

## Principal's Report

### A Family

A family is a place  
to cry and laugh  
and vent frustration,  
to ask for help  
and tease and yell,  
to be touched and  
hugged and smiled at.

A family is people  
who care when you are sad,  
who love you no matter what,  
who share your triumphs,  
who don't expect you to be perfect,  
just growing with honesty in your  
own decisions.

A family is a circle  
where we learn to  
make good decisions,  
where we learn to  
think before we do,  
where we learn integrity  
and table manners  
and respect for other people;  
where we are special,  
where we listen and are listened to,  
where we learn the rules of life  
to prepare ourselves for the world.  
The world is a place where  
anything can happen:  
if we grow up in a loving family  
we are ready for the world.

*(‘A Canopy of Stars’ Fr. Chris Gleeson)*

During Term 1 all classes have a Family Night. This is an opportunity for families to meet each other and teachers; to share a meal or refreshments; to learn about what this year will bring for their child, and to share ideas and questions. We look forward to meeting many of you on these nights.

Our opening reflection on the importance of family is a lovely reminder of the many things we learn, not at school, but in the home. It reminds us that *families matter!* Families come in many different sizes and structures, however, whatever their shape they matter.

Caring and watching out for one another is what strong families do. It's within our families that we first learn to value and respect ourselves and each other; to build and rebuild relationships; to give and receive support; to appreciate and celebrate difference, and to love and accept each other unconditionally. Families share a heritage and stories; as well as ways of interacting, communicating and of doing things. In our families we learn with and from each other. However, most importantly, we learn that life is about *us*, not just about *me*.

Our families teach us about community. Likewise, we work hard to ensure that our school community is like a family; one where each person is known, welcomed, respected and feels a deep sense of being at home.

### Mackillop Pins

At our opening assembly we recognised a number of students for all round academic excellence in 2016.

The Mary MacKillop pin is awarded to the top 10 - 12 students at each year level. Both Semester 1 and 2 results are considered in selecting recipients.

I'd like to congratulate all students who received a Mackillop Pin. What a talented group you are! Excellence is never an accident or luck. It requires hard work and perseverance.

Recipients of the Mackillop pin generally

have the ability to stick at things and to work hard even when the work is not immediately enjoyable. They're focussed, seek help, use feedback and constantly look for ways to do better. Well done on working hard throughout the year and doing everything to be the best you can be. Your pin is well deserved.

I'd also like to congratulate all the students who were not recognised with a pin but who know that what they achieved last year was their very best. Well done!

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for this very special celebration. I am sure that you are both proud and delighted.

Recipients of the Mary MacKillop Pin for 2016 are:

Patricia Rianne Dabu, 10 Little  
Michelle Nguyen, 10 Little  
Kayla Palmier, 10 Little  
Jenny Pham, 10 MacKillop  
Jessica Nguyen, 10 MacKillop  
Kathleene Mendoza, 10 MacKillop  
Emily Jong, 10 Mannix  
Trung Nguyen, 10 Mannix  
Kristy Vo, 10 McAuley  
Patricia Marieb Operana, 10 McAuley  
Amanda Tjea, 10 McAuley  
Ilyssa Mendoza, 10 O'Connell  
Stephanie Tran, 10 O'Connell  
Glydel Lawang, 10 O'Connell  
Kim Huynh, 9 Barton  
Charmaine Julia Jarlego, 9 Barton  
Julia Bui, 9 Barton  
Vincent Le, 9 Curtin  
Xavier Ryam Bondoc, 9 Curtin  
Dieuann Nguyen, 9 Curtin  
Jocelyn Cuzcano, 9 Deakin  
Caitlyn Gonsalves, 9 Deakin  
Thuong Nguyen, 9 Deakin  
Tijana Vukadin, 9 Hughes  
Tomas Carville, Hughes  
Peter Phan, 9 Hughes  
Louisa Zhang, 9 Lyons  
Julie Pham, 9 Lyons  
Lynda Vu, 9 Lyons  
Jordan Luong, 8 Attard  
Sharelle Lynch, 8 Attard  
Shirleen Nguyen, 8 Clark

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 Carl Mikhail Sevillano, 8 Hollows  
 Hayley Nguyen, 8 Hollows  
 Amy Tjea, 8 Orifici  
 Tina Le, 8 Orifici  
 Kim Ly Ta, 8 Orifici  
 Rhanel Hao, 7 Kiewa  
 Vivian Dang, 7 Kiewa  
 Simon Le, 7 Kiewa  
 Mekayla Tapuala Unasa, 7 Snowy  
 Julia Cabaldon, 7 Snowy  
 Helen Nguyen, 7 Snowy  
 Kira Jansen, 7 Wimmera  
 Dennis Truong, 7 Wimmera  
 Clyde Lorenz Vallescas, 7 Wimmera  
 Karen Nguyen, 7 Yarra  
 Hannah Nguyen, 7 Yarra  
 Arabella Celine Julian, 7 Yarra

