



GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE HINCHINBROOK NEWSLETTER

COLLEGE THEME 2007: "PREPARE THE WAY"

Issue 11

Friday, 20 July 2007

Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Welcome back to Term 3. I certainly hope that students are refreshed and ready to approach their studies with enthusiasm which will enable each of them to achieve to their potential. Once again, I remind students of the 2007 theme "Prepare the way". I ask everyone to consider ways that they may be able to "Prepare the way" for themselves and others to ensure that all can live their lives to the full.

For many students, the end of the first semester was a most pleasing and rewarding experience, as they received their reports and attended parent teacher interviews. I was most impressed with a number of reports which reflected a students' willingness to continually strive to do their best. I would encourage all students to adopt this positive attitude. One concerning aspect of parent student teacher evening, however, was the number of students who did not attend and thus, did not pick up their semester reports.

I cannot stress enough the importance of these reports and parent involvement in the education of their sons and daughters. An evening such as this is one means by which parents are able to assess what is happening in their child's education and it is essential that parents attend with their sons or daughters. Any parent who was not able to attend parent teacher interviews and wishes their child to collect the report should send a note with their child requesting the report. **This note should be given to their pastoral care teacher or year co-ordinator.** Any parent who wishes to discuss the progress of their son or daughter with the relevant subject teacher should make an appointment via the college office.

As many people would be aware, the school holidays in Sydney, began with the arrival of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon. Our College was represented by 22 students, parents Miss Darmody and Mr and Mrs Grech at Tumbalong Park. This event was followed the next morning, by a Mass at 6am at Holy Spirit Carnes Hill, with a large number of people from the College community in attendance. Today, July 20, represents one year until the World Youth Day Mass will be celebrated in Sydney. This is certainly an exciting time in the life of our Church. I encourage everyone to be involved in the lead-up to World Youth Day as it provides Catholic youth with a great opportunity to explore and promote their faith.

As the semester begins so too does Year 12 students' final term at the College. The first challenge for Year 12 will be the Trial HSC Examinations in Week 4 of this term. This is both an exciting and a challenging time for the students as they journey towards the HSC. I stress to all students, and especially to those in Year 12, that it is essential that they stay committed and focused as the examination time approaches. It is also essential that students retain a balance in their lives and that study, leisure, socialising and work are all kept in perspective. Year 12 certainly have the support of everyone at the College as they face this challenging time.

At the end of last term Year 10 and Year 12 students were able to visit the Careers' Market at Darling Harbour. This experience gave students the opportunity to reflect on their future career choices as they approach the Trials (for Year 12) and consider their options in terms of subject

choices or future employment (for Year 10 students). It is hoped that students in both years are giving serious thought to their future options and that the Careers' Market added to the information already available.

Recently, the 2006 Annual Report to the Community was finalised and published. This report can be accessed on the College website, on the office notice board or at the College office. I would encourage all members of the community to access the report in order to be aware of achievements during 2006.

Earlier this week Br Colin Griffin visited the College to catch up with staff. Br Colin is in good health and sends his regards to both parents and students. Br Colin will return next week to visit students before returning to Pakistan.

Congratulations to Cynthia Awraham and Giuseppe Bologna who were presented with a Gold Award at yesterday's assembly.

Finally, congratulations to Mr Andrew Steadman and his wife Jenny on the birth of their son Lachlin during the last week of Term 2. Welcome back to Mrs Arora and Miss Nolan as each returns to the College. A welcome is also extended to Mr Vlade Micev who joins the College for the remainder of the year replacing Mr Brown.

God Bless

**Mr John Lo Cascio,
Principal**

NAIDOC

On Thursday June 28, the College recognised and celebrated the commencement of NAIDOC week.

NAIDOC has its origins in the fight for Aboriginal rights that began to gather pace in the 1920s and 1930s. In those years, organisations such as the Australian Aborigines Progress Association, the Australian Aborigines League, and the Aborigines Progressive Association were established to draw attention to the living conditions suffered by Aboriginal people and their lack of citizenship rights. While we still strive to solve some of these concerns, NAIDOC now celebrates the survival of Indigenous culture and the Indigenous contribution to modern Australia.

