Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Last Friday our community, along with Br Pat, our local member Mr Chris Hayes and his wife, came together to celebrate Good Samaritan Day. This was a festive occasion which allowed us to reflect on our past and look to the future with hope.

Our liturgy gave us the opportunity to celebrate our faith with the Gospel reading being appropriately, the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Mass was followed by the launch of the Good Samaritan Values Forum video, which was created by teachers and students in our school. The video gave everyone the chance to reflect the values that are important to us. It also highlighted the values in our school community and showed how these complimented the values that are promoted across this wonderful nation. Our approach to these values was highlighted through the introduction to the video:

“At Good Samaritan we share a common set of values. These values arise from the Word of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. The values we hold dear are:

Compassion and Care
Respect
Honesty
Justice
Reconciliation
Stewardship"

As members of our community, each person has a responsibility to promote these values both within our College and beyond. It is my hope that, as students venture beyond Good Samaritan, they share these values to the wider world.

Finally, Good Samaritan Day allowed us to enliven our motto “Journeying with Compassion” in a practical way. The fundraising activities allowed us to reach out to others, while the “Fully Six” talent show, allowed us to journey together while celebrating the talent in our community. I thank everyone who was involved in this wonderful day which really promoted the spirit of Good Samaritan. At the end of the day we had also managed to reach out to others by raising over $8,000 for selected charities.

On Saturday 15 September the College Working Bee was conducted with staff, students and parents. A significant amount of work was done and the support was most appreciated. One disappointing aspect of the day, however, was the small number of parents in attendance. There are times when a College such as Good Samaritan relies heavily on parental support and a working bee is one of those times. It is my hope that future involvement will be greater so that we are able to promote a greater sense of community, while adding to the quality of the College. Once again I am most grateful to the people who were able to offer support and complete a number of pressing tasks. I also take this opportunity to thank those wonderful people who were able to give support at the uniform fittings on Saturday 15 and 22 of September. This help is certainly appreciated.

This week we farewell Year 12 as they complete their formal lessons and will be involved in ceremonies associated with the end of Year 12. A full report of the ceremonies and awards will be included in the next newsletter, however, it is important that we acknowledge them as they leave the College. We assure them that our thoughts and prayers are with them as they venture into the HSC examinations.
and beyond Good Samaritan. As Year 12 cohort leave the college our Year 11 students will assume the senior leadership role. The Senior Leadership Group and College Captains for 2008 were elected last week. I congratulate Tiana Romeo and Andrew El-Zakhem on being elected as College Captains 2008. I also acknowledge the Senior Leadership team consisting of: Elisa Gatto, Reiko Aguilar, Maryann Wright, Matthew Alverne, Phillip Do and Anthony Endravian.

Each person certainly has the confidence of their peers and the College staff as they assume their leadership roles in 2008.

Congratulations to the Year 12 Gold Award Winners who were presented with their awards at the Year 12 farewell assembly.

Joseph Boutstany     Don Lizada
Jaimie Selvage      Corinne Inzitari
Amy Iheakanwa        Ashley Azzopardi
Vanessa Pretila     Victoria Mammone
Dino Romeo

Congratulations to Miss Sosimenko who will be married to her fiancé Dwayne in the holidays. I am sure that the community will join with me in wishing her a wonderful wedding and a prosperous future.

This week we farewell Mr Grainger who has decided to pursue a career related to other aspects of the visual arts in the future. Mrs Guisti will replace Mr Grainger for Term 4. I thank Mr Grainger for his contribution to the College and wish him well in his future endeavours.

God Bless,

Mr J Lo Cascio
Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Term Four

Year 7-11 students return to school Monday October 15th. This will be a Day 6. Students are to return in summer uniform. Parents and students are reminded of the need to be familiar with the uniform and grooming guidelines listed in the College diary, and to ensure that when students return they meet College expectations.

HSC Assessment Evening

This evening is being conducted for the present Year 11 students and their parents on Wednesday 24th October at 7pm at the College. The Board of Studies Liaison Officer, Cheryl Russell will be in attendance. It is a very important evening for this group of students as they begin their HSC year. Our expectation is that all students and at least one parent/guardian attend. Essential assessment documentation will be distributed on the evening.