## 2016 Learning Bursaries

As well as the MacKillop Pin we also awarded a learning bursary for the DUX (student with the most outstanding academic results for each year level). The recipients of these awards for 2016 were:

Year 7: Arabella Julian, 7 Yarra  
 Year 8: Sharelle Lynch, 8 Attard  
 Year 9: Thuong Nguyen, 9 Deakin  
 Year 10: Glydel Lawang, 10 O'Connell

Congratulations to these students. Each had a terrific year and achieved results. I am sure that they and their families are very proud of all they've achieved. We hope that each student uses the prize in some way towards their education.

## Kwong Lee Dow Scholar 2016

Congratulations to Glydel Lawang on being accepted into the Kwong Lee Dow Scholars program at Melbourne University. Glydel has achieved excellent results throughout the year and has been involved in a range of co-curricular activities. She is a worthy recipient.

## James Wall Bursary 2017

At our assembly we also recognised Kathleen Mendoza who is one of four students to receive a Fr. James Wall Bursary.

The bursaries recognise excellence in leadership, community engagement, service and academic excellence. We are delighted for Kathleen. She is indeed a worthy recipient.

## Williams Cup 2016

Congratulations to Guelen House on winning a very closely contested 2016 Williams Cup. O'Reilly put in another strong effort to come second, with Corbett third and Reis fourth. Well done to all associated with Guelen House. Strong participation across all events was the secret to their success.

The 2017 Williams Cup season begins next week with a lunchtime Dodgeball competition. Best wishes to all Houses.

## Year 10 2014 / Year 12 2016

Last week Year 10 2014 students joined staff and students for morning tea. It was great to see them again, to reminisce about their time at St Albans and to celebrate what they've achieved over their final two years of schooling. All have done really well and are looking forward to their tertiary studies or entering some form of training and the workforce.

## Congratulations: Year 12 2016

On behalf of the College community I'd like to congratulate the students and staff of Catholic Regional College Sydenham and Melton on the excellent Year 12 results attained by students. On any measure students are doing very well and we should all be very proud of what they've achieved. Well done to all.

## Opening School Mass

Families are warmly invited to join us for our opening school mass at Sacred Heart Church on **Thursday 23 February at 9.30am**. At the end of the mass we will induct our 2017 School Leaders. I hope that you can join us.

## Wednesday Mass

This begins on Ash Wednesday which this year falls on Wednesday 01 March (Week 4). Families are very welcome to join us for this very special weekly celebration.

Later in the newsletter we have also published the parish information for Ash Wednesday.

## Inter-house Swimming

Families have received information outlining arrangements for the Inter-house Swimming carnival on **Thursday 02 March**.

**Please note:** This year we will not be dismissing students from St Albans pool. All students will walk back to the College for normal dismissal at **3.05pm**.

We've found in the last two years that dismissing some students at the pool and others back has school has been confusing for families. In order to avoid mix ups and worry we've decided to follow normal arrangements.

The carnival is held at the St Albans Leisure Centre so if parents have the time, you're very welcome to join us for the carnival; to cheer on your child and to barrack for their House.

## Traffic Management: Theodore Street

Following our notice last week from the police about their 'Back to School' operation, targeting speeding in school zones, we also remind families to read parking signs around the College carefully. As is the case around all schools a number of areas have restricted parking or no parking at 'school pickup' times to assist with traffic flow. Parking officers regularly monitor the area. I am sure that families can do without the significant fines.

Please consider the following to ensure everyone's safety:

- Signs on the western side of Theodore Street indicate that this is a 'NO PARKING' zone from 8 – 9am and 3 – 4pm on school days.
- Double parking is illegal and will incur fines.
- Students must use the school crossing.
- It is very dangerous to double park and then wait for students to run across the road.
- The speed limit in school zones is 40kmh

Sometimes it is better to meet students a street or two away from the school to avoid the congestion.

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## 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:

3 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>

## 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](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 10 2014 morning tea
- Year 9 Family Night
- MacKillop Awards Assembly
- Year 7 Sunnystones Days
- Year 10 Family Night
- Outdoor Education excursion – Organ Pipes
- School Photos

It's been a busy two weeks. 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.

## Term Dates 2017

Term 1:

Friday 3 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 9 October – Friday 8 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**

## Year 10 Work Experience 2017

As part of the Year 10 Program students are involved in a work experience placement for 5 days. The work experience period for 2017 will be held in week 2 of term 3 (Monday 24th July to Friday 28th July). In preparation for this week, students are required to seek work experience at a work place that interests them and that is in line with their career pathway. This will allow them to gain experience in the chosen field and find out more about the type of work that is involved.

