

Principal's Report

Family Prayer

God be with our family,
from the youngest
to the oldest.
Light up our
relationships,
sow grace into
our troubles.

God be with our family,
weaving love
into our work,
our rest
and our play.

Amen.

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Monday 15 May is the International Day of Families and across Catholic schools and parishes in Melbourne it is the beginning of Family Week. Family Week is an opportunity to celebrate families in all their diversity and richness. Each family is unique but whatever its structure, it's where people find love, support and unity; experience a deep sense of belonging, are able to be themselves and first learn to appreciate difference as a gift. Families help us to ride through difficult times and it's within our family that we first learn about the presence of God in our lives.

Our opening reflection is a prayer for families. We pray for all families in our school community. The prayer is quite short and simple – you might like to pray it together as a family over the coming week.

Lastly, we wish all the mums in our school community a very happy Mother's Day for Sunday. We remember also the mums who are no longer with us. May all mums know that their unconditional love, support and all that they do for us are very much appreciated, even though we may not always put our thanks into words.

Today we celebrate our first Mother's Day breakfast. I'm really looking forward to sharing this special time with the mums, grandmothers and carers in our community.

Feast Day 2017

It is now only two weeks till Feast Day on **Friday 26 May**. This is a day we very much look forward to in the College calendar. The day begins with mass which is followed by activities in pastoral care groups and the annual Feast Day Carnival.

Over the past few weeks students from the SRC have been working hard to plan the carnival whilst the Liturgy Team is finalizing the mass. We're very appreciative of the work both groups are doing.

On Feast Day we always get great support from family members who are happy to assist with the Carnival - we're again seeking your help.

We invite parents / carers to assist us in running some of the carnival activities. You would need to be available from about 11am until 2.30pm.

As well as being a great help on the day, it is also a good chance to meet other parents/carers and to be part of the fun. If you can assist with the sausage sizzle, making fairy floss, serving at the café, running the High Striker, helping with the Atomic Drop Slide or one of the many other activities please let us know. No prior experience is needed!

If you can help, could you please ring Jill on 9366 2544 to let her know you're available.

Arrangements for Feast Day

School will begin at the normal time of 8.40am and conclude at 3.05pm. It's expected that all students attend unless they're sick. Days such as Feast Day are important in building community and school spirit. Not that anyone would want to miss out on the mega Olympic Obstacle Course, the Footy Challenge, the Bouncy Boxing and other activities too numerous to mention!

Students can come in casual clothes on Feast Day and there is no charge for this. All carnival activities are free, however, there is a small cost for food. The canteen is open throughout the carnival and there'll be a sausage sizzle and fairy floss. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch.

Fingers crossed that we're blessed with a fine day! An alternative program will run should we have rain.

Parish News

Fr. John O'Reilly recently announced that he will retire on 02 August, both from his role as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart and Emmaus parish, and as Canonical Administrator of Catholic Regional College.

For over 40 years, Fr. O'Reilly has worked tirelessly to build a thriving, vibrant and faith-filled parish community, and a College that currently provides Catholic secondary education to some 3,500 students over five campuses, in the north-west of Melbourne.

Coincidentally, this month marks the 40th anniversary of the decision, taken in May 1977, to start Catholic Regional College. We are all indebted to the members of the planning committee, led by Fr. O'Reilly, who despite the

odds, had

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the courage, the faith and the vision to go ahead.

In the coming months there will be different opportunities for us as a community to both thank Father O'Reilly for all he has done and to wish him well in the next phase of his life. All endings come with new beginnings. Fr. Maurie Cooney has been appointed to replace Fr. O'Reilly as the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Emmaus and as the Canonical Administrator. Fr. Maurie comes from St Peter's and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop parish in Epping / Epping North. We look forward to meeting and welcoming Fr. Cooney.

New Staff

We welcome two new staff members who have joined our Learning Support Team. Mr Louai Al Sammour who is working as an Educational Support Officer and Ms Mere Heaney who is an English as an Additional Language teacher. Both will be working with students who are in the Intensive English program.

We are delighted to have them join us and hope that their time at Catholic Regional College St Albans will be personally, socially and professionally rewarding.

