



### *Thanksgiving Prayer*

*For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.  
We give thanks.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)



### *From the Principal . . .*

**Without a doubt it has been a big term so it's no surprise that everyone is ready for a break!!**

*Below are some of the Term 3 highlights. These activities complement an excellent classroom learning program. I'm sure that families appreciate the effort, energy and time involved in planning, not only these experiences, but all the learning opportunities students have had over the term.*

*This work is the achievement of many hands. I thank all the staff and students who've organised activities and the learning programs, and the many students and families who have contributed. Our work has indeed been blessed and as a school community we've much for which to be thankful.*

- Year 9 Premier League
- Work Experience
- Tournament of Minds
- Year 11 Course Selection
- Year Level Assemblies
- Back to.... planning
- Trinity Community Projects
- Year 8 Pegasus rotations
- Interhouse Chess
- Tree planting
- Interhouse Debating
- Year 8 Reflection Day

- Year 7 Terrarium project
- Author in Residence
- Year 7 LOTE excursions
- Year 5 Visits
- Year 10 Reflection Day
- Year 10 Social
- SACCSS Athletics
- SACCSS Tennis
- Maths Games Days
- Year 8 Carnivale
- SRC activities
- Melbourne Writers' Festival
- Year 8 City Escape
- Author visits
- Interschool Basketball
- Outdoor Ed Ski Trip
- Crystal Growing

### *Thank You*

*As this is the final newsletter for Term 3 I'd like to thank all students, families and staff for your ongoing support, hard work and the care that you've given so generously over the past 10 weeks.*

*Have a great break, enjoy this time with family and friends, and the space to move at a less hectic pace.*

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## *VET Dance Night*

Congratulations to all involved in last week's VET Dance Performance at the Crate Theatre. It was a great night. We were privileged to see some very talented dancers put together an entertaining and diverse program of dance. It's hard to believe that for most it was their first full year of dance training. I'm sure that this was a challenging but highly rewarding learning experience, and that students learnt much about themselves and the commitment required to bring together a performance at this level.

Particular thanks to Clarence Marshall for all his work with the students, to the Arts faculty for their support of the event and to Pauline Corson and Jo Mallia for their fine work on the terrific costumes. Thank you also to the families, staff and past students who joined us on the night.

## *Congratulations*

Best wishes to Alpha Vili (9 Deakin) and Juville Filimoeatu (8 Edison) who have been selected to represent Victoria in Rugby Union. Over the holidays they will travel to New Zealand to play in a series of matches against Kings College, Auckland Grammar, Waikato and Bay of Plenty. Alpha is in the Under 16 side and Juville in the Under 14's. We congratulate both on this very fine achievement.

## *Staffing Changes Term 4*

Kevin Quinn will be on long service leave for the first two weeks of Term 4. Peter Danger will be Acting Deputy Principal in his absence and Chris Strachan will continue as Year 7 Level Leader for this time.

Clarence Marshall will be on long service leave during Term 4 and he will be replaced in his role as Faith Development Leader by Jacinta Dykes.

I wish Kevin and Clarence well during their extended breaks. Each brings much to our school community and the break is well deserved. It will be a great chance to recharge the batteries; to spend time with family, to see and experience new things and possibly take life at a slightly slower pace.

## *Williams Cup Update*

Over the past few weeks students have enjoyed two highly competitive and engrossing lunchtime competitions in Chess and Basketball. I'd like to thank the students and staff involved in competing and running these very successful tournaments, particularly the House Captains for all their work in organising the lunchtime Basketball.

The success of Corbett in the Basketball and Reis in the Chess, coupled with a very even performance of second place for Guelen in both events means that there has been an overall tightening of competition in the Williams Cup. The gap to the runaway early leaders, O'Reilly, has certainly closed over the past five weeks. With many points still up for grabs in Athletics, the Ball Sports Day and a further round of lunchtime activities, Term 4 should be interesting.

