



GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE HINCHINBROOK NEWSLETTER COLLEGE THEME 2007: "PREPARE THE WAY"

Issue 8

Friday, 25 May 2007

Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Last week the College conducted an assembly in which a number of achievements were recognised. It was certainly gratifying to see so many students excel in various areas such as public speaking, athletics, the arts and commitment to study. I thank the students for their efforts and remind them of the importance of doing their best in all areas of their lives. It is important that a number of these students are acknowledged in this newsletter.

On Wednesday May 16, Maryanne Wright won the Quota Student of The Year Competition for the Liverpool region. This involved an interview process, a prepared speech and an impromptu speech, at the conclusion of which, Maryanne was placed first among the contestants from 8 other local schools. I also acknowledge Natasha Ishac who, along with Anthony El Zakhem, entered the UNYA public speaking competition. Both Anthony and Natasha spoke extremely well and with a degree of passion. Natasha won her section and will now progress to the finals at Parliament House Sydney.

The next group of students who deserve special mention are those who received Gold Awards at the assembly. The Gold Award is presented to those students who continue to make an outstanding contribution to college life through their involvement in various areas. I congratulate Jaimie Selvage, Lina Romeo, Bianca Lusrudo and Bruno Romeo on receipt of this very special award.

Last week, the College also conducted the annual Athletics Carnival. This proved to be a most successful day with La Salle taking out the Carnival. I thank the students, staff and parents for their contribution on

Tuesday. I especially acknowledge those students who were age champions and record breakers; their names are included later in this newsletter. Lastly, thank you to Ms Sosimenko for the organisation of the carnival.

Over this two week period Year 10 and 11 students are involved in their mid-year examinations. The examination period can be a stressful time for students. In order to reduce this stress it is essential that students plan and organise their study, so that the level of stress will generally be reduced. If students are unsure how best to use the time during the examination period they should approach their teachers for help.

Last Monday, the college conducted parent teacher student interviews for Year 12. These interviews provide information and insights in relation to student performance in the previous semester. These evenings are a very important means of communicating clearly student performance in individual subjects. It is essential that parents and students attend these evenings, so that both are clear on what is being communicated via the report and on the measures which need to be taken, to ensure that students are able to achieve to their potential. I thank all parents and students who attended the evening.

With the departure of Mrs Eljed at the end of last year, Mr Grech was appointed acting Assistant Principal for 2007. The process of appointing the permanent assistant principal for 2008 has begun with the first advertisements being published last Saturday. The process involved in appointing the new assistant principal has been outlined in a pamphlet included with this newsletter.

Recently, there have been a number of occasions where students have attended school when they were ill and should have stayed home. The College realises that parents have difficulty picking students up from school. This may involve parents taking time off work, however, the College does not contact parents unless students are too ill to remain at school. I ask parents to be aware of this fact and to ensure that ill students are picked up as soon as possible after parents are contacted.

I remind parents once again, that enrolments for Year 7 2008 close today. Interviews for these positions will begin this coming week and positions will be offered at the end of this term.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday which is a reminder to each of us that the spirit of God is among us. This provides an opportune time to reflect on the World Youth Day Theme;

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses.”

What does this mean for us?

God Bless,

**Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal**

Mary Help of Christians

Yesterday, we celebrated the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians. This was an important day for our country because Mary was nominated as a special patron of Australia. Even though Mary is the help of all Christians, she is the one to whom we turn for the help and protection of our nation.

Pope John Paul II in his writings from “Ecclesia in Oceania” made many references to the role that Mary plays within the Pacific. He explains that Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church plays an integral part in the lives of missionaries and immigrants who have a deep devotion to her. She has also been an inspiration to all in the Church who preach and teach the Gospel in the Pacific. Her image continually reminds people of her loving presence and maternal protection.

In her own words found in the Gospel of St Luke, Mary’s humble and peaceful nature asks us all to prepare the way for the coming of the kingdom of God.

“With all my heart I praise the Lord and I am glad because of God my Saviour. God cares for me. His humble servant. From now on, all people will say God has blessed me.

