

COMMUNITY NEWS

SALON SYDENHAM

Our young ladies working at Salon Sydenham are in desperate need of some good quality hair dryers and hair straighteners. If you are able to donate either of these items please leave them at the College office.

We appreciate your support.



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		

The College office will be open during the following times during the holidays.

Week 1

Monday 20 September - Friday 24 September
9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Week 2

Monday 27 September - Friday 1 October
9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Study Hall

Open: Monday 20 September - Friday 24 September
Between 9.00 am - 12.00 pm & 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

ACADEMY UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is located at the rear of the College
Access is via Peck Road, Sydenham.

Uniform Shop Hours

- ◆ Monday 2.30 pm ~ 4.30 pm
- ◆ Thursday 8.00 am ~ 10.00 am
- ◆ Saturday 9.00 am ~ 12.00 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Dates

- Friday 10 September Walk to School for East Timor
Whole College Mass - Hall
- Tuesday 14 September CAS Athletics - Doncaster
- Thursday 16 September Year 11 Biology Excursion
- Friday 17 September Term 3 ends all students dismissed at 3.30 pm.

Important Dates

- Wednesday 29 September Year 12 Italian Oral Practice 10:30am-3:00pm
- Wednesday 6 October Compulsory Trial Examinations
- Thursday 7 October Compulsory Trial Examinations
- Friday 8 October Compulsory Trial Examinations

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Prayer for our Sister School in Railaco, 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
May they be liberated from the poverty of their world.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord
Amen

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and members of the CRC Sydenham Community,

Catholic schools across Victoria were created through the vision, dedication, hard work and commitment of the whole Catholic community.

Today, schools are challenged to:

- ◆ articulate their identity and vision,
- ◆ express their distinctiveness as Catholic schools in a society where the Christian faith is increasingly marginalized.

To assist schools in facing these present realities, the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd. (CECV) entered into a research partnership with the Catholic University in Leuven,



Belgium to profile and develop the Catholic Identity of Catholic Schools.

The Project assisted schools to better understand how their Catholic identity is expressed in work and practice and to support them in their future development.

The main questions being explored are:

- ◆ How is Catholic identity lived and shaped in the school?
- ◆ What is the preferred situation?
- ◆ What is the potential present in the school to realise its preferred Catholic Identity?

I attended a gathering of Victorian Catholic schools where the project team offered the following observations:

- ◆ Each human being has the capacity to search for a deeper meaning,
- ◆ Catholic schools provide the community to facilitate a communal rather than a privatized search for meaning.
- ◆ The data revealed that a strong number of our students across Catholic schools in Victoria are believers – providing a good platform from which to work on Catholic identity,
- ◆ Faith is strong in primary years but drops away as students approach Year 10. However this picks up again at Years 11 and 12,
- ◆ Prayer is not common among secondary school students,
- ◆ There is overall support for Catholic school identity in Victoria.

The challenge this project has identified is clear. If Catholic education is to maintain its current scope and identity we need to continue to promote a culture of prayer among our students. We need to foster a symbolic foundation and understanding of Catholic faith, and counter the trend of increasing secularisation of our society. Our College motto "Faith Seeking Understanding", offers a strong pivot for the faith life of our College.

COLLEGE LIFE

The College continues to be a place of great activity. Over the last three weeks we have celebrated Languages Week, Science Week and Mathematics week. Students have been given opportunities to meet well known authors and people who work in these various disciplines. Our Heads of Faculty are providing further details for you to read. Once again our Fashion Design students are entering their garments at the Victorian State Final of the Apex Australian Teenage Fashion Awards. The students and their teacher, Julianna Paci, will provide a report in the next newsletter.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

The TAC recently held a State wide competition for writing which was open to VCE and VCAL students. The College is very proud of the achievement of two of our VCAL students in this competition. Congratulations to Jonathon Bourbon who was awarded a commendation prize, and to Rebecca Adams who topped the awards with her creative writing piece on road safety, being chosen as the best piece of writing in the 2010 TAC competition. Well done to both these students and their VCAL Literacy teacher, Janet Doolan.

VCE ACHIEVER AWARDS 2010 NOMINATIONS:

Staff at the College were asked to nominate outstanding students that exemplified the qualities required for these awards. The nominations were:

Kevin Singh
Daniele Zarosinski
Joanna FitzGerald
Nicole Calleja

All these students provided supporting documentation detailing their broader involvement in the life of the College and their community. Their efforts included their commitment to their Parishes, social justice, the East Timor Action Group and volunteer positions within the broader community. All of these

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achievements are backed with their commitment and dedication to their studies. On behalf of Catholic Regional College Sydenham I congratulate these students for their nomination. The College had the difficult task of selecting one of these students to nominate as the College candidate for the VCE Achiever Awards 2010. On behalf of the College I congratulate Nicole Calleja as the College representative, and highly commend her for her efforts.

Yours faithfully



Craig Holmes

Acting Principal

TAC STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

Part of the Year 12 VCAL Literacy program this year involved a unit on road safety and driver education. In this unit, students explored the impact of TAC advertisements over the last 20 years and viewed and discussed the *Muck-up Day* documentary which examines the impact of a fatal road accident on a group of Year 12 students. Drawing on this material, students were then invited to develop and submit a response in the TAC student writing competition.



