

## A prayer for Refugees (#WithRefugees)

*God of our Wandering Ancestors,  
Long have we known  
That your heart is with the refugee:  
That you were born into time  
In a family of refugees  
Fleeing violence in their homeland,  
Who then gathered up their hungry child  
And fled into alien country.*

*Their cry, your cry,  
resounds through the ages:  
“Will you let me in?”  
Give us hearts that break open  
When our brothers and sisters  
turn to us with that same cry.  
Then surely all these things will follow:  
Ears will no longer turn deaf to  
their voices.  
Eyes will see a moment for grace  
instead of a threat.  
Tongues will not be silenced  
but will instead advocate.  
And hands will reach out—  
working for peace  
in their homeland,  
working for justice in the lands where  
they seek safe haven.*

*Lord, protect all refugees in their travels.  
May they find a friend in me  
And so make me worthy of the refuge  
I have found in you.*

*Amen*

(Mercy eNews)

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## Principal's Report

Last week students and staff participated in a number of awareness raising activities to mark Refugee Week. Thank you to the Student Leaders and Emma Van Wees for giving us much 'food' for thought and discussion over the week. One of the best activities was the writing competition. Students were invited to respond to the theme #WithRefugees. Thank you to all the students who entered. It was a real privilege to read the many different stories, poems and factual accounts that captured so well the refugee experience.

Refugee Week is an opportunity to celebrate the strength, courage and resilience of all who've been forced by war and terror to leave the world they know to build a new life in a 'foreign' land. It is also a chance to pause and reflect on how well we, as individuals, as local and parish communities and as a nation, welcome strangers. Do we open the door when they knock? Do we reach out or are we indifferent to their plight? Do we stand in solidarity or run in fear? Do we recognise Christ in the strangers we meet?

## Thank You

As we draw to the end of what has been a very busy term, I'd like to thank everyone: students, staff and families for all your hard work and support over the last 11 weeks. The end of term is a particularly challenging time for everyone. Just in the last three weeks we've had exams, final assessment tasks, reports, Year 9 mock job interviews, Drama, Music and Dance performances at Years 8, 9 and 10, Years 7 and 8 Futsal, and Year 10 Tertiary visits. Without a doubt, this break is well deserved.

I wish all students, families and staff an enjoyable and relaxing break.

## Congratulations

Well done to the St Vinnies team who have been raising our awareness about homelessness by collecting blankets, beanies, gloves

and winter clothing for the St Vinnies store. This dedicated team meet weekly to develop and lead activities to make a difference in our world. Thank you.

## Farewell

With the end of term we farewell Ms Mhairi Shepherd who will take on a position at another school and Mrs Melissa O'Shea who will be on leave for Semester 2. I thank them both for all they've contributed to the school, not only this year but in their time at the College. Their work, interest in our students, readiness to be involved in school life and generosity of spirit is very much appreciated. Each has been a great member of staff and a fine teacher.

## Year 7 Premier League

During Term 2 Year 7 students have been participating in Premier League. Congratulations to all teams on the terrific school spirit and fine sportsmanship they've shown. Each team can boast that they did their absolute best and that they continually improved throughout the season.

## Years 9 and 10 Exams

We'd like to congratulate all students in Years 9 and 10 on their excellent approach to the recent exams. They followed instructions, were well prepared and managed themselves in a mature and responsible manner throughout the week.

Thank you to families for all your support during exam week, by being there for your son / daughter, in ensuring that they have the time and space for study but also in dealing with the changed arrangements for the school day.

With each experience of exams you can see students developing better approaches to their studies. Hopefully, everyone is begin-

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ning to see that the best preparation for exams begins in the first lesson of the semester, not the night before the exam!

## Holidays: A time to get organised

The holidays provide a good opportunity for families to check uniform items, to buy school shoes if these are needed, to let down hems if the kilt is too short, to mend PE uniforms that have become tattered etc... There's really no excuse for students not being in full uniform at the beginning of term. It's always surprising how often we hear the excuse that a uniform is in the wash or that shoes are lost or worn out on the first day of term! I ask the support of families in this matter.

Students who are disorganised in their approach to their studies might like to spend some time organising their books and notes so they are ready for Semester 2.

