Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Over the last two weeks the college has conducted Parent Teacher Student interviews for Year 7 to 9. I stress once again the importance of these evenings, which provide an opportunity for parents to familiarise themselves with teachers, as well as to investigate the performance of individual students. These evenings allow teachers to further explain “assessment for learning” rather than simply “assessment of learning”. The college stresses that assessment is as much about enhancing student learning as it is about explaining levels achieved. It is hoped that students grow from each assessment experience and not only focus on a level that they have achieved. I also hope that Parent/Teacher/Student Interview Evenings enhance this understanding of assessment. I thank parents, teachers and students for their involvement in the recent evenings.

This week the Year 12 students began their Trial Higher School Certificate (HSC) Examinations. These are the last examinations that these students will attempt prior to the HSC Examinations. Students appear to be coping well albeit quite nervously. This term there are a number of students in Year 12 who will submit their major works or undertake practical examinations which are a major component of their HSC grade and this is a very stressful time for both Year 12 students and their parents. I ask everyone to keep Year 12 students and their parents in their prayers as they continue the journey to the HSC.

Over the next few weeks the college will conduct uniform fittings for Year 7 and 11 students 2007. Girls in Year 7 in 2007 will be wearing a new blouse which will eventually be available for all students in Year 7 to 10, however, this will be phased in over a number of years. The new blouse is worn over the skirt and will not be required to be tucked in which is a more suitable style of blouse. Girls in Years 8, 9 and 10 will still be wearing the present blouse and these will be sold from the college uniform shop. As the sizes run low the present stock will be replaced with the new style blouses.

Last Sunday’s Gospel reading explained the miracle of the loaves and fishes which is a reminder to each of us that we have an obligation to reach out to others and offer them what we have available. This attitude was reflected today through members of the Social Justice Group, who conducted a collection for Jeans for Genes Day, and the students who were willing to take part in the day. It was gratifying to note the number of students and staff who were willing to involve themselves in the spirit of the day in order to support others.

The college conducted Mrs Eljed’s contract renewal for the position of assistant principal. This involved input from teachers, students and parents. The results of this appraisal will be known shortly and will be reported in the next newsletter.

Last week I received notification from the Liverpool Catholic Club that the club would be prepared to support a project to enhance literacy and numeracy at the college. This funding will enable the college staff to further develop literacy and numeracy and provide the resources necessary to enhance this project. I acknowledge and thank the Catholic Club for their continuing support of Good Samaritan and the wonderful opportunities that have been provided for our students.

Finally the college received the very sad news recently that Mrs Anna Maria Messina, mother of Paul Year 11 and Melissa Year 9, passed away. We also received news that Mrs Roma Thompson, mother of Mrs Bidner passed away. I ask everyone to pray for Mrs Messina and Mrs Thompson and to remember the Messina and Bidner families in their prayers in their time of sadness.

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal
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Ms M Flocco
Acting Science Co-ordinator

From the Assistant Principal

Year 7 Vaccinations

The second injection for Hepatitis B will be administered to Year 7 students on Tuesday 15th August. Only students who received the first injection earlier in the year are eligible to receive this injection. Parents are asked to ensure that consent forms are signed and returned to school.

Health Information

Shortly all students will be issued with a health information form. We wish to update our records and ensure that we have the latest information, especially about any serious health issues, that some students may have. Parents are asked to complete the forms and return them to school. Once the initial phase is complete, those parents who have indicated their child has a serious condition will be asked to come in for an interview and to complete more detailed forms.

Information Evenings

Two very important evenings are coming up for students who will be in either Year 11 or Year 9 in 2007.

Year 11 2007 Information Night
Wednesday August 9th
Year 9 2007 Information Night
Tuesday August 29th

Both evenings will be conducted at the college and will begin at 7 pm. Essential information and forms will be given out on the night, so it is vital that all students and at least one parent/guardian attend.

