Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Last Monday the teaching staff of the college was involved in our final Staff Development Day for this year. During the day teachers were able to consider teaching and learning and the “Learning Framework” developed by the Catholic Education Office. Each of the sessions had a focus on different aspects of teaching and learning such as expectations, relationships, creating a positive learning environment and consistency of standards. The day proved to be most productive and provided a wonderful opportunity to enhance the learning of students at Good Samaritan.

On Monday August 7, I attended a meeting at the Liverpool Catholic Club, and was presented with a cheque for the college. This funding was presented to Good Samaritan to further enhance programs to promote understanding of literacy and numeracy among our students. The Catholic Club is very generous with their support of the local community and presented a number of cheques to schools and community organisations to augment the work which those organisations are undertaking. The Catholic Club has also been most supportive of the college and this support manifests itself in their willingness to recognise the needs the youth of the local area. I thank the Catholic Club for their generosity and readiness to improve the future prospects of the students of Good Samaritan.

Next week I will be attending the Annual General Meeting of the MacArthur Independent Schools Association. The reason for my attendance at this meeting is to ratify the entrance of Good Samaritan into this association for sport in 2007. The major implication of our entry into this association is that from 2007, sport will be conducted on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays. An advantage of the college joining this association, is that most representative sport will be played in the local area, which will reduce both cost of transport and travel time. This decision also means that Good Samaritan will no longer be involved in the CBSA and the SCC competitions.

This week we conducted the “Evening with Year 12”. The aim of the evening was to showcase the major works and performances of students in Drama, Music, Graphics Technology, Industrial Technology, Information Processes and Technology, Software Design and Development, Textiles and Design, Hospitality and Visual Arts. The display was certainly most impressive and left many of the attendees in awe of the talents of our students. I thank the students and teachers for their dedication and involvement in the evening.

I reported in the previous newsletter that Mrs Eljed would be undertaking a contract renewal and appraisal in the near future. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, this appraisal did not eventuate. The new date for this appraisal is September 1. The results of which will be presented in the next newsletter.

Next Sunday is Migrant and Refugee Sunday. This is most relevant to Australians many of whom are migrants or descendants of migrants. As Australians, we should celebrate with thanks the diversity of peoples in Australia. The Church, like the Nation, is made up of peoples from many different countries with different languages and customs. I invite everyone to pray for migrants and refugees that they are welcomed warmly into our midst.

God Bless,

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal
**From the Assistant Principal**

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Mrs B Eljed, Assistant Principal

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Mr R Grech, Administration Co-ordinator

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As part of the Social Justice Program for 2006, the Catholic Education Office, Revesby has organised a Social Justice Day at Stanwell Park on 16th August 2006. Ten students from Years 10-12, Mrs Sayadi, Mrs Marcellienus and Sr Marj will represent Good Samaritan Catholic College. This day will enable students to interact with their peers from other schools within the Diocese to discuss initiatives, ideas and projects. Students will also participate in two workshops to reflect on local and global issues and work out strategies for future projects.

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**Year 11 2007 Subject Selection**

On Wednesday August 9, the college conducted the Year 11 2007 Information Evening. This was certainly a positive experience for students who were most willing to ask questions and seek advice in relation to their subjects in 2007.

The evening was followed up by an interview in which each student and one parent were able ask questions and seek advice before choosing his/her Year 11 subjects. It is hoped that this approach will allow students to make informed subject choices as they undertake their senior studies.

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**Silver Award Winners**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Silver Awards at Assembly this week.

Mark Bawalan, Bianca Adattini, Andrea Brocklehurst, Joshua Bugeja and Jessica Nesci.
RYDA - Our Learning Curve

On Tuesday, August 1, Year 11 attended RYDA, a driver awareness program held at the Penrith Regatta Centre. Having to arrive at school by 8 am, most of us thought that this was too early for a wake up call – but we were soon to realise it was not soon enough.

Throughout the day we participated in a number of activities, including a ride in Senior Constable Wayne’s police car, where we experienced a practical demonstration of how physics works in relation to stopping distance and the importance of going 40km/h in a school zone.