Current standings in the Williams Cup are:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. O'Reilly: 82.5 points | 2. Guelen: 61 points    |
| 3. Reis: 51.5 points     | 4. Corbett: 42.5 points |

## *Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships*

Every year secondary schools across Victoria can nominate up to five students to be considered for the Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships offered through Melbourne University. Applications are judged on academic achievement, school involvement and leadership skills. At the College we shortlist based on Semester 1 results and then look at involvement in school life and leadership to confirm the nominations.

I'd like to congratulate Jon Salalia, Katelinh Lamb, Kristy Thinh, Lucero Cuzcano and Frances Deen on being our nominees for the scholarship in 2014. Best wishes to these students. Each would be a worthy recipient of this award. We should hear by early December if they've been successful.

## *Year 5 Visits*

During Term 3 Year 5 students from our local Catholic primary schools have visited the College. This was an opportunity for them to experience a secondary school in action and to see the College. They made some gruesome looking scars in drama, played with dry ice in Science, learnt some Chinese and participated in a dance class.

I'd like to thank staff who organised activities and the Year 7 students who were gracious hosts and fine ambassadors for our school. Their assistance in showing the students around, in helping with activities and in serving lunch was very much appreciated. Equally they enjoyed catching up with staff and students from their primary school.

## *Beginning of Term 4*

Term 4 begins on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**.

This will be **Week 1 / Day 1** of the timetable.

## Preparing for Term 4

The school holidays are certainly a time for rest and recreation, however, they're also an opportunity to prepare for the new term. Some students will have projects or homework to complete over the break. It's a good idea to get this done earlier, rather than later.

With exams only 7 or 8 weeks away, the holidays are a good time to begin revision of Term 3 work and / or to catch up on any missed work. Those who struggle with organisation might use this time to put some order into folders. Filing old notes and worksheets might be a good start and ensuring that you have all the stationery you need for Term 4 would help.

If students do little else it would be helpful to find some time to read each day.

## Years 7 and 9 NAPLAN results

2014 NAPLAN results were posted home to Years 7 and 9 families last week. If you haven't received this information by the end of the holidays please contact the College in the first week of Term 4 and we will provide you with a photocopy.

## Term 4 Uniform

From the beginning of Term 4 until the Cup Weekend students can wear either the **full winter** uniform or the **full summer** uniform. They cannot mix and match the two. After Cup Day it is summer uniform only.

I ask all families to use the holidays to ensure that they have all items of uniform and that they are in good repair.

## Re-enrolment 2015

All families are reminded that re-enrolment forms need to be returned by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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)** or Day 9 if there is a whole school off site activity on the Friday. 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 4 2014:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October    Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November    Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> November

The final newsletter for the year will be mailed home with reports on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

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 9 First Aid Training
- Lunchtime Basketball
- Loaves and Fishes Foodbank visits
- VET Dance Night
- SACCSS Interschool Track and Field
- Year 9 Focus Groups
- Year 9 Camp

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



Earlier this term, 28 students across Year 7-10 participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) competition. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being one of the most comprehensive academic assessments available for primary and secondary school students. Whilst all students are to be congratulated on their performance, special mention goes towards the following students who achieved the following rewards:

## MERIT AWARDED TO :-

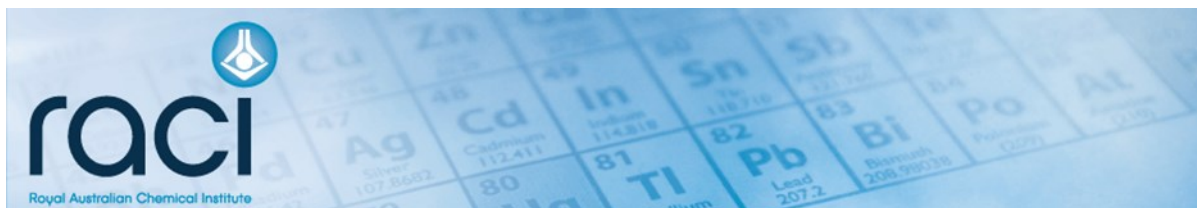
Matthew Pavlic	Year 7
Anita Doan	Year 8
Jennifer Rios	Year 8
Madelyn Ruel	Year 8
Carolin Lamb	Year 8
Daniel Mendez	Year 8