Staff Development Day

The last of our staff development days for 2006 will take place on Monday August 14th. It has been timed during the Catholic Trial Examinations to minimise disruption to Year 12 students. The staff will be spending the day looking at ways to improve learning outcomes for all students. We thank parents/guardians in advance for making the necessary adjustments so that students can be supervised and that the staff can devote the day to this very worthwhile cause.

Year 12 HSC Performance & Display Night

This evening will take place at the college on Thursday August 17th beginning at 6 pm. Students from Year 12 Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Textiles, Industrial Technology, IPT and SDD will showcase their performance and projects that are a major component of their Higher School Certificate studies. Students from Year 11 Hospitality will also be demonstrating their skills and will be providing light refreshments. This evening has been very enjoyable and well supported in the past. If parents from Year groups other than Year 12 wish to attend please phone the office to let us know the numbers for catering purposes.

Mrs B Eljed, Assistant Principal

The facts about Catholic school funding 2006

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** Source: CEC NSW Audited Accounts for 2005 as reported to DEST

Systemic schools are those administered by one of the 11 Catholic Education Offices in NSW. Non-systemic, or Congregational schools are those owned and operated by Religious Orders, and are funded according to a different formula.

The Federation of Parents and Friends Associations of Catholic Schools and Catholic Education Office, Sydney PO Box 217 Leichhardt NSW 2040

Science News

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Year 10 Open Boys Soccer

Last term the Year 10 Open Boys Soccer team represented the college in the CBSA Soccer Competition. The team won their grand final against Revesby in extra time 3-2. It was a spirited performance by the team who came back from 2-1 down midway through the second half. The goals in the final were scored by Luke Golubic, Dario Rossi and the match winner by Anthony Belardo.
The senior boys soccer team consisted of Nathan Lia, Mathew Petulla, Leon Pirrello, Andrew Papallo, Jared Ingle, Dino Romeo, Nenad Kalebic, Nato Foti, James Boulatsakos, Adrian Pjanic, Andrew Zaia, Marc Sztajniger, Jamie Pinto, Steven D’onofrio, Jerome Deoee.

The team started the season with a 9-0 win over Punchbowl. Goals came from Jared Ingle, Steven D’onofrio, Leon Pirrello(2), Andrew Zaia(2) and a hat trick from Andrew Papallo.

The team went on to face Revesby next, coming away with a 3-2 win. Leon Pirello scored two goals and Jamie Pinto 1 goal.

In round three the team faced Cathedral. We knew we had a tough game ahead of us. But once again, the boys held their heads high and came away with a 2-0 win.

Our fourth game saw a 4-2 win over St. Marouns, a new school to the competition, and an unknown in terms of ability. The team came home with a 4-2 win. Leon Pirrello scoring a hat trick and Nato Foti one goal.

Our next game was against Lakemba. The boys played well but unfortunately went down 4-2 in a heated game. The two goals were scored by Leon Pirrello and Andrew Papallo.

The team’s last game was against Casimir, and again, we went down 1-0. The team entered the Semi-finals placed third, which meant we faced a second placed Lakemba. The boys were excited and pumped. The rain poured down all day, and throughout the game. The team were victorious over a shocked Lakemba 2-0, with both goals coming form Leon Pirrello.

The boys were ready for the Grand final. Cathedral being our opposing team. The atmosphere was building on the day, with the junior teams playing first. The game started. GSCC scored first with Leon Pirrello scoring a goal and Cathedral hit back and the score was 1-1 for most of the game until Cathedral scored again. Unfortunately the team went down 2-1 to Cathedral, however, the boys walked off with their heads held high, knowing they had played a fair and extremely good game of soccer.

It has been a pleasure to be associated with these boys and to have coached them this year. I look forward to coaching them again next season.