Each student has been given a form to fill out. The form then needs to be signed by the student, employer, and parent/guardian and handed into Jill or Mr Orsini in the office. Any student who requires assistance in filling out the form or seeking work experience can see Mr Orsini in the Careers Office at recess, lunchtime or after school on most days. Places at workplaces fill up quickly, so get in early so that you don't miss out.

Mr Orsini  
Careers Teacher

## Year 10 Work Experience at vic roads Applications close Sunday 19 Feb 2017

VicRoads Work Experience Program gives secondary students the opportunity to experience the relationship between school studies and the world of work, helping them make appropriate career choices.

Each year VicRoads offers placements for approved secondary school work experience.

We offer work experience in areas such as:

- Engineering
- Finance / Accounting
- Human Resources
- Legal
- Media / Communications
- Information Technology

Applications for 2017 Work Experience Program are now open and will close on Sunday 19 February 2017.

For more information and to apply online, please direct your students to our website

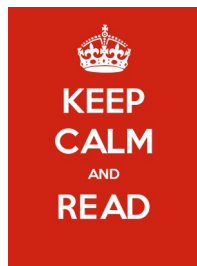


### CRC St Albans is offering **FREE maths tutorials** for Year 7 and Year 8 students after School.

If you are interested in this program, please put your name down at the front office.

**Year 7:** Monday 3:15pm – 4:15pm  
@ Language Centre (Room 39).

**Year 8:** Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm  
@ Language Centre (Room 39).



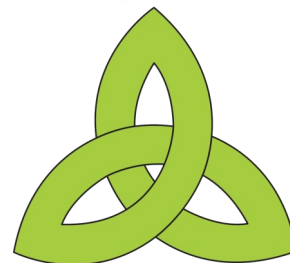
#### Welcome to Word of the Day

Each day in our daily bulletin, students are introduced to a new word and its meaning. These words are used to spark conversation about the words we use every day, words that you may never have heard and most likely will never use again, as well as words to expand your vocabulary. See if you can provide a word for these definitions below. Clue, these words have been in our daily bulletin.

#### Spelling and Definition

- a. Exceptionally good
- b. Extremely mournful, sad, or gloomy
- c. Excessively or pointlessly talkative
- d. To wriggle because of discomfort or to break free
- e. Having or showing great knowledge gained from study and reading
- f. Dull, flat, or boring
- g. To unexpectedly attack from a hidden place
- h. A man who is the head of a family or group
- i. A woman who is the head of a family or group
- j. A deep, immeasurable space, gorge, or canyon

Of course, all knowing words is well and good but what we really encourage, is to read each and every night. Year 8's have already chosen a novel to read for interest and relaxation. You may take the opportunity to ask them what Keep Calm & Read means to them. Enjoy reading today!



### YEAR 9 TRINITY THE GREAT RACE

The first day of our specialist Year 9 Program called Trinity was held on the 14th of February 2017 and was a great opportunity for the students to gain trust and respect with their teachers at year 9 and in the Trinity program.

The students started the day by working in small teams to finish off their plan for the race and the staff talked about etiquette inside the city so that the students were prepared for the race.

You could feel the excitement as the students boarded the train from St Albans train station and headed to Flagstaff station. The students then went off in small groups and attempted to move around the city and find certain checkpoints in the heart of the city for example Federation Square, Bourke Street Mall, the Immigration Museum, Hosier Lane, the State Library and Parliament just to name a few. The students found the final meeting point between the Yarra River and Federation Square and we headed home from Flinders St Station.

Can parents and guardians please note that there is no opportunity to buy lunch during Trinity days and so the students must attend with recess and lunch that they have brought from home. Students should also attend with the correct uniform which on most Trinity days is full PE uniform.

The year 9 team would like to thank the students that had a blast during the day, we hope that they had a fun and educational day. I personally would also like to thank the year 9 team including Dale Marshall, Daniella Ibrido, Jess Iaria, Chris Orsini, Will Watson, Mitch Porter and James Younan who worked hard all day to make sure the students had an enjoyable day.

Brad Taylor  
Year 9 Team member



God of all peoples and nations You accompany us on our Lenten journey. Through the life and mission of Your son, You give us the gift of mercy. May we learn to walk Your way of mercy and compassion with all Your people. In a special way, we keep in mind our neighbours, the men, women and children around the world, who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion. Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive Your grace to love our neighbours as ourselves. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

## WEDNESDAY MASS

will commence on  
Ash Wednesday,  
1st March 2017  
led by Sacred Heart

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

### TERM 1 ROSTER

- 1 March**  
Sacred Heart
- 8 March**  
CRC—ERS 10 Mannix
- 15 March**  
Sacred Heart
- 22 March**  
CRC—JMD 10 Little
- 29 March**  
Sacred Heart



Project Compassion Starts on 26th of February. The social justice team at the school is hoping to raise \$1000 this year. The house with the largest donation will receive house points towards the Williams Cup.

