



GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE HINCHINBROOK NEWSLETTER

COLLEGE THEME 2007: "PREPARE THE WAY"

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Friday, 3 August 2007

Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Last week the appointment of the permanent Assistant Principal, at Good Samaritan, was announced by the Catholic Education Office. Mr Paul Brooks, who is at present Professional Officer at the Catholic Education Office, will take up the position of Assistant Principal at Good Samaritan in 2008. I acknowledge and thank Mr Grech for the tremendous work he has done in the position to date and he will continue as acting Assistant Principal for the remainder of 2007.

During lunchtime today, Br Pat and members of the College Community came together to celebrate First Friday Mass. This was a special occasion for the College as the Mass was celebrated in a demountable building which has become a temporary chapel and prayer space. The area provides staff and students the opportunity to use a specially designated area for prayer, reflection and worship. At the conclusion of Mass today Br Pat blessed the space which will now be available for use for the remainder of the year. I thank Mr Griffiths and Ms Foldes for the work each undertook to ensure that this special area is now available for use.

Next week Year 12 students will begin their Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations. The results of these examinations will be included in their final assessment tally and will contribute to the mark submitted to the Board of Studies for the HSC. We wish all students in Year 12 all the best as they undertake this important component of their assessment.

Last Saturday, construction work finally began on the first shade cloth structure at the college. The structure will be erected over three weekends and will be completed

on 11 August. I once again thank the Federal Government, for their Community Grant, and our students and parents for their fundraising efforts over the past 2 years. As I have stated in the past, the College would not fundraise for further projects until previous funds were used for their nominated purpose. Thankfully the initial problems related to construction have been overcome and the project can be completed. There are a number of projects at the college which will need financial support and we will look to undertake fundraising for these over the next few years.

Last Monday, the College conducted the Year 11 2008 Information Evening. This provided students with the opportunity to seek information about senior subjects before they make choices next week. During the evening, students were once again reminded that good results are a product of commitment and hard work. It was also emphasised that all students must accept the fact that senior studies are quite demanding and students should be prepared for the challenges. This message is not only for senior students; all students need to rise to the challenges and accept the fact that success in their studies will only eventuate with perseverance and dedication.

On Monday July 23, Constable Jennifer Carey, the Police Schools Liaison Officer, conducted an information evening at the College on Cyber Crime. The evening proved to be most informative and enlightening. One very important fact that Constable Carey highlighted was that it is essential that parents are aware of their children's internet activities. The internet opens the world to young people and if it is not used wisely it can be quite dangerous.

From the Assistant Principal

She emphasised that it is essential that parents take an active role in supervising their children while they are using the internet, which has been stressed in previous newsletters. I once again highlight the importance of parents being aware of the sites that their children are visiting.

The evening was certainly most worthwhile however, I was disappointed at the small number of parents in attendance. I encourage all parents to attend an evening such as the Cyber Crime presentation as the information presented is valuable and provides direction for both parents and students.

Last Week the De Paul House began the Winter Appeal for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. This is a very practical way to support members of our community who are in need. I would hope that as a College we are able to give generously to this appeal.

I ask all members of our community to keep Rebecca Towerton (Year 9) and her family in your prayers over the coming weeks. Rebecca has undergone major surgery recently and I know Rebecca and her family would appreciate the support. I also ask everyone to keep Ms Williamson in your prayers as she undertakes further chemotherapy.

Next week is the Feast of Mary Mackillop. Mary was certainly a wonderful example of how to live our lives in the service of God and others.

We Pray:

*Holy God source of all goodness
You show us in Mary Mackillop
a woman of faith
who lived by the power of the cross.
Teach us to embrace what she pioneered:
New ways of living the gospel
that respect and defend
the human dignity of all in our land.
We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and
ever.
Amen*

God Bless

Mr J Lo Cascio
Principal

Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Silver Awards at our last assembly.

Cynthia Awraham
Jennifer Awad x 2
Leah Brown
Giuseppe Bologna
Elizabeth Si

Year 7 Vaccinations

The second injection for Hepatitis B will be administered to Year 7 students on Thursday 23rd August. Only students who received the first injection earlier in the year are eligible to receive this injection. Parents are asked to ensure that consent forms are signed and returned to school.

