



28 February 2020

## Prayer

### Lenten Prayer

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages.

Amen.

St. Ephrem the Syrian (306 – 373AD)

- 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.'

### 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 myself or one of the Deputy Principals.

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

The meetings will be held once a term and all are most welcome to attend. The first meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 March at 7:00pm** in the Siena building board room. We would like interested parents to please e-mail the College at [principal@crccs.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@crccs.catholic.edu.au)

## 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

The remaining dates for the 2020 Parents and Friends Association meetings are listed below:

- Wednesday 11 March
- Wednesday 29 April
- Wednesday 3 June
- Wednesday 29 July
- Wednesday 2 September
- Wednesday 14 October
- Wednesday 18 November

**Mr Jamie Madigan**  
**Principal**

## Mission and Faith Leader

This Wednesday we began the season of Lent. Staff and students participated in a Lenten liturgy at St Catherine of Siena church and within student homerooms, where they received the ashes as a reminder of their humility and that life on earth is temporary and not eternal.

We are gifted in the church with liturgical seasons such as Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas. We often acknowledge the beauty of traditions of other faiths such as the Jewish Passover or Islamic Ramadan. However, our Catholic faith tradition has given us a wonderful way to 'journey with Christ.' During Lent we are asked to take some time to reflect on ourselves and our relationship with God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Wherever we are on our faith journey, Lent is a time to rediscover ourselves and grow in our relationship with God. This can be a challenge especially when we tend to put the spiritual at the bottom of our list.

There are some great resources to assist us to stay 'on course' in growing closer to God. These resources are a great way to begin a conversion with our children and give them opportunity to understand the true meaning of the season. The Venerable Fulton J Sheen stated "Lenten practices of giving up pleasures are good reminders that the purpose of life is not pleasure. The purpose of life is to attain to perfect life, all truth and undying ecstatic love—which is the definition of God. In pursuing that goal we find happiness."

## Lenten Journey Resources

### Lenten Reflections - Bishop Robert Barron

Daily Gospel reflections from a great biblical scholar

<http://www.lentreflections.com/>

### Dynamic Catholic – Best Lent Ever

An email program that will guide you during the 40 days of Lent

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>

### Loyola Press Lent

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent>

### Fr Mike Shmitz – Preparing for Lent

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_qDG51cl9gY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_qDG51cl9gY)

## Catholic PodCasts

<https://lifeteen.com/blog/ultimate-list-catholic-podcasts/>

<https://aleteia.org/2019/06/27/8-catholic-podcasts-you-should-be-listening-to/>

## 2020 Rise Melbourne Event – Home Awaits

A host of youth groups, schools and communities around Melbourne are hosting a one-day event for young people aged from Year 7- 10 to discover and deepen in Christ and to celebrate their faith.

Rise 2020 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 21 MARCH 2020, 9:00am – 6:00pm

**LOCATION:** Emmaus College, 503 Springvale Rd, Vermont South (transport from CRC Caroline Springs to and from the venue will be organized)

**COST:** Free

<https://www.risemelbourne.com/>

**Mr Paul Sammut**  
**Mission and Faith Leader**

## Deputy Principal Wellbeing

### Student Leadership Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture of Student Leaders Ceremony, held last Friday in the hall, was the first of our three formal events for the year, the others being Graduation and Evening of Excellence.

We were grateful to have Fr Richard Rosse who officiated the blessing of the badges and incoming leaders. It was also a great honour to have the founding Principal of CRCCS Kate Dishon, who addressed the college community on this significant occasion. Many family members attended and they were extremely proud to witness their daughter/son being given the opportunity to lead.

It was also wonderful to have past student leaders participate in the hand-over ritual of candles and leaders' journals. We extend a very big thank you to the following CRC Sydenham students for giving their time generously to continuing to build strong links and leadership pathways for our students:

<b>Alicia A</b>	<b>2018 CRCCS College Captain</b>	2020 CRC Syd College Captain
Lucas B		2020 CRC Syd College Captain
Keisha C	2018 CRCCS Norman House Captain	2020 CRC Syd Cluster Leader
Hayden J	2018 CRCCS Jackson House Captain	

<b>Martin N</b>	<b>2019 CRCCS College Captain</b>	2020 CRC Syd Cluster Leader
Isabella L	2019 CRCCS Deputy Captain	2020 CRC Syd Cluster Leader
Eliza S	2019 CRCCS Deputy Captain	
Edie P	2019 CRCCS Deputy Captain	2020 CRC Syd Sport Leader
Zac F	2019 Franklin House Captain	2020 CRC Syd Sport Leader
Monique B	2019 O'Reilly House Captain	

## Our Student Leadership Model

At Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs, student leadership is an essential aspect of our culture and tradition. We believe that leadership skills and practice can be both innate or learned, depending on individual characteristics and traits. Leaders emerge differently and the pathways to leadership must be varied and flexible in order to capture students with unique leadership gifts.

Our model of student leadership nurtures steady growth, responsibility and independence. In Year 7, each homeroom has a Class Captain elected for each of Term 2, 3 & 4, exposing 27 students to leadership roles. At Year 7, this is a unitary system that sees the students taking responsibility and being a voice for a group of 29 students each.