We are very proud to announce that the creative piece submitted by Rebecca Adams, titled *Drink and Drive? You bloody idiot...* has been chosen as the best VCE/VCAL piece of writing in the 2010 TAC competition. Rebecca's entry will be published on the TAC safety website, www.tacsafety.com.au in 2011. Her prize includes a \$50 book voucher and driving lessons to the value of \$200. We are also pleased to announce that the creative piece submitted by Jonathan Bourbon was awarded a commendation prize. Jonathan's prize includes a \$30 book voucher and driving lessons to the value of \$100. Congratulations to Rebecca and Jonathan on a fine effort!

YEAR 11 BIOLOGY EXCURSION

On the 17 of August, Year 11 Biology students were given the chance to escape our usual classroom surroundings, and go on an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo.

As part of our area of study on adaptations, we were given the opportunity to spend the day observing animals up close in their somewhat 'natural' environments.

With great weather and the excitement of possibly seeing 'Mali' the baby elephant, the day certainly looked promising.

Of course there was work to be done, with the purpose of it being to complete the set SAC booklet. As we made our way around to each animal, we were able to use the theoretical knowledge we had acquired in class, and apply it to the workings of real-life that was taking place right in front of us. With the help of zoo staff, and a behind-the-scenes information session, we got a good idea of the different behaviours undertaken, and of the necessities required by various organisms in order for them to survive.

Overall it was a great day which both staff and students really enjoyed.

Written by Jessica Deluca.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science week was held at the College between August 16 and August 20. Many interesting and varied activities were presented and students participated keenly.

Monday: In celebration of Psychology we were visited by the world renown Master Han Jin Song who led us through a **Tai Chi** session on the Green at lunchtime. Many students and staff joined in and experienced the relaxing benefits to the mind and body.



Tuesday: In celebration of Physics we had a special screening of **Dr Who** at lunchtime. Students enjoyed free snacks while they viewed the widely acclaimed episode "Blink". Students witnessed the Doctor challenge the laws of Physics in this frightening episode.

Thursday: In celebration of Biology and Chemistry we were visited by three of **Australia's top medical research scientists**. Two of them, Adele Mount and Tania Tabone, are ex-students of this College. They presented their cutting edge research as students listened intently. The Scientists outlined a new and exciting line of work that many of our students had never before considered.

Friday: The **Science Trivia Quiz** was held in the Library at lunchtime. About a dozen teams of students and teachers attempted to answer questions from all branches of Science. After a hard fought contest the winning team members each received a Hoyts movie pass.



Every Day: There were daily Science questions at Tutor. Cadbury blocks of chocolate were being given away for correct answers to a range of Science questions! There were some very knowledgeable and well fed students at the College by the end of the week!

Thanks to all students and teachers who participated in Science Week this year. Science Week 2011 will be even bigger and more exciting.

Paul McGuire
Science Coordinator.

YEAR 12 LITERATURE

Year 12 Literature – On Friday 10 September during Periods 1 and 2, Richard Sallis will conduct a lecture as well as discussion activities on the play "Hedda Gabler" with the Year 12 Literature students. This is one of the texts the students write on in the forthcoming examination. Along with his role as Chief Assessor for Theatre Studies, Richard has written and directed many plays. Richard is a lecturer in the Language Faculty at Melbourne University. His vast experience of drama and teaching will provide the students with valuable learning.



SACSS ATHLETICS—MEADOWGLEN ATHLETICS TRACK

On Thursday the 26 of August the CRC Sydenham Athletics team went out to the Meadowglen Athletics Track Epping to compete in the annual SACSS Athletics Carnival.

On what started out as a cold but sunny day, provided us with some great competition from our students. Led by team captains Matt Cerini and Shannon Rissinich all 27 competitors gave it their all in representing the College with extreme pride and determination.

Some of the outstanding results were:

Alannah Maugeri – 1st 1500m and 2nd 800m 17-20 Girls
Michael Coventry – 1st 800m and 2nd 1500m 17-20 Boys
Ben Malaga – 1st 100m B 17-20 Boys (Fastest Time of the Day)
Jack Tota – 1st 200m A 17-20 Boys
Daniel Simiele – 1st 200m B 17-20 Boys
Sanele Sala-Setiu – 1st Shot Put 17-20 Boys
Shannon Preddy – 3rd 800m and 2nd Discus 17-20 Girls
Shannon Rissinich – 2nd Triple Jump 17-20 Girls
Matt Cerini – 3rd 100m 17-20 Boys
Matt Sirgiovanni – 3rd High Jump 17-20 Boys
David Tuimauga – 3rd Shot Put 17-20 Boys
Anthony Tedesco – 3rd Discus 17-20 Boys
Joel Pilcher – 3rd 400m 17-20 Boys
Emily Skazlic – 3rd 100m 17-20 Girls

With these results, combined with the remaining team members efforts, had us sitting in 3rd place just before the relays were to commence. We were very confident in taking out both the boys and girls 4x100m however this was not to be as heavy rain meant the cancellation of both of these events and prohibited us from a potential victory. The students were to be commended on their efforts and behaviour for the entire day

A special thanks to Megan Hill, Jade Barr and Adrian Vrkic for all their assistance throughout the day.

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 College 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.



TARGET \$10,000

CRC SYD - WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
ONE PROBLEM. ONE MISSION. MANY SOLUTIONS.
SPONSOR A WALKER TODAY TO GIVE THE CHILDREN OF EAST TIMOR A CHANCE OF LIFE AND EDUCATION THAT THEY DESERVE.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH - THE TIME TO HELP IS NOW