

Principal's Report

A Prayer for Harmony Day

Loving God
You have given all peoples
one common origin,
and your will is to gather them
as one family in yourself.
Fill the hearts of all
with the fire of your love
and the desire to ensure justice
for all our sisters and brothers.

By sharing the good things
you give us
may we secure justice and
equality for every human being,
an end to all division,
and a human society built on
love and peace.
Pope John Paul II,
Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 1987

May the God of harmony
and peace
bless and unite us
and bring us all together
into the joys of a new creation.
Amen.

Today, the 21 March marks National Harmony Day in Australia. It is a day which aims to promote respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for all Australians, no matter where they come from. The key message of Harmony Day is that 'everyone belongs'. This is something that we believe deeply in our school community and try to live out in all that we do. Our school theme for 2017, *Come, gather around our table*, picks up this message very well. Here, at CRC St Albans, we work hard to ensure students, staff and families feel included, respected and welcomed.

Orange is the colour associated with Harmony Day and, fittingly, in our community orange is associated with the school value of Equality. Students, families and staff at our school come from many different cultural groups. The number varies but is currently around 50. We are continually working to understand, appreciate and celebrate all cultures, to treat others justly, to give everyone a fair go and to live together in peace and harmony.

Thank you to our student leaders who have planned a number of activities to both raise awareness about Harmony Day and to celebrate the rich diversity of our community.

Catholic Education Week

The week leading up to St Patrick's Day is always Catholic Education Week in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Throughout the week there are many different celebrations, both at a local and diocesan level, culminating in the Catholic Education Week mass at the Cathedral. The theme for this year's celebrations was *moved by the love of Christ*.

Catholic Education Week is a chance to reflect on and to celebrate the fine work being done across our schools. Our newsletter gives families a window into the many things happening in our own school. None of this can be achieved without the great commitment of staff, the support of families and the enthusiasm, interest and involvement of our students. We are very lucky in all areas. Thank you.

Year 8 Camp

On Wednesday I had a very enjoyable evening at the Year 8 camp at Gilwell Park in Gembrook.

Students and staff were tired but very proud of themselves after a busy day of tent pitching, cooking, archery, high and low ropes, canoeing, orienteering and other challenge based activities.

For many it was their first experience of camping in the Australian bush. Whilst sleeping in tents and being in the outdoors takes some students out of their comfort zone, it also helps them to develop independence, self-reliance and the ability to work well with others. They learn much about themselves through the experience and have the opportunity to see others in a new light.

I thank Mr Len Tobin, the Year 8 Level Leader for organising the camp, the Year 8 teachers for their willingness to participate, the Adventure Plus staff for their support and all the students who gave the experience 100%.

'Time to Read' Breakfast

On Friday morning we again enjoyed the 'Time to Read' breakfast in the library. It was terrific to see students, families and staff enjoying a relaxed start to the day with a yummy breakfast whilst chatting about books and other things. I thank Mrs Angela Robinson, Mrs Lili Lupa and Mrs Annette Vella for again organising this activity.

The Brekkie and Books mornings remind us of two things about learning, firstly, about the importance of breakfast. Without fuel, it is very difficult to focus on learning. Secondly, we are reminded of the importance of reading. Without reading regularly, it is very difficult to reach our full potential as a learner.

Setting aside 20 - 30 minutes a day for reading and then talking about what has been read can have a significant impact on student learning.

Year 8 staff and students have been very proactive in promoting reading through the 'Read and Be Calm' program. As you walk through the Year 8 area this message is up on all the walls, and students are reading in extended pastoral care and at the beginning of some English classes. However, for this to be effective, it needs to be supplemented with reading at home.

I encourage all families to find some 'technology free time' where there is space for reading.

Tuesday 21 March 2017

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**“The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.”**

Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

Congratulations: Samuel Gray

Our students are involved in many different sporting, cultural, arts and community based activities outside of school.

Samuel Gray has been rowing for three seasons with the Essendon Rowing Club. At the recent Victorian Rowing Championships his Under 17 crew won the silver medal. We congratulate Samuel on this outstanding achievement.

