

Catholic Regional College St Albans

Love One another as I Have Loved You



A Prayer for the Feast Day of St Joseph

May the blessings of Joseph be among us Attuning us to God's will each day Attuning us with humility to those around us Attuning us to God's dream of love among us.

May the blessings of Joseph be among us Listening to our children Living as loving and forgiving families Living hospitably even in difficult circumstances.

May the blessings of Joseph be among us Still opening us to the future Still cooperating in discerning our life's dream Still keeping us alive with love from daybreak to daybreak.

May the blessings of Joseph steep our souls and give us great joy!

From the Principal . . .

a piece of College history

Over the past few weeks I've had the privilege of visiting the Year 7 classes to answer their questions about the history of the College and to share with them some of the stories about the early days. They are often keen to hear about the first group of students and staff.

One of the founding members of staff was Sister Mary Dwyer RSJ. Sister Mary is a Sister of St Joseph, the order of religious women started by St Mary of the Cross. She was our first Year 7 Level Leader and Religious Education Leader, was on staff for the first four years and was an incredibly dynamic woman who really helped to establish the welcoming and open culture that is so much a part of the College, even today. For many years now Sister Mary has devoted her life to working in Peru.

Through Sister Mary and the Sisters of St Joseph who were on staff after her, the College has a long association with the Sisters of St Joseph and their particular charism has contributed to who we are today. Our Arts Centre is built on the site which was originally their convent.

A number of the Sisters of St Joseph still live locally and

are involved in Sacred Heart – Emmaus parish, Cana Catholic school and local ministries. We thank them for their dedicated service to the College over the years and wish them well, particularly this week, as they celebrate their Feast Day, the Feast of St Joseph.

A week of celebrations!

This week has been marked by a number of celebrations at the College. We've celebrated Catholic Education Week with 'Brekkie and Books' in the library on Tuesday morning and the St Pat's Day mass for schools yesterday; the centenary of the Mary MacKillop Chapel in Sydney with a lunchtime concert on Wednesday and we've finished with National Harmony Day today.

It's been a busy week but lots of fun. Thank you to all the students and staff who've organised and participated in the different activities.

It was great that a number of families could also join us for breakfast on Tuesday. A yummy breakfast, good company, time to chat and read – not a bad way to start the day!

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Mac Killop Lunchtime Concert

Congratulations to all the very talented students who performed at the lunchtime concert on Wednesday. What a talented group of singers and musicians we have at the College! It was lovely to relax in the sun and to listen to their fine work.

A number of these students also performed at the recent Watergardens Streat Vibes Music Festival. The very positive feedback on their performances was richly deserved.

Thank you to Michelle Farrugia and Clarence Marshall for all their work in supporting students in these activities.

The work of the performers was well supported by the St Vinnie's crew who ran a donut fundraiser for Project Compassion alongside the concert.

Thank you to Annie Dinh (8 Edison), Anita Doan (8 Edison), John-Paul Jarlego (10 McAuley), Vincent Julian (10 McAuley), Karina Levchenkova (9 Curtin), Emily-Ana Miskovic (7 Yarra), Michelle Nguyen (8 Clark), Chloe Nunan (8 Attard), Madelyn Ruel (8 Edison), Jessie Stevens (7 Yarra), Carine Taylor (9 Lyons), Kian Virtuzado (8 Attard), Lorenzo Antonio, (9 Barton), Frances Micallef (10 Little), Selena Para (7 Avoca), Chu Chu Kruataye (10 Mannix), Jessica Ruel (7 Snowy, Pearl Boakai (10 Mannix) and Brad Bellard (7 Snowy) for all your hard work.

Harmony Day Celebrations

The 21st March marks National Harmony Day across Australia. This day aims to promote respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

The key message Harmony Day is that 'everyone belongs'. This is something that we believe deeply as a school community and try to live out in all that we do.

Orange is the colour associated with Harmony Day but more importantly at CRC St Albans it is associated with one of our key school values: Equality.

At last count, students, families and staff in our school community come from some 51 different countries, therefore, understanding and appreciating all cultures, treating each other justly and giving everyone a fair go are very important to us. Although there are times when we don't do this as well as we'd hope, the wider community could learn much from our students about living together in harmony and about being comfortable with difference.

Our Student Leaders have organised a number of

activities to help us mark this day. These are not only fun but also raise awareness and help to celebrate the rich diversity of our community.