God, all-powerful, has done great things for me and His name is holy. God gives the hungry good things to eat and sends the rich away with nothing. God helps his servants and is always merciful to his people. The Lord made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his family forever”

We pray:

*We turn to you for protection
Mary, the help of all Christians.*

Listen to our prayers

And help us in our need.

Save us from every danger,

And may you bring

The blessing of peace and unity

To all peoples of Australia.

Amen.

Mr K Griffiths, RE Co-ordinator

From the Acting Assistant Principal

Silver Awards

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

Jaimie Selvage x 2	Lina Romeo x 2
Cynthia Awraham x 2	Alyssa Cook x 2
Bruno Romeo x 2	Kayla Bittman
Bianca Losurdo	Andrew El-Zakhem
Melissa Campisi	Haylee Ingle
Pierre Estephan	Joshua Bugeja
Natalie Perre	Jema Samonte
Lauren Smith	Caroline Said

Uniform

We ask for parents’ support in ensuring that all students are following the College’s uniform and grooming guidelines. The majority of our students are doing so but there are a few areas that need attention. The uniform guidelines can be found in the College diary and website if more detail is required.

Girls’ Skirts These are designed to be worn on the waist. The length must be such that the skirt touches the ground when the wearer is kneeling.

College Ties All students, except the Senior girls, are required to wear a college tie in Terms 2 and 3.

Girls’ Shoes These must be black leather low heel *lace up* shoes.

Girls’ Socks These must be white ankle socks. They need to cover the ankle. At present there is an issue with socks that are worn either too low or too high.

Boys’ Belts All boys must wear a black leather belt.

Sports Socks All students are to wear the college sport socks when in sports uniform.

Blazer All students must wear their blazer whilst travelling to and from the College in Terms 2 and 3.

Scarves Only Black or White in colour. To be worn in Terms 2 and 3.

Individual students have been spoken to and given a reasonable time frame in which to rectify any necessary uniform items. All students and parents were made aware of our expectations before the school year began so we now ask for your support in helping to maintain our high uniform standard.

IPODS/MP3 Players

We also remind parents and students that valuable items are not to be brought to school. Students are not to have items such as ipods or mp3 players at school and the College will not take responsibility if they are lost or damaged. Any student found with an ipod or mp3 player will have it taken and will not have it returned until a parent comes to the College to collect it.

Traffic

Thank you to parents and friends for your co-operation in implementing the new traffic arrangements following the installation of the security gates. All are reminded that:

- Parents wishing to drop students off in the morning are required to turn right at the main roundabout into the bus bay and students may alight from the vehicle in the bus bay.
- In the afternoon, access to the College bus bay for vehicles wishing to pick students up will begin at 3.10pm. No vehicles will be allowed in the College grounds before this time unless on school business.
- There is no stopping/parking in all roundabouts within the College, at any time.

Increased Penalties for School Zones

From 21 May 2007 an increase in fines and demerit points in school zones will apply. New fines and demerit point increases include:

Speeding - Minimum fines of \$128 and 4 demerit points

Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely - \$384 fine and 4 demerit points

Double Parking - \$231 fine and 2 demerit points

Stopping on or near a children's crossing - \$308 and 2 demerit points

Services

The College endeavours to support students and families with the challenges of adolescence and parenting. To offer further support the College has listed the contact details of agencies that may be of assistance to parents and students.

Centacare-Counselling and Mediation
Liverpool Ph: 87783200
Fairfield Ph: 97257077
Relationship & Family Counselling
Ph: 93905366

Kids Helpline-Ph: 1800 551 800

Relationships Australia-Family and Marriage Counselling Ph: 1300 364 277

Toughlove-Help for parents to deal with unacceptable adolescent behaviour
Ph: 1300 856 830

DoCS Helpline-Ph: 132111

National Safe Schools Week

This Friday, 25 May, marks the commencement of National Safe Schools Week. The National Safe Schools Week is an active and innovative whole school oriented week-long event encompassing the concepts of caring, supporting and looking out for others. Wednesday 30th May will be National Safe Schools Activity Day. The national theme of "Creating safe and happy schools - free from bullying", will be addressed. The issues of bullying and creating a safe school environment will be considered during the pastoral care lessons.

