



9 August 2019

Prayer

Prayer for Vocations

LORD of the Harvest,
BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond
to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—
for vocations blossom in the
good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish
ministries, and families with the confidence
and grace to invite others to embrace
the bold and noble path of a life
consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament,
so that we may cooperate
with you in building your reign of mercy
and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

Pope Francis

Principal

During the month of August, one of the significant feasts in the Catholic Church's calendar is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which occurs next Thursday 15 August. Mary being taken up into heaven body and soul after her death is a statement which defies all human scientific reasoning. As we move towards the realm of faith, when I abandon what my intellect tells me 'is impossible' and come to accept the deeper meaning of this declaration and its implication on our lives, it becomes easier to accept.

Who is Mary and what made her so special? In chapter one of Luke's gospel, we read how Jesus came to be conceived by Mary consenting to God's invitation to give birth to Jesus, the second person of the Trinity. It was very courageous of Mary to say 'yes' to this enormous request and to put her complete trust in God as life unfolded. Her 'Song of Praise' in Lk 1:46-55 reflects her relationship with a God who has loved her from all eternity, her humble acknowledgement and acceptance of God looking kindly upon her and her gratitude for what was to come. Mary embodies the qualities of faithfulness, sensitivity, acceptance of hardships in order to protect her son, confusion in the adolescent Jesus who got lost in Jerusalem and was on a mission doing His Father's will. Mary seeks understanding by pondering all these things in her heart.

Many mothers can identify with Mary in their role of motherhood. They are not alone in their struggles in nurturing and educating their children, in the daily sacrifices they make in giving of their best to the children they love, in the hope their children would reciprocate. Children look to their parents for guidance and protection. Parents are invited to attend the feast of the Assumption Masses being held on Thursday 15 August at St Catherine of Siena church at the following times:

- 9:30am Year 9 and 10 Mass
- 2:30pm Year 7 and 8 Mass

This week we also celebrated the feast of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. With Mary MacKillop we have a model of untiring service to the Church and to the underprivileged and poor in Australia. With the Assumption we are reminded of Mary's profound faith and her absolute commitment to her God. Both women are models for us of faith and discipleship and challenge us to reflect on our own lives and our relationship with God.

May God continue to bless and strengthen you in your efforts to be good role models for your children.

Live Fully Act Justly Day

The 2019 celebration of our College feast day, known as *Live Fully Act Justly Day*, will take place on Friday 13 September. This event is a celebration of our commitment to our Catholic Faith as well as a time to reflect on how we can action our College Motto.

Motto

Our College motto is beautifully succinct, yet all-encompassing. It clearly articulates the core Christian message of giving the gift of ourselves and loving each other. *Live Fully Act Justly* is a call to look beyond self-interest and stand in solidarity with the marginalised. Rather than asking, 'How does this affect me?' living fully and acting justly encourages a broader perspective that asks 'How can I have a positive impact on others?' Traditionally the College has focused on four social justice initiatives: Caritas, St Vinnies, Christmas Appeal and Mercy Hospice. The Social Justice Team are continually working hard to support these organisations and will be presenting activities on the day to raise further awareness. These will complement the focused programs that also run throughout the year.

On Live Fully Act Justly Day the community will celebrate Mass together, share a BBQ lunch provided by the College (and organised by the Parents & Friends Committee) and join in activities and entertainment. No money will be needed on the day as all entertainment and BBQ lunch will be provided free. The students will have equal access and the opportunity to take part in as many activities as they like. It promises to be a fantastic day for everyone!

Uganda: 2019 Target 20,000

In 2018 we raised just over \$18,000 through donations and the Parents & Friends raffle. This enabled us to get the first stage of the classroom block completed. In 2019, the target has again been set at \$20,000. But a project of this size and scope is going to need the continued commitment of our whole community. Therefore, in order to raise the funds, we need to come together as a school community and indeed live, breathe and enact our college motto of 'Live Fully Act Justly'. As we did last year, we are asking that every student in the College again commit to a donation of \$25 to be paid in the weeks leading up to our feast day. This can be paid in small installments to the Homeroom teacher if needed. In the case of families with more than 2 children a family donation amount of \$50 can be paid.