SACCSS Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who represented the College at last week's SACCSS Cross Country. They displayed fine sportsmanship, achieved some very good personal best performances and were a credit to themselves, their families and the College. Thank you to the staff who organised the training sessions and supported the team on the day.

I'd like to offer particular congratulations to Chol Key who was first in his event, Rayvia McIntosh who placed third and Agel Thon who was ninth. With well over a hundred competitors in each section you will agree that these are outstanding performances. Well done.

Year 7 House Council

Last week I was delighted to attend the Year 7 assembly to present certificates to students who have been selected for the Year 7 House Council. There is a strong sense of service and leadership within our Year 7 community this year. Each class had a very strong field of nominees and I'm sure the final decisions were very difficult.

Normally, the House Council is established much later in the year. It is a credit to all Year 7 students that staff see so much lead-

ership potential in the group that they have moved the whole process forward.

I would like to thank every student who put their name forward – each of you has demonstrated your commitment to our school community and will have many opportunities to contribute. I congratulate each student who has been formally entrusted with leadership through a place on the House Council. We look forward to working with you to further build our school community.

Over the next few weeks the House Council will elect their SRC representatives.

House Council members are:

Avoca

Teresa Adut
Lesina Maoluma
Nhi (Cindy) Nguyen
Kiewa

Gai (Mary) Dar
Alessia LoGuarro
Alex Gebremichael

Snowy

Amy Ruel
Liam Kilpatrick
Loang Aweng
Wimmera
Megan Flores
Yvonne Nguyen
Angel Catayong
Yarra

Rejoyce Modi
Sonany Istaifo
Romiley McIntosh

Congratulations

This week has been a big one for Years 7 and 9 students as they sat their NAPLAN literacy and numeracy tests over the last three days. Congratulations to all students involved. They approached the tests with maturity, listened carefully to instructions and it was clearly evident that they were keen to do their absolute best.

Thank you to families for ensuring that there were no unnecessary absences on these days. This helped to reduce the number of 'catch up' tests that we had to run.

Lastly, thank you to all the staff involved, particularly Peter Renda, Odelia D'Souza and Grace Cini for their organization of NAPLAN.

Best Wishes

On Sunday 21 May a number of students will represent the College at the regional section of Rostrum Voice for Youth public speaking competition. We wish them all well.

Staff Professional Learning Day:

Tuesday 16 May

Families are reminded that Tuesday 16 May will be a Staff Planning Day and that students will not be required on this day.

On this day staff will continue to learn about *building and developing visible learners*.

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 2 2017:

Fridays:

26 May, 11 June, 25 June

The newsletter can also be accessed on Friday morning (Day 10) on the College website at:

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

Year 7 2019

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.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:

- Year 8 PSL / Drama performance
- School Play rehearsals
- NAPLAN Testing Years 9 and 10
- 10 McAuley Community Service
- Year 8 Medieval Day
- St Vinnie's Conference
- SACCSS Cross Country
- Year 7 Wimmera / 7 Snowy Q & A with a Scientist.
- Year 7 Premier League

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



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FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

Have you thought about foster care?
Contact us and ask the questions
you have always wanted to.

Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE
Email: info@keyassets.com.au
Web: canifoster.com.au or keyassets.com.au
Interested families would receive a brochure,
information and no pressure!

*Key Assets Victoria is a foster care agency
operating in the East, South & West of Melbourne*



SCHOOL FEES 2017

First Term fees are now over-
due. If you are having difficulty
or concerns, please contact Mrs
Ross: 9366 2544.

If your child's 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 252, St. Albans, VIC 3021
Telephone: 03 9366 2544
Facsimile: 03 9366 2544
BAWA
Direct Deposit Details: BSB: 083 007
Account Number: 600717
Account Name: Catholic Regional College St. Albans
Please Enter: **Citizen 12345** as reference.