Mr R Grech , Acting Assistant Principal

Parenting Corner

Are you familiar with the jargon, My Space, BEBO, MSN, YouTube, High 5? I know it's all been in the realm of mystery for me, but I'm learning slowly as I relate daily with adolescents. The PROS and CONS of the Information Technology revolution are debated daily and there is no doubt that it has become a very powerful means of communication and education. Jeff McMullen in a program on TV "Difference of Opinion", introduced it by stating that Generation Y is the first generation to have grown up from scratch with a "mouse" in one hand, a mobile phone in the other and an I-Pod in their ear! AMAZING!

However, there is a down-side to all this technology. Experts caution that too much time spent on cyberspace can cause impaired social skills and reduced school progress as well as leaving teens open to unwelcome sexual attention. Signs that your teen is becoming net-dependent include aggressive reactions to being asked to log off, repeated broken promises to cut back on internet use and detrimental effects on key development markers of adolescence such as making friends, developing family relationships and progressing through school.

A research officer, Dr Ali, states "The cyber world is wild, without the usual boundaries and social norms that regulate our behaviour." People lose their identity in chat rooms by changing names and swapping gender. You can be "stalked", "booted out" or asked favours by anyone. Teenagers can feel very alone in the cyber-world." Ali suggests that parents ask questions such as "**How are your cyber-friends going?**" and "**What's happening online?**"

The adolescent psychologist, Michael Carr-Gregg advises parents to keep home computers in a common area – out of children’s bedrooms – at least for the first three years of high school. And make sure all computers are installed with net-filtering software. (For more information about family-friendly filters, visit www.iaa.net.au)

Hopefully, we do not have too many of the above aberrations with your adolescents but it is worthwhile being educated about these problems before they do. As I said, in the beginning I am daily being confronted with adolescent “lingo” and it does help to be informed.

Best of luck as you daily steer your daughters and sons into life-giving habits and practices – it will pay off!

Sr Marj Carroll

Quota Student of the Year Year 11 Student Wins “Student of the Year” Quest

Last Wednesday (16th May) **Maryann Wright** represented GSSC as a Year 11 student in the Quota “Student of the Year” Quest. This is an annual competition which aims to select a student who exhibits excellence in leadership, good citizenship, personality, sportsmanship, cultural development and public speaking. In the afternoon, the Interview component required Maryann to have an interview with a panel of judges to assess her leadership, presentation, interests etc and also to be quizzed on her general/ current affairs knowledge. In the evening, the Public Speaking component of the competition was held in two sections. The first section saw Maryann give a prepared 4 minute speech on her chosen topic of “Global Warming.” In the second section she had to give an impromptu speech on a topic drawn randomly. Maryann spoke for a minute on the topic of “Secrets”. Everyone in the audience had the sense that all the students acquitted themselves admirably in the Public Speaking competition and that they were worthy representatives of their local schools. As the judges remarked, “If these young adults represent the younger generation then we are all in very good hands in the future.” A winner was declared however, and it is very exciting that **Maryann Wright** was selected by the judging panel as the **Quota Student of the Year**. Maryann received an individual trophy and a prize of \$100. The school received a book donation from the Quota club and the Perpetual Shield for the next twelve months. We are very proud of Maryann’s achievements and she is a deserving winner of this title. Maryann said that she enjoyed participating in the Quest and that all the contestants had become friends in the process.

Year 12 Drama Excursion

On the 9th May, Year 12 Drama students travelled to the Sydney Theatre Company to watch performances of “The Removalist” by David Williamson and “Summer of the 17th Doll” by Ray Lawler. Students were provided with an overview of the context in which the two plays were written, as well as, theatrical techniques employed by the actors. A discussion session was held that allowed students to speak to the producer and the actors in the play.

Ms B Wright, Drama Teacher

Public Speaking Year 9 Student in State Final

Recently two students from our college participated in the United Nations Youth Association (UNYA) Junior Public Speaking competition. The Year 9 students, **Anthony El-Zakhem** and **Natasha Ishac** were in the South-West region competition and gave prepared speeches on the topics, “The Day after Tomorrow” and “Forgotten Peoples.” They were also required to give an impromptu speech of 1-2 minutes in length with only 5 minutes preparation time. The speeches were of equal weight in scoring. Anthony and Natasha gave commendable speeches and received praise from the adjudicators. **Natasha Ishac** has been selected to compete in the State final of this competition. The final will be held on the 29th May at NSW Parliament House. We wish Natasha good luck in her preparation for the State final.