Support

Staff, the Parents & Friends Committee and the Student Leadership team have again pledged their support for the project. The P&F have generously offered to organize the BBQ and feed our students on the day. The Student Leaders have committed to running the activities with the guidance and support of staff members. We are employing our community networks to also become involved and lend their support. The Parents & Friends Committee, will also be conducting a raffle and invite any donation of prizes to be won, from members and friends of the Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs community. To make a donation to the raffle, contact Melissa Kennedy by email: mkennedy@crccs.catholic.edu.au.

Throughout the Ugandan immersion experience and the work we are doing to support St. Francis Primary School in Kizinga Uganda, I am very much reminded of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop's words outlined below:



Mary MacKillop

We eagerly look forward to your support in this unique opportunity for our College to make a real positive difference in the lives of many children and families. Please don't hesitate to contact the College regarding 2019 Live Fully Act Justly Day and the Uganda Project.

Jamie Madigan
Principal

Mission and Faith Leader

Vocations Week

This week we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. The week celebrates the mystery and power of vocation. We need to allow time for our children to practice discernment. The decision-making process which allows one to reflect on God's will our lives. Making time to be in solitude and speaking to God when discerning God's vocation allows us to make decisions based on the love of God and the fulfillment of our heart.

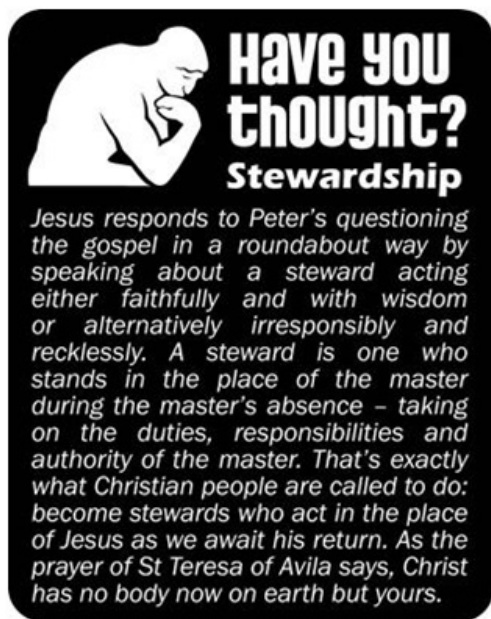
This week Fr Richard Ross - Parish Priest of St Catherine of Siena Parish, Sr Lawrence - LIHM sisters, Sr Cecilia Rose - Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and Sr Amy and Sr Kathryn - Missionary of God's Love spoke to our Year 10 students on their call and discernment to the possible vocation of the Priesthood and Religious life.

Fr Robert Galea - Discerning God's Will

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zRnwaR-R9c>

Gospel Focus - Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C

Lk 12:32-48



Have you thought?

Feast of the Assumption Mass – 15 August

The 15 August commemorates the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - the belief that because Mary was sinless her soul and incorrupt body was assumed into heaven.

In the Catholic Church in Australia this is a Holy Day of Obligation. In Australia, the Catholic faithful are required to observe the following Holy Days of obligation.

- **December 25** – Christmas Day the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- **August 15** - the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **All Sundays of the year**

All students and staff will be attending a Mass to celebrate the Solemnity at St Catherine of Siena Parish.

- **Year 9&10 students and teachers** - 9:30am
- **Year 7&8 students and teachers** - 2:30pm

All families are welcome to attend and celebrate the feast

Invitation - Live Fully Act Justly Day Mass

An invitation to all Parent/Carers and their families

To our Live Fully Act Justly Day Mass which is celebrated annually at Catholic Regional College, Caroline Springs. It is a time to reflect on how we as a Catholic Community are trying to 'live our life to the fullest' and creating a more 'just world' through the examples and teachings of Jesus and the Church. Bishop Mark Edwards (Auxiliary Bishop to the Western Region) will be celebrating the Mass.

College Hall
Friday 13 September
9:00am-10:00pm

Please register your interest via the following link

<https://crccarolines.schoolzineplus.com/event/booking/choos-e-tickets/605>

Friday 8:00am Mass – St Catherine of Siena Parish Church



BEGIN THE DAY WITH
CHRIST

8am every
Friday of School Term

St Catherine of Siena Parish
Caroline Springs

**FAMILIES, STUDENTS, STAFF &
PARISHIONERS ARE ALL WELCOME**

Friday 8:00am Mass – St Catherine of Siena Parish Church

Enrolment for 2021 Year 7

Enrolment applications for 2021 Year 7 are now open. Application forms are available to download on our website.