Information Evening

A very important evening is coming up for students who will be in Year 9 in 2008.

Year 9 2008 Information Night
Monday August 20th

The evening will be conducted at the College and will begin at 7 pm. Essential information and forms will be given out on the night, so it is vital that all students and at least one parent/ guardian attend.

Year 12 HSC Performance & Display Night

This evening will take place at the College on Wednesday 22nd August beginning at 6 pm. Students from Year 12 Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Textiles, Industrial Technology, IPT and SDD will showcase their performance and projects that are a major component of their Higher School Certificate studies. Students from Year 11 Hospitality will also be demonstrating their skills and will be providing light refreshments. This evening has been very enjoyable and well supported in the past. If parents from Year Groups other than Year 12 wish to attend please phone the office to let us know the numbers for catering purposes.

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.

Mr R Grech
Acting Assistant Principal

Parenting Corner....

HARRY POTTER seems to be the flavour of this week and he does have some salient lessons for all his readers! The one I would like to concentrate on this week is CHOICE. No matter how bad a situation might seem, it is an important lesson in life to understand that we always HAVE A CHOICE.

Sometimes the choices are very clear and other times they are really hard to make. Sometimes it seems like we don't have any choice at all. As parents, this is one of your most difficult roles – helping your adolescents make the right choices; but you can not do it for them. One beautiful reflection I would like to share is “The Child Must Decide” which may be a useful discussion starter with your child.

*I gave you life, but cannot live it for you.
I can teach you things, but cannot make you learn.
I can give you direction, but cannot be there to lead you.
I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.
I can teach you right from wrong,
But cannot always decide for you.
I can buy you beautiful clothes,
But I cannot make you beautiful inside.
I can offer you advice, but I cannot take it for you.
I can teach you, of course, to share,
But I cannot make you unselfish.
I can teach you respect,
But I cannot force you to show honour.
I can advise you about friends,
But I cannot choose them for you.
I can tell you about the facts of life,
But I cannot build your reputation.
I can tell you about drugs,
But I cannot say no for you.
I can teach you about kindness,
But I cannot force you to be gracious.
I can love you, but I cannot love for you.*

This is surely an awesome task and a lifetime one. May God bless your every effort to be the best parent you can be.

Sr Marj Carroll



**Please note....
7th September 2007
Public Holiday in the
Sydney Region**

Ways parents can help teachers – to teach their children better

The partnership between parents and teachers is expressed in many ways. Some of the most basic elements of this important partnership are also the most important for a happy student doing well at school.

Start each day smoothly and peacefully with kind words, smiles and a hug. A child leaving a happy home starts the day in a happy state of mind, the best precondition for good learning.

Make time every day after school to spend with your children hearing about their day, listening to what they are saying and paying your full attention with no interruptions.

Send your children to school with a nutritious breakfast inside them, one that includes protein, fruit and good carbohydrates. Pack nutritious, healthy and tasty food in their lunch so they eat it all.

Make sure they get plenty of sleep every night so their brains and bodies can grow.

Use non-aggressive conflict resolution strategies so your children learn by example how to deal effectively with their anger and frustration with others. Help them learn to share and take their turn.

Place a high value on good manners and respect for others and their property.

Model and teach time management and organisational skills. Use calendars and planners for school and family life.

Show your love of learning by going with them to the library, to concerts and art galleries. Find out the names of plants and birds in your locality and go for walks together. Fill your home with books.

Talk with respect about teachers. Deal with any issues in private, not in front of your child.

Encourage them to take responsibility for their own learning.

Let your children know every day how much you love and value them.

SNAP Results

This week the College distributed the results of the Secondary Numeracy Assessment Program (SNAP) to students and parents of Year 7 and 8. The results will be used to improve numeracy across Year 7 and 8. One very pleasing aspect of the results was the overall improvement of students in Year 8, which has been largely due to intervention undertaken by the College.

