

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tullio Zavattiero - Principal

We have at last arrived at the end of Term 2 – a term like no other. Upon reflection, College life really did present a new reality in moving to online remote learning, and then mid-June came full circle with a return to onsite face-to-face learning under some modified conditions. I have been incredibly proud of all North Keilor's staff and students, as well as parents/guardians, in how we have all adapted in these challenging times.

I am very thankful for the wonderful work and dedication of the staff of the College. I have been particularly proud of how our students have risen to the challenge of both remote learning and then resetting and refocusing back on campus. We are a strong and resilient community, demonstrated by how we individually approach each day with hope and purpose, aiming to do our best, dusting ourselves off after a setback and going again. And I have been so grateful for the continued understanding, support and commitment to the school/home partnership with our parents/guardians as we continue to adjust to this "new normal."

And the challenge is not over yet. With a rise in cases in Victoria, as well as entering into the colder months where seasonal colds and general flus can develop, we must remain vigilant, follow government regulations and recommendations. Please refer to the Message from Local Police attached to this newsletter for further information about current restrictions.

Our collective experiences, I believe, have and will continue to galvanise our sense of community here at the College. This pandemic calls upon all of us – staff, students and parents/guardians – to be people of faith and optimism, and to draw upon our deepest reserves of resilience as we continue to strive to meet this challenge and carry on along this journey together.

I hope that students and families will have the opportunity to have a good rest over the coming two weeks. Stay safe, stay well. And if you are not well, stay home and seek medical advice.

Our staff are looking forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, 14 July (the first day of Term 3 – 13 July – is a staff planning day). Please keep an eye out for a Caremonkey from John Coshan and Susan Henry (Student Wellbeing Team), with some important reminders and tips for starting back in Term 3.

Blessings to you all for a safe and happy term break.

Holiday Office Hours

Friday 26 June 8.30am – 2.30pm

29 June – 3 July Office Closed for Renovation Work

6 – 10 July Revised Office Hours, 8.30am – 3.30pm

PRAYER



Lord God,

I know that I am on a journey, but I have no idea what difficulties life will throw my way. I know that life can deal up rocky and uncertain paths and I do not know when and where it will end. Whilst I might not know where you will lead me, I know you walk with me and I trust in the plan you have for me.

As I travel through life I hope and pray that I follow the desire to do as you ask in all I do. I hope that I will never stray from that desire but if I do you will lead me back to the right path.

Lord, in all that I do I will trust you always, even when I may seem lost and unsure of the direction I am taking. I will not be afraid as I know that you are always walking with me and you will never leave me to face my dangers alone. I will confidently walk in the light of your love and show my gratitude for all that you do.

Amen

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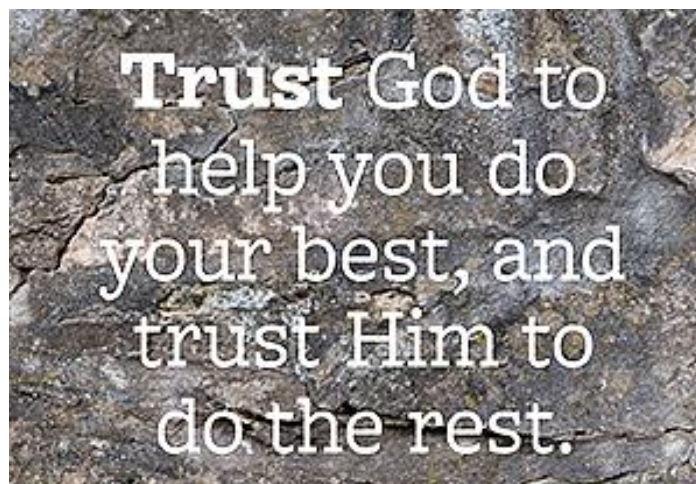
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IMPORTANT DATES

26 June	Student Free Day/Report Writing Day
13 July	Student Free Day / Staff Planning
14 July	Students commence Term 3

FAITH MATTERS

Moira Mullan - Director of Faith & Mission



Reflection

Matthew's gospel last Sunday was short but full of meaning for all of us. We read that Jesus was speaking with the twelve apostles and was basically telling them that God knows everything about each of us and that he always cares deeply for each of us. We are told that throughout our life, times can be confusing and difficult. In these situations, we are told that we do not need to feel afraid and overwhelmed. It might be easy to say this because when we find ourselves in painful or frightening situations, we cannot help but feel afraid. In reality it is a real challenge not to feel this way.

