Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Welcome back to Term 4, a term in which the college completes its eighth year. This term is also the time when the third group of students will sit for their HSC examinations and our fifth group of students will complete the School Certificate. As is usual this will be a term of challenges for every member of the college as we continue the journey.

As was reported in the previous newsletter, the school came together to farewell Year 12 at the conclusion of last term. This began with a breakfast, followed by house and school farewell assemblies during the day, which were followed by the Graduation Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at Mount Pritchard, on Thursday evening. Each of the events provided opportunities to reflect on the time that the Year 12’s have spent at Good Samaritan. These events also offered time for the students to be thankful for the many people who have contributed to their schooling. The teachers who have made a contribution to the education of these fine young men and women were thanked, as were the wonderful parents and families of the students who have travelled the journey with them. These young people are the products of their parents’ and families’ care, concern and commitment for which, they should certainly be grateful.

During the Graduation Mass on Thursday evening the students were reminded they have not travelled the journey alone. They were reminded that their God has travelled the journey with them and will continue to accompany them through their lives. As Year 12 leave Good Samaritan it is our hope that they are continually aware of this fact and value their faith.

There was much to celebrate as Year 12 was farewelled none the least of which was the acknowledgement of significant achievements. I congratulate all students who were acknowledged with awards and thank them for continually striving to do their best. I especially acknowledge Bianca Guibega who received the final Gold Award for Year 12 which was presented at the assembly on Thursday morning. I would also like to acknowledge Marc Ghignone and Alexander Niklic whose major works in Industrial Technology were nominated to be showcased in the Intech Display of outstanding HSC works. A list of all award recipients is included later in this newsletter.

I thank everyone involved in the moving farewell to Year 12 especially Mr Griffiths, Mrs Foldes, Mrs Sayadi, Mr Steadman, Mr Grech and the House co-ordinators for their organisation of different aspects of the farewell. As Year 12 approach their final days at Good Samaritan it is an appropriate time to thank them for the contribution they have made to help shape the college into what it has become in 2006.

I remind the students of Year 12 once again that they are very much in our thoughts and prayers as they undertake the Higher School Certificate and begin the passage into the future.

Throughout this week Year 11 have been involved in the senior retreat at the Royal National Park. The students involved have had the opportunity to reflect on their lives and their relationships with others and their God. This is a significant episode in the faith development of these young men and women. I thank the students for their enthusiasm and involvement and especially thank the teachers who gave their time to be involved in the retreat over the three days and two nights.

Next week World Youth Day 2008 will be officially launched at the college. The launch will follow the Archdiocesan schools launch at All Saints Liverpool on Tuesday 24 October. This is a very exciting time for the Church and especially the youth of the Church. I would encourage all students to be involved in the lead up to World Youth Day in 2008 and to recognise the significance of the event to all
Catholics. Details of how to be involved in World Youth Day will be included in future newsletters.

This week the college welcomes Mr Dominish back to the teaching staff after a year’s absence. I thank Mrs Celea for her contribution to the college while replacing Mr Dominish during his absence. I also thank Mrs Fulkerson who finished at the end of last term. This term those classes will be taught by Miss Boggs who recently completed her practicum at Good Samaritan. This week the college also said goodbye to Mrs Leuzzi from the office. Mrs Leuzzi has made a significant contribution to the college and will certainly be missed. We wish her well in the future.

Finally, congratulations to Miss Flocco who was married over the holidays. I know that the community joins with me in wishing Miss Flocco and her husband Alex many blessings in their future lives together.

God Bless,

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

Net Alert

There has been concern around the community about sites such as www.bebo.com/ and www.myspace.com/. The concern centres around pornographic images, evidence of bullying and inappropriate advertisements. There is also concern that teenage users are not aware that there is no way of knowing who is behind the email message of a “friend”. Myspace and Bebo do employ security and safety officers who trawl the site for inappropriate content, however, there are still risks. The solution is not a technical one but rather education both at home and at school.

Advice and resources on internet safety, parent control and filters for the protection of students and families are available from the Australian Internet Safety Advisory body at the website http://www.net.alert.net.au.

From the Curriculum Co-ordinator

HSC INFORMATION EVENING YEAR 11
This evening will be held next Tuesday 24th October at the College commencing at 7pm.

A Board of Studies representative will be making a presentation to parents and students regarding assessment in the HSC year as well as other vital information for parents and students.

Assessment handbooks will be distributed and parents and students are reminded that it is an expectation that all students and at least one of their parents attend this evening.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE TESTS
Parents and students are reminded that this year’s School Certificate tests include a mandatory Computing Skills test. This means that the same attendance and participation rules and guidelines for undertaking examinations apply to this test. Students will now be sitting for their School Certificate tests over 3 days—Monday 13th Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November. 

NB : What happens if a student is sick on the day of any School Certificate test? If a student is sick or for any unforeseen reason unable to undertake the test, a phone call needs to be made to the college on the morning of the examination. Students will need to have a doctor’s certificate (or other similar documentation) for the day’s absence and obtain an official Board of Studies “Illness and Misadventure Form” from the examination supervisor. Further information can be found in the booklet “Guide to the School Certificate - Rules and Procedures for Students” distributed to students earlier this year, or the Board of Studies website.

HSC ADVICE LINE
All Year 12 students should by now have received a letter from the Board of Studies regarding the HSC Advice Line. This facility is provided to support students who may need help in all subject areas whilst studying for the HSC. The advice line will remain open for the duration of the HSC and offers study tips and other resources. The number is 131112 if any students have misplaced their letter.