## Start of Term 3

Term 3 will commence on **Monday 16 July 2018**. Please note this will be **Day 1** of the Semester 2 timetable.

## Semester 2 Timetable

There will be a new timetable for Semester 2. This will be finalised during the holidays and will be available to students and families through the SIMON Learning Management System by the last Friday of the holidays, **Friday 13 July 2018**.

## Arrangements for Friday 20 July: Staff Professional Learning Day

On the Friday in the first week of term three (20 July), teaching staff will participate in a Professional Learning Day with Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP. Fr. Radcliffe is a Dominican Friar, author and theologian who is in Melbourne for the week to work with staff from Catholic secondary schools across Melbourne. The day will be at Catholic Regional College Melton and is a joint professional learning for all teachers from the five campuses of Catholic Regional College. **Students will not be required at school on this day.**

## Save the Dates: *Year 10 Families*

In the early part of Term 3 Year 10 students will be selecting their courses for Year 11. This brings to a conclusion much of the planning and preparation that they have already done in the Chrysalis program and in their preparation for Work Experience.

Year 10 families need to be aware of some key dates related to course planning for Years 11 and 12. Each activity is designed to support students in planning for the next two years and in their transition to CRC Sydenham. It is important that students and their families attend all activities.

**Please note these in your diary.**

### Wednesday 1 August:

Sydenham Open Evening and Careers Expo

### Monday 13 August:

Course Planning Day at CRC St Albans

## Annual Report 2017

Our 2017 Annual Report is now available to families on the College website at [www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au](http://www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au)

Hard copies are also available from the school office and will be available at Student / Parent / Teacher interviews in Week Term 3. I encourage all families to take a look.

## Newsletter Days for Term 3 2018:

Fridays:

27 July 10 August 24 August 7 September and 21 September.

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

<http://www.crcstalbens.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 9 mock job interviews
- Victorian College Basketball Championships Finals (Years 9 and 10 Boys)
- Years 9 and 10 exams
- Junior SACSS Interschool Futsal (girls and boys)
- Year 10 Tertiary visits
- Years 8, 9 and 10 Drama, Music and Dance performances
- St Vinnies Group Winter Clothes and Blankets drive.

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

## Vinnies Newsletter

By Nhi Nguyen

*In our Vinnies group we have been focusing mainly on the area of "Homelessness". To be homeless it means:*

- *You have no sort of housing*
- *You live on the streets, in a abandoned house, occupancy facility or any type of non permanent shelter*
- *You are in need of help for hygiene purposes*
- *You can also be defined as homeless if you cannot maintain a house on your own, so you have to live with your friends or family*

*These are the many ways that people can be defined as a "homeless person" and these definitions also include reasons, for example, for women it is mostly likely to be domestic violence and in general, it is unaffordable hous-*

*ing, unemployment, poverty and low wages.*

*There are too many homeless people out in the world; in 2011 Australia had 102,439 people who were homeless, which is equivalent to 1 in 200 Australians. In 2016 we had 116,427 people who were homeless, which showed a 13.7% increase.*

*We must make a stop to this! So the Vinnies group have been working on something to help the homeless out, in order to give them a better lifestyle.*

*In the Vinnies group we have been focusing on helping St Vincent De Paul by donating warm clothes to the poor because they are running out of warm clothes to give out. We have made boxes with information on them about where you can donate clothes to St Vincent De Paul and help them restock on warm items and clothes for those who need it the most.*

### Mass Roster Term 3

#### JULY

**WEDNESDAY 18TH**  
SACRED HEART

**WEDNESDAY 25TH**  
CRC - 10 McAuley (DIO)  
and 10 Mackillop (MGN)

#### AUGUST

**WEDNESDAY 1ST**  
SACRED HEART

**WEDNESDAY 8TH**  
CRC - Year 10 Level Mass

**WEDNESDAY 15TH**  
SACRED HEART

**WEDNESDAY 22ND**  
CRC - 9 Curtin (MGN)  
and 9 Deakin (JIA)

**WEDNESDAY 29TH**  
SACRED HEART

#### SEPTEMBER

**WEDNESDAY 5TH**  
CRC - Year 8 Level Mass

**WEDNESDAY 12TH**  
CRC - 8 Orifici (MCE)  
and 8 Clark (JDS)

**WEDNESDAY 19TH**  
SACRED HEART



## Semester One Reports



Reports will be available to view and download through the PAM portal from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July. A letter will be sent home with students on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July outlining information about accessing the reports and booking Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews.

