



1 November 2019

Prayer

A Prayer for All Souls

Merciful Father,
Hear our prayer and console us.
As we renew
Our faith in Your Son,
Whom You raised from the dead,
Strengthen our hope
That all our departed brothers and
Sisters will share in His resurrection,
Who lives and reigns
With You and the Holy Spirit.
One God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Principal

All Saints and All Souls

Today is the feast of All Saints (1st November). On this day we are asked to reflect on the lives of the saints. We can often think of saints as perfect people, but their greatest witness is how they coped with the ordinary difficulties of their life, and how they courageously showed the love of God to others.

We also remember and pray for all those who have died on the feast of All Souls (2nd November). Some of these people may only be known to God. Others are people whose love, sacrifice and fidelity we have seen for ourselves and who have inspired us. They saw God in this world and are now fully alive to him in the next.

Year 12 Graduation CRC Sydenham

On Friday 25 October Year 12 students finished classes and, in the evening celebrated the conclusion of their secondary education with Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.

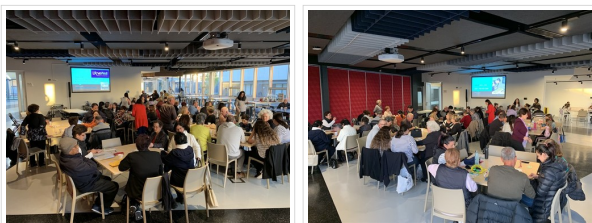
As a school community we can be very proud of these young people and all they've achieved throughout their time at Catholic Regional College. Thank you to all the staff, both here and at Sydenham, who've worked with them and supported them to this point. The students are now fully focused on preparing for their final exams, which began on Wednesday. I ask that you keep them and their teachers in your thoughts and prayers at this very important time.

Year 9 Camps

I would like to thank all of the students who were so actively involved in this week's Year 9 camps. You can read about these camps in the next edition. I was lucky enough to have visited and participated in a number of the camps and they were both outstanding and provided our students with lifelong memories. I would also like to sincerely thank all of the staff that attended and participated in these camps and for giving so freely of their time to ensure our students had such a fantastic experience. Finally, I would like to thank our camps organiser Mr Rannoch Wilkinson who oversaw the planning, preparation and organisation of these camps.

Family Bingo night

On Saturday 26 November, the Parents and Friends Association in partnership with the St. Catherine of Siena parish held an inaugural Family Bingo night, to raise funds for the Uganda project. It was very successful with over 100 people in attendance, with some fantastic prizes won on the night. I would like to thank all of the staff, students', parents and parishioners that attended. A special thank-you to Father Richard Rosse and Father Gerard Keith who also attended. I would like to thank our Parents and Friends association for working extremely hard planning and preparing for the evening and also for attending on the night. We are pleased to announce that \$1112.00 was raised on the evening.



Melbourne Cup Weekend

Families are reminded that there are no classes on Monday 4 November or Tuesday 5 November. The break provides students with the opportunity to prepare for the final weeks of Term 4. It is a good time to catch up on work and to do some exam revision.

Mission and Faith Leader

All Saints and All Souls

This week we celebrate two feasts on the Church's Liturgical Calendar, All Saints on November 1st (Solemnity) and All Souls on November 2nd.

On the feast of All Saints we are reminded of the wonderful examples of men, women and children who have become saints. The church states that we are all called to the "universal call to holiness" and we all have the potential to become saints. As improbable as this sounds St Josemaria Escriva states 'a saint is a sinner who keeps trying.' In this video Fr Mike Shmitz explains the common question "Do Catholics worship Saints?"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3K9yGNPalcA>

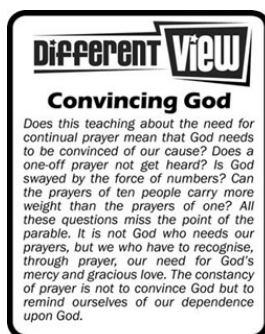
On the feast of All Souls we remember and pray for the souls in purgatory of our deceased family and friends. This is often a belief we are not familiar with and the video below explains what we should know about purgatory.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnwDDsN6ZfM>

During the month of November students and staff will have the opportunity to write the names of deceased family and friends in our memorial book and offer prayers for their souls.

GOSPEL FOCUS – THIRT-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR

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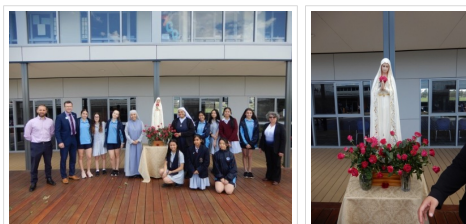


Gospel Focus

Living Rosary

This October our catholic community had the opportunity to honour our Mother Mary through the Marian prayer of the rosary. The rosary was held every Wednesday during lunchtime

at St Catherine of Siena Church where students learnt about the 'mysteries' of the rosary and recited a decade in front of the statue of Our Lady. Prayers culminated in the participation of a 'Living Rosary' with the LIHM Sisters in front of a statue of Our Lady.



