# Principal's Report

#### The Ode

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn

At the going down
of the sun
and in the morning
We will
remember them.

#### Friday 27 April 2018

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On Tuesday morning students and staff gathered for a very moving ANZAC Day ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony we created a 'Remembrance Wall', made of poppies and scattered poppy seeds in our Jubilee Garden. The hope is that these seeds will grow into a 'field' of poppies, in time for Remembrance Day in November.

Remembrance Day 2018 marks the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War (1914 – 1918). To mark this occasion 62,000 knitted poppies will be displayed at the War Memorial in Canberra, similar to the carpet of poppies we had in Federation Square and various parts of the city three years ago for the centenary of Gallipoli. This is one for each Australian killed in World War 1.

As we all know, ANZAC Day commemorates the ill-fated landing of Australian and New Zealand soldiers on a beach in Gallipoli, Turkey in 1915. These soldiers were ordered into a battle that was impossible to win. The campaign ultimately ended in defeat and 8,700 Australians and 2,700 New Zealanders lost their lives. It was a fight for survival in appalling conditions and the scale of loss was unimaginable.

On ANZAC Day we remember not only those who gave their lives in World War 1 but also all who have sacrificed their lives in the conflicts that have followed and continue today. We should remember not only the heroism of our service personnel but also the horror of war itself. War can bring out the worst in people – on both sides. This is what violence does. The damage to individuals and communities, on all sides of the conflict, lasts for generations.

In Australia, ANZAC day always falls in the Easter season. One of the recurring themes in the Resurrection stories is peace. As Jesus catches up with his disciples he often greets them with 'Peace be with you'. However, the peace Jesus wishes his friends is not a passive thing or just an absence of conflict

and irritation, it is the peace that comes from creating a more just and inclusive world for everyone. This is challenging and difficult work but as Christians we believe it is possible and work to make it happen.

"If peace is to be established, the first condition is to root out the causes of discord among people which lead to wars – in the first place, injustice. Not a few of these causes arise out of excessive economic inequalities ....... some are due to the desire for power and contempt for people.... (Vatican 11, Gaudium et Specs)

#### Welcome to Term 2

Welcome back for Term 2. Hopefully all families had a good break and were able to enjoy the joy and hope that the Easter season brings. A quick look at the calendar indicates that we have a big term ahead of us so I hope that everyone is well rested, full of energy and raring to go.

#### **New Staff**

With the start of the new term we welcome Annetta Carullo (English / Italian) and Ricardo Santos to our staff. Annetta who is a former student of CRC St Albans and Sydenham will be replacing a number of different staff who will be taking long service leave over the coming months. Ricardo will be working with our cleaning staff.

Each brings many gifts, fresh ideas and a strong commitment to learning and our students. I wish them every blessing as they join our school community.

#### Congratulations

During the holidays we were delighted to hear that Mona-Lisa Schellebeck and her husband, Garry, are now the proud parents of Alora Miya. All are well and thriving.

#### **Farewell**

Last week we farewelled and thanked Jimmi Paez Maestre who has been part of our cleaning staff for over six years. In this time, Jimmi has worked hard to ensure that the facilities are well-cared for and that we all enjoyed the best environment possible. As many of us know from family life, cleaning can be a never-ending and thankless task. We wish him well as he pursues new opportunities that have come his way.

#### Thank You

Thank you to all families for your participation of the Student / Parent / Teacher interviews last week. Your interest is very much appreciated and is of great support to your son / daughter. I hope that you and your child found the time spent at the College to be valuable.

The mid-term reports and interviews provide students with the opportunity to celebrate what they've achieved, to reflect on their learning and to set goals for the rest of the semester.

#### **SACCSS Cross Country**

Best wishes to all the students who will represent the College at the SACCSS Interschool Cross-Country on Tuesday. We look forward to each of you achieving your personal best, giving good support to each other and participating in the spirit of sportsmanship.

#### Uniform

All students now need to be in full winter uniform. This includes wearing the blazer to homeroom each morning, and the wearing of the school tie for both boys and girls. The uniform policy and requirements are in the Student Diary.

#### **Academic Testing: Year 11 2019**

All Year 10 families are reminded that all students attending Catholic Regional College Sydenham will need to complete the Academic Testing at CRC Sydenham on **Saturday 28 April** (tomorrow).

