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*Dear God*

*We celebrate Spring's returning and the rejuvenation of the natural world.  
Let us be moved by this vast and gentle insistence that goodness shall return,  
That warmth and life shall succeed,  
And help us to understand our place within this miracle.  
As a bird now builds its nest, bravely, with bits and pieces  
So we must build human faith.  
It is our natural and vital role within the miracle of Spring.*

*Amen*

*(Michael Leunig)*

## FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and members of the CRC Sydenham Community,

Over my years of involvement in Catholic Education, wonderful experiences have come my way, one of which occurred on the second last day of Term Three when I had the opportunity to spend a number of hours talking to students as we walked from Melton as part of the 'Walk to School Day'. The day was an initiative of the students who visited East Time earlier this year. Their aim was to raise \$10,000 for our sister school in Railaco. With so much negative media concerning teenagers these days there would have been a number of 'Doubting Thomases' saying that \$10,000 was outside reality. Knowing so many of these who were instrumental in this wonderful project and having the backing and organizational skills of Mr. Paul Reed, our Faith Development Co-ordinator (pictured above at our assembly), I thought the target for a truly wonderful cause was achievable. At the last count the College has raised \$12,216.35.

I would therefore like to thank all who donated to the cause, the students (approximately 60) who walked to school, the parents who provided water and snacks along the way and to Paul Reed.

The students at Catholic Regional College Sydenham are truly blessed with the wonderful education and facilities that they are provided with. I believe that they are even more blessed because of the moral responsibility they have shown in assisting those less fortunate than themselves.

Over the holidays all families should have received an invitation to 'Sydfest'. A regular event that will take place at the College next Thursday night. Sydfest is an opportunity for the College to display the very best of student achievements throughout the year. Highlights that have been achieved in the classroom, on the stage, on the sporting field and in the public arena will be acknowledged. We will be privileged to welcome an esteemed



ex-student Chris Anstey who will address all attending and present awards. I encourage all members of our community to attend this prestigious night. You will be most welcome.

Thursday 19 October is a very special day for our Year Twelve students. From 8.00am the staff, dressed in fancy costume will be preparing breakfast for Year 12 students as they too arrive in fancy dress. This occasion is an opportunity for the College to say 'thankyou' for the last two years and to wish them well for their up-coming exams.

Later that evening all will change from fancy dress to formal attire for the 2010 Year 12 Graduation that will be held at Flemington Racecourse. The staff of the College are looking forward to celebrating this prestigious occasion with the families of our wonderful Year Twelve students.

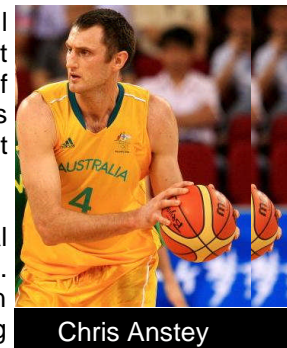
Staff will be available to assist students who need extra help in the lead up to their examinations. A reminder to our students sitting examinations:

- ◆ You will need to be at the College 30 minutes before your examination commences.
- ◆ You will need to be in full College uniform. The Year 12 tee-shirt is allowable.
- ◆ You will need your Student Identification Card.
- ◆ You **MUST** hand in your mobile phone before the examination.

As you already know Brendan Watson has been on leave and will return to the College next Monday. According to all reports he is in good health and has enjoyed his leave. He left good structures in place while away and we will warmly welcome him back next week.

Yours faithfully,

**Leo McInerney - Acting Principal.**



**Chris Anstey**

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

### TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

During this week, students completed trial examinations in preparation for the November examinations. The majority of students prepared well and made an excellent effort in completing the examinations. These students are to be congratulated and commended on the manner in which they conducted themselves during the three days.

Students will continue to practice trial papers over next week during class time. Students should also be completing past papers at home under time constraints in full preparation for the end of year examinations.

It is disappointing to note that a small number of students did not make the most of this opportunity. Students who were absent without satisfactory reasons, and students who arrived late or ill prepared for the examinations, have let themselves down. Where a student has not met the expectations of the College, for their conduct or effort in these examinations, a letter has been sent home outlining the consequences for the student.