## Student Parent Teacher Interviews

Student Parent Teacher interviews will be held in the third week of Term 3 on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. An interview with the Pastoral Care teacher needs to be booked online through the PAM portal by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July. *Parent Teacher Interview Online Booking* will be open from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

## Early Dismissal on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

As Student Parent Teacher interviews begin at 1:30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, students will be dismissed at 12:40pm, the end of period 4.

### Changed your Contact Details ?

Families are reminded that the school needs to be notified immediately if you have changed your phone contact details or have moved to another address.

Please contact the office on:  
**9366 2544**  
to inform us of any changes.

## SCHOOL FEES 2018

### 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 right hand corner of your statement as shown at right.

**TAX INVOICE - FEE STATEMENT**  
Test First Instalment / Term 1 2018

Mr & Mrs Test Person  
51 Stanley Ave  
MOUNT WAVERLEY VIC 3149

Account Code: 555  
Statement Date: 31/01/2018  
Statement Due Date: 01/03/2018

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	Total Annual Charges	\$18.00
	Annual Charges Not Yet Due	\$16.200
	Pay \$19,965.00 by 15/02/2018 to receive discount of \$3	
01/01/2018	Lachlan Andrew (12413) - Y7	
01/01/2018	Year 7 Tuition Instalment (Greg)	
01/01/2018	Year 7 Boarding Instalment (Greg)	
01/01/2018	Consolidated Charges Instalment (Greg)	
01/01/2018	Diary (Greg)	

AMOUNT DUE  
**\$3,825.00**  
\*Includes total GST \$40.00

Reference: 123456 Test Person

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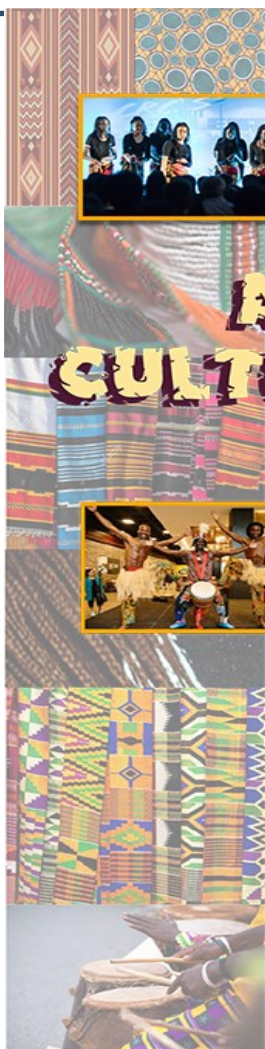
If you have any concerns or difficulties regarding your child's school fees, please Contact **Mrs Ross**: 9366 2544

## Year 7 House Rules!

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent their peers on the Year 7 House Council;

*Melisa Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen, Hinh Ho, Victoria Olatunbosun, Precious Ohanekwu, Kaitlyn Hoang, Genevieve Durand Deslongrais, Lagwar Lagur, Alessio Singarella, Angony Dout, Loard Al Shabee, HaiAn Vo, Alexandra Tam Chau, Julie Pham, Alual Athian, Anna-Maria Borlace, Ngoc Do, Aiden Dang and Janevee Carter.*

These students, along with our SRC representatives, will work on a variety of projects with the focus on enhancing the year 7 experience. Stay tuned for more updates.



# AFRICAN CULTURAL NIGHT

We invite you and your family to our annual African Cultural Night

**THURSDAY 30 AUGUST**  
CRC St Albans  
10 Theodore Street, St Albans  
**6.30pm — 8.00pm**

Join us for African refreshments and entertainment, featuring:

- CRC St Albans Girls African Culture Group
- Bari Dance Group (S Sudan)
- Asante Dance Theatre (West Africa)
- CRC Boys Group

## SCHOOL FEES 2018

### Did you Know ?

If your child's school fees are paid in full before the end of term 2 (29/6/18) you are eligible for a

**\$100 DISCOUNT**

## TWILIGHT OPEN EVENING

The Twilight Open Evening provides students and their parents with vital information about course selection and pathway planning.

