

Catholic Regional College St Albans

Love One another as I Have Loved You

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NEWSLETTER



Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lord Jesus, you said that

'there is more joy in giving

than in receiving'.

Inspire us to live generously,

thinking of others before ourselves,

helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Teach us to love others as you have loved us.

Fill our hearts with a love like yours —

a love that is strong and enduring.

Amen.

26 June

From the Principal . . .

Mother Teresa of Calcutta once told a story about a Hindu family who were in desperate circumstances. They had no food so she took them some rice. She describes looking at the children and seeing hunger in their eyes.

The mother of the family was very grateful for the rice, and immediately divided it into two and went outside. When the lady returned, Mother Teresa asked where she had been. "My neighbours, a Muslim family – they are hungry too," she said. Later Mother Teresa explained to one of her sisters: "I didn't take any more rice to the family that evening – I wanted them to enjoy the gift and dignity that comes from sharing."

This story reflects well what we celebrate in the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

At tomorrow's Feast Day mass we will reflect on Jesus' challenge to share the load; to share what we have with others. The real challenge is to share not what we have left over or what we won't miss but to share what we might actually need. In other words, to actually go without something so that others might get their fair share.

Sadly, for some this is a foreign concept. Socially, politically and economically their focus is on themselves and what is in it for them, rather than the good of all. Yet every day, in our families, in our school community and in the broader

community we also meet wonderfully kind and generous people who know all about giving; about giving even when it means sacrifice. They are the weft and the warp of our community life; they hold us together and draw us to being our better selves.

As a concrete reminder of Jesus' call to share the load, students have been collecting cans for the local conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society. On this, the Feast of the Sacred Heart it is timely to reflect on our own generosity. Am I a person who shares the load, who gives, even when it hurts or is inconvenient?

Thank You

As we draw to the end of what has been a very busy term, I'd like to thank students, staff and families for all your hard work and support throughout the term. The end of term is a particularly challenging time for everyone. Just in the last three weeks we've had exams, culminating assessment tasks, reports, Year 10 Music Night, 9 Live, VET Taster Day, Tertiary visits, Tournament of Minds, Parents as Careers partners night, Maths Games Day, History Box, Year 10 Titration Stakes, Italian Poetry competition, St Vinnie's Sleepout and

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prepared for Feast Day. Without a doubt, everyone; students, staff and families have earned a break.

We can look back over Semester 1 and feel well pleased with all we've achieved. Our school has been a very positive place and I'm continually amazed by people's generosity, openness and willingness to help in any way they can. We look forward to an equally good second semester.

On behalf of the College community I wish all families a very enjoyable and relaxing break.

Farewell

With the end of Semester 1 we farewell two staff members: Samantha Mangiagli (Speech Pathologist) and Katarina Ilaya (Learning Support Officer). Samantha leaves us to take up a full time position with the DEECD and Katarina is looking forward to the birth of her first child. I thank both for all that they've given to our school community. Their time, generosity and hard work have all been very much appreciated. We wish them well in the future.

Happy 60th Anniversary

This year Sacred Heart primary school celebrates its 60th anniversary. We congratulate the school community on reaching this very special milestone and wish them well, both for the celebrations and in the future.

The school opened with 165 students in 1954 and quickly grew to over a thousand students in the late 1950's and early 1960's. A number of parents, students and staff in our own school have been lucky enough to enjoy a primary education at what has always been and continues to be a fine school. For 60 years the school community has worked with children, generally from migrant and refugee backgrounds, to provide them with a terrific education whilst also nurturing the faith life of the community. Thank you.

At the College we are indebted to the school for the support that they gave us in the early days and continue to give today.

An Invitation to our Feast Day Mass

All our plans are in place and we're very much looking forward to Feast Day tomorrow. If you have time, it would be great if you could join us for mass.

When: Friday 27th June, 2014 at 10.00am

Where: Resurrection Church

51 Gum Road Kings Park

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 in exchange for a can of food. 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.

After the very wintry weather we've experience this week we have our fingers crossed for a fine day! An alternative program will run should it rain.

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.

