



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tullio Zavattiero - Principal

At last, our College has returned to full capacity with the return of Year 8 – 10 students and all staff back onsite on Monday this week. I commented in the last newsletter edition about the joy in hearing the sound of students. This week has been an absolute delight having all students back and being able to chat informally to them out in the yard and hear about their experiences of remote learning and life in lockdown in general. What is clear to me is that most students are just so happy to be back on campus, with their friends and teachers, and feeling like life has returned to some semblance of normal.

However, things are not the same, rather, we are navigating our way through "COVID normal." We are still restricted in what activities we can undertake, both collectively as a school community, and in the classroom. Having said that, we received advice from Catholic Education Melbourne that our Year 10 Graduation Ceremony can proceed, although only students can attend. We are currently finalising arrangements and will keep Year 10 families informed directly. We plan to livestream the ceremony as well as making a video recording available to view at a later date. I can confirm that it will take place on Thursday, 26 November. More information will be sent out shortly. We are still awaiting direction from Catholic Education Melbourne as to whether an onsite Year 7 Orientation Day can proceed and will keep families with a child starting in Year 7 next year informed. In the meantime, we will be conducting a parent information evening online on 12 November to help families and students commencing at the College next year to prepare.

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PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
As we emerge from lockdown,
Help us to bring along with us
a renewed sense of being,
Our understanding of what is important,
A clearer vision to choose
that path you are directing us to,
The strength and resilience
to adjust to the new normal,
And a heart of compassion
to help those in need in our journey.
Amen

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IMPORTANT DATES

2 November	College Council Holiday
3 November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
26 November	Year 10 Graduation
4 December	Years 8–10 Final Day

From the Principal, continued

With three and a half weeks left for Year 10s, and five weeks for Year 7 – 9 students, our focus is very much on reconnecting with students, helping them reconnect with their peers, and re-engaging with them in a face to face setting. We are also preparing and looking forward to celebrating NAIDOC Week from 9 – 13 November, as well as working with our Year 9s who are in the process of applying for student leadership roles for 2021.

This week would have been a celebration of all things art – visual and performing. However, due to COVID restrictions and the extended period of remote learning, we have been unable to stage Arts Week this year. We have also had to rethink the way in which our Student Awards will be conferred and I will have more to say about that in the next edition.

As Melbourne emerges from Stage 4 lockdown, it is important to bear in mind that coronavirus has not disappeared. We still need to be vigilant and we still need to abide by COVIDSafe practices, such as regular hand sanitising, physical distancing, wearing face masks, and not coming to school when feeling unwell, especially if displaying symptoms such as fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose and headaches.

I have been very impressed at how students have embraced changed practices at school in light of this pandemic. They have demonstrated great respect and resilience throughout this time, also displaying an increased level of independence in their learning endeavours. Students have maintained a hopeful and faith-filled mentality which will be of great strength to them as they face challenges in the future. I am very proud of them! As Melbournians we really have done the hard yards this year and should be proud of ourselves. Better days are here, and more are on the way, but let's not get complacent. And at the same time, we appreciate and celebrate our individual and collective strengths as a strong and resilient community.

Enjoy this extended long weekend (College Council Holiday on Monday and Melbourne Cup on Tuesday). Time is marching on and it is wonderful to be doing it side by side with our students.

TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE

Brendan Hallinan – DP, Teaching & Learning

Parent/Teacher/Student (PTS) Interviews– what did you think?

Thank you to parents and carers for their participation in the PTS interviews last week. Staff really valued the opportunity to connect with students and their families in what has been a very challenging year.

We are interested in receiving feedback regarding parent/carer experience of participating in PTS interviews remotely. An email has been sent out inviting parents/carers to complete a short survey. I have also included the link below:

Parent Survey:

<https://schoolbox.crcnk.vic.edu.au/survey/intro/369>

The survey will remain open until Friday 13 November. We look forward to receiving feedback as part of our ongoing commitment to offer effective ways to engage in discussion around your child's progress.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Teresa Chiodo and the English Team for guiding two CRCNK Year 8 student teams in the 2020 OUTLOUD Slam Poetry Final which was live streamed on Wednesday evening.

Lucy Mathison, Kian Rantino, Alex D'Agostino and Noah Balzan performed a piece on Disney Movies and Alexander Jablonsky and Jennifer Williams presented Forget Themselves.

