



*Lent is not for the faint-hearted*

*Lent is a journey towards the cross,  
a journey of enlightenment:  
from wilderness to feast,  
from desert to oasis.*

*It's an attempt to identify with the powerless  
and the suffering in the world.*

*Lent is a journey.  
So at the end of Lent  
We should find ourselves  
somewhere different from where we started.*

*Lent can be an opportunity  
to explore the Kingdom of God on earth  
and to discern how we might work for it.*

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### *From the Principal . . .*

This year the second week of the school holidays coincides with Holy Week. As we prepare to once again make this journey with Jesus you might like to think about the following reflection:

*"The events of Holy Week touch the full range of human emotions. At different times in our lives, we will relate to different figures in the stories. Sometimes, we will identify with the compromises Pilate makes for his career and other times we will identify with the manner in which Peter denies his friend because he is afraid. But other times, we will relate to Simon the Cyrene who was roped in to help, or the women who remained loyal when the men ran away, or the centurion who was confused by what he saw and wondered if 'this was a son of God', or the thief who asked to be remembered and received reassurance or Joseph of Arimathea who wanted to do the right thing but kept his faith a secret, again out of fear.*

*Holy Week is not just about remembering the past. The journey of Holy Week is about finding our own place near the cross of Jesus. Every year, as we read the stories of the death of Jesus once again, we find ourselves drawn into them in a different way. We learn more about ourselves and our need for Jesus."*

*(Michael McGirr in Finding God's Traces)*

Easter brings many good things; holidays, time with family and easter eggs. However, it's important that we also set aside some time to walk with Jesus to the cross and to truly celebrate his Resurrection. I encourage all families to join their parish communities in the Easter ceremonies. We've included the schedule for Holy Week ceremonies in our parishes in the newsletter.

*May the blessings of Holy Week and the joys of Easter be God's gifts to each of you over the coming weeks.*

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## Thank You

As this newsletter marks the end of Term 1, I'd like to thank all students, staff and families for your support and hard work throughout the term. It's been a very good term, with students engaged and learning, a good positive feel around the school and a sense of everyone striving to do their best.

Many thanks for everything and may the holidays be restful and enjoyable. Term 2 will be here in no time and it's important that everyone is well rested, prepared and raring to go.

## Year 7 Family Nights

Over the past six weeks we've been overwhelmed with the support of families for our Year 7 Family Nights. Thank you for your participation, openness and interest.

I'm sure that families are delighted with the way that the students have settled into the school and with the terrific presentations they prepared about their first term in secondary education. Hopefully, these gave you a good insight into life at Year 7.

These nights are the result of much hard work behind the scenes. On behalf of families, I'd like to thank the Year 7 teachers, particularly the pastoral care teachers and Peter Danger, for getting behind this initiative, and for all their work in supporting the transition of students. I'd also like to thank Jill and her wonderful team of Year 10 students for their fine work in catering over the five nights, and all the staff who attended. For a number of staff it has meant 4 – 5 nights extra nights at school. We are really appreciative of their support and generosity.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all the families who attended. Your interest, support and involvement in the learning of your child are very much appreciated. At each night I spoke about the crucial role of families in the education of young people. Below is a short reflection from Bruno Ferrero that reminds us just how important family life and the things that families do are to young people.

*Little things mean a lot!*

*"Family life is like a broad peaceful river, in which children are like sponges soaking up the water in which they are immersed. **Everything in life educates.**"*

*At home, it is in the thousand apparently insignificant happenings of everyday life that young people learn how to judge things, how to behave and what to expect from life. They often pick up some of the strongest messages about our values and way of acting when we least expect it."*

Thank you to all our families for all you do as the first and most important educators in the lives of our students.

## First day: Term 2

Students return to school for the beginning of Term 2 on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**. This will be **Day 7** of our timetable. There are no changes to the College timetable for Term 2.

I ask that students make a note of this in their diaries and ensure they bring the appropriate materials for this day. There should be no excuses about incorrect books or uniform for the day.

## Uniform

From the beginning of Term 2 all students will 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.

The holidays provide a good opportunity for families to check uniform items, to buy school shoes if these are needed, to let down hems if the kilt is too short, to mend PE uniforms that have been worn etc... We hope that all students make a good start to the term by ensuring that they are in full uniform. I ask the support of families in this matter.

## *Holidays: a great time for getting into books.*

I know that in many families computer games are put away / not allowed / rationed during term time and brought out during the holidays. However, holidays are also a great time for reading (and sport, getting together with family and friends, playing, enjoying the outdoors, pursuing other interests). Time online is very much the

world of people today, however, like all things, it needs to be kept in balance and proportion to other activities!