Year 8 sees a progression to a horizontal model leadership where up to ten students are given the opportunity to represent the whole year level. There is not necessarily a leader from each individual homeroom.

A vertical aspect of leadership is introduced in Year 9 whereby House Captains are elected to support Year 10 House Captains. They take responsibility for encouraging all students from Year 7 to Year 10 from their House to participate in events and activities. As well, another ten students continue the horizontal model as Year 9 Leaders.

Four House Captains take on a pivotal role in Year 10, while ten Year 10 Leaders continue with the year level. Then ultimately, four students are invested as College Captain and Deputy College Captains and they take on a whole-school leadership profile.

We are very proud of the following students who have had the courage and confidence to put themselves forward as leadership representatives at CRC Caroline Springs in 2020:

## College Captain

**Jade S** - College Captain

## Deputy College Captains

**Megan M** - Deputy College Captain

**Janine S** - Deputy College Captain

**Trista Z** - Deputy College Captain

## House Captains

**Ebony M** - Jackson House (Year 10)

**Jordan M** - Franklin House (Year 10)

**Carly M** - Norman House (Year 10)

**Trinity C** - O'Reilly House (Year 10)

**Olivia G** - Jackson House (Year 9)

**Alex D** - Franklin House (Year 9)

**Joshua D** - Norman House (Year 9)

**Madelyn H** - O'Reilly House (Year 9)

## Year 10 Leaders

Chelsea A

Alessia B

Caitlin D

Raynier E

Joshua N

Amaya P

Lucas P

Jaedan R

Kayla S

Norah Z

## Year 9 Leaders

Thomas C

Abigail D

Noor E

Emanuel K

Ava P

Alexandra P

Gemma P

Maria R

Alexandra W

## Year 8 Leaders

Monique C

Lachlan C

Georgia M

Tahlia N

Ivanka P

Luke P

Kayla S

Christina S

Eniola T

Ronal V

## Leadership Pledge

The Leadership Pledge is a solemn promise and understanding their role as Students Leaders.

We pledge ourselves, through Christian example, To uphold the traditions and culture of Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs, through word and deed.

We will strive to act with honesty and integrity.

We will represent the rights and dignity of all members of the CRC Caroline Springs community, and will actively ensure that these are upheld.

We will work towards building a school culture of stewardship, learning, compassion and prayer- where everyone can be their best; and where we all “Live Fully and Act Justly”.



*Student Leadership Investiture Ceremony*

## Year 7 Parent Information Night

A reminder to all Year 7 Parents on Monday 2 March, parents and carers of Year 7 students are invited to an information evening. It will be a great opportunity for you to meet your child's homeroom teacher who is their primary carer at Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs and the first port of call for you in matters relating to your child's wellbeing.

The main part of the evening will be spent listening to a presentation from the homeroom teachers in their classroom. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification around the following:

- Year 7 Camp
- International trip opportunities
- Wellbeing & Pastoral Care
- Homework
- Punctuality, Absences and Late procedures
- Uniform
- Mobile Phones
- Maths Support
- Student Leadership
- Music Tuition Program

The evening will begin in the Hall at 6:30 pm and will conclude at 8:00pm. Please note that students are not expected to attend.

Parents/ carers are only required to attend this information session.

RSVP link below

<https://crccarolines.schoolzineplus.com/event/booking/choose-tickets/632>

## Drop-off zone

In 2019 a 2-minute drop-off zone replaced the car parks on College St outside the front gate. It was received very enthusiastically by parents and after some getting used to, became very useful for easing the morning and afternoon congestion.

Hindrances to the smooth operation of the drop-off zone are when parents:

- Stop in the first vacant spot they see and fail to move as far forward to an empty spot
- Park and 'pop into' the office for a few minutes
- Park at the front gate to watch their child enter
- Park and wait for their child after school at the end of the day
- Do u-turns in and out of the zone

Please respect the correct protocols of the 2-minute drop-off zone and it will continue to be an effective way of moving through the school zone. Council parking inspectors regularly monitor the area and significant fines have been issued to parents who do not comply. Please, help each other to avoid that situation this year.

## Entering the College grounds

I would also like to remind parents that you may not enter the College grounds with your car for any pick-up or drop-off reason unless pre-arranged with the College. There are clear signs at the carpark entrance gates that request you not to enter. All students should enter and exit the school via the main entrance.

## Uniform

At CRC Caroline Springs we prioritise the correct wearing of the College uniform at all times from leaving home to returning home. Please familiarise yourself with the College Uniform Policy and Dress Code via the link below. Students are regularly reminded at school of the uniform requirements, however, it is incumbent on parents to know the policy as well. In particular, please familiarise yourself with rules regarding:

- Footwear
- Makeup
- Jewellery

The uniform policy can be found on our website via this link below.