This testing provides students with information which will assist in course selection and pathways planning for Year 11. It is a requirement of enrolment in Year 11 that students sit this test. All students who are enrolled at CRC Sydenham for 2019 must attend.

Details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 28 April

Venue: Catholic Regional College Sydenham, College Hall

Time: 8.30am – 12.30pm

Bring: Black or blue pen, a calculator and a snack / drink for

recess.

Dress: Full College uniform.

#### Staff Professional Learning Day: Thursday 10 May

Families are asked to note that **Thursday 10 May** will be a Staff Planning Day and that students will not be required on this day.

#### Newsletter Days for Term 2 2018:

Fridays:

11 May, 25 May, 8 June, 22 June

The newsletter can also be accessed on Friday morning (Day 10) 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:

- Outdoor Education Sea Shepherd visit
- Student Parent Teacher interviews
- Legacy ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony
- Year 7 Visual Arts excursion
- Student Leaders Conference
- ANZAC Day Assembly
- Year 7 Premier League
- Peer Support Leaders Training Day
- Year 7 and 8 Lunchtime Basketball competition
- Victorian College Basketball Training
- Volleyball Club
- AKORN Engineering Challenge

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



#### **Pedagogy of Encounter**

Catholic schools were founded to pro- At Catholic Regional College we hope to teach claim Jesus' message of God's love for all. Our Catholic faith calls us to embrace the contemporary world with a Catholic imagination, and a particular hope-filled view of the human person and all of creation. Catholic educators invite students to make sense of their world and their lives within a faith community that is faithful to the mission of Jesus.

(Horizons of Hope: Context 2016, p. 9).

This year the Catholic Education Office of Melbourne has invited schools to incorporate a new approach to Religious Education, this new approach is called the Pedagogy of Encounter. This approach is being introduced at Catholic Regional College St Albans into our year 7 program. The aim of this new approach is to opening up a more explicit dialogue between Catholic faith and the diverse cultures and lives of students finding new ways to express the Gospel as alive and authentic, engaging in rich and meaningful experiences of prayer.

the Catholic tradition whilst discussing how this tradition fits into the world of the students and contemporary culture. It is designed to be interactive and practical. Each of the RE units taught to the Year 7's will be connected by a central idea: Crossing the Threshold.

The content of each unit will then be taught through in Four Stages:

- 1. What is happening?
- 2. What questions is the community asking?
- 3. How is the Church is responding?
- 4. How does this impact on/in my life today?

This term, our year 7 students are studying Our Prayers, Our Liturgies '. As part of this unit students will ask three reflective questions, designed to stimulate dialogue. These questions will be asked three times during the study; before, during and after the unit is completed. In Year 7, 2018, responses to these questions will be collected in a journal and carried on to years 8, 9 and 10.

#### Our Prayers, Our Liturgies:

- What is my way of communicating and relating to others?
- How do you find God?
- Has your relationship with God changed?

We encourage parents to discuss these questions with their children and provide another perspective of the role of prayer and liturgy in their life.



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# **MARY MACKILLOP MUSEUM OPEN DAY**

The Mary MacKillop Museum at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne tells the inspiring story of Australia's St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Museum has a special Open Day on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, from 10.00am-4.00pm with a guided Mary MacKillop Walking Tour at 11.00am and a special morning or afternoon tea available between 11.00am & 3.00pm.



# 10.00am - 4.00pm

- Pray in the Chapel
- Take a tour of the Museum
- Visit the Gift Shop
- Enjoy a light refreshment
- Mary MacKillop Walking Tour available @ 11am

For further information and acceptances please contact MMHC on (03) 9926 9300 or admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au



CONGRATULATIONS go to the students who were nominated as the 2018 Year 7 Student Representative Council (SRC). Well done to all students who were nominated and to the staff and to all year 7's, who all participated in getting their votes in for their favourite leader. Year 7 SRC are as follows:

Tri Truong, 7 Kiewa

Maire McEvoy 7 Wimmera

Michelle D'Rozario 7 Yarra

Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena 7 Kiewa

## PEER SUPPORT @ CRC

On Monday afternoon the peer support team got together to learn about the qualities of what it takes to be a peer support leader. We were provided with many little activities that got us engaged into the leadership mindset. We learnt how to capture the year 7 student's attention as well as how to communicate with them. In this session each of us got to express our leadership attributes and how they could be beneficial for the peer support program. During this time we were able to bond together as a team and we got to know each other better through group activities. After the day was over, we left with more knowledge of what it takes to be a great peer support leader as well as full bellies.