Hopefully, all students will set aside some time to enjoy a book or two. This is the chance to read, not what you have to but what you choose to, a chance to visit a completely different world.

## *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 2 2014:

2<sup>nd</sup> May,      16<sup>th</sup> May,      30<sup>th</sup> May,      13<sup>th</sup> June,  
27<sup>th</sup> June

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](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 7 Visual Arts Gallery visits

10 McAuley Community Service

SACCSS Interschool Swimming

ACMA Cybersafety Night

7 Wimmera and 7 Avoca Family Nights

Black Mask / White Mask Drama performance

Student / Parent / Teacher interviews

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

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*Someone Once Said...*

*“Wisdom outweighs  
any wealth.”*

- Sophocles

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# Faith Matters

**Questions for thought:**  
 Jesus died to show us how much he loved us.  
 How can we show this same love to others?

**Wednesday Morning Mass**  
 Mass begins on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Everyone is welcome to attend the 8:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

- TERM 2**  
**23rd April**  
 Sacred Heart  
**30th April**  
 CRC 8 Edison and 9 Lyons - MGN  
**7th May**  
 CRC 10 Mackillop - CML  
**14th May**  
 Sacred Heart  
**21st May**  
 CRC Year 7 Avoca, 8 Clark and 9 Barton - JIA  
**28th May**  
 Sacred Heart  
**4th June**  
 CRC Year 10 McAuley – VII  
**11th June**  
 Sacred Heart  
**18th June**  
 CRC Year 7 Level Mass  
 - All 7 RE Teachers  
**25th June**  
 St Vinnie's Crew and Sacred Heart  
 (60th Anniversary SH)

**St Vinnie's  
 Corner  
 Project  
 Compassion**

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

To date we have raised a total of \$479.30  
 The House tally is as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> O'Reilly** \$ 133.80
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reis** \$ 133.20
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Guelen** \$ 120.65
- 4<sup>th</sup> Corbett** \$ 91.65

Thank you all for your generous giving. As a school we will continue to give to project compassion until the end of the second week of term 2.

**Year 10 RE  
 One God, Three Religions Excursion**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March the year 10 level visited the Temple Beth Israel Synagogue and the newly built, Islamic Museum of Australia. The day was an opportunity to engage with the Jewish and Islamic faiths and further understand how these religions are similar and different to our own. The day proved to be an eye opener for the students and staff and a day where we all developed a deeper understanding of the Jewish and Islamic faith.



The following are student responses from the day:

- "The excursion was very informative and a very spiritual experience. I don't think other excursions can top this one".* Justin Carreon
- "It gave me a broader of understanding of different religions".* Marlene Do
- "It was a wonderful new experience. It taught me new things that I would have never imagined."* Josip Vukadin
- "I had a great time, it was an educational experience."* - Sharlaine Zammit



## EASTER MASS TIMES IN OUR LOCAL PARISHES

SERVICE	HOLY EUCHARIST	EMMAUS	SACRED HEART	RESURRECTION	ST PAULS	ST MARY'S
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 17 APRIL	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.15 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm	Confessions 11.00am—12.00 noon Mass of the Lord's Supper 5.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm Followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm.
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 18 APRIL	Public Stations of the Cross (With Sacred Heart) 10.30am 3.00pm (English) and 7.00pm (Vietnamese)	Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion & Death 2.00pm	Public Stations of the Cross 10.30am Alfrieda Street, St Albans Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Death 3.30pm	Stations of the Cross 10.30am Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm	Way of the Cross 9.00am Confession 10.00am—12.00 noon Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 19 APRIL	Blessing of the Food 11.00am and 5.00pm Vigil Mass 7.00pm (English) and 9.00pm (Vietnamese)	Mass 7.00pm	Reconciliation 10.00am (English) Blessing of the Food 10.00am Mass 5.00pm	Easter vigil 7.00pm	Confessions 11.00am—1.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass 8.00pm
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 20 APRIL	9.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm 12.00 noon (Vietnamese), Sudanese Baptisms Mass 2.30pm	Mass 9.00am	English Mass 8.00am 10.15am & 11.30am Polish Mass 9.00am	9.00am and 10.30am	Mass (Maltese) 8.00am Mass 10.00am	Mass 9.00am, 11.00am and 5.30pm

*Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Easter*







## family Matters

### SCHOOL FEES REMINDER:

Term 1 fees are now overdue. PLEASE NOTE families who set up **Direct Debit** from their **Bank Account or Credit Card** last year, **must complete a new form for 2014**, (these do not carry on from last year).

These forms are always available at the office.

If school fees are paid in full before 27th June, a

**\$100  
DISCOUNT**

will apply.