Ms J Morrison, Snr Boys Soccer Coach 2006

Senior Rugby League Team Report

This year saw the senior boys enter the CBSA competition. This was the first time the College has entered a team in the Senior League and the boys prepared well for the season. The first game was a disappointing loss to St Charbels. Disappointing because it was a close game, the entire team put in 100% and announced to the CBSA Senior League competition that they were not going to be easy beats. It was certainly a very physical game and this set the standard for the remainder of the season. The next game we went down by 2 points to Cathedral. We next played St Marouns and Casimir - in which Good Samaritan scored more than 50 points breaking almost every record for GSCC in Rugby League. The team went down to title favourites Lakemba in the final round.

The team had finished fourth and for the first time ever a GSCC League team had made the semi finals. Unfortunately only one Year 12 student could play in the semi final. Anthony Vella and Warwick Wood from Year 10 answered the call and stepped into the team. At half time Good Samaritan was down 12–10. An incredible effort! Unfortunately, the second half saw the game get away, but the boys never gave up and continued to try in for the entire game.

Congratulations to all team members on a great effort. Special mention to two players. Firstly to the competition leading points scorer Thomas Kennedy, who once again displayed commitment on and off the field and secondly Anthony Montague, who scored a number of tries and defended well.

Congratulations to all players and thanks for an enjoyable season.

Mr D Costin, Team Coach

Under 14s Rugby League

This year U14s Rugby League side experienced as all footballers learn, a case of a season that got away from us. The side was a combination of students from Years 7 to 9 and faced what everybody thought were more fancied sides. Not so!

The powerhouse of forwards made ground up the middle, this gave our backs the freedom to move. Many a try was scored out wide or with a burst through the middle against a tiring side. As this season is played under time restrictions, only 20 minutes per half, the boys needed to keep the pressure on the opposition at all times. Many times when we were looking like convincing winners the team had defensive concentration lapses that allowed the opposition to score the winning try in the final few minutes.

Comments came from the opposition coaches like “where did you find these players”, “these students are totally different from previous years” and “you should have won that game”.

I am reluctant to name individual players that stand out because all players are exceptionally talented, but special mention goes to Josh McElhone who was named Man of the Match numerous times.
With more effort at training and a belief in their ability to put pressure on to bigger and sometimes better sides, this side has the ability to win a premiership. Finally I would like to thank all parents who turned up to watch their sons play.

Mr Fitzpatrick, Coach

**Congratulations and Good Luck**
Adam Dilario Year 9 and Luca Dilario Year 7 who will be representing Australia in the **1st World Martial Arts Games** which is being held in Canada commencing 11th August 2006.

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA**
**FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT NIGHT**

Enrolment for First Communion will be held on **Tuesday 8th August 2006 at 7.30 pm** in the church.
(An information sheet for parents is available at the back of the church)

Parents of children in Year 3 or above who have **already** made their First Reconciliation, are invited to attend an enrolment night for First Communion. Attendance at the enrolment night is **compulsory** for all who wish to make their First Communion this year. Contact the presbytery prior to the meeting if you are unable to attend, as late enrolments will not be accepted. (Children need not attend enrolment night).

The Sacrament of First Communion will take place on two consecutive Sundays:
**Sunday 17th September at 11.30am**
(Practice Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm)

**Sunday 24th September at 11.30am**
(Practice Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm)

Leaders are essential in running this programme, so please consider being a leader.

**RAFFLE**
Ex Marist Mothers’ Association North Sydney together with Berne Education Centre Lewisham
Helping Kids at Risk

Tickets are available from college office with all proceeds going to the Berne Education Centre at Lewisham

1st Prize: A Weekend Package for 4 People at Swiss Grand Hotel Bondi
2nd Prize: A Weekend Package for 2 People at Novotel Hotel Sydney
3rd Prize: Mid Week Get-Away for 2 People at Brias Historic Inn, Bowral
4th Prize: 1 dozen Bottles Wine
5th Prize: Dinner for 2 at PJ Gallagher Irish Pub, Drummoyne
6th Prize: A Family Pass to Zig Zag Railway

To be drawn on 18th August 2006

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THE CANTEEN DOES NOT ACCEPT $50 NOTES. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF STUDENTS COULD HAVE THE CORRECT AMOUNT OR SMALL CURRENCY 10¢ 20¢ 50¢
August 12th
Nature Care College, lectures and demonstrations of natural therapies, in St. Leonards at 52 Nicholson St. 10 am – 2.30 pm, 46 Nicholson St for college tours departing at 10.15 am and 12.30 pm, and at 77 – 79 Lithgow St., 10 am – 3 p.m.

