



1 March 2019

Prayer

St Patrick's Breastplate (390-461 A.D.)

As I arise today,
may the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God uphold me,
the wisdom of God guide me.
May the eye of God look before me,
the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.
May the hand of God protect me,
the way of God lie before me,
the shield of God defend me,
the host of God save me.
May Christ shield me today.
Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,
Christ when I stand,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen.

Feast of St Patrick Sunday 17 March

Principal

Lent in the school community

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten period. Lent is a time to renew and restore our relationship with Christ. In what ways can this be enabled and supported in the school community?



The following is part of an extract from Mr Joe Doolan who writes for Catholic Education Melbourne.

“Each gospel concerns an encounter with Christ that challenged people to open themselves to God, to faith, to truth, to life. Catholic schools provide opportunities for such encounters throughout the year, but Lent demands a special effort. These opportunities might include:

- providing regular prayer and meditation sessions (daily or weekly, for individuals and groups)
- reflecting on the Lenten readings
- using images of the face of Christ for prayer and meditation
- ensuring every classroom, gathering space and public space contains an image or symbol that is not only a reminder of Catholic identity but an invitation to be open to Christ's presence
- encouraging participation in Project Compassion, not just in donating or raising money but in opening our eyes to the suffering around us and making a compassionate response.

Lent is a chance to encounter Jesus, to remember again his invitation to chat, to come and see who He really is. It is a rich season for schools to look into the face of Jesus, not merely in our churches and classrooms with crucifixes and other images. Every encounter we have with a student, colleague or staff member can lead to a more profound realisation about our lives in Christ.”

College Cafeteria

The building work on the new Performing Arts Centre and the College cafeteria is almost complete. The cafeteria should be fully operational in the next week or two. The College is working closely with Jude Fina Foods, a company who specialise in healthy and nutritional school catering. Once the cafeteria is operational, we are looking to introduce an App, which will allow parents to order and pay for their child's lunch using the App. This will enable parents to monitor what their child is ordering and to also allow payment via credit card on the App. Students will also be able to purchase food on the day without pre-ordering, and they will be able to pay using cash or EFTPOS. Below is a link to the proposed 2019 cafeteria menu.

CRC Caroline Springs Parents & Friends Association

This year we are looking to further develop our Parents & Friends Association as we see this as a very important support group for our College. Meetings are open to and attended by interested parents/carers, friends of the College, teachers and administrative staff as well as our Principal, Mr Jamie Madigan or one of the Deputy Principals.

Everyone is welcome to come and meet other parents/carers, to learn more about our wonderful College as well as participate and share in general discussion often relating to significant issues about school events.

Our meetings will be held once a term and all are most welcome to attend. Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday 13 March at 7:00pm** in the College library. We would like parents to please e-mail their interest at principal@crccs.catholic.edu.au

Jamie Madigan
Principal

Deputy Principal Wellbeing

College Student Leadership Investiture

The 2019 Investiture of Student Leaders was a fantastic celebration of our community and its values. We were very privileged to have Mr Ron Jones as our Guest of Honour. Ron is a Wurundjeri elder who has lived in our area for over 50 years. He delivered a Welcome to Country, accompanied on didgeridoo by Scott Darlow, a Yorta Yorta man with a long association with our College. Ron is a passionate advocate for the rights and interests of Aboriginal people. He has been actively involved in the Victorian Aboriginal community since the 1960's. Ron was one of six Wurundjeri Elders to address the Victorian Parliament on the 22nd June, 2017 tabling the Wilip-gin Birrarung Murrumbidgee Bill (Yarra River Protection Bill). The Bill has a bilingual title and preamble in Wurundjeri's traditional language - Woi wurrung. This was a Victorian first.

Ron's role with the Wurundjeri Tribal Land Council also focuses on preserving sacred sites, artefacts, language and story. He shared with us some stone tools that were excavated from our own College grounds when the school was first being built in 2007 and talked of the history of aboriginal people living in this area for thousands of years. Ron brought the stories of our

homeroom names to life as he is the great, great nephew of both Barak and Wonga. He is also descended from the Wandin clan, one of the three Wurundjeri groups. Ron's family lived at Coranderrk Aboriginal Station and as a young person he also spent much of his life around the Kororoit Creek area. Significantly, Ron's mother, niece of William Barak, was known as the Princess Bullen Bullen and there is a heritage area dedicated to her in Hillside. Ron also talked about being a Wurundjeri leader and he highlighted the great leadership skills of William Barak and his ability to advocate for his people, particularly in the halls of white Australian Government.

