

Catholic Regional College St Albans

Love One Another As I Have Loved You

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<u>NEWSLETTER</u>

13 June



A Prayer for Trinity Sunday

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 grow in 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.

From the Principal . . .

I have a very clear memory of a lesson in primary school where our teacher tried to explain the Trinity to us. She drew a triangle, spoke of the three leafed clover and then tried the three states of matter: water, ice and mist. None of it made much sense and left us confused more than a little confused.

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.

An Invitation to our Feast Day Mass

This year's Feast Day mass will be held at Resurrection Church in Kings Park. I'd like to warmly invite all families to join us for this very special celebration.

When: Friday 27th June, 2014 at 10.00am

Where: Resurrection Church

51 Gum Road Kings Park

Father Noel Brady and a group of very enthusiastic students and staff have been planning the mass over the last few weeks. If you have the time, please join us.

I realise that many families will have work and other

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commitments on this day, however, if you have the time, it would be great if you could join us.

Students and staff will be travelling to Resurrection by bus. If there are family members who would like to travel with the school – please let Jill know on **9366 2544** as there will be some room on the buses.

Can you help?

Feast Day is a great day for families to get involved with the school and to help in running activities. We're looking for family members (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and older siblings) who might be able to spare a few hours to help with the carnival.

Helpers would need to be available from about **11am** until **2.30pm**. This is a good chance to meet other families and to be part of the fun. If you can assist with the sausage sizzle, making fairy floss, serving at the café, running Mini Golf or the High Striker, helping with Human Table Soccer or one of the many other activities please let us know. No prior experience is needed!

If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help, please ring **Jill** on **9366 2544** to let us know that you're available.

Arrangements for Feast Day

School will begin at the normal time of **8.40am** and conclude at **3.05pm.** It's expected that all students attend unless they're sick. Days such as Feast Day are important in building community and school spirit. Not that anyone would want to miss out on the sumo wrestling, rock climbing, giant slide, human table soccer, the jumping castle and other activities too numerous to mention!

Students can come in casual clothes and there is no charge. All carnival activities are free, however, there is a small cost for food. The canteen is open throughout the carnival and there'll be a sausage sizzle and fairy floss. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch.

Hopefully we are blessed with a fine day! An alternative program will run should it rain.

Monday 16th June, 2014

Families are reminded that students are not required at school on Monday 16th June. On this day staff will be finalising assessment and preparing end of semester reports.

Parents as Career Partners: Year 9 Families

Research shows that the single most important influence on student subject selections and career choices is the immediate family, particularly parents. At the same time, families often feel overwhelmed and under resourced to assist with these decisions.

Career pathways and study options continually change, as do the requirements for particular courses. Young people have many options and are often called to make decisions earlier than in the past. As a parent, where do you go for help, for information?

Jacinta Dykes (Careers Teacher) has organised a night next week to assist Year 9 parents and carers with this very important work.

All Year 9 Families have received a separate invitation to the night on **Wednesday 18**th **June**. I encourage all families to attend, particularly those with their first child in secondary school.

St Vinnie's Schools Sleepout

Next Thursday a group of committed and enthusiastic students and staff take part in the St Vinnie's School Sleepout. They will spend the night on the floor in the hall, give up access to all technology for the night and get ready the next morning for a full day at school.

The Vinnie's Crew and Year 10 Level Council are behind the event. Its key purpose is to give students and staff an insight into the impact of homelessness in Australia and to raise awareness of the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Students and staff are supporting the sleepout with donations of tinned food for the local St Vinnie's conference.

It is hard to believe the statistics, but every night, one in 200 people in Australia have no place to call home. This is more than 100,000 people, nearly half of whom are women and a quarter who are under 18.

They are not all sleeping rough on the streets. Some move between houses of friends or relatives, others find temporary places in shelters. Some are single, others have partners and children. Some are old, others barely into their teens. But they are all homeless, and to most of us they are invisible. Homelessness is not something we think about until we meet someone who is at risk of becoming homeless.

Whilst the issues around homelessness are without a doubt complex, it is a scandal that in a wealthy country such as Australia anyone need be without a home.

The St Vinnie's School Sleepout is run in conjunction with the Australia wide Vinnie's CEO Sleepout. Both events are organised to challenge us to think about our priorities as a community. As you watch the news stories of those sleeping out at Etihad you might like to think about this issue and what you might do to make a difference.

Thank you to the students and staff involved for drawing our attention to this very important issue.

Congratulations

Years 9 and 10 students can be very proud of how they prepared for and approached their exams over the last week. Attendance was excellent with only a small number of students having to complete make-up exams. Thank you also to the staff involved in setting, administering and correcting the exams.

End of Term Arrangements

Friday 27th June is the final day of Term 2. School will begin at 8.40am and conclude at 3.05pm.

Year 8 Family Night: Change of Date

This night, originally scheduled for next week, has been postponed to Week 3 or 4 of Term 3.

Hold the Date: Student Parent Teacher interviews

Student Parent Teacher interviews will be held in the first week of Term 3 on Tuesday 15th July and Thursday 17th July. We ask all families to note this on their calendar.