Mr R Grech
Acting Assistant Principal

Working Bee

Thank you to the following people who were involved in our working bee
Mr. Finau and family, Mrs Wright, Maryann Wright, Mr Brocklehurst, Erika Brocklehurst, Mr Harrison, Michelle Harrison, Mr Grech, Miss Walker, Miss Sosimenko, Mr Costin, Mr Cloran, Mr Peterson, Mrs Peterson, Mr Griffiths, Mrs Dadd, Ms Folds and her daughters Gemma and Marnie, Mrs Fegatilli, Elyce Coluccio, Tiana Romeo, Jaimie Selvage, Ryan Selvage, Kaia Pondelak Annalise Fegatilli, Dario Rossi, Andrew El-Zakhem, Lauren Coluccio, Venessa Sposari, Thomas Kennedy, Nato Foti, Angelique Tripodi, Nicolle Viegas, Vanessa Pretila, Cynthia Awraham, Dominique Tolomeo, Warrick Wood, David Nguyen, Tina Campbell, Justin Tomas, Terry Dao, John Fahmi, Aiden Ruiz and Charbel Boustani.

Uniform Fittings

Thank you to the following ladies who were able to help with our uniform fittings:
Mrs Grech, Ms Colley, Mrs Hobby, Mrs La Rosa, Mrs Iaconis, Mrs Walker, Mrs Zappala, Mrs Papallo, Mrs D’Onofrio, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Smith, Mrs Romeo, Mrs Logue, Mrs Ciampa and Mrs Bidner.

The help offered is most appreciated.

Government Funding

Included with this newsletter is a leaflet which will help to clarify how Catholic Systemic Schools administered by the Catholic Education offices are funded. As we approach the election it is important that parents are aware of the facts.

PUPIL FREE DAY
12th November 2007
Due to
Staff Development Day
Dear Parents,

No doubt for quite a number of you this will be a momentous week as your son or daughter says farewell to Good Samaritan College to face the future come what may! It probably seems no time since you accompanied her/him to start school and now that journey is over. No doubt you have your own memories of these very significant years. I came across this article ON GROWING UP IN LIFE that could offer some helpful reflection for parents of children no matter what age.

“You are unique, my child – a wonderful addition to life for there is no one else like you
You are important...believe it...know it...
Search your heart and be willing to try new things…. Don't be afraid to be different...
follow your feelings and be proud...be happy...
Reflect your feelings, your hopes and your dreams…you have much to contribute and other people can learn from you. Take your time …and please don't hurry
You must reach out and help others to grow...for the more you give, the more you receive
Your time on earth is a measure of progress, year by year…for each year will present new and different opportunities...
Enjoy what is beautiful in life, my child, and try to achieve the highest goals in life…. TO LOVE, TO CARE, TO GIVE, TO SHARE.

Larry S Chengges

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your Year 12 adolescents. Not only in the weeks ahead but also for the rest of their lives they remain the CLASS of 2007 and Good Samaritan Catholic College holds very special memories of them.

God bless,

Sr Marj Carroll

Special Events Team Term 3

Term 3 has seen a multitude of special events, which include school assemblies, HSC performances, display evenings, and last week's Good Samaritan Day. These events were staged with the help of a group of students who in most cases, gave up their own time to make these events successful. On behalf of the College community, I would like to thank the following students for their ongoing assistance:

Bryce Wilson   Natasha Pope
Olivia Strzemkowski   Kimberly Pham
Jason Camilleri   Stephanie Gerardis
Monique Brown   Kobey Martin
Paul Tacca   Anthony Tarabay

Year 10 IST Students Go Robotic!

As part of the Robotics option topic for Information & Software Technology, Year 10 IST students have certainly been busy creating innovative Robotic systems. With the help of special lego programming software, the students were able to design and construct a Robotic device using lego bricks and motors. Sensors were also implemented in their designs which were controlled by software the students programmed themselves.

Mr J Reyes
IT Co-ordinator

Year 9 Textiles

In their second unit of work, Year 9 Textiles explored the art of Fabric Decoration. In class we studied a number of fabric decoration techniques including; Stenciling, Hand Painting, Tie Dyeing, Embroidery, Appliqué and Machine Stitching. The students also investigated and gathered a collection of Aboriginal designs, both traditional and contemporary. They were then asked to use a combination of these Fabric Decoration techniques and create a Textile Artwork inspired by their perception of Aboriginal design. They worked tirelessly through the term and produced work of an excellent standard. Each fabric took many hours of applying colour with hand stitching, beading and machine sewing. As their teacher I am extremely pleased by the level of dedication our students have shown in the completion of this project and am thrilled with their end results.

Miss M Wallis
T & D Teacher
Good Samaritan Day

On the 21st September 2007 the student body got together to celebrate the school’s annual “Good Samaritan Day” event. The day began with an Eucharistic liturgy which was conducted by Br Pat Hurley from Holy Spirit Parish. Through reading the Parables, we as a community, discovered what it truly meant to be a “Good Samaritan”. Mr Chris Hayes, MP for Werriwa, made a guest appearance and spoke about Australian schools’ values which was followed on by a presentation on what fellow students believe our schools values to be.