The College recognised these contributions with a liturgy that focused on the earth, fire and water symbols of aboriginal culture and drew comparisons between these and the Christian symbols of earth, created by God, light that symbolises Christ and water which reminds us of our baptism.

During the liturgy we welcomed community elders and recalled the significance of the dreaming to Aboriginal people.

Our liturgy concluded with a song called 'From little things big things grow' which was performed by our college choir and musicians. This song highlighted the importance of the indigenous culture and the continual contribution they make to our society.

Let us reflect on our closing prayer as we continue to live and learn together.

Let us have a sense of the importance of water and fire-as Indigenous and Christian symbols.

The cool, refreshing water, giving live to Indigenous and Non-Indigenous alike.

The water giving life to people in baptism.

The warm, inviting fire drawing us all by the flame of the Holy Spirit towards the love of Jesus.

We thank you, great spirit of the Earth. It was from you we came as from a mother. You nourish us still and give us shelter. Teach us to walk softly on your lands, to use your gifts with care, to love with tenderness all our brothers and sisters who have been born of your goodness. Amen.

**Mr K Griffiths
RE Co-ordinator**



From the Assistant Principal

Bullying

At Good Samaritan Catholic College all members of the College community are committed to ensuring a Christian, safe and caring environment, which promotes personal growth and positive self-esteem for all. All students have rights and responsibilities and it is important the community works towards a common goal. The College does not tolerate bullying in any form.

Definition

Bullying is an act of aggression causing embarrassment, pain or discomfort to another. It can take a number of forms: physical, verbal, gesture, extortion and exclusion; it is an abuse of power; it can be planned and organised or it may be unintentional; individuals or groups maybe involved.

Examples of Bullying

- Physical violence such as hitting, pushing, spitting
- Interfering with property by hiding, damaging, stealing and destroying
- Offensive Language, teasing, rumours, regarding individuals, groups, and family
- Belittling others' abilities and/or achievements
- Offensive notes, writing, graffiti about others
- Cyber-bullying; examples include, E-mails, phone calls, text messages and anonymous letters or photographs
- Degrading comments regarding another's culture, religious or social background
- Hurtful exclusion from groups
- Suggestive comments or other forms of sexual abuse
- Ridiculing another's appearance
- Forcing others to act against their will by any means.

Combating Bullying

- Anti-bullying programmes are part of the College's Pastoral Care Programme
- All members of the College community are encouraged to respect each other's individual rights, in particular the right to feel safe and to learn in a safe environment
- Any reports of bullying are investigated and action taken if appropriate
- Students are encouraged to report incidents of bullying to their Year Co-ordinator or a staff member with whom they feel comfortable
- Parents are encouraged to reinforce the fact that bullying is not acceptable in any form. They should inform the College of any incidents of bullying or encourage their son/daughter to inform appropriate persons at the College

Parent Information Night

The College will be holding an Information Evening for interested parents on Monday 23rd July. The presentation will be conducted by Constable Jennifer Carey, the Schools Liaison Officer. The topics for the evening will be "Cyber Crime for Parents" and "Safe Parties". The evening will begin at 7pm in the college Library. Parents wishing to attend the evening are requested to contact the college office to register their expression of interest.

Uniform

A reminder to parents and students that the College Blazer is to be worn to and from school during Term 3.

Working Bee

The College has planned a working bee for Saturday 15th September 2007. Any parents and students wishing to assist with the maintenance of the college grounds and are able to spare the time, are asked to contact the college office with their expression of interest.

Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Silver Awards this week.

Christina Cavallaro
Elizabeth Si
Giuseppe Bologna
Helen Said
Sarah Spadaro
Jake Duncombe
Annyas Badran
Madalene Hughes

Mr R Grech

Acting Assistant Principal

Sydney Catholic School System Wins National Business Excellence Award

The Sydney Catholic School System was one of five recipients of the major award in the 19th annual Australian Business Excellence Awards announced in Sydney in June.