Samuel and his team have now been selected to row at the Australian Rowing Championships at the Sydney International Rowing Centre in Penrith, NSW in the last week of term. We wish him and team all the very best for the championships. This will be a terrific opportunity for the crew and we will follow with interest their progress at the championships.

Thank You

On Friday, along with 1,810 other schools across Australia, our students marked the ‘National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence’ last Friday. This awareness raising activity was planned and led by our student leaders, who used it as an opportunity to revisit the College ‘Hands Off’ policy.

I thank the student leaders for their commitment and passion around this very important issue.

End of Term 1

Term 1 finishes on Friday 31 March. This will be a normal Day 10 school day with classes finishing at 3.05pm.

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: 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.

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:

- Shared Stories: Author Visit
- Year 8 Family Night (8 Clark, 8 Orifici)
- Year 7 Family Nights (7 Avoca, Snowy and Kiewa)
- SACCSS Swimming Squad Training
- Creative Writing Workshop (Year 8)
- School Production – expressions of interest
- Year 7 Art Gallery visits
- Year 8 Camp
- Year 9 Media Arts: Sci-Fi Film Making Day at ACMI
- Time 2 Read Breakfast
- Catholic Education Week Mass
- National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

It's again 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.



CHRISTINA UTRI

PRINCIPAL

Faith MATTERS

WEDNESDAY MASS

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

TERM 1 ROSTER

22 March

CRC—JMD 10 Little

29 March

Sacred Heart

Reflection: *In Lent we share what we have*

Lent is a time of sharing what we have with each other. In our world there are many who have less than us and this needs to change. We understand that we need to be the change we see in the world. Mathew tells us, 'whenever we give alms, do not sound the trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so they maybe praised by others. Truly, I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and you Father who sees in secret will reward you'.

Question:

What do I have that I can share so that others can have more?

Action:

As a sign of our commitment to live more humbly we will place this hessian cloth on our prayer table

Prayer:

For our global community we pray that those with power and wealth may take seriously the call of the Church this lent and place themselves at the service of all in need.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK BREAKFAST



Thanks go to the Library for their continued support



Quiz

Match word with meaning

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|----------------|--|
| 1. HUBRIS | a. A deep, immeasurable space, gorge, or canyon |
| 2. BENIGN | b. Allowing light to pass through, clear |
| 3. MALIGNANT | c. Excessive pride or arrogance |
| 4. TRANSLUCENT | d. Harmful, full of hate |
| 5. MOMENTOUS | e. Extremely important or significant |
| 6. ERUDITE | f. Harmless, not threatening |
| 7. GAUCHE | g. Socially awkward, lacking grace or tact |
| 8. FAUX PAS | h. An embarrassing social blunder |
| 9. GARRULOUS | i. Having or showing great knowledge gained from study and reading |
| 10. ABYSS | j. Excessively or pointlessly talkative |

Learning
MATTERS

LIVING

ARTS
AWARDS

Last week we celebrated and acknowledged our Year 9 students' work in the Arts.

Students develop their ability to explore and express ideas through the various Arts practices. Students then present or perform their works, whilst responding to and interpreting their own and other's artworks.

Achan Ajak of 9 Lyons has been recognised for her persistence when working with paint application in **Visual Arts**.

Jordan Luong of 9 Deakin has been recognised for his consistent and conscientious approach when working with scale, whilst developing designs in **Visual Communication Design**.

Amaj Akol of 9 Lyons has been recognised for her consistent energy when learning new routines in **Dance**.

Jayden Kretiuk of 9 Lyons has been recognised for his cinematography skills and leadership demonstrated in **Media Arts**.

Wendy Nguyen of 9 Barton has been recognised for her persistence on the Bass Guitar and further development of rhythmic timing skills in **Music**.

New Families are welcomed Into CRC St Albans





SCHOOL FEES 2017

School fees were posted out last week. If you have not received yours yet, please contact the school office.

If you have any concerns or difficulties PLEASE CONTACT Mrs Ross : 9366 2544

If school fees are paid in full before the end of term 2, (30/6/17) a

\$100 DISCOUNT

will apply.

