Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Last Tuesday the first meeting of the Parent Consultation Group was conducted at the college. At present this group consists of a small number of parents representing students in each year at the college. The initial purpose of the group is to provide feedback to the college executive in relation to parents’ needs and opinions as well as to set directions for future involvement in the college. The meeting this week involved a review of the College Annual Development Plan, consideration of what the college does well and areas for development. It also covered the needs of parents at the college and areas in which parents may desire to be more involved. The discussion proved to be fruitful and will enable directions to be set for the future. Parents left the meeting with a survey which will allow them to comment on the various aspects of college life. I thank those parents who have agreed to be involved in the consultation group. If any other parents wish to be involved in future meetings please contact the college office.

Over the past two weeks a new fence has been constructed around the perimeter of the college. The aim is to increase security for students at the college and to provide protection from intruders at weekends and at other times that the college is left unoccupied. As part of the project security gates will be erected inside the premises close to the first roundabout. This will mean that there will be a change in traffic conditions and the present arrangements for dropping off and picking up students will be reviewed. As the project nears completion parents will be kept informed of the necessary changes. This fence has been constructed with the support of the Catholic Education Office and I thank them for their support.

Last week the first assembly for the term was conducted. At the assembly students were reminded of doing the little things well. It is essential that as the year draws to a close that students renew their enthusiasm after the school holidays. Although the main focus of the assembly was on pride in uniform and looking after the environment, it is also important that students recognise that they need to strive to do their best in all areas of school life. Unfortunately some students see this term as being the end of the year and so their efforts appear to have been reduced as compared to the beginning of the year. I ask parents to join with teachers and insist that students commit and apply themselves to the best of their ability in all areas of college life. It is imperative that students work to “Let their Light Shine” from the beginning to the end of each year. There is still a lot of time left until the year concludes in December.

At last week’s assembly I also had the pleasure of presenting a Gold Award to Luen Samonte of Year 9 MacKillop. It is a reflection of the continual commitment of students when they receive a Gold Award and Luen is no exception, with her dedication and willingness to do her best at all times. Congratulations Luen.

Over the last two weeks the Higher School Certificate has continued at the college and students appear to be coping fairly well. The next major examination is the School Certificate which will involve the Year 10 students. This examination will take place on November 13, 14 and 15. As with Year 12 I assure Year 10 that they are very much in our thoughts and prayers as they approach the conclusion of their compulsory education.

Early last week the college received news that our Regional Director Mr Peter Turner had been appointed as the Director of Schools for the Diocese of Wollongong, from January 2007. Mr Turner has always been most supportive of Good Samaritan and will certainly be missed as he undertakes his new leadership position. On behalf of the college community I congratulate Peter and wish him well in this very important role in Catholic Education.

God Bless,

Mr John Lo Cascio, Principal
Silver Award Winners
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Silver Awards at recent assemblies.
Jessica Bugeja, Emil Makhoul, Onella Hermis, Joel Whiteford, Mark Haider, Anthony Tarabay, Andrea Brocklehurst, Bianca Ruzic, Bianca Giubeg, Stephanie McPherson, Ashley Hostnik, Andrew Jarrett.

All Saints & All Souls Day
This week we celebrated two feast days namely All Saints Day, on Wednesday November 1 and All Souls Day, on Thursday November 2.
The Church has set aside November 1 as a feast commemorating all the saints. These are the members of our church who are already experiencing the joy of the resurrection. These saints provide us with hope, intercede for us and lead us closer to heaven.
The Church has also set aside November 2, so that we can remember and pray for any deceased family, relatives, friends and others who may not yet have been acknowledged as saints. We are encouraged to pray for them so that they will also reach the full rewards of heaven. We are also reminded that we should live good lives on earth so that we too will one day be with God in heaven.
And so we pray,
God of the living and of the dead,
You always call your people to holiness.
Welcome all our departed sisters and brothers to your table in heaven. May they assist us to develop a greater love for you and may all the saints in heaven provide us with the inspiration, hope and guidance to carry out your work. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mr K Griffiths, RE Co-ordinator