Year & Country Escape

From all accounts the students and staff who attended the Year 8 camps last week had a terrific time. They all returned tired but very happy. For some students there were a number of firsts; camping out in tents, time in the bush around Gembrook and life without technology for two days!

For much of this camp students have to be open to new and different experiences, and to challenge themselves in activities they might not normally do. The staff attending the camp were very impressed with the Year 8 students; their readiness to participate fully in the experience, their support of each other and the way they responded to the challenges set.

On the behalf of Year 8 students and their families I'd like to thank Len Tobin (Year 8 Level Leader) and Monalisa Cantsilieris (PE & Health Leader) for organising the camp, as well as all the staff who attended. Without their generosity and commitment to this type of experience there would be no camp.

Best wishes

On Wednesday 26 students will head off to the SACCSS Swimming Carnival at MSAC. This is our biggest squad for some time. We wish all competitors well and hope that each of them is able to achieve a personal best on the day.

Dismissal arrangements: 1th and 3rd April, 2014

Due to the Parent / Student / Teacher interviews students will be dismissed at **2.15pm** on **Tuesday 1**st **April** and **Thursday 3**rd **April 2014.** Study Support will run as normal until 4.00pm and the library will be open until 4.30pm.

As all teachers are involved in the interviews we'd ask that students who are not waiting for their parents or to collect younger brothers and sisters from Sacred Heart head straight home on these days. Those waiting are asked to go to the library or to study support.

End of term dismissal

Classes finish at the normal time of 3.05pm on the final day of term.

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Cybersafety Awareness Evening

Earlier this week all families received an invitation to the ACMA Cybersafety Night on **Monday 24**th **March.**

It would great if all families, particularly those with children in Years 7 and 8 could attend **one** of the workshops; either at 5.00 - 6.30pm or the session from 7.00 - 8.30pm.

I know that many parents / carers will have attended similar nights, either in primary school or at the College, however, this is an area in which we can never learn enough. With the rapid evolution of technology it's difficult for adults to keep up. This is as true for teachers as it is for parents and carers. These workshops provide a chance to see what the latest risks in this area might be and to explore ways to minimise these. I hope to see many of you on Monday night.

Changes to the Privacy act

Changes to the Australian Privacy Act came into effect on March 12th. The updated College Privacy policy can be found on our website at:

<u>www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au</u>. At the end of the newsletters families will find an updated Standard Collection notice. This reflects the changes in the Act.

Lost Property

There are several items of uniform in the office waiting for their owners to reclaim them, particularly items 'lost' at the swimming carnival.

I'd encourage all families to check that students still have the items purchased at the beginning of the year and then contact Anne Stokie if items are missing.

If items of uniform are clearly labelled we ensure that they're returned to the student, however, this is not possible with unmarked items. Families may wish to check this as well.

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 1 2014:

21st March 4th April

The newsletter can also be accessed on Friday morning (Day 10) on the College website at:

http://www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au

Applications for Year 7 2015

Enrolments are now being taken for Year 7 2015. 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 Swimming Training

Yr 8 Country Escape

Year 10 R.E excursion

Year 9 Project Rockit incursion

Brekkie and Books

Family Nights for Year 7 Snowy, Yarra and Kiewa

Archbishop's conversation with young people

St Pat's Day mass

Harmony Day

MacKillop Concert

Year 11 Psychology excursion

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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MEDIA ARTS NEWS Brittney Ragiand Year 9

During term 1, both Year 9 Media Arts classes visited ACMI for an excursion. We were introduced to the SCI-FI genre and found out about B-grade films. We learnt about the different conventions that are included in SCI-FI films and that B-grade films are films that are made on a low budget.

When producing our films we had to go through 3 different stages to complete the final product. First thing we had to do was plan out our film, make props, find costumes suitable for our film, and find places where we could film. Second step we did was the actual filming part of it all. The final step was making a rough cut, which then turned into a final cut along with producing a soundtrack using only our voices. For the film setting we used the city as our backdrop, utilising the different locations we could find in federation square. Some groups went down to the Yarra River, while others used the buildings as a background.

We learnt different skills while editing out films like how to add special effects, how to use and edit with a green screen and how to make a soundtrack with only our voices. This excursion was a fun experience and helped us gain skills to use in future media projects. What I'm looking forward in media is expanding my knowledge and skills about film making and the different aspects of film. Overall, the year 9 media classes enjoyed this excursion and were happy with the results in our films.





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Questions for thought:

Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman who a lot of people didn't like. Are there moments when you don't talk to someone because you don't

Jesus shows us how to treat others with compassion and respect. How can you try to achieve this?