Football Update

The College Senior Rugby League team has been competing in the MISA Cup. This competition is held after school and so far we have played two games. Unfortunately our first game saw the team go down 16 – 14 to John Therry. This was a close game that we lost on the bell. Our second game was against local rivals Freeman Catholic College. A close game at half time saw the team have to lift and fortunately we won in the end 26 – 6. I know that the players appreciate the great support from students who have been coming to the game and our next game is this week against Broughton Anglican College.

Mr D Costin, Coach

Career News

Study Without Stress

Many students find the challenges of Years 11 and 12 very stress provoking. Macquarie University Anxiety Research Unit is offering a 6 week program that is designed to specifically target cognitive and behavioural skills to manage the stress of increased workload and pressure for performance. The program covers the key areas of; understanding stress, stress management, challenging unhelpful thinking styles, managing high workloads, dealing with exam anxiety, tips for managing procrastination, tips for keeping perfectionism under control, problem solving and creating a study-life balance. For further information contact: Macquarie University Anxiety Research Unit on 9850 8711.

Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon

At Warwick Farm are now hiring host staff. You must be at least 14 years and 9 months old and arrange to be picked up from work after dark (10.30 – 11 pm). You will be able to work a minimum of 10 hours per week on a rotating roster. If you are interested, fill in an application form at the restaurant; the management will arrange for an interview. Telephone 9601-7788 and ask for the Manager.

Australia's First National Career Development Week, June 4 to 10

"*Get the life you love*" is the theme for a national careers event that is being co-ordinated by The Career Industry Council of Australia for the federal government. Check the website www.nationalcareerdevelopmentweek.com.au for details of events in your area.

Sign Up For A Job Day

Liverpool Workplace Learning Partnership will host "Sign up for a job day" on August 31st 2007. Many local industries will be represented along with Group Training Companies offering traineeships and apprenticeships. Interviews will be conducted on the day. Students will require an up-to-date resume and to register with Mr. Berry or Mrs. Kennedy before the day.

Wilson-Gilkes, a local manufacturer of audio-visual equipment, is offering students a chance to take a tour of their Moorebank facilities before considering an apprenticeship. Tours are available every day except Monday. See Mr. Berry if interested.

The Nursing and Health Expos, June 3rd 2007

Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Entry is by gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the ICN Mobile Libraries appeal.

Healthwise Showcasing Careers in Health; Friday, June 29th at Liverpool Hospital.

Sydney South West Area Health Service and Liverpool Workplace Learning Partnership are allowing this opportunity for up to 40 students from the local district to attend talks, interact with industry professionals and find out about the variety of jobs in Health first hand. Bookings are essential, three sessions only 9 am – 11 am, 11.30 am to 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, see Mr Berry if interested.

STAT Special Tertiary Admissions Test

The STAT tests a range of cognitive skills and abilities considered important for coping with the demands of tertiary study. It is mainly used by universities to assist with the selection of applicants who DO NOT have a recent Year 12 qualification and/or to ascertain English skills. No special preparation is required.

STAT is also important for pharmacy applicants at both the University of Sydney & Charles Stuart University and is considered along with your UAI when offering places in pharmacy courses to Yr 12 students. Note that STAT is a compulsory requirement for ALL Pharmacy applicants at Sydney and advisable (but not compulsory) for Pharmacy applicants at Charles Stuart as it will be taken into consideration if you fail to achieve the required UAI. For more information call UAC Customer Service: (02) 9752 0200
Use online form at the Website: <http://www.uac.edu.au>

Working for Customs; A One Day Program, June 13th 2007, 8.30 am – 4.30 pm

This is a one day work experience program for Year 12 students interested in a career with Australian Customs Service. Only 6 students will be selected from the Liverpool area. If interested, submit a half page Word document to careers@lwlp.org.au explaining your desire to become a Customs officer no later than Friday, May 25th. Photo identification and steel cap boots will be required if selected.

