Dear Parents and Friends of the college

The 2009 College Annual Report to the Community has been ratified by the Catholic Education Office and is now available. The report gives an overview of the college in 2009. I encourage all members of the community to access the document and to become familiar with college performance over the year. The document is available on the college website and on the notice board outside the college administration office.

This week, the Years 7—10 Parent/Teacher/Student interviews have taken place and reports have been distributed. Once again, I encourage all parents and students to seek clarification over any areas of concern, so that these concerns can be allayed. I also congratulate those students who have done well throughout the year to date. I assure them their efforts have not gone unnoticed.

At our final assembly for the term, a number of students were acknowledged in different ways for their performance. During the assembly, I had the pleasure of presenting Gold awards to six very deserving students. The students who were acknowledged, by the receipt of this award, have been consistent in their commitment to many aspects of college life. Congratulations to Christopher Vella, Georgina Ciampa, Cristina Reho, Brandon Cook, Onella Hermis and Andrea Brocklehurst.

On Friday June 18, the Debating Finals of the SWCCDA were held at All Saints Boys College, Liverpool. Our college was represented in the finals by our Year 10 team, consisting of Justin Jarrett, Maddison McPherson and Joseph Ragusa. The team debated very well and were victorious over the team from Clancy Catholic College. I congratulate and thank these students and all other students who were involved in debating this year, whether as debaters, time keepers or chairpersons. At this point, I would also like to acknowledge and thank the coaches and adjudicators of each of the teams for giving up their time to coach and accompany students each Friday afternoon after school. Finally, thank you to Mr Bradbury for his coordination of debating.

This term also sees the end of the MISA Sports competition for the semester. I thank the teams and congratulate the Year 8 Netball and the Year 11 and 12 Girls’ Basketball teams on winning their respective competitions. I thank all students for their involvement in MISA competitions and acknowledge their coaches for organizing and training the teams.

This week, the college has introduced a new award known as the Pastoral Coordinators Award. The award will be presented fortnightly to one student in each year group, who has displayed commitment to an aspect of college life. There are many students who continue to cooperate and adhere to aspects of college life consistently, but may go unrecognised. This award is one means by which students may be affirmed. I appreciate these students’ efforts and thank them for their cooperation and support for the college. The names of the students are included later in this newsletter.

Over the coming months, Australians will be asked to elect a Federal Government, which will be in office for the next 3 years. It is important
that parents of students in Catholic schools are aware of the policies of each of the parties in relation to Catholic school funding, so that each can vote in an informed way. Each newsletter leading up to the elections, will contain funding facts in relation to Catholic Schools. I ask parents to familiarize themselves with the facts so that each understands the implications of government policy for Catholic Schools.

This Sunday is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and is also the beginning of NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC Week is about celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is a celebration for all Australian people. The theme of NAIDOC Week 2010 is “Unsung Heroes—Closing the Gap By Leading The Way”. It is a theme that offers genuine challenges to each of us. Often, it is easy to recognize that there is an injustice, but we need to do more than simply acknowledge its existence. We need to call for change and take a lead. This is a challenge in many areas of Australian life and is especially highlighted for indigenous peoples during NAIDOC Week. I often remind students that evil happens when good people do nothing. During NAIDOC week it is appropriate for each of us to consider that we all have a role to play challenging injustice. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have had in shaping this country.

PRAYER

God of justice and forgiveness,

Guide us as we continue on our pathways to reconciliation

Grant us the courage to speak out against the injustices that our Indigenous brothers and sisters continue to suffer.

Help us to see with new eyes, to listen to the stories of our indigenous brothers and sisters and to feel with a heart of compassion.

Help us to build right relations with each other based on truth and justice.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

God bless

Mr J Lo Cascio
PRINCIPAL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (ADMINISTRATION)

Drive to Survive Program

Liverpool Catholic Club has generously agreed to support the involvement of all Year 11 students in the Drive to Survive program during third term. The program is conducted by Ian Luff Motivation Australia and it involves students participating in a two hour course that focuses on significant practical aspects of driver awareness and safety. All up, there will be over one thousand students from seven local secondary colleges partaking in this education program. As a result of their involvement, students from each school will develop and deliver a five minute presentation at the Liverpool Catholic Club in early November. Further details about the program and attendance arrangements will be conveyed to parents at the beginning of next term. We acknowledge and thank the Liverpool Catholic Club for their generous support of the college in so many ways.

Term 3 Dates

For the information of all members of the Good Samaritan community, advance notice is provided of the following dates for Term 3.

