

Principal's Report

Trinity Sunday

In the name of the Father and of the S on and of the Holy S pirit.

Let us rejoice in Jesus the teacher. His words have opened up worlds of discovery and learning for all who will listen

> Let us rejoice in the Spirit who helps us growin faith as we search for truth our whole life long.

Let us rejoice in God the Father and Creator whose love for us was so great he sent his only Son that we may have a new life.

> We pray for the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit Who is with us always.

> > Amen

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e enquiries @crcstalbans.com.au w www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au This Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday. You can go round and round in circles trying to explain the mystery of the Trinity; that we believe in one God who is three persons. It can really do your head in.

It took the Church centuries to find a satisfactory form of words to describe a reality which is beyond words. It is better not to think of the Trinity as an exercise in logic. It is better to think of the Trinity as the way we experience God. God is a community of love'. (Michael McGirr)

A community of love that draws us in; a community that is welcoming and inclusive; a community where love is given and received, shared and accepted.

Our school motto invites us to love others as Jesus loved us. It is about relationships and invites us into deep relationship with God and others; family, school, parish, local and broader community. God is continually inviting us into this dynamic relationship of love. His invitation is unconditional. It is for everyone.

Feast Day Mass

Mass will be at 9.45am in Sacred Heart church. Families are warmly invited to join us for mass.

Arrangements for Feast Day

One sleep to go! The planning is done, preparations are finished and it looks as if the weather will be kind to us. I hope that everyone has a great day. School will begin at the normal time of 8.40am and conclude at 3.05pm.

Catholic Regional College Intercampus Staff Mass: Friday 1 June 2018

Once a year all the staff of Catholic Regional College (North Keilor, Sydenham, Caroline Springs, Melton and St Albans gather for mass and afternoon tea. This time is invaluable for staff to connect with their colleagues in other Colleges.

This year's mass is on **Friday 1 June 2018** and is being hosted here at St Albans. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Mark Edwards who is the Chair of the Catholic Regional College Council. The mass also marks the 40th anniversary of the College. We are looking forward to former principals of the Colleges and members of the College Council joining us for the celebration.

As mass begins at 2.00pm students will be dismissed at <u>12.40pm</u> (end of period 4) on this day.

I ask that all families note this change to dismissal times and ensure they have clear arrangements in place for their children.

Newsletter Days for Term 2 2018:

Fridays - 8 June and 22 June.

The newsletter can also be accessed on Friday morning (Day 10) on the College website at: <u>http://www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au</u>

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 10 Religious Education excursion
- Yrs 7 and 9 NAPLAN
- Yr 10 Outdoor Education Camp
- Yr 9 and 10 Drama Performance
- Year 10 assembly: Pathways VET, VCE, VCAL

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*

Feastday - one more sleep to go!

Feast day is an opportunity for us to reflect on the significance of the day. It is an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate the great qualities of our community. We do this through the mass which is being prepared by the many students and staff connected with our faith development team. Our feastday coincides with the 'The Feast of Corpus Christi', which commemorates the sacrament of Holy Communion. This feast seeks to remind us of Jesus Christ's sacrifice; 'Do this in remembrance of me'.

Having fun as a community on feastday is important particularly during the PC activities and the carnival, but the significance of the day and the opportunity to recognise those in need should not be lost.

REMINDERS FOR THE DAY:

- 1. Casual clothes day.
- Bring money for food (all other activities no charge), no large notes (coins \$5 or \$10 notes would be great)
- 3. Be on time. If you miss mass you will miss the other events, unless your parent has contacted the school.
- 4. Find out about the treasure hunt and win a prize.
- 5. During PC activities (after mass), setting up of the carnival occurs. All students must be involved in their PC activities unless they have a specific responsibility eg cooking at the bbq.
- 6. Enjoy the day!





One God, three religions.

Currently the year 10 are exploring three different types of religion; Christianity, Islam and Judaism. The unit begins by examining the notion of belief and in particular, what students believe.

Belief in something or someone is Year 10 Students undertake an a human inclination: we believe in our friends and family, we believe we will wake tomorrow, we believe that a 'fair go' is part of Australian society. Beliefs are at the heart of most of what we do: if we have particular beliefs about the future we may take a particular course of action (eg saving money or career options); if we believe in an ethic we may relate to people in a particular way (giving to the poor, assisting with volunteer work).

