

BUSES

There has been some misbaviour on the Sita bus. The incident that occurred last Friday has been reported by a member of the public who has reported the incident to the police.

This type of behavior not only reflects very badly on the College but is extremely dangerous and will not be tolerated. In future if this behavior continues Sita buses have been asked to return to the College and students will need to make their own way home.

COLLEGE FEE PAYMENT DATES FOR 2010

If you experience any difficulties making payments by the due voucher dates, please call the Business Manager - Cheryl Howard on 9361 0000 to discuss options

Fortnightly	Monthly	Term
August 27	August 20	July 20
September 10	September 20	October 12
September 24	October 20	
October 8	November 20	
October 22		
November 5		
November 19		

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Dates	
Friday 27 August	Year 12 Outdoor Education Phillip Island - Group B Year 12 VCAL Excursion
Monday 30 August	Year 12 Text & Traditions Examination Excursion
Tuesday 21 August	Year 12 Elevate Program 'Ace your Exams'
Wednesday 1 September	Year 12 Revision Classes
Thursday 2 September	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 1.20pm - 8.30pm, All students dismissed at 12.50pm Year 12 Revision Classes

St Bernard's Bacchus Marsh Parish
Fathers' Day Communion Breakfast
Saturday 4 September 2010
7.30am Mass (followed by breakfast at 8am)
Guest Speaker: Mr Bernie Geary OAM
Child Safety Commissioner of Victoria
 Cost: \$5 per person (payable at door on day)
 This function is open to males and females 15 years and over
For catering purposes, please return reply slip to:
 St Bernard's Parish Office, 61 Lerderberg St, Bacchus Marsh 3340
 Or telephone 5367 2069 or email pp.sbbmparish@bigpond.com

RSVP Wednesday 25 August 2010

Please return this section and place in the blue box available at the church entrance

Yes, I will be attending the Mass and Breakfast

Name/s.....

Number of people attending.....Phone:.....



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Prayer For East Timor
 Compassionate and generous God
 Look kindly on the people of East Timor,
 And those in our sister school of Railaco especially,
 And through our generous efforts
 They may be liberated from the poverty of their world.
 We Make this prayer through Christ our Lord
 Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

Visit of Bishop Gerry Kicanus

The College was honoured to host Bishop Gerry Kicanus, visiting from Tuscon Arizona, USA last week. Bishop Gerry spent time in the Sacred Heart – Emmaus Parish and addressed the student leaders of the CRC Colleges at our school. Bishop Gerry's message was a simple yet profound one – we are all called to stand up and be leaders, to be Church, to be Christ as we live out our daily lives.



Bishop Gerry Kicanus with members of the College Community.



State Champions. Pictured from left to right - Adam Ray (Coach), Matthew Azzopardi, Luke Sullivan, Sanele Sala-Setiu, Aaron Pabst, David Tuimauga & Neil Callos

Girls Football

Congratulations to our Senior Girls' football team who for the first time in its 5 year history have won the Sister Lucia Cup against Salesian College Sunbury. The team consisted of Kirsten Spiteri, Bianca Babic, Alannah Maugeri, Amy-Kate Searle, Chantelle De Vito, Alysa Usai, Shannon Preddy, Michelle Magliolo, Elyse Denny, Natalie Vella, Emily Crawford, Bethany Koroneos, Deanna Patti, Cassie Attard, Donika Gjergjaj, Lisa Asceri, Maria Ortiz, Tammie Iavazzo, Danielle Speranza, Tahnee Ellis, My-Yen Au, Sarah Gosling, Christine Grima, Vanessa Kakos, Edona Selmanaj, Clarissa Ciccone, Renee Buttigieg, Stephanie Murdaca and Tameek Zaharogiannis.

State Champions

Congratulations to our Senior Boys' Volleyball Team who defeated all teams at the State Championship recently to win the pennant and shield for the College. Thank you to Adam Ray who coached the team and well done to the following students: Matthew Azzopardi, Luke Sullivan, Sanele Sala-Setiu, Aaron Pabst, David Tuimauga & Neil Callos



<http://twitter.com/crcsydenham>

Term Three

This term is a particularly challenging one for our students. There is a great deal of work for them to get through in order to complete their respective courses and prepare for exams. This is the time of year when students, particularly Year 12 VCE students, should be cutting back on shifts at work, cutting back on social activities and consistently completing 4 hours of homework each and every night of the week. We are rapidly approaching the time when students will be required to sit their final exams and if students prepare adequately then they will reap the rewards. It is essential that each and every VCE student implements a study timetable, keeps up with their school work and revises ready for the exams.

Early next term students in Year 12 VCE will sit a practice exam for each subject. The revision for these exams should commence immediately if it has not already. These exams are not meant to be an indication of what is known and not known, they should be an indication of how well students can achieve on their final examinations so as to highlight what still needs to be revised to maximise grades for the end of year exams. Students should spend as much time as possible preparing for the practice exams so that they excel. The two week break in September should not be seen by students in VCE as holidays, but as a non tuition period to allow for study and revision.

