



# GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE HINCHINBROOK NEWSLETTER

COLLEGE THEME 2007: "PREPARE THE WAY"

**Issue 9**

**Friday, 8 June 2007**

Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

Last week the College recognised National Safe Schools Week, among the activities conducted was a focus on bullying. With this in mind, I wish to emphasise that the College does not condone any type of bullying from physical bullying to intimidation. It is a College priority to make Good Samaritan a safe environment no matter what the cost. I hope that the activities of the past week help students to recognise and will reinforce the anti bullying stance of the College.

Over the last week, a number of members of the College staff have been involved in interviews for Year 7 2008. It has been most gratifying to see the young men and women who wish to enter our College in 2008. I was most impressed by the maturity and commitment of these young people and certainly pleased that many of them will be joining our community in 2008. One message that continued to be expressed by parents and students was that our College has developed a positive reputation in the wider community, which is certainly a reflection of the positive efforts of so many students who attend Good Samaritan. I thank those students who continue to be positive in their efforts to promote the good name of the College.

A number of weeks ago, Year 10 students sat for the Allwell Career Exploration Program test. This test was conducted to give students some indicator of career directions. The results have now been returned to the College and students will begin to make decisions about career directions, whether these involve subject choices in Year 11 or a career beyond the College. This testing is certainly useful in allowing students to make more informed decisions about their future.

Last Friday evening, the Year 7 and Year 8 Debating teams contested the final of the South West Sydney Schools Debating Competition. The students were most impressive in their performances with the Year 8 team going through the competition undefeated. The Year 7 team also performed well winning the final against All Saints Boys' College. I congratulate the members of the Teams; Justin Jarrett, Britany Kirby, Maddison McPherson, Onell Hermis (Year 7) Johan Kamalaneson, Alyssa Cook and Pierre Goorkiz (Year 8) and their coaches Mr Dominish and Mrs Celea on a very successful season. I also, acknowledge all members of the debating teams on their willingness to use their talents throughout the debating season. Thank you to the teachers involved in debating Miss Samardzic, Ms Wright, Mr O'Sullivan and Mrs Melham, who were most supportive of the students. These teachers gave up their Friday afternoons to ensure that students had the opportunity to debate competitively. A special thank you must go to Mrs Treloar who co-ordinated debating at the College this year.

Last week, the College received the results of the English Language Literacy Assessment (ELLA) Test. The results of this test were most impressive with all areas – Literacy, Writing, Reading and Language, being above the State average. The College will now use these results to inform our teaching and learning program, as well as extending or supporting students in appropriate areas. The College continues to offer individual literacy support for those students who are in need in all years especially Year 7 and 8.

This Friday, the staff of the College will be involved in a Staff Spirituality Day which

## From the Assistant Principal

will have as its focus the "Mission and Vision" of the College. The aim of the day is to evaluate our Mission Statement and to consider how we as a community are able to give it meaning and life in our every day interactions. This is quite an important day as our Mission is at the core of our existence as a Catholic College and should be understood and promoted by everyone.

In a recent Newsletter I wrote about my concerns related to the use of the internet at home. Recently "Kids Help Line Newsletter" contained an article which highlights the dangers of the internet and provides tips for parents and carers in order to reduce the dangers and protect their children. I have included the article in this newsletter. To offer further support to parents in this area the College will conduct an information evening on Cyber Crime early in Term 3.

This week Br Kelvin, Executive Director of Schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney, visited the College. Br Kelvin stated that he was most impressed with the growth and progress of the College since 1999. He also remarked that the College priorities for 2007 will certainly help to further the successes of the College.

Congratulations to Alyssa Cook who received a Gold Award at our Assembly this week. This is certainly a reflection of Alyssa's hard work and dedication.

This Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi the Body and Blood of Christ. The feast was established to solemnly commemorate the institution of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. This was first established on Holy Thursday, however, it was felt that other elements of the celebration of the Easter Triduum tended to obscure this aspect of the Eucharist. This special day was thus established with its focus on the Eucharist

To highlight this feast there will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Sydney. The procession is entitled "Walk with Christ" I encourage anyone who is able to attend the walk to do so in acknowledgement that Christ is present among us. Details of the walk are included in this newsletter.

God Bless,

**Mr John Lo Cascio**  
**Principal**

### Parent Teacher Student Interviews

The College will be conducting Parent, Teacher, Student interviews for Years 7 to 10 in three sessions at the end of this Term. The first afternoon will be Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June for students in the Chisholm, De Paul and La Salle houses from 3.30 to 8 pm. The second afternoon will be Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June for students in the Mackillop, Merici and Polding Houses from 3.30 to 8 pm. Interviews will also be conducted on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 9 am to 3 pm for any parents and students who would prefer an interview during the day.

