



A prayer for Living simply and sustainably

*Creator God, we can choose to live differently!
Inspire us as we make choices so that we will
recognise the impact our lives have on our
environment and our human family
around the globe.*

*We pray to the Lord:
Lord, help to reclaim the future!*

*Loving God, we can reclaim the future!
Encourage us to be people of hope as we
look forward in faith, knowing that we can build a
world of justice and peace.*

*We pray to the Lord:
Lord, help to reclaim the future!*

*Brilliant God, we can choose to live in a way that
creates a better world for everyone.
Help us to know that our individual actions
are made in solidarity with our sisters and brothers.*

*We pray to the Lord:
Lord, help to reclaim the future!*

*Wonderful God, you invite us to live simply,
to live sustainably and to live in solidarity
with the poor. So help us to respond to that
invitation with conviction and generosity.*

*We pray to the Lord:
Lord, help to reclaim the future!*

*God of justice, listen to us as we pray this day.
In the silence of our hearts,
we place all our needs before you.*

*We pray to the Lord:
Lord, help to reclaim the future!*

*God of grace and love, we bring you our prayers,
our commitment, our gifts to you this day.
Let us who have a keen dedication and
awareness of your creation
and all that it brings to the human family,
have courage and conviction that we are able to
contribute to the sustainability of the Earth.
You who are our Provident God,
let your Providence lead the way
in our Health and Services.*

*Pour out your blessing upon us today.
May each of our actions reveal our awareness that
we are partners with You in the creation and
sustainability of this earth that you have given to us
to appreciate and enjoy.
We ask this in the name of your Son.*

Amen

Principal's Report

Resource Smart School Awards

Last Friday CRC St Albans won the 2016 Resource Smart Schools Award for the Community Leadership Secondary School of the Year. This is an outstanding achievement and we are very proud of all involved. The award recognises the Arthur Street Community Garden project as a school-wide curriculum initiative and outreach program that allows students to grow fresh food, to work with the local food bank and to gain a greater perspective about what it means to be a citizen of the planet – in union with the earth and each other.

I would like to thank and congratulate Hayden O'Doherty for his leadership, vision and hard work in getting this project off the ground, and all the students, staff and families who have contributed to its success. We are absolutely proud and delighted!

Our opening prayer invites us to live more simply and more sustainably. This is what the Arthur Street Community Garden is all about.

We are reminded that God's signature is in every part of creation. When we notice the traces of God in our world - in ourselves, in others and in nature - we realise that heaven is not 'up there' but all around us. As Pope Francis has reminded us in his recent encyclical 'Laudato Si', as Christians, bridging the gap between stewardship for creation and sustainability is vital. Living sustainably means that we nurture the sort of prosperity that is based on a moderate consumption of resources and that offers opportunities for all.' The foundation of sustainability is a faith-centred culture of life. This means respecting and caring for ourselves, others and the natural world - God's works of creation.

Year 8 Premier League

I would like to congratulate Year 8 students on a very good Premier League season. Students displayed great sportsmanship, fine team spirit and strong endeavour in all sports. Thank you to all the staff who coached a team, to Mrs Jurcec and Mrs Rayos for their organisation of the events and all the students who represented our school so well.

Finishing the Year

Students across the school have a range of exams, class tests and assessment tasks which need to be completed over the next 2 - 3 weeks. It's important that everyone remains focussed and works hard to the end of the year.

As always, students need to be at school each day unless they are sick. Sometimes students will ask parents and carers for a day off towards the end of the year,

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claiming that things are winding down. This is not the case. The final weeks of the year are a time to put in extra effort, not to wind down. The time to kick back from a break will come with the holidays.

CRC Celebrates

Thank you to everyone who joined us for CRC Celebrates. The day was a terrific chance to showcase work across a number of learning areas. The support from families on the night was fantastic. It was great to see everyone there in such good numbers. I'm sure that you are all very proud of the high quality work that the students have presented, and that you enjoyed the food and activities.