From the Curriculum Co-ordinator

Subject selection for 2008 at Good Samaritan

Year 10 Students

On Monday evening our Year 10 students enrolling for Year 11 2008 and their parents attended a Subject Information Evening to support subject choices for their Preliminary and HSC years. The subject market conducted before and after the presentation was very well attended with parents and students able to have their questions answered regarding the subjects that are being offered. Mrs Shirley Green from the Catholic Education Office gave a presentation on Vocational Education and TAFE subjects and provided brochures for students interested in studying a VET subject.

The next phase of the subject selection process involves an interview to discuss the subjects chosen for Year 11 and will require parents to attend as well. These interviews are being conducted on Thursday 9th August from 3.30pm to 6pm and bookings will need to be made. Letters have gone home with students this week with more information.

Year 8 Students

The subject selection process for Year 9 2008 has also commenced with a letter being sent home to parents and an Information Evening scheduled for Monday, August 20, at 7pm. Handbooks will be distributed. Parents and students can have any questions answered by subject teachers half an hour before and after the subject selection presentation.

Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations

Year 12 Trial Examinations commence on Monday August 6 with English Paper 1. Students have been using the many facilities and support provided by their Subject teachers and Pastoral teachers, in particular the extended library hours on Monday evening. Closing time is now 7 pm for Year 12 students. Students can access past papers and Standards Packages on the Board of Studies website to assist them when studying at the College or at home.

HSC Major Works and Language Examinations

Some of our students will be presenting themselves for HSC examinations or submitting Major Works during their trial examinations over the next few weeks. These will include students studying

Spanish Continuers and Extension students, Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Textiles and Design and Industrial Technology students. We wish them well as the dates approach and will keep them in our prayers.

Year 11 Yearly Examinations

Year 11 examinations will be held in weeks 9 and 10 of this term. By now all students will have received feedback from reports and parent/student/teacher evenings and should have a clear indication of what is required for them to achieve their best in the final examination for their Preliminary year. Students should have a regular study routine by now that will take into account what areas need strengthening in each particular subject.

Mrs C Peterson
Curriculum Co-ordinator

Year 11 Drama Excursion

Year 11 Drama students saw the Academy Award winner and famous Australian actor, Geoffrey Rush in a play a Belvoir Street Theatre last week. The performance was of a play by Eugene Ionesco called, "Exit the King". Geoffrey Rush played the main role of King Berenger who is told at the start of the play that he will die at the end of the play and has an hour and a half to live. How he faces this ultimate fate is the stuff of absurd theatre, which was often hilarious and at other times moving and thought provoking. The production was superbly directed by Neil Armfield and the cast of six had the audience enthralled and highly entertained throughout. It was a privilege to see an actor of Geoffrey Rush's calibre perform in live theatre. The show has been sold out for months so we had the hottest ticket in town at a third of the price, thanks to Belvoir Street Theatre's generous subsidy of school matinees. It is important in the study of Drama that students have the opportunity to see plays. We will remember this experience for a long time.

Ms B Wright
Year 11
Drama
Teacher



Our Insight Into Jewish History & Culture—Year 12 Excursion

On the 19th of July 2007, Year 12 Studies of Religion students attended the Jewish Museum followed by the Great Jewish Synagogue.

At the Jewish Museum we were firstly introduced to the Jewish belief of one God. We met a holocaust survivor who described his life under German rule, but more importantly, he outlined the significance of upholding his Jewish Lifestyle. We then learnt about a key figure in Jewish history called Moses Maimonides. We found out that he was inspirational to the understanding and development of Jewish commandments Which described Jewish laws. Then, we got the opportunity to explore the Museum and learnt about Jewish festivals and rituals, the Holocaust and how the Jewish tradition continues to grow in Australia. After a pleasant lunch in the city, we visited the Great Jewish Synagogue (GJS) where we continued to learn about the Jewish process of worship. Here, we got to ask questions in relation to our syllabus which included bioethical issues, such as stem-cell research, euthanasia and abortion. We also learnt about the Torah and its integral role in the Jewish Society.

We would like to thank all our teachers and the school for giving us this educational opportunity.

