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A Christmas Prayer

In the most humble of surrounds
In the silence and the holiness of the night
Surrounded by people of good will
Jesus Christ was born into our world
May we discover again this Christmas
In our lives and in our world
The gifts that Jesus brings:
Peace, Gentleness, Compassion, Love
May we be surprised
As we find these gifts
In the most unlikely of places
And in the most unlikely of people.
Amen



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It is hard to imagine that it is almost Christmas again and that another year has passed. I always enjoy this time of the year, not because of the holidays but because it is a time for family, for friends and for communities to gather together. There is a certain hope and good will at Christmas that we really ought continue right throughout the year. Perhaps though it is the message of Christmas that makes us reflect and act.

The prayers for Christmas are among some of my favourites as they encapsulate what we as a Christian community and followers of Christ believe. The second preface of Christmas, for example, sums up perfectly what the Church celebrates during this season - the beginning of the mystery of salvation which had been God's plan for all eternity:

"Christ is your Son before all ages, yet now he is born in time. He has come to lift up all things to himself, to restore unity to creation, and to lead mankind from exile into your heavenly kingdom."

My family has always attended midnight Mass, it is a tradition that I can remember as some of my first memories. Many of the Mass prayers, such as the Opening Prayer at Midnight Mass, use the image of light: "Father, you make this holy night radiant with the splendour of Jesus Christ our light. We welcome him as the true light of the world".

Many families tend to go on holidays after Christmas, choosing to travel. The Sunday after Christmas Day is traditionally the Feast of the Holy Family. The Son of God and his family were faced with some very difficult situations. An emperor's edict compelled Mary and Joseph to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem; a king's cruelty forced the family to flee into Egypt; fear of Herod's successor made them move from Judaea and settle in Galilee. Mary and Joseph experienced the anguish of their son's disappearance for three days in a strange and bustling city. Through these hardships, the Holy Family placed themselves in God's

hands and followed where God called them to go. Many people in today's world endure similar trials and anxieties to those experienced by the Holy Family and so at Christmas we should pray for all families and hold ours dear to our hearts. For those who are travelling and going away on holidays may you have a safe and enjoyable break.

Between now and Christmas though, many of our students and their families will have a nervous wait as they prepare to hear VCE results. The College will continue to provide support for students after the results should course preferences need changing. I ask as a community that you join with me in offering heartfelt prayers for the students and their families in the lead up and after they receive their results. May all of their hopes, dreams and aspirations become a reality.

I take this opportunity to thank parents for their support of the College throughout 2010. Schools are places of collaboration where families, teachers and students must work together and we are most appreciative of each and every parent who has attended information evening, parent-student-teacher interviews and contacted us throughout the year. I also thank staff and wish them well for their break. I particularly thank those staff who are leaving us to take up roles in other Colleges including Mr Craig Holmes who has been appointed Principal of Sacred Heart College in Kyneton. May each of you go with our best wishes, prayers and well wishes for 2011.

To all of our families, students and staff, may the Word-become-flesh give you peace and good will and fellowship with all the heavenly hosts this Christmas and may you all have a safe and prosperous 2011.

Yours faithfully

BRENDAN J WATSON OAM - PRINCIPAL

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

DATES The College Office will re-open on
Wednesday 19 January 2011

The first day for teaching staff is
Thursday 27 January 2011

The first day for students is
Tuesday 1 February 2011

TERM DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

Term One 01/02/11 - 08/04/11

Term Two 27/04/11 - 01/07/11

Term Three 18/07/11 - 23/09/11

Term Four 10/10/11 - 18/12/11*

*Classes for Year 12 finish on October 24 2011,
followed by VCE Exams which run from 30/10/11 until
19/11/11

YEAR 11 & 12 2011

Classes begin on Tuesday 1 February, 2011 with
Tutor starting at 8.45a.m. Students will be dismissed
at 3.30p.m.

FEES

All 2010 fees should now be finalized. If you have any
concerns regarding fees please contact the Business
Manager - Cheryl Howard on 9361 0005. Parents
who indicated on their re-enrolment form for 2011 that
they would like to see the Business Manager to
discuss school fee payments should contact us as
soon as possible in order to make an appointment.

The fee structure for 2011 will be:

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| \$4,823.00 | (without Parish deduction) |
| \$3,023.00 | (with Parish deduction) |

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| College Capital fee | \$60.00 |
| College Cluster Levy | \$75.00 |
| College Technology | \$75.00 |
| College Locker Levy | \$45.00 |
| Year 12 Elevate | \$20.00 |
| Year 11 Retreat | \$150.00 |
| Year 11 Elevate | \$10.00 |

Several subject areas which have high running costs
also have compulsory charges – these subjects
include Art, Drama, Geography, Foods, Wood, Studio
Arts.

We have EFTPOS available for school fee payments.
Feel free to phone and make a payment on your fees,
or arrange a Direct Debit if that suits you better.

SCHOOL BOOKS

Books ordered through Landmark School Supplies will
be available from Catholic Regional College –
Sydenham on Tuesday 25 January 2011 from Room
A2.

YEAR 11 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

As a Catholic College the Religious Education
programme is a central element and requires all
students to undertake study in Religious Education
classes. The commitment of students and families to
this study underpins enrolment at the College. In Year
11 students attend a compulsory overnight retreat.
This commitment is central to the Religious Education
program at the College.