Our Year 12 students remain in our thoughts and prayers as they continue with their HSC over the coming weeks.

Mrs C Peterson
Curriculum Co-ordinator

Technology News

Usage of College Internet Services

I remind students that the use of College Internet Services should only be used for classwork. Any student who attempts to access restricted sites (this includes Bebo, mySpace and YouTube) is breaching the College AUP and appropriate action will be taken. Additionally, students attempting to utilise third-party proxy sites will have their accounts instantly revoked.
Yr 12 Awards 2006

First in Subject
Ancient History                  Patricia Lemos
Biology                          Andrew Jarrett, Stephen Mieruszynski
Business Services                Bianca McGrath
Business Studies                 Nathan El-Azzi
Catholic Studies                 Megan Brown
Chemistry                        Lisa Nguyen
Drama                            Lauren Camden
Economics                        Jane Samuel
English Advanced                 Lisa Nguyen
English Extension 2              Keith DeBono
English Extension 1              Patricia Lemos
English Standard                 Marc Ghignone
Food Technology                  Veronica Vella
General Mathematics              Marc Ghignone
History Extension                 Patricia Lemos
Hospitality                      Olivia Genova, Veronica Vella
Industrial Technology - Graphics Marc Ghignone
Industrial Technology - Timber   Denis Simione
Information Processes and Technol Marc Ghignone
Italian - Beginners              Daniela Ron Luna
Italian - Continuers             Bianca Giubega
Legal Studies                    Jane Samuel
Mathematics                      Jane Samuel
Mathematics Extension 1          Lisa Nguyen
Mathematics Extension 2          Lisa Nguyen
Modern History                   Hao Nguyen
Music                            Richelle Mendoza
PDHPE                            Bianca McGrath
Physics                          Lisa Nguyen
Software Design and Development  Stefan Chan
Sport Lifestyle and Recreation   Sarah Sampson
Studies of Religion I            Lisa Nguyen
Textiles and Design              Cristina Iaconis
Visual Arts                      Lauren Camden

Service to the College Community
Senior Good Samaritan Award      Marc Ghignone, Lisa Nguyen, Keith DeBono & Olivia Genova
Senior Sports Award              Bianca McGrath
Senior Public Speaking and Debating Megan Brown & Van Nguyen
Senior Creative and Performing Arts Lauren Camden, Daniela Catanea, Marc Ghignone, Diana Lemos, Patricia Lemos, Lisa Nguyen, Sarah Sampson & Jane Samuel
Commitment to Study              Veronica Vella

Special Awards
Eric Hockings

Annual Awards
Marc Ghignone, Lisa Nguyen, Keith DeBono & Olivia Genova
Bianca McGrath
Keith DeBono
Megan Brown & Van Nguyen
Lauren Camden, Daniela Catanea, Marc Ghignone, Diana Lemos, Patricia Lemos, Lisa Nguyen, Sarah Sampson & Jane Samuel
Veronica Vella

Caltex All Rounnder

MacKillop                         Eric Hockings
De Paul                           Melissa Mangala & Daniela Catanea
Chisholm                          Bianca Giubega
Polding                          Veronica Vella & Diana Lemos
Merici                           Linda Bohene & Chester Vera
La Salle

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
The Uniform Shop will be open from 7.30 am to 8.20 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

School Fees - Reminder
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.
(A reminder that it is College Policy to withhold reports of those students whose fees are well in areas).
From the Assistant Principal

World Mission Month
October is World Mission month and this Sunday 22nd October is World Mission Day. This is an opportunity for us all to make the time to reflect on our understanding and the level of commitment we have to live at our gospel values in action. Faith must find expression in action. World Mission Month is a special time for Catholic communities all around the world to share Jesus’ mission of “Life for all”.

I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. John 10:10

Let us pray that we may be members of a church which continues this mission.
God’s Spirit works in and through each of us.
God, may we be grounded in the reality around us.
May we be courageous so as to build your reign here on earth.
May we be humble, selfless, and poor in spirit, trusting in you as our ultimate security, so as to be liberations for others.
May we struggle and work for a dignified and equal life for all.
May we work politically, and listen to those people around us especially those outside our walls.
May we build relationships of dignity and trust, Within our communities, with other organisations and within our church.
May the wind of the Spirit blow us into new places and relationships, particularly with the disheartened, the poor and marginalised.

Take away our fear, O God.
May we be courageous enough to truly follow Jesus, a man of this world, a man of Word, vision and above all action, working as Jesus did for life for all here on earth.

Let the Spirit in us respond. AMEN, SO BE IT!

Mrs B Eljed, Assistant Principal

Internet Safety Tip
Creating personal profiles on the internet is a popular way of networking with friends over the internet. However, there is the danger that students will post photographs of themselves or other students to websites. It is also conceivable that a student’s email address could be placed on a website, and they could, as a consequence, receive inappropriate or offensive emails. Parents should consider the following tips:
- Have the home computer set up in a family area, and not in the student’s room
- Explain the dangers of using Personal Profile Sites on the internet
- Install internet filter software
- Press alt-tab to progressively monitor the sites the student is currently accessing.

Mr J Reyes, IT Co-ordinator

NEW PRODUCTS AVAILABLE TERM 4: 94% fat free yoghurt * frozen yoghurt * fruit salad * 99% fruit juice fizz * All natural juice smoothies Don’t forget our chicken & salad boxes & wraps for summer!