**COMMUNITY
YOUTH
FORUM**

FEATURING:

HIP HOP BY

ROR DA POET

FREE PIZZA

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD

SUPPORTED BY



VICTORIA POLICE

SATURDAY 20 MAY 2017

1.00 PM – 4.00 PM

ST ALBANS COMMUNITY CENTRE
309C MAIN ROAD EAST, ST ALBANS
FLEXIBLE SPACE THREE

MEDIEVAL DAY With Year 8

Year 7 Awards



Year 7 House Council 2017



“Are you enrolling your child
into Year 7 for 2018?”

For all enrolment enquiries call Anne Stokie on 9366 2544

Application forms are available online at
<http://www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au>
or come in and pick one up from 10 Theodore Street St Albans



**“In my life
I want to become better
and do a little good.”**

Bl Frederic Ozanam

WEDNESDAY MASS

We welcome families to join us on
Wednesday mornings from 8.30am

TERM 2 ROSTER

17 May: CRC—CML 7 WI

24 May: Sacred Heart

31 May: CRC—MSK 7 KI

7 June: Sacred Heart

14 June: CRC—CRS 7 AV

21 June: Sacred Heart

28 June: CRC—MCE 7 YA

CRC St Albans Sacrament Program

This year we have several students who are taking some significant steps towards completing their sacraments. The first sacrament the students will complete is reconciliation. Please keep the following students in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey this year:

Tatiana Garcia
Patrick Tulliau
Vincent Le
Leandro Vung
Richie Vung

Family Reflection Time.

When we celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, we choose to remember that God loves us and forgives us; we make choices as individuals and as members of Gods family, to live good and happy lives; we make an effort to restore peace and harmony to our relationships with ourselves, God, others and creation; and we choose to take action to make a better world and to live differently as people who share Jesus love and example.

St Vinnies College Conference

Last week eight students from Catholic Regional College St Albans attended the St Vinnies College Conference. Our students had the opportunity to meet with students from 20 other schools, to discuss issues of social justice and share current social justice activities that are occurring in our school. The students learnt about the Servant Leadership Framework, which includes compassionate service, relationships and teamwork, learning and reflecting and innovation and courage. The day gave students many ideas for their planning of this years Winter Sleepout on the 27th of June.

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A quote from each student that participated:

Thuong Nguyen: “The College Conference Day ran by St Vincent De Paul Society allowed us to interact with different schools and share ideas based on social justice. The session helped us to understand the purpose of why we do good deeds. It is not necessarily all about helping others but a chance to learn more about yourself as a person.”

Kim Huynh: “The St Vinnies Conference Day has allowed me to gain an invaluable experience and new insights on how to further improve our school community.”

Kim Le: “The Conference Day gave us the opportunity to interact with young people from different schools and to have a deeper understanding on why we are part of a social justice society. This was a very inspiring and unforgettable experience.”

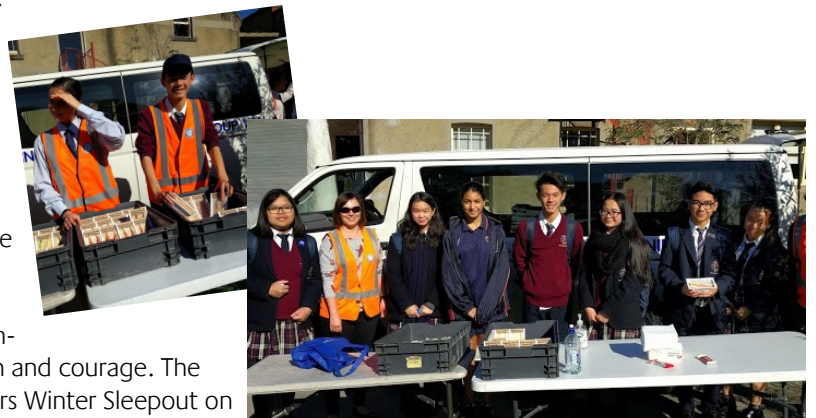
Louisa Zhang: “St Vinnies was very inspiring and invigorated everyone to participate. I had a fantastic experience learning and gaining new knowledge.”