St Vinnie's Corner

Mary MacKillop Day

The Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel in Sydney celebrated 100 years since its Consecration by Archbishop Kelly on the 19th March 1914.



As a college we celebrated this occasion by contributing to the time capsule and having a Mary MacKillop Day here at school. A special thanks to students who performed in the lunchtime concert and to everyone who helped to make this a special day.

St Patrick's Day Mass



On Thursday 20th March, 10 students attended the Catholic Education Week St Patrick's Day Mass at the St Patrick's Cathedral in town. All Catholic schools in

Melbourne were represented and it was an amazing liturgy; full of symbolism and tradition. After the Mass we attended the outdoor concert and shared a meal together. Congratulations to the 10 students in attendance, for their prayerfulness, positive contributions and for representing our college in fine form.

Project Compassion

"Have life and have it to the full" John 10:10

To date we have raised a total of \$224.85 The House tally is as follows:

1st O'Reilly \$84.75 2nd Guelen \$65.10 3rd Reis \$56.50 4th Corbett \$18.50

Thank you all for your generous giving. Let us keep it up for the remainder of the Lenten Season.

Third Sunday of Lent'- Gospel Reflection

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (Jn 4:5-42)

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink. you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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SCHOOL FEES 2014 REMINDER:

All Families should have received their school fee statements by now. If you have not received your school fee statement please contact the office immediately.

If school fees are paid in full before the concerns or difficulties end of this term, a

\$100 DISCOUNT

will apply.

If you have any or regarding school fees Please contact Mrs Anne Ross at the college on:

9366 2544

Parent/Teacher/Student **Interviews**

In the last week of term 1 we will be having Parent / Student / Teacher interviews. These will be held on Tuesday 1st April:

(3.00 - 5.30 and 6.30 - 8.30pm) and Thursday 3rd April:

(3.00 - 5.30pm and 6.30 - 8.30pm).

Students will be dismissed at 2.15pm on both days to enable the interviews to begin at 3pm. Letters explaining the interview process were sent home with the students earlier this week.

Students will be expected to bring their portfolios along to the parent/student/teacher interviews.. The main purpose of portfolios is to promote the students' sense of pride and achievement in their work and provide opportunities for families to share in and celebrate progress with them.

Wearing of School Uniform.

There are occasions when students have been wearing the PE uniform instead of the formal school uniform. It is important that the correct school uniform is worn. I would like to highlight the following to ensure that all families and student have clarity around this important part of our school:

- 1. Students can only wear PE uniform for the full day if they have PE at Years 7 - 9, and Active Body & Fitness or Biomechanics, Ball Sports & Coaching at Year 10.
- 2. For Track and Field (Yr 9), Outdoor Ed (Yr 10), Dance (Yr 10) and Drama (Yr 10), students must wear their school uniform to and from school but can change for the class.

Kevin Quinn

(Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care)

Catholic Education Week Breakfast

Parents staff and students all enjoyed the Catholic **Education Week Breakfast** on Tuesday, thanks very much to Mrs Vella, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Lupa and Mrs Carillo for their work in putting it all together and hosting such a wonderful start to the day in the



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Invitation to CRC Parents

Cyber Safety Parent Evening

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Recently at our Family Nights, the Pastoral Care Teachers and Year Level Leaders advertised that the school would host a Cyber Safety information evening for parents and guardians on Monday 24th March 2014.

This is a great opportunity for all the adults to receive the most recent information related to managing technology. With all students from Year 8-10 having their own I-Pad's and students at year 7 having access to their own lap tops, it is more important than ever that the parents and guardians within the family are able to support their children in the safe use of technology.

The key presenter will be a speaker from ACMA (Australian Communication and Media Authority), who will cover many of the issues currently families and young people are dealing with. Two sessions will be held: Session one at 5.00pm and session 2 at 7.00pm. The details are as follows.

Date: Monday 24th March 2014

Time: Session 1: 5.00 – 6.00pm

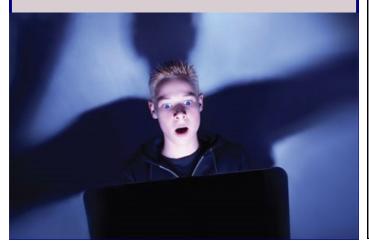
Session 2: 7.00 - 8.00pm

Venue: CRC St Albans (Hall)

A reply slip has been sent home with your child and an SMS text message has been sent to all families regarding the evening. Please return the reply slip to your child's Pastoral Care Teacher. This will help with our planning for the evening. Regards,

Kevin Quinn

(Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care)



Career Corner

OPPORTUNITY FOR TWENTY (20) STUDENTS

CRC St Albans have the opportunity to participate in the Sunshine Hospital Careers in Health Workshop on the 29th of May. If you're interested, pick up a form from Ms Dykes in the Careers Room in the Library.



