Dear Parents and Friends of the college,

Welcome back to Term 2. This term will certainly be quite a busy one with the academic conclusion of Semester 1 with exams, the college walkathon, the NAPLAN assessments, the 2009 enrolment period and, of course, the lead up to, and celebration of, World Youth Day here in Sydney, all of which offer their own challenges.

In relation to World Youth Day, the college is scheduled to host 375 pilgrims and over 190 of our community have also registered to be involved. With the large number of pilgrims staying at the college, we will need a great deal of volunteer support to distribute meals (breakfast) and offer a hand of friendship to the pilgrims. It is my hope that, as a community representing the face of Australian Catholics, Good Samaritan will make the pilgrim’s stay in this country both memorable and enjoyable.

Last Monday, Term 2 began with a Staff Development Day with the focus on Curriculum Differentiation. Curriculum differentiation is one means by which teachers are able to cater to the needs of all students, and is one focus of our Annual Plan. By differentiating the curriculum, teachers ensure that lessons meet the complexity and pace at which students are able to perform to their best. Teachers will incorporate the learnings from the day into their daily lessons to enable students to reach their potential. I thank Mrs Jarvis (our Curriculum Coordinator), Miss Molloy (our Teaching and Learning Coordinator) and Mrs Harrigan (from the Catholic Education Office), for the tremendous work done in organizing a most successful and productive day.

I remind parents and students that the college will be conducting our Walkathon on June 20. The funds raised at the walkathon will be used to support pilgrims for World Youth Day, as well as to purchase new computers for the college library. I would ask that each student strive to raise a minimum of $25 to support this college venture. Any parent support is welcome and most appreciated. Means by which parents can support the walkathon are outlined later in this newsletter.

This week the college acknowledged Anzac Day at our assembly which took place around our own ANZAC memorial, created by Mr Maguire and Mr Furfaro. It is always difficult, as a nation, to express the gratitude that we should feel for these courageous people who served this country to ensure our freedom and the freedom of others. We also need to be thankful to the families of our service personnel who themselves have made sacrifices for our ultimate freedom.
We Pray

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God Bless

Mr J Lo Cascio
Principal

School Immunisation Program 2008

The next phase of the school immunisation program will occur on Monday, 12th May. All students in Year 7 will be offered the second dose of the Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine. Also, as part of the National Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination Program, female students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be offered the HPV vaccine which offers protection against cervical cancer. Detailed information was sent home in Term 1 and consent forms were also distributed and returned. Parents are reminded that a course of HPV vaccine requires 3 doses and parents/carers have consented for a full course. Hepatitis B requires 2 doses and separate consent forms were completed. Once again, the nurses from the Sydney South West Area Health Service will be conducting the vaccination program. They will be in attendance throughout the day to administer the vaccinations and to monitor students. In the event that a student suffers a reaction to the vaccine, parents should contact their local doctor. Parents who have previously provided their consent for the vaccinations and who wish to subsequently withdraw their consent for any reason should do so in writing addressed to the Principal.

School Photographs

School photographs will be taken on Thursday, 8th May. All students will have an individual and pastoral class group photograph taken. Each student will receive an envelope with pre-printed details on Friday, 2nd May. These envelopes must be brought to school on the day of the photographs irrespective of whether photographs are being purchased. Anyone wishing to have family photographs taken may obtain a separate envelope from the College office prior to the day. If purchasing photographs please ensure that the correct money is enclosed as change will not be available. Students will be required to wear full winter uniform including blazers. They should ensure that they are immaculately attired and groomed for these photographs.

Year 12 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

The Year 12 Parent-Teacher-Student interviews will be held on Monday, 26th May between 3.30pm and 7.00pm. Year 12 reports will be distributed from the College office on this afternoon and there will be an opportunity for parents to meet with subject teachers. Students are asked to arrange an interview time with each of their teachers.

Leave Requests

Parents and students are reminded that any extended leave that they may be planning within the school year must first be formally acknowledged by the Principal. For leave to be granted, students must complete an “Application for Leave” form available from the College Office and have it signed by a parent or guardian. Students are then required to complete a detailed list of assessments, examination details or class work and have the KLA Co-ordinator of each subject sign the form before submitting this to the principal for final approval. The College reserves the right to withhold permission for leave.

Mr P Brooks
Assistant Principal
Dear Parents

Gradually I have been reacquainting myself with the students of Good Samaritan. I have been fortunate also to meet a number of the mums on canteen roster, both familiar faces and new (to me at least!). Thank you for your warm welcome back!