We also attended many seminars, one of which involved a guest speaker named Craig. He shared with us his traumatic story of his motorcycle accident and how he not only spent many months in hospital and rehabilitation; his horrific injuries including brain, spinal and ligament injuries as well as how he missed key moments in his 5 year old son’s life.

As a whole, Year 11 walked away from the day with two main messages in mind – the one thing that you will always choose is your ATTITUDE, and there’s no point being right if you’re dead.

We would like to thank all involved for giving us the opportunity to share in their experiences, and making the statistics become a reality.

Written By: Jaimie Selvage, Amy-Lee Wulf and Bianca Xerri

Bell Shakespeare Incursion

A few weeks ago, a company named “Bell Shakespeare: Actors at Work” came to give Year 9 a performance titled “Love’s Magic”. It was a very enjoyable experience loved by everybody in the year group,

The actors gave a vibrant interpretation of two plays – Romeo and Juliet and A Midsummer Night’s Dream. As they acted, they used music and movement to bring the plays alive. Year 9 benefitted from the show because they interacted really well with us from an audience’s perspective and taught us a thing or two more about the famous Shakespearean style.

All in all, it was a great performance with many enjoyable and memorable moments.

Natasha Perre, Year 9

The Science Department

Earlier this year, over six hundred students from Years 7 to 10 participated in the 2006 International Science Competition run by the University of NSW. Six of our students achieved scores in the top 10% of Australia, and were presented with a ‘Certificate Of Distinction’ during the last college assembly. Those students were:

Year 7: Rebecca Arcuri, Claudio Carrasco and Christopher Wilder

Year 10: Matthew Hobby, David Mamo and Dale Trenear

As well as these high achievers, thirty-nine students from Years 7 to 10 were presented a ‘Certificate Of Credit’. Well done to all students who participated in this year’s competition, and I look forward to another successful competition next year.

Ms Michelle Flocco
Acting Science Co-ordinator

Arrive Alive

The Year 10 PDHPE classes have been attending the Motor Accident Authority “Arrive Alive” presentations. The MAA, along with the Green Valley Police and the NRL have designed the sessions to outline the dangers of alcohol, risk taking behaviours and drink driving.

South Sydney Rabbitohs players, David Peachey and Luke Stuart caused a big stir amongst the students when they arrived at GSCC to talk to the students about responsible behaviour. The Year 10 classes who attended the presentations have found them to be both entertaining and educational.

Defend Your Smile

Year 8 are thankful for the oral health presentation by Katrina and Keav from The Public Oral Health Service in Week 3.

Students were reminded to: Eat well, Drink well, Clean well, Play well, Stay well - and to make sensible lifestyle choices in consideration of the possible consequences.

Students learnt the consequences of oral piercings; not wearing a mouth protector when playing sport; smoking; drug use; and drinking alcohol.

The Public Oral Health Services provide FREE dental services to children up to 18 years.

Enquiries – 1300 559 393
Senior Girls Soccer

The Senior Girls Soccer team this year competed in the Sydney Catholic Colleges Soccer Competition in Term 2 held at Condell Park. The season culminated in the girls defeating Casimir Catholic College 2 –1 in the Grand Final. The team was put in a difficult position before the season started as they were the only team without a bye. To add to the pressure, the competition did not have any semi-finals due to the short term and this meant they had to finish first or second. After losing the first game to Casimir, we remained undefeated for the rest of the season.

The grand final was again another display of the spirit and determination that we have come to appreciate in competitors from Good Samaritan. The team work, enthusiasm and encouragement displayed by the girls were admirable.

Congratulations to the girls who performed and won as a team often playing out of position. Their commitment to sportspersonship and fair play is a quality they have always upheld. They represented the College with great pride.

The team would like to thank all the staff, parents and students who were able to support them throughout the season.

The team: Laverna Lavulo, Veronica Vella, Bianca McGrath, Bianca Marras, Sarah Martin, Vicky Mammone, Melissa Campisi, Melissa Petracic, Stephanie Ilufi, Joelle Dagher, Amy Iheakanwa, Christina Iaconis, Juliette Iaconis, Renee Saliba, Linda Boahene

Mr R Grech, Coach

Congratulations to all of the players and those students who showed their support throughout the season. From humble beginnings, learning how to tackle and pass and when to pick up the ball, we became a competitive team that produced some fine examples of the Good Samaritan sporting spirit.