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

**9366 2544**

### WINTER UNIFORM Term 2

Reminder to all students that next term you are required to wear your full winter uniform to school, this includes **your blazer, which must be worn to and from school and to morning Pastoral Care time and other special events such as Mass and assemblies.** Please ensure your winter uniform is up to date and organised over the break and all items are clearly named. If you need to purchase items of winter uniform this can be done by contacting ACADEMY UNIFORMS on 9460 8011 or their shop will be open at **238 Wolsely Place Thomastown** through the holidays (it will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday). The shop at CRC Sydenham will be open on Easter Saturday for your convenience.

**Kevin Quinn**  
Deputy Principal,  
Pastoral Care



Please Label all clothing



**advancedlife**  
photography

Dear Parents & Students

## PHOTO DAY IS MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Every student ordering photos must return an order envelope **ON photo day and give to AdvanceLife photographer.**

Every student ordering photos must return **their own** order envelope – even if their payment is in their sibling's envelope.

Orders placed after photo day will be charged a **late order fee.**

### Order Instructions

**Select a photo package option** - each option is explained on the flyer attached to the order envelope.

**Complete your order envelope** - use a black or blue ball point pen and fill in your order and contact details.

**Complete payment** - using one of the following options.

- From the team at *AdvancedLife Photography.*

#### CASH

Put exact money in order envelope.

No change will be given.

You can pay for all siblings in one order envelope - you must write on each order envelope the name and class of the sibling that has payment.

#### CHEQUE

Write your name, address and telephone number on the back of the cheque.

Dishonour fees will be charged if payment is declined.

Make cheques payable to:

**ADVANCEDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY** **advancedlife**  
photography

Allow up to 60 days for payment to be completed.

#### CREDIT CARD

Payment can ***only*** be made online.

Go to website: [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

Click on *online payments and re-orders*, then click on *proceed*

Enter the three (3) letter online payment code found on your order envelope (example: SCH), then click on OK

Click **NO**, (9 digit code is not required for your school) Follow the payment instructions

Write your receipt number on your order envelope under payment method – online payment.

You can pay for all siblings in one transaction – you must total the amount of all order envelopes and write the receipt number on each order envelope.

**Return order envelope ON photo day and give to AdvancedLife.**

# The Happiness Cycle . . .

Last Thursday, 27 year 9 & 10 students travelled to the West Sunshine Community Centre to take part in The Happiness Cycle. The students who attended received a new bike which they had to put together from scratch. Students also received a helmet, lights and lock. The initiative run by the Brimbank council is to promote physical activity amongst young people.



# STUDY SUPPORT



**Year 7**  
 Monday—Thursday  
 3.15—4.00 pm  
**Room 37**

**Years 8-10**  
 Monday—Thursday  
 3.15—4.00 pm  
**Language Centre**

**SRC APPROVED!**

Falling behind in class?  
 Need some extra support?  
 Come along and we'll help you . . .

  
**KEEP CALM**  
 AND  
 COME TO  
**STUDY SUPPORT**

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### FOR SALE—CRC ST ALBANS GIRL'S UNIFORM

Girl's Blazer sz117, 2 Ties, 1 Kilt sz14, 1 Sport Pants sz12, 1 Polo Top szM, All in great condition.

**Tel Julie : 0406 256 641** Mon or Tues after 7pm, Wed anytime, Thurs after 1pm, Fri after 5pm or anytime on weekends.

**\$200 FOR THE LOT!**



## YEAR 10 EXCURSION

### The Old Melbourne Gaol

On the 6th of March, all the year 10 classes were given the opportunity to go and visit the Old Melbourne Gaol in the city as a part of their Humanities studies. Although a few students had missed out because of another class excursion, the day was still fun and a lot of knowledge was gained.

Upon arriving at the Old Melbourne Gaol, a helpful tour guide who had a profound knowledge of the building and its history assisted the classes and gave them a deeper insight on what it was like to be a prisoner at the Gaol. In particular, we learnt about the story of Ned Kelly; a very famous Australian Criminal and what he was charged with. Wandering around the gaol, was a good opportunity for the students to go inside the cells and take photos of significant monuments and equipment that had been used at the Gaol.

After having visited the Old Melbourne Gaol, it was time for lunch; which we had spent at the spacious yard of the Gaol, where we could run around and eat, a few students had also gone and bought items from the gift shop. We then visited our next location, a small building right next to the Gaol, which is known as the Watch house. Students were given a very detailed idea of what life was like to be a criminal, as the police officer with us treated us all like delinquents. This was a very good experience because it was helping us gain more knowledge of the prison cells first hand.

