

Principal's Report

A New School Year

*God of our past, our present
and our future,
God of our dreams,
our designs and our decisions,
Be with us as we journey
through this new school year.*

*Be our inner vision,
that we may see life
through your eyes,
Be our inner hearing,
that we may listen well
for your call,
Be our inner judgment,
so we may discern clearly
that which gives life,
promotes growth,
and nurtures love.*

*As we move into this
school year,
fill us with hope and
abiding trust
that you dwell in us,
So that, in both joy and
sadness, we radiate hope.
Amen*

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Welcome

A very warm welcome to the 2017 school year. I trust that you had a good break, and are looking forward to the many opportunities that this year will bring.

Our Year 7 students enjoyed a terrific first day yesterday. It was lovely to see them so excited, eager and confident. They now have their locker, laptop and timetable; have explored all parts of the school and are ready to start classes. Thank you to the Year 7 teachers and the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders for all your work in assisting them on the first day.

Years 8 – 10 students started this morning. All seem very positive, happy to catch up with friends, to meet teachers and members of their new class, and to get down to work.

I wish you all the very best for the 2017 school year.

Thank you to families

A very big thank you to families for all you've done in the background to ensure a smooth start to the school year. It's a busy time as you sort through booklists, buy and label uniforms and once again establish the routines of the school term, especially after the more relaxed life of the holidays. All this takes planning, energy and patience.

Your role in supporting the learning of students cannot be underestimated. It is very hard to do your best to your studies without good nutrition, effective routines, adequate sleep and the right materials for class. Thank you.

New families

On behalf of the school community I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to the students and families who've joined us this year, particularly our Year 7 students.

The start of secondary school is an important milestone; something that students look forward to with great anticipation and excitement. I hope that your start has been a smooth one, that you already feel 'at home' and that your time with us is enriching and fulfilling.

We look forward to meeting Year 7 families at the Family Nights which take place in a few weeks.

As well as the new students at Year 7 we also have students joining us at Years 8, 9 and 10. These students and their families come from diverse places: overseas, interstate, other areas of Melbourne and neighbouring schools. You are indeed very welcome.

New Staff

I am delighted to welcome Mr Dale Marshall, Mr Bradley Taylor, Ms Mai Nguyen and Ms Carmel Kelly to our staff.

Mr Dale Marshall:

Health & Physical Education Learning Area Leader, Year 9 Trinity and Pastoral Care, PE, Health, Outdoor Education.

Mr Bradley Taylor:

Year 9 Level Leader, Science and Physical Education teacher

Ms Mai Nguyen:

Year 10 MacKillop Pastoral Care teacher, Science and Mathematics

Ms Carmel Kelly:

English as an Additional Language / Intensive English program.

Each brings a wealth of experience, many gifts, fresh ideas and a strong commitment to learning and our students. I wish them every blessing as they join our school community.

Year Level Leaders 2016:

Year 7:	Mr. Peter Danger	pdanger@crcstalbans.com.au
Year 8:	Mr. Len Tobin	ltobin@crcstalbans.com.au
Year 9:	Mr. Bradley Taylor	btaylor@crcstalbans.com.au
Year 10:	Mr. Eder Ramos	eramos@crcstalbans.com.au

Save the Date: Opening School Mass

Our opening school mass will be held on **Thursday 23 February at 9.30am** at Sacred Heart Church. At the end of the mass we will induct our 2017 School Leaders. I'd like to invite all families to join us if you have the time.

Congratulations: Hayden O'Doherty

Hayden O'Doherty (staff member) was recognised by the City of Brimbank in their Australia Day awards with the environmental achievement award. The school community will be well aware of Hayden's outstanding work in establishing our community garden and in working with students and staff to engage with the community beyond the school.

This is an outstanding achievement and well deserved. We are all incredibly proud for Hayden's work to be recognised in this way.

Contact with the School

At different times during the year families may wish to chat with staff regarding their child. This may be to raise a concern, to share information that might assist teachers or simply to share a 'good news story'. We encourage you to do this.