In RE classes students will be exploring several caritas projects which support and empower developing communities around the world. The funds raised will go to support these projects.



## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS IN OUR PARISH WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2017

### KINGS PARK PARISH

9.30am  
7.00pm

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

7.30am; 8.30am; 7.30pm  
Polish Mass 6.00pm

### EMMAUS CHURCH

10.00am; 6.30pm

### CANA SCHOOL

11.30am

### HOLY EUCHARIST

9.00am  
6.00PM (English)  
7.30pm (Vietnamese)

CRC St Albans

# Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Parents welcome to attend

@

St Albans Leisure Centre

**Thursday 2 March 2017**

## Key Dates

Term 1 2017

**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

**Thursday 30 March:**

Year 7 Reflection Day

**Friday 31 March:**

Final Day Term 1

## SCHOOL FEES 2017

Families that hold a current Centrelink health care card or pension card and have not already given a copy of their card to the office are requested to kindly bring their card as soon as possible.

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 Ms. Anne Ross on 93662544.

**CSEF APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
on 16 June 2017**

**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**

## Free Tutoring Help and Learning Support



Offered by

**Edmund Rice Community  
& Refugee Service**

### What?

One-on-one homework help and learning support

### By Whom?

Volunteer tutors who are teachers or community members

### For Whom?

Secondary Students & Tertiary students; all year levels

### When?

Wednesday 3.30pm – 5pm (Starts  
Wednesday 15th Feb)  
Saturdays 10:30am-12:00pm (Starts  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb)



### Where?

**Wednesday - St Albans  
Community Centre Princess St,  
St Albans**

**Saturday – Catholic Regional  
College St Albans**

### **Enquiries :**

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Website:

[www.ercrs.com.au](http://www.ercrs.com.au)



# Dux 2016

Students who were dux of Years 7, 8, 9& 10



# Kwong Lee Dow 2016

Glydel Lawang



# James Wall Bursary 2016

Kathleen Mendoza winner of The James Wall Bursary

# MacKillop Award 2016

Mackillop award winners



# LIVING ARTS AWARDS

In **the Arts**, we value the artistic journey of students, with an emphasis on the importance of process. We foster the development of self-discipline, positive risk-taking, collaboration, self-expression, critical and creative thinking. This year we will recognise and celebrate our students' progress and development in the Arts learning areas. Each fortnight we will acknowledge a different Year level. We are starting with Year 7s, whose energy and enthusiasm has filled the Arts building already.

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who have received a Living Arts Award:

**Kiir Anguik** of 7 Kiewa has been recognised for displaying initiative and designing an original pattern in **Visual Arts**

**Alex Rafoo** of 7 Yarra has been recognised for always being positive and enthusiastic towards his learning and assisting others in the classroom in **Visual Communication Design**

**Lesina Malouma** of 7 Avoca has been recognised for her improvisation skills and ability to develop an innovative character in **Drama**

**Liya Eneyew** of 7 Yarra has been recognised for supporting fellow classmates in their learning of theory in **Music**

*Stay tuned for our Year 8 awards next fortnight.*

# Williams Cup 2016

Guelen House Leaders with the Williams Cup for 2016

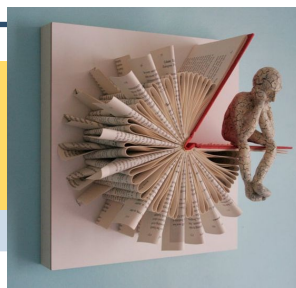


# MacKillop Award Morning Tea

Parents joined staff and award winning students for morning tea this week, after the MacKillop Award ceremony and Mass in the college hall.



# TIME



# READ

FEBRUARY 2017

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE

ST ALBANS LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

<http://dishfunctionaldesigns.blogspot.ca/>

## SIGN UP EARLY FOR THE READING HOUR PLACES ARE LIMITED

### WHAT'S ON, WHEN ...

Wednesday 22 February

Reading Hour

Friday 17 March

7.30 am Breakfast

(Catholic Education Week)

Wednesday 22 March

Reading Hour

Tuesday 16 May

Reading Hour

**Date To Be Confirmed**

Premier's Reading Challenge launch

**SECOND HAND BOOK SALE**  
Students are reminded to collect their money and unsold books from the library

### The Reader's Cup

is awarded each year to the class which reads the most books. As part of the prize they win a pizza lunch in the library at the end of the year.

The current placings for the Readers Cup are displayed on the ladder in the library and are printed in each newsletter.

Good luck to all classes  
Keep Reading



**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!**

**7.30am**

**Friday 17 March**



### **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.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

### **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](mailto:harmanr@ames.net.au)

