



10 College Street
Caroline Springs VIC 3023
Subscribe: <https://crccarolines.schoolzineplus.com/subscribe>

Email: enquiries@crccs.catholic.edu.au
Phone: 03 9217 8000
Fax: 03 9363 8309



31 May 2019

Prayer

National Reconciliation Week

Father of all, you gave us the Dreaming
You have spoken to us through our beliefs
You then made your love clear to us in the person of
Jesus
We thank you for your care
You own us
You are our hope
Make us strong as we face the problems of change
We ask you to help the people of Australia to listen to us
and respect our culture
Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people
So that you can be at home in us and we can make a
home for everyone in our land.
Amen.

Prayer composed for the meeting between Pope John Paul II and the Aboriginal people.

Principal

One of our four college pillars is 'Stewardship: of all in and of God's creation: self, others and the world. Stewardship, along with Prayer, Learning and Compassion is one of the four pillars that underpin and guide our beliefs at Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs and inspire us to 'Live Fully and Act Justly'.



The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord. – Psalm 24:1

Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs is a dynamic and ever-evolving place, where many wonderful opportunities exist for students to be involved in the academic, spiritual, and liturgical life of the College. Throughout this year there have been many House related activities: sporting events, external competitions, social justice activities, immersion days, camps, and assemblies. These multitude of activities 'open new horizons' for our students and I am reminded of Pope Francis urging the youth of the world and the Church to 'open new horizons for spreading joy'.

'Open new horizons for spreading joy. My friends, Jesus is the Lord of risk, he is the Lord of the eternal "more". Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths. To blaze trails that open up new horizons capable of spreading joy, born of God's love and wells up in your hearts with every act of mercy. To take the path of "craziness" of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and our neighbour who feel abandoned. To take the path of our God, who encourages us to be politicians, thinkers, social activists.'

Pope Francis

These words of Pope Francis challenge us at Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs to welcome new opportunities for sharing the joy and hope of the Risen Christ. As staff who work so closely with young people, let us inspire their dreams for the future, just as Jesus has dreams for the future of our youth. Let us accompany our students as they discern the path that God has for them.

The core business of the College revolves around quality teaching and learning. We continue the shift to a more contemporary model of education that emphasizes student-centred teaching and learning. Current indications are very positive, suggesting that these changes have engendered a change in student engagement. This should see improved academic outcomes over time.

Mission and Faith Leader

Gospel Focus

Sunday 2 June 2019: The Ascension of the Lord – Year C

Lk 24:46-53 - Jesus commissions the eleven, ascends to heaven

A teacher told me recently that when she asked her grade fours to draw a picture of the Ascension. Most of them did a fairly conventional portrait of Jesus rising up on a cloud. One of her students, David, who is a particularly gifted artist, had Jesus blasting off into the sky. Down the side of Jesus' pure white garment was the word NASA and David provided all the sound effects for how he imagined the scene of the first Ascension. He concluded, without a hint of irony, that, 'the Ascension must have been a real blast!'

The Ascension stories, however, are not primarily interested in how or when Jesus rose to heaven. John and Paul never mention it at all. Mark and Matthew have it happening on the same day as the Resurrection and Luke has it occurring 40 days after Easter on the same day as Pentecost. The one thing, on which all the New Testament writers agree, is where in heaven Jesus went and where he is presently – at God's right hand.

Jesus taught us that where he is, so shall we be, that he was going to prepare a place for us and that, in and through him, we will have life and have it to the full.

The feast of the Ascension is the day, each year, where we remember and we celebrate that, just as Jesus was welcomed to God's right hand, so, too, shall we be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is his promise, this is our faith and this is the hope we are called to proclaim to the world. And let's be clear about the invitation: there is nothing we have ever done, are doing, or will do, that will get our name removed from the invitation list to the feast of Christ's Kingdom. The challenge is accepting that we have a standing invitation and living lives worthy of the love that places our name on the list. The feast of the Ascension announces that Jesus will faithfully accompany us no matter how far we lose our way and that by our fidelity to Christ we accept or reject the standing offer.

