



Advent Prayer

*God of time and God of eternity
For you we wait.*

*God of outer space and God closer than we can
imagine
For you we wait.*

*God of the roaring noise of the world and God of
silence
For you we wait.*

*In our homes, classrooms, factories, offices and fields
For you we wait.*

*In this place and in this time
For you we wait.*

lose sight of the real point of the season; the birth of Christ. As a community of believers it is important to prepare personally and as a parish community for the coming of the Christ child. I pray that in the next few weeks, you will be blessed with the space to watch, wait and prepare for the birthday of Christ.

Catherine McAuley Pins

At the College we encourage young people to be generous with their time and gifts; to look beyond themselves to the needs of others and to live a life of service. They are called to be responsible, compassionate and active citizens who know that they can make a difference, even if it is only one small step at a time.

Throughout the year students have many opportunities to be involved in learning beyond the classroom and to contribute to the community. This happens through service, leadership, fundraising, sport, the Arts, extension programs and clubs. I'd like to thank all students for the way they've participated and been involved in 2014.

Each year we recognise students who've made an outstanding contribution to the school and broader community with a Catherine McAuley pin. Points towards this award are accumulated throughout the year and about 10 students at each level receive a pin at the final school assembly.

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2014 Catherine McAuley pin. You are indeed people who make a difference and your willingness to lead, challenge, put in and to be part of things is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for the assembly and morning tea. Your presence, support and encouragement are very much appreciated.

Recipients of the Catherine McAuley Pin for 2014 are.....

Year 10: *Frances Deen, Eiren Mendoza, Eunice Garay, Lucero Cuzcano, Trisha Ann Tolentino, Vincent Julian, Lily Pham, Jenny Lam, Kristy Think, Marlene Do.*

Year 9: *Alexander Celestial, Phung Le, Ha Dang, Nghia Nguyen, Lorenzo Atonio, Carine Taylor, Ariane Patricia Lee, Lisa Nguyen, Carolinh Lamb, Karina Levchenkova, James Le, Elane Le.*

Year 8: *Ilyssa Mendoza, Chloe Nunan, Anita Doan, Annie Dinh, Kathleene Mendoza, Gabrijela Beric, Alyssa Mae Martinez, Madelyn Ruel, Michelle Nguyen, Stephen Garbrah, Michelle Tram Nguyen.*

Year 7: *Tina Bui, Jessica Ruel, Shermta Flomo, Thuong Nguyen, Caitlyn Gonsalves, Jessie Stevens, Henry Chau, Ngoc Hang Theresa Nguyen, Princess Dorbor, Christian Ambesi.*

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From the Principal . . .

Advent: A time of Waiting, Anticipation and Preparation

Sunday marks the beginning of Advent; the beginning of a new Church year and a time of anticipation and preparation.

Advent is sometimes described as a season of waiting. In modern life we are used to waiting. We wait at the doctor's. We wait in traffic. We wait in line to be served at the local coffee shop. Advent is waiting, also, but not in the listless, zoned-out way like we might wait at the local coffee shop, nor in the anxious, bored way we might wait at the doctor's office or in traffic. Advent is an active waiting, a time of anticipation, a time when the Church prepares physically and spiritually—for the coming of the Christ child.

This feeling of anticipation is one we know well at this time of the year. With the countdown to the end of the school year, to holidays and to Christmas well under way, we live in constant anticipation of what is happening next. However, it is important that in the busyness of this time we don't

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School Captains 2015

On behalf of the school community I would like to thank our 2014 School Captains: Lucero Cuzcano and Dion Truong, and the Vice Captains: Danielle Xuereb and Eiren Mendoza for their great work as leaders in our school. Throughout the year they've contributed in a very real and practical way to making our school an even better place and in ensuring that students 'have a voice' on many issues. I thank them for their time, generosity and willingness to serve our community.

It is with great pleasure that I can now announce that our School Captains for 2015 are **Caitlyn Sanahon** and **Nghia Nguyen**. Our Captains will be assisted in their role by **Veronica D'Rosario** and **Lorenzo Atonio** who will be Vice Captains. They are a talented and impressive group of young people and I look forward to working with them next year.

We were privileged to have fine field of candidates and it took a number of meetings for the panel to reach the final decision. Thank you to all who applied for this important leadership role and to the students who were part of the selection panel.

Farewell Year 10 2014

Our Year 10 2014 students were farewelled by our 2015 School Captains. Thank you to Caitlyn and Nghia who spoke so well about the contributions the Year 10 students have made over the past four years. They highlighted the leadership, hospitality and school spirit the Year 10 students have shown, and the sense of peace, welcome and inclusion they've helped to create in our school.

Lucero and Dion responded on behalf of the Year 10 students, thanking staff, students and families for their support and reflecting on their time at the College; the many terrific experiences they've had and how these have helped shape who they are today.

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

Congratulations to **Kristy Thinh** who has been accepted into the University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program. The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program is an academic enrichment program for high-achieving students.

This award is richly deserved as Kristy is a dedicated and talented student who always endeavours to do her absolute best.

