



Feast of Assumption
 Loving Father
 You have revealed your beauty by exalting Mary
 And making her the mother of our Saviour.
 May the prayers of this woman clothed with the sun
 Bring Jesus to the waiting world
 And fill the void of incompleteness
 With the presence of her child.
 Amen

Fathers Day Communion Breakfast

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Josphe Santamaria**
 Where: St. Bernard's Church & Parish Centre, Bacchus Marsh
 When: Saturday 5 September, 2009
 Time: Mass 7.30am
 Cooked Breakfast 8.00am
 Cost: \$5.00 per head (payable at door on the day)

For catering purposes please return bottom section to:
 St. Bernard's Parish Office,
 61 Lerderderg Street,
 Bacchus Marsh 3340

RSVP: by Thursday 20 August, 2009

I/we will be attending the Mass and Breakfast:

Name/s _____
 Telephone: _____
 This function is open to males and females 15 years and over.

Trivia Night

The Melton branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross is holding it's Annual Trivia night on Saturday 29 August beginning at 7.30pm in the Mass Centre. The cost for the evening will be \$10.00 per adult or \$25.00 per family. Come along for some terrific family fun with quiz master Greg Whelahan. For bookings please contact Bill on 9743 2941 or Paul on 0418 358 191.



Non-DEECD Administered Scholarships 2009 - 10

Student scholarships advertised by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) but administered by individual Trustees

Secondary School

The AusIMM EEF Scholarships
 The AusIMM Education Endowment Fund (EEF) Scholarships were established to support the future leaders of the minerals industry through their higher education studies. As well as receiving financial support for up to three years, students receive the invaluable benefits of mentoring and networking opportunities with a major minerals company. The scholarships are currently valued at \$8,000 per year for a standard EEF scholarship, and \$14,000 per year for a Sir Frank Espie/Rio Tinto scholarship. The AusIMM also offers a range of various travel and thesis scholarships and prizes.

Applications close on **18 September 2009**.

Further information can be obtained from: www.ausimm.com

Telephone: Senior Coordinator, Education & Careers on (03) 9662 3166

Email: education@ausimm.com.au

Student Scholarship Website - for further information: www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and members of the CRC Sydenham Community,

Enrolment forms and subject selection forms should have been handed in for 2010 and as a school, we start the process of determining what subjects will actually run based on student preferences. Next year will see the newest and largest of our buildings finished offering new facilities for Drama, Music Production, Dance, Visual Communication and Design, Materials Technology Fabrics / Wood, as well as commercial kitchens for Food Technology and Hospitality. The facility will be a state of the art centre with the latest equipment and will also offer a range of VET (Vocational Education and Training) in schools (VETiS) courses.

Recently, we have been asked why the move towards offering a wide variety of VET subjects at the College. The reality is these VET courses can be significantly beneficial to students, as they are accredited certificate courses, which means that the student can leave with a VCE or VCAL Certificate as well as a VET Certificate. In many cases, these combined qualifications can lead directly into work or at least a job while studying at University or Tafe. Most VET courses are very hands-on and provide students with a different way of learning. If a student is the sort of person who learns by doing, they will probably enjoy this type of course. VET also encourages learning in the workplace – for example, through work experience or work placement. In this way, students gain a good understanding of what a job is like before they start working. The new centre at CRC Sydenham will also be a workplace provider for many of the VET Certificate programs offered on site. VET can be a good outlet for a highly academic course and often provides students with a break from sitting in a more formal classroom setting.

Links with courses' core industry are essential in VET and when delivered in the correct manner, industry will recognise the quality of the program. Our hospitality program is quickly gaining recognition for its quality, the facilities we are building and the teacher, Nick Weiler. Nick is a qualified Teacher and Chef, having operated restaurants, as well as teaching for many years now. Two of our hospitality students' Ashley Fenech and Linh Nguyen have recently been offered work placements at Rockpool Restaurant, one of Melbourne's best restaurants working with Chef Paul Easson.



ASHLEY FENECH



LINH NGUYEN

This placement will be a wonderful experience for the students and will also count towards their VCE as VET Hospitality is a VCE subject. Nationally recognised VET qualifications have been developed into full programs of study within the VCE and contribute to satisfactory completion of the VCE under the same recognition arrangements as VCE studies. This means that many of the courses count towards the TER score at the end of the year and in some cases add 10% to that score.