And because the Ascension is an Easter feast it develops even further that there is nowhere, bar evil, where God does not dwell. Because of the Resurrection and Ascension we can find God everywhere we want to; in our homes, our work, our suffering, our old age, our emotional, sexual or financial turmoil – and even in our death.

Even though the writers of the New Testament are not too clear on the details of how the Ascension happened, what we initially see in this wonderful feast is not what we get. Thanks be to God, it's so much more.

© **Richard Leonard SJ**

As a Catholic College, we are proud to model our values on the message of Jesus in the Gospels, and we do this daily, through our commitment to our college motto of 'Live Fully Act Justly'.

Future Directions

Our striving for excellence in all we do will be supported by ongoing development and upgrading of College buildings, grounds and facilities. The College has employed a new architect firm, 'Clarke Hopkins Clarke' who are now overseeing the production of a new College master plan to be completed in 2019.



Performing Arts Centre

A new Performing Arts Centre and Cafeteria as well as the 10 modular general-purpose classrooms building is now completed, and this has been a great inclusion for our community and the students are now reaping the rewards of these state of the art facilities. This modular building named the Siena building provides the growing population of students the opportunity to ensure all classes are housed in appropriate classrooms and enables better use of general-purpose and specialist facilities, whilst freeing up other learning spaces to be better utilised. These new facilities provide a rich and stimulating learning environment for all our students to flourish and reach their full potential



Year 9 Learning Centre

Plans have also begun for the construction of a state of the art Year 9 Learning centre, with building expected to start in early 2020 and be completed for the start of the 2021 school year. This will also incorporate the renovation and extension of the library into the existing MacKillop building, doubling the size of the library.

2018 Annual Report to the Community

Each year the college is required to produce an Annual Report to the community. The 2018 Annual Report truly encapsulates the enormous amount of growth and development that our College has undergone in all areas. The 2018 Annual Report can be accessed at the following link:

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Please note that Monday 10 June is the Queen's Birthday public holiday. Students will return to school on Tuesday 11 June. Please place this return to school date in your calendars.

Christ is Alive (Christus Vivit)

In continuing to explore Pope Francis recent apostolic exhortation *Christ is Alive (Christus Vivit)* we focus on the second part of the document.

The synod focused on asking the question ‘What are today’s young people really like? What is going on in their lives?’ The synod heard that many youth today live in areas experiencing violence in various different forms which can destroy young lives.

The synod recognized the importance of the need for positive relationships between adults and youth and the need for the transmission of positive life values in order for our youth to flourish as well as the youth’s deep desire “...to discuss questions concerning the difference between male and female identity, reciprocity between men and women, and homosexuality.”

The synod dealt with three areas considered to be of real importance to youth – the digital environment, migrants and ending abuse.

The digital environment is a means of great opportunity to dialogue, encounter and exchange information and knowledge between persons and can be effective in circulating information. However, like all things it does have its limitations. “The digital environment is also one of loneliness, manipulation, exploitation and violence.” Furthermore, there is the danger of a full immersion in the virtual world and the importance of the need to come back to a good healthy communication in the real world

Many young migrants are fleeing from war, violence and persecution in order to seek better opportunities for their families. There is a need to be welcoming and accommodate them within the Church and their communities.

The abuse which has occurred in the Church, not only sexual abuse but the abuse of conscience has caused young people great pain. The church also recognized the affect it has had on the credibility of her mission. The Church is committed to adopting strict measures to prevent these gravities from continuing to occur.

Pope Francis then wishes to send a message to all young people under three truths that he states “... is essential, the one thing we should never keep quiet about.”

The very first truth is that “God loves you”. God wishes to have a relationship with all youth and that all young people have great worth: “You are important to him, for you are the work of his hands.”