Open Days and Information Sessions UTS Engineering Undergraduate Information Evening

WHEN Wednesday 6 June 2007 at 6.00pm

WHERE UTS - Faculty of Engineering, 1 Broadway (UTS Tower Building), City Campus, Building 2, Level 4 - Room 4.11. It's only a few minutes' walk from Central Railway station

CONTACTS RSVP: 02 9514 2666 or email engineering@uts.edu.au to assist us with planning resources

Engineering Scholarships Evening

WHEN Wednesday 20 June 2007 6:15pm - Arrival & informal chat, 6:30pm - Presentations commence

WHERE UTS - Faculty of Engineering, 1 Broadway (UTS Tower Building), City Campus. Building 2, Level 4 - Room 2.429. It's only a few minutes' walk from Central Railway Station

CONTACTS RSVP: 02 9514 2666 or email engineering@uts.edu.au to assist us with planning resources.

UWS Computing, I.T. and Mathematics Bachelor of Computing and Bachelor of Computer Science (Advanced) parents and students evenings;

Penrith campus Monday June 4th 7 pm – 8 pm.

Parramatta campus, Wednesday June 6th, 7 pm – 8 pm.

Campbelltown campus, Thursday June 7th, 7 pm – 8 pm.

RSVP to Erin Webster on 1800 897 722 or email forschools@uws.edu.au

Whitehouse Institute of Design, Australia Level 3, 55 Liverpool St, Sydney.

Open days on Friday, June 15th and Saturday, June 16th from 10 am until 4 pm. Runway shows 11 am and 1.30 pm, Parade entry is a \$5.00 donation for the Institute library. For more information telephone 1300 551 433, email enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au or visit www.whitehouse-design.edu.au.

Julius Events College, Professional production and management training,

10 Bridge St. Rydalmere

Open Day is Saturday, July 28th Two sessions, 11 am and 12.30 pm for a 50 minute concert type presentation with light, sound and video. RSVP to 9638-5955 or email amaliap@juliusmedia.com Spaces are limited.

Sancta Sophia College, a residential college for undergraduate women and post graduate men and women on the grounds of UNSW, is holding Open Day on Saturday, August 25th, 2007.

UNSW Co-Op Program

Scholarships of up to \$15 000 p.a. are available in a variety of disciplines. The program involves a 4 year sandwich course of study and work placement.

Interested students should visit www.co-op.unsw.edu.au to complete the on-line application form and download the PDF brochure. Applications require a Schools Assessment page to be completed and mailed, including a current photo, school stamp, teacher signature and school comments / reference. Applications close September 28th 2007.

Mr S Berry
Careers Adviser

Year 11 RYDA Driving Excursion

On Friday 11th May, Year 11 students went on an excursion to Penrith Regatta Centre. The focus of the excursion was 'awareness' and 'attitudinal change' amongst young drivers, which takes on great significance considering some of our year 11 students are starting to obtain their Learner Licence. Students attended different sessions which gave all an insight into some of the perils behind the wheel. A guest speaker, a man who has suffered brain damage from an accident he caused, certainly highlighted some of the consequences of reckless driving. Other highlights involved tests on breaking speeds and distances, traffic accidents, recovering victims of road accidents, drug and alcohol awareness for young people and financial management.

Despite being a long day, students were shown how to drive safely and given some useful tips on driving, including how to avoid other people's accidents. Thank you to staff and students for making it an enjoyable day.

Safe driving

Mr David Costin, Year 11 Co-ordinator

Year 12 Excursion Shoe Horn Sonata

On the 16th of May all students in Year 12 Standard English attended a performance of 'The Shoe Horn Sonata', an Australian play composed by John Misto. It was performed at the Glen Street Theatre in Belrose. The text is been studied throughout Term 2. The play consisted of two acts, capturing untold stories about women imprisoned by the Japanese in the fall of Singapore in WW2. Two actresses, Maggie Kirkpatrick and Belinda Giblin, played the roles of two nurses that were victims of the Prisoner Of War Camps. The action of the play included their memory of events that occurred in these war camps and their survival.

