Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Last week six senior students accompanied Mrs Sayadi and myself to the “Archbishop's Awards for Student Excellence” conducted at St Mary's Cathedral. The award is presented annually to one outstanding senior student from each Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Sydney. The award is an important way of highlighting the very positive contribution that young people make to their school and their local communities. This year the proud recipient is Marc Ghignone. The citation introducing Marc to Cardinal Pell and read by Amy-Lee Wulf is as follows:

“Marc Ghignone is a committed, caring and vibrant leader of our college. As one of the College Captains Marc has been actively involved in leadership camps and seminars where his input has been invaluable. He has utilised his position to pursue a number of initiatives especially in the area of social justice. Marc is a member of the Antioch Group and assists with night patrols. Marc has maintained an excellent level of achievement academically, and despite family illness, has managed to stay focused, achieving first place across five of his subjects in first semester.”

Congratulations to Marc and his family on this wonderful achievement.

This year the college will not be undertaking a fundraising venture, although there are many areas that would benefit from extra funds. The reason for this decision is related to fundraising in 2005. Last year the college intended to use funds raised to supply a shade structure to cover an area outside the canteen. Unfortunately this could not be constructed until the building program was completed. In fairness to last year’s contributors it was decided not to raise more funds until those funds were used. The college will now endeavour to use the funds raised in 2005 to finance the construction of a shaded area later this year.

During last week the uniform shop was open on a number of afternoons in order to facilitate the purchase of uniforms for Year 7 and Year 11 students in 2007. I thank those parents who purchased uniforms as this will ensure that students attend the college properly attired on day one 2007. I also sincerely thank Mrs La Rosa, Mrs Iaconis, Mrs D’onofrio, Mrs Chapple, Mrs Perre, Mrs Carmel Macri, Mrs Maria Macri and Mrs Carver who generously gave their time to help with uniform fitting at various times throughout the week.

Next Sunday is Father’s Day and although commercialism often detracts from the true purpose, the day still provides those who do not regularly acknowledge their fathers an opportunity to do so. It also provides an opportunity to reflect on parenthood. As Cardinal Pell stated in a recent article “Parents are the most powerful influence on their children”. While Father’s Day and indeed Mother’s Day are opportunities to acknowledge our parents they also offer challenges to parents themselves to not only explain what is right but to be an example to their children in their faith as well as in other aspects of their lives.
I am certainly grateful for the example that my father set me and pray that all fathers accept their responsibilities in this area. I wish all fathers and grandfathers a happy Father’s Day on Sunday.

God Bless,

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

Father’s Day Prayer

This Sunday, Father’s Day we give thanks for our Dads. Father’s Day provides an opportunity to ask our Lord to look over and guide them in their fatherly role in the family. St Paul gives some advice in this area in his letter to the Ephesians 6:2-4 which states:

Honour your Father and Mother. This is the first of the Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise:

If you honour your Father and Mother, “you will live a long life, full of blessing”

We Pray,

Lord Jesus, your Father in heaven never left you and continually provided You with love, patience and compassion. May You now bestow Your blessings on all fathers within the Good Samaritan community and may they be an example of God’s love and patience to their children. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Happy Father’s Day and remember it is a gift given which takes a lifetime to master.

Mr K Griffiths, RE Co-ordinator

Yr 12 Software Design Students
Taking learning to the interactive level...

Yr 12 Software Design & Development students have just finished a comprehensive 3 months of designing and developing an educational game for students aged 5 to 10 years. They went through a formal process of software development which many software companies, i.e. Microsoft, also go through when it comes to developing software. They brainstormed ideas, designed sample screen designs through prototypes, and eventually programmed their final product. They were given the opportunity to showcase their finished products at the Year 12 Performing Arts night to gain feedback from people at the event.

Mr J Reyes, IT Co-ordinator

Year 8 Italian Excursion

On Tuesday 22nd August, the whole of Year 8, along with 7 teachers all travelled by bus to “Fogolar Furlan Club at Lansvale”. We then separated into House Groups, each representing an Italian State. Some activities we participated in were tombola (bingo), bocce, calcio (soccer), carte (cards), Indovinello (guessing quiz) and also watched “Fritelle” being made (an Italian dessert).

Lunch was absolutely tremendous and the variety included pasta, garlic bread, chicken schnitzel and home-made pizza. It was truly a great and wonderful way to experience Italian culture, beliefs, history and everyday living.

On behalf of all Year 8 students, we would like to thank our teachers, Mrs Antasasio, Ms Morabito, Ms Kennedy, Mr Reyes, Mr Gray, Ms Flocco and Mr Zahra for organising such an exciting day for all to enjoy as well as assisting on the day. Also a special thanks to the volunteers from the club who helped make this day so enjoyable.