Australian National University Advisory Days at Novotel, Darling Harbour, 100 Murray St. 10 am – 3 pm, repeated on December 19, 10 am – 3 pm.

August 15th
Fairfield RSL information evening for students interested in careers in the hospitality industry. Starts 6 p.m.

August 16th
University of NSW Law Parent and Student Information Evening. RSVP by August 14th to Elissa McBain tel: 9385 1519, fax: 9385 1175, email e.mcibain@unsw.edu.au .

August 19th
Jules Media College Information Day for entertainment technical skills and events management advanced diploma courses. Bookings essential, call 9638 5955; Starts 11 a.m.

August 20th

August 26th
Wesley Institute Education Open Day. Bookings essential, call 9819 8847 Other Open Days will be held on September 1st; Dance, September 19th; Theology, October 5th; Music and October 13th; Counselling. University of Sydney Live! Courses and Careers Day. 9.30 am – 4 pm. For a program or more information visit http://www.live.usyd.edu.au September 2nd
University of New South Wales Courses and Careers Day. 9 am – 4 pm. Visit www.cccday.unsw.edu.au for details.

September 4th
University of Wollongong Information Evening, Auditorium, Campbelltown Catholic Club, Camden and Kellicar Roads, Campbelltown 6.30pm - 8.30pm and Wednesday, September 13th at Showroom, Cronulla Sharks, Captain Cook Drive, Cronulla 6.30pm - 8.30pm Bookings are essential, visit http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/evenings_yr12.html or call 1300 367 869.

September 9th
Macquarie University Open Day, 9 am – 4 pm Talavera Rd, North Ryde
Australian Catholic University Open Day. Mount St. Mary Campus, 25A Barker Road Strathfield from 9 am – 4 pm, and Mackillop Campus, 40 Edward St. North Sydney from 9 am – 2 pm.

Applying for University
Information about 2007 courses, fees and cut-offs will available on the Universities Admissions Centre website, www.uac.edu.au from August 7th. All Year 12 students who are eligible for a UAI will receive a free copy of the UAC 2007 Guide during the next two weeks. Commonwealth Supported (CSP), Domestic Fee Courses (DFEE) and International Fee Courses (IFEE) will be listed in the same table, with UAI cutoffs for each type of university place. The costs for Commonwealth Supported students are as follows;

- Band 3 (law, dentistry, medicine and vet. science) $0 - $8 170
- Band 2 (accounting, commerce, administration, economics, maths, statistics, computing, built environment, health, engineering, science, surveying, agriculture) $0 - $6 979
- Band 1 (humanities, arts, behavioural sciences, social studies, foreign languages, visual and performing arts) $0 - $4 899
- National Priorities (education, nursing) $0 - $3 290

In addition, institutions usually levy tuition fees of up to 25% of the CSP cost. Australian citizens and holders of Australian permanent resident humanitarian visas may pay up front and receive a discount, or request HECS-HELP (Higher Education Loan Program). Students only begin repaying their HECS-HELP debt when their income reaches a certain level ($36 184 in 2005). Students undertaking DFEE courses can borrow FEE-HELP loans up to $80 000 ($100 000 for medicine, dentistry and vet. science) to cover the total course costs.
Students make applications by visiting www.uac.edu.au and following the links for Undergraduate Admission. A valid credit card is required as a fee is charged for the initial application. Up to nine course options may be selected. Students HSC results are available on-line on December 19th, and UAI’s are available on December 20th. Students must apply to UAC by September 29th to make an on-time application. Applications close on February 1st, 2007 with a $117 late fee. As students will not know their UAI at the time of making an on-time UAC application, it is essential that they place their most wanted option first in their course preferences, then their next most wanted course option and so on for their nine selections. Changes to course preferences can be made without additional charges using apply-on-line until January 4, 2007 for Main Round offers, January 17th for Late Round consideration and February 1st for Final Round consideration.