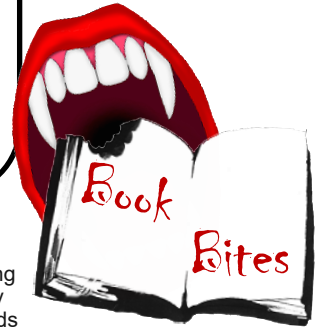
Jessica Ruel: “The St Vinnies Conference Day was an amazing day where we were able to meet new people from schools around Melbourne. We talked about different ways to raise money and many ways to spread awareness of the homeless. The day was a great experience.”

Vincent Le: “St Vinnies was a very informative experience. We had the chance to cooperate with a large variety of schools and learnt new exciting ideas that we will be able to implement to our school.”

Xavier Bondoc: “The St Vinnies excursion provided the team with the opportunity to explore new ideas with other schools while also offering ways we can get more involved into the Vinnies society.”

Amy Ruel: “As a year 7, it was inspiring to attend the conference and it was nice to meet people from different schools around Melbourne to talk about homeless people.”





The READERS Cup

9 Hughes and 8 Edison were the big movers this week. Each class moving several places up the Readers Cup ladder.

Congratulations to everyone



KEEP READING

What's On When

Premier's Reading Challenge has started

Anyone having problems logging on to the web site see one of the Library staff

Reading Hour

Friday 23rd June, Tuesday 1st August

BOOKWEEK

Activities to be announced

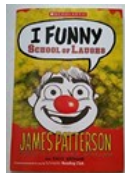


Contagion by Teri Terry

Callie is missing. Her brother Kai is losing hope of ever seeing her again. Then he meets Shay, a girl who saw Callie the day she disappeared, and his hope is reignited. Their search leads them to the heart of a terrifying epidemic that is raging through the country. Can Kai and Shay escape death and find Callie?

Agent Nomad Book 2: Deadly magic by Skye Malki-wegner

After their mission in London, Nomad, Riff, Phoenix and Orbit are back at HELIX, training to master their magic. But things have changed. Nomad's secret is out. Her peers know she is a witness: a sorcerer with the rare ability to read others' magic. This causes ripples at HQ, especially when it means Steel, the most popular cadet in her class, is no longer the centre of attention.



I funny School of laughs (I Funny #5) by James Patterson

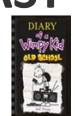
Can I, J Jamie Grimm, teach other kids to be super funny? Think it is hard to be a stand up comedian in a wheelchair? Ry teaching a comedy class to bored middle schoolers! I have no idea where to start. Do I assign homework? Should I give tests? Or do I just fall flat on my face and hope that gets a laugh?

Spellslinger (Spellslinger #1) by Sebastien de Castell

"There are three things that earn you a man's name among the Jan'Tep. The first is to demonstrate the strength to defend your family. The second is to prove you can perform the high magic that defines our people. The third is surviving your fourteenth year. I was a few weeks shy of my birthday when I learned that I wouldn't be doing any of those things." Kellen's dreams of becoming a powerful mage like his father are shattered after a failed magical duel results in the complete loss of his abilities. When other young mages begin to suffer the same fate, Kellen is accused of unleashing a magical curse on his own clan and is forced to flee with the help of a mysterious foreign woman who may in fact be a spy in service to an enemy country. Unsure of who to trust, Kellen struggles to learn how to survive in a dangerous world without his magic even as he seeks out the true source of the curse. But when Kellen uncovers a conspiracy hatched by members of his own clan seeking to take power, he races back to his city in a desperate bid to outwit the mages arrayed against him before they can destroy his family.



TOP TEN BOOKS BORROWED LAST WEEK . . .



