Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Last Wednesday students studying Music for the HSC undertook their HSC practical examination. As with the other students who have undertaken practical examinations these students were very nervous as the time approached. All reports suggest, however, that they performed very well. I thank Miss Benjamin, the teachers and students who offered support in order to enable the students to gain the best possible result. This week Year 11 also began their examinations. These examinations signal the conclusion of the Preliminary HSC and when Year 11 return next term they will begin the HSC courses. Once again I assure Year 12 and Year 11 that they continue to be in our thoughts and prayers as they undertake their respective examinations.

This week Ms Williamson concluded an analysis of the ELLA and SNAP results with the Catholic primary schools of the district. This analysis and sharing is an annual event in the college. It is quite significant as it not only forms direction for students as they continue their secondary education, it also gives direction to the primary schools as they plan for their future students and assess their approach to literacy and numeracy. The college also has a commitment to a smooth transition for students from primary to secondary and the communication which took place at the meeting this week certainly enhances that transition.

The ELLA results show that 91% of our students were above national benchmarks in Reading and 96% of the students were above national benchmarks in Writing. The SNAP test highlighted that 73% of students were above national benchmarks in Numeracy. These results will be the basis of literacy and numeracy planning for this cohort of students as they continue their education at the college.

At the most recent assembly Mrs Eljed had the pleasure of presenting College Gold Awards to Anthony Thepsombandith and Rose Pipicella. This is certainly a significant achievement for both students and is a culmination of a great deal of effort and work on the part of each. Congratulations to Anthony and Rose.

This week we welcome our new counsellor Mrs Vini Capano to the college. Mrs Capano will offer vital counselling support to students for three days per week for the remainder of the year. I wish Mrs Laura Rowell well as she departs Good Samaritan and sincerely thank her for the counselling support that she has given students throughout Term 3.

As everyone would be aware, next Friday the college community will come together to celebrate the Official Blessing and Opening of Stages 3, 4 and 5 of the building program. On the same day we will celebrate Good Samaritan Day. This is a very exciting time in our history and all members in our community are invited to attend. Any parents who wish to attend should inform the college of their attendance prior to the day. Due to the large number of expected guests traffic conditions on the day will be altered and there will be restricted access to the college from 8am. I ask all parents to be aware of the restrictions and thank you, in anticipation, for your co-operation.

On Friday September 8 the college conducted a mufti day to support the charitable works of the Archdiocese of Sydney. The response of students and staff to this fund raising venture was very impressive and is a reflection of our college community’s commitment to social justice. This collection was certainly timely as this Sunday is Social Justice Sunday. The theme this year is “Make indigenous poverty history”. This is a reminder to all Catholics that each one of us has a responsibility to promote justice and the welfare of all people in our world, whether they be in our local community or removed from our vicinity. I pray that each one of us makes a commitment to promote social justice in our own way.

God Bless,

Mr John Lo Cascio, Principal
Thank you for those in government and in the church community who are really listening and responding with true wisdom to their needs and cries.

Thank you for the land rights that have been recognised, for progress among tribal groups, for emerging Indigenous poets, priests, ministers and managers. We pray with anguished souls for the descendants of tribes disinherit long ago, for those broken spirits who gather without aim or hope in parks and lanes of cities and towns.

God, guide us, for we feel incapable of discovering how we can best assist them - except that perhaps to admit to them that we are burdened to belong to the race that helped corrupt them. Merciful God, hear our cry.

Many of us long to undo the many wrongs, as far as is possible. But how do we start, God? Where do we start? Merciful God, hear our cry! Amen

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School Fee Reminder
A reminder that all school fees are now due. Parents having difficulty meeting payment should contact either Mr Archer or Mr Lo Cascio at the college to make an appointment to discuss any issues.

Senior Girls Softball
The senior girls softball team started off knowing very little about the game of softball. However with perseverance their results have been extremely positive. We have only lost 1 game 10-9 which was just unlucky!

We now find ourselves sitting second on the competition table behind the team thought to be favourites to take out the competition, Mt St Joseph.

With only one game left to play, the semi finals are just around the corner and our confidence level has helped us prepare to take on the “Big Guns”. Good luck girls.