The difficulties of life can overwhelm us. We can forget to call upon Jesus for help. This gospel draws us back to God as we are reminded that God knows us intimately and that if we believe and trust in him, he will look after us. We are also reminded that God cares for all that is created and will not leave us to cope with difficulties as we are all valued. We are invited to seek out people who we respect and trust so that we can discuss matters that we may need help with. We need to open ourselves to others and in seeking out this help we are seeking God as well.

As I said earlier this gospel has meaning for us today as we might be finding things difficult and are afraid to speak out. We constantly hear that these times are not normal, and we should not put pressures on ourselves that are detrimental to who we are. It is timely for all of us to confide in others as this enables us to move forward and be the person God wants of us.

Project Compassion Fundraiser

Thank you to families and staff who supported the fundraising for Caritas over the past term with the purchase of the crosses and or donations. To date we have raised \$414.60 and this will all go to Caritas in support of the work they do both in Australia and globally to help support those in need. We will still continue to take orders for the crosses for those interested.

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

Bianca Turrisi, Miriam Theuma and Moira Mullan



As a result of COVID-19 we had to come up with a different way to support St Vincent de Paul and the work they do to help the needy in our area. This year we drew inspiration from the St Vinnies CEO Winter Sleepout. People in a range of organisations were invited to sleep in their car, caravan, outside or on a couch. On Thursday 18 June, Mrs Mary-Anne Bratovic slept in her car with her daughter, Mrs Bianca Turrisi, Ms Miriam Theuma and I, all slept on couches.



Each of us know that what we did was nowhere near the situation many homeless people experience on a daily basis. Mrs Mullan originally thought of sleeping in her car, that is parked on the street, but outside she felt it was unsafe. This is what some people have to regularly deal with as they have nowhere else to go. Sleeping on the couch you can't help but feel uncomfortable, insecure and uneasy. The thought of sleeping outside every night is confronting and heartbreaking. The experience certainly made each of us appreciate the comforts that we enjoy and take for granted. We were in our own environment and able to consider what we needed to stay warm. This is not the case for those people who couch surf as they sleep with what they have, and they generally travel light. For each of us giving up a night to help raise money for those in need was the least we could do.



The following day students were able to come to school in casual clothing in return for a gold coin donation. Between staff and students, we raised \$1571 for our three local St Vinnies Conferences. Given that Churches are basically closed the conferences were unable to run their winter appeal, and they were so appreciative of what we were able to do. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

A NIGHT IN THE CAR

Mary-Anne Bratovic, and daughter Lily

While no-one would claim to enjoy giving up the comfort of their own bed in the midst of winter, there is much that we can learn and appreciate from the experience.

Of course the aim of the exercise is to raise money to help those who may be struggling at this time of year, either because they are homeless or because they need financial assistance to help provide basics for themselves and their families, such as food, warmth and money for rent. Thanks to those who donated generously to this cause.

What it also allows us to do though, is to walk in the shoes of those less fortunate than ourselves, just for a moment. Whether we sleep on our couches, or outside in icy conditions, we experience the discomfort of those who “sleep rough” not because they want to, but because they have no other options. Somehow by sharing just one night in solidarity with our neighbours on the street, we gain some understanding and empathy for their plight. And in the still of the night when sleep escapes us, we are called to appreciate what we have and be grateful!



Furthermore, it also reignited my gratitude for my current state of health amidst this current pandemic. Sleeping in the back of a car is not the typical definition of comfortable and it brought to light the health concerns that would arise when people sleep in these conditions for extensive periods of time. Currently, we are so lucky to be in Australia, yet we still compromise the health of those who sleep rough, by failing to act and provide adequate housing for all our citizens.