Report Preparation Day: Friday 02 December

Whilst assessment and finalisation of reports continue into the last week of term 4, Friday 02 December has been set aside for staff to mark exams and to begin the preparation of reports. Year 10 students will have finished by the date and students in Years 7 - 9 will not be required at school.

Williams Cup Update

Guelen House extended its lead in the Williams Cup at the Athletics carnival, however, the cup is far from decided!

With a number of points still available on Ball Sports Day, O'Reilly can still pull off an historic fourth consecutive win. Can O'Reilly do it or will they suffer the same fate as Hawthorn did earlier this year? Current standings in the 2016 Williams Cup are as follows:

Guelen:	83
O'Reilly:	71
Corbett:	48
Reis:	37

Year 11 2018 Sydenham Information Night

Year 9 families will have received a letter from CRC Sydenham inviting them to attend an Enrolment Information Night on **Monday 28 November, 2016**. The night will include the chance to tour the school and to hear about the many different pathways and opportunities offered at Years 11 and 12.

It is important that **all** Year 9 families attend as information about the enrolment application process will be given out on the night.

Following the Information Night there will be a second meeting for all students who are taking a VET or VCE subject as part of their Year 10 course in 2017. Students and their families will have the opportunity to meet teachers / trainers to get im-

portant information about course requirements, materials and times. **All students taking a VCE or VET subject in Year 10 2017 are required to attend.**

School tours will run at 6.15pm, 6.30pm and 6.45pm.

7.00pm: Information for Families

7.45pm Information session for students taking a VCE / VET subject in Year 10

End of Year Arrangements for Years 7 - 9

Monday 05 – Wednesday 07 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 08 December students will enjoy the annual Ball Sports Day. This is the last chance for Houses to gain points towards the 2016 Williams Cup.

Students in Years 7 – 9 finish school on **Friday 09 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 2016 school year will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on **Friday 09 December at 10.00am**.

**We warmly invite families to join us
for this very special celebration.**

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 4 2016:

Thursday 1 December

A final newsletter will be mailed home on Tuesday 20 December

The newsletter can also be accessed on Friday morning (Day 5) on the College website at:


<http://www.crystalbans.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:

- School Captain interviews
- Pat Maths and Reading Tests
- CRC Celebrates
- SACSS Awards Lunch
- 7 Health excursion
- Year 7 Back to....primary visits

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

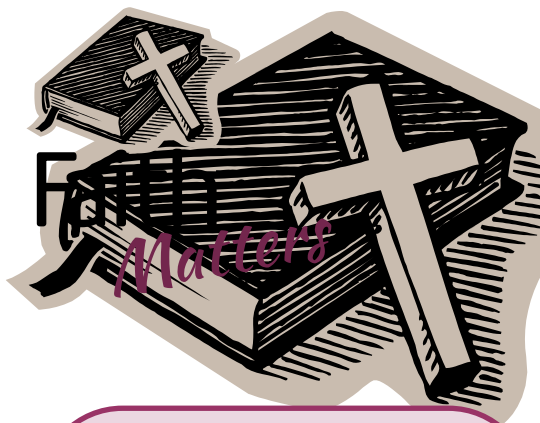
Semester Two 2016 - Exam Schedule

Period	Wednesday 23 rd November (Day 8)	Thursday 24 th November (Day 9)	Friday 25 th November (Day 10)	Monday 28 th November (Day 1)	Tuesday 29 th November (Day 2)	Wednesday 30 th November (Day 3)
1 & 2	Yr 9 English	Yr 9 Humanities	Year 9 Maths	Yr 9 Language	Yr 9 Religion	Yr 9 Science
3 & 4					Yr 10 Religion	
5 & 6	Yr 10 Language	Yr 10 English	Yr 10 Humanities	Year 10 Science	Year 10 Maths	

Year 10 students start exams on Thursday 24th November—except for students doing the language elective, who will have their first exam on Wednesday 23rd November.

All Year 10 students will not be expected at school until lunchtime on the Thursday, Friday & Monday and at recess time on the Tuesday.