NET BANKING

A reminder to those families who are using Internet Banking for payment of school fees, that it is important that you enter the I.D. number and child's family name which is located on the bottom left hand corner of your statement as shown below:

Catholic Regional College St. Albans
P.O. Box 72, St. Albans, VIC 3021
Telephone: (03) 9366 2544
Facsimile: (03) 926 2544

EXAMPLE
Direct Deposit Details: BSB Number 0001 07
Account Number: 6007 1234 567
Account Name: Catholic Regional College St. Albans
Please Enter: **Citizen 12345** as reference.

Changes In Contact Details

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

Key Dates

Term 1 2017

Tuesday 21 March:
7 Yarra Family Night

Thursday 23 March:
7 Wimmera Family Night

Tuesday 28 March:
SACCSS Interscholar Swimming

Thursday 30 March:
Year 7 Reflection Day

Friday 31 March:
Final Day Term 1

WINTER UNIFORM

Must be worn from the first Day of Second Term (Tuesday 18 April 2017)



YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS for 2018 are now due

Application forms are available online at <http://www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au/> or at the college office.

Please come in and pick up an application form as soon as possible.



2017 Student Residential Address Collection

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the department), to advise you that the department has requested your child's school provide a *statement of addresses*, in accordance with section 21 of the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (the Regulation).

A *statement of addresses* contains the following three pieces of information about students at the school:

- Students' residential address (**not student names or other identifying information**)
- Students' level of education (i.e. whether the student is receiving primary or secondary education)
- Students' boarding school status (boarders or day students)

Authority for and Purpose of Collection

Consistent with previous practice, and following the *2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics National Census of Population and Housing (Census)*, it is timely that information held by the department is updated in order to ensure that Australian Government funding calculations for your child's school are accurate.

Under section 21 of the Regulation, a *statement of addresses* **must not explicitly identify an individual student**. Accordingly, all information in the *statement of addresses* provided by your child's school to the department is de-identified.

Use and Disclosure of Information

It is important to ensure the *statements of addresses* are accurate, and the department may from time to time carry out audits of *statements of addresses* to verify their accuracy. In the event of an audit, the department's contracted auditors may seek to compare a school's *statement of addresses* with student enrolment information held by the school for the purpose of verifying the information. The department's contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

Any further use and disclosure of information relating to the *statement of addresses* will occur in accordance with section 65 of the Regulation.

Contact

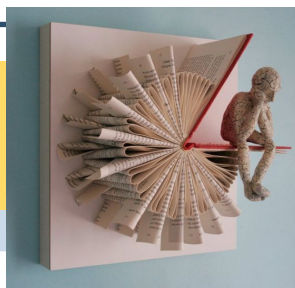
If you have any questions regarding this notice, you can contact the department by:

- Email: seshelpdesk@education.gov.au
- Phone (free call): SES helpdesk on 1800 677 027 (Option 4)

For further information about the department, including the department's privacy policy, please go to: <https://education.gov.au>.

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The Reader's Cup

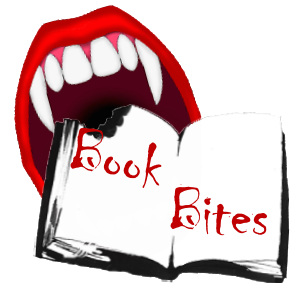
Congratulations to 7 Wimmera who are the Reader's Cup leaders on a fantastic total of 117 books borrowed so far this year. The other classes are also doing well but if you let them get to much of a lead, they will be hard to catch, Congratulations also go to 7 Kiewa who moved up 3 places as did 9 Hughes, while 7 Yarra, 7 Snowy and 8 Attard all moved up 2 places. Keep up the good work.



KEEP READING

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE READING HOUR?

HURRY, NOT MANY PLACES LEFT!



One-Punch Man, Vol. 9 (Onepunch-Man #9)

by Yusuke Murata (Illustrations), John Werry (Translator)

What happens when a superhero can beat the snot out of every villain with just one punch? Can he find an opponent to give his life meaning, or is he doomed to a life of superpowered boredom?

Nothing about Saitama passes the eyeball test when it comes to superheroes, from his lifeless expression to his bald head to his unimpressive physique. However, this average-looking guy has a not-so-average problem—he just can't seem to find an opponent strong enough to take on!