Assistants Principal

School Tcard® Information Update
Tcard® is a smartcard ticketing system being developed for public transport in the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area.
School Tcard®, a simplified version of Tcard®, was introduced in 2005 for use by school students on private buses as part of the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS).
School Tcard® is currently only available to students who are eligible for SSTS travel to and from school with a Private Bus Operator within the greater Sydney metropolitan area (including Newcastle and the Central Coast, Wollongong and the Illawarra).
State Transit (Sydney Buses), RailCorp (CityRail) and Sydney Ferries are not currently participants of the Tcard® scheme.
Please remember:
To keep current Tcard®:
- Students should not dispose of their current Tcard®, they are to keep it for travel in the next school year
- A Tcard® is not re-issued even if students change school or address. Students must keep their current card but they need to re-apply for SSTS travel to ensure they are still entitled to free travel
- Students leaving High School education or moving interstate should return their used Tcard® to the address on the reverse of the card.
No separate application form is required for Tcard®:
- Only the standard SSTS application form needs to be completed
- Student details are automatically forwarded to Tcard®, including any changes made to entitlement throughout the school year
All Tcards are posted direct to student’s home address:
- Once SSTS travel has been approved with a participating operator, students’ details will be forwarded to Tcard® and a card will be posted directly to the student’s home address.
For more information on Tcard® visit: www.tcard.com.au or phone 13 15 00
For information on SSTS visit: www.transport.nsw.gov.au

Endeavour Book Orders 2007
Parents are alerted to the fact that these will be distributed to students within the next two weeks and will be due back to the college by Friday 8th December.
Students in Years 8 and 10 will receive confirmation of subjects for 2007 next week so that they will know which books to order.
It is essential that these book orders are returned to the college by the due date

Second-hand Text Book Sale
There will be an opportunity for students to sell and buy second-hand text books at lunchtime on Monday December 11th.

Mrs B Eljed, Assistant Principal

Parents’ Contact Details
If any parents have recently changed their address, telephone or mobile numbers—please advise the office of your new details.
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 arrears).

Employment information for high school students
The Federal Government’s Office of Workplace Services is set up to ensure that the rights and obligations of workers and employers are being fairly met. For information about hours of work, wage rates and annual leave entitlements, call;

- WorkChoices Infoline 1300 363 264
- OWS Contact 1300 724 200

Or visit http://www.workchoices.gov.au or http://www.ows.gov.au
For information about preparing a resume, interview tips and career advice visit http://www.jobjuice.gov.au

Australian Business Week
ABW will occur from Monday, November 27th to Friday, December 1st for all Year 10 students. This is an enterprise education program where teams of students form their own company to compete using a computer simulation and by making a promotional video and trade display. Throughout the week students hold meetings discussing strategies and evaluating the effectiveness of their decisions, use creativity, build teamwork and have fun. At the end of the week, students efforts are judged and winning companies are announced.

Whilst teachers are responsible for the safe conduct of students during the week, we would welcome anyone with suitable background and experience who would be able to volunteer some time to work with a company as a mentor, present some information about successful business management or would like to assist with judging. Please contact Mr Berry at the College by telephone or note, call 9825 9955.

Free Leadership Course
Liverpool Workplace Learning Partnership along with Scouts Australia is offering an opportunity for one person from every high school in Liverpool to attend a four day leadership camp at Glenfield Scout Camp. Participants will receive accreditation in the following SAP201A (participation in the development of a leadership program for peers); SAF201A (operate within the enterprise skills, knowledge and values), and BSBFLM 312A (contribute to team effectiveness). Successful students will attend on Tuesdays in Term 4, Nov 28th, Dec 5th and Dec 12th from 9.30 a.m. until 2.30 p.m. Interested students should write a letter applying for the course addressed to Mrs. Eljed at the College.

The Careers Advisory Service

Curriculum Co-ordinator

Study a background language at the Saturday School of Community Languages

Students who are interested in studying their background language may apply to the Saturday School of Community Languages for a position in 2007.

Courses are available at Liverpool Boys High School and Liverpool Girls High School and commence in early February. These courses are Board Endorsed Courses and contribute to the School Certificate or Higher School Certificate.

Application forms can be collected from my office, completed and signed, and returned to the college for the Principal’s signature and mailing. Electronic forms can be accessed by going to this version of the Newsletter on the college website and clicking the hyperlink: www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/secondary/languages/sscl

Mrs C Peterson
Curriculum Co-ordinator

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The Facts About Catholic School Funding 2006

Government Expenditure Per School Student
Student in NSW government school $9,040 * (2004-2005 financial Year)
Student in NSW Catholic systemic $6,357 ** school (2005)calendar year

Difference: $2,683

** Source: CEC NSW Audited Accounts for 2005 as reported to DEST

Systemic schools are those administered by one of the 11 Catholic Education Offices in NSW. Non-Systemic, or Congregational, schools are those owned and operated by Religious Orders, and are funded according to a different formula.
WORLD YOUTH DAY NEWS – CATCH THE WAVE!

Did you know that there is only 620 days to WYD 08, as this goes to print?...