After this, we all then made our way to a courtroom where we role played a court scene based on the story of a case involving a culpable driving accident. This was a very interesting experience for us all and at the end we learnt a lot about how a court room works and the consequences of careless driving.



## Career Corner

### Engineering Excursion for year 9 & 10 @ La Trobe University



Are you interested in learning about what Engineers do? Do you enjoy science and maths? Take part in fun and challenging activities while finding about how exciting the Engineering profession can be at a LEAP Engineering Experience event. In this half day session you will have an opportunity to participate in hands-on activities that will give you a new perspective on the Engineering profession and different fields within it, as well as learning more about making the leap to university. **If you are interested in a career in engineering Ms Dykes is organising an excursion to Latrobe university on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. See Ms Dykes or the Library Staff for a permission form.**

## IT conference for year 9&10 students

The ACS Foundation and RMIT invite you and your students to attend the **BiG Day In IT Careers** conference in Storey Hall at RMIT on **Thursday 29 May 2014**.

Come and hear speakers from companies like **IBM, Deloitte's Centre for the Edge Australia, WiseTech Global, HP** & more to come, talking about the future of technology. We've got exhibitors from organisations including IBM, WiseTech Global, KPMG, Telstra, HP, LEGO Education, Group X & more!

**See the webpage for details :** <http://www.thebigdayin.com.au/>

### REMINDERS . . .

**'At Monash' seminars - Architecture 29 April; Interior Architecture 30 April; Psychology 1 May; Medicine and Biomedical Science 6 May; Law 7 May.** More dates and bookings: [www.monash.edu/seminars](http://www.monash.edu/seminars).

**'Experience La Trobe'** - chat with La Trobe staff, be a university student for a day, pick up course information.

**Fri 11 April. Details/other campus dates/book:**

[www.latrobe.edu.au/experience](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience).

**'A Day at Melbourne'** - explore Parkville campus, check study options, hear current students, find out about entry requirements, course structures and other opportunities.

10am-3.30pm, Fri 11 April; **Register:**

[www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events), or call:

13 MELB for information.

## EXPLORE DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

– Parent and student tertiary information nights:

- Warrnambool campus – 6-7.30pm, Wed 2 April
- Melbourne Burwood – 6-8pm, Wed 21 May
- Geelong Waterfront – 6-8pm, Wed 28 May

See: [www.deakin.edu.au/parent-and-student](http://www.deakin.edu.au/parent-and-student).

## KEY DATES 2014 TERM 2

*Please mark these important college dates in your diary.*

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
First day of Term 2

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
ANZAC Day  
(Holiday)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
School Photos

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
Parents as Partners Reading Night

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May**  
NAPLAN Testing (Years 7 and 9)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Feast Day

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
Parents as Careers Partners  
(Year 9 families)

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
Staff Planning Day  
(Students not required at school)

**Friday 6 / 6 – Wed 11/6**  
Years 9 and 10 exams

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
Queen's Birthday holiday

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**  
Immersion Day

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
Report preparation day  
(Students not required at school)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 8 Family Night

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
Final day of Term 2

## Year 7 Premier League Term 2

Parents should note

### change to the following competition date

Wednesday 14th May has been

### changed to Monday 12th May

All other dates remain as published.

After school training will take place on  
Wednesday 23rd April and Wednesday 30th April  
from 3.15 - 4.00pm.

## SACCSS Swimming

Last Wednesday the school swimming squad competed at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in the SACCSS Swimming Carnival. The students did a lot of training in preparation for the carnival and this was evident with the student's results. Congratulations to all students who competed and a special congratulations to Olivia Winton and Rebecca Hockey for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the under 15 girls intermediate division 2 aggregate. Also thank you to Miss Lawang and Miss Katarina for this assistance on the day.



## GOLD MEDAL FOR AUSTRALIA!

CONGRATULATIONS to CRC St Albans' Mr Mark Donahoo who is pictured at right, after the proud announcement of a World Championship title and GOLD MEDAL. Russia's competitors either side of Mr Donahoo placed second and third in the World Championship Senior Walkers in Budapest, Hungary, last week.



## THE WHITTEN PROJECT

The Brimbank Council in partnership with the Western Bulldogs Football Club have offered 40 students across the western suburbs of Melbourne the opportunity to be involved in a youth leadership program that fosters leadership, goal setting and lifestyle skills.



CRC St Albans had three students who nominated for this much sort after opportunity. They being Lorenzo Atonio, Breeanna Gibbons and Chloe Vierende. **Congratulations to Breeanna Gibbons** on being accepted into the Whitten Project and her adventure commences this Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Both Chloe and Lorenzo have a chance to nominate next year as this program is open to students at years 9 and 10.