Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of attending the Liverpool Catholic Club Annual Mass and luncheon. This was a proud occasion for our College as our Dux of 2005, Sera Pacchiorotta, was acknowledged. Sera was presented with a medallion and funds to support her through Sydney University, where she is studying Biomedical Science. Sera and her family, who were also present on Sunday, can be very proud of her efforts and I know they certainly appreciated the award. I take this opportunity to once again acknowledge the Catholic Club for their constant support of our College and its students. As well as supporting the Dux of the College, the Catholic Club has funded counselling, career and literacy support at Good Samaritan during 2006. As a College we are certainly advantaged by the continuing willingness of the Catholic Club to subsidise various projects since 1999.

At the recent college assembly a Gold Award was presented to a most deserving Year 11 student. The Gold Award acknowledges students who have constantly excelled in various areas of college life and have been recognised for this by their teachers. I congratulate Dino Romeo on receipt of this award. This award is especially significant for Dino as he is the only student in the history of the college who has received two Gold Awards.

On Friday 19th May the teaching staff of the college was involved in a staff development day. As was stated in the last newsletter the focus of this day was on Boy’s Education, assessment and reporting. It was an opportunity to focus on what is done in these areas, in order to provide the best possible education for our students. The area of assessment and reporting is especially prominent at present as the government mandates a reporting style. It is hoped that our reports meet government requirements and are understood, accurate and informative, whilst providing the necessary information to parents and students. Any feedback on our reports would be most appreciated.

Last Saturday the College Enrolment Committee conducted interviews for Year 7 2007 students, who do not have a sibling at the college and parents. We were all most impressed with the calibre of the young people wishing to enter the college. It was also most pleasing to hear many parents and prospective students comment on the good name that the college has developed in the wider community. It is always beneficial to reflect on the fact that this good name and reputation are a result of the majority of our students doing the “Right thing” at every opportunity. I remind students that this good name can be affected by the poor behaviour of a very small number of students. It is up to all students to make an effort to continue the good name of the college as everyone benefits from this.

I must state that our college has been complimented on a number of occasions recently regarding the excellent behaviour of our students in public. Congratulations to the Year 12 Legal Studies class and Year 7 Geography class on exemplary behaviour on recent excursions. They were complimented by magistrates and members of the public which is most pleasing to hear.

Last Tuesday the college hosted a meeting between local schools and representatives of the Green Valley Police. The aim of these meetings, which are held each term, is to promote a safe community and safe schools for the youth of the local area. The police actively seek the input of schools and look to involve schools in their various programs. The college is most fortunate to have a Local Police Area Command which readily supports our students and looks for ways to enhance their education and safety.

Unfortunately the number of families requesting holidays recently has increased alarmingly. It is with some concern that I request family holidays be planned during designated holiday time and not during the school term. This student absence does have an adverse effect on student performance and is discouraged by the college. If these trips are unavoidable parents should write a letter to the principal requesting permission for leave. I emphasise that it is usually not possible to rearrange
From the Assistant Principal

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assessments tasks and examinations especially in senior years. It does put the college in quite an awkward position if permission has to be refused. With this in mind I ask parents to reconsider their decision to take students away during the school term.

It is hoped that the handover of the new college buildings will take place today. There was a hold up with this handover due to the rectification of defects and the installation of acoustic material in the performing arts centre. All attempts will be made to make full use of the new areas as soon as practicable.

This week we celebrate two important feasts in the church. Firstly on Ascension Thursday, we recognise that Jesus left us to go to Heaven. Jesus did not leave us alone on earth as He is with us in the Holy Spirit. This weekend we recognise the arrival of Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. The Holy Spirit gives us strength to live our faith in the same manner that the Apostles received strength in the early church. It is important for us as Catholics to be aware of the Holy Spirit in our lives and to continue to place our faith and trust in the power of the Spirit.

I conclude with the theme of World Youth Day 2008. The theme centers on the power of the Holy Spirit which will enable each of us to be Christ’s witnesses. My prayer is that we all take up the challenge leading up to and beyond 2008.

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2006 Winter Appeal
“Add a little comfort, dignity and hope.
Add the warmth of your kindness”

During the past week, the De Paul House launched the 2006 St Vincent de Paul Society’s Winter Appeal. Each year, the generosity of family and friends of Good Samaritan Catholic College, allows the homeless and marginalised in our local community access to warm clothes, blankets and shelter. As the harsh reality of winter sets in, the demand for St Vincent de Paul Society resources is at its greatest. The 2006 Winter Appeal has called for donations of clean warm clothing, blankets, beanies, gloves, socks and non perishable food. All donations stay in our local area and go directly to those people in need.

The college would greatly appreciate any donations families are able to make. Students are asked to bring items to school and place them in the designated collection area.