The initial contact for pastoral matters is always the Pastoral Care teacher, then the Year Level Leader. For learning matters it is the subject teacher and/or pastoral care teacher. The names of Pastoral Care teachers and Year Level Leaders are printed below. Our office will help with the names of subject teachers when you ring.

Year 7 Pastoral Care Teachers	Year 8 Pastoral Care Teachers
7 Avoca: Mr Clarence Marshall	8 Attard: Ms Claire Rayos / Mr Mark Donahoo
7 Kiewa: Ms Mona-lisa Schelleback	8 Clarke: Mr Garry Connor / Ms Giselle Grant
7 Snowy: Mr Chris Strachan	8 Edison: Ms Marcelle Gusman / Mr Ross Russo
7 Wimmera: Mr Daniele Zarosinski	8 Orifici: Ms Sangeeta Arora / Mr Mark Johnson
7 Yarra: Ms Josephine Lowe	
Year 9 Pastoral Care Teachers	Year 10 Pastoral Care Teachers
9 Barton: Mr Dale Marshall	10 Little: Mr Justin Mead
9 Curtin: Mr Chris Orsini	10 McAuley: Ms Maria Calafiore
9 Deakin: Ms Daniela Ibrido	10 MacKillop: Ms Mai Nguyen / Ms Jacinta Dykes
9 Hughes: Ms Jess Iaria	10 Mannix: Mr Anthony Barresi
9 Lyons: Ms William Watson	10 O'Connell: Ms Emily Lowe

Staff will try to return calls or respond to emails as quickly as possible, however, I'm sure that you'll appreciate that sometimes it's difficult to do this immediately due to teaching commitments. If the matter is urgent and the PC teacher or Year Level Leader is not available, parents / guardians might like to speak with Kevin Quinn (Deputy Principal Pastoral Care) or Grace Cini (Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching).

Some families prefer email to phone contact. Staff email addresses follow a consistent pattern: the initial of their first name followed by their surname and then @crcstalbans.com.au.

Alternatively, emails sent to the College email - enquiries@crcstalbans.com.au will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member.

OPERATION SCHOOLS BACK

The Victoria Police have asked schools to draw to the attention of families the following notice:

Local Police together with members of the Highway Patrol are running an operation to mark the start of the school year. Operation Schools Back will target the safety of students arriving and departing school with the major focus being the enforcement of the 40kmph school zones.

Motorists are asked to be vigilant before and after school as there will be increased pedestrian, road and pushbike traffic. Please allow an extra 5 minutes to find a safe and legal park to ensure your children's safety.

For those motorists driving through school zones please adhere to the speed limit and be aware of staffed school crossings. Failing to stop / remain stationary at school crossing is

a \$379 fine and 3 demerit points. Stopped-Double parked is a \$91 fine and Exceed speed limit by 10kmph but less than 15kmph is a \$303 fine and 3 demerit points. This is just an example of some of the fines.

Changes to the College mobile phone policy

We have recently reviewed our policy on mobile phones. A copy of the updated policy is attached. Key changes include:

- Students are no longer expected to hand their phones in at the office when they arrive at school.
- Mobile phones must be switched off and out of sight during class time.
- Earphones must also be out of sight during class time.
- Mobile phones are brought to school at the owners' risk.
- Students are responsible for ensuring they are stored safely.
- Phones can be used at recess and lunchtime to use listen to music but not for games, accessing social media, making calls or taking images.

Mobile phones can be a real source of distraction to some young people. We ask all families to be aware of this policy and to discuss this with their son / daughter.

We are still more than happy for students to hand their phone to Jill for safe-keeping during the day.

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 1 2017:

Fridays: 17 February

03 March 17 March 31 March

The newsletter can also be accessed

on Friday morning (Day 5) on the College website at :

<http://www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au>

Student Diary

All students have received their diary. As this is an important avenue of communication between home and school - we ask all parents / guardians to check diaries at least once a week.

Supervision

Parents and students are advised that the College grounds are supervised on a daily basis from 8.20am to 3.15pm, except on Wednesday when supervision commences at 8.30am and concludes at 3.15pm.