Year 12 gained greater understanding viewing this play, to broaden our knowledge. This was a great advantage as it was a privilege to have been able to get the opportunity to view the play – not every school that has studied this play has had the same opportunity. In conclusion, it was enjoyable and we gained valuable knowledge of the text.

Written by:

Daniella Argenta & Melissa Petravic, Year 12

Year 8 Retreat

On Wednesday 9th and Friday 11 of May, Year 8 students attended a RE retreat. To begin our retreat we travelled to Mulgoa in extremely comfortable coaches. Upon arriving at Mount Schoenstatt Conference & Retreat Centre we were lead along a pathway through lovely surroundings till we came to a large room which we entered inquisitively. When we entered the room we got a brief description of all the things we would be doing that day and then got straight into it.

To begin with we played a series of games to get to know other students that we did not know very well. The games were very good and got all of us involved and talking to those Year 8's who we were not familiar with. We ended this part of our day by listening to a song by Savage Garden (Affirmation). After the enjoyable morning, we had a well deserved recess and a chat with our friends – old and new.

Following recess we got into the more serious side of the day. This included watching part of a movie, reading a passage from the Bible and looking at some Magic Eye 3D pictures. All of these activities showed us that if we look into the hearts of others and not judge them by their appearance then our world would be a better place. We all then took another break heading to a lunch of hamburgers cooked by some Year 10 students. It was really appreciated and they did a fabulous job.

To conclude our retreat we had a liturgy to reflect on everything that we had done and learnt throughout the day. We were lucky enough to have Mr Lo Cascio come to the liturgy and see what we had been up to. As our day drew to a close we got on the coaches and went back to school, tired but happy to have the memories of such a wonderful day to look back on.

Lauren Smith, Year 8 De Paul

The Road to CASPA By: Kassandra Gore

At the end of Term 1 I auditioned for CASPA. CASPA stands for Catholic Schools of Performing Arts. At CASPA there are many performers from Catholic schools around Sydney. There were many auditions held at CASPA which included drama auditions, music instrument auditions, singing as well as dancing auditions. I chose to audition for dance and successfully made it in to CASPA. I will attend the CASPA class every Monday night at the McDonald College in North Strathfield to rehearse for the big performance at the end of Term 3. I am the only student representing Good Samaritan Catholic College in dance this year for the Catholic Schools Performing Arts.

Congratulations Kassandra!



WYD 2008 CORNER - 417 DAYS TO GO!

Latest May News from the WYD website!

The WYD website has a subscription to the latest news concerning the progress of the organisation of WYD08. Some of the news highlights for May are summarised below. For further information, please refer to the website.

Group Registration: Recent registrations for WYD08 currently stand **80,000 PILGRIMS**, based on recent Group registrations on the website. Australian registrations come a close second to the United States, which leads the charge with nearly 27,000 pilgrims from over 400 groups. France, Germany and Venezuela round out the top five to date. Individual registration will not take place until July 2007.

Guy Sebastian: Winner of THEME SONG competition for the XXIII WYD in 2008. "Receive the Power" will become the anthem for Australia's hosting of the world's largest youth event in Sydney next year. WYD08 Coordinator Bishop Anthony Fisher OP said, "Above all, it had to engage young people and capture the theme of World Youth Day 2008 - namely, that you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses." The song will be recorded and produced this month for release around the middle of the year.

Pilgrim Partnership Program Catholic communities in Australia and New Zealand will help young people from disadvantaged communities in our region attend World Youth Day 2008 (WYD08) in Sydney under a new scheme of partnership and cooperation. Under the Pilgrim Partnership and Support Program (PPSP), Catholic parishes, schools and movements in Australia and New Zealand will link up with a poorer parish or school in our region to help their pilgrims attend World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney (WYD08). "Host partners are encouraged to seek out and support young Catholics from indigenous communities in Australia as well as from neighbouring nations such as East Timor, the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea," Archbishop Wilson said.

Revamp of E-PILGRIM Newsletter The e-pilgrim newsletter has been redesigned and revamped and is worth a read. Published monthly, the e-pilgrim newsletter provides insightful information about the latest news and events of WYD08 as well as some spiritual testimonies and prayers. Download from the website now. www.wyd2008.org.