- Liam Suter, Year 10

# Changed your Contact Details?

Families are reminded that the school needs to be notified immediately if you have changed your phone contact details or have moved to another address.

Please contact the office on: 9366 2544 to inform us of any changes.

# **Key Dates**

Term 22018

#### MAY

#### Tuesday 1:

SACCSS Interschool Cross Country

#### Tuesday 8:

Immersion Day: Years 7 – 9

#### Thursday 10:

Staff Planning Day (Students not required at school)

#### Friday 11:

Mothers' Day Breakfast

## Tues 15 – Thurs 17:

NAPLAN Testing (Years 7 and 9)

#### Thurs 17 and Fri 18:

Year 10

**Outdoor Education Camp** 

#### Friday 25:

Feast Day

#### **JUNE**

#### Friday 1:

Intercampus Mass (students finish at 12.40pm)

#### Monday 11:

Queen's Birthday Holiday

#### Tues 12 - Tues 19:

Year 9 and 10 exams

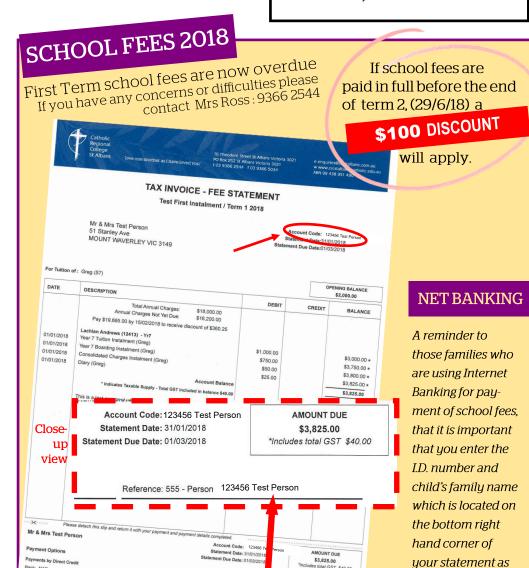
#### Wednesday 20:

Correction Day (Students not required at school)

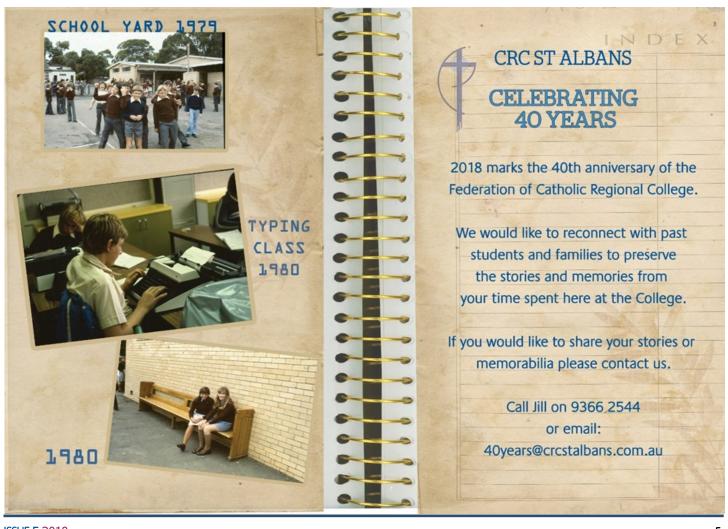
#### Friday 29:

Final Day: Term 2

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# Year 10 students Testing information for Saturday 28 April 2018



VENUE: Catholic Regional College Sydenham, College Hall.

**TIME**: 8.30am until 12.30pm

(Please ensure that students are picked up promptly at

12.30pm)

**BRING**: Black or blue pen and a

Calculator.

A snack and drink for recess.