Vanessa Pretila & Jared Ingle, Year 12

Year 8 Italian Excursion

On the 25th July 2007, all of the Year 8 students at Good Samaritan Catholic College went to the Abruzzo Veneto Fruilli Club for our Italian excursion. We participated in traditional Italian activities which included: Bocce, Soccer, Biscola (Italian Cards), Tombola (Bingo), Pasta Making, Sampling and an Italian Quiz. We finished the day with a delicious home-made meal of pizza, pasta and garlic bread. It was a great day and we will carry the memories that we learnt forever. We would like to thank the teachers that organised the day and accompanied us to the Club. We would also like to thank the volunteers who gave up their time to make this a very wonderful day for us.

Rhiannon Howell & Agnieszka Komenda



Southern Sydney Social Justice Day

On Wednesday, 27th June, ten students, along with myself, attended the Southern Sydney Social Justice Day, which was held at Mount St Joseph's Milperra. We travelled to the venue together with Clancy Catholic College and All Saints Senior College, Casula. Once there we were involved in a number of "networking" tasks where our students were provided with the opportunity to congregate with the Social Justice Representatives from other schools, as well as exchange a number of fund raising ideas.

The remainder of the day focused on students listening to talks from a range of representatives of humanitarian and charitable organisations. The talks were of an informative nature and gave our students the opportunity to become more aware of issues associated with Social Justice. The highlight of the day was the presentation provided by Dylan Wilks, a representative of Gawad Kalinga (an organisation committed to providing a solution to the problem of poverty world-wide) and keynote speaker of the day. His talk was most informative and his stories about his international travels allowed our students to reflect on their own lives, and how well-off they are.

Mr G Georgiou, Teacher

Year 10 Fund Raiser Shepherd Centre

On Monday July 30, students in Year 10 organised and conducted a Sausage Sizzle to raise money for the Shepherd Center which is a School for Deaf Children located at Casula. With the very generous support of a number of local businesses, the students were able to raise over \$450 for this very worthwhile cause. Thank you to all students and teachers who supported the event allowing the students of Year 10 to make such a valuable contribution to the work done by the Shepherd Centre.

Mr D Cloran, Year 10 Co-ordinator

WYD 2008 CORNER - 346 DAYS TO GO!

Last Friday, Good Samaritan Catholic College joined in solidarity and unity with other Catholic schools and Catholic Education Offices around Australia to pray on the occasion of the one year pre-anniversary of World Youth Day, 2008. The pinnacle of the WYD celebrations is the final mass, celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI, will occur on Sunday 20th July 2008.

Have you checked out the WYD website lately or read the latest version of the E-pilgrimage newsletter? Perhaps haven't heard the "Receive the Power" anthem? Have a browse at website. www.wyd2008.org.au

Where will the WYD Cross and Icon journey next?

31 Jul – 7 Aug 2007 Diocese of Lismore
8 Aug – 16 Aug 2007 Diocese of Toowoomba
17 Aug – 29 Aug 2007 Archdiocese of Brisbane

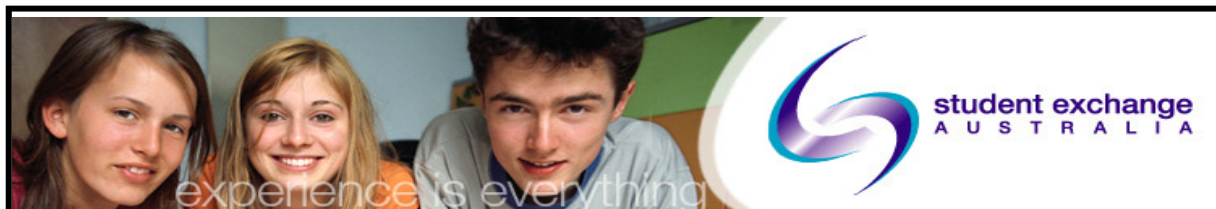
Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe into me Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Amen.

Cross and Icon Arrival Photos

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 on July 1, 2007.

Well done and congratulations, Sean.