A special part of the Investiture was the handover of Leaders Candles and Leaders Perpetual Diaries by the 2018 College Student Leaders to the 2019 leaders, and the blessing of the badges by Fr Maurie Cooney. Principal Jamie Madigan then presented the College Captains and Deputy Captains with their badges and then they in turn presented the rest of their team. It was a wonderful example of our College's culture of excellence and pride in being a Catholic Regional College student.

College Captain Martin Nguyen then delivered a very beautiful inaugural address to the community, highlighting his growth, passion for leadership and gratefulness at being a part of our College.

His speech, and the 2019 team are included below.

Good morning to all staff, students and families who are here to formally acknowledge our 2019 student leaders of Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs.

I would firstly like to say what an honour it is to stand here before you as I commence my first and official address to our College community.

As a student of CRCCS, I stand here, impacted, influenced and inspired by our College community over the past three years that I have been here. All the opportunities that our College has to offer have had an impact on me. They have assisted me in developing and learning as a person, as well as creating ideas and values that with dedication, commitment and passion, will flourish. And so I would like to thank all my past and present teachers, in both my subjects and homeroom, for challenging me, teaching me, and most importantly, inspiring me. I would also like to thank my peers for always inspiring me to do better both in and out of the classroom; you have had a big influence on me. And lastly, I would like to thank my family for their ongoing support and encouragement. Without all of you, I would not be the person who I am today, and certainly not the person addressing you right now.

I quote this from John Maxwell, an American author, professional speaker and pastor:

“A great leader's courage to fulfil their vision comes from passion, not position.”

The students who have been selected as our leaders of Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs for 2019, all share the same vision - to turn their passion into a reality within the grounds of our College. Being a leader is an opportunity to be of service to others and to cater to their needs.

This year, the Leadership Team consists of both old and new faces, all of which bring with them different ideas, experiences

and knowledge. Under the guidance of Mr Madigan, Mr Brodrick, Ms Lafferrairie and Mr Amador, I have no doubts that our team will flourish and prosper. I feel honoured and privileged to be able to work with such an outstanding team of both students and teachers, all of whom bring an array of skill, ability, experience and knowledge.

To the students of CRCCS's 2019 Leadership Team:

I am thrilled and ecstatic to be able to work with you this year. This year will be full of fun, challenging, memorable and fantastic memories and moments. As student leaders, it is our obligation to ensure all students within our College are striving to live up to the College motto and the pillars of stewardship, learning, prayer and compassion every day.

I have made it my duty this year to implement a strong sense of social justice; house spirit within our four College houses; a positive and safe school environment and culture; and lastly, a legacy of commitment and participation that I will lead by example and imprint on this College.

I thank you for your time and I look forward to an exciting year ahead.

May the Lord of peace himself, give you peace at all times in every way.

God bless.

2019 Student Leadership Team

Martin Nguyen - College Captain
 Edie Pearce - Deputy College Captain
 Eliza Soriano - Deputy College Captain
 Isabella Lipscombe - Deputy College Captain

Ella Keerseboom - Jackson House
 Zac Farrugia - Franklin House
 Zak Traynor - Norman House
 Monique Barbara - O'Reilly House

Ebony Magion - Jackson House
 Chantel White - Franklin House
 Megan Mangion - Norman House
 Trinity Castellanos - O'Rielly House

Dijana Razumic
 Leah Waring
 Katherine Bilic
 Lucas Marrone
 Charice Gnomes
 Nathan Raffaele
 Anastasia Tsikopoulos
 Emma Hill

Rebekah Debrincat
 Raymier Cyril Ernacio
 Amaya Pardillo
 Francesca Pineda
 Jaeden Ramirez
 Jade Simunija

Owen Abridge
 Mia Anderson
 Joshua Apiado
 Joshua Di Lullo
 Madelyn Hartley

Saniya Khurana
 Emanuell Kolaj
 Alexandra Prapas
 Andrea Reuda



College Tours dates

Recently our process for booking College tours has been updated. We have moved to an online system.

College Website

<http://www.crccs.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/87/p/college-tours/>

College tour booking link for the following dates;

<https://crccarolines.schoolzineplus.com/event/booking/choos-e-tickets/592>

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We look forward to seeing you and your child at the next tour.

For further information please contact Ms Danielle Galea on 9217 8000

Mission and Faith Leader

Faith Reflection Days

As a Catholic College we are committed to the growth and development of the whole person which includes the religious dimension, that is nurturing each person's development and relationship with God.

Faith Reflection days provide a very important opportunity for our students to further explore their faith journey in light of our Catholic tradition in a highly engaging forum. The days focus on learning faith through experience, participation, images and connection and are run by young and dynamic Catholics facilitators. Faith Reflection days are run at each year level culminating in a Faith Retreat day at Year 10. Further information will be communicated to parents/carers closer to the dates.