Scholarships
There are many scholarships and cash prizes available for students entering tertiary education. Some are employer funded such as The Executive Director’s Teacher Education Scholarship offered by CEO Sydney or government funded, funded by charitable and community organizations and privately funded and administered by colleges and universities. A comprehensive list can be found on the Myfuture web site http://www.myfuture.edu.au/ by clicking on “The Facts” and then “Funding; Awards and Scholarships” Many have closing dates of September 29th. A scholarship folder has been placed in the library containing details of many scholarship programs. Interested students are strongly advised to look these over and ask for any assistance that they may need to complete their application well ahead of the due date.

Access Disadvantage Program
Students who have suffered disadvantage during their HSC studies and preparation (not misadventure, which is usually short term, such as a sporting or automotive accident just before or during exams), may be able to receive support in gaining a university place by making an application to UAC for the Access disadvantage scheme. Access provides an entry pathway to about 10% of undergraduate places that are usually reserved for applicants suffering disadvantage. Types of disadvantage include low socio-economic status, excessive family responsibilities, crowded living conditions, etc. Applications require documentary evidence such as Centrelink statements and must be submitted by mail to arrive no later at UAC than September 29th. Please see Mr. Berry or Mrs. Kennedy if you are interested.

Sign Up For A Job Day
Our Local Community Partnership (LCP), Liverpool Workplace Learning Partnership Inc. has advertised an opportunity for students from local schools to be interviewed directly for cadetships, apprenticeships and traineeships on September 1st. This offer is open to all Year 10 and 12 students who are interested in beginning a full time career in late 2006 or 2007. Students must nominate the cadetship, apprenticeship or traineeship that they are interested in applying for from a list. They must then complete a resume and collect any other documentary requirements such as an Occupational Health and safety for Construction Induction certificate (green card), before their interview. Students should see Mr. Berry to select their option(s) as soon as possible if interested.

Bluescope Steel and EnergyAustralia Cadet Recruitment
Applications for cadetships in mechanical, electrical, computer, mechatronics, materials, chemical engineering and chemistry are currently being taken by Bluescope Steel. Interested students should visit www.bluescope.com/cadets to make an application. Applications will close August 31st.

Additionally, a Bluescope Steel scholarship in Materials Engineering is available, administered by University of Wollongong. Interested students should contact UOW on (02)4221 3073 or visit www.uow.edu.au/about/scholarships/prospective/ for more details.

EnergyAustralia is offering five year scholarships valued at over $90 000 in Electrical Engineering coupled with work experience at EnergyAustralia. Interested students should contact Sumaira Cheema on (02) 9394 6663. Some application forms have been sent to the College, see Mr. Berry if interested. Applications close September 29th.

Bluescope Steel and EnergyAustralia Traineeships and Apprenticeships
Bluescope Steel will be looking for mechanical and electrical apprentices in 2007. All recruitment will occur through Illawarra Group Training Company (02) 4271 7051.

EnergyAustralia is offering a traineeship that combines part-time study for the Advanced Diploma in Electrical technology with work experience. Attractive salary and conditions apply. Please contact Sumaira Cheema on (02) 9394 6663 or visit www.energy.com.au/trainee if interested. Applications close September 29th.

PMP Limited / PMPPRINT
Students interested in an apprenticeship in printing or bindery (making books and magazines) should see Mr. Berry for details of how to apply.

Opportunities in nursing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
Bachelor of Nursing scholarships and 12 month paid Trainee Enrolled Nurse positions are available in a number of locations to students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ancestry. Students who complete the traineeship may apply for exemptions from the Bachelor degree program. Please see Mr. Berry if interested.

Mr Stephen Berry, Careers Adviser