**WEAR:** Full College uniform, as per their

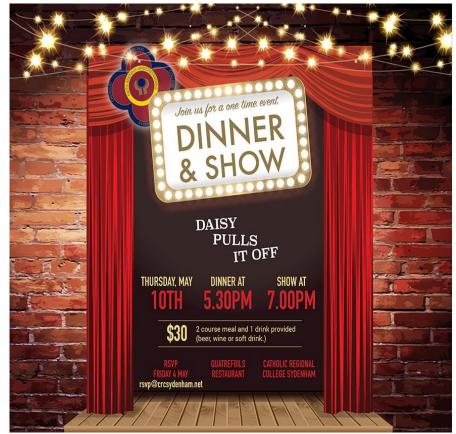
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ment, must be worn on this day.

For further information, contact
Catholic Regional College Sydenham on:

9361 0000













Congratulations to classes who moved up the ladder in the past 2 weeks.
7 Kiewa, 9 Deakin, 7 Yarra and 9 Barton have all been borrowing more books.
Remember you need to be in it, to win it and the prize of the Readers Cup and a pizza lunch awaits the class who reads the most books



GOOD LUCK AND KEEP READING

this year.

# WHAT'S ON WHEN

#### **Reading Hour**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Students interested in Reading hour please put your name down in the Library.

NEW BOOKS

**Pele** by Paul Shipton

The story of the world's greatest footballer. The compelling biography of one of the world's most famous footballers. A non-fiction reader which tells the story of Brazil's charismatic footballer in an engaging and comprehensive way. Ideal for football fans! Fact sheets intersperse the story, providing background on the country of Brazil and the World Cup tournament, and famous footballers.



In 2023, with global conflict escalating, a paranoid billionaire develops a force field designed to provide safety to those shielded beneath. Five hundred years later, the society under the shield is very different. Gods rule with an iron fist and the lives of everyone else revolves around serving their interests or reproducing the dwindling population.

But the balance of power is about to shift.

Now eighteen, Grady Pryndot sets out on the travels that mark her coming of age. Her mother has never told her the truth about her father. Her teacher has never told her the truth about her legacy. Grady is about to challenge the world order because Grady is not who she thinks she is.

STRATIFICATION

MACKILLOP

HOLLOWS

EDISON

MCAULEY

HUGHES

ATTARD

DEAKIN

CLARK

MANNIX

ORIFICI

CURTIN

YARRA

BARTON

O'CONNELL

LYONS

Remember you can access the Library through the school web page at: <a href="www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au">www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au</a>
Library Hours: Recess and lunchtime everyday Monday – Thursday 8.30 - 4.30pm and Fridays 8.30 - 4.00pm.



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On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the student leaders participated in their annual leadership conference. This was held at Keilor community hub.

The conference provided an opportunity to welcome our new year 7 SRC representatives: Maire McEvoy, Michelle D'Rozario, Sae Ulugia-Sa'ena and Tri Truong.

The day was organised by the school captains, Emma Van Wees and the facilitator for the day Adam of the 'elevation company'.

The focus for the day was continuing to build on teamwork, communication and getting to know each other. Adam was able to challenge the team through a number of learning activities that helped to build cooperation and resilience, characteristics that are very important to be an effective team and leader. The team would like to thank Emma, Ms Simoncini, Ms Dykes, Mr Quinn and Ms Utri for their support and encouragement in making the day happen. We trust that it will add to our skills, enabling us to continue representing the students and school community.

- Janya, Harrison, Cindy, Daniel, Jasmine and Sharelle (School Captains and Vice Captains)



**Our Competition Sections:** 

9 and under 11 and under

13 and under

15 and under Adults — Ladies and Mixed competitions also available

3 Venues
Caroline Springs, Sydenham and Keilor Park

For more information please contact via email: : <u>sacsna@mail.com</u>

Jan Schulz - 0409 259 402 or Diane Galea - 0418 510 496

#### **ANZAC Commemoration Service**

On Friday 20th April, a group of Year 9 and 10 students represented the school at Melbourne Legacy's 87th Annual ANZAC Commemoration Service at the Melbourne Shrine.

In the presence of the Governor General and numerous students representing schools throughout Melbourne and across wider Victoria, our students were able to show their respect to those Australian Men and Women who have served for our country. Thank you to all those students who volunteered their time to attend.