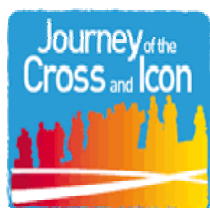
Accepted by Br Kelvin Canavan, Executive Director of Schools, on behalf of Sydney Catholic Schools, the bronze award recognises effective business practice across a variety of areas such as leadership, finance, quality, innovation, people, customer focus and strategic planning.

Australian Business Excellence Awards over the years have gone to such organisations as Boeing Australia, Kodak (Australasia) Pty Ltd, ING Funds Management, Avis Australia, Queensland Ambulance Service, Integral Energy Australia, BlueScope Steel, Toyota Motor Corporation Australia Limited, Baxter Healthcare Pty Ltd and the Wesley Hospital.

This is the first time a school system has received an Australian Business Excellence Award since awards were introduced in 1988.

WYD 2008 CORNER - 360 DAYS TO GO!

They're here! The Cross and Icon have officially arrived on Sunday 1st July 2007



July 1 saw the official arrival of the WYD Cross and Icon at Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour. An estimated 6,000 people attended the celebrations. Among these were a bus load of bubbly Good Samaritan students ranging from Years 7 to 12. After our "delayed" bus travel, we finally arrived to hear Guy Sebastian and Paulini belting out the sounds of the WYD anthem "Receive the Power". A big thank you to these students who behaved so admirably in their attendance of this event on a Sunday in their school holidays. A number of students and their families also made the effort to participate in and attend this great celebration at Tumbalong Park; many with local parish groups and youth groups. It was wonderful to see so many people representing the Good Samaritan community at this significant celebration of our Catholic faith. Thank you to all those who attended this significant event.

These huge crowds gathered for one purpose – to view and touch the Cross and icon of Mary and to celebrate their Catholic faith by praying and venerating these two significant Christian symbols. The celebration at Tumbalong Park, with the colossal crowds, enabled an experience of the universality and diversity of the Catholic faith, whilst also being united as young Australian Catholics, for those who gathered. Many were overcome with emotion, particularly in the knowledge that people from many other continents had prayed before the cross which stood before them at the celebrations.

Congratulations to Sean Harrington (Year 10) who was chosen as one of the dancers, representing the Aboriginal and Indigenous peoples of Australia, at the official handover ceremony of the Cross and Icon from New Zealand to Australia at Darling Harbour. He was certainly a wonderful ambassador in representing his Indigenous heritage and the college. Well done and congratulations, Sean.

Following the celebrations, the cross and icon travelled to Holy Spirit Parish at Carnes Hill, where an all night prayer vigil was held. A beautiful dawn Mass was celebrated by Fr. Pat Hurley to conclude the vigil of prayer. With an emphasis on the youth, this Mass was led and ministered by the young people of the parish, including the talents of a wonderful youth choir and band. From there the cross and icon moved to Sacred Heart Parish, Cabramatta; Patrician Brothers College, Fairfield; and Liverpool Catholic Club in the evening of July 2nd.

During the first week of the holidays, the cross and icon travelled around various other parishes of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Where will the WYD Cross and Icon journey next?



9 July – 15 July 2007
Diocese of Broken Bay

16 July – 22 July 2007
Parramatta Diocese

23 July – 30 July 2007
Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Australia commemorates the 12 month pre-anniversary to WYD 2008 on Friday 20th July, 2007

Today, at approximately 12 noon, Good Samaritan Catholic College stopped to pray the WYD Prayer as a community. In doing this, we united with the communities of all other Catholic schools and CEO Offices in Australia in praying for the success of WYD 2008 and reminding us that in one year's time, 20th July 2008, Pope Benedict XVI would be celebrating the WYD Mass here in Sydney.

Download "Receive the Power" – the official anthem of WYD08 sung by Guy Sebastian and Paulini

Haven't heard the anthem song yet? Go to the WYD website – www.wyd2008.org.au/index.php/en to hear and view a video of the WYD anthem. You can even download the song, the lyrics, the musical score and the theology behind the lyrics.

Miss Darmody
WYD 2008 Co-ordinator

Parenting Corner....