Whilst the CRCNK teams didn't take out any award placings, all of the students performed well and they should be proud of their achievements to make it to the finals.

FULL CANTEEN SERVICES HAVE RESUMED

In addition to lunch orders, other items can now be purchased for recess and lunchtimes with window service at the Canteen resuming. All sales are **cashless** and will need to be ordered using our new CRCNK Online Shop.

Please refer to information previously emailed to parents/carers or click on the links below.

- **CDF Pay: Activate an Account:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-oqJDhozDdU>
- **CDF Pay: Adding Funds:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=to6r6MzpANs>
- **CDF Pay: Auto Top-ups, Limits & Options:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LECQ0qCxdFk>

FAITH MATTERS

Phoebe Mondares - Director of Faith & Mission

All Saints Day - Sunday 1 November

Our College continues to promote grit, effort, and hard work in all areas of academic life and beyond. Our students are called to always challenge themselves to reach their potential and live out the values of Faith, Compassion, Resilience, and Respect.

Often, we overlook that in the Catholic tradition, Saints were people who committed themselves to the same path of striving to be the best version of themselves in accordance to who God was calling them to be. They worked hard to make a difference and to make an impact in their own cultural context, and they achieved great things inspired by Jesus, their Catholic faith, and their trust in God.

Sunday 1 November marks the day in the liturgical calendar where we are all invited to celebrate these ordinary people who did extraordinary things in their lives. They serve as role models for each of us in our faith journey and continue to intercede for us in different situations we may encounter in our lives. during our own life circumstances.

A Prayer for All Saints Day

Lord, Your Saints left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.

Bless the memories of your saints, God.

May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

Amen

All Soul's Day Monday 2 November

Monday 2 November marks All Soul's Day in the liturgical calendar. This is a day for us to take a moment to reflect on and pray for our loved ones who have passed on. In honour of All Soul's Day, the St Francis Chapel will remain open for the whole week to staff and students to take the time out to light a candle and spend some time in prayerful silence for those who have died.

Death is a challenging reality to ponder. What happens after this life? This is a question that has continued to perplex us. Losing a loved one leaves a lasting mark in our lives. The memories of our departed loved ones become treasures we hold on to. In the Catholic tradition we are taught that we are made up of both body and soul. And that in beyond our physical body, our souls will we share in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Twins' Story

(Shared by the SHEP Parish Newsletter)



A mother conceived twins. One child was a girl; the other a boy. Months passed, and they developed. As they grew, they sang for joy: "Isn't it great to be alive!" Together they explored their mother's womb. When they found their mother's life cord, they shouted for joy: "How great is our mother's love, that she shares her own life with us!"

Soon the twins began to change drastically. "What does this mean?" asked the boy. "It means that our life in the womb is coming to an end," said the girl. "But I don't want to leave the womb," said the boy. "I want to stay here forever."

"We have no choice," said the girl. "But maybe there is life after birth." "How could that be?" asked the boy. "We will shed our mother's cord, and how is life possible without it? Besides, there's evidence in the womb that others were here before us, and none of them ever came back to tell us that there is life after birth. No, this is the end."

And so, the boy fell into despair, asking, "If life in the womb ends in death, what's its purpose? What's its meaning?"

And so, the last days in the womb were filled with deep questioning and fear. Finally the moment of birth arrived. When the twins opened their eyes, they cried for joy. What they saw exceeded their wildest dreams. And they were loved by those who had loved them all along, but whom they had not yet come to know fully.

Yes, we have been through one dramatic change of ending and beginning already. And we even use the same language sometimes in our attempt to grasp the Christian understanding of death: 'being born to eternal life'.

