Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Last Friday the college community came together to celebrate the Blessing and Opening of Stages 3 to 5 of the Building Project. This was certainly a very special celebration. The College was blessed by His Eminence George Cardinal Pell and was opened by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education Mr Pat Farmer. The ceremony proved to be a fitting means by which to acknowledge the massive amount of work which has gone into making Good Samaritan Catholic College what it is at present. I thank the following: The Commonwealth, State and Local Governments, The Archdiocese of Sydney and The SACS Board, The Catholic Education Office, friends of the college, parents, staff and students all of whom helped to make Good Samaritan what it has become, with their various contributions. I also thank the many teachers and students involved in the Blessing and Opening for making it a most memorable event in the life of the college.

The Blessing and Opening was followed by the Good Samaritan Day Celebrations which once again proved to be most successful. The students and staff are to be congratulated for the spirit with which they entered into all aspects of the afternoon. The aim was to promote our sense of community while reaching out to others and this was certainly evident. It was a wonderful occasion and at the end of the day over $7,600 was raised for charity, which is a very practical means of supporting those less fortunate than ourselves.

In a recent newsletter I referred to the fact that Mrs Eljed would be undertaking her contract renewal for the position of Assistant Principal. I am very happy to report that the process proved to be most successful. I congratulate Mrs Eljed on being offered a new contract and thank her for the work she has done to support the staff and students of the college.

This past week has been the final week of formal lessons for Year 12. The week also included the traditional Outreach Day on Wednesday. This day is a practical way to put much of what we speak about, in terms of reaching out to others, into effect. During Outreach Day each of the pastoral care classes visited a selected charity to find out more about the charity and to offer financial and practical assistance. This was followed on Thursday with a breakfast and a farewell assembly. On Thursday evening teachers, students and their parents, came together for the Year 12 Graduation Mass. This was certainly a fitting manner for Year 12 to finish their time at Good Samaritan Catholic College. The next newsletter will contain more information in relation to the Year 12 farewell.

We now look forward to the HSC and emphasise to Year 12 students that these holidays are a very good opportunity to consolidate their understanding of each of their subjects.

Over the last few weeks Year 11 have been spending time considering leadership as they move into the roles of senior leaders with the departure of Year 12. The senior leaders were elected from the whole year group with every Year 11 student and staff member being eligible to vote. I congratulate the following students on their election as Senior leaders in 2006-2007: Victoria Mammone, Jared Ingle, Vanessa Prettla, Joshua Kamalaneson, Amy-Lee Wulf, Andrew Papallo, Amy Iheakanwa and Dino Romeo. From this group Vanessa Prettla and Jared Ingle were elected as College Captains for 2007. These students certainly have the support of the student body as well as the staff. Congratulations to each leader.

Recently one of our Year 10 students Frankie Siciliano, underwent major surgery. I ask everyone to keep Frankie and his family in their prayers as he begins the road to recovery.
Good Samaritan Catholic College acknowledges the State Government for the support provided to the college via the interest subsidy. This is given to the school to offset interest on the loans taken out for the building project. This funding reduces the burden on the college and in turn on school fees. The Government provided over $86,000 in interest subsidy during August.

From The Assistant Principal

TERM FOUR

Year 7-11 students return to school Monday October 16th. This will be a Day 6. Students are to return in summer uniform. Parents and students are reminded of the need to be familiar with the uniform and grooming guidelines in the college diary and to ensure that when students return they meet college expectations.

HSC ASSESSMENT EVENING

This evening is being conducted for the present Year 11 students and their parents on Tuesday November 24th at 7pm at the college. The Board of Studies Liaison Officer, Cheryl Russell will be in attendance. It is a very important evening for this group of students as they begin their HSC year. Our expectation is that all students and at least one parent/guardian attend. Essential assessment documentation will be distributed on the evening.

SCOLIOSIS

SELF DETECTION BROCHURE

Parents/Guardians of girls in Years 7 and 9 should have received this brochure during the week. It was distributed to all girls in these year groups. Scoliosis, which is a sideways curvature of the spine is not uncommon and 2.5 percent of adolescent girls are at risk of developing a significant curvature. Further information is available on the website www.scoliosis-australia.org.

Mrs B Eljed
Assistant Principal

Congratulations

The school recently received an email from Mr Mick Kalwy, Coach of Liverpool Catholic Club U14-1s Rugby League team. Mr Kalwy wished to acknowledge and congratulate several of our current students in Years 8 & 9. He mentioned in his email that on Saturday 19th September the boys played in the Grand Final under lights at Campbelltown Stadium.

The players involved were Ryan Evans, Carlos Hafed, Alfonso Henry, Adrijan Jonjic, Ben Kalway, Josh McElhone and Joseph Napoletano. Unfortunately the boys were not triumphant but played an outstanding game. Mr Kalwy was very proud of their performances and the way they conducted themselves both on and off the field. He also thanked Pat Napoletano, Assistant Coach for his enthusiasm and hard work.

CONGRATULATIONS BOYS on a great effort in reaching the Grand Final.

Technology News

HSC Online Past Exam Papers and Sample Questions
Students in Year 12 are reminded that the Board of Studies web site contains past exam papers and sample questions for a range of courses. The Board of Studies web site is found at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

Year 10 Computer Skills Practice Test
All students in Year 10 attempted the online computer skills practice test on Wednesday. It tested students on a selection of ICT skills that have been integrated within the outcomes and content of the new Years 7 and 10 syllabuses. The practice test provided students the opportunity to gain experience of how the actual test will be conducted in November. This will form part of the student’s School Certificate examinations.