Term 4 - Weekly Friday 8am Mass

A reminder that weekly Friday 8:00am Mass (8:00-8:25am) is on every Friday in Term 4 (unless otherwise advised) at St Catherine of Siena Parish Church located on the College grounds.

All students and their families are welcome to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity to begin the day in contemplation and prayer, listening to the word of God and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Students are also encouraged to sign up via SEQTA to minister as a reader at Mass.

Year 8, 9 and 10 Resource Lists

This week students will be receiving their Campion resource list information sheet for 2020. Could you please ensure you submit your resource list online via the Campion Education link below using the code "B44W" by the due date, **Monday 16 December 2019**.

<http://www.campion.com.au/>

Book Collection in 2020 is in the MacKillop Building

The College will be open on Friday 24th January 2020 for book collections. Books can be collected from the MacKillop building, rooms MM1 to MM5. Cash cannot be accepted, only EFTPOS or credit card accepted on the day.

Surnames A - G 9:00am - 11:00pm

Surnames H - M 11:00am - 1:00pm

Surnames N - Z 1:00pm - 3:00pm

ALL 3:00pm - 3:30pm

If unable to collect your order on the nominated day, Campion Education recommend you select the Economy Delivery option, as these orders will be despatched fortnightly ending 17 January 2020.

Drop off and Pick up zone

After extensive consultation with the Melton City Council, in order to ensure the safety of our students, the parking area at the front of the College on College Street is now a Two Minute Drop-off and Pick-up zone.

School Days: 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30 – 4.00pm

Reminders to help traffic flow

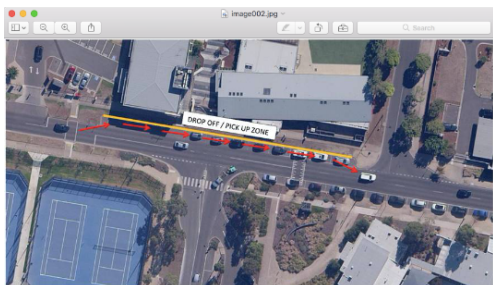
- When approaching the drop-off pick-up zone, ***please move as far forward to the furthest vacant space.***
- Please ***do not prop*** in vacant spots ***outside the College gate***, unless it is the next vacant spot
- When exiting, ***drive forward through any vacant spaces*** before you pull out into traffic.

Safety tips for drivers using Drop-off and Pick-up zones

- Always drop off or pick up your child within the designated zone and follow the College's procedures
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the Drop-off and Pick-up zone
- Make sure children use the footpath side door to get in and out of the car
- Do not make U-turns
- Avoid right hand turns into The Parade

Safety tips for students

- Always get in and out of the vehicle on the footpath side
- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the Drop-off and Pick-up area
- Be ready to get out of the vehicle with your belongings as soon as possible



Parking Bay

Outdoor education

On Wednesday 16 October the Year 10 Outdoor Education students travelled to Werribee Gorge near Bacchus Marsh for a bushwalk excursion, looking at the way humans have impacted the local environment.

Students were a little wary of the walk, particularly due to the nasty weather forecast for the day but were eager to see what the walk was all about. Students observed and took notes of many different ways in which the environment had been impacted by humans in both positive and negative ways.

Thankfully the weather held off all day and the students enjoyed a day outside, enjoying the beauty nature has to offer and learning about the history of the gorge and it's surrounds.

Our next excursion is coming up in early November with a surf trip to Torquay where we will be looking at the effects technology has on outdoor experiences.

Mr Rannoch Wilkinson
Sport Coordinator



Year 9 City Experience Program

On Thursday September 19 and Thursday October 17, our Year 9 students have been exploring various aspects of Melbourne's culture through the City Experience Program. On Thursday September 19, students explored the influence of Crime, Politics and Education on Melbourne. Students visited three of the following locations: Melbourne Museum, Old Melbourne Gaol, Victoria Police Museum, Parliament House and the Old Treasury Building. On Thursday October 17, students designed their own City Experience Day, with a focus being on participating in activities that explored the Sport, Entertainment, Arts and Food & Drink cultures of Melbourne. Some of the venues students visited on the day included: Marvel Stadium, MCG, O'Brien Group Arena, Victoria Market, Hosier Lane and Emporium. Thank you to all students for their diligent planning to enable such a successful series of days.