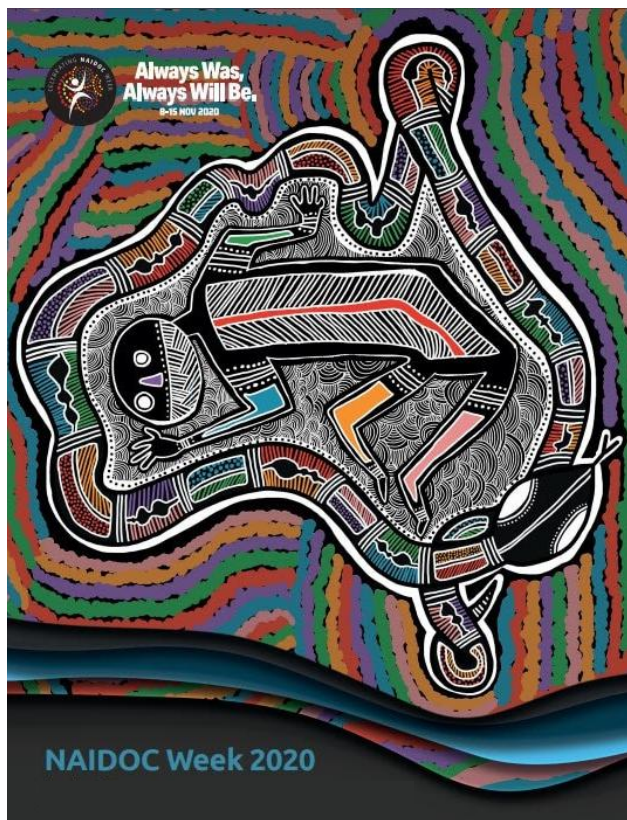
Prayer for our dearly departed

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.*

Amen

INDIGENOUS MATTERS

Mary-Anne Bratovic and Moira Mullan



As you may be aware the national **NAIDOC Week** celebrations for 2020 were delayed until Monday 9 to Friday 13 November, due to COVID-19. Whilst this was originally disappointing, it has given us time to prepare a wonderful week of celebrations and awareness raising activities, which complement our existing curriculum and continue to raise the profile of Indigenous matters at CRCNK.

Both staff and students will have the opportunity to participate over the week, thus acknowledging the importance of our First Nation's People's histories and stories. Some of the opportunities include:

- High profile guest speakers who will present virtually to our students in interactive sessions
- Targeted lessons across a number of subjects, which will include Indigenous content or pedagogy
- Music by Indigenous artists
- Indigenous prayers and daily
- Acknowledgement of Country

There will also be a **CASUAL CLOTHES DAY** on Friday 13 November, with an Indigenous theme. Students are asked to wear **red**, **yellow** and **black** (as the official Indigenous colours) and make a gold coin donation to Opening The Doors Foundation www.openingthedoors.org.au which supports Aboriginal kids reach their goals in education.

INDIGENOUS IMMERSION



For those who signed up to attend the inaugural Cape York Immersion in 2020, we are now hopeful that the alternative date will become a reality in 2021.

The scheduled dates are April 14th-23rd, which will be the last five days of the Term 1 holidays and the first week back of Term 2.

We now have a few places available in the group, so will open the trip up to the current Year 8s, if they are interested. During NAIDOC week, we will hold a meeting for all those who are still committed to going in 2021 and any other current Year 8 or 9 students who wish to be part of this life changing experience.

Students need to keep their eyes on the News updates in Schoolbox so as not to miss out.



Welcome Back! Years 8-10

Students in Years 8 to 10 returned to the College on Monday 26 October after several months of remote learning.



WHAT HAVE OUR STUDENTS BEEN UP TO?

Year 10 Food Technology

Sue Coyle, Class Teacher

This week Year 10 Food Technology students practiced their baking skills. The Ultimate Baking and Cake Decorating class created creepy Halloween themed cupcakes and Fabulous Fast Food students mastered Traditional Sponge Cakes. Well done to all students on their finished products.



WHAT HAVE OUR STUDENTS BEEN UP TO?



You Yangs Geography Webinar

Julia Pulickal and Reshaiah Ratnayake 10D

As part of our Humanities unit of Environmental Change and Management, us Year 10s had the opportunity to attend a Virtual Webinar, conducted by Parks Victoria Ranger, Vanessa Wiggeraad. We were educated about the You Yangs Regional Park and its connections to the Wathaurong/Wadawurrung people and their culture. It also allowed us to gain a deeper understanding about the park's geographical features and how humans have changed the land for recreational purposes.

We explored the detrimental implications of these human-induced activities on the environment and the measures that have been put in place to ensure the land remains protected. Despite not being able to visit the You Yangs Regional Park, the webinar was an insightful experience and a great way to engage in Humanities!