Outside these hours there are sometimes special activities, practices or events. For these parents are notified through the weekly newsletter or a special letter.

Parents need to know that students who arrive prior to 8.20am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 8.30am on Wednesday or who leave after 3.15pm are not supervised.

The library is open until 4.30pm on Monday – Thursday and 4.00pm on Friday. Students are able to complete homework or read quietly in this space if they need to wait for parents.

School start / finish times

Students need to be at school by **8.40am** on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and **9.05am** on Wednesdays.

Classes finish at 3.05pm each afternoon. **However, students may be detained by teachers until 3.20pm without formal notification to parents.** This allows teachers to follow up work, provide additional assistance or to address minor behavior issues before they become major.

Students who arrive at school prior to

9.05am on Wednesday mornings must remain in the school grounds. They cannot leave to go to St Albans with friends.

Notification of Absences

We ask that parents or guardians contact the school **before 10.00am** if a student is absent on any day. This can be done by phone on **9366 2544** or email to Jill Gerada at jgerada@crcstalbans.com.au. As Jill is responsible for tracking absences we ask that parent notification by email be directed only to her, not to other staff.

If the phone call or email notifying absence is received it will be taken as the official explanation of the student's absence and no further note is required. If no contact is made with the school, a note explaining the absence will be required on the student's return to school.

To ensure the safety of students the College has a policy of contacting parents when a student is away from school without notification. Jill rings parents after 10.00am. It is a great help if parents/guardians ring before we make contact.

Student Leaders' Camp

On Wednesday I was very lucky to spend an evening at our Student Leaders' camp. They were involved in a range of activities to develop their leadership skills, to articulate their hopes and dreams for the year and to begin planning.

It was an absolute delight to listen to their ideas and to watch them work. Their enthusiasm, energy and ideas were impressive, as were their skills in working collaboratively. I look forward to all that our School Captains, Vice Captains, Social Justice Captains, SRC members and House Captains will bring to our community this year.

Thank you to our School Captains and Vice Captains for their work in plan-

ning this program and to Mr Kevin Quinn and Mr Hayden O'Doherty for leading this camp.

gy that staff put into organising and offering these experiences.

Changes in contact details

Families are reminded that the school needs to be notified immediately that there are changes to phone contact details or addresses.

Names on Belongings

It's important that students name all belongings; including books, folders, pens, schoolbag, other equipment and all items of uniform before the beginning of the school year. This assists us in returning lost items to their owners.

Family Nights: Save the Date

All year levels will have either class or year level based Family Nights during Term 1. Dates are included in the calendar section of the newsletter. More formal invitations and information will follow but I ask families to 'save the date/s on their families calendars.

Year 7 2018

Enrolments are now being taken for Year 7 2018. 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:

Student Leaders' Camp

Day 1 pastoral program

I am sure that students and their families are very appreciative of all these opportunities and the time and ener-

Term Dates 2017

Term 1:

Friday 03 February – Friday 31 March

Term 2:

Tuesday 18 April – Friday 30 June
(Monday 17 April is Easter Monday)

Term 3:

Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September

Term 4:

Monday 09 October – Friday 08 December (Years 7 – 9)

Please Note:

Year 10 students finish at the College on Thursday 30 November but have an Orientation program at CRC Sydenham from Monday 04 December to the Friday 08 December.

Years 9 and 10 end of year exams will be held from **Wednesday 22 to Wednesday 29 November, 2017.**

Families planning to travel at the end of 2017 are asked to note that exams and the Orientation program at Sydenham are compulsory. Exams must be taken within the exam timetable. They cannot be taken before or after the exam week. Please do not book travel before 08 December for Year 11 2018 students or 01 December for students in Years 7 – 9.

CHRISTINA UTRI

PRINCIPAL

All students should have received an information package containing various forms that need to be signed and returned to the college by Wednesday 8th February 2017.

