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2022 Year of Faith

# Principal's Message

**On Thursday 11 August, the College community came together to celebrate 40 years with Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. The Principal's address is shared below.**

It's a great privilege for me to stand here today as Principal and say a few words here at St Patrick's Cathedral, the home of our church, in the presence of our Archbishop Peter Comensoli. It's very humbling to be in a position to honour the journey of Catholic Regional College North Keilor and the wonderful staff, students and families that have lived this journey; a journey which started 40 years ago yesterday.

CRCNK is a very special place; a wonderful Catholic school where we come together to live, learn, grow and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Our school has always been about community, and it's always been about playing our part in the mission of our church, knowing that the Holy Spirit accompanies us and guides us on our journey.

The tremendous sense of community is the great strength of our school. This is what the College has always been known for and I believe it always will. At CRCNK, community means every individual being welcome, respected and feeling a sense of belonging. It's about the dignity of each person. We strive to support each other, like family, and we believe in the responsibility we all share in our collective faith journey.

Today we reflect on our history and recognise the foundations of our wonderful school. CRCNK was formed by the collective will of the Catholic families of our surrounding local parishes and primary schools, in conjunction with our partnering schools within the Federation of Catholic Regional Colleges, to ensure local Catholic families could access Catholic secondary education for their children. It's these families and this community that we were established to serve 40 years ago. That remains the case today and it will be tomorrow.

It's great to have my fellow Federation principals here today; Brendan, Jamie, Christina and Marlene. I acknowledge and thank them for the mission we share and for their support in helping CRCNK flourish into the school it is today. I acknowledge the presence and longstanding support of Federation Business Managers, Michael Testa and Kevin Ba. I also thank principals of our feeder primary schools, Carmen and Jacqueline, who are able to celebrate with us today, and those who could not be here. We share a wonderful partnership that enables our students to grow and develop during their most formative years. I know we have family members and past pupils in attendance today. Thank you for being here, for always supporting the College and for representing the wider North Keilor family.

It would be remiss of me not to speak about Fr John O'Reilly, whose courage, strength and faith not only gave life to all the schools in the Federation but also enabled us to fully understand and embrace our purpose and mission. The past and present community of CRCNK and all the Federation Colleges have much to thank you for. I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank Fr Maurie Cooney for continuing to guide us on our journey, supporting us every step of the way. Likewise, I thank Fr Peter Hoang for being a great friend of CRCNK.

Ultimately our school is about each and every student that has ever walked through the gates and grown into a young adult in their time at the college; grown intellectually, socially, emotionally and spiritually. To the students sitting here today, I encourage you to enjoy and appreciate this special time in the school's history and I also challenge you to continue to make our school the unique and amazing place that it is. Play your part, be proud of who you are and who we are as a school.

I acknowledge past and present staff of the college. People that have worked hard to enrich the faith filled culture that defines the character and identity of our College. The staff of CRCNK have always been immensely proud of our school and how we work alongside each other and our students and families, learning together, growing together. Beginning under the leadership of our founding principal, Mr Bernard Dobson, who is with us today, and people like Sr Veronica Lonergan, Michael Doyle, John Arthurson, Greg Wade, John Coshan, through to today's Leadership Team. Over the 40 year life of the College, the staff have given their all to ensure our students can learn and flourish within an authentic faith community that values, cares for and nurtures its people. In the mass booklet today, we especially acknowledge those current members of staff who have served at CRCNK for 10 years or more. Can I also specifically acknowledge the following staff for their longstanding service: Jamie McRae and Theresa Smith – 25 years of service, Teresa Chiodo – 26 years of service, Alf Franco – 30 years of service, Maria Michieli – 31 years of service, Lina Papa – 34 years of service, Sue Coyle and Moira Mullan – 36 years of service, Bronwyn Calnan – 39 years of service. We offer thanks for your commitment and dedication, and for creating the fabric that gives us our identity and forms the backbone of all we have achieved in our journey.

In finishing, can I thank Mrs Phoebe Mondares, Geraldine Vytilingam for planning and preparing our beautiful Eucharistic celebration this morning. I also thank Mr Casey Nicholson and the College Ministry band for the beautiful music that we have enjoyed as part of our mass. Thank you to Archbishop Peter and the staff here at St Patrick's Cathedral.