To learn more about the You Yangs Regional Park visit: www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/you-yangs-regional-park

ARTS WEEK

Brooke Condron, Gia Vamvakis, Angel Naidu-Barallon and Lily Fedcesen- 2020 Arts Captains

"Passion is the bridge that takes you from pain to change"

Frida Kahlo, Visual Artist

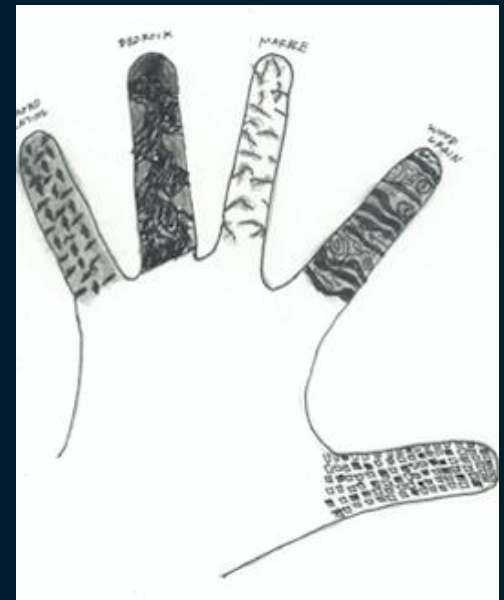
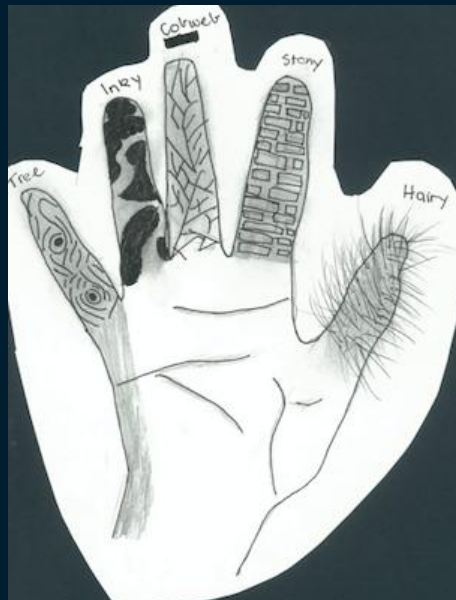
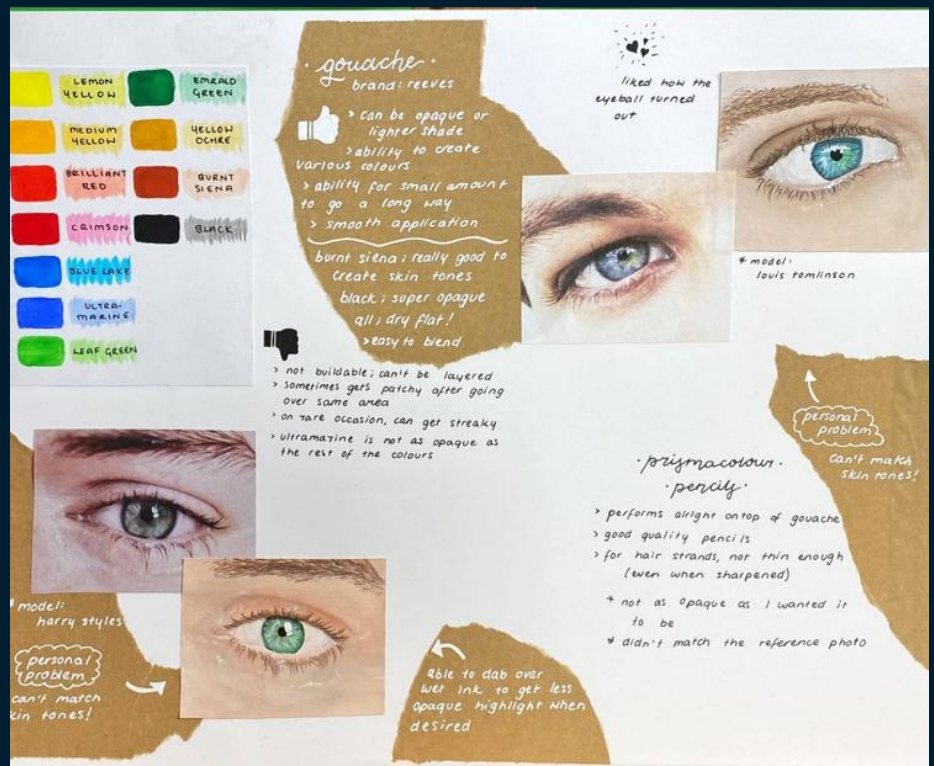
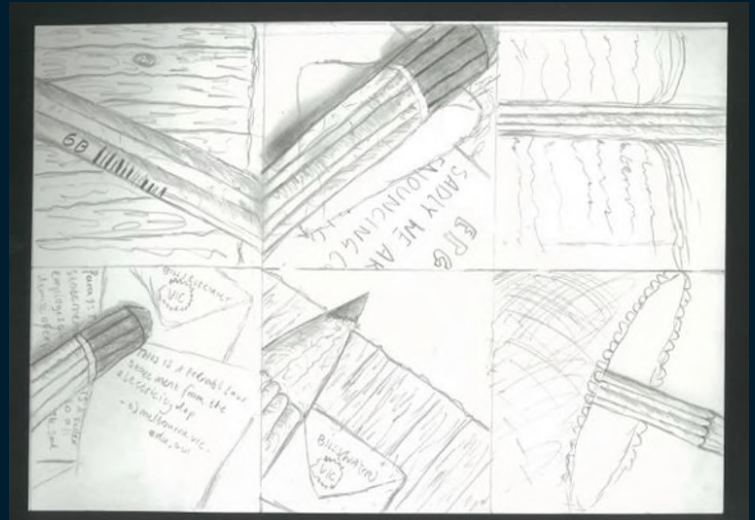
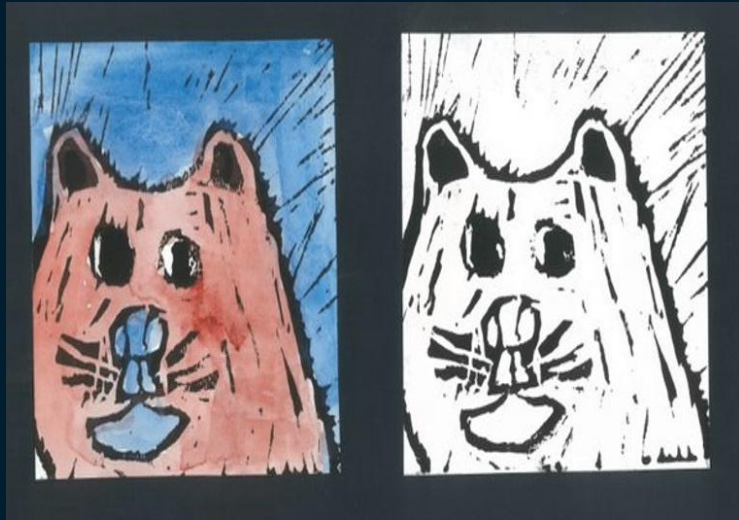
As you may know, this week was Arts Week, but for obvious reasons it has been quite different to previous years. Please enjoy the following selection of Artworks that students have produced over the course of this year.