Key Dates Term 1 2017

Thursday 09 February:

Year 9 Family Night

Monday 13 February:

Sunnystones:
7 Avoca, 7 Snowy, 7 Wimmera

Tuesday 14 February:

Sunnystones:
7 Kiewa, 7 Yarra

Wednesday 15 February:

MacKillop Awards Assembly

Thursday 16 February:

Year 10 Family Night

Friday 17 February:

School Photos

Thursday 23 February:

Opening Mass:
9.30am / Families invited

Tuesday 28 February:

Year 8 Attard & Edison Family Night

Wednesday 01 March:

Ash Wednesday

Thursday 02 March:

Inter-house Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 07 March:

7 Avoca Family Night

Wednesday 08 March:

8 Clark and 8 Orifici Family Night

Thursday 09 March:

7 Kiewa Family Night

Monday 13 March:

Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 14 March:

Staff Planning Day / Intercampus Mass
(students not required)

Wed 15/3 – Fri 17/3:

Year 8 Camp

Thursday 16 March:

7 Snowy Family Night

Tuesday 21 March:

7 Yarra Family Night

Tuesday 23 March:

7 Wimmera Family Night

Tuesday 28 March:

SACCSS Interschool Swimming

Friday 30 March:

Final Day Term 1

Mobile Phone Policy

(January 2017)

Purpose of this policy

To provide clear policy advice on the use of mobile phones and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone in the community.

Policy

There is no legitimate reason for using mobile phones during school hours. In an emergency or if students need to contact parents, they may use the phone in the office. Parents can leave messages for students during school hours and these will be passed on to students. For learning purposes, students have access to one-to-one devices.

Mobile phones must not be used in the classroom or whilst on school activities.

Mobile phone cameras (still and video) must not be used:

- in banned spaces like changing rooms, toilets, gyms and swimming pools
- to film people and their activities without their knowledge or permission.

Mobiles phones must not be used to send harassing or threatening messages.

Mobile phones must not be used to take, share or send electronic text, audio or images (still or video) during school time.

Mobile phones are used at their owners' risk.

Guidelines

Students should:

- have their mobile phones switched off and out of sight during class time.
- have their earphones out of sight during class time.
- ensure that their phones are always stored in a safe and secure place.
- display courtesy, consideration and respect for others when using a mobile phone.

At recess and lunch time:

- mobile phones can be used for listening to music only.
- mobile phones may not be used to play games, make phone calls or take images.
- Mobile phones can be used for listening to music only. Phones should be in pockets and not seen.
- Bluetooth speakers are not permitted.

Procedures

Phones will be confiscated from students who have been found to be in breach of the school policy. Confiscated phones will be collected from the Year Level Leader after school.

On the first occasion, the phone will be returned to the student on the day and families will be contacted. On subsequent occasions the phone may be kept overnight.

Appropriate action will be taken against any student who:

photographs or films other individuals without their consent or who sends harassing or threatening messages.
is caught using a mobile phone in exams or assessments.

The severity and nature of the consequence will be dependent on the circumstances and whether or not privacy laws have been contravened.

The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage of mobile phones. Students may hand in mobile phones at the office for safekeeping.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is 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 is:

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

TRỢ GIÚP TÀI CHÁNH THÔNG TIN CHO PHỤ HUYNH

Mọi trẻ em ở Victoria đều nên có được thật nhiều cơ hội học tập bên ngoài lớp học. Quỹ dành cho Cắm trại, Thể thao và Du ngoạn (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) giúp đảm bảo là không có em nào bị lỡ mất cơ hội cùng các bạn trong lớp tham gia các hoạt động quan trọng, mang tính giáo dục và vui nhộn. Điều này nằm trong kế hoạch làm cho Victoria trở thành Tiểu bang Giáo dục và cam kết của Chính phủ nhằm phá vỡ mối liên hệ giữa nguồn gốc với thành quả học tập của học sinh.

QUỸ DÀNH CHO CẮM TRẠI, THỂ THAO & DU NGOẠN (CSEF)

Đi cắm trại với trường sẽ cho các em những trải nghiệm lý thú ở bên ngoài, các cuộc du ngoạn khuyến khích tìm hiểu sâu sắc hơn về hoạt động của thế giới còn thể thao dạy các em kỹ năng làm việc theo nhóm, kỷ luật và lãnh đạo. Tất cả đều nằm trong khuôn khổ một chương trình giảng dạy lành mạnh.