Dear Parents, welcome back to our Third Term. Hopefully the holidays were safe and enjoyable and afforded you and your children some quality time together.

I thought to begin the new term it could be good to start with some words about ENCOURAGEMENT. We all need it and especially our adolescents; Michael Grose offers the following strategies to help promote a sense of CONFIDENCE and SELF-ESTEEM:

- Give children realistic responsibility. Through our actions we are giving them the message: 'I know that you can do this'.
- Point out children's strengths and achievements. When correcting a child or pointing out an error focus on a strength first.
- Recognise improvement they have made or effort they are putting in at school or at home.
- Express your confidence and faith in their abilities. Every child needs someone in their life who says "I know you can do this".
- Promote positive self-talk. Encourage them to make positive comments about themselves and discourage them from putting themselves down.
- If you need a reminder to encourage your child, consciously develop the habit of offering a positive remark when they leave for school in the morning and when you say good night at bedtime.

Sometimes adolescents can give the impression that they are "full of themselves" but underneath it all they are very vulnerable and insecure as they begin to find their way into our adult world. What they need is for us to GIVE THEM HEART, which is the meaning of the word ENCOURAGEMENT.

If there is anyway I can be of help, don't hesitate to contact me at the school – that is what I am there for!

God bless you in all your efforts,

Sr Marj Carroll

YEAR 10 & 12 Career Expo

On Friday the 22nd June, Year 10 and 12 students attended a Careers Expo at Darling Harbour. There were many different stalls that were set up by career organisations. The day was an educational day which was intended to explore different career opportunities. There were many different choices of stalls to chose from, where students and members from the public went out and explored different career paths that they could take. There was also information about what different types of careers are available. There was a performing arts college who had performances in areas, such as, dance and song. Students were asked to participate in some of these activities. The day was a great day which helped us to explore and gather information on careers that we can consider when we leave school.

By: Monique Panetta

On Friday 22nd June Year 10 went to a Careers Expo in the city. There were all sorts of different career booths. There were many chances for us to mix with people in the workforce and find out about all different job opportunities within Australia. Fox Sport was there advertising commentary, camera man and TV production. The Army was giving explanations on all things you can do while in the army and cadets, they even had a helicopter simulation game. Local, State and Federal governments were advertising recruitment of new people. I can't wait to get into the work force and start earning some money. After I have seen what I can do it's really opened my mind to all the possibilities.

By: Jonathan Barker

Help! The library has a number of books which require covering. If you could spare some time — it would be much appreciated.

Public Speaking—Toastmasters

Do you want to be able to practise, develop and enhance your communication and leadership skills? If you want to venture into public speaking why not try Toastmasters. Toastmasters will provide a positive learning environment that is mutually supportive and informative.

This is a 15 week course that will start from Week 5 Term 3 and continue into Term 4. It will occur every Monday on the school premises from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm. The cost is \$20 for the entire course. Students will be issued with a certificate from Toastmasters at the end of this course. For more information please contact Mrs Marcellienus or Mr Dominish. Please see tear-off slip below in this newsletter.

Tear-off - - - - -

T o a s t m a s t e r s

Yes, I am interested in my child _____ of class _____ taking part in the Toastmasters Public Speaking Course. Please return slip to the College Office as soon as possible in an envelope marked "Toastmasters".

Parent / Guardian Signature

Techno Bullying Review Year 8

Techno Bully is a play about a boy named Eric. Year 8 watched it during the term and it taught us the common and growing problem of Cyber-Bullying. The actors were Lucy and Glen and they did a one hour play on Cathy starting at a new school. Eric tricks her and takes a revealing picture of her and posts it on the net. She starts receiving threatening text messages and the number is eventually traced to Eric. Then Eric realises that his sister had his phone and that because he had had such an influence on her that he had actually encouraged her to think it was 'fun'. **By: Johann Kamalaneson and Sami Rached**

"I think that it was a good play and I do recommend this play to different schools because it was funny and it also had a good message, which is never do things that will offend people". **By: Christina Mori**