<http://www.crccs.catholic.edu.au/school-community/15/p/uniform/>

## New uniform items

Some new items have been added to the uniform in 2020 that are compulsory for Year 7s. These will be compulsory for all students in 2021, however, all families, new and existing, are encouraged to purchase the new items now. These include:

- Dress and formal College socks (identified with coloured bands)
- Sports socks (identified with coloured bands)
- Rugby top (very warm)
- Tracksuit top (two-layers)
- Tracksuit pants (warmer material and elastic-cuffed)
- Girls-cut sports shorts (much more comfortable and no need to roll up)

**Mr Richard Brodrick**  
**Deputy Principal Wellbeing**



## CRCCS Community Health Notification

As a community, we need to be mindful of health concerns that may impact students and staff with compromised immune systems. It is vital we are monitoring any infectious diseases in the College i.e. influenza, gastroenteritis, measles or chickenpox, as these can have significant impacts on the immune system of young people.

I seek your cooperation in preventing this situation. If your child has, or may have an infectious disease, I request that you seek medical advice and do not send them to school during this period. Please notify the homeroom teacher at your earliest convenience should you suspect your child is ill.

In addition, we encourage all College community members to be vigilant with their personal hygiene. It is particularly important that students do not congregate or consume food or drinks in bathrooms. Please discuss this with your child as a matter of importance.

**Ms Kiera McNally**  
**Head of Student Wellbeing**

## 2022 Enrolment for Year 7

Enrolment applications for 2022 Year 7 are now open. You can download the application form from our website. Applications close Friday 21 August 2020.

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

## Caritas Project Compassion Launch – Go Further Together

On Tuesday 25 February, the College had the pleasure of hosting the Caritas Project Compassion Campaign Launch – Go Further Together

Delegates from Catholic Education Melbourne, local primary and high schools and parish members arrived to be part of a notable event.

The morning was led by Deacon Jim Curtain and included of key note speakers, Mrs. Sherry Belcombe and Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. Sherry Belcombe highlighted the disparity between Indigenous and non-indigenous Australians in the areas of healthcare, education and juvenile detention and the great work Caritas Australia is doing by committing to programs. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli officially launched the campaign challenging us to 'think locally and act globally.' The Archbishop emphasised the importance of recognising the vulnerable 'neighbour' with our community and responding to their needs. I would like to thank the Social Justice Team, Mass Choir led by Abby Pamlemaar, Mrs Katie Franzzone, Mr Kim Nguyen, Mr Paul Sammut, Ms Melissa Kennedy, Ms Danielle Galea, Mr John Sedgway, Mr Dennis Mifsud and Mr Jamie Madigan.

**Laura Mason**  
**Social Justice and Community Service Coordinator**



*Caritas Project Compassion Launch*

## Italian Exchange Visit

On the 11 February, Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs was visited by Liceo Cambi, Falconara, Italy for a one week exchange program. Twenty Italian students were hosted by our families and went on a variety of excursions, including a visit to Sorrento, Sovereign Hill, Eureka Skydeck, the Shrine of Remembrance and the Royal Botanic Gardens. Students also participated in activities at school including an Australian Music class and cooking lesson! It was a wonderful experience for both Australian and Italian exchange students alike. A big thank you to all our wonderful host families that truly embraced the experience!

Any students currently in Year 9 or 10 thinking about taking part in the 2020 Italy Tour, can still do this by emailing Miss Linda Bracco [lbracco@crccs.vic.edu.au](mailto:lbracco@crccs.vic.edu.au) by the 2 March.

**Miss Linda Bracco**  
**Cultural Immersion and Exchange Coordinator**



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## Finance Department

### School Fees

Payment plans for school fees are still available. Please download a direct debit form and return it to Reception at your earliest convenience.

### Camps Sports Excursions Fund

CSEF Applications are now open and will close on 26 June 2020

#### Who can Apply

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;

c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see the link below:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### Year 9 & 10 Macbook Program

Year 9 & 10 Macbook program payment of \$490.00 is now overdue, If you have not paid for your child's 2020 Macbook please contact the College Finance department to arrange payment as soon as possible.

### Year 7 Camp

Year 7 Camp invoices were sent home with students on Tuesday 11 February.

Please arrange full payment of \$370 by **Tuesday 10 March**.

#### Camp dates

Monday 16 March – Wednesday 18 March	Wednesday 18 March – Friday 20 March
7 Bunjil	7 Barak
7 Coranderrk	7 Marin Kurrang
7 Kororoit	7 Murphy Wandin
7 Kulin	7 Wonga
7 Lingiari	

Camp is compulsory for all students. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Year 7 Level Leader – Ms

Azzopardi or Ms Lafferrairie or Deputy Principal Wellbeing, Mr Brodrick.

### 2021 Year 7 Macbook Program

Macbook program direct debits have commenced for Grade 6 students that have been accepted into Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs for 2021.

If you are having any problems with your direct debit or would still like to set up a payment plan please contact our Finance department.

The 2021 Macbook Program payment of \$1977 is due in full on **29 November 2020**.

## Library

### Open hours

The library is open:

From 8:00 until 4:15 Monday - Thursday

From 8:00 until 3:45 on Friday

*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 direct message on Seqta. At the end of each semester, parents will be notified of outstanding books.

### 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 work
- Board games

- Photocopying or printing
- Borrowing or returning books