### Catholic Church Insurances School Care Accident Policy

SchoolCare is an important accident insurance policy for schools. This policy provides cover for accidents to students attending school during school activities. Included with this newsletter is a flyer outlining the relevant information for the SchoolCare policy.

### Safe Schools Week

Safe Schools Week was conducted from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The College conducted activities on Safe Schools Day on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Details of these activities included:

**Year 7** students have been working on activities relating to "The Bully The Bystander and The Victim" as part of the weekly Pastoral care unit this term. In addition, many have also attended the "Bully Busters Program: as part of Sports activities on Tuesday afternoon. The focus of this is to promote and maintain a safe learning environment where all students feel comfortable and confident. Our local Police Liaison Officer has also been organised to speak to students to further support our work as part of this Pastoral Care Program. It is hoped that students will appreciate the importance of working together to develop a strong sense of community where all individuals are valued.

**Year 8** Pastoral Care activities this week tied together the three semester one units of Bullying, Resilience and Communication. On Safe Schools Day Year 8 watched three short videos, participated in class discussions and viewed a play.

**Year 9** Pastoral lessons this week centered on Tolerance in particular, "Everyone has a Culture-Everyone is Different". The activity invited students to identify aspects of culture that influence student behavior.

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, **Year 10** participated in an Anti-Bullying workshop conducted by the South West Area Legal Centre.

## Parent Information

The College will be holding an Information Evening for interested parents on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Sports Uniform - Reminder

A reminder to students and parents that the sports tracksuit pants must be worn in Terms 3 and 4 not the sports shorts.

**Mr R Grech**  
Acting Assistant Principal

## Sydney's Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament Feast of Corpus Christi

On Sunday June 10, Catholics will come together for the annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament to mark the Feast of Corpus Christi. This procession will begin at 2.30 pm from St Patrick's Church, Church Hill, Wynyard, making its way through the streets of Sydney to St Mary's Cathedral. Our school community has been advised of the procession, but we would encourage families to link with their Parish to walk in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the day.

*Let us pray,  
Lord, I believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.  
You are my life and my hope.  
Draw me more deeply to Yourself and transfer my heart through Your abiding love.  
Amen.*

**Mr K Griffiths**  
Religious Education Co-ordinator

## Parenting Corner

Dear Parents,

Shakespeare once wrote in his play Twelfth Night :-

*If MUSIC be the food of LOVE play on  
O it came o'er my ear like the sweet sound  
That breathes upon a bank of violets  
Stealing and giving odour.*

And MUSIC down through the centuries has nurtured our SPIRITS—OUR WHOLE PERSON. So I find it quite disturbing when some of the music of today is being used to destroy and harm the spirit especially that of our adolescents. Don't get me wrong; some of today's music can be very catchy and uplifting and we do have great role models in some of our leading performing artists. I was pleased that the Australian Idol, Guy Sebastian had his composition, "You will receive the Power" chosen for the upcoming World Youth Day and

a lot of artists are using their talents to promote social justice and environmental issues. However, I also know there is a lot of music out there that is quite SOUL DESTROYING and when teenagers are plugged in almost 24/7, when not at school, it is a concern. One adolescent girl even told me her whole attitude to life changed when she stopped listening to some music. That says it all.

So as parents can you monitor in some way what your adolescents are listening to and try and guide them into "good" channels.

What a difficult time it is for our young, when they are being bombarded by so much negativity. So in these weeks after Pentecost let us ask the Spirit to guide us and our children into choices that are life giving and strengthening. As Jema Samonte, one of our Year 8 students, shared in our lunch-time prayer last week "There are many things that prevent us from embracing the gifts that God gave us....." Peer pressure is a daily situation, as our friends will always state their opinions and this greatly affects our behaviour and attitude towards the things we usually like to do. Occasionally, we get the feeling that we just have to go with the crowd but, in doing so, we are denying our gifts and HIDING OUR LAMP. Thankfully many of our students are lighting the way for their friends.

God bless,  
**Sr Marj Carroll**

## Social Justice

Have you noticed the mornings are cold these days? We had just the solution to warm up students and get them ready for a good day's work!

On the 24 and 25th May, the Social Justice Team organised a hot Chocolate Drive. We raised approximately \$140 and this money will be sent to Caritas.

Thank you to all the staff and students who supported this drive.