Last Thursday I chose to sleep in my car, and my 16-year-old daughter Lily volunteered to accompany me for the night. To be quite honest we slept quite well and got up and went to our respective schools the next day, in good health and good spirits.

My hope is that all those who slept rough on the streets that night began their Friday with some sense of purpose and that in the very near future, someone or something brings them hope, and the life-giving warmth of a home of their own.

FAITH IN ACTION

Staff in Action During Remote Learning

COVID-19 has brought its challenges for many people but it has also provided the college with the opportunity to reach out to some of our families who were doing it tough.

A number of our staff cooked and delivered food to families in our community and I want to thank Mr Tullio Zavattiero for providing the inspiration for this activity. I want to especially thank our cooks Mrs Marree McSweeney, Mrs Randa Ibrahim, Mrs Joanne Azzopardi, Miss Georgia Vassolo and Mrs Jocelyn Peach.

Thank you must also be given to Mr John Coshan, Mrs Michelle Falzon, Mrs Marree Mc Sweeny, Mrs Joanne Azzopardi and Mrs Susan Henry who helped with the delivery of the food. Finally, we were supported by Lakes Fresh Food who supported what we were doing by providing some financial support



CRCNK - NAIDOC WEEK 2020

*Mary-Anne Bratovic, Brendan Hallinan
and Moira Mullan*



This year NAIDOC Week is celebrated during the week of 5 – 12 July. The theme for 2020 is Always Was, Always Will Be. The theme recognises that our First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists. Especially during this week, all Australians are invited to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations.

In Term 3, our College will celebrate NAIDOC Week during week two and we have a range of activities planned for this time. On the Monday we have Dan Richardson playing his didgeridoo and a range of other instruments he uses as accompaniment. On Thursday, Kucha Edwards will be working with each of the year levels at differing times in the morning and the whole school in the last session. We have some subject based activities running during the week, with the possibility of other domain areas incorporating lessons with an indigenous focus later in the term.

Our First Nations Ambassadors will be leading a fundraiser to support Happy Boxes Project. Through your donations of soap, deodorant, facial masks, body scrub, accessories, clothing and simple sanitary items you will be helping communities and supporting disadvantaged youth and women's refuge centres. All items donated will be collected and stored in Homebase rooms for the First Nations Ambassadors to collect throughout NAIDOC Week and send off to Happy Boxes Project. Please give what you can to this worthy organisation.

In addition, we are also supporting the Opening the Doors foundation with a gold coin donation for a casual clothes day when we hope all students and staff will wear **RED**, **YELLOW** and **BLACK** items of clothing. Opening the Doors foundation provided educational opportunities for indigenous youth both in remote and urban locations.

We congratulate our First Nations Ambassadors, Hannah Brne, Claire Forbes and Jye Muscat, who received their symbol of Indigenous culture in the whole school assembly Thursday 25 June. We thank them for the role they have taken up and the responsibility for helping members within our school community work towards better understanding our Indigenous brothers and sisters, their traditions and culture.

COLLEGE CAPTAINS' REPORT

Reshaiah, Christain, Isabel and Josh

Dear College Community

The past couple of months have no doubt been challenging for us all. The end of the Remote Learning period didn't mean things were back to normal. The College has put into place safety precautions such as sanitising hands and wiping down tables when we enter and exit the classroom. We have also installed four bottle refill stations, replacing the water bubblers, and asked students to bring their own bottles. This has all been done to ensure we keep everyone safe at the College. It has been wonderful to see that most of our College community settled back into the routine quite quickly and were eager to enhance their learning. It has been so refreshing to see everyone back on site each day, as we all combat the COVID-19 pandemic together.

What we have been up to:

On the 15th of June, we and the Year 9 SRCs were a part of a webinar from the yLead Team called 'Amped Up'. It was such an enjoyable and inspiring session that reminded us of what true leadership is, especially in times of uncertainty. There were three main takeaways that we want to share with you:

1. *We can't always control what happens but you can control how you respond*
2. *See mistakes as an opportunity to learn*
3. *It takes Courage before Confidence*

These messages are very powerful and we encourage everyone to keep these things in mind moving forward!