Bring Home a Brother or a Sister

In January 2008, students, aged 15 to 18 years from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit our website: www.studentexchange.org.au

CAREERS NEWS

Sign Up For A Job Day, August 31st, 2007

Liverpool Workplace Learning Partnership has organised an event for 2008 high school leavers in the Liverpool region that brings together over 20 employers offering 150 traineeships and apprenticeships in 2008. Current students in Years 10,11 and 12 are invited to apply for up to three interviews that will occur on "Sign Up For A Job Day". Jobs are available in electro-technology, horticulture, bricklaying, warehousing, transport and distribution, fitness leader, Business Administration, timber merchandising, retail, food and beverage, toolmaking, electrician, forklift mechanic, engineering – sheetmetal, automotive mechanical (heavy or light vehicle apprenticeships), automotive vehicle body builder or spraypainter, auto-electrician, construction – carpentry and joinery, wood machinist, upholsterer, cabinetmaking, furniture finishing, shopfitting, roof or floor tiling, stone masonry, house painter and estimator / detailer. Interested students should obtain a registration form from Mr Berry. Interview times will be forwarded by Liverpool Workplace Learning Partnership. Students will need copies of a resume, and be able to attend John Edmonson Memorial RSL Club at their appointed time(s) on August 31st. **Closing date is Friday, August 8th** for return of completed, signed forms.

SW Sydney Institute of TAFE School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Evenings

School based apprenticeships and traineeships are available in a variety of occupations, allowing students to combine HSC studies with paid work and training. The training component of these traineeships and apprenticeships contributes 2 units towards the student's HSC and usually allows students to attain a Certificate II industry standard qualification.

On the evenings of ; Wednesday, August 1st at Wetherill Park campus, and Tuesday, August 7th at Campbelltown Campus from 5.30 pm. until 7.00 pm.

SW Sydney Institute of TAFE is hosting information evenings for interested students and their parents. Traineeships and apprenticeships are available in automotive mechanical (T3), automotive vehicle body, metals and engineering, aged care, warehousing and distribution

Please see Mr. Berry ASAP if you would like to attend to RSVP.

ICT Careers Forum at Mt Druitt College of TAFE

Information and Communication Technology (including computing) is a ubiquitous part of modern lifestyles, encompassing mobile and fixed position communication technologies, audio-visual and computer technologies and mass communication technologies, the internet and the integration of any and all of these technologies. An information session with Australian Computer Society ACS, has been arranged for career counselors, parents and teachers on Monday, September 3rd beginning at 6.00 pm and continuing until 8.00 pm in Auditorium Block M at Mt. Druitt College of TAFE.

Please register by logging on to www.acs.org.au/nsw/events

Energy Australia apprenticeships and cadetships

Energy Australia are one of our major household and industrial energy suppliers, and is offering opportunities for students in Years 10 and 12 to commence apprenticeships and cadetships in electrical trades and electrical engineering in 2008. A limited number of brochures are available. Year 10 apprenticeship applications close this week, visit <http://www.apprenticeships.energyaustralia.com.au/about.html> for more information and to apply on-line. Cadetship applications close August 28th, visit <http://www.energy.com.au/energy/ea.nsf/Content/Careers+Home> for more details.

Scholarships

Raffles KvB; Students with outstanding creative ability may apply for this scholarship to study one of KvB's design degree programs with no tuition fees. Open Day is Saturday, September 15th from 10 am until 3 pm. For more details visit www.kvb.edu.au or call Coral Cooksley on 9922 4278.

APM Training Institute

Four scholarships for 50% of tuition fees and four textbook scholarships are available for students enrolling for marketing, advertising, public relations, event management, sports management and marketing, entertainment and music management or digital and interactive marketing courses at APM Institute. Applicants are invited to make a submission "to reflect their suitability for a career in" one of these fields. **Scholarship applications close Friday, September 28th 2007**

New, updated MyClasses GSCC Careers Resources for students in Years 10 and 12

Since the beginning of term, the GSCC Careers Resources files have been unavailable from the MyClasses link on the College web site. These files have been reviewed and will soon be returned to MyClasses. The files cover many useful careers topics including writing letters of application, resumes, careers research and job hunting. There are also links to TAFE's web site www.tafensw.edu.au, Universities Admissions Centre www.uac.edu.au, many metropolitan and regional universities and a number of private colleges.