"The message that Techno Bully was giving was that you shouldn't talk to people in chat rooms if you don't know them". **By: Emily Benavides**

"It was very interesting how just the internet and mobiles could hurt someone so much and how what you think is a little fun can be so painful for someone else. I would rate this play 8/10 as it had very good actors". **By: Andrew Zikovski**

"Glen and Lucy were extremely talented, giving all of Year 8 an insightful overview on the affect and influence bullying has on people, not just all victim and onlookers". **By: Karina Donoso**

Mrs S Fegatilli, English Teacher

Year 11 Business Studies Excursion

On Wednesday the 20th June, Year 11 business studies students travelled to the IMAX Theatre as part of a case study in the preliminary course. Year 11 Business Studies have been studying the topic "Key Business Auctions" which involves Employment Relations, Operations, Accounting and Marketing of the business. IMAX Theatre was an essential case study for students in completing their preliminary course.

On the cold Wednesday morning, the two Business Studies Classes arrived at school early and travelled by bus to the IMAX Theatre, where each student received activity sheets to complete. The students then watched a half hour PowerPoint presentation on the huge IMAX screen about how IMAX began. Students were informed on Marketing, Employment Relations, Accounting and the Operations of the IMAX Theatre. Whilst watching and listening to the presentation, students filled in their activity sheets regarding the IMAX as a business. After this interesting presentation, students were treated to the product of the IMAX Corporation through viewing a not yet released film "Mummies".

After this eye-opening experience of watching the film, the students had lunch in Darling Harbour food court and then travelled back to school. The excursion was very interesting and an essential factor for us as Business Studies students in completing our preliminary course. We look forward to the next excursion!

By: Alex Carver, Year 11 Business Studies

Congratulations to Kassandra Gore of Year 9

Kassandra performed in the Sydney Catholic Schools Performing Arts, Australian Welcome Ceremony for the arrival of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon at Darling Harbour on Sunday 1st July 2007. It is indeed a great privilege for our performing arts students to participate in this event and also a wonderful opportunity to showcase the wealth of talent in our Sydney CEO schools.

2007 St Vincent De Paul 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 2007 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 2007 Winter Appeal has called for donations of clean, warm clothing, blankets, beanies, gloves etc. 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 submit them during morning pastoral care.

Australian Home Care

Work & Training Options for Carers Project

- Do you care for an elderly person who is over 65 years?
- Do you live in the South West Sydney or the Nepean region?
- Are you interested in studying/training/learning a course or qualification that may lead to work? Or
- Are you finding it difficult juggling current work demands with your caring responsibilities?

Australian Home Care may be able to help you. They are committed to providing clients with the most responsive and appropriate in-home care. For more information please call Maxine Andersson on Tele: 9388 9544.

IS YOUR TEENAGER WORRIED, ANXIOUS OR NERVOUS? Want some help?

Researchers from Macquarie University are seeking teenagers aged between 13 and 17 years who experience worry, anxiety or nerves. As part of a research study, the University is offering both clinic-based (to be conducted at Macquarie University) and internet-based programs to help teenagers cope with anxiety. The program involves sessions for both teenagers and their parents. To be eligible for the project, families must be willing to attend the university for treatment and have internet access at home. A small fee of \$100 covers all the assessments, teenager and parent sessions and course materials.

For more information, please contact Dr Amanda Gamble by phone: 02 9850 9012 or email: braveforteenagers@psy.mq.edu.au

Lakemba District Catholic Schools Council Presents... Dr Michael Carr-Greg

Michael is one of Australia's leading Adolescent Psychologists, an outstanding speaker on issues of health, lifestyle and well being.

Michael is particularly interested in young people and their ability to live and interact in a fast and often pressurised world.

He is author of 4 best selling books, and is currently working on book number 5!

Michael's has extensive experience in the media and is currently a regular on the top rating 'Sunrise' program on Channel 7 and on Melbourne radio and is a frequent contributor to the Australian Print media.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share some of Michael's wisdom and advice!

Monday 30th July
7.30 - 9.00pm

Surviving the HSC and Safe Partying
St Michael's Primary, Parish Hall
24 Margaret Street, Belfield

Great for parents, carers, family members and teachers of students in Years 11 & 12.