Mr Brendan Jackson



Year 9 City Experience Program

STEM Rocketry Excursion - Lake Bolac

On Wednesday 16 October 16 Year 10 STEM students travelled to Lake Bolac as part of the CEM High Altitude Balloon & Rocket Launch Day. For our students, this day was a culmination of a year long unit of work exploring space travel and the applied mathematical concepts within STEM. Students have built a variety of model rockets throughout the year, ranging from simple snap together models, up to a 1:100 Scale Saturn V Rocket. As part of the rocket firing process, students calculate the altitude, speed and acceleration of the rockets, comparing the effect that different engine sizes have on these measurements. Congratulations to all students involved on the day.

Mr Brendan Jackson

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XQt1acuw-w-L8Ki8cf_gVcmrL6nE7vdX/view?usp=sharing



Parasites in Focus at GTAC- Year 10 Biology

On Friday 25 October, fifteen students from were selected to attend a Parasites in Focus program at GTAC. Gene Technology Access Centre is Victoria's leading source of Life Sciences learning and education. GTAC provides an educational environment in which Victorian students and educators access life science expertise through engagement with practicing scientists and the use of the facility's technology. On the excursion, students were able to immerse themselves into understanding living things, in particularly parasites and how they impact the word around us.

A scientist named Andrew gave a lecture to students about his passion for discovering parasites. We learnt about what dangers they have to the living organisms around us, their functions, where the are located and what makes them so fascinating and unique.

Once we finished our morning tea with the other schools, we were allocated into workshops that involved us being split into groups and problem solved as a team. This included determining a diseased sheep to a normal sheep by testing both their blood samples. While the workshops did become uncomfortable and disgusting at times, we were also taught how to use special equipment such as pipettes and other techniques showing how DNA can be found in a substance.

Another one of the workshops encouraged us to use computers to simulate how to protect sugar cane from various insects that would eat the roots of the sugar cane. By doing this, we learnt how viruses can also benefit and protect the environment around us.

We learnt about how DNA can now become vivid in a matter of seconds thanks to the advancement of technology. DNA is important for inheritance and how scientists can make new treatments to prevent diseases for future generations.

Students got to experience learning in a university-like environment, as well as enjoying the different variety of food choices that The University of Melbourne had to offer. Students were given the opportunity to see what it would be like to work in the industry of Biology, in particular the Parasitology world.

For some this may have never been an option, but hopefully it has opened a new pathway for some who would like to pursue this as a career choice in the future.

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On Friday 25 October myself and a handful of other enthusiastic Biology students Participated in a GTAC (Genes technology access centre) program titled "Parasites in Focus"

We were greeted and taken to a lecture hall where we listened to Scientist Aaron Jax give an insightful introduction to the study of parasitology. it was a very interesting lecture and I was both amazed and slightly creeped out by the types of parasites he spoke about (google 'zombie ant', that should explain it). We then made our way through three parasite workshops, 'veterinary pathology for disease diagnosis', 'Parasites as biological control agents' and 'Identifying the parasite infecting an overseas tourist'. Two of these worships were lab practicals using samples, lab equipment (such as a centrifuge) and identifying parasites. the last workshop was a computer lab activity that showed us how parasites, pests and virus' could be used to control a crop field and maintain maximum growth. It was a great day and I learnt a lot of interesting facts about parasites, If you get the opportunity to attend a GTAC program day I highly recommend you take up the offer.

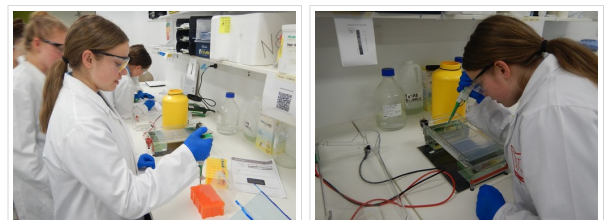
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Getting into Genes at LaTrobe University - Year 10 Biology

On Monday 14 October, a Year 10 Biology DNA, Genes and Inheritance class attended La Trobe University, visiting the AgriBio Laboratory. The workshop highlights the application of biotechnology to selective breeding in the agricultural industry.

Rotating through four hands-on workstations, students extracted DNA and gained experience of techniques such as restriction enzyme analysis and gel electrophoresis. They understand how these modern genetic engineering tools are being used by Australian scientists and researchers to breed farm animals and crops better suited to the changing environment. Students worked through examples of selective breeding, using phenotype and genotype data for both plants and animals.



2020 Cultural Immersion Tours

Planning has commenced for the **2020 Cultural Immersion Tours**. Currently, we are accepting expressions of interest from students wishing to take part in the following tours:

Italy: Open to all current Year 8 & 9 (**12 - 30 September 2020**)

Kokoda: Open to all current Year 8 & 9 (**12 - 22 September 2020**)

Central Australia: Open to all current Year 9 (**8 - 16 May 2020**)

Please note that the above dates are approximate and subject to change. Students are required to collect a **College Endorsement** form from reception and submit that to me by the **8 November**. The College will facilitate a **Parent Information Night on 13 November at 6:00pm in the library** for all tours mentioned above.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing internationaltours@crccs.catholic.edu.au by the 8 November.