'Religion' can be defined in a number of ways. Most commonly within educational circles, it is

defined by eight aspects or characteristics common to all religions: beliefs, sacred stories, religious experiences, religious ritual, social structures, sacred texts, religious ethics, sacred symbols.

in-depth study of Judaism, Christianity and Islam according to these eight aspects of religion. Students are then asked to make comparisons between the three religions they have researched. As part of our research Year 10 students visited the Temple Beth mosque where they met a female rabbi and the Islamic museum, where they heard from a Muslim woman on what life was like for observant Muslims in Australia.

These activities provide students with the opportunity to consolidate or extend their learning.



Mass Roster Term 2

MAY

WEDNESDAY 30TH SACRED HEART)

JUNE

WEDNESDAY 6TH CRC - 7Snowy (MCE)

WEDNESDAY 13TH CRC - 7 Wimmera (JDS) and 7 Kiewa (JIA)

> WEDNESDAY 20TH SACRED HEART

WEDNESDAY 13TH CRC - (Vinnies) St Vinnies Mass

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Soon



Soon (Once #5) by Morris Gleitzman

After the Nazis took my parents I was scared. After they killed my best friend I was angry. After I joined the partisans and helped defeat the Nazis I was hopeful. Soon, I said, we'll be safe. I was wrong.

Soon continues the incredibly moving story of Felix, a Jewish boy still struggling to survive in the wake of the liberation of Poland after the end of World War Two.

The Fall by Tristan Bancks

BOOKS

In the middle of the night, Sam is woken by angry voices from the apartment above.

He goes to the window to see what's happening – only to hear a struggle, and see a body fall from the sixth-floor balcony. Pushed, Sam thinks.

Sam goes to wake his father Harry, a crime reporter, but Harry is gone. And when Sam goes downstairs, the body is gone, too. But someone has seen Sam, and knows what he's witnessed.

The next twenty-four hours could be his last





READER'S CUP

Congratulations to 7 Yarra who moved up 3 places on the ladder and to 10 McAuley who moved up 2 places.

REMINDER to students: You need to keep reading or the ladder leaders will get to far ahead to catch.



TOP 10 BOOKS BORROWED THIS WEEK ...

- 1 **The fury and dark reu**nion by L...J. Smith
- 2 The bad beginning by L. Snicket
- 3 **Bob the builder and elves** by E. Rodda
- 4 Diary of a wimpy kid : cabin fever by J. Kinney
- 5 Sunker's deep By L. Tanner
- 6 Anne Frank : The diary of a young girl by A. Frank
- 7 Creature at camp creepy by J. Storer
- 8 Dad's trick by J. Wall
- 9 The garage sale by C. Harris
- 10 Gooby goop by C. Stitt

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



Wednesday 11th May



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.

PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

Public occasions such as Mother's Day can provide opportunities for being together, telling stories, and celebrating. Times like this can also prompt more sensitive memories, feelings, and reflections. Griefline is one organisation that can be helpful if you or anyone you know would like support. Their website is informative and their counselling service is most caring.

So, please remember griefline.org.au or 1300845745. - *Jenny*



SCHOOL FEES 2018

If you have any concerns or difficulties regarding your child's school fees, please Contact Mrs Ross: 9366 2544



Did you know? If your child's school fees are paid in full before the end of

term 2, (29/6/18) you

Key Dates Term 2 2018

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

Year 9s 1000 steps

Lynda The Le On the 8th of May the year 9's attended the 1000 steps in Dandenong in commemoration of the ANZAC's that suffered for the better good of the new generation. The steps were steep and we traveled up about four kilometers that took almost an hour. All students were blazing with motivation but after two kilometers many students didn't have much faith, most of us walked in groups whilst some groups were falling behind and some were exhausted. We can't imagine how terrible it must have been for the ANZAC's after all their trail was much longer and steeper. When we arrived at the top many students were cheering and encouraging the other students, it was fantastic to see that no one turned back. Overall it was a great experience to understand what the ANZAC's had to do to for us, we all now own greater respect for them and their bravery.

SACCSS Girls AFL Day 22nd May 2018



"Love one another as I have loved you "

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