YEAR 12 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

There is the option of a Voluntary City Retreat for any
interested Year 12 students. This will take place
during the mid year school holidays 2011. For specific
information, please contact Paul Reed (Faith
Development Co-ordinator).

BUS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The College Bus Companies are:

- Bacchus Marsh Coaches 5367 2344
- Sita Bus Lines (Melton Students) 9689 7999
- Kastoria Bus Lines 9338 1844

Please contact the bus lines direct to ascertain
timetables. For 2011 due to declining numbers at this
stage there will be one Bacchus Marsh Coach and one
Sita Coach

ENDING AND BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

While we farewell our Year 12 classes of 2010 we
induct our new Year 12 students for 2011. We wish all
these students well for the year ahead. Our orientation
for Year 10 into Year 11 is another important event for
students at Catholic Regional College Sydenham.

The transition process for our 2011 Year 11 and Year
12 students was designed to immerse students in their
chosen course of study. If students want to make a
change to their course (subjects they have selected)
this must be done by Monday 6 December, 2010 for
Year 11 students and by Friday 26 November, 2010 for
Year 12 students. No changes to courses will be
permitted in Semester One 2011. Once again we wish
all our families a safe and Holy Christmas.

Craig Holmes & Maria Caroli

Calendar 2011

January

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| 19 | College Office opens |
| 26 | Australia Day Public Holiday |

February

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| 1 | All students commence - Term One |
| 7 | Student Photos - Blazers required |
| 7- 8 | Student Leadership Group Camp |
| 9 | Yr. 11 Wellbeing Afternoon |
| 10 | Yr. 11 & Yr. 12 Meet the Tutor/Information Evening 7.30 - 9.30pm |
| 11 | Awards Assembly - College Hall - 9.00am— 11.00am |
| 14 | SACCSS Golf Opening College Mass |
| 16 - 18 | Yr 12 Outdoor Education Group A - Bogong Camp SLG Photographs |
| 22 | Michael Carr Gregg ~ 12.00pm - 1.00pm |
| 22 - 24 | Yr. 12 Outdoor Education Group B - Bogong Camp |
| 23 | Yr. 10/11 Geography Field Trip - Aireys Inlet Yr. 11 Wellbeing Afternoon |
| 24 | Yr. 12 Biology Excursion—GTAC SLG Dinner |

March

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| 2 - 4 | Yr. 11 Outdoor Education - Otways Camp |
| 9 | SACCSS Senior Sports Day Yr. 11 Wellbeing Afternoon |
| 9 - 11 | Yr. 12 Geography Field Trip - Wilsons Promontory |
| 14 | Labour Day Holiday |
| 15 | Student Free Day |
| 23 | SACCSS Swimming Yr. 11 Wellbeing Afternoon |

April

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| 6 | Yr. 11 Wellbeing Afternoon |
| 7 | Student Free Day Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 11.00am - 8.30 pm |
| 8 | Term 1 Concludes - Students dismissed at 3.30pm |

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE

ST ALBANS

presents:

Carols by Candlelight

Staff, students and members of our school community are coming together to proudly present CRC St Alban's Carols by Candlelight.

When: Thursday 2 December 2010

Time: 7:30pm

Where: Catholic Regional College St
Albans, Theodore Street

In the main school yard

Bring your picnic rugs, snacks and drinks and sing along with all the carols you know and love. BBQ food will be available for sale on the night.

Candles and lyric books are complimentary. So come and be a part of a very special school event.



Secondhand Book Sales

Where: CRC Sydenham Room A2

When: Year 12 books Friday 26 November

Year 11 books Monday 29
November

Time: Sale will begin at 8.00am.

A ticket system will operate.

Cash only so please bring plenty of \$5.00 and \$10.00 notes

Generally items are sold for just over half price. The College adds a commission of between \$2.00 and \$5.00 depending on the item as a fundraiser for the Student Leadership Group.

CRC will not be responsible for the condition of any items purchased but you can save a considerable amount of money.



EFM Sydenham Health Club is now under new management

Merry Christmas



Rodney McDaniel is the new Manager for EFM Sydenham Health Club. Rodney has introduced new sessions, new exercises, new equipment and extended opening hours. EFM Sydenham is now open Saturdays! Why not come down and see what EFM can do to help get you in shape for summer. Ask about the one week FREE offer! Rodney can be contacted on 0410 413 265.

Merry Christmas



SYDENDHAM HEALTH CLUB
TIMETABLE

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| MORNING SESSIONS | | | | | |
| 6.00am– 8.30am Fitness Coaching | 6.00am- 8.30am Fitness Coaching | 6.00am–8.30am Fitness Coaching | 6.00am–8.30am Fitness Coaching | 6.00am–8.30am Fitness Coaching | 8.00am–10.00am Fitness Coaching |
| EVENING SESSIONS | | | | | |
| 4:30pm-8:00pm Fitness Coaching | 4:30pm-8:00pm Fitness Coaching | 4:30pm-8:00pm Fitness Coaching | 4:30pm-8:00pm Fitness Coaching | 4:30pm-8:00pm Fitness Coaching | *PT available via appointment* |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |

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January / February 2011 special

\$25.00 for 5 weeks