Year 9 students will start their exams on Wednesday 23rd November and will have one exam per day during the first 2 periods followed by normal classes in periods 3 – 6.



Corporal Acts of Mercy

In RE we have been looking at the Corporal Acts of Mercy. The Corporal Acts of Mercy are actions Catholics perform to extend God's compassion and mercy. We have grouped them into 4 main acts and will continue to unpack them and live them out in our lives.

Feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty.

Look after the poor and homeless.

Visit and pray for those who are sick and in need.

Pray for the dead.

Wednesday Morning Mass Roster Term 4

16th November
CRC 9 Curtin with Ms Dykes

Thank you to:

9 Curtin and Mrs Dykes for leading Mass on Wednesday 16th November.

An extra thank you to the whole school community for their leadership at the Wednesday Morning Masses over the 2016 year. The remaining masses will be led by Sacred Heart Primary.

Crazy Sock Day

To help raise important funds to feed the hungry this Christmas, the St Vinnie's Crew will be running a Crazy Sock Day on Monday 21st November.

What you need to do:

Wear colourful, fun or crazy socks with your school uniform.

Bring in a Gold Coin Donation.

Remember, this is not a casual dress day it a Crazy Sock Day.

All money raised will go to St Vincent De Paul Society for their Christmas Appeal.

The St Vinnie's Crew Presents:

CRAZY SOCK DAY

MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2016



Wear a pair of fun/crazy/colourful socks to raise money for those who are going hungry this Christmas.

Place your Gold Coin Donation into the colourful/crazy sock on your prayer tables.

All money raised will be donated to the St Vincent De Paul Society.



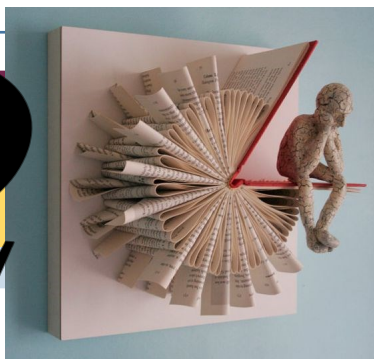
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Readers Cup Leader Board

Counting closes Friday 18th November
 Congratulations to 8 Edison, 9 Hughes and 10 McAuley
 who all moved up one place this week.

Reminder: ALL BOOKS DUE BACK BY 25TH NOVEMBER

READER



REVIEWS

- KIEWA
- WIMMERA
- ORIFICI
- ATTARD
- SNOWY
- YARRA
- HOLLOWS
- MACKILLOP
- EDISON
- CLARK
- BARTON
- DEAKIN
- LITTLE
- O'CONNELL
- HUGHES
- LYONS
- MCAULEY
- CURTIN
- MANNIX

Front Lines

by Michael Grant
 1942. World War II. The most terrible war in human history. Millions are dead; millions more are still to die. The Nazis rampage across Europe and eye far-off America. The green, untested American army is going up against the greatest fighting force ever assembled—the armed forces of Nazi Germany. But something has changed. A court decision makes females subject to the draft and eligible for service. So in this World War II, women and girls fight, too. As the fate of the world hangs in the balance, three girls sign up to fight. Rio Richlin, Frangie Marr, and Rainy Schulterman are average girls, girls with dreams and aspirations, at the start of their lives, at the start of their loves. Each has her own reasons for volunteering. Not one expects to see actual combat. Not one expects to be on the front lines.



Bleakboy and Hunter Stand Out in the Rain

by Steven Herrick

A new, laugh-out-loud novel from award-winning author Steven Herrick. Some things are too big for a boy to solve. Jesse is an eleven-year-old boy tackling many problems in life, especially fitting in to a new school. Luckily he meets Kate. She has curly black hair, braces and an infectious smile. She wants to Save the Whales, and needs Jesse's help. Both haven't counted on Hunter, the school bully, who is an endless font of meaningless names. With Hunter's catchphrase 'Ha!' echoing through their peaceful school, someone has to give. But will it be Jesse? Kate? Or is there more to Hunter than everyone thinks? An inspiring and funny story about the small gestures that help to make the world a better place.