**Mrs K Marcellienus,**  
Social Justice Team



The Social Justice Team decided on hot chocolate before school to wake up the students on the cold days. Students from various year groups came in early to help set up the Hot Chocolate stall. It was made fresh and included a marshmallow so that it appealed to all students. This drive was supported by many students and the money raised will be sent to Caritas.

**James Reid, Year 7**

## Debating Report

Congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 8 debating teams for a superb win on Friday night in our finals! Firstly, I would like to thank all of the staff and students who helped organise and clean rooms, adjudicate, provide food, drive buses and support our teams during our debates. Without these people, we could not have the competition. I know it would be impossible for me to do it all by myself.

It was extremely exciting to know that two of our teams reached the finals. Year 7 and 8 are to be congratulated for their hard work and for winning the competition. Of course, I cannot forget all of the coaches who gave up their free time to work with our students.

I also thank the parents who were able to come along and support the students.

Each year, our school improves with debating as we add a team to the finals. Hopefully, we will have 3 or 4 teams in the finals next year. Well done Good Samaritan.

**Mrs S Treloar, Debating Co-ordinator**

## Careers News

### Years 10 and 12 Excursion to Careers and Employment Expo Sydney

On Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, all students in Years 10 and 12 will visit the southern hemisphere's largest careers and employment expo at Harbourside Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. This event is integral to the Careers programs that Year 10 and Year 12 students have been participating in this term. Year 10 students have been working through the "Exploring Your Career Options" program that utilizes results of the Allwell tests completed in May and portfolio that each student will soon receive. This program has three components; career education, career assessment and career research. Whilst the first two are being addressed in PC classes at school, career research requires gathering information about jobs and careers including meeting with employers, training providers and industry professionals.

Year 12 students have attended a series of talks and discussions each Tuesday afternoon. Topics covered to date include Tax File Numbers, HECS and HELP, Australian Catholic University, enrolling to vote, UAI and HSC results and last Tuesday, St Patrick's Business College principal Mr. Alan Moran explored what private colleges have to offer. These presentations have generated a lot of productive talk amongst Year 12 students about their options for 2008. Many programs and courses require applications to be made this year, well before students sit their HSC examinations. Many universities, TAFE institutes, private colleges and group training companies will be present at the expo, along with companies and industry organisations.

### UTS Accounting Co-op Scholarships Program

The University of Technology Sydney offers an accelerated B Accounting program for talented students. On time UTS BAcc Applications close 13 June. Scholarships worth \$39000 awarded to each successful applicant.

For more information contact Carin Alberts: 02 9514 3579 / Fax: 02 9281 9257 Email: [coop.ed@uts.edu.au](mailto:coop.ed@uts.edu.au) Website: <http://www.bachelorofaccounting.com>

### Pre Apprenticeship Hairdressing

Ultimo College, Sydney Institute - TAFE NSW will run a pre-trade course in Hairdressing for eligible job seekers that may help you gain an apprenticeship. Register now....This course is run in conjunction with Alliance People Solutions. 15 vacancies are available in the 4 week pre-apprenticeship Hairdressing course to commence 25 June 2007. Contact Nicole Hollier / Pru Keegan on 1300 657 925 for further information.

### Commerce Cadetships

KPMG is a leading professional services company with offices Australia-wide offering cadetships to Yr 12 students interested in studying Commerce/Business. I. Applications close 20/6. For more information; Sydney: 1800 50 20 60 / Melbourne: 03 9288 5555 Website: <http://www.kpmg.com.au>

### HSC Enrichment Courses at Macquarie

Macquarie University will offer HSC revision courses on core topics / concepts in Chemistry (12-13/7) Physics (10-11/7) & English (14/7). Bookings required.

Follow the link for further information on each program AND to download a Booking Form. <http://www.futurestudent.mq.edu.au/undergraduate/MacquarieExperienceProgram/student/index.html>

**Mr S Berry**  
Careers Advisor

## GSCC Netball Results 2007

Round 1 – 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2007			
Year	Vs.	Score	Best & Fairest
7	WCC	24-0 WIN	Melissa Arndell
8	WCC	17-14 LOSS	Lauren Smith
9	WCC	36-1 WIN	Natasha Ishac
10	WCC	45-4 WIN	Zoe Martin
Senior	WCC	25-20 WIN	Kayla Bittman

Round 2 – 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2007			
Year	Vs.	Score	Best & Fairest
7	FCC	17-11 LOSS	Connie Pipicella
8	FCC	21-9 WIN	Alyssa Cook
9	FCC	19-15 LOSS	Cristina Campbell
10	FCC	19-16 WIN	Belinda Toro
Senior	FCC	24-15 LOSS	Elisa Gatto

## WYD 2008 CORNER 403 DAYS TO GO!

### Celebration for Sydney as the WYD Cross and Icon arrive

The Sydney organisers of WYD2008 are planning a HUGE celebration to welcome the official arrival of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2007, following its journey from Africa, Asia and Oceania. This is the first Sunday of the holidays. The event will take place at Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour, and will attract Catholic youth from all over Sydney. What's more, it's FREE!