Long Tan Leadership Award

Each year the Australian Defence Force provides a scholarship to recognise a Year 10 student who demonstrates outstanding leadership and teamwork within both the school and broader community. This student must also demonstrate a strong commitment to values such as respect for others and strive to always do their best.

Congratulations to **Lucero Cuzcano** who is this year's recipient of the Long Tan Leadership Award. Lucy is an excellent role model who has managed to balance the responsibilities of being School Captain with her commitment to both her studies and her family. She is capable, highly reliable, has lots of initiative and 'gets things done'. Well done Lucy.

Caltex All Rounder Award

This award acknowledges one student at each school for their all-round contribution to the school and the community. This year the award was given to **Kathleene Mendoza** (8 Clarke). As well as putting effort into her studies, Kathleene has represented her House and the school in Premier League, Cross Country, Swimming and Athletics; was involved in the Year 8 Particip8 program and the ICAS Science competition, as well as representing the College in Tournament of Minds and the Maths Games Day. Congratulations Kathleene.

End of Year Arrangements for Years 7 - 9

Monday 1st December to Wednesday 3rd December are normal school days and students are expected to attend in full uniform, with the required books and prepared to finalise their work.

On Thursday 4th December students in Years 7 - 9 will enjoy our annual Ball Sports Day. This is the last chance for Houses to gain points towards the 2014 Williams Cup.

Students in Years 7 - 9 finish school on **Friday 5th December**. They are required to be at school by **8.40am** (normal time) and will be dismissed at **12.15pm**.

End of Year Mass

Our mass for the end of the 2014 school year will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on **Friday 5th December** at **10.00am**. We warmly invite families to join us for this very special celebration.

Nothing is Impossible: Shared Stories 2014

The 2014 edition of *Shared Stories* was launched this week. This is an annual anthology of writing and art work by students in 18 Catholic primary and secondary schools. The anthology forms part of the permanent collection of the State Library of Victoria.

For writers and artists there is no greater honour than to have your work published. Once again a large number of students from our school have had their work accepted for publication. Congratulations to all the students who have had work included. This is an outstanding achievement. Well done.

Shared Stories was first published in 2006 with funding from the Felton Bequest. The concept was developed in response to the Cronulla riots in Sydney, as an authentic way of

sharing perspectives across diverse groups.

From 72 pages it has expanded to 512 pages this year. This year's theme "*Nothing is Impossible*" invited students from diverse backgrounds to explore their hopes and dreams for the future.

Thank you to Peter Renda and the English and Visual Arts teachers for supporting student involvement in this activity.

Lost Property

We have several items of lost property in the school office. If any student has lost an item of uniform you are asked to see Anne Stokie before the end of the year.

Items not collected by the last day of Term 4 will be placed into the second hand uniform pool.

It is concerning that a large number of these items of uniform cannot be returned to their owner as they are not named!

Williams Cup Update

With a strong performance at the recent Interhouse Athletics O'Reilly House has maintained its lead in the 2014 Williams Cup. Progressive points are listed below. O'Reilly have led the competition all year. The Interhouse Ball Sports Day on Thursday 4th December will provide the final opportunity for other Houses to catch them. Guelen, in particular, are still in with a good chance.

O'Reilly:	119.5 points	Guelen:	90 points
Reis:	71.5 points	Corbett:	56.5 points

Report Preparation Day: Friday 28th November

Whilst assessment and finalisation of reports continue into the last week of term 4, Friday 28th November has been set aside for staff to mark exams and to begin the preparation of reports. Students in Years 7 - 9 will not be required at school.

Second Hand Booksale: Thursday 4th December

Students in Years 7 - 9 have received their 2015 booklists and a confirmation of their electives for next year. Details of the arrangements for the Second Hand Book sale were included with this information.

Date: Thursday 4th December, 2014

Time: 4.00 - 6.00pm

Re-enrolment 2015

Families who have not returned their re-enrolment form are asked to do so as soon as possible.

If there are difficulties in paying the \$100 enrolment deposit please speak with Mrs Ross, our Bursar, about this. It won't be a problem.

Newsletter

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

Applications for Year 7 2016


Enrolments are now being taken for Year 7 2016. 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 Trinity United Nations Summit
- Years 9 and 10 Exams
- Shared Stories Launch
- Year 10 Picnic
- Year 10 Graduation Mass

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 . . .

*"Whatever
the mind of man can conceive
and believe,
it can achieve."*

– Napoleon Hill



Wednesday Morning Mass Roster

TERM 4

3rd December

Sacred Heart

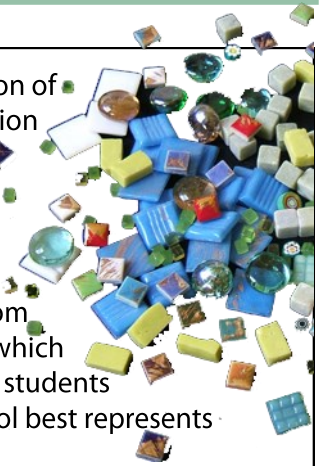


This week marks the graduation of our Year 10 students, a transition from finalising Year 10 and choosing a path for the future from being a teenager to becoming a young adult.