On Tuesday 24th October, 12 students from Good Samaritan were fortunate to attend the Archdiocesan launch of Activ8, the preparation program for World Youth Day (WYD) 2008 in Sydney. This was held at All Saints College and Parish Church in Liverpool. Over 700 students representing all secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney attended this event.

The first part of the morning began with some enthusiastic multi-media presentations about WYD. Some inspiring testimonies were heard from previous school leaders and parishioners who attended WYD05 in Cologne, Germany, and WYD02 in Ontario, Canada. Many testimonies were given and these young people spoke of their experience of previous World Youth Days as inspiring, life changing events, where they experienced the universality of the Church for the first time. These students spoke of the experience as being one you have to experience for yourself as it was difficult to accurately describe in words. They all spoke of their passion and excitement to have WYD on home soil in 2008. A Christian rock band also entertained us on the day.

The second part of the morning involved a small pilgrimage to the Parish Church, where everyone processed behind the replica of the WYD Cross. An experience of Catechesis was led by Bishop Wingle, Archbishop of Ontario, Canada. Catechesis is a large part of the activities of WYD and provides an opportunity to come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith. Catechesis will occur on three occasions during the WYD week in Sydney.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed the Catechesis. A commissioning and candle ceremony followed adoration where the student representatives pledged their commitment as WYD ambassadors for their school to promote and actively prepare for WYD08.

On Wednesday 25th October, Good Samaritan Catholic College launched the Activ8 program at a school level, through a prayer service held at the College Assembly. Special mention needs to be made of the College representatives who attended this event on behalf of Good Samaritan. These students were exceptional in their participation and leadership as ambassadors of the College. Thank you to Jared Ingle and Vanessa Pretila, College Captains (2007); Year 10 students – Maryanne Wright, Stephanie Visvanadan, Jess Labuguen, Matthew Alverne, Vivian Phantharangsi; Year 9 students – Luen Samonte, Ashley Pontifex, Haylee Ingle, Anthony Thepsombandith and Joel Jarrett. Thanks to Mr Griffiths, who attended the event. As a College, we are committed to “catching the wave” that is WYD08.

Miss A Darmody

WYD Did you know?...

- WYD 08 will be bigger than the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games!
- 1.2 million young people attended the WYD in Cologne, Germany, in 2005!
- At least 500,000 young people are expected to come to WYD in Sydney in 2008!
- The WYD Cross is currently in Africa as it makes its way to Australia.
- Randwick racecourse has been chosen to hold the final papal Mass of WYD in 2008.
- A song competition has been launched for WYD2008. Are you talented in playing music or composing song lyrics? Check out the website for how you can enter www.wyd2008.org
- Check out the WYD merchandise available for fundraising and purchase on the website.
CEO invites Parents to attend the following events:

An evening on “Celebrating Participation” on Wednesday 15 November at 7.30pm to 9 pm at the Catholic Education Office, 300 The River Road, Revesby Heights.
For further details call tele: 9772 7000

“Sanctuary—Where Heaven Touches Earth”
Explore creating meaningful rituals using Australian symbols, colours, music language. Reflect on one’s personal inner life and communal expression
Friday 17 November at 9.30am to 2.30 pm at CEO Spirituality Centre, 1 Mary Street, Hunters Hill.
For further details call tele: 9816 9800

“Learning Difficulties Coalition Seminar AD/HD Diagnosis & Management, Parent Perceptions and What Comes Out Of It”
Saturday 18 November 1.30 to 4 pm at Burwood RSL, 96 Shaftesbury Road, Burwood,
For further details call 9806 9960

Library Needs Help!
The library is seeking help from parents and friends to cover a large number of books. If you could spare some time to assist, we would be truly grateful.
Mr G Lozelle
Librarian

Miss Coffey’s Farewell Dinner Dance
After 8 years at St Catherine of Siena Primary School, our Miss Coffey is moving on.
An invitation is extended to all past parents of St Catherine of Siena to join with Bev and the School Community for a night of fun, food and dance.

Date:       Friday 17th November 2006
Venue:     Novella Events Centre
           682 Cabramatta Rd Cabramatta
Time:      6.30pm
Cost:      $65.00 per person
           (Includes 4-course meal, Beer, Wine and Soft drinks)
If you prefer you can organise your own table of 10 - (you can take a partner or make it a mum’s night out!)
The evening will include a DJ, Raffles, Auctions and lots of fun. Tickets available from St Catherine of

DATES TO REMEMBER
1st-10th November Work Placements
6th-10th November Year 9 Assessment Week
13th-15th November School Certificate Examinations
17th November Year 10 Retreat
24th November Year 12 Dinner Dance

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!