Mrs C Celea, Coach

Charitable Works Fund Mufti Day
It was great to see the support given to this very worthwhile appeal last Friday. Good Samaritan was very colourful with people showing their support for a wide range of sporting teams. The only disappointment was the fact that some students came in inappropriate footwear for a day at school. Students and parents are reminded of the need to wear closed-in, suitable shoes such as leather joggers on mufti days. Thongs, ugg boots and slip-on shoes do not offer the protection students need both in class and on the playground.

Endeavour Book Orders Year 12 2007
These have now been collected from the college and books will be available for students to start their HSC studies in Week 2 of Term 4. If any student missed the deadline, it is important that they contact Endeavour directly to make arrangements. It is essential that students have their books from the beginning of the HSC courses to give themselves the best chance of success.

Mrs B Eljed, Assistant Principal

Silver Awards Recipients
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Silver Awards at last week's assembly.

Jacinta Vella
Rowena Ferreira
Jeremy Smith
Anthony Belardo
Luen Samonte
Julie Labuguen
Rose Pipicella
Damien Ferreri
Stephen Camilleri
Giuseppe Bologna

Technology News
Internet Safety
I remind students to be careful when using any internet service. The internet is an open domain that is accessible to anyone. Parents should be vigilant knowing what their son/daughter uploads for others to access. "Internet Safety Tips" will continue to be published in every newsletter until the end of the year. These articles will provide valuable information on how to use the internet effectively, and also securely.

Colour printing
Colour printing costs $1.00 which will be deducted from the student's print credit. Students should only be printing in colour for important documents that require the use of colour printing, such as assessment tasks.

Today's Internet Safety Tip
Information that students upload to an internet service will be accessible by anyone. This includes internet services such as MSN Messenger Profiles and mySpace, which provide a 'space' for students to share personal information with others. Parents should speak to their sons/daughters about the dangers of uploading such information. Personal information (this includes photos and other media) should never be uploaded to a web site service.
On Thursday 7th September, Good Samaritan Catholic College hosted the annual CBSA Chess Gala Day. The tournament involved boys from nine schools that are affiliated with the CBSA – Christian Brothers College (Burwood), St Mary’s Cathedral College (Sydney), Holy Spirit College (Lakemba), Casmir College (Marrickville), Marist College (Penshurst), St Charbel’s College (Punchbowl), De La Salle College (Revesby), St Maroun’s College (Dulwich Hill), and of course Good Samaritan Catholic College.

The start of the day was quite tense as all the boys were eagerly awaiting the commencement of the tournament. The day proved a success, with approximately 150 students competing in the tournament. The following schools won the respective age groups:

- **Year 7 Champions:** Burwood
- **Year 8 Champions:** Revesby
- **Year 9 Champions:** Revesby
- **Year 10 Champions:** Penshurst
- **Senior Champions:** Revesby

I would like to extend my congratulations to the GSCC team. They participated enthusiastically, demonstrated good sportsmanship and represented the College with pride. The following students were involved in the GSCC Team:

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Thank you to Mrs Golubic, Mrs Romeo and the other canteen ladies for their support and preparation, both on the day and leading up to it. Thank you also to other staff members who assisted in the preparation and clean-up of the day. Your support was greatly appreciated.

A special mention must go to the Year 9 PASS class and the Year 10 students (Andrew El-Zakhem, Cassandra Pignataro, Melissa Campisi and Leah Cullen) who assisted on the day. They were in charge of collecting scores from each student at the conclusion of each round, tallying the scores to determine the overall champion teams, and various other duties on the day. The tournament could not have gone ahead without their support and contributions.

Mr E Brown  
CBSA Sports Co-ordinator

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**Can Drive Appeal**

It’s very hard to lose a home and it is even harder when you don’t have a place to go and you have to live on the street. Even though we would think this would never happen to us this is reality for many men in the inner city of Sydney.

With the number of homeless men increasing, it is becoming a great issue, so an establishment named “Matthew Talbot Hostel” was set up to help.

With our school theme “let your light shine” we surely let the school’s name shine. Over the past 2 weeks, Years 10 and 11 have organised a “Can Drive Appeal”. We collected cans of food, packets of pasta and any non-perishable food items.

The contributions started out slowly but by the end of the week half the storeroom was filled with food and by the second week the food was overflowing.

All years made great contributions and because of this a number of homeless men will go to bed with full stomachs. Years 10 and 11 students thank all families who made our charity drive such a success.