Comparisons are unavoidable after the experience of Pakistan, so here goes. Students at Good Samaritan are blessed in the fact that the majority of their parents value education, and wish the best for their children. They provide support and encouragement and the resources necessary to succeed.

In Pakistan, many of the parents were illiterate and could not see the value of education for their children. They fulfilled the law but withdrew their children as early as possible so that they could work and support the family. Kids often felt a strong responsibility to support the family as early as 13 or 14 years of age. In these circumstances, marriage comes very early and so too do large families on very low incomes.

Here at Good Samaritan, our students experience wonderful facilities and teachers with extraordinary commitment who spend many extra hours (without financial compensation) supporting, guiding and even prodding students along to better outcomes.

My experience in Pakistan was a bit different. Because of their own poor circumstances, low wages and large families, many did not have the time to do that bit extra. Some, of course, were like the teachers at Good Samaritan, extraordinarily generous.

I sometimes wonder how aware many of us are of the extra hours of work teachers put into preparation, correction, volunteer coaching, camps, supervising homework group and numerous other responsibilities to assist our children.

The education of your children is a team responsibility, so together we need to ensure that they do what is expected of them to ensure the best outcomes. We need to support each other in developing responsible, mature, courteous, hard-working, honest and faithful young men and women, fit to take their place in society, living out the Christian values that are at the core of our education here at Good Samaritan.

God’s blessings as you set about this task.

Regards,

Br Colin

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**College Blazars**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the College blazers currently on order, have been delayed. We have been assured that they will be available for distribution by Friday May 9th. We thank you for your patience.

**College Fees**

College fees for Term 2, 2008 have been issued this week through student Pastoral Classes. Payment would be appreciated by 23rd May.

If any family is experiencing difficulty with payment or would like to discuss scheduled payment, please contact Mr Archer at the college on 9825 9955.

**Mother’s Day Mass**

On Friday May 9, the College will be celebrating the special contribution our mother’s and grandmother’s make to our lives. Father Pat will be the celebrant for our Mother’s Day Mass which will be held in the performing arts building located on the college grounds. A note was sent home at the end of term with your sons/daughters asking which mothers and grandmothers will be attending this Mass. Below are the details of the Mass and anyone interested in celebrating this Mass should ask their son/daughter to return the slip already given to them, to their respective Pastoral Care teachers.

**Time of Mass:** 5.00pm

**Date:** Friday 9th May, 2008

**Place:** Performing Arts building on the College grounds

**Dress for Students:** Full School Uniform

Looking forward to seeing as many mothers and grandmothers as possible on the evening of May 9.

Mr. K Griffiths
Religious Education Coordinator

**World Youth Day**

We now have 180 students registered at GSCC!

Only 73 Days to go until WYD

Any questions or concerns please email Miss Welsh on e.welsh@gscchinchenbrook.catholic.edu.au
Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)  
UMAT is used by many universities to assist in selection of students for medicine and related courses. Applications close on Friday, June 6th, 2008, the test will be held at various locations around Australia on Wednesday, June 30th, 2008. Register online at www.acer.edu.au. Late registration closes on Friday, June 20th, 2008, late fees apply.

UMAT preparation courses  
The competitive nature of entry to medicine courses has typically led to high standards being applied to candidates. Students may undertake UMAT preparation courses to assist them in preparing for the test. Find out more at ACER website: www.medentry.edu.au, www.medical-entrance.edu.au.

Applying for medicine courses;

UNSW  
Applicants are required to:  
Register and sit the UMAT / Register their interest at www.med.unsw.edu.au by July 25th, 2008.  
Submit a Faculty of Medicine application form by July 25th, 2008 (downloadable from the above web site).

University of Newcastle / University of New England Joint Medical Program (JMP)  
Applicants are required to:  
Register and sit the UMAT / Apply directly to JMP using the downloadable form at www.newcastle.edu.au/jmp (forms will be available in July 2008) no later than September 30th, 2008 (no late entries will be accepted).

UWS  
Applicants are required to;  
Register and sit the UMAT / Apply to the School of Medicine, UWS by submitting an application form for entry into the B Medicine / B Surgery Program. Details at www.uws.edu.au/schools/medicine / Submit a UAC application by September 30th, 2008 and Attend an interview in December if invited (for students whose predicted UAI is below the threshold but actual UAI is above it).

Optometry at UNSW  
Applicants are required to sit the UMAT as well as submit a UAC application.

Pharmacy at USyd and Charles Sturt University  
Applicants are required to sit a Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT). STAT is conducted throughout the year with the first session occurring on Saturday, May 31st, 2008. Call UAC admissions on 9752 0200 to receive a STAT registration form and leaflet. Further information is available at www.uac.edu.au.