The second is that “Christ saves you”. Francis reminds the youth that Christ out of immense love, sacrificed himself completely in order to save all. He then concludes that if Christ was willing to sacrifice his life for all it must show how precious we all are: ‘ “Young people, beloved of the Lord, how valuable must you be if you were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ! Dear young people “you are priceless!”

‘The third is that “Christ is alive!” Christ is not someone from the past or a memory. He is present in every moment of our life. Jesus is able to liberate us, transform, heal and console us. For her came to give you life, “... and life in abundance” (Jn 10:10).

It is in these truths Francis states that we will be able to have a true communion with God the Father and Jesus.

Pope Francis says ‘that it hurts him to see young people sometimes being encouraged to build a future without roots, as if the world were just starting now. Fundamental is your relationship with the elderly, says the Pope, which helps young people to discover the living richness of the past. The Word of God encourages us to remain close to the elderly, so that we can benefit from their experience.”

The last three chapters of the exhortation focus on youth ministry, vocation and discernment. Pope Francis acknowledges the importance and value of youth ministry as a way of accompanying the young in their Christian formation. He also states the importance of work for the young and sees it as “a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfilment”. The Pope recalls the importance of discernment: “Without the wisdom of discernment, we can easily become prey to every passing trend ... A particular form of discernment involves the effort to discover our own vocation. Since this is a very personal decision that others cannot make for us, it requires a certain degree of solitude and silence”

The exhortation concludes with “a wish” from Pope Francis: “Dear young people, my joyful hope is to see you keep running the race before you, outstripping all those who are slow or fearful. Keep running, attracted by the face of Christ, whom we love so much, whom we adore in the Holy Eucharist and acknowledge in the flesh of our suffering brothers and sisters. The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith... And when you arrive where we have not yet reached, have the patience to wait for us.”

Year 10 Year Level Mass

An invitation to Year 10 Parent/carers. The Eucharist is at the heart of the faith life of our College community. As part of our student formation in faith, all year levels have the opportunity to participate in the Eucharist during the year. Our Year 10 students will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass.

Location: St Catherine of Siena, Parish

Date: Thursday 13 June

Time: 11:55am – 12:45pm

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community and participate in the Eucharist together.

Friday 8am Mass – St Catherine of Siena Parish Church

Please note that Friday 8:00am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Parish will not occur on the following Fridays of Term 2 7 June, 14 June, 21 June, 28 June and will recommence in Term 3 on Friday 19 July. All students and their families are welcomed 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 8:00am Mass – St Catherine of Siena Parish Church

Social Justice Team

In Term 2, the Social Justice Team turned its focus to the issue of homelessness in Australia. There are over 105,000 Australians currently homeless and the leading cause of this is domestic and family violence. Homelessness is not just about sleeping rough, it can also be couch-surfing, supported accommodation for homeless, or living in overcrowded dwellings.

Teaming up with the St Vincent de Paul Society, the Social Justice Team proudly introduced CRC Caroline Springs' first annual Winter Sleepout with great success. 17 students and four teachers slept rough on Friday 24 May as an act of solidarity with Australia's homeless population. They started their night with games and took time to reflect on how homelessness affects many Australians. A special thanks to Tony Bacon from the St Vincent de Paul Deer Park Conference for sharing his experiences with us.

Leading into this fantastic event, the Social Justice Team sought to raise awareness through a number of initiatives. Firstly, the team sold hot chocolate to students for a gold coin donation. Each cup was labelled with statistics surrounding homelessness in Australia to help raise awareness of its prevalence.

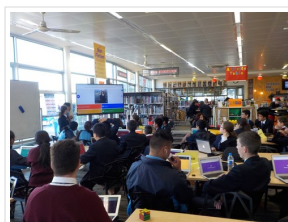
Students also held a lunchtime trivia session to help students learn about homelessness, with great success. We had over 20 students participating in this fantastic initiative from Madelyn H and Maria R.

