



Third Sunday of Easter

You take us seriously
YOU LISTEN TO OUR QUESTIONS

You walk alongside us
YOU SHARE OUR JOURNEYS

You surprise us and bless us
YOU FILL US WITH WONDER

You call us together
YOU CALL US TO LIFE

Open our eyes to see you amongst us
BURN IN OUR HEARTS AND FILL US WITH JOY

Open our minds to the truth of your story
DANCE WITH US IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR LIVES

From the Principal . . .

Can you imagine what it might have been like as a disciple of Jesus in the days following his death on the cross? I'd imagine that those who had not yet heard of his Resurrection were distraught, confused and possibly fearful for their lives. Their grief, anger and guilt would've been palpable. All their hopes and expectations were in ruins. They would've been walking with the body language of the defeated.

In Sunday's gospel we meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus, walking with two of his disciples. They were so consumed in their self-pity they didn't recognise him. Caught up in grief and disappointment they're walking away, away from Jerusalem but also away from all that Jesus taught and stood for. They had given up.

It's interesting that Jesus doesn't force recognition. He simply walks with them, listens to their story and then shares a simple meal. It is in the breaking of the bread that they finally recognise him and a shift takes place. They move from doubt to renewed belief, from isolation to a sense of community and

from concern about themselves to an acceptance that God is with them. A sense of hope springs from what had seemed so senseless and impossible; they turn around, head back to Jerusalem and are ready to once again begin their mission.

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.

Family Week

The week leading up to Mothers' Day is Family Week in many Catholic schools and parishes. Promoted by CatholicCare who work extensively to

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support families, it's an opportunity to celebrate families in all their diversity and richness. Each family is unique but whatever its structure, it's where people find love, support and unity; experience a deep sense of belonging, are able to be themselves and first learn to appreciate difference as a gift. Families help us to ride through difficult times and it's within our family that we first learn about the presence of God in our lives. A very happy Family Week to you all.

Parents as Partners Reading Night

**"The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more you learn,
the more places you'll go."**

Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"
Reading develops your brain, provides a window into the world and helps you do better in all school subjects. In fact, reading is one of the most important ingredients to becoming all that you can be in life. Yet many students struggle to fully develop their skills in this area. Some seem to read fluently but understand little of what is on the page. Some were excellent readers of simple text in primary school but now struggle with more complex academic text. What are the challenges of literacy in the 21st century and how can we engage and assist young people in their reading?

If you are interested in these questions – this night is for you. I encourage all families, particularly those with students in Year 7 to attend this night.

Teachers will share with you the approach we take to teaching reading across the school and some simple strategies you might use to assist your child. Similarly, you might also pick up some tricks from other parents.

Year 7 Families have received a separate invitation for this night.

When: 7:30pm Wednesday 7th May, 2014

Where: Library

Williams Cup

Last week over a hundred students were involved in the Lunchtime Fun Run and Cross Country trials. Points (based on the number of competitors per House) were awarded towards the Williams Cup for this activity. O'Reilly with 34 participants were the clear winners followed by Guelen (26) in 2nd place, Corbett (25) in 3rd and Reis in 4th (22).

Thank you to all the House Captains and staff who organised the event.

At the completion of Swimming and the Fun Run O'Reilly have a clear lead in the Williams Cup. They have taken out first place in all events so far. With a perfect score so far they will take some catching.

Current Standings in the Williams Cup:

1st Place: O'Reilly (50 points)

2nd Place: Guelen (31 points)

3rd Place: Reis (23 points)

4th Place: Corbett (21 points)

Sports Expo

Belonging to a sporting club and regularly participating in a team provides both health benefits and fantastic learning opportunities for young people. On Thursday after school about 80 students enjoyed a Sports Expo. The afternoon gave them the chance to experience a 'taster' of 5 different sporting activities: dance, AFL, rugby union, basketball and soccer.

We are grateful to St Albans Football Club, Taylors Lakes Basketball Club, St Albans Saints Soccer Club, Footscray Rugby Club and the Urban Force Dance Group for their time and generous support of this activity.