JMC Academy Open Day – Saturday May 17th 2008  
JMC offers courses in Audio Engineering / Sound Production / Digital Film and Television Production / 3D Animation / Popular Music and Performance / Entertainment Business Management. Session times are between 10.30 am and 1.30 pm – bookings are essential; call 9281 8899, location: 41 Holt Street, Surry Hills.

Royal College of Nursing; Nursing and Health Expo at Rosehill Gardens, Grand Pavilion on Sunday May 18th, 2008, 10 am to 3 pm  
Over 50 trade booths from universities, TAFE, hospitals, health services and specialty nursing groups. For more information visit www.rcna.org.au.

National Careers and Employment Expo, Darling Harbour  
All students in Years 10 and 12 will attend the expo on Friday, May 9th, 2008. With over 200 exhibitors including universities, TAFE, private colleges, employers, government departments, armed services, employment agencies and government service providers present, students have an excellent opportunity to gather first hand information on which to make important decisions. Students will travel by bus to and from the venue, entry is free but the cost of buses will be added to Term 3 school fees. Visit the website at http://www.eocexpo.com.au to take a virtual tour.

Mr S. Berry, Careers Adviser

WALKATHON 2008

The Good Samaritan Catholic College Walkathon will be conducted on Friday June 20th. This event will give the College the opportunity to raise funds to support our pilgrims at World Youth Day and to upgrade a number of the College ICT facilities.

In conjunction with the walkathon, the college will be running a major prize draw currently valued at well over a thousand dollars. The more money students raise, the more chances they have winning one of the major prizes.

In the coming fortnight, students will be issued with additional information and their sponsorship cards for the event. For those students who start seeking sponsorships early, a number of prize draws will occur in the lead up to the walkathon giving them the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes.

If there are any parents associated with businesses that may be able to contribute to the prize pool for this event, it would certainly be most appreciated. Additionally, if any parents are able to assist in any capacity on the day please contact the college with your details.

Mr D Cloran
Learning by Design - Staff Development Day

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you a little about how we spent our Staff Development Day on Monday 28th April. The day was dedicated to a focus on teaching and learning, specifically looking at how we, as teachers, can design learning to meet the needs of our students through curriculum differentiation.

Curriculum differentiation means modifying lessons in terms of pace and complexity, so that all students engage with the curriculum in a way that challenges them and engages them in their learning. Mrs. Christine Harrigan, consultant from CEO Sydney, led the teachers in building a learning orientation within their classrooms in the morning and then the teachers undertook workshops focusing on programming for students in each of our cluster groups; the structured learning group, extended learning group and the core learning group that focused on building language and literacy. The staff offered positive feedback about the usefulness of the day to their teaching practice, and the suggestion to inform the parents and the students of our learning has come from one of the evaluations. We thank you for your support of us as we undertake our professional development on such staff development days.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)

As outlined in a previous newsletter the national testing program for literacy and numeracy will take place for all students in Year 7 and Year 9 during Week 3, May 13th – May 15th. The NAPLAN tests are diagnostic in nature, which means that through this testing we will be able to learn what deficits in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling and grammar that students might have so that this can be addressed in future learning. The students have been briefed as year assemblies as well as in classes about the nature of the testing, and by looking at sample questions and the format of the papers in general.

I would encourage Parents & Students to look at these test samples with your sons and daughters as a final preparation for the tests. It is also really important that students are punctual to school for the tests, having had a solid breakfast on that day, so that they can perform at their optimum level. We appreciate parental support in preparing their sons and daughters for these important tests.

Connecting Pathways – Year 6 Transition Program

We welcomed approximately 60 Year 6 students and their teachers to high school on 4th April, 2008. The students ran through a normal high school morning, attending four classes in Maths, English, Science and PDHPE. Miss Boggs had the students enthralled by learning about a six frequency icosahedral geodesic dome and even making a icosahedron – impressive, Mr Bagot had the students don the goggles and aprons to test chemicals for alkalinity and acidity, Mrs Treloar taught students how to argue effectively in a debating lesson, the students learnt about the tricks and tips of the best street hockey players from Mrs Tolomeo and then the competition was fierce as these students enjoyed a game putting their learning into practice.

My thanks go to the teachers for their time and energy in organising and facilitating the lessons, they were a hit with the students and teachers from Good Shepherd. The greater purpose of initiatives such as these are to bring about better transition of curriculum between primary and secondary schools, this program allows our teachers to observe the readiness and abilities of ‘Year 6’ students so that we can pitch our lessons at a level that promotes challenge when they arrive as Year 7 in 2009. Also, so that the teachers in the primary school have the opportunity to see how teaching happens in a high school context, and to gain experience in new subject areas and in using specialist facilities. We will welcome Year 5 students as a part of this program later in the year.