When returning to the question of why we have moved to offer more VET subjects, it is about providing our students with every opportunity to succeed. I have said many times that I believe in our students, they are the best and they deserve the best. The facilities, staff and programs at Catholic Regional College Sydenham are some of the best in the State. It is all about providing a variety of opportunities and ease of access to programs for each of our students no matter what their chosen pathway – university, trade, work, Tafe – all are valid and supported.

Yours faithfully

BRENDAN J WATSON OAM—PRINCIPAL

Important Dates & Excursions

Thursday 20 August Reports and Newsletter posted home to parents
 Yr. 11 Outdoor Education - Group A - Mt Stirling
 Friday 21 August College Production
 Yr. 11 Outdoor Education - Group A - Mt Stirling
 Saturday 22 August College Production

Important Dates & Excursions

Monday 24 August Yr. 12 Business Management Excursion
 Tuesday 25 August Yr. 11 VCAL Excursion to Sydenham Park
 Wednesday 26 August Yr. 11 Wellbeing Afternoon (all Yr. 11 students dismissed at 3.30 pm)
 Yr. 12 Revision Classes
 Thursday 27 August Parent/Teacher Interviews from 1.00 pm - 8.30 pm. All students dismissed at 12.00 noon.
 VTAC Information Night - Options Beyond Yr. 12

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Examination Preparation

Here at Catholic Regional College Sydenham we encourage all students to strive to achieve their personal best in all that they do. The College motto, "Faith Seeking Understanding" calls each member of the school community to grow toward their full potential following the model of Jesus Christ and the Gospel values.

Our examination policy introduced at the beginning of the year, stipulated the importance of examinations and the role examination results play in the Course Selection process for Year 12.

The Examination Policy Guidelines state:

"Examinations are an integral part of the assessment at Catholic Regional College, Sydenham. Common examinations are set at the end of each Unit 1 and Unit 2 subject completed by a student.

Students are encouraged to reflect on their examination results and to put into practice effective study techniques from now until the end of Semester Two examinations. Students have been issued with study guidelines for each unit of study to help prepare students for examinations. These guidelines are also available on the College website and a copy is attached to this Newsletter. Students can also seek extra assistance from their teachers to help prepare for the examinations. Students are expected to complete 3 hours of homestudy each night, which should include set homework plus revision for the examinations.

We ask that you discuss this with your son/daughter and help support them to achieve their personal best.

Regards

Unit 3/4 Compulsory Trial Examination - 7 - 9 October, 2009

All Year 12 students, and Year 11 students completing a Unit 3/4 study will be sitting compulsory trial examinations in the first week of Term Four. Students will have the opportunity to sit an examination in each of their subjects, to practice their examination techniques, and to receive feedback from their teachers in preparation for their final examinations. The VCAA results received by students are heavily reliant upon the final examinations, and as such the College wants to prepare our students well for this challenge.

Interim Reports and Interviews - 27 August, 2009 (1.00 pm - 8.30 pm)

Interim Reports will be posted to families at the end of this week. The Interim Reports serve a distinct purpose. They provide a timely update for parents and students in regard to both academic progress and their attitude and effort in their studies. It is important to recognize that these reports are not designed to be a detailed insight into your child's performance but to clarify how they are progressing. The Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews complement these reports.

The Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled at this important time of the year, to allow parents the opportunity to speak directly to staff about their child's progress, and to explore strategies that will enhance their educational performance in

both the VCE and VCAL. Parents can make bookings using the online booking system - PTO. A letter with your login details is included with your Interim Report in this mailed package. All teaching staff will be available to discuss your child's progress and any concerns you may have. We look forward to meeting with you. Please bring the Interim Report with you.

Craig Holmes
**Deputy Principal
Learning and Teaching**

Maria Caroli
Director of Curriculum

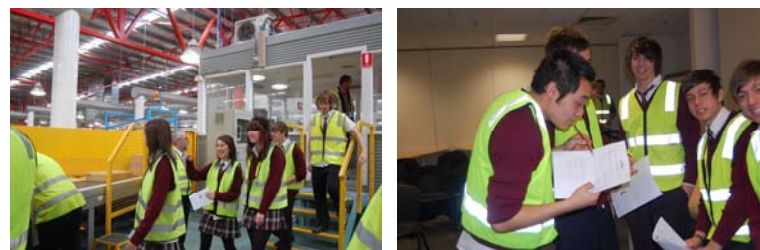
Yr. 12 Business Management

On Thursday 13 August the Year 12 Business Management students had the opportunity to tour one of the most modern and technically advanced centres in Australia and the world, the Melbourne Parcel Facility.