2014 Titration Stakes

Throughout Term 2 a group of Year 10 students has been in training for the Titration Stakes. This is a competition conducted by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. In the actual competition on Monday, students were asked to determine the strength of a weak acid solution of unknown concentration by carrying out a series of acid-base titrations. Teams across the state are ranked on how close they get to the actual concentration.

Through this experience, our budding chemists have been able to practise their laboratory skills using pipettes, burettes and other glassware; learnt to recognise end-points and to carry out simple calculations.

On behalf of the students I'd like to thank Josephine Lowe for introducing this new activity into the school, all the Science teachers who have supported it and to the large number of students who participated.

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.

Confirmation of interview times will come home with this newsletter. With the two weeks holidays we ask that families place this appointment slip in a prominent place as a reminder of this appointment.

These interviews are with parents / carers and students. It is important that students attend and generally it is in-

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appropriate for older brothers or sisters to represent the family, unless they are the official guardian. Interpreters are available on both nights.

Early Finish due to Student / Parent / Teacher interviews

Families are reminded that due to the interviews classes will finish at **2.15pm** on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th July. However, Year 9 Premier League students will be dismissed at the normal time on Tuesday as they are participating in interschool sport.

Start of Term 3

Term 3 will commence on **Monday 14**th **July.** This will be **Day 1** of the timetable. All students have received their Semester 2 timetable today and it can also be accessed online through the normal processes.

All students are expected to begin Term 3 with the correct materials and uniform.

Reports

Semester 1 reports will be distributed to students in pastoral care on the first day of term, **Monday 14**th **July, 2014.** Students are expected to take the reports home to families on this day. We ask all families to note this date and to follow up with students.

Annual Report 2013

Our 2013 Annual Report is now available to families on the College website at www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au Hard copies are also available from the school office and will be available at Student / Parent / Teacher interviews in the first week of Term 3. I'd encourage all families to take a look.

Holidays: A time to get organised

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 become tattered etc... There's really no excuse for students not being in full uniform at the beginning of term. It's always surprising how often we hear the excuse that a uniform is in the wash or that shoes are lost or worn out on the first day of term! I ask the support of families in this matter.

Students who are disorganised in their approach to their studies might like to spend some time organising their books, notes and iPad.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published fortnightly and distributed on **Day 10** (**Friday Week 2**). 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 3 2014:

Fri 25th July, Fri 8th August, Fri 22nd August, Fri 5th September, Fri 19th September

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:

Titration Stakes

Track and Field Training

Interschool Futsal competition

Author in Residence

Premier League Training

Choir practice

Italian Immersion Day

Dante Aligheri Poetry competition

Year 10 Music Night

Parents as Career Partners night

St Vinnie's sleepout

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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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.

CANTEEN new combo prices!



\$3.50

Recess

Muffin & a hot drink or water or a

Egg & Bacon Roll & a hot drink or water or a juice box \$4.50

Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich & a hot drink 0r water or a juice box

All Recess Lunch and All day meal deals are by order only.

\$10.00

All Day Combo

Breakfast or Recess – Hot drink or water or juice box One muffin or raisin toast or a

Cooked meal selection available daily on the specials board.

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.

Someone Once Said . . . After a storm, comes a calm - Matthew W Henry

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KEY DATES 2014

Please mark these important college dates in your diary.

Friday 27th June
FEAST DAY
Final Day of Term 2
School ends at 3.05pm

TERM 3

Tues 15th / Thurs 17th July: Student / Parent / Teacher interviews

Mon 21st – Fri 25th July: Year 10 Work Experience Year 8 City Camps (Tuesday – Friday)

Tuesday 29th July:
Parents as partners Year 7 Maths Night

Wednesday 30th July: Sydenham Twilight Open Evening

Tuesday 12th August: Year 10 course planning day Year 10 Social

Wednesday 13th August:
Staff Planning Day
(students are not required at school)

Friday 15th August: SACCSS Interschool Chess tournament.