- Friday 18th November – Readers' Cup closes
- Tuesday 22nd November – Winners announced
- Friday 25th November – All books due back
- Thursday 1st December – Pizza lunch [winners]
- Monday 12th December – Book Sale
- Tuesday 13th December – Book Sale [new Year 7s]

Remember you can access the Library through the school web page www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au



Recently Yr 10 Drama students participated in the Malthouse Theatre Festival Suitcase Series.

This is the fourth time that CRC has participated in the event and each year we are presented with new challenges and exciting experiences. Students developed and expanded their theatre-making skills, as well as viewing the Malthouse Theatre's full professional production of the play. Students created a performance in response to a playscript written by Australian playwright Don Giovanni called 'Turbine.' The script explored climate change and society's response to this. Our class imaginatively developed our own play, where we devised scenarios to intertwine with the script.

SUITCASE SERIES

The project commenced in the school holidays and the class committed to weekly afterschool rehearsals to prepare for the event. Some experienced performers from Semester one also collaborated with the class to develop the play. The final play was an action/adventure story where three teenagers were on the run as the world was destroyed by natural disasters. Students incorporated stylized movement, poetic imagery, social commentary and naturalistic dialogue. We had a wonderful opportunity of also performing the play to full houses at CRC Celebrates, where the class's performance skills, dramatic timing and staging all came together.

Congratulations to all the students involved:

Ayai Akol, Madelyn Ruel, Job Atem, Malang Malang, Elias Corman, Carolkim Tran, Yoro Deng, Kim Ngo,

Chloe Dimitropoulos, Kiir Jerry, Anyop Kiir, Jacklina Loy, Apol Lui, Chol Ater-Dhieu, Joshua Rumbaoa, Daniel Farag, Sunday Ngor, Deng Mok, Nynjuma Akoul, Kuei Adut and Julia Malut.

Job Atem: *In my experience I learnt how to be confident in public through acting. I enjoyed meeting students from other schools who liked Drama like me. Drama is all about creativity and putting our ideas together.*

Elias Corman: *It was an experience, I never thought I would do in life, so it was really fun and I overcome my fear of performing!!*

CarolKim Tran: *Visiting the Malthouse Theatre provided me with the opportunity to see theatre culture and lifestyle. The building and the vibe was artsy and sophisticated.*

Yoro Deng: *It was a stupendous experience giving a good show to all those people and the judges. If you are planning on doing Drama next year just have a Lot of confidence, don't be shy! When you are on stage it's easier to focus on a point in the back of the theatre to get your mind off the audience!*



BRIAN O'LOUGHLIN AWARD:

Junior : Hayley Nguyen **Senior :** Jenny Pham

Best Year 10 Music Video:

Skinny Love : Melanie Jong, Sandra Nguyen, Geoffrey Lay, Steven Nguyen

Best Year 10 Short Film:

Prom : Amir Bardeng, Stephen Garbrah, Julia Malut, DaiXinh Nguyen, Stefan Villi

Year 9 Best Production:

It Gets Better : Tina Bui, Lynda Vu, Louisa Zhang, Thuong Nguyen

Kim Ngo:

The excursion was interesting and thrilling. With Thanks to Emma van Wees for her assistance with the Year 10 Drama class.

Mhairi Shepherd
Learning Area
Leader, Arts



families Matter



Department of Education & Training

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF



Parents with Centrelink Concession Card/Health Care Card
Please contact Mrs. Ross on 93662544 to make appointment for 2017 CSEF
Your card should be valid until 30 Jan 2017

SCHOOL FEES

We request families on Direct Debit & Credit Card payments to contact the office on 9366 2544 to set up their Direct Debit & Credit Card payments for the 2017 School Year.

We encourage all Yr 10 families to finalise their child's school fees by 23RD November 2016 and Yr 7 – 9 should be finalised by 8TH December before school closes on the 9th.

Parents with Centrelink Concession Card/Health Care Card please contact Mrs. Ross on 93662544 to make an appointment for 2017 CSEF (formerly EMA). For more information on the CSEF please see the article at right.