Applications close Friday 23 August 2019.

Parents/ Cares who have children attending the College that have siblings in Year 5 will still need to complete an enrolment form.

Parents and Friends Association: Father's Day Breakfast

The Parents and Friends Association would like to extend a warm invitation to all our fathers and grandfathers to a breakfast and blessing to be held in our cafeteria on the morning of **Friday 30 August from 7.30am to 8.30am. There will also be the opportunity for those wishing to attend 8am Mass at St. Catherine of Siena church**

Please come to join your child/children for a light breakfast and a chat with some of our staff and student leaders. There will be a guest speaker and entertainment from our college music ensemble and choir.

In order to cater for the breakfast adequately, could you please rsvp via the following link by Friday 23 August.

<https://crccarolines.schoolzineplus.com/event/604>



Father's Day

Kokoda

The 6 students training for the Kokoda trek are now 6 weeks away from their big adventure, training in places like Mount Macedon, Werribee Gorge, and the You Yangs. Students are also engaging in their own personal training at home in order to prepare for the massive hike in front of them.

Successful fundraising has been underway in the form of Sausage sizzles and the selling of drinks to students. Teachers Ms Karen Bailey and Miss Georgia Seymour are very proud of the dedication the students have shown to their training, with special mention to the parents who have driven the students to various training hikes.

They have trained in varying terrain with packs weighted up to 20 kilos in order to prepare for this hike and are very excited for the adventure that is ahead!

Ms Karen Bailey and Ms Georgia Seymour



SACCSS Chess Tournament

On Thursday 25 July, 22 students travelled to Caroline Chisholm Catholic College to compete in the SACCSS Chess Tournament. Students competed in seven rounds against Catholic schools from the North-Western district.

As can be seen in the photos, the students were very focused on making the right 'moves', with some of them up against students in years 11 and 12! Well done to Ben S, who managed to beat the number one player from 2018!

We are proud to announce that the Junior team was successful in winning their division against eleven other competing schools, with Logan A achieving the second highest individual score and Yohance E achieving third. The Junior Team have now qualified for the State Middle Year Finals, held in October this year.

Congratulations also to our Intermediate team who managed to place third, and to all the students in representing our College with pride. We wish the Junior Team all the best in their finals.

Junior Team	Intermediate Team	Senior Team
Logan A8BU	Lucas M 10KU	Xavier AI 9WO

Junior Team	Intermediate Team	Senior Team
Yohance E 8MK	Christian L10BA	Cameron B 7MW
Noah M8LI	Ben S 10BA	Stephen WT 7KU
Joaquin S 7MK	Jacob D 10MK	Harry W 10KO
Jessica J 7WO	Alexander C 10 BU	Jaksen L 9KU
Matthew G 8KO	Katherine B 10WO	Tom BD 10MK
Steve W 7BA	Patrick M 10KO	
Tyler G 7MW	John J 10KU	

Year 9 Premier League Results

Round 1: 23 July – Home vs CRC Melton

Boys Basketball – Caroline Springs Leisure Centre

Lost 50 - 53

Best:

Brae Mara
Matthew Pace
Jamee Favorito

Girls Basketball – Caroline Springs Leisure Centre

Won 50 - 29

Best:

Amaya Pardillo
Nybol Amour
Annalise Borg

Boys Volleyball – Caroline Springs Leisure Centre

Lost 1 - 3 (15:25, 25:23, 10:25, 16:25)

Best:

Jude Gallo
Aidan Casamayor
Christian Tagala

Girls Volleyball – Caroline Springs Leisure Centre

Lost 0 - 3 (25:27, 22:25, 20:25)

Best:

Bianca Ilagan
Kayla Marshall
Nin Rafal

Boys Soccer – Kurunjang Recreation Reserve

Won 4 - 2

Best:

Eduard Kolaj
Anton Bilic
Julian Sandoval

Goals:

Julian Sandoval
Eduard Kolaj

Girls Soccer – CRCCS Pitch

Won 4 - 1

Best:

Mila Diliberto
Taliah Pirchan
Madison Dimovski

Boys AFL – Caroline Springs Town Centre Oval

Lost 9.5.59 - 9.6.60

Best:

Flynn Harvey
Brayden Abdilla
Isaac Mifsud

Goals:

Brayden Abdilla 4
Jonathan Pithoulas 2
Corey DeBono 2
Joseph Pamintuan

Girls Netball – VU Whitten Oval

Lost 23 - 34

Best:

Chelsea Amor
Carly Madigan
Megan Mangion

Round 2: 30 July – Away vs Emmanuel College

Boys Basketball – Eagle Stadium

Lost 30 - 46

Best:

Matthew Pace
Brae Mara
Ruis Daniel Roman

Girls Basketball – Eagle Stadium

Lost 31 - 56

Boys Volleyball – Eagle Stadium

Lost 0 - 3 (19:25, 16:25, 23:25)

Best:

Christian Tagala
Jude Gallo
Joshua Zaksek

Girls Volleyball – Eagle Stadium

Lost 0 - 3 (19:25, 14:25, 22:25)

Best:

Nicole Ocampo
Eryn Caridad
Bianca Ilagan

Boys Soccer – Emmanuel College, Notre Dame Campus

Drew 0 - 0

Best:

Anton Bilic
Eduard Kolaj
Ethan Spiteri

Girls Soccer – Arndell Park, Hoppers Crossing

Won 2 - 0

Boys AFL – Alamanda Reserve, Point Cook

Won 10:9:69 - 8:4:52

Best:

Flynn Harvey
Reece Blackman
Dennis Pukaj

Girls Netball – Eagle Stadium

Lost 30 - 33

Best:

Megan Mangion
Sophia Pittari
Carly Madigan

Junior and Senior Girls Rugby

On Thursday 25 July our Junior and Senior Girls Rugby teams travelled to Altona to compete in the second SACCSS Rugby Gala Day. The girls had been training for a couple of months, learning about the game and working out set plays to take advantage of different situations.

Across the day both teams played exceptionally well and improved with each game. By the end of the day there were passages of beautiful ball movement and numerous tries scored. Each of our teams finished second after the round robin and playing each other team once. Unfortunately, due to time constraints there were no finals meaning each team finished runner up in their respective competitions.

All the girls should be extremely proud of their efforts and in particular the way they played the game and were humble in both winning and defeat.

Congratulations and we look forward to playing again in 2020.

Mr Rannoch Wilkinson



Chess Tournament - Grand Finals

This year, 60 students competed in the school Chess tournament.

We ran three competitions, one for Year 7 students, one for Year 8 students and a combined Year 9 & 10 competition.

During the last week of Term 2, the Year 7 and 8 Chess Grand Finals were held in the library at lunchtime.

In the Year 7 competition, Joaquin S played against Tyler G. In an exciting game, Tyler ended up check-mating Joaquin and is now the Year 7 Chess Champion.

In the Year 8 competition, Noah M played against Yohance E. Yohance was the winner on this occasion and is now the new Year 8 Chess Champion.

Both Noah and Joaquin have also been excellent players throughout the tournament.

The Year 9 and 10 Chess Grand Final will be held early in Term 3, due to exams and work experience.

Congratulations to all the students who were involved with Chess this year!



Languages Week

Languages Week was a fantastic celebration of both Italian and Japanese culture. Our Year 7 students started the week with an exciting Japanese Taiko Performance in our Performing Arts Centre. It was a lively and impressive show! Our students enjoyed delicious gelati and cultural music at lunchtime. On Tuesday students devoured their Japanese Bento Boxes which are a traditional Japanese style lunchbox. Wednesday was a pizza making competition which involved creating the best looking pizza. Students were creative and above all else devoured their delicious pizzas. Throughout the days to come, students took part in both Italian and Japanese film viewing, cultural quizzes and engaging Kahoots. The week ended with wood fire pizza trucks and an exciting Pasta Making Competition for all our Year 7 students.

A memorable week for all students involved!

Miss Linad Bracco

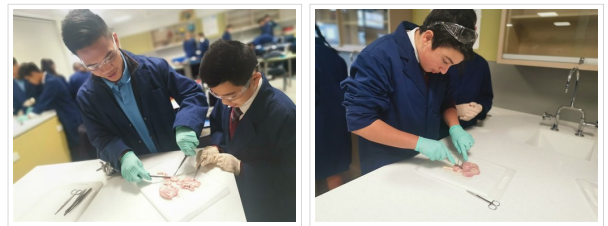


Science Report

Year 9 Science

In our Science class we learnt about the brain anatomy. In order for us to be able to visualise what we had learnt we were given the opportunity to dissect a sheep's brain. From this experience we were able to locate the different lobes of the brain and the other main parts a brain is made up of. This activity really helped myself and my class mates in understanding how the brain works, what the brain is made up of and where the parts of the brain are located. This work payed off when we got to our test and were able to refer back to this activity. This activity really aided myself and classmates and we thank our teacher for enabling us to have this experience.