If families would like further details about joining any of these clubs please contact the school.

Change of Dates

There are a number of changes in the term dates published in our newsletter at the end of last term. This is due to the availability of the facilitator we will be using for the Staff Professional Learning Day.

Feast Day: Has moved from Fri 23rd May to Fri 27th June (Final day of Term 2)

Staff Planning Day: Has moved from Thurs 29th May to Friday 23rd May

It would be great if families could note these changes in their diaries.

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:

16th May, 30th May, 13th June, 27th June

The newsletter can also be accessed on Friday morning (Day 5) 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:

Chinese Dragon Dancing lessons
ANZAC Day Commemorative ceremony
Premier League training (Year 7)

Lunchtime Fun Run

Sports Expo

Writer in Residence program

Year 10 Community Service

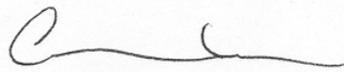
Year 9 Tax Talks and Pathways

Year 7 Reflection Day

Year 8 Medieval Day

Elevate program (Year 10)

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

Someone Once Said . . .

*“ I find that the harder I work,
the more luck I seem to have ”*

- Thomas Jefferson

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for students in Years 7 and 9 will be held on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May.

The results of the tests provide information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs at the school level and improve student achievement. Each student's report will be sent home later in the year showing student performance on a national achievement scale for each test.

The NAPLAN tests assess:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions
(including spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

The students will be completing two numeracy tests. For one of these tests, calculators are permitted. Students **must bring their own calculator** to the test scheduled on Thursday 15th May. If any student does not have a calculator, please ensure that one is purchased as soon as possible to allow time to develop familiarity with its functionality.

More information about the tests can be found at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests/the-tests.html> and www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/prep10/naplan/index.html

NAPLAN

STUDY SUPPORT



Years 7- 8
Monday—Thursday
3.15—4.00 pm
Room 37

Years 8 - 10
Monday—Thursday
3.15—4.00 pm
Library

**SRC
(APPROVED)**

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



**KEEP
CALM**

AND

**COME TO
STUDY SUPPORT**



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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



This weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship in a very positive way. There is no group sharing.

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together in the first place.

Your marriage deserves that kind of attention.

Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2014 weekend dates :

13-15 June, 15-17 August and 21-23 November in Melbourne.

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

For further information and bookings: Contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.

If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.

Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found [here](#) and can also be determined by your doctor.

Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!

Parent and Carer Asthma Information Sessions

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is funded by the Federal Department of Health to provide free asthma education sessions to groups of parents and carers. These sessions can take place at the school or at a location of your choice. The session runs for approximately one hour and covers:

Asthma triggers
Signs and symptoms
Asthma action plans
Asthma medication
Asthma First Aid

If you are interested in attending a parent and carer asthma information session, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria to arrange a session on 1800-ASTHMA or sdoherly@asthma.org.au

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au

 **Asthma Australia**

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Question for thought?
 What would you say to Jesus if he was beside you?

Wednesday Morning Mass Roster

A special thanks to Ms Gusman, 8 Edison and 9 Lyons for leading us in Mass on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many students from our school present at the Mass.

Roster:

- 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)

Gospel Reflection

The Road to Emmaus

... When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Sunday 4th May's Gospel is the story of The Road to Emmaus. It is a wonderful story of how Jesus was finally recognised for the words we hear in the Eucharist.

Project Compassion

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

Final donations to Project Compassion will be collected on Friday 2nd May.

The final amount and the winning House will be announced in the next newsletter.

St Peter's Square bursting at the seams during canonisation of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II

Popes John XXIII and John Paul II have been made saints in a historic double canonisation ceremony at Vatican City attended by up to 1 million faithful. Pope Francis read the formal proclamation at the canonisation mass, which was also attended by former Pope Benedict XVI, who resigned last year.