Tina Pham & Sandra Waga
Year 8 La Salle

Year 12 HSC Speaking Examinations

On Saturday 9th & 16th September the Year 12 Italian Continuers and Beginners students will be completing their HSC Speaking Examinations. Buona Fortuna a tutti!
Charitable Works Fund

This fund supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney, including Centacare which offers over 100 programs to help the disadvantaged and those in crisis, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, which provides religious education to 30,000 Catholic children in Sydney state schools, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, the Catholic Chaplaincy Services and Catholic Youth Services. Archdiocesan Catholic schools are asked to conduct an appeal each year to raise money to help these very worthwhile agencies and initiatives. GSCC will hold a **MUFTI DAY on FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH.** Students who choose to wear mufti on the day will be asked for a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the CWF.

The theme for the Mufti Day is “Support your favourite football team” so students are asked to wear a football jersey or suitable clothing in their team’s colours. Students are reminded of the need to wear appropriate clothing for a school-day and also that all other normal school rules, especially with respect to grooming and jewellery, apply on the day.

_Mrs B Eljed, Assistant Principal_

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**Sports Photos Reminder**

_Sports photos_ will be taken on Thursday September 7th. Students who have been in any of our representative teams should check with their coaches if any special clothing – other than the sports uniform, is required for the photo. Envelopes are available at the college office for students who wish to purchase these photos. The price of each photo is $14. It is important to give clear information as to which photos are required, e.g. instead of writing “Soccer Photo” write “U/14 Boys Soccer Team”.

**Year 11 News**

_Congratulations to Andrew Zaia, Year 11 Chisholm, who has been specially invited to join the Australian Open Mens Soccer side. This team will be competing in the 73rd Annual American National Soccer Competition. Good luck Andrew._

_Year 11 Young Women’s Leadership Forum_

_On the 24th July, Amy Iheakanwa and Jaimie Selvage of Year 11 were given the opportunity to attend this leadership Seminar at NSW Parliament House. The day was about new experiences and being exposed to things outside the norm of day to day life. It all began with having to make their way to Parliament House in Macquarie Street. This was their first new experience._

_On their arrival the day seemed daunting but they soon realized that the other participants were there for the same reason._

_The day consisted of many inspirational and motivational women sharing their achievements. Both girls were inspired by Mahbobah and her story. She had no formal education and very little money, but sold her possessions to fulfill her promise to the children of Afghanistan._

_Overall, the day was inspirational for all who attended. Amy and Jaimie left knowing that all people have the potential to be leaders in their own way._

_Ms M Walker, Year 11 Co-ordinator_

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**Boys Education**

_Last year the college, in conjunction with a cluster of schools from Southern Region, was successful in securing a grant under the Federal Government’s Success for Boys initiative. As a result our staff has been in-serviced in current research in boys education and strategies to incorporate into their classrooms. Early next term we will begin our “Success for Boys Project” which will involve a number of boys from Years 7, 8 and 9. More details about the project will follow in later newsletters._
On Friday 18th August, a number of our students represented Good Samaritan Catholic College at the Southern Sydney Athletics Carnival at Sylvania Waters Athletics track. All students competed to the best of their ability and represented the College with pride.

The following students received outstanding results on the day:

- **Anthony Tomelic**: 2nd 12 years 1500m
- **Joel Jarrett**: 3rd 15 years 1500m
- **Steven D’Onofrio**: 3rd 17+ years 1500m
- **Isabella Pezzutto**: 3rd 12 years 800m, 200m & 100m
  - **Jacob Abela**: 2nd 15 years 800m
  - **Thomas Kennedy**: 3rd 16 years 800m
  - **Dario Rossi**: 2nd 15 years Long Jump
- **Nato Foti**: 1st 17+ years Discuss, 2nd 17+ years Long Jump, 3rd 17+ years Javelin & 3rd 17+ years Triple Jump
- **Tara Eastaugh**: 3rd 16 years Discuss
- **Anthony Vella**: 1st 16 years Discuss, 1st 16 years Javelin
- **Jacqueline Da Silva**: 3rd 13 years High Jump
  - **Mark Haider**: 3rd 13 years High Jump
  - **Paul Messina**: 1st 16 years High Jump
- **Augustina Boahene**: 2nd 12 years Shot Put
  - **Daniel Makhoul**: 2nd 12 years Shot Put
  - **Lana Ferreira**: 3rd 14 years Shot Put
  - **Nathaniel Barbuto**: 3rd 15 years Javelin
  - **Kayla Bittman**: 3rd 17+ years Triple Jump
  - **John Kennedy**: 1st 13 years 200m & 100m
- **Carmelo Ussia**: 2nd 13 years 400m & 3rd 13 years 200m
  - **Joseph Campanelli**: 2nd 14 years 200m

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to represent the Southern Sydney Squad at the NSWCCC Athletics Carnival on the 15th September at Homebush:

- **Nato Foti**, **Anthony Vella**, **Paul Messina**, **John Kennedy**, **Joseph Campanelli** & **Carmelo Ussia**

Thank you to Mr. Grech and Mr. Costin for assisting with events and driving the students to and from the venue on the day.