**Year 9 — 12 Students**

**5.00pm — 8.30pm:**

**Twilight Open Evening and Careers Expo**

Further information to follow

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE SYDENHAM

TWILIGHT OPEN EVENING AND

CAREERS EXPO 2018

WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST



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# World Environment Day celebrations 2018

by Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena and Tri Truong

In the warm sunshine on the 5th of June, a group of year 7 students embarked on a trip to learn about the environment. This day was world environment day.

Once we reached the theatre where the event was held, we were accompanied in the theatre by three other schools where we were introduced to performer and local environmental activist Mrs Ticklebottom, the Mayor Margaret Giudice and the Brimbank City Council waste unit services manager

During this event we watched a play about the use of plastic being non biodegradable and slowly killing animals. We learnt about the effects of plastic bags that aren't being thrown in the bin or bags that are just thrown around. We were then given the opportunity to take a break and eat a healthy snack during the interval. Once the interval ended we headed back into the theatre and listened to the ideas of

other schools and shared our own (story) of how we will/are improving our school environment to be more eco-friendly.

To finish off the event, we engaged in some activities that helped improve our knowledge of the effects that rubbish have on our ecosystem. At the end of the event, we came back to school with a new perspective.

\* Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena and Maire McEvoy pose with Brimbank Mayor Margaret Giudice, Brimbank Councillors and other students attending the event.



## OUR GARDEN



BRIMBANK & NORTH WEST

# Tree change for creek

JUNE 19, 2018 12:00 AM  
BY [TATE PAPWORTH](#)



CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE YEAR 9 STUDENTS DENNIS, RHANEL AND JASMINE PLANTING TREES AT ISABELLA WILLIAMS MEMORIAL PARK. PIC MARCO DE LUCA

A section of embankment along Kororoit Creek underwent significant revitalisation last week. Year nine students at Catholic Regional College St Albans planted 1000 native grasses, shrubs and trees into the bank along the creek, which has been officially adopted by the school.

Catholic Regional College community projects officer Hayden O'Doherty said the newly adopted section of the creek, at the Isabella Williams Memorial Reserve, Deer Park, will serve as a vital part of the school's curriculum.

"This is part of our Trinity program, which is where we take year 9s out of the classroom throughout the year and they get to experience and do things we couldn't do inside a classroom," he said.

The collaboration is the culmination of a partnership between the school, Melbourne Water and the Friends of Kororoit Creek.

"We talked to the Friends of Kororoit Creek and Melbourne Water and they help us select the species of plant that are most suited to the area," Mr O'Doherty said.

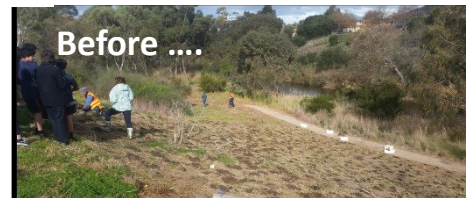
"Melbourne Water helped us select a site and we're really looking at re-building habitat, particularly for local flora."

The area will be monitored by both the school and Melbourne Water.

"This is a permanent initiative. We'll be back here every year with our Trinity program and our year 10 outdoor education classes," Mr O'Doherty said.

"We'll be monitoring the growth of the plants, what particular animal species are down here and it'll become part of our biodiversity audit.

"Part of the partnership with Melbourne Water is that there's also a grant for professional maintenance as well."



.... And after



WIMMERA

KIEWA

SNOWY

HOLLOWS

EDISON

YARRA

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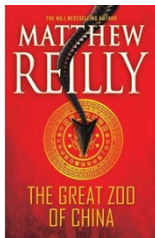
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28 JUNE 2018

OUR COLLEGE

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## WHAT'S NEW...



Exciting  
Adventurous  
Fast paced  
Myths come to life

... WOULD YOU SURVIVE?