Year 7 Reflection Day – Wednesday 6 March
Year 9 Reflection Day – Monday 1 April
Year 10 Reflection Day – Tuesday 23 April and Friday 26 April
Year 8 Reflection Day – Wednesday 28 August

Friday Mass – St Catherine of Siena Parish Church at 8:00am

Students, parents and their families are invited to attend 8:00am morning mass every Friday, at St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs. The Eucharist allows us the opportunity to receive so many graces from God. Strength,

forgiveness and hope are some of these graces we receive. However, the most important is growing in a deeper love for Christ from receiving him in the Eucharist. It is a wonderful opportunity to devote some time to silence and prayer and move our focus away from ourselves and on things we may need to work on to become more Christ-like. I highly encourage you to attend.

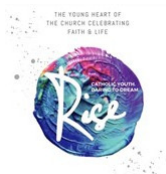


BEGIN THE DAY WITH CHRIST
8am every
Friday of School Term
 St Catherine of Siena Parish
 Caroline Springs
 FAMILIES, STUDENTS, STAFF &
 PARISHIONERS ARE ALL WELCOME

Friday 8am Mass – St Catherine of Siena Parish Church

Rise Melbourne 2019

A host of youth groups, schools and communities around Melbourne are participating in a one-day event for young people aged from Year 9 and up to discover, deepen and celebrate their faith in Christ.



Rise 2019 will have a festival-like atmosphere and will include opportunities for young people to experience the arts, live music, prayer, social time, and workshops based on a variety of topics.

It is our hope to take students to this wonderful event. Students are able to register via the link on SEQTA notices.

DATE: SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2019
TIME: 10:00am – 10:00pm
LOCATION: Penola Catholic College, 29 Gibson St, Broadmeadows VIC 3047 (transport to and from the venue to be organized)
COST: \$10 (Early bird fee – must register before 28 February)

<http://risemelbourne.com/>

2019 Alice Springs Parent Information Night

A reminder that an Information evening for parents and attendees will be held in the College library at **7pm Wednesday 13 March** to outline the trip and confirm the students' commitment. The evening will also provide an opportunity for parents to meet the staff and tour guide. Students are expected to attend this information evening so that they can get to know one another and understand their commitment in the lead up to the trip.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the College if you have any inquiries.

Paul Sammut
Head of Faith and Mission

Social Justice Caritas

On the 19 February 2019, Martin Nguyen, Rebekah Debrincat and Isabella Lipscombe fro, the Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs Social Justice team had the privilege of attending the Caritas Social Justice day. During this time we had the experience of playing a unique version of monopoly with students from other colleges. Each person was given a random social status to represent. Throughout the game we were put in a situation of either being poor and possibly in debt, or being rich and owning a percentage of the bank. As a result, some lost children or even crops due to the issues surrounding poverty. As members of the social justice team we learnt that generosity is vital for those in majority world countries. We had the chance to watch a variety of stories that involved different issues in a number of countries. One story explained the lack of clean water being a very dangerous and substantial issue as children had to carry dirty water for long distances. Our donations to Caritas is what made this story so positive as a water system was provided for this group of people to have cleaner water. We then, carried buckets of small amounts of water on our head to model what these children do on a day to day basis with heavier buckets. Throughout the day we grew a deeper connection of understanding with those who are suffering from poverty. The Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs Social Justice team can't wait to implement different Caritas related challenges and events into our college so that you can all **give 100% to lent**.

Rebekah D 9CO



Rebekah D, Isabella L and Martin N

Enrolment for 2021 Year 7

Enrolment applications for 2021 Year 7 are now open. You can download the application form from our website. Applications close Friday 23 August 2019.

Parents who have children attending the College and have siblings in Year 5 will still need to complete an enrolment form.

Catholic Regional College Sydenham Attention Year 10 Families

Academic Testing

Academic testing for 2019 Year 10 (2020 Year 11) has been previously advised as Saturday 27 April 2019.

New date is: Saturday 25 May 2019

Italian Exchange Visit

On the 8 February our College was visited by 28 students and 2 staff from our Sister School in Ancona, Italy. For one week students spent time embracing Australian culture in Melbourne and participated in a number of incursions and excursions. Students visited Artvo, Melbourne Star, Eureka Skydeck and Funfields. They also participated in classes with their host brothers and sisters and participated in Australian sports! The experience was life-changing for all students involved. A big thank you to all the families that hosted a student from Italy.