What will we do in this workshop?

One day hospital workshop with opportunity to see behind the scenes of a working hospital. Interact with all

the speakers and get into some exciting hands-on experience. All interactive and lots of fun.

Scholarships for excellence: Did you know? Victoria University, Swinburne University and the University of Melbourne have scholarships for high achievers?

Chancellor's Scholarship, Victoria University:

\$5000 per year (for up to four years) towards your studies, http://www.vu.edu.au/study-with-us/scholarships/chancellors-scholarships

Vice Chancellors Scholarship, Swinburne University:

Student contribution amount for your course (selected courses only), http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/scholarships/future/

Dean's Scholarship, Swinburne University: Student contribution amount for your course (selected courses only), http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/scholarships/future/

Chancellor's Scholars Program, University of Melbourne: Scholarship, mentoring, graduate study degree etc.,

http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/ high_achievers_programs/chancellors-scholars-programs

Other universities have similar schemes. Please contact the university directly to find out more information.

Interested in trades? Victoria University Trades College tour every Wednesday at their Sunshine Campus. Eexperts from their trade programs available for discussion. Register your interest www.vu.edu.au/trades-tour

Trades Skills Shortage List: Find out what trades are in demand in Australia. Download the flier at the following link: http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/sites/default/files/publication-documents/About%20the%20National%20Skills%20Needs%20List_1.pdf

How about emerging jobs? Checkout the myfuture website for 6 emerging occupations, http://www.myfuture.edu.au/explore%20careers/occupation%20showcase/emerging%20occupations.aspx

Have you considered a career in construction (not just carpentry!!): Go to http://www.constructmycareer.com.au/career-planning to explore occupations, undertake aptitude quizzes and view pathway maps.

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Watch this space! Victoria University will soon be announcing details of an exciting work experience program they will be running for 10 lucky students in Years 10 and 11. Official details will be released in April!

UPCOMING EVENTS

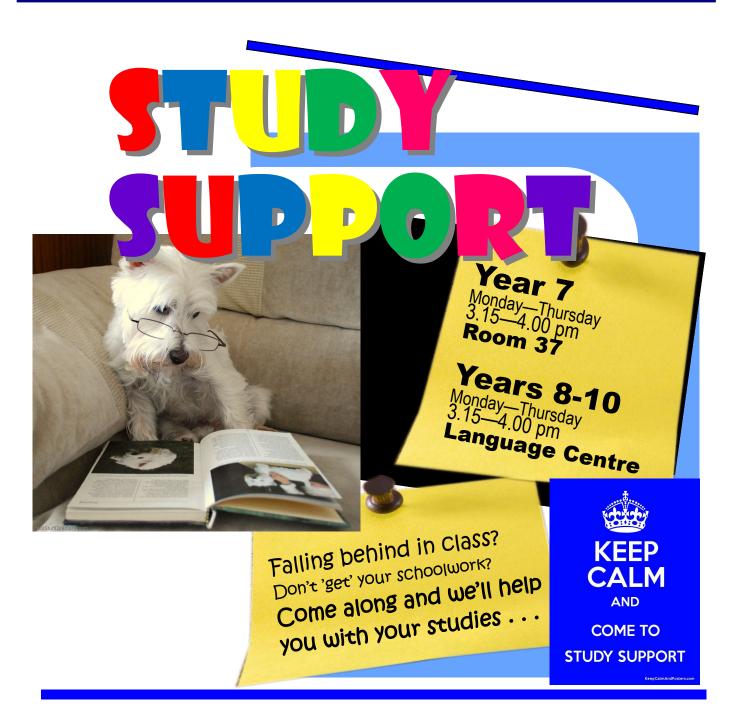
Interested in Nursing? You can become an enrolled nurse through studying a vocational qualification and a registered nurse through studying at university. The Australian College of Nursing is hosting a Nursing and Health Expo on April 12 at The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre between 9am – 1pm. You will be able to -

Meet a range of nursing and health organisations Explore career pathways

Find out about educational opportunities

For more information, go to http://acn.edu.au/expos

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Someone Once Said...