This week’s Internet Safety Tip
Students should not reply to an e-mail message if they feel that it is offensive, strange, mean or upsetting. Students should show the message immediately to their parents/teachers so that appropriate action can be taken.

Mr J Reyes
IT Co-ordinator

Good Samaritan Grand Finalists

This week all four girls’ representative sporting teams will play in grand finals. Good luck to the Year 7 Basketball, Senior Softball and Year 7, Intermediate and Senior Soccer Teams. The results and match reports will be included in the next newsletter.

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal
Career Central would like to wish all its members currently preparing for their HSC exams all the best...Study Hard! Remember persistence pays!! www.careercentral.com.au

TAFE NSW - APPLICATION COURSES CLOSE 27 OCTOBER

Many popular courses require you to APPLY first before you can enroll. These courses have an application closing date under their course name and for these you need to complete a TAFE NSW Course Application Form, available in the TAFENSW Handbook from your local campus. Further details on applying & enrolling, a list of courses requiring an application and a downloadable Application Form are available at http://www.tafensw.edu.au/applyenrol/ OR contact your nearest campus or TAFENSW Hotline on 131601

Did you know…!!

- 70% of high school leavers don’t go to University
- Over 50,000 young Australians run their own business
- Approximately 60% of current occupations require a nationally recognised qualification
- On average, an Automotive Electrician earns $855 per week and a Chef earns $800 per week
- Around 70% of new jobs in the future will require the equivalent of a Certificate III or higher
- NSW currently has approximately 138,500 apprentices and trainees (June 2005)

Apprenticeships and traineeships are available in more than 500 occupations & provide an exciting career option for young people leaving school as well as a career pathway to higher education or establishing their own business. For further information on Australian Apprenticeships phone 1800 639 629 or visit http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

HOSPITALITY TRAINEESHIPS

Eager to build a career in Hotels? Passionate about customer service? Great communication skills? Enthusiastic? Team player? Available for shift work, including weekends? Answered YES to all the above?

RYDGES offer career opportunities at more than 38 hotels and resorts across Australia and New Zealand and are currently recruiting trainers for positions in various locations.

Interested? RYDGES will hold an Info Sessions in the Acacia Room, Rydges North Sydney at 54 McLaren Street, North Sydney on 3 OCTOBER at 3PM. You must register with Sandra Martin on 02 9261 3199 to attend. Short, informal interviews will be conducted following the presentation so bring your resume. http://www.rydges.com/about/jobs.asp

NURSING & MIDWIFERY

Nursing & Midwifery has a lot to offer as a potential career. In Nursing, there is the choice of numerous career pathways within the hospital setting. Interested?

Go to http://graduatecareers.com.au/content/view/full/2551 to download a copy of A Career in Nursing or Midwifery.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION CAREERS

Types of apprenticeships include : Bricklaying / Cabinetmakers / Carpentry & Joinery / Construction Carpenters / Floor & Wall Tilers / Landscapers / Metal Fabricators / Painters & Decorators / Plasterers / Plumbers, Gasfitters & Roof Plumbers / Shopfitters and Joiners / Stonemasons / Slater & Roof Tilers / Waterproofing. The Master Builders Association is currently seeking registrations of interest. For further information on the Apprenticeship program visit http://www.mbansw.asn.au/default.asp?id=88 or phone MBA NSW on 1800 451 393.

RESERVE BANK TRAINEESHIPS

The Reserve Bank of Australia is offering 12 month traineeships in Business Administration, Print Design and Information Technology to Year 12 school leavers to commence March 2007 at Head Office Sydney. Designated positions are also available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and with disabilities. All traineeship positions involve paid on-the-job training while completing an accredited qualification at TAFE or another RTO. For information visit http://rba.recruitasp.com.au/traineeships.jsp or phone 1800 805 135.

WEBSITE DESIGN COMP

Youth Week is an annual celebration of young people in Australia. The Youth Week website http://www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au is the main channel of communication to promote events & activities. To ensure the website remains fresh it is redesigned and redeveloped each year. If you are aged 12-25 years you are invited to submit a web design to be developed into the 2007 “Youth Week in NSW” website. $500 PRIZE. Visit the website or phone 02 9716 2872 for an entry form.

EXTRA HELP FOR AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICES....

It’s not always easy to make ends meet when starting out in an Australian Apprenticeship trade. Financial assistance is available for eligible Australian Apprentices. For further information visit http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/jobseeker/assistance.asp or phone 1800 639 629.
All students return
Monday 16th October

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A silent retreat DAY
APPLY BY PHONE 98169800

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.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

16th October-Term 4 commences
Students return in Summer Uniform
18th to 20th October-Year 12 2007 Retreat
19th October to 15th Nov 2006 HSC Exams
24th October-Year 12 2007 HSC Assessment Night
24th October-World Youth Day Launch, Liverpool
25th October-Year 12 2007 English Incursion

CEO
PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS TERM 4

Living in a Step Family
October 19 & 26, November 3, 9, 16 & 23
6.30pm to 8.30pm
Positive approach, information, support, strategies

Work & Family
October 23
6.30pm to 8.30pm
An interactive forum of working parents & Professionals
Venue : 209A Edgeware Rd, Enmore
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Ph 9519 6788

Meeting Life’s Challenges without Burning Out
Robyn Gallagher & Robert Tobias
(CEO Spirituality Team)
The Grace of Letting Go—Learning to try less & trust more. Appreciating the gift of the present moment. Finding hope and meaning in life in times of adversity.

Thursday November 2—9.30am to 2.30pm
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To register Ph 98169800

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