CSEF sẽ được Chính phủ tiểu bang Victoria cung cấp nhằm trợ giúp các gia đình hội đủ điều kiện để trang trải chi phí cho các hoạt động du ngoạn, cắm trại và thể thao ở trường.

Nếu quý vị có thể giảm giá học lệ được cấp dựa trên trải nghiệm tài chính hoặc là cha mẹ nuôi tạm thời (foster parent), quý vị có thể hội đủ điều kiện để được nhận CSEF. Ngoài ra còn có một tiêu chuẩn cần nhắc đặc biệt dành cho các gia đình tâm trú và tị nạn. Khoản phụ cấp này được trả cho trường để sử dụng cho các chi phí liên quan tới các hoạt động cắm trại, du ngoạn hoặc thể thao phục vụ lợi ích con em quý vị.

Số tiền CSEF hàng năm cho mỗi học sinh là:

- \$125 cho học sinh tiểu học
- \$225 cho học sinh trung học

HOW TO APPLY

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

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



كل طفل في فكتوريا لازم يكون عندو فرص للتعلم خارج المدرسة. صندوق المخيمات والأنشطة الرياضية والرحلات الخارجية (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) يساعد في ضمان أنو مافي طالب تضيق عليو فرصة أنشطة تعليمية ترفيهية مهمة مع زملاو في المدرسة. عشان فكتوريا تكون ولاية التعليم حكومة ملتزمة أنها تقطع الصلة بين خلفية الطالب ونتائج بتاعتو.

طريقة التقديم

اتصل بإدارة بتاعت المدرسة عشان ينوك استمارة طلب بتاعت CSEF أو نزلها من موقع الانترنت ده: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

معلومات زيادة

لو دابر تعرف معلومات تواريخ قفل باب التقديم ل CSEF أو دابر معلومات زيادة، خذ في موقع الانترنت ده: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

صندوق المخيمات والأنشطة الرياضية والرحلات الخارجية (CSEF)

المخيمات المدرسية بتدي الطلاب تجارب ملهمة في البيئة الخارجية السحة، ويرضو الرحلات الخارجية بتشجع الفهم العميق لطريقة الحاجات في العلم، والرياضة بتعلمهم العمل الجماعي والاضباط والقيادة. وحاجات دي كلها جزء من منيح دراسي صحي.

حكومة فكتوريا حاضرا توفر CSEF عشان تساعد الأسر المؤهلة أنها تغطي تكاليف الرحلات المدرسية والمخيمات والأنشطة الرياضية.

لو عندك بطاقة تخفيض (concession) أو أنت أب مربي أو أم مربية بشكل مؤقت ممكن تكون مؤهل ل CSEF. وفي برضو فئة خاصة لطلاب اللجوء وأسر اللاجئين. العلاوة بتفوقها للمدرسة عشان تستخدمها لتغطية أي نفقات بتاعت المخيمات أو الرحلات الخارجية أو الأنشطة الرياضية بتاعت طفلك.

مبلغ CSEF السنوي لكل طالب هو:

- 125 دولار لطلاب المدرسة الابتدائية
- 225 دولار لطلاب المدرسة الثانوية.

KUJNY DE WEU LEK DE KOCKE MITH

Meth eben ne Victoria apieth be nan namlau de piei de keŋ kedhie leu be kenyc tecen jal yonde gar. Lo ne kemíc, yan ke pol ku lo ne yan thiekic ke piei (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) ayeke loi ago cien menh dŋwei ne wariecke yic teleer keek ne yan thiekic ke piei ku miet de piou. Ee bian tonde ka be pinyde Victoria cok ye pan nar ne loŋ de thukul, kuke gem ci akuma rot gam ago cien menh dŋwei, be mith piei eke thok kedhie.