Finally, with incredible success, the whole of the CRCCS community came together to collect long-life goods to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Deer Park Conference. We thank the CRCCS community for their contributions and efforts in support of those who may be affected by homelessness, or in any way this winter.

The Social Justice Team

On the 24 May, 12 students and seven teachers slept out at school to experience how it is to be a homeless person during winter. We had a fun-filled evening with of an inspirational talk by a St Vincent de Paul representative, Tony Bacon; a movie based on homelessness (The Blind Side); and board games. Experiencing what a homeless person would endure day after day was very insightful, knowing that they were sleeping in even colder conditions than us, as well as horrendous weather without the resources and freedom that we had. Thank you to all the staff involved in this act of solidarity for organising such an amazing event, and for the students who participated. We look forward to next years winter sleepout.

Maria R and Maddy H
Social Justice team members 2019



Social Justice – Winter Sleepout

Year 8 Pinch Pottery

Year 8 Art students completed pottery for their first assessment of the year. The topic we investigated was animal designs. This proved to be a new and interesting activity for the students.

Ms Debbie Cooper
Art Teacher



Year 7 Science Mixtures- Sherbet in the making

In Science we have been learning all about Mixtures. Last week, to demonstrate our understanding of Mixtures, we had the opportunity to work in the College cafeteria. Learning about laboratory safety in Term 1, we were aware that the practical we conducted ideally should not be performed in a science laboratory as there could be contamination of the ingredients being ingested. We weren't too familiar with the space, so we were glad to be able to work in it.

We investigated how changing the proportions of the components of a mixture changes the properties of the mixture in a sherbet. It involved taste testing different ingredients and creating sherbet according to our liking. Everyone rushed around the room excitedly, eager to taste each variable. We worked in small groups and had the privilege of taking our creations home.

In Science so far we have performed some great and intriguing experiments: although this may be the best practical we have performed so far! I am sure that everyone is excited to see what awaits us this year in Science, and hopefully we will be able to use the cafeteria space again.

Luke P
7 Coranderrk



Year 7 Science Mixtures- Sherbet in the making

All Schools Swim Championships

Following on from the successful SACCSS swimming carnival in Term 2, three Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs students were chosen to represent SACCSS at the All Schools Swimming Championships on Monday 13 May. The students selected were Cooper P from 7 Kulin, Kyrone R from 8 Corranderrk and Martin N from 10 Barak. The All Schools Championship is a bit different to normal swim meets in that the focus is on the team so most events are relays. This added 4 x 50m breaststroke, backstroke, and butterfly relays to the usual freestyle and medley relays.

Our students had a great time, stepping up to the next level of competition and mixing with the students from other Colleges and sporting organisations.

Congratulations to Cooper, Kyrone and Martin on your selection and representing our College with pride.

Mr Rannoch Wilkinson
Sports Coordinator

This year, Cooper, Kyrone and myself were selected to represent SACCSS at the Victorian School Associations Competition at MSAC. The atmosphere was exhilarating and ecstatic and it just spread amongst all the associations.

I was selected to swim in the butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle relay; Cooper in the butterfly relay; and Kyrone in the breaststroke and freestyle relays. I have no doubts that the boys enjoyed the experience and got a taste of what competitive swimming is like!

The adrenaline of jumping off the blocks and diving into that water is something I always enjoy, and hope that the boys enjoyed it too. As they were only 50m sprints, they were fast and quick, quite similar to the swimmers, who rushed to their towels as they jumped out of the water. Imagine jumping out of a warm pool, only to be hit with the winds of a 16° night. That's what we experienced every time we finished our race. Nevertheless, we all managed to pull through and raced at our best.

This event is something I look forward to every year as it is an extremely fun and exciting night. I wish Cooper and Kyrone

all the best and hope they continue to represent CRCCS and SACCSS with great pride and sportsmanship.