**Miss Hayward, External Sport Co-ordinator**
OPEN DAYS
September 2nd University of New South Wales Courses and Careers Day
JMC Academy, bookings online at www.jmcacademy.edu.au or call 9281 8899
September 3rd Campion College, 8-14 Austin-Woodbury Place Old Toongabbie
September 9th Australian Catholic University Open Day (Strathfield & North Sydney) Macquarie University
September 16th Bedford College Open Day and Scholarship Assessment

BLUESCOPE STEEL CADETSHIPS
Bluescope (formerly BHP) Steel is offering a number cadetships in Science, Materials Engineering and many other types of engineering. During a cadetship, the candidate usually attends university part – time and works with a mentor to learn the procedures, structures and strategies for effective management and leadership. Bluescope materials engineers are involved in sampling, testing and analysis of materials, supervising work teams, liaising with customers and using high tech equipment.
Successful applicants will have satisfied requirements for entry into the Bachelor of Engineering at University of Wollongong, with English 2 Unit, Physics and/or Chemistry 2 Unit and Mathematics 2 Unit and/or Extension 1 completed.
Apply on-line by September 4th at www.bluescopesteel.com/cadets.

DENTAL ASSISTANT TRAINEESHIPS
Sydney West Area Health Service’s Westmead Centre for Oral Health and Community Clinics is offering 10 positions in 2 year traineeships to school leavers in Years 10, 11 and 12 who have good communication skills. Dental assistants are generally in high demand both in the hospital system and in private enterprise. Application packages are available by contacting Lyndal Rogers by telephone on 9845 7535 and at lyndal-dowling@wsahs.nsw.gov.au.

The AUDIT OFFICE SCHOOL LEAVER PROGRAM
The Audit Office of NSW monitors the financial accountability of NSW Government departments, statutory authorities, projects and enterprises. Students interested in an accounting career may be interested in becoming an Audit Trainee, working with the Audit Office, using modern technologies and practices. Each new trainee receives a laptop computer, as well as a total remuneration package of $28 387.00 p.a.. Successful applicants will have achieved a UAI suitable for entry to an accredited accounting degree. To apply, please contact Linda Hasnon 9275 7276 during business hours or by emailing Linda at SchoolLeavers@audit.nsw.gov.au. Applications close September 15th.

UNSW Minerals Summer School
This is an opportunity for students in Years 10 and 11 who have an interest in mining and mining engineering to attend a four day residential school, touring mines in the Hunter Valley and/or central western NSW, accompanied by staff from UNSW and NSW Minerals Council. You must be 15 years old or over on January 1st 2007, tour dates are January 15 – 18, and cost is $160.00 Students studying or planning to study Chemistry, Physics, Biology or Mathematics may find the tour most interesting and useful.
Apply on-line at www.mining.unsw.edu.au, applications close September 18th.

PREVOCATIONAL COURSES AT SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE OF TAFE

NEW CAREERS WEBSITES
WIN an iPod Nano or one of four $25 grants by visiting www.worksite.actu.asn.au and participating in Job Scene Investigation (JSI).My High School, visit www.mhscareers.com for links to careers information.

Mr S Berry, Careers Advisor
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.

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

CEO—SYDNEY
Parent Education Programs
Term 4
What public services are available from Health & Education for children who need extra help?
Guest Speakers:
Professor Les White, NSW HEALTH
Louise Ferguson, NSW DET
MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2006
7.30pm—9.30pm 123 Flora Street, Sutherland
Bookings—(02) 95451505

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

FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL
Positive Parenting Program
Aims to promote positive parenting and reduce the stress associated with raising children—provides ideas to help you get along better with your children - suitable for parents of children 3—12 yrs.
MONDAY 4TH, 11TH 18TH & 25TH SEPTEMBER
7pm—9pm Bankstown Trotting Club—$20
Phone 97247875 to book
How to keep your children safe—a loving approach to prevention
Presented by Judith Feldman
Child Protection Consultant
Child-friendly strategies to help your children stay safe at home and in the community.

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