## CREDIT AWARDED TO :-

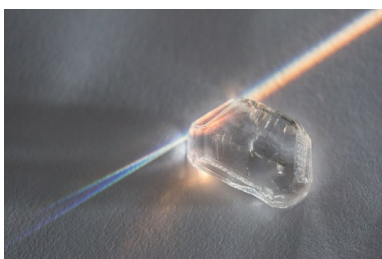
Tomas Carville	Year 7
Kathleen Mendoza	Year 8
Diana Bui	Year 9
Eiren Mendoza	Year 10

DISTINCTION AWARDED TO :-  
Betty Vu Year 9

*In particular, congratulations to Betty Vu whose result was in the top ten percentile of Australia.*



## Royal Australian Chemical Institute "ART AND SCIENCE OF CRYSTAL GROWING"



Earlier this year CRC St Albans competed in a Science Crystal growing competition. This competition was run by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute – a company who **promote the importance of Chemistry to all areas of the public, education, industry and the government.**

We had a number of students that participated in the program from the start right to the very end. These students met regularly to develop the skills in growing crystals, observing their development and to submit their findings to RACI.

RACI has awarded those students that participated with a certificate.

Awards go to:

•Kim Huynh	Year 7
•Jessica Ruel	Year 7
•Tomas Carville	Year 7
•Matthew Pavic,	Year 7
•Robert Konc	Year 7
•Shermta Flomo	Year 7
•Fayelene Reyes	Year 7
•Benjamin Jansen	Year 7
Jans Garay	Year 8

**During the term, 21 students from Year 10 signed up to be involved in The Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) 2014 Titration Stakes Competition. In total 240 teams across Victoria participated in the program. The competition was open to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Students worked in groups of three and the experimental work was carried out in our school laboratory.**

The aim of the competition was to determine the strength of a weak acid solution of unknown concentration by carrying out a series of acid-base titrations. Teams were ranked on how close they get to the actual concentration. By participating in the competition, students were able to practise their laboratory skills, develop their teamwork skills, use pipettes, burettes and other glassware, learn to recognise end-points and carry out simple calculations, all within a given timeframe of 2 hours.

A huge congratulations is to be given to all students who participated in the competition. These students committed their valuable time to additional science classes run after school. Their enthusiasm and motivation towards the learning of Chemical Titrations as well as the competition itself is to be commended. It was a steep learning curve for all of those involved and **extremely exciting** to be part of this competition and we **certainly hope it will be an event that we continue to take part in every year.** The students involved were:

• Michael Magtanong	• Teresa Vu
• Edmund Tuazon	• Kristy Thinh
• Gabrielle Victoria	• Dion Truong

• Cindy Lam	• Julian Villasin
• Dorothy Tang	• Arwin Lee
• Gabrielle Sanding	• Blerta Gegaj
• Frances Deen	• Lucero Cuzcano
• Queenie Nguyen	• Christian Arjona
• Martin Nguyen	• Raymond Borg
• Ruiz Bingham	• Eiren Mendoza
• Vivi Dang	

Special mention must also go towards our own top performing team, comprising of Frances Deen, Lucero Cuzcano and Queenie Nguyen whose efforts were ranked 6<sup>th</sup> overall against all Year 10 Victorian teams that competed! A fabulous effort. A special thank-you is also extended to Mrs Josephine Lowe, whose preparation, knowledge and learning time towards the competition was very much valued and appreciated.