WEU KE LO NE KEMIC, YAN KE POL KU LO NE YAN THIEKIC KE PIEI (CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF))

Lo ne kemíc ku yan thiekic ke piei e mith juac ne nyic ku wei keek agoki piir de tiopnom deetic ku pol de kurai eke pioc ne cjer pieth ku mende cin kene koc kuc, ku piocke ne riu ku nŋc. Keek kedhie aye biande ajer pioc.

Weu ke CSEF aye akuma de Victoria ke gam ago kocke mith kujny ne cuerpiny de weu ke lone rial de thukul, lone kemíc ku yan ke pol kurai yic.

Na nŋr kande kontheccion ka ye dumur ci akuma yien mith bake muk, keyin be mioc ne weu ke CSEF. Abakŋk ku koc thian ne weiken abi akuma kemíc eya. Ke weuke aye akuma ke yien thukul ago thukul keya cuarpiny teleer mith ne kemíc, teleer ke ne yan thiekic ke piei ka yan ke pol kura.

Weu ke CSEF yeke yien menh tok ne runic:

- \$125 tenŋr meth de pirameri
- \$225 tenŋr meth de thekondari

DHEL YIN WEU THIEC

Lor e muktap de thukulic ago pom ba thionŋ lo lom ka yok ne www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

TE KOOR YIN LEKDI

Na kŋcŋr lekdi de nin bi thionŋ pom de CSEF ke thiekic keyin lor ne www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents with Centrelink Concession
Card/Health Care Card

Please contact Mrs. Ross on 9366 2544
to make appointment for 2017 CSEF
Your card should be valid as of 30 Jan 2017



FAITH MATTERS

**Wednesday Mass
will commence on
Ash Wednesday,
1st march 2017**

**We welcome all families to
join with our students
on Wednesday mornings
from 8.30am**

The following prayer was used in our
Staff Opening Mass
on Monday:

God of abundance,

You give us life,

you give us love,

you give us yourself in bread and wine.

As we begin the new school year,

help us to share your love,

watch over us

and be with us wherever we are.

We offer this prayer

through Christ our Lord.

Amen

We welcome Ms Dykes to the position of Faith Matters Team Leader

Are you enrolling at Catholic Regional College Sydenham in 2018 ?

ENROLMENT PROCESS for Year 11 2018

Enrolment Form and Enrolment Fee of \$215.00 to be returned by no later than Monday 13 February 2017.

Enrolment will not proceed until payment has been processed and cleared and Enrolment Form returned.

Options for payment to Catholic Regional College Sydenham are:-

1. Cash - in person to Reception – **do not mail cash.**
2. Cheque - in person to Reception or mailed.
3. Credit Card - in person to Reception or mailed.
4. Funds Transfer - as per details on payment form.

Any queries please contact Gina Zumbo or Joanne Gibbs at the College on 9361 0000.



SCHOOL FEES 2017

We request New Families & existing families to have a payment plan set up with Direct Debit or Centrepay. Families that had this set up last year have to re-do a new one for this year.

If you have any queries, regarding fees please do not hesitate to contact

Mrs. Anne Ross on:

9366 2544

OUR GARDEN



The Brimbank Sustainable Living Festival is fast approaching!

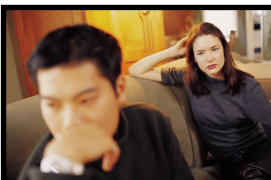
Last year CRC St. Albans had a win in the biggest home grown vegetable competition and expect to be very competitive again in 2017! Stay tuned for further announcements about this year's school food program!



Brimbank Sustainable Living Expo

Saturday, 18 February, 2017
10am-3pm
Westvale Community Centre
45 Kings Road, St Albans.

Guest speaker:
Network Ten Presenter, Barry Du Bois.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

2017 Melbourne weekend dates :
24-26 March,
28-30 July,
17-19 November

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions - rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

No group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. Based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and meals provided.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you speak, read and write English fluently?
Do you enjoy making friends with people from other cultures?
Can you spare 2 hours each week to help new arrivals learn English and settle in Australia?

If so, your help would be invaluable. No qualifications or experience needed.

FREE TRAINING AND SUPPORT PROVIDED

Contact Rosemary Harman on 9366 0433 or harmanr@ames.net.au