We know it's been a tough and trying time in Lockdown, but we're so appreciative of the creative contributions that students have made through Shared Stories and art classes. It was also a pleasure to see students dancing on the Green to our playlist yesterday. We encourage you to and take time away from screens when you can, and keep being creative.



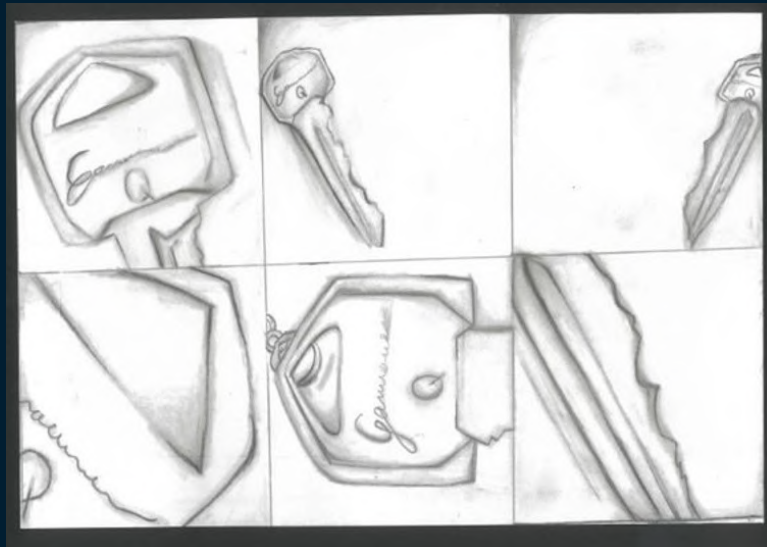
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