Gabrielle L 9WO



Year 9 Science

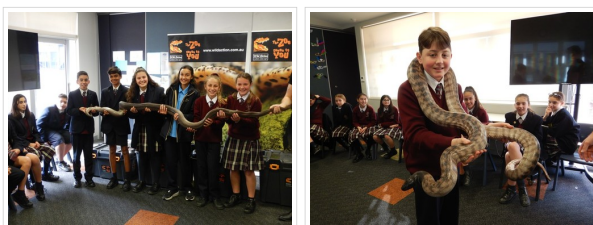
Year 7 Science

Wildlife in Action Incursion

At the beginning of this term, the Year 7s learning about 'Animal Classification.' In the lead up to the Wildlife in Action incursion, we recently learned how to read and create a dichotomous key for a variety of things and species. On Friday the 2nd of August a representative from the Wildlife in Action brought some animals to the school, he showed us the different qualities of animals that included a Stumpy tailed lizard, a East long-necked turtle, a black-headed python, a barking owl, a saltwater crocodile, a koala, a grey headed flying fox and many more! This helped us to further understand about these animals, their adaptation, their features, the food chain and most importantly the educator Adam taught us what to do if we ever saw these animals in the wild.

This incursion was also helpful for those who want a future involving animals and especially those who would like to become a zoologist which we also learned about. To me, the barking owl would have to be the most interesting not only because it barked and the class thought it was a dog before the owl came out but also because it clarified our past knowledge of owls. For example, the fact that its head does not in fact turn 360 degrees. This wasn't just a learning experience, there was an extremely fun side to this incursion like the fact that most of the class got the chance to hold or touch the animals. I was lucky enough to hold a white-lipped green tree frog on the back of my hand. Overall, this was an incredibly educational and joyful experience for us all, thank-you for providing our cohort this opportunity.

Lachlan C 7CO



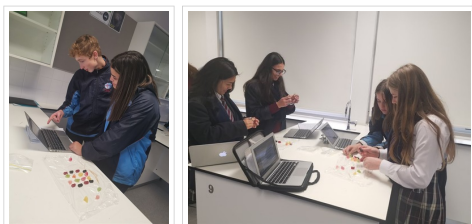
Year 7 Science

Year 10 Science

Biology: DNA, Genes & Inheritance

Our first lesson was focused on the different types of cells, we learned what made up the structure of a eukaryotic and prokaryotic cell as well as the functions of both types. We then compared them in terms of their similarities and differences. Earlier this term we made an edible DNA model out of lollies. DNA is in the form of a double helix and has building blocks called nucleotides. We were each given different colored candy to represent the different structures that made up DNA and toothpicks were distributed to visually representing hydrogen bonds that the nitrogenous bases within the nucleotides share. Last week we conducted our first assessment practical which involved extracting DNA from a kiwi fruit. Prior to the practical we learnt how the process of how to collect the DNA and the role of each material used in the process. DNA is short for deoxyribonucleic acid and the students were able to successfully collect a sample and visibly see it with our naked eye. As we progress through our learning, we discovered chromosomes and the relationship between genetic inheritance. As of now the students are familiarising themselves with the language used in Biology to assist us in deepening our understanding. In the following lessons I believe we will be delving deeper into mutations and going into detail as to how and why they occur.

Louise S 10LI



Library Week



Book Fair 2019

Library

Hours of opening

The library is open from:

- Before school from 8:00am – 8:45am
- Recess 10:40am – 11:05am (Recess is for borrowing books and photocopying or printing only.)
- Lunchtime 12:45pm – 1:35pm
- Afterschool 3:15pm - 4:15pm Monday – Thursday
- Afterschool 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. Payment plan options are available and must commence before Wednesday 28 August 2019. If you are wishing to pay via payment plan please ensure you return the form to the College by Friday 16 August 2019.

Payment plan options (please note this amount is based on 1 student)

- 10 weekly payments of \$49.00
- 5 fortnightly payments of \$98.00
- 4 monthly payments of \$122.50

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.

College Uniform

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