Farewell & Good Luck Mrs Barry

On Friday June 9 Mrs Barry will leave Good Samaritan to take Maternity leave to give birth to her second child. We wish Mrs Barry all the best for the birth and look forward to seeing her in 2007.

Year 10 Netball

The “Team G” started off well into another season of school netball. We had a fun game to begin with, which we won against Casmir 37-0. Our Coach, Miss Dangca was on the sideline, walking up an down, cheering us on. We know that this is going to be a fun and exciting season.

Written by Jessica Cameron, Year 10

Reflections on Year 8 Retreat

On the 16th of May, the Year 12 Legal Studies classes together with our teachers Miss Walker and Mr Costin went to the Downing Centre in the city. We separated into smaller groups of four and each group went to hear different cases in different courts. Just like everything else, some of the cases we heard were a bit boring. Others were interesting to such an extent that students did not want to leave the premises when time was up. We got the chance to talk about the different cases we heard and compared them to cases that have been seen on TV. We then realised the differences. This was just the beginning of an exciting day.

Later in the day, we had a short walk to the Police and Justice Museum. We got the chance to take on the role of lawyers, prosecutors and defendants in an actual case. The lawyers and prosecutors amongst us displayed their talents, each wanting to win their case. In the end, there was a fair trial based on the facts given by the two opponents.

We were also introduced to the weapons confiscated by the police from criminals in the early centuries. Each weapon had a description of what it was used for, from murder to suicide.

Overall, leaving both places was disappointing to the students but we had no choice but to leave. We were then taken and introduced to the State Library. Most of us had no idea where it was or what it looked like. We would like to thank our teachers for being there for us on this memorable day.

Year 12 Legal Studies Students

Last week students from Year 8 went to Mulgoa for our Retreat Day. The aim of the day was to reflect on ourselves and Christ as well as to get to know people some of us have never spoken to before and “not to judge a book by its cover”.

Each of us did 3 different activities with our classes. For one activity we had to write a creed based on what we believe. It had to start “I believe I see Christ’s face in others when”. We had some inspiration from listening to a song called “Affirmation”. The next activity was watching a part of a movie called “Jack”, which was about a boy with a genetic disease making him look a lot older than his age, it showed us that we should get to know a person first before judging them and to try to accept people. The other activity was looking at pictures and trying to figure the pattern or the hidden picture. Some of us saw it straight away, for others it took a while or they saw something different.

Retreat day was enjoyed by us and we went home with an understanding of all different types of people and we learnt how to accept others as well as ourselves.

Hayley Cooper, Year 8 De Paul
During the last 2 weeks of Term 1, the LOTE Department ran a guessing competition for all members of the college.

The phrase that had to be translated was: “FAR BRILLARTE LA TUA LUCE”

The answer: “LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE”

Congratulations to the following students who provided the correct answer:

- Matthew Attard
- Andrew Estrada
- Domenic Fedele
- Joseph Gerace
- Diana Lemos
- Lina Romeo
- Maryann Wright
- Daniela Ron Luna

Mrs S Anastasio, LOTE Co-ordinator

**Dedication to Aunty Nancy**

**Local Aboriginal Elder**

On Tuesday 9th May 2006 a very important member of the Aboriginal Elder Community, Aunty Nancy May De Vries, died. She was only 74 years of age. Aunty Nancy was a loving, caring, kind and helpful woman. If anyone needed anything Aunty Nancy was there for them. Aunty Nancy had a fulfilling life, after being told she would never achieve anything. She was the first woman, other than Queen Elizabeth II, to speak in parliament. In the 1980’s, she became the first Aboriginal to graduate from the University of Western Sydney with a diploma in Applied Science and in 1997 she delivered a message to State Parliament on behalf of the Aboriginal people. Aunty Nancy cared for all her grandchildren, her children, Megan and David and everyone she met. She loved them all dearly. Now she has gone to her son Peter in eternal life and returned to mother earth. She will be missed as she was dearly loved. However, her wonderful and powerful spirit will live on forever.

By: Elise Land, Year 12 (Polding)

**Our Excursion to Centennial Parklands**

On the 9th May 2006, Year 7 went to Centennial Parklands. When all of Year 7 arrived at school, we had to walk to the bus bays. Our Geography teachers, Miss Walker, Miss Samardzic and Mr Zahra checked the roll to make sure everyone was there.

It took us around an hour to get to the park. We had a little snack and then started activity one. Ranger Karen went with us and we talked about stormwater, the different species of birds, where people can go in the park, people feeding the birds and people leaving their rubbish in the ponds after they have finished. We also spoke about all the animals in the park that become injured.