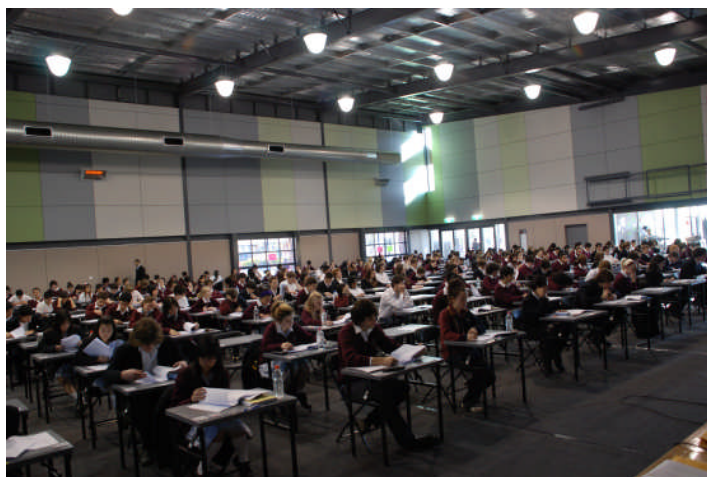
All students are encouraged to reflect on the following points in preparation for the November examinations:

- Fully participate in the remaining lessons
- Learn from the feedback and experience gained in the trial examinations
- Avail themselves of the additional revision classes
- Liaise with staff on an as needs basis
- Make use of the reading time in examinations
- Use every minute of writing time available
- Check the examination timetable on a regular basis
- Arrive early and prepared; late students may not be permitted to enter the examination room
- Stick to a study planner that is rigorous but realistic.

The staff are here to support our students in every way we can.

**Craig Holmes**

**Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching**



### VCE EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

At this stage all students should have familiarized themselves with the contents of the VCE Examination Navigator booklet distributed in June, in particular, paying close attention to the rules and guidelines required for correct examination conduct and procedures. The rules for correct conduct during examinations are on pages 8 and 9 of the Examination Navigator. Students should also be well aware of the material that is allowed to be brought into the examination room for each examination on pages 3 and 7. Students need to be aware that if there are any breaches of VCAA rules during the examinations, these will be reported to the VCAA and will be dealt with by their disciplinary committee.

**Please note that there are to be NO MOBILE PHONES or ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT taken into the examination room.**

All Year 12 students and Year 11 students studying a 3/4 sequence will be required to sit the examinations. It is very important to note that examinations **cannot be rescheduled**. It is the student's responsibility to be well aware of the day and time of the scheduled examinations. On the day of each examination students should be at the College at least **30 minutes before the examination** commencement time. Students are required to be in full College uniform for all examinations and a **photo identification** card is required for each examination.

During tutor period next week, students will receive their own personalized examination timetable. This should be placed on the fridge for the family to see.

The **LOTE** oral examinations are currently being completed and we wish students good luck.

The October written LOTE examinations will take place on **Tuesday 19 October** at the College. Students studying LOTE: Croatian, Filipino and Polish will sit the examination. Students are required to be at the College by 1:30pm in readiness for a 2:00pm start.

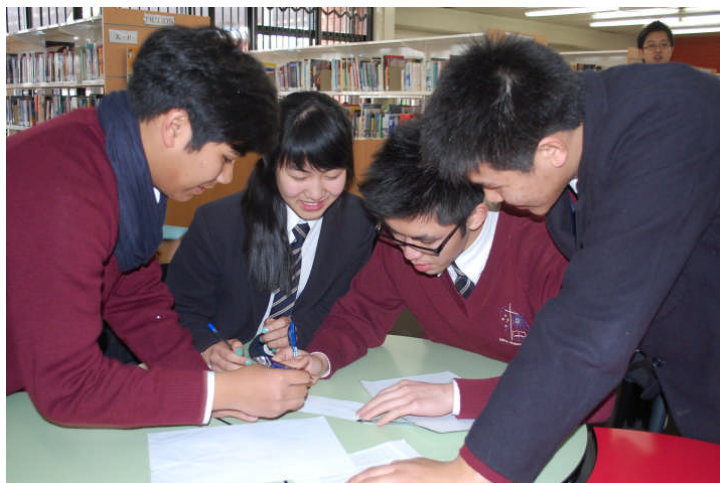
Included in the VCE Examination Navigator booklet is information on Derived Examination Scores (DES). If a student has an illness or any other serious factor that will significantly affect their performance during examinations, then they are to contact the Director of Curriculum beforehand. Students are strongly advised to sit all examinations and then apply for a 'Derived Examination Score'. The VCAA is responsible for processing all applications for a 'Derived Examination Score' so it is advisable to sit the examinations just in case the DES application is **not** approved.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding the examinations please contact the Director of Curriculum. Good luck to you all in your end of year examination preparations.