We have also had the wonderful opportunity of visiting the Years 7,8 and 9 Homebases to check in with the students, ensuring that everyone has settled back into the school routine well. Through this and two SRC Meetings we have had, we have gained feedback on the remote learning period, our work, the changes at school and hopes for the rest of the year.

To end the term positively, together with Mr Zavattiero, we held our second Virtual School Assembly. We wanted to take that opportunity to reflect on the term that has been and begin to look forward to Term 3.

We also met with the College Leadership Team for lunch on Thursday and had an opportunity to speak about our experiences with remote learning as well as our hopes for Term 3.

We wish you all a safe and restful break, We look forward to seeing you all upon your return in Term 3, on Tuesday 14 July. Thank you for reading and journeying with us.

Your College Captains

WHAT HAVE OUR STUDENTS BEEN UP TO?

Year 10 Nitor

David Magris – Program Coordinator

With the Victorian Government cancellation of all excursions for the rest of Term 2, the Nitor field trips have been put on temporary hiatus. This has enabled the Nitor boys to undertake a 'life skills' program to teach them skills to help them in everyday life. The Nitor boys have been learning to cook dishes, such as Mr Smith's Spaghetti Bolognese, as well as learning how to change a flat tyre on a car.

Under the expert tutelage of Mr Alf Franco, the Nitor Math Methods preparation class has begun. This enables those Nitor boys who are looking to take on Maths Methods and Specialist Maths in VCE to get a jump start into the curriculum. As part of the Nitor Manhood program, we have also been visited by Mr Hallinan who gave the Nitor boys a talk on the tools needed to become great men and to succeed in life. A passionate speaker on education and men's mental health, Mr Hallinan delved deeply into the male psyche and the stereotypes men need to break, challenging the traditional views of manhood.

We look forward to a big second semester and a return to the normal Nitor curriculum.



REMINDERS: WINTER UNIFORM AND CHANGES TO SCHOOL PRACTICES

Susan Henry - Director of Student Services.

Reminder – Winter Uniform



A reminder that all students should now be wearing full winter uniform, which includes the school tie. Furthermore, during the colder months of Terms 2 and 3, students are only permitted to wear CRCNK-branded scarves and beanies with their winter uniform.

Scarves and Beanies can be purchased from Academy Uniforms. Deer Park store is open at: 10B/85 Mt Derrimut Road, Deer Park (enter through Caltex Service Station).

Opening Hours are Monday – Friday from 9am – 5pm and on Saturdays from 9am – 12 noon (Telephone: 8385 9111). Please note that the Sydenham outlet is closed permanently. Online ordering through Academy Uniforms is also available at www.academyuniforms.com.au; Password for online orders: north Keilor. Second-hand uniform items may also be available on the Sustainable Schools website – you can register for free at www.sustainableschools.com.au.

Beanies can also be purchased from the College Front Office for \$15.

The preferred payment option is EFTPOS, however, the front office will accept cash payment with correct money.



Changes to School Practice

1. Changes to Canteen Services

Until further notice, the canteen will continue to offer lunch orders only, NO counter service at recess or lunchtime. Parents/Guardians were emailed a letter outlining the College's intention to introduce a cash-free option to pay for lunch orders (see copy attached to the newsletter), effective 14 July 2020. Further instructions on how to set up an online account will be emailed during the school holidays.

Transition period from 14 – 24 July:

- Online ordering system will be effective first day back in Term 3, 14 July.
- Lunch orders can continue to be submitted manually (via lunch order bag) during Homebase for this transition period
- Switchover to online ordering only from 27 July
- Effective Monday, 27 July, manual (lunch bag) orders will no longer be accepted, only online orders through CDFpay

Please refer to copy of information letter attached to this newsletter. If you still have questions, please email cdfpay@crcnk.vic.edu.au

2. Staggered finish time at the end of the school day:

- Year 7 students finish at 3.05pm
- Year 9 students finish at 3.05pm
- 10 Nitor finish at 3.10pm
- All other Homebase Groups will finish at 3.15pm

3. Students must bring their own water bottle.

Students are not permitted to drink directly from water fountains – they will need to use the water refill stations that are installed around the College. The current water troughs have been converted to handwash stations.