Keep the 1st July free! The Journey of the Cross and Icon will be celebrated on the first Sunday of July. This will be a huge event so mark your diaries and keep this date free to attend.

Miss Darmody
WYD 2008 Co-ordinator

Mock Trial Report

Over the last couple of months, the College Mock Trial team has been working hard preparing their cases for the competition. The most recent round was held at Macarthur Anglican College on Monday 14th May, 2007. The team was defending an elderly couple, whose tree had fallen over in a windy storm causing damage to the plaintiff's cars. The team, citing case law, built their defense around negligence. The team also created doubt in regards to the damage the tree may have suffered as a result of damaged roots caused by the plaintiff. Our team performed well on the day and was able to win both the legal decision and the point's decision. Congratulations to all on a great effort and we hope to win the final preliminary round in a few weeks. The round 2 team was:

1st Barrister – Kelly-Anne Velnic
2nd Barrister – Andrew El-Zakem
Solicitor – Stephanie Natoli
1st Witness – Elizabeth Camilleri
2nd Witness – Ashley Pontifex
Magistrates Associate – Maryanne Wright

Thanks also to Eugene Campisi and Tiana Romeo, who helped prepare the case, but were unavailable on the day.

Mr David Costin
Mock Trial Coach

**La Salle Assembly
17th May 2007**

**Silver Award Recipients
Sport Award Recipients
Gold Award Recipients**

**Year 10 English Incursion
“Tricle or Treat”**

On Monday, 14th May, Year 10 enjoyed an innovative performance from an experienced team from the “Bell Shakespeare Actors At Work” Group.

The four talented actors from this company entertained us with humorous routines from Shakespeare’s plays titled, “Twelfth Night” and “The Merchant of Venice”.

Both of these tales revolved around the idea of lie, cheat and deceit.

Both plays had parts that incorporated twisted love stories. The actors used their skills to play these scenes in a creative way, which kept us in suspense. The performers used simple props and body language to depict the personality of the characters that they played.

In conclusion, Year 10 were interested in the way in which the actors displayed their works that used drama to present classic English text.

It was a wonderful experience for all involved

**By: Stephanie Scicchitano, Natasha Perre
and Jade O’Brien**

GSCC Athletics Carnival Results 15th May 2007

The Good Samaritan Catholic College Annual Athletics Carnival was run at Blacktown Olympic Park. There were many good performances, both on and off the track throughout the day. The Age Champions were as follows:

Age	Female	Male
12	Kobey Martin	Jamel Saliadarre
13	Melissa Arndell Natasha Pope	Anthony Tomelic
14	Bianca Addattini Jacqueline Da Silva	John Kennedy
15	Lana Ferreira	Joseph Campanelli
16	Haylee Ingle	Jacob Abela
17+	Kayla Bittman	Fortunato Foti

There were also 64 new college records set on the day. These records were:
The House point score was as follows:

Age	Female	Male
12	Marina Estephan - 100m Monique Brown - Discus Rachelle Williams - Shot Put Kobey Martin - 200m, High Jump	Yaw Amoahene - 100m , 200m Christopher El-Hayek - 400m, 800m Jamel Saliadarre - High Jump, Shot Put
13	Kristy Walker - 100m Augustina Asabere - Shot Put Melissa Arndell - 200m , 400m , 800m Natasha Pope - Discus	Daniel Makhoul - Discus Jason Camilleri - Long Jump Adam Ciampa - Shot Put Anthony Tomelic - 800m
14	Hannah Gilvear - Discus Courtney Worthington - Shot Put Bianca Addattini - 800m Jacqueline Da Silva - Long Jump	Carmelo Ussia - 400m Donavan Barreira - Discus Nicholas Goublic - High Jump John Kennedy - 100m , 200m
15	Latoya Walker -200m Christina Pecorella -800m Carla Strang -Discus Natalie Yelda -High Jump Lana Ferreira -Shot Put	Aiden Ruiz - 800m Mathew De Martin - High Jump Carlos Hafed -Long Jump Joseph Campanelli -100m , 200m , Shot Put
16	Elisa Gatto -100m Elyce Coluccio -Discus Amanda Bittman -Shot Put Haylee Ingle -200m , 400m , 800m, High Jump	Joel Jarret - 400m Nathaniel Barbuto - Discus Jacob Abela - =100m , 200m, Long Jump
17	Bianca Marras -400m Renee Saliba -800m Kayla Bittman -100m	Anthony Montague -100m Thomas Kennedy - 200m, 800m Gregory Campbell - 400m Fortunato Foti -Discus, High Jump, Shot Put, Long Jump