So Much to Tell You by John Marsden Scarred, literally, by her past, Marina has withdrawn into silence. Then, at her new boarding school, she is set the task of writing a diary by her English teacher, and finds a way of expressing her thoughts and feelings and of exploring the traumatic events that have caused her distress. **The 65-Storey Treehouse** by Andy Griffiths, Terry Denton Andy and Terry's amazing 65-Storey Treehouse now has a pet-grooming salon, a birthday room where it's always your birthday (even when it's not), a room full of exploding eyeballs, a lollipop shop, a quicksand pit, an ant farm, a time machine and Tree-NN: a 24-hour-a-day TV news centre keeping you up to date with all the latest treehouse news, current events and gossip. **The Rose That Grew from Concrete** by Tupac Shakur This collection of more than 100 poems that honestly and artfully confront topics ranging from poverty and motherhood. **Robot Riot!** by Andy Griffiths Robots are running amok in Northwest Southeast Central school! It all started as a harmless science experiment meant to prove whether or not the new girl in school was in fact a robot. But now a robot of a different kind is chewing up the hallways. **After** by Morris Gleitzman In the fourth part of Felix's story, continuing his adventures in World War Two, he faces perhaps his greatest challenge - to find hope. **All shook up** by John Hartley Billy Buckley needs to be shaken up, but nobody thought that it would happen like this! Can an earthquake pull Billy into line? **The Cut Out** by Jack Heath An ordinary teenager's world turns upside down when he's mistaken for a ruthless young spy. An action thriller suitable for readers of Cherub or The Last Thirteen. **Old School** by Jeff Kinney Life was better in the old days. Or was it? That's the question Greg Heffley is asking as his town voluntarily unplugs and goes electronics-free. But modern life has its conveniences, and Greg isn't cut out for an old-fashioned world. **Life Hacks: All of the Answers, None of the Awks** by Girlfriend Get all the answers with none of the awks in this essential guide to surviving and thriving as a teen girl, from Australia's number one teen mag. **House of fear** by Tony Norman Chased by a gang on bikes through the streets, Dino had no choice but to enter the dreaded house of fear!

LIVING ARTS AWARDS

Key Dates Term 2 2017

Tuesday 16 May
Staff Planning Day
(students not required)

Sunday 21 May
Rostrum Voice for Youth
Public Speaking

Friday 26 May
Feast Day

Monday 12 June
Queen's Birthday Holiday
(no classes)

Tues 13 June – 20 June
Years 9 and 10 exams

Wednesday 21 June
Exam Correction
Report Writing Day
(no classes)

Friday 30 June
Final Day Term 2

The Arts present ideas that are dynamic and rich in tradition. Through engaging in The Arts students are entertained, challenged and provoked to respond to questions and assumptions about individual and community identity, taking into account different histories and cultures. The Arts contributes to the development of confident and creative individuals and enriches Australian society. Students express, represent and communicate ideas in contemporary, traditional and emerging arts forms.

Teresa Adut of 7 Avoca has worked well when experimenting with watercolours to enhance her final acetate print in **Visual Arts**.

Katie Vu of 7 Wimmera has consistently worked hard in designing original and creative pages in her visual diary when exploring the Design Elements in **Visual Communication Design**.

Liam Kilpatrick of 7 Snowy has been recognised for his excellent collaboration, creativity and leadership skills demonstrated in both **Drama** classes and in the **School Production**.

Khristyl Aguila of 7 Wimmera has been recognised for her persistence with and excellent performance on the Classical Guitar in **Music**.

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**



Quiz 8 : Match the word below with the meaning on the right

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| 1. BLASÉ | a. Not impressed by something |
| 2. PERILOUS | b. To unexpectedly attack from a hidden place |
| 3. LANGUISH | c. Excessive pride or arrogance |
| 4. CURMUDGEON | d. Wild and savage |
| 5. REDUNDANT | e. Not needed, without purpose |
| 6. HOOLIGAN | f. A young vandal or criminal |
| 7. FERAL | g. Very dangerous |
| 8. CREVICE | h. A bad tempered, disagreeable, or stubborn person |
| 9. HUBRIS | i. To be or become weak or feeble |
| 10. AMBUSH | j. A narrow crack or opening |

SACCSS CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 2 May the college was represented at the SACCSS Cross Country Championships by 35 very determined and enthusiastic students.

There were several outstanding individual performances on the day, being CHOL KEY, winner of the Boys 14yo division; RAYVIA McINTOSH, 3rd overall in the Boys 15:16 yo division and AGEL THON was 9th overall in the Girls 15:16 yo girls division.

Congratulations go to all 35 students for their endeavours on the day.

A special thanks to Mr Dale Marshall and Mr Chris Strachan for preparing the students for this event.