Guy Sebastian, who won the WYD Song competition, has been invited to attend and perform with Paulini during this great celebration. These quality performers will certainly be huge draw cards at the event, so you won't want to miss it.

The WYD Student Committee would like to represent GSCC at this great event. Any students who may be interested in attending this celebration with the college, please register your interest at the WYD Student Meetings held each Thursday during the second half of lunch during C5. Depending on the response from students, attendance as a school community may be organized. Details will follow.

The Western Deanery, of which our neighbouring parishes are a part, is also hosting the Cross and Icon on July 2. Exciting things will also be happening at a local parish level too. More news will be passed forward as it comes to hand.

What better way to be true witnesses to the Holy Spirit, than by attending the great celebration of the Journey of the WYD Cross and Icon.

**Miss A Darmody**  
**WYD 2008 Co-ordinator**

WYD08 presents  
Australia's welcome to the Cross & Icon  
Sunday 1 July 2007

Including first live performance of the World Youth Day Song,  
by Guy Sebastian  
and Paulini

TUMBALONG PARK, DARLING HARBOUR  
STARTS AT 1:30PM.  
National welcome will be followed by  
6pm mass at St Mary's Cathedral.  
[www.wyd2008.org](http://www.wyd2008.org)

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World Youth Day Sydney 2008 would like to give special thanks to the NSW and Australian Governments and all WYD08 official Corporate Affiliates for their ongoing generous support.

#### **What is the WYD Cross?**

The World Youth Day Cross is the most significant tangible symbol of World Youth Day. Originally the idea of Pope John Paul II, the 3.8 metre high wooden Cross was built and placed as a symbol of the Catholic faith, near the main altar in St Peter's Basilica during the Holy Year of 1983. At the end of that year, Pope John Paul gave this cross as a gift to the youth of the world, to be carried through the world as a symbol of Christ's love for humanity. Since then, the World Youth Day cross has travelled far and wide - it has been throughout Europe, the United States, Canada, South America and The Philippines, to Poland and Prague, to the German Parliament and even to Ground Zero in New York.

#### **What is the WYD Icon?**

On Palm Sunday in 2003, the Pope introduced a new element for WYD: from then on, the WYD Cross would be accompanied on its pilgrimage by the [Icon of Our Lady](#), Salus Populi Romani. This [icon](#), a copy of a venerated icon in Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, was present at the Vigil and Papal Mass of WYD 2000 in Tor Vergata in Rome.



## Bishop Julian Porteous, DD VG

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*You are invited to celebrate the national arrival of the  
World Youth Day Cross & Icon of Our Lady!*

### Letter to Young People

The journey of the WYD Cross & Icon begins in Australia on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July**, at **1:30pm**.

Join me at Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, at 1:30pm, for an opportunity to welcome the official WYD Cross & Icon into Australia.

The celebrations will begin with a youth concert of various performers where the **official WYD Song will be performed live** for the first time by **Guy Sebastian & Paulini Curuenavuli**.

National delegates will then have an opportunity to **welcome the WYD Cross & Icon** into Australia before it commences its **7 day journey through the Archdiocese of Sydney and throughout Australia** leading up to WYD08.

The WYD Cross is the most significant tangible symbol of World Youth Day. Pope John Paul II gave this cross as a gift to the youth of the world, to be carried as a symbol of Christ's love for humanity. Together with the Icon of Our Lady, the WYD Cross has travelled far and wide, drawing thousands of Catholics into pilgrimage, and touching the lives of all people as a sign of faith and hope.

Now it is our opportunity to engage with the WYD Cross & Icon as it travels through the streets of Sydney.

I look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007.

Wishing you Grace and Peace.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Julian Porteous  
Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation & Renewal

## WYD Journey of the Cross and Icon

### Itinerary of the WYD Cross and Icon *Archdiocese of Sydney*

The WYD Cross and Icon will be visiting the parishes of the Western Deanery on the evening of Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The itinerary is listed below for where the Cross and Icon can be venerated.