WHAT'S ON, WHEN ...

Reading hour

LUNCHTIMES:

Thursday 23 March & Thursday 18 May

Premier's Reading Challenge

Date to be confirmed

Remember You can find us at:

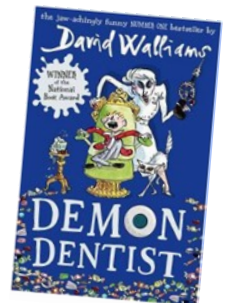
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1. CLICK: Login to school community portal on the college homepage
1. CLICK: LIBRARY LINKS—Library Access
2. CLICK: Destiny Quest box
3. Type what you're searching for in new Destiny Quest menu bar

Demon Dentist

by David Walliams, Tony Ross (Illustrator)

Darkness had come to the town. Strange things were happening in the dead of night. Children would put a tooth under their pillow for the tooth fairy, but in the morning they would wake up to find... a dead slug; a live spider; hundreds of earwigs creeping and crawling beneath their pillow.



Evil was at work. But who or what was behind it...?

TOP TEN BOOKS BORROWED LAST WEEK . . .



The birth of Naruto. Naruto Volume 53

Can Naruto tame the darkness inside himself while still retaining his bijū's power?

For whom the bell tolls. One piece Volume 5

Once upon a time, Usopp was just a local boy with a talent for tall tales

The meanest man in the east. One piece Volume 11

After almost drowning at the hands of "Saw-Tooth" Arlong, captain of the nasty Fish-Man pirates, Luffy bounces back with a few tricks up his sleeve.

One Piece, Volume 02: Buggy the Clown

As a kid, Monkey D. Luffy vowed to become

King of the Pirates and find the legendary treasure called the "One Piece."

Songs of a war boy

by Deng Thiak Adut

Deng Adut's family were farmers in South Sudan when a brutal civil war altered his life forever.

The 5th wave

by Rick Yancey
After the 1st wave, only darkness remains. After the 2nd, only the lucky escape. And after the 3rd, only the unlucky survive. After the 4th wave, only one rule applies: trust no one.

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by James Phelan
Kidnapped from school and finding out his parents aren't who he thinks they are, Sam is suddenly running from danger at every turn

The 39 story treehouse

by Andy Griffiths

...time to jump on the world's highest trampoline, toast marshmallows in an active volcano,

swim in the chocolate waterfall, pet baby dinosaurs, and go head-to-trunk with the Trunkinator

The abduction

by John Grisham
As fear ripples through his small hometown and the police hit dead ends, it's up to Theo to use his legal knowledge and investigative skills to chase down the truth

The Accused

by John Grisham
Theo Boone might only be thirteen, but he's already uncovered key evidence in a ground breaking murder trial and discovered the truth behind his best friend's abduction



School Swimming Carnival



Two weeks ago the school swimming carnival was held at St Albans Leisure Centre. It was a colourful day with lots of enthusiasm from each house.

The novelty events were popular again this year with the students. The scores were very close at the beginning of the novelty events with the overall winner not clear till the end of the carnival. Thank you to all of the staff for their assistance on this day. The overall and individual winners are below:

Results from the carnival		
Boys Aggregate	Girls Aggregate	Overall Aggregate
1. Guelen 201 pts	1. Guelen 168 pts	1. Guelen 403 pts
2. Corbett 145 pts	2. Reis 162 pts	2. Reis 334 pts
3. Reis 142 pts	3. Corbett 118 pts	3. Corbett 291 pts
4. O'Reilly 137 pts	4. O'Reilly 86 pts	4. O'Reilly 255 pts



Champion Swimmers Awards					
		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Female	1 st	Megan Flores	Arabella Julian	Sharelle Lynch	Thuong Nguyen
	2 nd	Olivia Barisic	Kira Jansen		Jenny Nguyen
Male	1 st	Jeremy Nerpio	Matthew Ikov	Jordan Luong	Nathan Taylor
	2 nd	John Moore Christopher Ikov	Ethan Binny	John Abuan	Jonah Winton Jatila Dissanayake



Guelen