Further information will be sent home next week and a confirmation time for the interviews will go home on Thursday 26^{th} June.

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:

The final newsletter for Term 2 will be on **Thursday 26**th **June** as the following day is Feast Day

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:

Chess Club

Year 10 Tertiary Visits

Year 9 VET Taster Day

Year 8 Tournament of Minds

Year 7 Maths Games / History Day

9 Live

Years 9 and 10 exams

SACCSS Intermediate Futsal

UNSW Science Competition

Science Crystal Growing activity

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



If school fees are paid in full before the end of this term, a will apply.

FEAST
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IS
COMING!

SCHOOL FEES REMINDERS:

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 you have any concerns or difficulties or regarding school fees Please contact Mrs Anne Ross at the college on: 9366 2544

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Families who received EMA benefits for the first semester DO NOT need to re-apply this year, **EXCEPT if the card has EXPIRED.** Please bring in your NEW CARD to claim your second payment. Your card should be valid as of 14 July 2014. All forms for new applications MUST BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY 25th July 2014.



Year 8 Family Night POSTPONED

Apologies to all families, our Year 8 Family Night has been postponed until further notice. The new date will be announced in a later newsletter.

Parent as Career Partner Information Night 18th June at 7pm

in the Catholic Regional (St Albans) College Library

This is an opportunity for Year 9 families to begin the discussion for their child's career pathway.



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to help in our Vegie Patch?

Our year 8 boys have begun work constructing a hothouse in the college vegie patch. We would be pleased to have a few parents who are keen gardeners to help assemble the hothouse and also help supervise.

If you are interested, please contact Mr Tobin via the office, on: 9366 2544.

YEAR 10 SOCIAL NIGHT and POLO TOPS

Later in the year our students will celebrate their final moments at CRC St Albans, with the choice of wearing a Year 10 Polo Top to school and attending the Year 10 Social Night.

The cost for these items has been made as low as possible to accommodate all students who wish to acquire a Polo Top and/or to attend the Social, which is a very popular event for all final year students.

The costs are as follows:

Polo Top: allow up to \$30.00

Year Ten Social: \$45.00

If your child would like to participate in either of these events, payment should be made when notices are sent home in TERM 3.

Tuesday, 10 June 2014
Dear Parents,



The Yr 8 City Experience (camp) is occurring early in term 3.

As part of the overnight experience, the students will be traveling on public transport. Due to this, all Year 8 students will require their own MYKI card.

I ask that you ensure that your son or daughter has a Myki card by the first day of term 3. Students will be given the opportunity by school to top up their MYKI cards before the camp, however, if the student uses their card before the camp, they will need to ensure the card has enough money on it for the two day experience.

If your son or daughter does not have a card, they will need to buy one. Buying a myki is simple. You can pick up a myki for immediate use:

- at metropolitan premium train stations
- ◆ at close to 800 metropolitan retail outlets, including 7-Eleven
- from a myki machine (full fare myki only) at all metropolitan train stations and selected accessible tram stops and bus interchanges. Use the online locator tool to find a machine near to you.
- at a regional myki retail outlet.
- Alternatively, you can purchase a myki: online at www.myki.com.au/by calling 13 6954 (13 myki).

Please note: Allow up to seven days for delivery of myki cards ordered either online or from the myki call centre. If you are buying myki online or from the myki call centre, but decide not to register it, you will still need to provide your postal details so the myki can be sent to you. Your details will then be deleted within 30 days of the myki being sent to you.

A child's myki card costs \$3.00. When you buy a myki it has no value on it, so you need to top up before you travel. For the two days travel (zone 1 and 2) at concession rates will be \$12.

If you have any queries, please contact me or one of the Year 8 homeroom teachers?

Yours faithfully, **Mr Len Tobin** Year Level Leader.



Twenty year nine and ten students had the opportunity to experience the what it would be like working in a hospital. Students explored vital signs of patients, they check heart rates, revived dummies and under UV rays demonstrated the role of hand hygene.



KEY DATES 2014 TERM 2

Please mark these important college dates in your diary.

Monday 16th June

Report preparation day (Students not required at school)

Wednesday 18th June

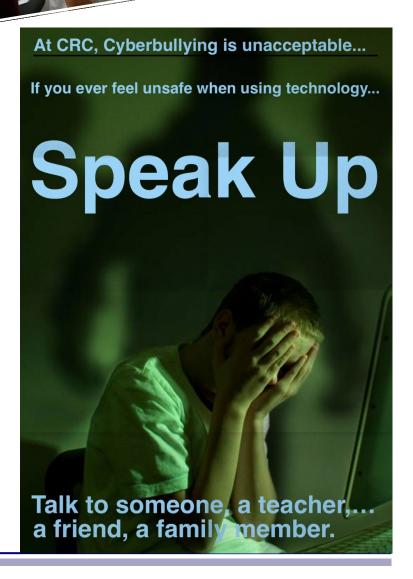
Parents as Career Partners (Year 9 families)

Friday 27th June FEAST DAY Final Day of Term 2

Someone Once Said . . .