Linda Bracco
Cultural Immersion and Exchange Coordinator

Student Experience

At first glance, putting your name down to host an Italian exchange student for one week doesn't seem like something that would impact your life. However it is an experience unique from others. More than just a chance to practise your fluency in the Italian language, the exchange program is one which truly does give you a friend for life, establishing a connection with a family halfway across the world that you once never knew existed. The week I hosted continuously brought laughter and enjoyment whether that was on school organised excursions, or after school with the other Italian students and their host sibling. Excursions that took place throughout the week included going to the city, seeing iconic landmarks and spending the day at amusement parks. By the end of the week I had created a life-long relationship and connected with an amazing group of people who live more than 15,000 km away. My hosting experience is one full of many memories and beautiful people, both of which I will never forget. As unbelievable as it sounds, this experience has a special place in my heart, therefore I strongly encourage you and your families to take part in this wonderful experience when you are given the opportunity.

Lara S
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YEAR 10 VCAL

In our Year 10 VCAL program at Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs, we try to incorporate a variety of different teaching and learning activities in our classroom.

One of our classroom activities includes having guest speakers. Our guest speakers provide the students with practical information based on their experiences in their work environment.

On the 15 February 2019 we were fortunate enough to have Mr Steve Ibbott the Site Manager from **2 Construct** speak to our VCAL students on the topic of Work Health and Safety. Steve is the site manager who has been running the construction site at our College for the new Performing Arts Building and the Cafeteria.

Steve has worked in the construction industry for 43 years. He provided an informative session, on Work Health and Safety issues on Construction Sites. Steve also allowed our VCAL students to have a walk through the CRC building site to see the progress of the project.

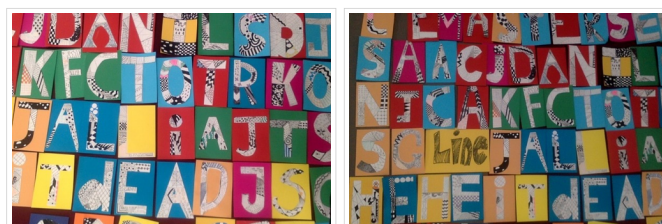
Mrs Tanya Volarevic



Year 7 - Elements of Art Line zentangles.

Year 7 Art students will be learning about the Elements of Art and how to apply them in their art work throughout the semester.

This first design exercise introduces them to line and pattern; known as Zentangles.



Library

Hours of opening

The library is open

From 8:00 until 4:15 Monday – Thursday

From 8:00 until 3:40 on Fridays

Recess is for borrowing books and photocopying or printing only.

**Please note that there is an expectation that students will be productively occupied when using the library before or after school.*

Loans

Students may borrow up to three books at any time for a loan period of three weeks. Books may be renewed if so desired.

Overdue books

Students are asked to be considerate of others and return items as soon as they are finished with them. If students have overdue books, they should be returned or renewed before any new items are borrowed. Students will receive regular

reminders when their books are overdue via a message on SEQTA. At the end of each semester, parents will be notified of outstanding loans.

Lost/damaged books

Students should speak to a library staff member if they have damaged a book or if they think it is lost. Each incident will be assessed individually, but generally, payment will be requested for books that are lost or damaged, so that replacement copies may be purchased.

Photocopier/ printer

Students are credited with \$5 at the start of every term towards their photocopying or printing requirements. Credit amounts may be topped up if necessary by paying at reception.

Lunchtimes

It has been heartening to see so many students in the library at lunchtimes, participating in various activities, such as:

- Reading books or magazines
- Homework
- Computer activities
- Board games
- Photocopying or printing
- Borrowing or returning books



The students have also been very keen to try out the new “egg” chairs in the library.



“egg” chairs

Accounts Department

School Fees

If you would still like to set up a payment plan for school fees please download a direct debit form and return it to Reception at your earliest convenience.

Year 8, 9 & 10 Macbook Program

Year 8, 9 & 10 Macbook Program Payment of \$490.00 is now overdue. If you have not paid for your child/rens 2019 Macbook Program please contact the College Finance department to arrange payment as soon as possible. If payment is not received by Monday 1 April unpaid devices will need to be returned to the IT department for the duration of the Term 1 school holidays.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions.

Applications for 2019 are now open and will close on 21 June 2019 (end of Term 2)

Who can Apply

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card, or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

To be eligible for CSEF payment your health care card must be valid from 29 January 2019

Please download a CSEF application form or obtain a form from Reception and return to the College along with a copy of your valid health care card.

College Uniform

Academy Uniforms - Catholic Regional College Sydenham

Address: 380 Sydenham Rd Place, Sydenham

Monday 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Thursday 8:00am – 10:00am

Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm

To order uniform online

<https://www.academyuniforms.com.au/login.php>

Username: CRC Caroline Springs

Password: caroline springs