"We declare and define blessed John XXIII and John Paul II to be saints and we enrol them among the saints, decreeing that they are to be venerated as such by the whole church," Francis said in his formal proclamation in Latin.

The following prayers have been offered to our new Saints.



St Vinnie's Corner

Prayer to St. John Paul II

Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading it along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up high again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

May you bless families, bless each family! You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms from the family. Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You tackled war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you next to Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all. Amen.

Prayer to St. John XXIII

Dear Pope John,

Your simplicity and meekness carried the scent of God and sparked in people's hearts the desire for goodness. You spoke often of the beauty of the family gathered around the table to share bread and faith: pray for us that once again true families would live in our homes. With outstretched hands you sowed hope, and you taught us to listen for God's footsteps as he prepares a new humanity: help us have a healthy optimism of defeating evil with good.

You loved the world with its light and darkness, and you believed that peace is possible: help us be instruments of peace at home and in our communities.

With paternal gentleness you gave all children a caress: you moved the world and reminded us that hands have been given to us not for striking, but for embracing and drying tears.

Pray for us so that we do not limit ourselves to cursing the darkness but that we bring the light, bringing Jesus everywhere and always praying to Mary. Amen.

CRC SPORTS EXPO 24 APRIL 2014

IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

80 students from year 7 – 10 took part in the School Sports Expo last Thursday. The aim of this expo was to introduce students to local sporting clubs in the area and to take part in these clubs if they choose to. There were 5 local sporting clubs who attended the afternoon; Taylors Lakes Basketball Club, St Albans Saints Soccer Club, St Albans Football Club, Footscray Rugby Club and Urban Force dance group. The students had a very enjoyable afternoon. Contact details for those interested in further training with any of these sporting groups, are on the back page of this newsletter.



KEY DATES 2014 TERM 2

Please mark these important college dates in your diary.

Monday 5th May
School Photos

Wednesday 7th May
Parents as Partners Reading Night

Tues 13th – Thurs 15th May
NAPLAN Testing (Years 7 and 9)

Friday 23rd May
NOTE DATE CHANGE
Staff Planning Day
(Students not required at school)

Wednesday 28th May
Parents as Career Partners
(Year 9 families)

Thursday 29th May
NOTE DATE CHANGE
NORMAL SCHOOL DAY

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

Monday 9th June
Queen's Birthday holiday

Friday 13th June
Immersion Day

Monday 16th June
Report preparation day
(Students not required at school)

Tuesday 17th June
Year 8 Family Night

Friday 27th June
NOTE DATE CHANGE
FEAST DAY
Final Day of Term 2



ST ALBANS WARRIORS

Basketball Team

Are you interested in playing basketball?
Under 14's– All Invited

Contact the Coach before Thursday 7th May

Contact Ater (Coach): 0470 426 912
email: atercagai@yahoo.com



**Do you like playing sport?
Missed out on joining in the Sports
Expo? Would you like to play a sport
outside of school hours?**

Training and team sports — clubs represented at the recent CRC Sports Expo are looking for more players.

For more information on the sport you're interested in, please contact the following clubs:

Footscray Rugby Club:

Henry Turner Memorial Reserve, Footscray Ph 0407 827 276

ST Albans Football Club

ST Albans:

U13's Mon & Wed 4.45—6pm, U14's Mon & Wed 5—6pm
ST Albans Sports Club Kings Park Reserve, 96a Gillespie Rd ST Albans.

Cairnlea: Saturday 9am - 10.30am

Kevin Flint Memorial Reserve, Furlong Rd Cairnlea.

\$30 registration fee www.stalbansfc.com.au

ST Albans Saints Soccer Club:

Churchill Reserve, Fox Street, St Albans Ph: 0419 596 731

Taylors Lakes Basketball Club:

basketball@tlrc.asn.au www.tlrc.asn.au/Basketball.htm

Urban Force performing arts Studios:

15B Malcolm Copurt, Kealba. Ph 9364 0647

**or speak with Ms Lawang or Ms Leury
from the Williams area office.**