Religious bigotry  
Violence  
Hatred  
Friendship

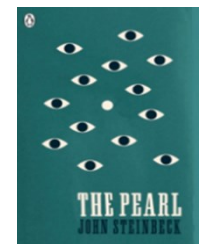
... WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



Family  
Adolescents  
Romance  
Eccentricity

... WOULD YOU LIVE IN AN OLD CASTLE?

Greed  
Envy  
Anger  
Violence  
Loss



WHAT CHOICE WOULD YOU MAKE?

Well Done!  
... and  
KEEP READING!



## READERS CUP

Congratulations to the Year 10's as three classes moved up the ladder in the last week :-

McAuley, Little and Mackillop.

If the leaders get too far ahead you will not be able to catch them.

The leaders are:

WIMMERA	304
KIEWA	240
SNOWY	196
HOLLOWS	190

Remember you can access the Library through the school web page at: [www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au](http://www.crcstalbans.catholic.edu.au)

Library Hours:

Recess and lunchtime everyday  
Monday – Thursday 8.30 - 4.30pm and  
Fridays 8.30 - 4.00pm.

## CRC ST ALBANS WRITING COMPETITION REFUGEE WEEK 2018

Last week CRC St Albans held a writing competition for Refugee Week 2018.

Every entrant submitted a wonderful piece of writing and it was very difficult for the winners to be chosen.

Winner for Poetry - **Leya Asmerom** (Year 8)

For creating a succinct and powerful poem that depicts the strength of refugees.

Winner for Non-Fiction Story - **Rodena Al Shaltan** (Year 9/10)

For producing a story with amazing written expression and beautiful vocabulary.

Winner for Non-Fiction Story - **Rabi Attalah** (Year 7/8)

For producing a story that shows the positivity of life in their new home.

Honorable Mention - **Aws Bataq** (Year 9/10)

For producing a story that shows that pictures do tell a story worth more than 1000 words

Honorable Mention - **Maryam Jabreta** (Year 7/8)

For producing a story that uses both words and pictures to tell the narrative.

Thank you to all the students who entered the competition.

## Join Us

for a dinner to celebrate  
Sr Jeanne Dwyer's  
60 years as a Josephite Sister  
and for being awarded the  
2018 Maribyrnong Citizen of the Year



Friday 27th July 2018  
6.30pm for a 7pm Buffet Dinner

St Augustines Hall  
Corner Birmingham St and Somerville Rd, Yarraville

\$40.00 per person  
Drinks at bar prices - NO BYO  
Raffle and Auction

Make up tables of 8 or come and join another table  
and meet some great people

For bookings - phone 9355 2680  
RSVP by Friday 13th July 2018  
or email - [contact@josephscorner.org.au](mailto:contact@josephscorner.org.au)

## Key Dates Term 2 & 3 2018

### JUNE

#### Friday 29:

Final Day: Term 2  
School closes at 3.05pm

### JULY

#### Monday 16:

First Day: Term 3

#### Friday 20:

Staff Professional Learning Day  
(students not required).

### AUGUST

#### Thursday 2:

Student / Teacher / Parent interviews

#### Monday 13 August:

Year 10 – 11 course planning day  
Year 10 Social

#### Tuesday 14 August:

Staff Professional Learning Day:  
Berry Street Education Model  
(students not required).

### SEPTEMBER

#### Monday 3:

SACCSS Interschool Athletics

#### Tuesday 4:

Immersion Day

#### 19 – 21:

Year 9 Camp

#### Friday 21:

Year 8 Reflection Day

## FREE ENTRY TO THE 17TH ANNUAL MELBOURNE CAREER EXPO

Students can gain free entry to the Melbourne Careers Expo with the ticket below.

The 17th annual Melbourne Career Expo will be held next month at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf, on Friday 20 to Sunday 22 July 2018.

We would like to offer your students and their families FREE entry to attend the Career Expo to receive vital information relating to further study, employment and training. The event begins on the first Friday of Term 3.

We look forward to welcoming students and families at this year's Melbourne Career Expo, sponsored by SpotJobs.



## FREE TICKET



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Clarendon St, Southbank

FRIDAY 20 JULY 10am - 3pm

SATURDAY 21 JULY 10am - 4pm

SUNDAY 22 JULY 10am - 4pm

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