Believe you can and you're halfway there

- Theodore Roosevelt





Wednesday Morning Mass Roster

Next Wednesday the 18th June, is the year 7 Level Mass. We invite all members of the school community to join the year 7's in prayer and the Eucharist.

ROSTER —

18th June CRC

Year 7 Level Mass- All 7 RE Teachers

25th June St Vinnie's Crew and Sacred Heart

(60th Anniversary SH)

FEAST DAY

The College Feast Day will be on Friday 27th June This is "The Feast of the Sacred Heart": Here is some background information on the feast:

The devotion to the Sacred Heart (also known as the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus) is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Roman Catholic devotions, taking Jesus Christ's physical heart as the representation of his divine love for humanity.

The devotion especially emphasizes the unconditional love, compassion, and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity. The origin of this devotion in its modern form comes from a Roman Catholic <u>nun</u> from <u>France</u>, <u>Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque</u>, who said she learned the devotion from Jesus during a series of apparitions which occurred between 1673 and 1675.

The Sacred Heart is often depicted in <u>Christian art</u> as a flaming heart shining with divine light, surrounded by a crown of thorns. Sometimes the image is shown shining within the chest of Christ with his wounded hands pointing at the heart.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart has been in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar since 1856, and is celebrated 19 days after Pentecost. As Pentecost is always celebrated on Sunday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart always falls on a Friday.



St Vinnie's Corner

"CRC School Winter Sleepout"

Thursday 19th June here at school. It will be a chance to experience a little of what it might be like to be homeless and experience the cold of our winter.

This is also a chance to give by donating canned food for the St Vincent De Paul Society.

The whole school community can get involved by donating canned soup and meals.

The more cans we collect the more we can support the great work of the St Vincent De Paul Society.

FACTS ABOUT THE HOMELESS IN MELBOURNE Homeless People Melbourne Statistics: The Appalling, Unpleasant Truth of it all.

A recent survey in 2004 suggests over 4,000 people in Melbourne are physically homeless.

Homelessness is not a choice that people make, it happens. We as a community have a social, moral and ethical responsibility to care and foster its vulnerable members. In a culture that endears itself and measures successful people with being good, law abiding, kind, generous, in order to succeed; what messages are we sending to those individuals who also posses these same qualities, who find themselves marginalised in ever increasing numbers. So it does beg the questions; how just is our society?, is it indeed fair and equitable?

Homelessness is a universal journey, and is not necessarily by definition just about shelter, it is an intrinsic state of unrest.

Homelessness is defined as when a person is left without a conventional home and lacks the economic and social support that a home normally affords. He/she is often cut of from the support of relatives and friends, and has few independent resources. Often the person has no immediate means and in some cases, little prospect of independence even more so if you have a mental illness. Its almost 20 years since the Richmond Report and the community sector is yet to see the recourses they were promised. Since the deinstitutionlisation of mental health services, community care is focused on home care; however a reliance on this is clearly deficient considering that

Definition of Homelessness

This census defines homelessness using three categories. They are:

Primary homelessness includes all people without conventional accommodation, such as people living on the streets, sleeping in parks, squatting in derelict buildings, or using cars or railway carriages for temporary shelter.

Secondary homelessness includes people who move frequently from one form of temporary shelter to another, including people staying in emergency or transitional accommodation provided under (SAAP) and people residing temporarily with other households because they have no accommodation of their own or 'no usual address'. Tertiary homelessness refers to people who live in boarding houses on a medium to long-term basis, operationally defined as 13 weeks or longer.

The number of homeless people in Victoria has increased by 13.8% from 17,840 people in 1996 to 20,305 people in 2001.

The number of homeless people in Australia has marginally declined from 105,304 people in 1996 to 99,900 in 2001.

Nearly half the homeless population in Australia continue to live temporarily with friends and relatives.

The proportion of the homeless population in SAAP accommodation has increased by 10.2 percent between 1996 and 2001.

Single people continue to comprise over three quarters of the homeless population. Young people and children continue to be over represented in the homeless population with 26 percent aged 12-18 years and 46 percent aged 24 years and under.

The gender distribution between males and females is relatively even with young people who are homeless aged less than 25 years. Older people who are homeless have a higher proportion of males.

About 80 percent of the marginal residents of caravan parks are located in the eastern seaboard states of Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

About 78 percent of marginal caravan residents in Australia are located in regional and rural areas.

About 67 percent of persons in boarding houses are located in capital cities. Statistics from the <u>Council to Homeless Persons</u> Intoduction lan archibald PAGE 8 ISSUE 09 2014



Instrumental Music lessons at our school

In term 3 'Metro Music School' will be providing guitar lessons at our school. There are also vacancies for keyboard, singing and drum lessons.

Lessons will run for 30 minutes each week during school hours on a rotational timetable.

If you are interested please see Miss Farrugia for an information and enrolment form. All enrolments must be in by Monday the 23rd of June to finalise student numbers for term 3.



YES! I would like to help out on FEAST DAY 2014.

Name:	Contact Number :
My Child's Name:	Class:
I can offer the following skills :	
I can offer the following skills :	

Please return this reply slip to Jill at the college office, or give her a call on: 9366 2544 by Friday 20th June 2014.