## Reflecting on the Gospel

**Mt 20:1-16**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I not right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

*Have a wonderful break and take the time to rejuvenate and come back fresh for term 4. We look forward to an exciting term.*

*- St Vinnie's Crew*

### Wednesday Morning Mass Roster

Special thanks to Mrs MacDonald and the year 8's for leading us in the final mass for the term. It was so wonderful to see everyone there.

Mass roster for term 4

TERM 4

8th October	Sacred Heart
15th October	CRC 8 Orifici - MCS
22nd October	Sacred Heart
29th October	CRC 9 Deakin and 10 O Connell - DIO
5th November	CRC 9 Hughes - MFA
12th November	CRC 10 Mannix - MDO
19th November	Sacred Heart
26th November	Sacred Heart
3rd December	Sacred Heart



## REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The parable of the vineyard owner and the workers doesn't always play out in the real world as cleanly as we might wish it to. It often bothers us.

Would it bother you if you worked at a car wash or a bakery all day, and another young person who showed up an hour before closing time received the same pay as you did? Why or why not?

Would it bother you if you worked for a week typing up a wonderful English essay, and received an A for your work, and then you found out that someone else who scribbled their essay on scrap paper during the lunch break and handed it in late also received an A? Why or why not?

If we work hard and do well, why are we jealous if someone else does well also – especially if we think that they have not worked as hard as we have?

This parable is not exactly about an effective workplace or school policy. It's really about the way God forgives. If we have a small sin, we are forgiven. If we have a really huge sin, we are forgiven just as much.

Does the 'equal forgiveness for the unequal sin' policy seem easier to take or harder to take than the 'equal pay for unequal work' or the 'equal grade for unequal work' policy? Explain.



## LIVE THE DREAM CRC (Sydenham) ITALY 2015

Italy excursion with CRC Sydenham can be taken in either of the following options:

- Option 1 -**  
25 march—11 April 2015
- Option 2 -**  
(Homestay)  
25 march—19 April 2015

All Year 11 & 12 Hospitality, Art, Italian and RE students (2015) are welcome to attend.



**\$6135\***

Based on 25 people  
\*subject to change

\$600 deposit due 6 October 2014.

For further enquiries, email: [Italy@crcsydenham.net](mailto:Italy@crcsydenham.net)

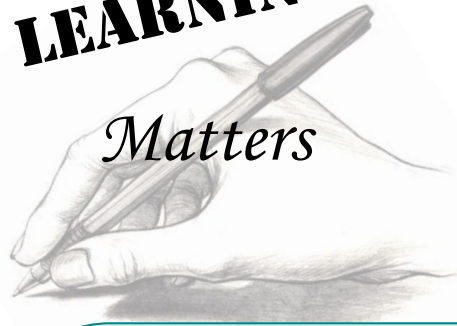
*Someone Once Said . . .*

**"The man who does not  
read good books  
has no advantage over the man who  
cannot read them. "**

- Mark Twain

# LEARNING

## Matters



### Riddles & Learning fun

**1** Two men are trekking across the desert and find a 100 kg watermelon laying out in sun. 99 percent of the watermelon's weight is water. After laying out in the sun for a few hours, 98 percent of the watermelon's weight is water.

*How much water evaporated?*

**2** What occurs twice in a lifetime, but once in every year, twice in a week but never in a day?

**3. Homemade Lollypop Sticks** - A fun science experiment using only 3 ingredients, that you can eat!

You will need:

**2-3 cups white sugar**

**1 cup water**

**Food colouring**

**Flavouring (optional)** I had some 'Bubblegum Essence' so I used that

You will also need:

**Jars/champagne flutes**

**Pegs**

**Skewers**

**Large saucepan**

Method

Add your water to the saucepan and bring to the boil.

Start adding the sugar a 1/2 cup at a time, until it no longer dissolves (making a saturated sugar solution). The more sugar you add, the longer it will take to dissolve. Be patient and try to get as much to dissolve as possible.

Add a few drops of your favourite flavouring.