Martin N
10 Barak

Girls AFL footy

The annual Girls AFL football tournament was held on Tuesday 21 May with the Juniors playing at Wootton Rd Oval in Tarneit and the Intermediates at Salesian College in Sunbury.

The intermediate girls started with a loss before really showing rapid improvement throughout the day to win comfortably in their final two matches including a five goal win against last season's winners, CRC North Keilor. This was triggered by a move forward of Bianca C who kicked four goals in the second half. Unfortunately the loss at the beginning of the day meant we were hoping to qualify for finals as the best 2nd place finisher and ultimately fell about six percent short of achieving this. Best players on the day included Annie G, Kayla M, Nicole O, Amaya P and Georgia H, however, all of the girls should be incredibly proud of how they played.

The junior girls played exceptionally well as a team all day winning two of their matches and losing two in close finishes. Many of the girls had never played before but all listened to the coaches intently and played their role on the field to achieve the best outcome for the team. Some students will be looking to join a team on a regular basis as they have found they enjoy the game and are good at it as well.

Best players on the day were Ashlee Portelli, Daniella Rudas and Daneilla Sarkezi.

Congratulations to all the girls who tried out, trained hard and of course competed well in representing our college. We wish you all the best in local footy and look forward to next year.

Intermediate	
First Name	Homeroom
Chelsea	9KO
Olivia	10KO
Monique	10WO
Bianca	9KO
Allison	9LI
Caroline	9 KU
Annie	10 WO
Bethany	10MK
Victoria	10 LI
Georgia	10WO
Tayah	10MK
Kayla	10LI
mara	9KU
Tiana	9BA
Ebony	9CO
Ellie	9LI
Nicole	9KO
Amaya	9BA
Dijana	10BA
Tyla	10BA
Tereza	9CO
Kayla	9BA
Abbey	10BU
Leah	10BU
Chantel	9KU
Sarah	10MK
Abigail	10LI

Junior	
First Name	Homeroom
Tiana	8KU
Ivana	8WO
Rylee	7BA
Sienna	7LI
Madelyn	8LI
Piper	7WO
Claudie	7KU
Ava	7CO
Adut	7CO
Isabella	7MK
Ava	8LI
Drea	7MK
Amelia	7BU
Ivanka	7CO
Ashlee	8LI
Angelica	7MK
Sienna-Skye	7MK
Daniella	7KU
Taylor	7WO
Daniella	8KO
Christina	7BU
Georgia	7LI
Serena	8BU
First Name	Homeroom
Tiana	8KU
Ivana	8WO
Rylee	7BA
Sienna	7LI



Premier League Results

Round 4: 22 May – Home vs Mackillop College, Werribee

Boys Basketball

Caroline Springs Leisure Centre
Lost 24 - 60

Girls Basketball

Caroline Springs Leisure Centre
Lost 16 - 38

Boys Volleyball

Caroline Springs Leisure Centre
Lost 0 - 3 (17:25, 15:25, 20:25)

Girls Volleyball

Caroline Springs Leisure Centre
Lost 0 - 3 (15:25, 16:25, 16:25)

Boys Soccer

Kurunjang Recreation Reserve, Melton
Won 4 - 3

Goals:

Jonathan A – 3
Ethan D - 1

Girls Soccer

CRCCS Pitch
Won 15 - 0

Boys AFL

Caroline Springs Town Centre
Lost 0.1.1 - 16.11.107

Girls Netball

VU Whitten Oval
Lost 12 - 41

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 that have siblings in Year 5 will still need to complete an enrolment form.

College Privacy Policy

Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs has recently reviewed and updated its privacy policy. The updated policy can be accessed from the College website. Alternatively, you may request a copy from Reception.

<http://www.crccs.catholic.edu.au/school-community/66/p/privacy-policy---standard-collection-notice/>

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.

Accounts Department

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