Ms K Morrissey  
Year 10 Co-ordinator
Christmas jobs with Coles Myer and Woolworths stores


We are seeking enthusiastic applicants with a desire to provide our customers excellent service.” To apply for a casual Christmas job at a Woolworths brand store (Dick Smith Electrical, Powerhouse, Big W, Dan Murphy’s etc. go to http://www.wowcareers.com.au/wowcareers/geny/getajob.htm#.

Applicants must be 18 years old or over to work at Liquorland and Vintage Cellars.

Educational Access Schemes

Students who have suffered an educational disadvantage due to illness, bereavement, poor socio-economic conditions, frequent moving of home/study arrangements etc. in the months before the HSC may be eligible for entry to university using EAS. The program gives consideration to the disadvantage suffered and makes allowance in the UAI required for entry to specific courses. HECS and fees are still charged for enrolment, students requiring financial assistance should consider a HECS-HELP loan, FEE-HELP loan, a cadetship or a scholarship. You can download the EAS booklet, application form or application kit at http://www.uac.edu.au/career/resources.html.

On-time applications to UAC close September 29th

If you submit your apply-on-line application to UAC by September 29th the standard $21.00 application fee applies, however, late fees of up to $117.00 may be charged for applications made up to the final date for applications, February 2nd 2007. Once an application is made on-line, it can be altered as often as needed at no extra charge, so apply soon and avoid the late fees.

Sign Up for a Job Day

Congratulations to the 18 students who made their way to John Edmonson Memorial Club on September 1st with resumes and portfolios in hand to apply for 2007 apprenticeships, traineeships and cadetships. All were very well presented, the College uniform really does make a great impression when worn correctly, and some have already been contacted for second interviews.

Scholarships, cadetships and student loans

Information about and applications for thousands of scholarships can be found at http://www.onlinelearning101.com/search.aspx?keywords=scholarship If you are interested in finding out more about fees and student loans, DEST has a website that provides some excellent information. Visit www.goingtouni.gov.au or use the link below http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/Main/FeesLoansAndScholarships/Undergraduate/Default.htm Try googling for cadetships, a recent search turned up 76,900 using only the “pages from Australia” tab at www.google.com.au and typing “cadetships” in the search field.

Mr S Berry, Careers Adviser

We at the College offer Literacy support programs to boost the reading and writing performance of our students. Some 55 Year 7 students are completing an intensive program this term. We do, however, need the support of parents and carers. Nobody expects to improve in sport without constant training and practice. Reading is a skill like any other. It improves with practice too. Encourage your children to read at home and see the benefits in their ability to participate more fully in their education in school and in life.

Mr C Zuman, Learning Support Teacher

Imagine not being able to read the instructions on your medicine label, the TV guide or food packets. Imagine not being able to read an SMS message or an e-mail. Literacy skills are essential for a person to fully participate in our modern society. Without literacy skills we are excluded from accessing the ever-increasing amount of information that is available to us. Every now and then it is good to remind ourselves that we ought to make the most of the opportunities offered in Australia. International Literacy Day (8th September) reminds us of the value of literacy skills. It also reminds us that many in our world are not as fortunate as we are in Australia. Some 880 million adults in our world cannot read or write and so are excluded from fully participating in our information rich world. Further, there are 130 million children who do not attend primary school.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

22nd September
Blessing & Opening Building Stages 3-5
Good Samaritan Day-Parents invited

25th to 27th September
Yr 10 Trial School Certificate Exams

25th to 29th September
Work Placement Week

27th September
Year 12 Outreach

28 September
Year 12 Breakfast & Farewell
Year 12 Graduation Mass OLMC

29th September
End Term 3

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

FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Hey dad!
Fathering Today
Presented by Andrew King
Training Manager, Uniting Care Burnside
2 evening workshop for fathers, step-fathers and women who value the important role that men play
in families. The workshop will include:
• Expectations on dads
• Building relationships with children
• Nurturing children’s development
• Strategies for managing children’s behaviour
• The importance of teamwork between partners
WEDNESDAY 13 and 20 SEPTEMBER
7.00pm—9.30pm  Conference Room
MOUNTIES
101 Meadows Road, Mt Pritchard
Bookings essential Ph 97247875

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STUDENTS COULD HAVE THE CORRECT AMOUNT OR SMALL CURRENCY 10¢  20¢  50¢