The families and friends of Good Samaritan are strongly encouraged to participate on either Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> or Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This is a great opportunity to be involved in the pilgrimage of the WYD Cross and Icon as it processes around Australia in the lead up to WYD 2008.

Date	Start	Finish	Location
<i>July 1 Sunday</i>	10.00pm		<b>WESTERN DEANERY</b> Holy Spirit Parish, Carnes Hill All Night Vigil
<i>July 2 Monday</i>	6.00am	7.00am	<b>Holy Spirit Parish, Carnes Hill</b> Dawn Mass
	7.30am	9.00am	<b>Sacred Heart Parish, Cabramatta</b> ✦ Blessing by Fr Mac ✦ Multicultural Prayer of the Faithful ✦ Cultural Showcase Channel 9 TODAY Show will be telecasting portions of the event.
	12.00pm	2.30pm	<b>Patrician Brothers College, Fairfield</b> Special Event and Sausage Sizzle
	6.00 pm	10.30pm	<b>Liverpool Catholic Club, Liverpool</b> ✦ Youth Concert ✦ Procession of the WYD Cross and Icon ✦ Mass of the Holy Cross
	10.30pm		<b>Liverpool Catholic Club, Liverpool</b> Hand-over of the WYD Cross and Icon to Auburn-Bankstown Deanery

For more information, please contact your Parishes about their involvement or the College.

**Miss A Darmody**  
WYD 2008 Co-ordinator



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11th June**  
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
  - 14th June**  
18th-22nd June Year 11 Work Placement
  - 22nd June**  
Years 10 & 12 Careers Excursion
  - 25th June**  
Vaccinations Year 10-12 Girls
  - 26th June**  
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews Year 7-10  
De Paul, Chisholm La Salle
  - 28th June**  
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews  
Year 7-10 Merici, MacKillop, Polding
  - 29th June**  
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
- End Term 2**

### MISA Results

The first season of MISA produced some outstanding performances by teams as well as individual players. Listed below are the Best and Fairest students in each Sport for the Summer Season 2007:

Female	7 / 8 Softball	Montana Bolzan / Stephanie Ruiz
	11 / 12 Softball	Elyce Coluccio
	10 / 11 / 12 Volleyball	Haylee Ingle / Melissa Petravic
	7 / 8 / 9 Touch	Andrea Brocklehurst
	9 / 10 Basketball	Christina Cavallaro
Male	7 / 8 Softball	Josh Espino
	11 / 12 Softball	Andrew El-Zakhem
	10 / 11 / 12 Volleyball	Jared Ingle
	7 / 8 / 9 Touch	John Kennedy
	9 / 10 Basketball	Wesley Lizada

## “KIDS Help-Line”

### Internet Tips for Parents & Carers How do you know your child is at risk?

- Your child is receiving phone calls from people you do not know or is calling numbers you do not recognise
- Your child is spending a large amount of time on the internet
- Your child is receiving gifts or mail from people you do not know
- When you enter the room your child changes the screen or turns off the computer
- Your child becomes withdrawn or is displaying behavioural problems
- You find pornography on your child's computer

### How can parents monitor who their child is talking to?

Strongly consider moving computers out of your child's bedroom into a central area of the house. Opportunities for sexual exploitation are limited if the computer monitor is visible to all members of the family.

Make internet access conditional upon being able to access your child's emails and messenger chat logs.

Consider installing filtering and monitoring software on their computer. The NetAlert web page provides information about products [www.netalert.net.au](http://www.netalert.net.au)

Spend time exploring the internet with your children and talk to them about who they speak to on the internet

### When should the police be contacted?

If your child:

- Receives child exploitation material
- Has been sexually solicited
- Receives sexually explicit images or messages

Call **NetAlert**, Australia's internet safety advisory body, on 1800 880 176 or your local **Police** to report a concern you have about your child and the net.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

MONDAY 11.06.07	TUESDAY 12.06.07	WEDNESDAY 13.06.07	THURSDAY 14.07.07	FRIDAY 15.06.07
<b>Public Holiday</b>	D Toro A Waga	A Morozoff M Keir	S Lichaa N Bodagh	L Duncombe J Vartuli
MONDAY 18.06.07	TUESDAY 19.06.07	WEDNESDAY 20.06.07	THURSDAY 21.06.07	FRIDAY 22.06.07
M Macri A Testa	L Fasogiannis V Sgro L La Rosa	L Dwarte C Mallia	G Bartolo L Bakhos N Michael	D Caruana D Segatto R Romeo

We are still in need of volunteers for Thursdays and Fridays for Winter Term 3.  
These are very busy days and an extra hands would be a great help.