So today, let's give thanks and rejoice, because we are blessed and today is a special celebration, and more importantly let's continue on our journey, as bearers of God's peace and towards who our God calls us to be.

*Tullio Zavattiero*
*Principal*








# Celebrating 40 Years

Celebrating 40 years of education in faith


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Following Mass on Thursday 11 August students and staff returned to school for an afternoon of fun and festivities at the CRCNK Festival.

Students enjoyed a barbeque lunch and made the most of the activities including Karaoke, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Roving Reptiles, DJ, Basketball and Table Tennis, eSports, Board Games, Movie, Ice Cream Van and more. A huge thank you to the wonderful parent helpers who spent their morning preparing and serving lunch.

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# CRCNK Festival

# Ballad of Melbourne

Poem and photography Hayley Duff, Year 9

The hands leap on Flinders clock,
My reluctancy leaping too.
The melody of Melbourne struck chords in my heart,
A rhythm I sought to be new.

The city so hurried, yet I stand still,
No one stops to look.
At the profound beauty in little moments,
The sophistication they mistook.

Our laneways catch the eyes of many,
Splashes of purple and pink.
Sumptuous salmons and confident blues,
But no one pauses to think.

Of the philosophies and ambitions,
That swayed the first stroke.
Of the evocative experiences,
In our lanes of art which spoke.

Do you hear the ding of the tram?
Or the iconic crossing tune?
The laughter of those at the comedy festival,
Or the traffic in the afternoon?

I sit along the Birrarung Marr,
Its waters infused with brown.
Like the soil I lay my feet on,
I ponder, I reflect, I frown.

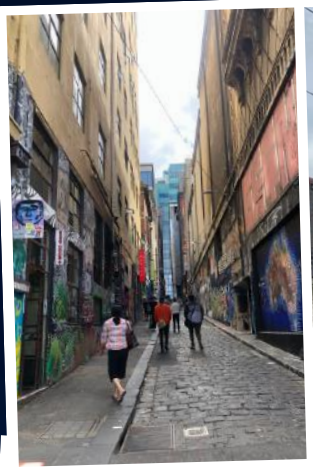
At the lack of respect, contempt and impiety,
Of the owners we disregarded.
The custodians of the land in which they lead,
The acts and ideas we discarded.

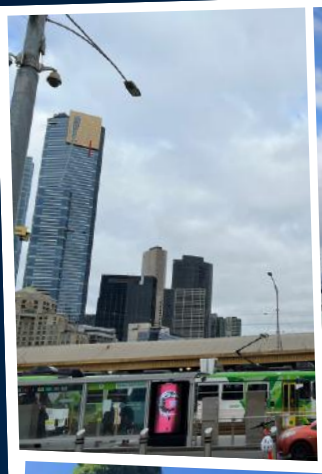
The significance this city preserves,
Our trends of societal normality.
Our hospitable hellos and welcomes,
Our codes of correct morality.

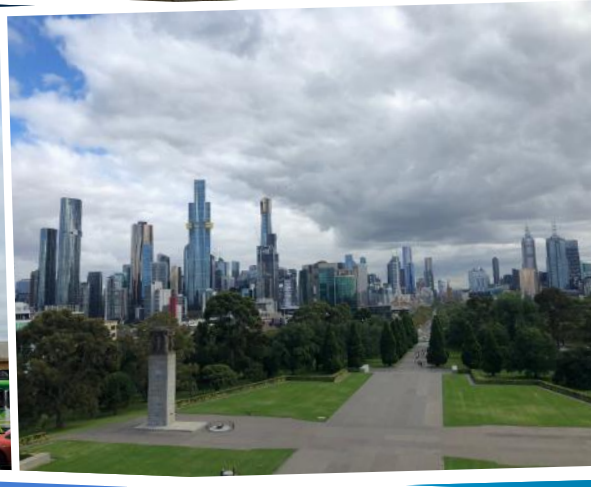
The crescendo of violin on Bourke street,
Echoes the sound of my lust.
Resonating with stockpiles of happiness,
An accumulation of no unjust.