**Maria Caroli – Director of Curriculum**

**MATHEMATICS WEEK**

Monday 30 August – Friday 3 September was National Numeracy week Australia wide. At Catholic Regional College Sydenham we celebrated by holding Mathematics Week. To start the week off we had Adrian Fitzgerald from the Bureau of Meteorology talking to us about the mathematics he uses in his work. From Monday to Friday we also had the daily math puzzle, it was great to see so many people involved and Fridays puzzle was a doozy! Congratulations to the following people who were the winners each day. Monday, Bonnie Seymour; Tuesday, Melina Frazzica; Wednesday, Thi Trinh; Thursday; Kevin Singh; Friday; Daniele Zarosinski. On Friday we saw teams pit mind against body and battle it out in the Math Olympiad. Congratulations to the team *Afternoon Tiger* (Nhat Cao, Dominic Maderazo, Dan Huynh and Ken Nguyen) who took out the top prize, enjoy your movie tickets. Everyone had a great time and hopefully this is the beginning of an annual event!



Caption: The winning team of the Math Olympiad *Afternoon Tiger*

By Michael Ware, Mathematics Co-ordinator

**BIOLOGY EXCURSION**

On the 16 September the soon to be Biologists set out on an exciting excursion to the well known Barwon Heads. The weather wasn't the greatest, although our enthusiasm and love for the subject kept us going. We arrived at the Marine National Park of Barwon Heads where we were greeted by three Marine Educators. The educators were very informative, talking about the Aborigines who settled there and the native plants and seaweed that could be used for medicine. We then set out on foot, passing a few lookout points which overlooked the choppy ocean. Huge waves crashed to the shore, but that was not enough to stop us from exploring this amazing environment. A common case of wet feet contributed to the discovery of an elephant snails, starfishes, crabs and poisonous anemones. Small patches of rain demoralised our eager classmates and shortened our day. It was back to Sydenham for us. Ultimately it was a day well spent at the sea which further enhanced our knowledge of marine environment and animal behaviour. A special thanks to all the teachers who came along and organised the excursion (Jade, Paul, Tanja, Greg, Leanne and Allan).

By Josip Jurjevic and Jason Balmaceda

**COLES SPORT FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM**



CRC Sydenham has registered with the 'Coles Sport for Schools Program' and we are asking you and your parents to send in any vouchers you receive from any Coles Supermarkets and hand them into your tutor or Adam Ray. We have until the 31 October and the more vouchers we get, the more sports equipment we can get. It's that simple!!!

Thank you for your support



**REQUEST OF ALL YEAR 12 LIBRARY BURROWERS**

The end of the school year is almost upon us and the College library wants to recollect all its books borrowed out to Year 12 students, as our contact hereafter will be somewhat limited. If you have been getting email requests, notices in tutor and bills sent home, then the Library has you as "outstanding" on its records. If you think you have returned requested items you will need to see the library staff personally to have the issue checked. If you require borrowing over the examination period you will also have to make special arrangements with the Library. Failure to do so could involve non-graduation and/or non-participation in the College formal. PARENTS CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US IN THIS REGARD.



## 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
October 8	October 20	October 12
October 22	November 20	
November 5		
November 19		

### 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

### CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE NORTH KEILOR

Enrolment Application Meeting for Year 7, 2012.

Parents of students in Grade 5 are advised that an Enrolment Application Meeting for Year 7, 2012 will be held on Wednesday 20th October, 2010 at 7.30pm. Parents seeking enrolment for their child at Catholic Regional College North Keilor should attend this meeting.

Please note that this is a Parent Only Meeting.

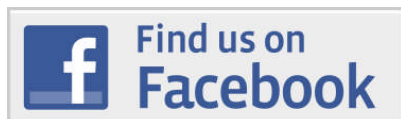
## LOOKING AHEAD

### Important Dates

Friday 8 October Year 12 Practice Exams  
 Tuesday 12 October Year 12 Italian Oral Exam  
 Thursday 14 October Sydfest - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

### Important Dates

Monday 18 October Last day of classes for all Year 12s  
 Tuesday 19 October Year 11 Study day  
 (All Year 11 students to remain home)  
 Year 12 Breakfast  
 Year 12 Graduation



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