Mr S Berry, Coach

Year 11 Physics Report

On the 17 May 2006 the Year 11 Physics class accompanied by Mr Howard attended the “Physics in Motion” course at Nirimba, Quakers Hill. We arrived at the centre and were greeted by our friendly and helpful instructor. Throughout the day we attended seminars about G-Force, Momentum and Speed. We then went out to a large car park and put the theory into practice. We participated in practical demonstrations, including one, where we travelled in a car at a low speed without seatbelts, which reiterated to us the importance of wearing them. Overall it was a fun filled day and the class would like to thank Mr Howard for allowing us to attend this excursion which put the theoretical work done in class into a practical context.

Written by: Vanessa, Bianca and Janice

TAS Department

Help! The TAS Department has an urgent need for a pair of Speakers. They need to be 6 or 8 ohms bookshelf type. If anyone can assist in donating a pair of speakers - it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Mr Fitzpatrick via the college office for further details.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you are now aware, the College’s building program is now complete. As a result the College will be conducting the blessing and opening of stages 3 to 5 of the project on Friday September 22, 2006

The details of the day are outlined below:

9.00 am Liturgy of the Word celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal George Pell  
10.20 am Recess and cutting of the official cake  
11.00 am Student stalls to support and raise money for house charities  
1.15 pm Rockstar INX6 Concert  
2.50 pm Dismissal

The students will be required to wear their full winter college uniform for the formal ceremony in the morning and then they will be allowed to change into their sports uniform for the remainder of the day.

This date coincides with Good Samaritan Day and will also be a day in which the college will continue to work for the wider community by raising funds to support the various house charities. Parents and friends are invited to attend both the blessing and opening and Good Samaritan Day activities. In order to prepare for the day’s festivities and to accommodate all of our invited guests, I ask that you indicate the number of people attending the Liturgy of the Word in the morning on the tear off slip below.

I look forward to seeing you and celebrating this very important occasion for the College.

Yours faithfully,

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

GSCC OPENING & BLESSING OF BUILDINGS

Please indicate below your attendance to the Opening and Blessing on Friday 22nd September.

I / We will be attending the Blessing and Opening of the College on the 22nd September 2006.

(Number attending ..................................) Do not include students of the college.

☐ Yes - I / We will stay for morning tea.  ☐ No - I / We will not be staying for morning tea.

Name………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..
Good Shepherd Parish Weekend Masses
Saturday: Vigil 5.30 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & 5.30 pm
Father Joseph

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
The Uniform Shop will be open from
7.30 am to 8.30 am
Monday to Thursday
On every second Tuesday - the shop will
also be available for students at lunchtime
and for parents from 12.20 pm - 3.45 pm

TRANITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL
Do you have a child starting at high
school? Informative night on how best to support your
child in the transition experience.
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30
7.30 pm—9.00 pm

CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE
300 THE RIVER ROAD
REVESBY HEIGHTS

In small groups, talk with others whose teen-
age children need reassurance and correct
information about high school. In plain lan-
guage HELEN THOMPSON Rosemount Youth
and Family Services will take you through
some of the key issues children face in their
move from Primary School to a Secondary
school environment. Listen to SHIRLEY
GREEN (Vocational Learning Adviser) and
learn more about the vocational educational
choices currently available to the high school
student.

THE CEO SPIRITUALITY CENTRE
Offers the following courses:
The Parables of Jesus: Insights from Godly
Play - Thursday August 24th (Sally Garman)
Christian-Muslim Dialogue: Sharing our
Story - Tuesday August 29th (Sr Pauline Rae
and Robyn Gallagher)
Getting into the Miracles: Insights from
Godly Play - Thursday September 7th (Sally
Garman)
Come Away and Rest Awhile - Thursday
September 21st (Patricia Thomas)

1 MARY STREET, HUNTERS HILL
9.30am - 2.30pm
No charge, morning tea and lunch provided
To apply phone 98169800

THE CANTEEN DOES NOT ACCEPT $50 NOTES. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF
STUDENTS COULD HAVE THE CORRECT AMOUNT OR SMALL CURRENCY 10¢ 20¢ 50¢