If families are having any difficulties with fee payments please do not hesitate to contact me at the college office on:

9366 2544 — Anne Ross

Applications for Year 7 2018 and Year 7 2019

From next year the Year 7 enrolment timeline for Catholics schools will change. Students will enrol in Year 5, not Year 6. This means that next year there will be two enrolment processes. The enrolment timelines for Year 7 2018 and 2019 will be as shown in the chart below.

Enrolments are now being taken for Year 7 2018 and Year 7 2019. 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.

	Year 5 2016	Year 4 2016
Year 5 Visits (students)	July 2016 (already completed)	July 2017
Enrolment applications close	17 February 2017	25 August 2017
Enrolment offers made	27 April 2017	13 October 2017
Final date for acceptance of enrolment.	11 May 2017	27 October 2017



'On the 24th and 25th of October, a group of students went with Hayden to the Melbourne Water 'Kids Teaching Kids' Conference.

It was a fun-filled, educational two days, with the first day being at Melbourne University and the second day at Collingwood Children's Farm. During these two days we were split up into different groups, visiting different stations/activities that taught us about being water smart, environmental risks that pose a threat to multiple species and a lot more.

Some of the names of these activities were 'Waterworks', 'Past, Present, Future' and 'Soil's not Dirty'. These activities were run by students from primary or secondary schools. Overall it was a very eye-opening experience as learning how to be more environmentally conscious and the environment from people both our age or younger than us, gave us new inspiration on how we could make our school more water smart and help our environment.' - **Kathleene Mendoza**

'The Kids Teaching Kids Conference was a very special experience. I enjoyed learning from the younger kids and it was very interesting to know that we only need to change some of our habits in order for the environment to improve. I was also very surprised about how the younger kids cared so much about the environment and how they put so much effort into their workshops. The KTK conference not only helped me learn new things but it also inspired me to do a workshop of my own next year and teach other people on how to save the environment.' - **Annie Dinh**



OUR GARDEN

On Friday the 11th of November, Hayden and a group of student volunteers who had each made a significant contribution to our school community food program traveled to Melbourne Museum for the 2016 Resource Smart School Awards. These awards recognise the work of schools across Victoria who are building a more sustainable future in the areas of water, waste, energy, bio-diversity, teaching, student action and community leadership.

“ It is with great pleasure that I can announce that CRC St. Albans is the Secondary Community Leadership school of the year! “

This award is in recognition of our community food program and community partnerships with Padley Park Community Garden, Loaves and Fishes Food Bank and Food Bank Victoria, Zea Hungry Goods, Days Walk Farm, West Vale Community Centre, Brimbank Council's Growing Food in Schools Program and our local community. It is also for the \$1150 dollars we have raised through the sale of vegetables from our food program as well as the more than 300kgs of fresh food that we have donated this year to food bank.

Our thanks must go to all of the students and staff who have helped in a myriad of ways to make this program possible. Without you support, belief and perseverance there would be no food program. And, while our school community food program has come so far already, there is still much work to be done, community to be built and people to be fed. So, if you or your family are interested in getting involved with the program, please get in touch at hodoherty@crcstalbens.com.au or on the school number 93662544.

Thanks again to all involved, See you in the Garden, **Hayden**

Key Dates

Term 4 2016

23/11 – 30/11:

Years 9 and 10 exams

Thursday 1 December:

Year 10 Graduation Mass

Friday 2 December:

Report Preparation Day
(students not required)

5 – 9 December:

Year 11 Transition

(for Year 10 2016 students)

Aust College Basketball Championships

Wednesday 7 December

Yr 10 Orientation Day (VCE & VET)

8:45–3:30pm

Thursday 8 December

Yrs 7, 8 & 9 Ball Sports Day

Friday 9 December:

Final day for Years 7 – 9 students

Monday 12—Tuesday 13 December

Secondhand Book Sale

Tuesday 13 December

Year 7 2017 Orientation Day

Tuesday 20 December:

School office closes