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On our very last activity, we went with Ranger Paul. He explained to us what we had to do. We had to have a look at the pond water and find out the temperature, pH results, electrical connectivity and the turbidity results of the water. Everyone got similar results to others. After we finished this activity we went to a grassy area and the rangers thanked us for coming. Then we went off to lunch and then played some games. We then headed off to return to school. The excursion was great! I learnt a lot about the park and the animals within it.

By: Steven Pham, Year 7
**Exchange Students**

Students interested in becoming an exchange student are invited to attend an information evening to be held in Sydney at the Medina Grand Sydney on Wednesday, June 7 at 7.30pm. Further information can be obtained by going to the "Student Exchange Australia" website at [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au). This organisation also offers a variety of scholarships to assist exchange students, so a visit to their website may provide opportunities for anyone considering this program, or perhaps families willing to host one of these students.

**Debating Report**

The Debating season is becoming more successful for the squads. Mrs. Celea’s Year 7s have won two in a row; Mrs. Treloar’s Year 8s have had their first win against All Saints Girls; Ms. Fegatilli’s Year 10s have only lost one; the same for Miss Schiller’s Senior Squad. The most successful team has been Miss Samardzic’s and Miss Kyriacos’ Year 9 squad, who have yet to feel the pain of defeat. With one more preliminary round to go, things are looking good for our chances for finals representation on June 9.  

**Mr M O’Sullivan, Debating Co-ordinator**

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**Careers News…..**

**KPMG Cadetship Program**

A cadetship information session will be held on Monday, June 5th and Thursday, June 8th at the offices of KPMG at 10 Shelley St. King Street Wharf between 4.30 and 6.00 p.m. Cadetships in accounting allow motivated, determined students to combine real work experience with a degree program to get their career off to a great start. To RSVP call 1800 50 20 60.

**St. Patrick’s Business College, Sydney July Course Enrolment**

A Certificate III in Business Administration course, suitable for students who are currently in Year 11, will run for 6 months from July, 2006. Interested students should contact the college on 9318 1566 or [www.stpatsbuscol.com.au](http://www.stpatsbuscol.com.au).

**A Behind-The-Scenes Tour of Liverpool Hospital**

Students who are interested in a career in health may be interested in a tour that shows the range of jobs available in a modern hospital. Qualifications for these jobs range from higher university degrees to on-the-job training, and the range of jobs may be quite surprising. If you thought that hospitals are run only by doctors and nurses, please let Mr. Berry know if interested.

**Year 10 Careers**

Students will receive their individual careers testing results and portfolio this week. The information contained in these documents will help to advise students as they complete their career exploration program over the coming weeks. With the focus this term being on future directions, I hope that all students can make full use of this information and program activities to make choices that will be of benefit to them.

**PARENTS – PLEASE HELP!**

Our career program aims to provide students with relevant, up to date information, assistance and encouragement to make good decisions about their future path. No one is more relevant, up to date or encouraging than you can be for your children.

We would like to stage a Careers Market here at school for students from any year to attend. Your expertise and experience in any industry or pursuit is valuable and your advice is more relevant than any pamphlet or guide.

Please indicate on the tear off section below your interest in assisting with the first Good Samaritan Careers Market, to be held toward the end of term three on one evening here at school.

**Mr S Berry**

Careers Adviser

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**Good Samaritan Careers Market Interest indicator**

Please complete the fields below and return this strip to the College office.

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### THE CEO SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

- **Are offering the following courses which will be held at their new address:**
  - **1 Mary Street Hunters Hill at 9.30 am-2.30 pm.**
    - No charge, morning tea and lunch provided.
    - Details are as follows:
      - **The Art of Decision-Making and Discernment**
        - Tuesday June 6, (Robyn Gallagher)
      - **Creation Spirituality and the Body**
        - Thursday June 8
          - (Sr Merimir Lobregat fmm & Patricia Thomas)
      - **Come Away and Rest Awhile.**
        - Tuesday June 13 (Patricia Thomas)
      - **The Big Events in the Life of Jesus**
        - Thursday June 15 (Sally Garman)
      - **Vatican II and our call to Discipleship**
        - Tuesday June 27(Anthony Steel)
        - To apply phone tele: 9816 9800

- **Other Information Evenings:**
  - **How to Find the Best Help for your Child**
    - Monday 5th June at 7.30-9 pm
    - Multi purpose Centre for Disabled 123 Flora Street, Sutherland. Contact tele: 9545 1505
  - **Netalert Expo**
    - Wednesday 7th June at 7.15-8.30 pm
    - The Catholic Education Office 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt.
  - **The Foundation of a Child’s Education**
    - Wednesday 21st June at 7-8.30 pm
    - The Federation of P&F Association, Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24 John Street, Lidcombe
    - Online: [http://onlinesurvey.ceo.syd.catholic.edu.au/Enter](http://onlinesurvey.ceo.syd.catholic.edu.au/Enter)

### 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

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