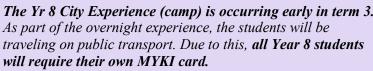
Tuesday 26th August: Year 10 Reflection Day Year 7 Zoo excursions

Tuesday 9th September: Year 10 VET Dance night

Tuesday 16th September: Interschool Track and Field.

Wed 17th – Friday 19th Sep: Year 9 Camp Tuesday, 10 June 2014

Dear Parents,



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.



YEAR 8 CITY CAMP DATES

Parents please note:

All medical and permission slips must be returned to school by no later than TUESDAY 15th JULY.

(First week of Term 3)

Tuesday & Wednesday 22nd & 23rd July 2014 8HOLLOWS and 8ATTARD

Wednesday and Thursday 23rd & 24th July 2014 8EDDISON

Thursday & Friday 24th & 25th July 2014 8CLARK and 8ORIFICI ISSUE 10 2014 PAGE 6

"Would you like to be the student to operate one of our television cameras as we televise the inaugural Catholic Schools Gala?"



Eliane Pinheiro

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epiheiro@ceomelb.catholic.edu.au

"Time to Shine" will be staged at the Palais Theatre on September 13 and will be recorded for replay and DVD release.

Working under the guidance of a professional Television Director you will get to be part of a television industry based crew and be an integral part of the five camera outside broadcast.

You will need to apply for an interview and the successful applicant will receive coaching from our Show's director who has also worked as a television Director for more than thirty five years.

This is an opportunity of a lifetime so for those of you who would love the opportunity to be a camera person, apply now to:

Dante Alighieri Italian Poetry Competition

Congratulations to our Italian students for their excellent performance at the Dante Alighieri Italian Poetry Competition at Melbourne University. This year a record number entrants from our college received certificates of High Distinction and Honourable Mentions. Thank you to the year 9 Italian teachers for their hard work in preparing our students for this competition. The following students did an outstanding performance and received these special awards:

Hashara Jayawardane – High Distinction
Jasna Kusenic – High Distinction
Elane Le – High Distinction
Cindy Do – Honourable Mention
Sibel Gul – Honourable Mention
Carolinh Lamb – Honourable Mention
James Le – Honourable Mention

Phung Le – Honourable Mention Mailey Phan - Honourable Mention

At CRC, Cyberbullying is unacceptable...

If you ever feel unsafe when using technology...

Speak Up

Talk to someone, a teacher,...
a friend, a family member.

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Questions for thought
What is Jesus inviting us to do?
What or who are
the Yoke of today?

Wednesday Morning Mass Roster

Thank you to the St Vinnie's Crew and students from Sacred Heart Primary for leading Mass on 25th June. Also a big thanks to the year 7 level for leading us in a wonderfully reflective mass on 18th June.

ROSTER TERM 3

16th July CRC 8 Hollows - CML

23rd July Sacred Heart

30th July CRC 7 Snowy- MCE

6th August CRC (CML) /Sacred Heart

St Vinnies Crew & Sacred Heart

13th August Sacred Heart

20th August CRC 7 Yarra/Wimmera - TMD

27th August Sacred Heart

3rd September CRC 10 Little - MGN

10th September Sacred Heart

17th September CRC Year 8 Level Mass -

TMD and 8 RE Teachers

Feast Day – The Feast of the Sacred Heart The Gospel reading of the day

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,

and I will give you rest.

Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



St Vinnie's Corner

"CRC School Winter Sleepout"

On Thursday 19th June the St Vinnie's Crew had its first successful Winter Sleepout.

The night began with viewing the year 10 Music Performance Night and then we began our own activities. Each student contributed 10 cans to our can drive and we played games and spoke about all things related to our homeless in Melbourne. The students and staff involved really enjoyed the experience and highly recommend it to others in our school for 2015. Here are some photos of the experience.



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FEAST DAY

FRIDAY 27th JUNE 2014

Feast Day is an important event on the CRC St Albans school calendar and all students are expected to attend.

- Locker and Homeroom. 8:40
- Students board buses for the Feast Day Mass. 9:15
- 11:20 Recess at CRC St Albans.
- 11:40 Homeroom for Pastoral Care activities.
- 12:45 The carnival begins!