The House point score was as follows:

Place	House
1	La Salle
2	Polding
3	Merici
4	Chisholm
5	Mackillop
6	De Paul

Congratulations to the La Salle house who won the carnival. It was great to see so many students participating in the different events and getting involved in the spirit of the day. The Southern Sydney Athletics Carnival will be held on the 3rd August. The college team for this event will be announced closer to the carnival. A big thank you to all staff and students who made this day a great success.

Miss D Sosimenko, Sports Coordinator



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 25th May Safe Schools Week Begins
- 28th May to 1st June
- Year 10/11 Examinations continue
- 30th May National Safe Schools Day
- 30th & 31st May Year 7 2008 Interviews (pm)
- 4th June to 8th June Year 11 Work Placements
- 6th June Year 12 Advanced English Excursion
- 8th June Staff Spirituality Day
(Pupil Free Day)

Centacare

Centacare are offering the following programs:

Parenting After Separation

Guest Speaker: John Longworth, Accredited Specialist Family Law & Dettmann Longworth

When: Saturday May 19 & 26 between 10 am and 1 pm

Where: The Edgware Centre, 209a Edgware Road, Enmore

Cost: \$40 for full 2 session program & light lunch
All enquiries/booking contact: 9390 5369

Back on Track

A series of workshops conducted in a small group setting designed to get you back on track.

When: Tuesday 22nd May and every following Tuesday for a total of 6 weeks including 26th June At 6.30 to 9 pm

Where: Centacare Centre, Endeavour House, Level 4, 3-5 Stapleton Avenue, Sutherland

Cost: On a sliding scale depending on income

Other programs of interest are:

Crossroads

An information evening for recently separated/divorced parents who are struggling with the impact of separation/divorce.

Step Parenting

Is a series of 6 workshops for couples where one or both have children from an earlier relationship.

Milestone

A series of 8 three hour workshops for fathers who have separated or divorced and who are struggling with the impact of the separation on themselves and their children.

Rollercoasters 1 & 2

Are series of 8 one hour workshops conducted for children whose parents have separated or divorced.

St Agnes' Primary School Matrville 1907-2007

**"From humble beginnings a school
community grows"**

**We are celebrating 100 years of primary
education at St Agnes' School**

On Sunday 24th June 2007

**10 am Mass at St Agnes' Church Matrville
Followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall**

RSVP: Friday 15th June 2007

Phone: 9311 2995

Catholic Education Office

Middle School Maths Years 5 to 8 Not to be missed!!

An information night for parents and teachers dealing with the Mathematics learning needs of students in Years 5 to 8 and how parents can offer support at home.

Wednesday 6 June at 7.30 to 9 pm
at Catholic Education Office
300 the River Road, Revesby Heights

CANTEEN ROSTER

MONDAY 28.04.07	TUESDAY 29.05.07	WEDNESDAY 30.05.07	THURSDAY 21.05.07	FRIDAY 01.06.07
H Stacey J Short L Versi	DBeazley T Cox	M Romeo E Carabs	E Gallulo L Napoletano	R Parker S Koutroubas
MONDAY 04.06.07	TUESDAY 05.06.07	WEDNESDAY 06.06.07	THURSDAY 07.06.07	FRIDAY 08.06.07
N Carver D Palumbo	D Ingle T Martin T Pontifex	M Campisi J Roccisano	K Cutler G Bartolo L Bakhos	R Pope M Ragus

Help Needed.....

During the colder weather we find that children are very hungry and we need extra hands to prepare and serve them. If you have a spare couple of hours once a month or even once a term, it would be a great help. Many hands make light work. **Mrs T Goulbic, Canteen Manager**