Following the liturgy our school entered a fund raising event where students purchased Good Samaritan dollars to use at various PC class stores, such as show bags, kebabs and many more. The money raised on the day went towards the six House charities.

After the fun and generous donations, the entertainment started at the Performing Arts Block with “Fully Six”. “Fully Six” was a combination of musical and drama performances which showcased our students talents. Each act was spectacular and was a brilliant end to a perfect day. The school raised thousands of dollars and goes down as another memorable day in Good Samaritan history.

By: Elisa Gatto & Phillip Do (Year 11)

Silver Awards

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Victoria Mammmone
Dino Romeo x 3
Melissa Gajardo
Joshua Kamalaneson
Candace Cummings
Roberto Agostino

Netalert Information Evening

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Careers News

Students are advised that the following careers information is available in Careers News handed out to Year 10 and 11 students. Copies also available from the College office.

HSC Plus at UNSW
For detailed information visit www.unsw.edu.au/HSCplus

Alternative entry programs to universities
uniTEST at Macquarie University
Applications are being accepted for uniTEST now, visit www.futurestudent.mq.edu.au/undergraduate for more details.

UWS Triple Advantage
Please see Mr Berry for more details.

Notre Dame Admissions
Contact the student centre on 8204 4404 or at sydney@nd.edu.au for any enquiries concerning applications.

Scholarships
Macquarie University
Visit www.mq.edu.au for more details.

JMC Academy
Contact Hank Martin on 9281 8899, by fax on 9212 4801 or at E-mail scholarships@jmc.edu.au.

Seminars
Making the most of the last year of schooling
Visit www.alpha-omega.org.au or telephone 9708 3666 for more information.

Open Night at Catholic Institute of Sydney on Friday, October 19th
Call 9752 9500 or visit www.cis.catholic.edu.au for more information.

Open Day at St. Patrick’s Business College; Sunday, October 14th
The College will be holding an Open Day on Sunday, 14 October 2007 from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

Free Electro Pre-Apprenticeship Training Course
Please see Mr. Berry if interested.

Information Technology traineeships for 2008
Email your application letter and resume to mbreglevski@austrg.com.au or fax to 9704 1599.

AON Insurance broker traineeships
To apply, collect an application form from Mr. Berry.

Honeywell Electro Technology Apprenticeships
If interested, complete an on-line application at www.honeywell.com.au/careers/

Sign Up For A Job Day
Congratulations to those students who participated in this event. Some have already been called back for second interviews or had offers made. The interviewers were impressed with the presentation and preparation of our Year 10 and 12 students on the day.

Mr S Berry, Careers Adviser
**Mr Kevin Maguire**

Pictured above is Mr Kevin Maguire holding The Australian Defence Medal presented to him recently.

This medal was presented to Mr Maguire for demonstrated commitment and contribution to the nation by serving after 3rd September 1945, for an initial enlistment period of four years service in the Australian Army overseas.

Thank you Mr Maguire.

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**Vocation Discernment Weekend**

**From 30 November (pm) to 2 December 2007**

Do you feel called to the Priesthood? Mary’s “Yes” made Christ truly present amongst us. Your “Yes” will too. Come to a weekend at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. This is an opportunity for those Year 12 students to explore future possibilities, and the calling to the Priesthood. All are welcome!

To register and/or to enquire contact:
Vocation Centre, Archdiocese of Sydney
133 Liverpool Street, Sydney
Tel: 9390 5287
vocations@sydney.catholic.org.au

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**Good Grief Conference 2007**

**Finding the Good in Grief**

Good Grief is committed to relieving suffering and bringing hope to those affected by change and loss.

Our 2007 Conference will focus on finding strength, meaning and growth through the grieving process. We are opening the Keynote Addresses to professionals, students and community members interested in grief and bereavement.

**Monday, October 8 (9 am to 10.30 am)**
Mal McKissock, OAM: “Finding the Good in Grief” Co-Director, Bereavement CARE Centre and Co-Director Clinical Services, National Centre for Childhood Grief

**Tuesday, October 9 (9am to 10.30 am)**
Julie Dunsmore, AM “Grief in the Australian Context” President, National Association for Loss & Grief

Cost: $25 per person per presentation
Bookings: Tele: 9963 6300
Location: The Auditorium, Mary MacKillop Place Conference Centre, 7-11 Mount St North Sydney
Bookings: Must be made by 28 September.

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Any help in the Canteen for Term 4 would be greatly appreciated.