



From the Principal . . .

Dear God,

*We celebrate spring's returning and
the rejuvenation of our world.*

*Let us be moved by this vast and
gentle insistence
that goodness shall return,*

*that warmth and life
shall succeed,*

*and help us to understand our place
within this miracle.*

*Let us see that
as a bird now builds its nest,
bravely, with bits and pieces,
so must we build human faith.*

*It is our simple duty;
it is the highest art;*

*it is our natural and vital role
within the miracle of spring:*

the creation of faith.

Amen.

(Michael Leunig)



Spring is a good time to clear all the clutter from our lives. It's sometimes called spring cleaning. To do this we need to think about what is cluttering our lives, what is stopping us from being the person, the student, the teacher, the parent or the friend we could be. Our 'clutter' could well be a relationship that's in a mess and needs to be sorted, an issue we need to face or a bad habit that we need to ditch. Whatever it might be – this is the time to sort it, clear it out, to let go and to start again.

As the days get longer and the weather becomes milder we have a sense of hope; a sense that the old can indeed be left behind and that change is possible.

Condolences

Earlier this week we were very saddened to hear that Candida (Candy) Taylor, much loved mum of Nathan (7 Kiewa) and Carine (9 Lyons), passed away after a long and brave battle with illness. We offer our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

I ask that you keep Candy, her husband Dave, and their children Nathan and Carine in your thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

At these very difficult times we remember that we are God's precious children. He will never forget us. In life and death he is with us, holding us gently in his hands.

Eternal rest grant unto Candida, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

Community Concert

On Monday afternoon students and staff enjoyed our annual Community Concert. Every year, this is a much anticipated school event and once again it didn't disappoint. Congratulations and thank you to the many talented performers who took part, both as soloists and in groups. We certainly have very talented students in our school community.

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Thank you to the Arts staff, particularly Michelle Farrugia, the Art Faculty Leader, for all their work in organising the concert. These teachers have been supervising rehearsals, organising the program and supporting students over many weeks.

Year 10: Arrangements for Friday 19th September

On the last day of Term 3 Year 10 students will be involved in a number of activities.

- Drama students will be involved in a full day of rehearsals for the Suitcase Drama series.
- The Sculpture class will have a full day Sculpture Studio (at school)
- Students studying Chinese will be on an excursion in the city.

Some students may be asked to assist with the Year 12 Reflection Day

Students not involved in these activities will not be required at school. Year 10 families will receive more specific information next week.

Father's Day

We wish all the dads in our community a very happy Father's Day. Often people bemoan the commercialisation of days like this, and whilst there is truth in this, it is also a day where we can remember and show gratitude to the men who have nurtured us, and to appreciate the gift and importance of male role models, whoever they may be. Thank you to all dads, grandfathers and men who care for us.

Re-enrolment 2015

Last week families with students in Years 7, 8 and 9 received re-enrolment forms for 2015. I'd ask that you read through this information carefully and return the information as soon as possible. We will need all forms by **Friday 10th October, 2014.**

Families who may have difficulties in paying the \$100 enrolment deposit are asked to speak with Mrs Ross, our Bursar, about this. It won't be a problem.

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:

Thursday 18th September

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:

Year 9 Premier League

Track and Field try outs

Trinity Fun Run

Year 7 zoo excursion

Year 10 Reflection Day

Year 7 Maths Games Day

Driver Education program: Year 10

Interhouse Lunchtime Basketball

Lunchtime at the movies (SRC)

Interhouse Chess Tournament

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

SRC UPDATE

“We like to make things happen, not just talk about them —that’s our main focus.”
- Kristy Thinh

CRC ST Albans has been very active, raising funds for the Holy Eucharist Foodbank.

On Monday this week, the whole Leadership team stayed back at school until about 5.00pm to prepare for the Bake Sale on Tuesday with ingredients kindly supplied by the school. As there was not a lot of actual baking, the sale had to be re-named a ‘Sweet’ sale and the SRC were selling everything for \$1.00 each.

Other fundraising activities at CRC St Albans have included Futsal and Basketball tournaments with Year 9’s competing in their ‘houses’ and have been played during lunch-times throughout this week. Movies have also been screened in the Language centre and will continue until the end of term as a lunch-time alternative for cold wintery days.

As a Leadership Team member, some of the important tasks taken on are planning and organising events, for example, the Athletics Carnival, finding new ways of fundraising for charities and organisations and looking at ways

to improve student life at school. One of these ways, has had the team collaborating with the canteen, raising student concerns and discussing canteen prices. A delegated team approached the canteen with ideas and suggestions and were able to procure lower prices which included the Meal Deal combos you are now able to buy, plus a larger range of foods.

How are the organisations chosen for fundraising? The SRC chose the organisations to give their funds to, based on the colours they have in their logo or identity. For example, Guelen House supports Daffodil Day, (yellow colour) and Reis House supports the Salvation Army (red colour).

If you’d like to help, the Leadership Team are looking for more ideas to raise funds for the Holy Eucharist Food bank, so Please speak to your House Captain, or one of the SRC.