Any questions please feel free to contact Linda Bracco lbracco@crccs.catholic.edu.au

Chess Competition

On Monday 21 October, five Year 7 & 8 students went to the State Middle Year Chess Finals held at the Australian International Academy in Coburg. There were 31 schools and 183 students competing. The day consisted of nine 30 minute rounds of chess, with a lunch break after round 5.

We came 19th out of 31 schools and our highest individual ranking was Yohance in 24th place. It was an amazing opportunity for us to compete against schools from all around Victoria.

The names of the students who competed are Jessica J, Yohance E, Logan A, Noah M and Joaquin S.



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Here is the link to the results:

<https://tornelo.com/chess/orgs/ku/events/state-finals-middle-years--8/pairings>

**Jessica J
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Onigiri - Japanese rice ball making

Twenty Year 7 students participated in making Japanese rice balls called Onigiri at lunch time. Students learned that Onigiri is more commonly eaten than Sushi in Japan, and made the most popular version, tuna mayonnaise and seaweed onigiri. After Mrs Hendrie's demonstration, students made their own unique onigiri.



Year 8 Premier league

Round 4: 24 October – Home vs CRC St Albans

Boys Basketball

Won 31 - 29

Girls Basketball

Won 60 - 4

Boys Volleyball

Lost 0 - 3 (20:25, 20:25, 21:25)

Girls Volleyball

Won 3 - 1 (8:25, 25:4, 25:5, 25:10)

Boys Soccer

Won 2 - 1

Girls Soccer

Won 7 - 1

Boys Cricket – Bye

Girls Netball

Won 15 – 4

Round 5: 29 October (Tuesday) – Home vs Emmanuel

Boys Basketball

Lost 40 - 63

Girls Basketball

Lost 19 - 53

Boys Volleyball

Won 3 - 1 (25:20, 20:25, 25:11, 25:20)

Boys Soccer

Won 2 - 1

Girls Soccer

Won 12 - 0

Boys Cricket

Won CRCCS 2/110 def EMC 9/39

Girls Netball

Lost 6 – 52

CRC Sydenham, 2021 Year 11

Enrolment Information Evening for 2021 Year 11 followed by information session VCE and VET 2020

Date: Monday 25 November

Location: Catholic Regional College Sydenham
380 Sydenham Road
SYDENHAM 3037
Multipurpose Hall

Year 10 Drama Performance



Year 10 Drama Performance Flyer

Library

Hours of opening

The library is open from:

- Before school 8:00am – 8:45am
- Recess 10:40am – 11:05am (Recess is for borrowing books and photocopying or printing only.)
- Lunch time 12:45pm – 1:35pm
- After school 3:15pm - 4:15pm (Monday – Thursday)
- After school 3:15pm – 3:40pm (Friday)

**Please note that there is an expectation that students will be productively occupied when using the library before or after school.*

Loans

Students may borrow up to three books at any time for a loan period of three weeks. Books may be renewed if so desired.

Overdue books

Students are asked to be considerate of others and return items as soon as they are finished with them. If students have overdue books, they should be returned or renewed before any new items are borrowed. Students will receive regular reminders when their books are overdue via a message on SEQTA. At the end of each semester, parents will be notified of outstanding loans.

Lost/damaged books

Students should speak to a library staff member if they have damaged a book or if they think it is lost. Each incident will be assessed individually, but generally, payment will be requested for books that are lost or damaged, so that replacement copies may be purchased.

Photocopier/ printer

Students are credited with \$5 at the start of every term towards their photocopying or printing requirements. Credit amounts may be topped up if necessary by paying at reception.

2020 Macbook Program Year 9 and Year 10

The tax invoice for the 2020 Macbook Program for Year 9 and Year 10 students was posted home last week. The \$490.00 payment per student is due in full by Thursday 28 November 2019.

If you have any queries or have not received your 2020 Macbook Program tax invoice please contact the finance department on 9217 8000.

Fees

As we are now half way through the school year please make sure you are regularly checking your school fee statement that is posted home at the beginning of each month to ensure your school fees are up to date. School fees are to be settled in full by the end of November 2019.

Please note deposits of cash through deposit-enabled ATMs unfortunately do not display your reference and therefore we are unable to allocate your funds. Please only deposit via online banking transfer.

If you have any queries or are having financial difficulties please contact our finance department on 9217 8000.

Academy Uniforms - Catholic Regional College Sydenham

Address: 380 Sydenham Rd Place, Sydenham

- Monday 2:30pm – 4:30pm
- Thursday 8:00am – 10:00am
- Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm

To order uniform online

<https://www.academyuniforms.com.au/login.php>

Username: CRC Caroline Springs

Password: caroline springs