's important that everyone remains focussed and works hard to the end of the year.

As always, students need to be at school each day unless they are sick. Sometimes students will ask parents and carers for a day off towards the end of the year, claiming that things are winding down. This is not the case. The final weeks of the year are a time to put in extra effort, not to wind down. The time to kick back from a break will come with the holidays.

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

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 all students should now be in full summer uniform.

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: 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.crcstalbens.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.crcstalbens.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 8 Premier League

CRC Celebrates

Image 2017

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 ROSTER

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.

15 November - CRC (JDS—8 Clark)

22 November - Sacred Heart

29 November - Sacred Heart

Christian Meditation

In Year 7 and 8 this year we have been incorporating Christian meditation as part of our RE classes. In 2018 Christian meditation will be incorporated into the year 9 program. Christian meditation has been referred to as 'prayer of the heart'. Meditation has a deep tradition within the Christian Faith. Meditation is often silent an opportunity to be with God and provides an opportunity for a deeper level of transformation. It can be challenging and some classes have been more successful than others, but we continually build staff and students capacity to embark on this vital part of our prayer life.

Year 10

In discussing the symbol for this Year, the Graduation Mass planning group discussed how we are like a window and God's light shines through us. The readings have been especially selected for this mass, with both demonstrating that we should use our light to show God's love in the world. In the first reading, Isaiah, it suggests when we help people in darkness, that is when we bring light.

In the Gospel reading of Mathew, Jesus uses the metaphor of light for his disciples. He challenges them to use their light.

In our lives too, there are moments of darkness and light. As year 10 prepare to leave the school they are reflecting on how they, in a world often presented in darkness, will bring their light to the world.

Please pray for them as they embark on the next step of their faith journey.



School Fees 2017

All families should have received their school fee account balance statements in the mail, showing their current balance.

We request all payment of fees for this year before the close of Friday 8th December 2017.

Families who hold a concession/Centrelink card and who are on an arrangement with their school fees, please contact the office on 9366 2544 to make an appointment with Mrs Anne Ross to set up fees for 2018.

Key Dates

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)

5 December:
Peer Support Training Day
(Year 9)

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

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



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



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

For all enrolment enquiries call Eileen Chalmerson 9366 2544

Application forms are available online at
<http://www.crcstalban.catholic.edu.au>

or pick one up from Catholic Regional College 10 Theodore Street St Albans



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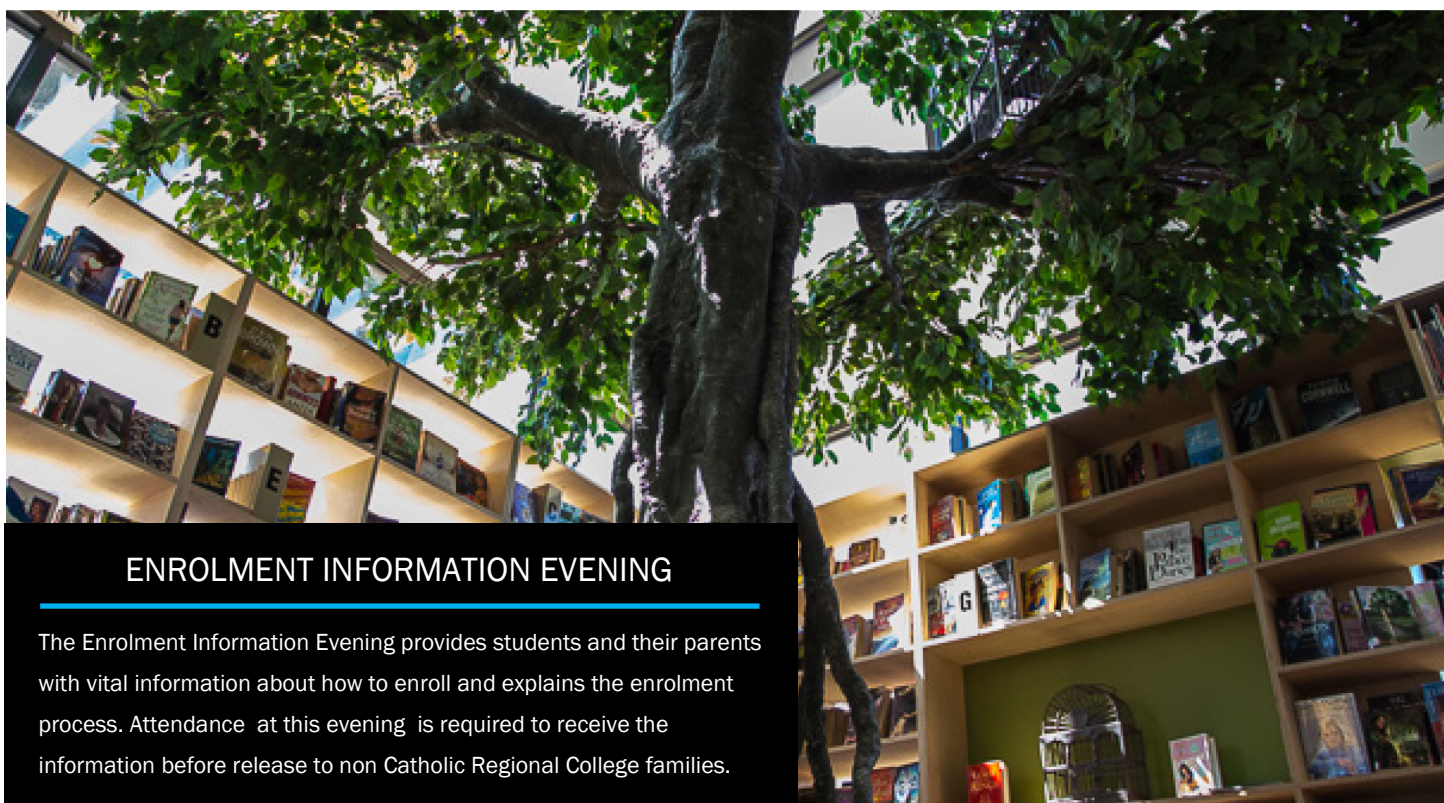
ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING - YEAR 11 2019