Breakfast		Lunch	
Hash Brown & a hot drink or water or a juice box	\$2.50	Chicken or beef burger & a can of drink or water	\$6.00
Raisin Toast & a hot drink or water	\$3.00	Large Cooked Meal of the day & a can of drink or water	\$6.00
Muffin & a hot drink or water or a juice box	\$3.50		
Recess		All Day Combo	
		Breakfast or Recess - Hot drink or water or juice box	\$10.00
		One muffin or toast or a hash brown	



TIME to SHINE

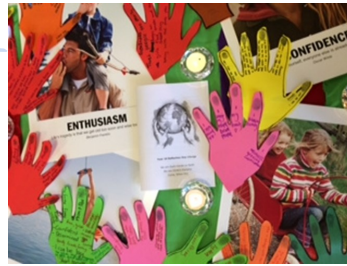
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS GALA

Showing at the Palais Theatre, St Kilda. 12pm & 5pm 13 September 2014. Tickets \$29.50 from Ticketmaster.

The Catholic Education Office Melbourne is proud to present a Catholic schools performing arts extravaganza called *Time to Shine*. The event will showcase the artistic talents of up to 400 students from Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, highlighting Catholic education’s strong commitment to the performing arts. The two-hour shows will feature dancers, musicians and singers in this high-calibre artistic production.



Year 10 Reflection Day 2014



On Tuesday 26th of August, the year 10's got the opportunity to take the chance to reflect and interact with other students, using past knowledge and events. One of the activities was using our hands to share our personal life experiences. The other activity was based on our vision and opinion of the world.

At the end of the reflection day, Father O' Reilly led the liturgy to help us connect with God.

"Reflection day was a great day for me to reflect by myself. I never knew I could last being so independent for such a long time. My favourite part of the day was the donuts and getting circle time to share our personal thoughts." - **Hannah**

"Reflection day was a fun day. My favourite part was when I got to reflect myself and I got to enhance my ideas for the future and learn from my past mistakes. Donuts were fine too." - **Lorenzo**

"Reflection day was an enjoyable day that helped me to share, create and imagine how I see the world."
- **Arwin**

A special thank you to all the staff and students who attended this very important and special day. Thank you to Fr Minh Tran, Fr Noel Brady and Fr John O'Reilly for their continued and unconditional support.



Wednesday Morning Mass

Special thanks to Ms Gusman and her classes for leading us in mass on Wednesday 3rd September.

We only have two masses left for the term. Hope to see you there.

17th September CRC
Year 8 Level Mass
– TMD and 8 RE Teachers

Reflecting on the Gospel

MT 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Ezekiel and Jesus both have good advice for dealing with people when wrong things are done.

How easy is it to confront a friend when you think you have been wronged or treated badly? Do you tend to ignore the wrong? Do you talk about it honestly? Or do you tend to hold a grudge?

Does the advice in today's readings relate to today's situations, or do you think we need to look at other alternatives when dealing with modern wrongs? How so?

Jesus assures us that whenever two or three pray together, Jesus is always there, and our prayers are always answered.

Do you think that prayers are always answered? Or do you think it depends on the type of prayer and what is asked for? Or do you think that prayers are always answered, but sometimes the answer is no? How do you think prayer works?

What kind of prayers do you most often pray? Do your prayers ask for something? Do you pray for strength and guidance? Do you ever pray with one or two others?

Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart - St Mary's Press



family Matters

KEY DATES 2014

Please mark these important college dates in your diary.

TERM 3

Tuesday 9th September:
Year 10 VET Dance night

Tuesday 16th September:
Interschool Track and Field.

Wed 17th – Friday 19th September:
Year 9 Camp

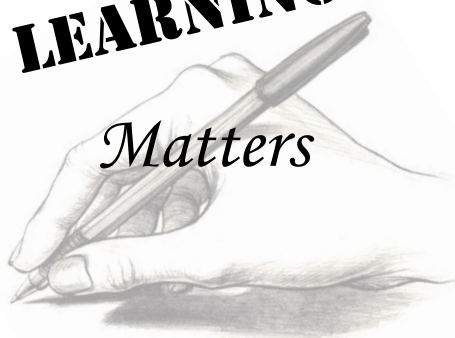
Friday 19th September:
Last Day of Term 3
Normal finish time : 3:05pm

Someone Once Said...

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

- Maya Angelou

LEARNING



SCHOOL FEES

All families should have received their school fee statements with their balance payment for the year. We encourage all families to finalise their term fee payments before the end of this term. Should you have any difficulties please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Anne Ross at the college on 93662544.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY... CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOOK WEEK WINNERS :

1st Prize
Mary Ngoma

2nd Prize
Caitlyn Gons

3rd Prize
Simi [Anushka] Rao

4th Prize
Chloe Dimitrokopoulos



Communicating with teenagers

Limit the amount of time they spend in their bedrooms



Most teens just love their own space and can spend hours on end in their bedrooms. This satisfies a developmental need for privacy, but teenagers can easily drop out of their families if parents aren't careful. So make sure they come out of their bedrooms for mealtimes and other opportunities to catch up.

BY Michael Grose, Parenting expert - <http://www.parentingideas.com.au/>

Maths Quiz Answer

A solid, four-inch cube of wood is coated with blue paint on all six sides. . . ANSWER:

There are 8 with three sides painted, 24 with two sides painted, 24 with one side painted, and 8 with no sides painted.

English Quiz Answer

The only anagram of *partisan* is *aspirant*.

WOW! What a show!!! Weeks of rehearsals and excitement right up until the final moments culminated in a wonderful concert showcasing some of the college's best song, dance and musical talent. Performances were made by students from all year levels who showed their stuff to the rest of the school and some of the parents who came along to support their children. Not all students who participated were on stage, though! Costume, makeup, lighting, sets, sound and camera were some of the many important tasks taken on by those not on stage. Well done to all involved and to the Arts team who allowed the students to take on the show with as little staff involvement as possible.

SCHOOL CONCERT 2014