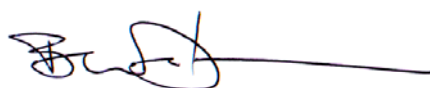
College Production

Romeo and Juliet was a terrific production this year at the College. Congratulations to the cast and crew for all of their work in putting together a modern take on this classic. Thank you to David O'Brien, Director and Producer, for his hard work and tenacity in making a concept a reality.

Acting Principals

I will be taking leave until the second week of Term 4. In my absence Craig Holmes and Leo Mc Inerney will be the Acting Principal. I am sure they will have your support as they serve our community.

Yours faithfully,



Brendan Watson OAM
Principal

Examination Preparation

"If learned material in class is not reviewed within 24 hours then 60% - 80% of it is forgotten."

"Regardless of your Learning Style you remember:

- ◆ 10% from reading
- ◆ 25% from hearing
- ◆ 35% from seeing
- ◆ 50% from both seeing and hearing
- ◆ 75% from discussing
- ◆ 85% from experiencing something yourself
- ◆ 95% from teaching someone else."

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 College community to grow toward their full potential following the model of Jesus Christ and the Gospel values.

Students are encouraged to put into practice effective study techniques from now until the end of year examinations. Students have been issued with effective study guidelines for each unit of study to help prepare them for examinations. Students should embrace the extra assistance from their teachers as they prepare for the examinations. Students are expected to complete 3 hours of homestudy each night in Year 11 and 4 hours in Year 12, which should include 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.

Interim Reports and Interviews

Interim reports will be available to families at the Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews held at the College Hall, on Thursday 2 September (1.20 – 8.30pm). The Interim Reports serve a distinct purpose. They provide a timely update for parents and students in regard to both academic progress and 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. We need the support of parents in collecting these reports and attending the interviews to maximize the success of their daughter or son's education.

Yours faithfully,



Craig Holmes
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching

VTAC PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT



Worried about applying for TAFE and university courses, what options are available and how does the "offer" system work?

Have these questions and more answered by coming along to the Parent VTAC Information Session held on the same night as Parent Teacher Interviews.

When: Thursday 2nd September 2010
Time: 5.40pm-6.20pm
Where: Library, Catholic Regional College Sydenham

Staff Professional Development

On Friday 6 August, all staff were involved in one of two professional development sessions on offer at CRC Sydenham.

Dr Helen McGrath presented the second day of her series on *Optimizing the Learning Environment for Motivating Adolescents* to teaching staff. The program for the day outlined ways to assist teachers in developing:

- ◆ study skills for students,
- ◆ goal setting skills for students,
- ◆ a criteria approach for success with every task,
- ◆ quizzes that result in effective revision,
- ◆ skills for successful teacher-student relationships at the senior level,
- ◆ evidence-based cooperative learning strategies,
- ◆ thinking routines for student reflection,
- ◆ higher-order thinking tools and activities,
- ◆ strategies for giving formative feedback to students.

The College's support staff were involved in a session facilitated by Mr Gavan Podbury on understanding the complexities of collegial relationships. The session provided staff with an insight into maximising their own potential and working productively with all stakeholders at the College.

The staff community came together to "break bread" over lunch and compare "notes". A revitalising day by all accounts.

Alison Roberts
Director of Staffing Administration

EAST TIMOR "WALK TO SCHOOL" FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

This week we began our major fundraising program for East Timor. The money we raise will go to support our sister school in the village of Railaco. The students there are so grateful for our help. They cannot afford the \$US100 it costs to pay for their education so the money we raise goes to provide education scholarships. Some of them walk for 2 hours across mountainous paths in the heat and rain to get to school. Most go to school with no food. There is no water available in the school for basic hygiene needs. The classrooms are sparse, empty rooms with only a chalk board at the front. There is no electricity and definitely no air conditioning, in the humid conditions. Text books and other resources such as pens and paper are virtually non-existent.

We are asking all members of our school community to support those students who have volunteered to walk to school on Friday September 10 in solidarity with their sisters and brothers in East Timor who do the same every day.

All sponsorships of \$5 or more entitle the sponsor to go into the draw for a special edition TAC 40th Anniversary of Compulsory Seatbelt Wearing Legislation Sherrin Football, signed by:

- ◆ John Brumby, Premier of Victoria
- ◆ Ian Thorpe, Olympic Gold Medalist
- ◆ Mike Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the AFL
- ◆ Stephen Gough, CEO of the MCC
- ◆ Eddie Macguire, President of the Collingwood Football Club
- ◆ David Hille, Captain of the Essendon Football Club

Please be generous in your support of our students in their fundraising efforts.