Take the mixture off the heat and allow to cool (about 15 mins.). While you are waiting, take a plate and add some sugar to it. Get your skewers and dip them into the liquid sugar mixture then dip it into the plain sugar to coat the stick. This will give your Lolly-pop something to 'grow on'. Let them dry for a few minutes until they are completely dry – if they are still too wet when you put them into the hot sugar solution, all of the sugar coating will fall off, and the new crystals will have nothing to grow on.

Set out your champagne flutes/jars and add a few drops of food colouring to the bottom of each.

Take your sugary skewers & place a peg at the top of each and place into the glasses (make sure they do not touch the bottom or sides as this will hinder the 'growing process'.

Now it's time to be patient. The crystals will start growing in 2 – 3 days, but depending on how big you want your Lollypop sticks will depend on how long you will need to keep them in the glasses (we let ours grow for 2 weeks).

**You will have fun checking in on the lollypops to see how much they grow each day!**



## family Matters

### 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.

## Growing Up Online

Susan McLean, author of *Sexts, Texts and Selfies : How to keep your children safe in the digital space*, will host *Growing up Online*, a cyber-safety seminar for parents and carers at the locations listed below, from 7.00pm —9.00pm.

Ms McLean has previously presented at CRC St Albans and is an engaging, knowledgeable and informative speaker.

The seminars will include information on how children and teenagers are using the internet, potential online dangers and safety tips.

### Growing Up Online

presented by Susan McLean

*‘What Susan doesn’t know about Cybersafety is not worth knowing, Brilliant, dynamic and entertaining presentation.’*

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, adolescent psychologist

**7.00pm - 9.00pm**

**Tuesday 7 October** - Melton Library & Learning Hub  
31 McKenzie St Melton

**Wednesday 8 October** - Westwaters Hotel  
10—20 Lake Street Caroline Springs

**Thursday 9 October** - Victoria University Sunshine Convention Centre  
460 Ballarat Road Sunshine

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL — LIMITED SPACES**

For bookings contact Lea Lucas: [lea.lucas@bmlen.com.au](mailto:lea.lucas@bmlen.com.au) or 9361 9306  
[www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au](http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au)

### KEY DATES 2014

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

### TERM 4

**Thurs / Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October:**  
Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October:**  
Images Visual Arts Exhibition  
Opening Night

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October:**  
Year 7 2016 Information Night

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October:**  
Interhouse Track and Field

**Mon / Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Cup Weekend Mid Term Break

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Final school assembly  
- McAuley Awards

**20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Years 9 and 10 exams

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Final day of classes for  
Year 10 students

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Year 10 Graduation Mass (7.30pm)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Report preparation day  
(students not required)

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Year 11 Transition program  
at CRC Sydenham.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Ball Sports Day  
(Years 7 – 9 students)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Final day for Years 7 – 9

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:**  
School office closes



### Communicating with teenagers

**Take an interest in their interests.**

When you and your teenager are seemingly worlds apart it makes a huge difference if you have something in common, whether it's a shared love of music, sport or even shopping. This gives you something to talk about and builds a great deal of goodwill.

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

## Vet Dance Performance @ Sydenham



## Inter-House Chess Tournament

Over the past 5 weeks students have been taking part every Friday in the inter house chess tournament. The competition ran as a knock out and the winners will gain points for their house to go towards the William's Cup. The grand final was very intense between Lorenzo Atonio and Daniel Mendez and the play off for 3<sup>rd</sup> place was between Frances Deen and Martin Nguyen. Congratulations to Daniel Mendez for winning the competition.



## SACCSS Tennis Tournament

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September that SACCSS Tennis Tournament was held at Melbourne Park. All students played well and enjoyed a fun day of competition. Congratulations to Adam Richardson and Patrick Maique for making the grand final against Caroline Chisholm Catholic College. They put up a great fight but unfortunately lost in a tie breaker 4 games to 3.