Open Days

ACU North Sydney Campus	Wednesday, August 22 nd , 5pm – 8 pm
ACU Strathfield Campus	Saturday, September 15 th , 9 am – 4 pm
ACU Canberra Campus	Saturday, August 25 th , 9 am – 4 pm
University of Sydney	Live! Saturday, August 25 th 9.30 am – 4 pm Parents Seminars held during Live! Events
UNSW	Careers and Courses Day, Sat. September 1 st 9 am – 4 pm
Macquarie University	Saturday, September 1 st , 10 am – 4 pm
UWS	Open Day, Sunday, August 19 th
University of Wollongong	Campbelltown Year 12 Information Evening, Campbelltown RSL Club, Monday, September 3 rd 6 – 8 pm (Contact Michelle Stojanovski)
University of Newcastle	Newcastle Campus -Saturday September 8 th 10 am – 3 pm Central Coast Campus—Saturday, September 15 th 10 am – 3 pm Port Macquarie Campus—Saturday, August 25 th 10 am – 1 pm



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 6th August**
Trial Higher School Certificate Starts
- 7th August**
Language Competition
- 8th August**
Feast Day Blessed Mary MacKillop
Year 9 Retreat & Science Excursion
- 9th August**
Year 11 2008 Subject Interviews
- 10th August**
Year 9 Retreat & Science Excursion
- 15th August**
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 16th August**
Year 7 Science Incursion
Year 11 Incursion
- 17th August**
Year 11 PDHPE Incursion

Good Shepherd Parish Dinner Dance



Date: Friday 17th August 2007
 Time: 7 to 11 pm
 Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club
 Cost: \$30 per head
 3 course meal, soft drinks included
 Dress Code: Smart Casual

ENTERTAINMENT

Australian Idol Finalist, Joseph Gatehau
 Music provided by T&S Mobile DJ
 Put your worries away and dance the night away!
 Lots of Prizes to be won!
 Tickets now available after Masses
 or by contacting either Linda on 9825 9112 or
 Roselinda on 9826 8276

CEO, Parent Education Programs

Milestones

A series of workshops for separated fathers in small group settings. How to strengthen your important role as a Dad.
 Wednesdays 6 pm to 9 pm
 August 8th to September 26th
 Centacare Level 13
 133 Liverpool Street Sydney

Back On Track

A series of workshops conducted in a small group setting designed to get you "back on track".
 Thursdays 6 pm to 9 pm
 August 23rd to September 27th
 Centacare, Bankstown

Want Help?

Recently separated/divorced and feeling overwhelmed?
 Feeling that things won't be the same anymore?
 Worried about losing contact with your children?
 Don't know where to start?

Find Out

How you can strengthen your important role as a Dad.
 How to let go of being a partner and hold on to being a parent.
 How to talk to your former partner.
 How to communicate your values to your child.
 How you can live successfully as a separated father.
 Join Milestone a Fathering Post Separation Group or Join a support group and Get Back on Track
 For enquiries/bookings phone 9390 5366

Library Needs Help...

The library have a number of books which require covering. If you have any spare time to assist with this task - it would be very much appreciated.

Mr G Lozelle, Librarian



CANTEEN ROSTER				
MONDAY 06.08.07	TUESDAY 07.08.07	WEDNESDAY 08.08.07	THURSDAY 09.08.07	FRIDAY 10.08.07
L Tomelic M Macri	V Sgro A Mandic	A Morozoff L La Rosa	G Bartolo N Bodagh	J Vartuli T Inzitari F Oselli
MONDAY 13.08.07	TUESDAY 14.08.07	WEDNESDAY 15.08.07	THURSDAY 16.08.07	FRIDAY 17.08.07
E Hobby J Colley	D Beazley T Cox T Zanetic	M Romeo L Dwarte	L Vella C Smith N Michael	L La Rosa D Segatto R Romeo

Help! Canteen volunteers needed...