INFORMATION SESSION - VCE & VET 2018

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2017



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ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

The Enrolment Information Evening provides students and their parents with vital information about how to enroll and explains the enrolment process. Attendance at this evening is required to receive the information before release to non Catholic Regional College families.



ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION

7:00PM: Multipurpose Hall

YEAR 10 2018 VCE & VET INFORMATION SESSION

7:45PM - 8:30PM: This session follows the Enrolment Information Session.

Tours will also be available, starting from the front of the College at 6:00PM, 6:15PM and 6:30PM

Years 9 and 10 Semester 2 2017 – Exam Schedule

| | Wednesday 22 nd November (Day 3) | Thursday 23 rd November (Day 4) | Friday 24 th November (Day 5) | Monday 27 th November (Day 6) | Tuesday 28 th November (Day 7) |
|------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| Periods 1 & 2 | Year 9 English | Year 9 Maths | Year 9 Humanities | Year 9 Science | Year 9 Language |
| Periods 3 & 4 | | | | Year 9 Religion | Year 10 Language |
| Periods 5 & 6 | Year 10 English | Year 10 Religion | Year 10 Science | Year 10 Maths | Year 10 Humanities |

Year 10:

Year 10 students start their exams on Wednesday 22nd November.

Year 10 students will not be expected at school until lunchtime.

Year 10 English Exam is on a Wednesday bell time and student and staff will need to be aware that the English Exam will run for the full 90 minutes. This means that students may not finish their exam until 3:10 pm.

Those students completing the language exam, will be required to attend school at the beginning of recess on Tuesday 28th November.

Year 10 to 11 Orientation Week commences on Monday 4th December.

Year 9:

Year 9 students will start their exams on Wednesday 22nd November.

Year 9 students will have one exam per day during the first 2 periods followed by normal classes in periods 3 – 6. Except on Monday 27th November, where students will have two exams during Periods 1-4.

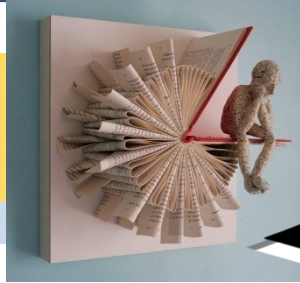
On Tuesday 28th November all Year 9 students will complete their final exam during Periods 1 and 2 and then go off to their Trinity classes to take part in the UN Summit.

**Letters have been sent home to families of Years 9 and 10 students
with further details.**

TIME

NOVEMBER 2017

OUR COLLEGE



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

Q READ

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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

WHAT'S GOING ON ...?

The new jigsaw puzzle is proving a challenge to our jigsaw fanatics with a mass of small robots and bright colours filling the library tables. This latest is definitely a challenge for the students.

READERS CUP

Congratulations to 7 Avoca [366] who have moved into third spot on the ladder and are passing 7 Yarra [339]. The Readers' Cup competition finishes **Friday 17th November** – only one week to go.

A great effort everyone!

KEEP READING



TOP 10 BOOKS BORROWED



Wonder

by R.J. Palacio

The Bad Beginning

by Lemony Snicket

Once

by Morris Gleitzman

Anna's story

by Bronwyn Donaghy

Soldier Boy

By Anthony Hill

Diary of a Young Girl

by Anne Frank

Initial D vol. 25 Deluge Daredevils

By Shigeno Shuichi

Not a Good Look

by C.L. Tompsett

The Rose That Grew in Concrete

by Morris Gleitzmann

A Semi Definitive List of Worst

Nightmares

by K. Sutherland



"...KEEP READING"

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE ST ALBANS

IMAGES 2017

THURSDAY 2 NOV

VISUAL ARTS
VISUAL COM + DESIGN
PERFORMING ARTS
MEDIA
DESIGN + TECHNOLOGY

COLLEGE HALL

7:15PM AWARDS & PRESENTATION

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



SAACS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL WINNERS



**Congratulations to Guelen House
Overall winners on the day!**