RSVP: essential for catering
Ph: School Office on 9642 8199 or Catholic Education Office on 9643 3600
Refreshments will be available at 6.30pm

Fat Donutz

On the 26th June 2007, David, George, Sione, Angelo and I ran a stall for Commerce. We sold 30 boxes of Krispy Kreme doughnuts. The profits we made were donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charity. Thank you for everyone who contributed to this charity stall.

Tim Morozoff, Year 9

From the Sports Co-ordinator

Congratulations to both our NSWCCC Boys Knockout Soccer teams who have both proceeded through the first couple rounds of the tournament. The junior boys defeated Mt Carmel High in their last game (4-1) and the senior boys defeated De La Salle, Revesby (4-1). Good luck to both teams in their next games where the junior boys will play All Saints, Liverpool and the Senior Boys will play St Gregory's College.

**Ms D Sosimenko
Sports Co-ordinator**



DATES TO REMEMBER

<p>23rd July Parent Information Evening Cyber Crime for Parents & Safe Parties</p> <p>25th July Year 11—Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews Year 7 English Excursion Year 8 Italian Excursion</p> <p>26th July Year 11 Drama Excursion Westpac Mathematics Competition</p> <p>30th July Year 11 2008 Information Evening</p> <p>3rd August SSCCC Athletics</p>

Retrouvaille ...REDISCOVERY

Retrouvaille is a program for marriages in difficulty.

The program concentrates on couples who are:

- Frustrated, hurt or angry with each other.
- Constantly arguing or fighting.
- Have given up on talking their problems out.
- Feel cold, alone or distant.
- Thinking about separation or divorce.

If you do not know how to change or where to turn, **Retrouvaille** can help. Our next Program commences 3-5 August 2007. For further confidential enquiries or information, please call

Sydney: (02) 9520 1496
 Canberra (02) 6291 6260
 Wollongong (02) 4295 6860

Centacare

Edgware Family Services Parenting Programs Calendar July to November 2007

July

Let's Talk Parenting: Managing HSC Stress for Parents Tuesday 31st July at 7 pm to 8.30 pm

August

TIPS- Tips & Ideas on Parenting Skills Tuesday 31st July to 21st August at 10 am to 12 noon

September

Let's Talk Parenting: Building Resilience in Children (National Child Protection Week) Monday 3rd & 10th September at 7 pm to 9 pm

October

Toddler Behaviour Monday 29th October at 7 pm to 9 pm

November

1-2-3 Magic Monday 12, 19th & 26th November at 7 pm to 9 pm

Venue: Centacare, Edgware Family Services
 209A Edgware Road, Enmore
 Cost: \$15 waged

\$5 concession/unwaged (per session)

Child Minding: Available at no cost

Bookings: Tele: 9519 6788

CEO, Funding

Do school fees cover the cost of your child's education?

No. Your school fees are very important, but education in 2007 is an extremely expensive undertaking. Together, the State and Federal governments provide about 80% of the funds for Catholic schools in NSW. For Catholic schools, the remaining 20% is made up by fees, building levies and other charges paid by parents, assistance from the parish (for Primary schools) and fundraising activities. Even when school fees are taken into account, there is a significant gap in the resources available to Catholic systemic schools compared to government schools.

CANTEEN ROSTER				
MONDAY 23.07.07	TUESDAY 24.07.07	WEDNESDAY 25.07.07	THURSDAY 26.07.07	FRIDAY 27.07.07
H Stacy L Versi	D Toro A Waga	M Campisi L La Rosa	K Cutler L Bakhos	R Parker L Fasogiannis
MONDAY 30.07.07	TUESDAY 31.07.07	WEDNESDAY 01.08.07	THURSDAY 02.08.07	FRIDAY 03.08.07
N Carver D Palumbo J Short	D Ingle T Pontifex T Martin	A Morozoff A Mandic	G Gerrish A Demasi R Origlia	R Pope M Ragusa C Burn
Help! Canteen volunteers needed.....				