This place eradicating burden and angst,
Pain does not comply.
In a newfound world laid in front of my eyes,
Its splendour hard to deny.

I fell in love with my Melbourne,
It stole away my heart.
Took it to a place of inspiration, of drive,
Stimulating a passion to start.





# Italian Poetry Competition

**CRCNK's Year 7 and 8 Italian students participated in the Centre of Italian Studies Junior Italian Poetry Competition on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 June.**

Competing against a number of Victorian schools, our students were required to memorise a challenging poem and present it with careful attention to pronunciation, intonation and gesture.

We were delighted to welcome back former CRCNK student, Anthony Vescio, to judge our students. Anthony is currently completing an Honours degree in Italian at the University of Melbourne and was extremely impressed with our students' poetry recitations.

CRCNK is thrilled to announce the following winners:

Year 8 Italian 1st Prize Giulia A., 8c
Year 8 Non-Italian category 1st Prize Joseph B., 8e

Year 7 Italian 4th Prize Xavier P., 8d
Year 7 Non-Italian category 4th Prize Caitlin H.,

Photos:
Top Left: Joseph. B (1st prize), Mikayla. R (who received a special mention) and Giulia. A 1st prize) with Mrs Turrisi and judge, Anthony Vescio.
Top Right: Caitlin. H
Bottom Right: Xavier. P

# Indigenous Immersion



**On the 29th of July, 14 students embarked on a journey to the tip of Australia, Cape York.**

Arriving at the airport at 5am, the Red Earth kids boarded the plane for a 3-hour flight and eventually arrived at Cairns airport, meeting up with students from Unity College, Brisbane. Once refreshed and awake from the flight, the students boarded a bus and struggled to survive a long and draining 6-hour bus ride to the first homeland, Maaramaka. On arrival, we were welcomed by the homeowners Jerry and Irene, who provided us with a beautiful place to stay, information to treasure forever and even entertainment from their 2 dogs Mimi and Rivers.

For the 4 days we stayed in Maaramaka, we experienced once in a lifetime activities. Walking through rainforests, witnessing native insects and plants, swimming in the freshwater creek, learning traditional Guugu Yimithirr language, made some delicious damper and even hunting for gold and geodes in the ground. On day 2, we went into a small nearby town called Hopevale where we went to a small art gallery, a supermarket, a football oval and shared sport center. We spent time with the Indigenous children and listened to an Indigenous person's perspective on national events and their experience as part the Stolen Generation. To finish our experience at Maaramaka, we explored ways we can use our newfound knowledge to make a difference.

We bid a sad farewell to Maaramaka, and travelled to the Daarba homelands. On the way we stopped at Isabella Falls where we all went for a swim and had some interesting bucket lunch. Once we arrived at Daarba we unpacked the bus and I think we were all a bit surprised when a goat named Dolly came over to greet us. After setting up our tents and having dinner, we witnessed a Welcome to Country with a smoking ceremony around the campfire. We also met some archaeologists who were staying on the land, and they told us they would be using a helicopter to access remote locations to find and study some Indigenous Rock paintings. At Daarba we took another rainforest walk, experiencing beautiful mangrove-like trees, practiced our dot painting, trained in spear throwing and were entertained with didgeridoo and rehearsals for corroboree, an Indigenous Australian dance ceremony.

On the 8th day of the trip, we packed up our belongings and started our drive to Mossman. It was another very long bus ride but we stopped at a place called Cooktown on the way. We had the opportunity to go for a bit of a wander in small groups and later we boarded the bus and finished the drive to Port Douglas. Arriving at the caravan park, we set up our tents and some of the group decided to go for a swim in the indoor lap pool.

The next day, we went to the Great Barrier Reef to go snorkelling and everyone had a great time. Finally, on day 10, we packed up camp for the final time, said goodbye and thank you to our Red Earth leaders Laura and Louis and headed to Cairns airport. Soon after we said goodbye to the school we had been journeying with, we grabbed our bags, we boarded our flight, and landed safely back in Melbourne.

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