The following is an excerpt from the year 10 Graduation Mass which occurred this week where the students explain why the mosaic symbol best represents them.

“As a group we are like a large mosaic. Each little piece seems so insignificant. One piece is bright red, another cold blue or dull green, another warm purple, another sharp yellow, another shining gold. Some look precious, others ordinary. Some look valuable, others worthless. Some look big, others small. As individual pieces, we can do little with them except compare them and judge their beauty and value. When, however, all these pieces are brought together in one big mosaic portraying the face of Christ, who would ever question the importance of any one of them? If one of them, even the least spectacular one, is missing, the face is incomplete. Together in the one mosaic, each little piece is indispensable and makes a unique contribution to the whole”.

We wish the Year 10's well as they continue on their journey and thank them for their unique contribution to our school.





family Matters

CAREERS UPDATE

Aviation & Aerospace careers event Avalon Airshow register now!



Schools are invited to register to attend the Avalon Airshow student information day on **Friday 27 February 2015**. The event is aimed at students in years 9 to 11. Admission is FREE and open on a schools basis to groups of up to five students accompanied by a teacher.

Students will have the opportunity to hear from speakers in the aviation, aerospace and defence industries, as well as Young Industry Ambassadors. Afterwards, students and teachers will be able to stay on and enjoy the Airshow.



If students are interested in attending please send an email to the Careers Coordinator Ms Dykes (jdynes@crcstalbens.com.au)

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Second Hand Book Sale

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 4pm. – 6pm. and **TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 10am [Yr. 7 2015 Orientation Day]**

The following books will be available for sale:

YEAR 7

- I'm being stalked by a moonshadow (\$8.00)
- ICE EM Maths Yr 7 Book 1 (\$15.00)
- ICE EM Maths Yr 7 Book 2 (\$15.00)
- Science Quest 7 (\$32.00)
- Calculator [Casio FX82AU] (\$15.00)
- Oxford Dictionary/Thesaurus File (\$18.00)
- Italian Dictionary (Collins) (\$10.00)

YEAR 8

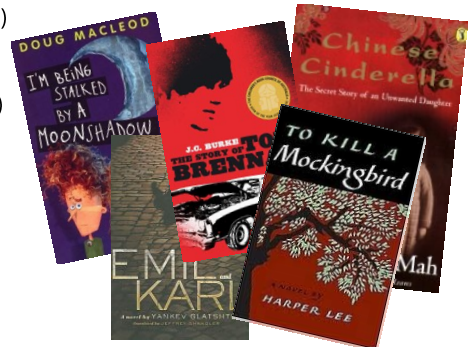
- Chinese Cinderella (\$10.00)
- ICE EM Maths Yr 8 Book 1 (\$15.00)
- ICE EM Maths Yr 8 Book 2 (\$15.00)
- Science Quest 8 (\$32.00)

YEAR 9

- Emil and Karl (\$10.00)
- The story of Tom Brennan (\$9.00)
- ICE EM Maths Yr 9 Book 1 (\$15.00)
- ICE EM Maths Yr 9 Book 2 (\$15.00)
- Science Quest 9 (\$32.00)

YEAR 10

- To kill a mockingbird (\$10.00)
- Simple Gift (\$10.00)
- ICE EM Maths Yr 10 Book 1 (\$15.00)
- ICE EM Maths Yr 10 Book 2 (\$15.00)
- Essential Maths Yr 10 VELs ed. (\$30.00)



CASH and EFTPOS sales available.

Please bring small notes [\$5, \$10 & \$20] as it is difficult to change \$50 & \$100 notes.



Communicating with teenagers

Respect their privacy, but listen to what they have to say

Make it your business to know what teenagers do with their time, but that

doesn't mean you violate their need for privacy. Be sensitive to their needs for emotional and physical space and be willing to listen to what they have to say.

There is little doubt that communication is the key to effectively parenting teenagers. Teens often disengage from parents who are overly critical, overbearing or disinterested in what they have to say. In my experience, teens are more likely to communicate with parents when they feel loved, valued and listened to.

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

SCHOOL FEES

Thankyou to those families whose fees are up to date

Year 10 families must finalise their account by 30th November 2014. Years 7—9 families should finalise their account by no later than 5th December 2014.

If you are experiencing difficulties please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Anne Ross at the college on 93662544.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR AWARD WINNERS:



LONG TAN Award
Lucero Cuzcano



CALTEX Award
Kathleene Mendoza



SPORTS Award winners (Below)



MCAULEY Award winners
(Above & Top Right)



KEY DATES 2014

Please mark these important college dates in your diary.

TERM 4

Friday 28th November:
Report preparation day
(students not required)

1st – 5th December:
Year 11 Transition program
at CRC Sydenham.

Thursday 4th December:
Ball Sports Day
(Years 7 – 9 students)

Friday 5th December:
Final day for Years 7 – 9
The school day finishes at
12.15pm

Friday 19th December:
School office closes

UN SUMMIT – TRINITY PROGRAM



Students from CRC St Albans have had work published in the 2014 SHARED STORIES anthology. Congratulations also go to the School Award winner, Tomas Carville from Year 7.