"A life without cause is a life without effect."
- Barbarella



Catholic Regional College St Albans

Standard Collection Notice

- 1 The School collects personal information, including sensitive information about pupils and parents or guardians before and during the course of a pupil's enrolment at the School. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the School to provide schooling to the pupil and to enable them to take part in all activities of the School.
- 2 Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the School's legal obligations, particularly to enable the School to discharge its duty of care.
- 3 Laws governing or relating to the operation of a school require certain information to be collected and disclosed. These include relevant Education Acts, and Public Health and Child Protection laws.
- 4 Health information about pupils is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act, Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). We ask you to provide medical reports about pupils from time to time.
- 5 The School from time to time discloses personal and sensitive information to others for administrative and educational purposes, including facilitating the transfer of a pupil to another school. This includes to other schools, particularly Colleges within the Federation of Catholic Regional College; government departments; the Catholic Education Office Melbourne; the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria; the Archdiocese of Melbourne and local parishes; schools within other dioceses; medical practitioners, and people providing services to the School, including specialist visiting teachers, sports and other coaches and volunteers.
- 6 Personal information collected from pupils is regularly disclosed to parents or guardians.
- 7 The School may store personal information in the 'cloud' which may mean that it resides on servers which are situated outside of Australia.
- 8 The School's Privacy Policy sets out how parents or pupils may seek access to personal information collected about them. However, there will be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the School's duty of care to the pupil, or where pupils have provided information in confidence. Our Privacy Policy can be accessed via our school website www.crcstalbans.com.au.
- 9 The School Privacy Policy also sets out how you may complain about a breach of privacy and how the School will deal with such a complaint.
- 10 As you know the School from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the School's fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.
- 11 On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, pupil activities and similar news is published in School newsletters, magazines and on our website. Photographs of pupil activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions may be taken for publication in School newsletters, magazines and our intranet. The school will obtain separate permissions from the pupils' parent or guardian prior to publication if we would like to include photographs or other identifying material in promotional material for the school or otherwise make it available to the public such as on the internet.
- 12 We may include pupils' and pupils' parents contact details in a class list or school directory.
- 13 If you provide the School with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the School and why, that they can access that information if they wish and that the School does not usually disclose the information to third parties.

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School Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 5th March our students took part in the annual school swimming carnival at St Albans Leisure Centre. There was lots of house colour and spirit despite the unpleasant weather. It was great to see students dressing up in the house colours and well done to Justin Carreon, Kristy Thinh, Lily Pham and Eiren Mendoza on receiving best dressed awards on the day.

Congratulations to all students on their participation on the day and thank you to all staff for their help in running the carnival.

Below are the individual and aggregate winners:

Results from the carnival						
Boys Aggregate	Girls Aggregate	Overall Aggregate				
1. O'Reilly 225 pts	1. O'Reilly 214 pts	1. O'Reilly 456 pts				
2. Corbett 196 pts	2. Guelen 204 pts	2. Guelen 382 pts				
3. Reis 193 pts	3. Reis 145 pts	3. Reis 351 pts				
4. Guelen 160 pts	4. Corbett 135 pts	4. Corbett 345 pts				



Champion Swimmer Awards						
		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	
Female	1 st	Caitlyn Gonsalves	Kathleen Mendoza	Olivia Winton	Jenny Lam	
	2 nd	Jessica Ruel	Brianna Flores	Alexandria Hughes	Eunice Garay	
Male	1 st	Nathan Taylor	Nam Nguyen	Daniel Mendez	Vincent Julian	
	2 nd	Robert Konc	Cameron Nguyen	Lorenzo Atonio	Kevin Lawang	



KEY DATES 2014 TERM 1

Tuesday 25th March 2014: 7 WIMMERA FAMILY NIGHT 6.30pm-8.00pm

Thursday 27th March 2014: 7 AVOCA FAMILY NIGHT 6.30pm-8.00pm

Wednesday 26th March 2014: **SACCSS Interschool Swimming**

Tuesday 1st April 2014 Student / Parent / Teacher interviews

Thursday 3rd April 2014: Student / Parent / Teacher interviews

Friday 4th April 2014: Final Day Term 1



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OR JOIN THE

WESTERN REGION UMPIRES - TRAINING FROM 4.45 - 5.45PM (approx.)

Scovell Reserve Maidstone (Mel: 27 H 12)

CONTACT: the Western Region Football League: 9315 1377 www.wrfl.asn.au

Mark Westgarth:0424 505 443 Terry O'Donnell:0439 794 545