Another most important aspect of this program is to encourage student leadership. Some of our Year 10s and Year 9s have led the student visitors as ushers for the morning. They assisted the teachers and students in the lessons and ensured that our visitors got around the school easily. The Year 10 students had been ushers in Year 9 and they trained our new ushers ready to work with Year 5 later in the year. They were great representatives for our school and we the day would not run as smoothly or as well without them. I wish to thank each of the following students for their efforts and enthusiasm.

Kayla Arndell  Elizabeth Si
Kassandra Gore  Louise Doculara
Mariano Salvati  Steven Catanea
Paul Tacca  Damien Ferreri
Joe Gerace  Natalie Perre
Matthew McElhone  Lauren Smith
Daniel Cassone  Gaby Macias
Sam Rigitano  Jema Samonte
Joseph Inzitari  Samantha Angeloni
Mark Bawalan  Sarah Yazbeck
Andrew Wright

Miss Cathy Molloy
Teaching and Learning Co-coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS—TERM 2
Opening Days & Hours
Monday to Thursday  7.30 am to 8.20am
Tuesday 13th May  12 noon to 3.45pm
Tuesday 27th May  12 noon to 3.45pm
Tuesday 10th June  12 noon to 3.45pm
Tuesday 24th June  12 noon to 3.45pm
CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY
GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE HINCHIN BROOK

SENIOR UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST

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Prices for March 2008

Senior Girls Blouse
- Size 10-17: $150.00
- Men's Size 5-10: $160.00

Senior Boys Shirt
- Size 10-30: $22.00

Seniors Boys Trousers
- Size 8-12: $40.00
- Size 14-18: $45.00
- Size 20-22: $55.00

Senior Girls Skirt
- Size 8-12: $40.00
- Size 14-18: $45.00
- Size 20-22: $55.00

Unisex Sport Shirt
- Size 8-16: $22.00
- Size S.M.L.XL: $20.00

Unisex Sport Shorts
- Size 8-16: $22.00
- Size S.M.L.XL: $20.00

College Jumper
- Price: $60.00

College Sports Socks
- Price: $8.00

Tracksuit
- Jacket: $65.00
- Pants: $40.00

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GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE HINCHIN-BROOK
JUNIOR UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST
(Any special fitting will incur additional costs)

GIRLS BLAZER
black with left embroidery
$140.00

GIRLS TIE
Burgundy
$10.00

BAGS
Black with logo
Medium $65.00
Large $70.00

BOYS TIE
Burgundy
$13.00

BOYS BLAZER
black with left embroidery

HAT
Black with burgundy embroidery
$11.00

GIRLS BLOUSE
(white with left embroidery)
$20.00

GIRLS BLOUSE
(short sleeve)
$38.00

BOYS SHIRT
(short sleeve)
white with left embroidery
Size 10 – 17 $20.00

BOYS SHIRT
(long sleeve)
white
Size 10 – 30 $22.00

GIRLS SKIRT
Size 8-12 $40.00
Size 14-18 $45.00
Size 20-22 $55.00

UNISEX SPORT SHIRT
white with burgundy collar
$22.00

UNISEX SPORT SHORTS
burgundy with left embroidery
Size 8-16 $20.00
Size S,M,L,XL

BOYS TROUSERS
Size 8-15 $36.00
Size 16 & larger $38.00

COLLEGE JUMPER
Size 8-30 $60.00

COLLEGE SPORTS SOCKS
(possible price increase)
PRICE $8.00

TRACKSUIT
JACKET $65.00
PANTS $40.00
BreastScreen Invites Women to Green Valley offering free screening mammograms (breast x-rays) for the early detection of breast cancer.

BreastScreen specifically targets women aged 50 to 69 years as these women are in the group that will benefit the most from screening. It is recommended that these women attend for their free breast x-ray every two years. All women from the age of 40 years are eligible to attend BreastScreen.

The mobile unit will be located at The Valley Plaza Shopping Centre, off Wilson Road, Green Valley. The Service will be open from 28 April until 30 May 2008, with opening times from 8.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday. The mobile unit will also be open on Saturday morning 17 May. In addition BreastScreen’s Liverpool Centre is open throughout the year. Appointments are essential and to book their free appointment women should phone BreastScreen on 9515 7842 or 132050.

Dear Parents & Students,

Canteen price Increase: Due to the ever-increasing cost of goods, it has become necessary to revise our prices as we are no longer able to absorb these additional costs. Please note the new prices for food and drinks at the canteen.