After witnessing the large automated system used to process parcels, the students commented how impractical it would have been to manually handle the parcels prior to Australia Post's restructure. The new centre utilises state-of-the-art computer-driven parcel processing and distribution, coping with the time demands of an increasing number of consumers and businesses sending parcels as part of their day-to-day business. In particular, the steady growth of online buying has heightened the demand for parcel delivery.

In the next few weeks this Year 12 class will be studying the technological developments adopted by Australia Post and the management strategies that were implemented to ensure that it has been able to handle this burgeoning market, and maintain an edge over its competitors.

Helen Fisher - Business Management Teacher



Student Composition Project 2009

Recently Stephen Nasr was entered into the 3MBS FM Student Composition Project 2009. This competition and workshop series was open to all school-aged students across Victoria in 2009.

Proudly, one of our upcoming composer/musicians Stephen Nasr has been selected from thousands of entries and will be joining nineteen other student composers in Victoria to take part in two workshops with leading Australian composers personally mentoring him.

At the end of the workshops, student compositions may be professionally recorded and copies of the recording distributed to music institutions across Australia.

Joseph Gemayel - Music teacher



TEACHING AND LEARNING

Sports Report



On Monday, 3 August the College took part in the annual Sr Lucia Cup. A group of 21 girls took to the AFL match with vigour and style. Unfortunately, Salesian were too strong in the end taking out the cup for 2009, with the final scores Syd 2.3.15 to Sal 10.4.64. Goal kickers: Chantelle DeVito (1) Alex Fato (1). Best players: Ashleigh Gunn, Alex Fato, Chantelle DeVito, Marina Kasalo and Maria Ortiz. Thanks to Simon Wisniewski and Chris Hili for coaching the girls and to Nathanael Smith and Angelo Mercado for their assistance at the game.

Our netball team also headed out on 3 August to compete in the Netball Victoria Championships. This competition open to all schools, within the State and was of an exceptional quality. The girls certainly gave it their all. Thanks to Kenna Bradley for her coaching efforts at this event.



On Wednesday 12 August, 19 students from the College headed out to Brimbank Park to participate in the SACCSS Cross Country event. The students had a terrific day out with the girls taking out 1st place in the Senior Girls Aggregate and the boys taking out 2nd place in the Senior Boys' Aggregate. When team scores were combined Sydenham took out 1st place in the Senior Aggregate for the 2nd year in a row. Congratulations to all students for their participation and thanks to Ashleigh Gunn, Anthony Lo Guarro and Andrew Mollica for their assistance at the event. Individual results will be available in the next edition of the College newsletter.

Coming events

SACCSS Tennis Competition - Tuesday 8 September

Volleyball Victoria Schools Cup - Wednesday 9 September

CAS Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 15 September

Year 11 Italian Class

On Tuesday 4 August, our Year 11 Italian class went on an excursion to the Melbourne Museum to see an exhibition on Pompeii. The short film, along with the exhibition itself, gave us an insight as to what lives would have been like in ancient times and the impact the natural disaster caused on the people of Pompeii and their city. Afterwards, we made a stopover at Lygon Street (Little Italy) for a traditional Italian meal. We had the challenge of ordering our meals in Italian, with some of us having a few difficulties. In the end, we all got our meals and enjoyed our pizza and pasta, before moving on to get some gelati. Overall, the whole day was a great experience, one of the highlights this year so far.



The Women of Troy - 2009 Production

Rehearsals for the CRC Sydenham Production of *The Women of Troy* have begun to gather momentum and tickets are now on sale. The story is set directly after the destruction of the ancient city of Troy. We see the fate of Troy's women and their cruel treatment by the Greek soldiers. Despite being oppressed, the strength of this play's female characters shows us the turmoil experienced by the real victims of war. It is a play about hope, revenge and the futility of war that has been brilliantly brought to the stage by CRC Sydenham's most talented performers. Ticket prices are: \$15 Adults and \$5 concession. Season dates are Friday 21 August and Saturday 22 August at 7:30pm. The production will be held in CRC Sydenham's new Multi-Purpose Hall.