4. Health and Hygiene Practices:

Students are encouraged to:

- Wash hands regularly
- Use hand sanitiser regularly
- Cough or sneeze into the elbow, no intentional coughing or sneezing
- No sharing food or drinks
- IMPORTANT NOTE: It is imperative that if students are unwell, especially if they have flu-like symptoms, that they stay home.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICE



Victoria Police are aware that the Term 2 is about to conclude and that a number of young people like to gather with their friends at the completion of the term at local shopping centres and other public places.

The City of Brimbank has been identified as a current COVID 19 hot spot in the state of Victoria with most of the current cases being a direct result of contact between family and friend groups. We encourage all students to comply with the current restrictions, and recommend students return home rather than gather in these areas.

The restrictions state you are able to:

- Have up to 5 visitors in your home at any one time, in addition to the normal residents of a household.
- Organise a public gathering of up to 10 people in a public place.

Victoria Police will have been working closely with local shopping centres, in an attempt to maintain social distancing and to support the community in ensuring this is done. Unfortunately, people still choose to knowingly breach these restrictions. A number of additional police units have been rostered to respond and assess social gathering issues. Should these breaches occur, the below penalties apply.

What are the penalties for noncompliance?

Victoria Police can issue on the spot fines of up to \$1,652 for individuals and up to \$9,913 for businesses for:

- Refusing or failing to comply with the emergency directions
- Refusing or failing to comply with a public health risk power direction
- Refusing or failing to comply with a direction by the Deputy Chief Health Officer to provide information.

We would like to wish all students a safe and relaxing holiday break and look forward to working with our schools in Term 3.

Matt Mudie | Leading Senior Constable 27311
Brimbank Community Engagement Officer
NWM Division 3 | Victoria Police



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North Keilor



2020 Year of Compassion

'The Lord is good to all; He has compassion...' Psalm 145:9

22 June 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

We understand there are many times when you may need to provide cash to your child to pay for Canteen purchases, however, cash is not the only option in today's world, which is why we want to make it convenient for you to make payments.

In Term 3, we will be introducing CDFpay, which is a *cash-free solution* for our Canteen. CDFpay is an online payment platform offered by the Catholic Development Fund Melbourne (CDF).

We will be encouraging all parents to use this simple, cash-free platform from Term 3. Please be assured that we will not turn away parents/students who choose to pay via cash, however to ensure the success and drive the full benefits of this program, we encourage your participation.

The benefits of our school going cash-free with CDFpay are:



Greater security: a safer option where you do not have to be concerned about your child losing cash from their bags and pockets.



Anytime, any device: order and pay for lunches (while setting dietary needs and allergy requirements) from your mobile, tablet or computer at any time.



Fast and easy payments: it allows credit card or bank transfer payments. Stored credit cards make the process of ordering lunch faster and easier than ever.



Reduced administration: counting and handling cash is costly for the school. CDFpay will help eliminate administration fees so we can better distribute funds for other activities.

More information will be provided in the coming weeks, prior to the commencement of Term 3. We look forward to working with you as we implement CDFpay in our school community. If you have any questions, please email the College at cdfpay@crcnk.vic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

Tullio Zavattiero
Principal

John Coshan
Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing



Enrolment Update - Year 7, 2022

Application for Enrolment Form

- Available to download from College Website
- Parish Priest Recommendation is NOT required
- Submit via Post or Email

Information PowerPoint

- Available to view on College Website
- Curriculum, Wellbeing and Information
- Enrolment Process and Criteria Explained

College Tours

- Will resume when school re-opens
- Morning Tour on School Days 9.15am - 11am
- After Hours Tours
- Register interest on College Website

CRCNK Highlights Video

- Principal's Welcome
- Student Endorsements
- Highlights of 2019
- Available to view on College Website

Key Staff

- Samantha Beg - Registrar
- Manny Gambin - Community Liaison Coordinator
- Tullio Zavattiero - Principal
- Brendan Hallinan - Deputy Principal, Teaching & Learning
- John Coshan - Deputy Principal, Student Wellbeing
- Learning Diversity - Debbie Kirk-Brittain

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