Monday, 19th July School reopens for Term 3
Wednesday, 21st July College Athletics Carnival
Monday, 26th July Year 11,2011 Courses Information Day
Wednesday, 28th July Year 11, 2011 Courses Market & Information Evening (6.15pm)
Friday, 30th July Dr Dan White (Exec Director CEO) visiting Good Samaritan
Mon 2nd - Mon 16th Aug Trial HSC Examinations
Thursday, 5th August Year 11, 2011 Course Selection Interviews (3.30pm – 8.00pm)
Friday, 13th August Year 9, 2011 Courses Information Morning
Monday, 16th August Year 9, 2011 Information Evening (7.00pm)
Wednesday, 25th August CAPA & TAS Showcase Evening
Mon 29th - Fri 3rd Sept National Literacy and Numeracy Week
Friday, 3rd September Father’s Day Breakfast (7.45am)
Tues 7th September Sports Photographs
Thurs 16th September Good Samaritan Day
Tues 21st September Year 12 Outreach Day
Wed 22nd September Year 12 Graduation Assembly, Mass and Awards
Friday, 24th September Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Mr P Brooks, Assistant Principal (Administration)
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (PASTORAL CARE)

Silver Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received Silver Awards at the last College Assembly.
Luca Marongiu
Daniel Kamalaneson
Joseph Pipicella
Bruno Romeo
Josephine Losurdo
Chloe Parke (3 awards)

In order to receive a Silver Award students must first receive 3 Bronze Awards.

These awards are recognition of ongoing work and commitment to full participation in the life of the College. These students have involved themselves fully as members of the community making outstanding efforts consistently. They have performed well academically, involved themselves in the extracurricular life of the College or been of service to members of the wider community.

As a community we congratulate them and encourage them to continue in their good works.

Walkathon
Many thanks to all of those students and their parents who have ensured that the sponsorships they received for the walkathon have been collected and handed in to the College Office.

Special mention must be made of the following students who made outstanding contributions to the Walkathon each raising in excess of $100.00

Steven Catanea 12 De Paul
Taylor Ellis 7 La Salle
Cristina Reho 9 Holy Spirit
Bianca Moss 7 Chisholm
Simran Singh 8 De Paul
Patrick Abellar 9 St Francis Xavier
Jerome Boissezon 11 Chisholm
Tristan Molina 8 De Paul
Gian Thompson 7 De Paul
Jean-Paul Deoje 8 La Salle
Jarrod Elasi 7 La Salle
Rebecca Hunt 12 La Salle

Pastoral Care Coordinator’s Awards
In a recent conversation with the Pastoral Care Coordinators, it was decided that each fortnight one student per year group will be selected to receive a Pastoral Care Coordinators Award. These awards are to recognise those students who continuously do the right thing, who are exemplary members of the Good Samaritan Community. They wear their uniform with pride, always behave appropriately and respectfully and generally make Good Samaritan a better place for us to learn and work together.

As well as receiving a certificate at a Year Assembly, the students will have their names published in the College Newsletter and will receive a $5.00 voucher which can be redeemed at the College Canteen.

I congratulate the following students who are the inaugural recipients of the Pastoral Care Coordinators Awards.

Year 7 Brendan Jones
Year 8 Sweta Mudaliar
Year 9 Daniel Natoli
Year 10 Joseph Laconis
Year 11 Emily Benevides
Year 12 Christopher Vella

Mr P Scollard
Assistant Principal (Pastoral Care)

CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

Year 11 2011 Subject Selection Process
Over this term, Year 10 have been looking at various post Year 10 options and the courses that they need to study to achieve their post school ambitions. These sessions have included input from a variety of College personnel and outside agencies. As part of this process, Year 10 are attending a day long Subject Information Day, at the College, on Monday 26th July 2010 - attendance is COMPULSORY.

All Year 10 parents are invited to an evening on Wednesday 28th July 2010 to be held at the College, starting at 6.30pm. This evening provides parents with the opportunity to ask information about the range of courses on offer at GSCC for Year 11 2011. This evening is compulsory for Year 10 students accompanied by at least one parent. Students should attend in FULL WINTER UNIFORM.

All Year 10 students will have a subject selection interview with a member of the College staff on Thursday 5th August 2011. Students are required to make an appointment with their allocated teacher, at a time convenient with parents. Appointments will take place between 3.30pm and 7.00pm and students and parents should attend with the Semester One report and the completed Subject selection form.

It is a very exciting time for Year 10 and we look forward to supporting them to make informed decisions.

Mrs Rebecca Jarvis
Curriculum Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS!!

This week Julia Fahmi was chosen to perform in the CaSPA Live Musical at the Carriage Works theatre. This is certainly an honour as Julia was able to perform with other elite students from across the Archdiocese.

WELL DONE JULIA!
Feast of Sts Peter and Paul
The 29th of June marks the feast day of Sts Peter and Paul. These two remarkable men are key figures within the Christian faith and are the traditional patrons of the Pope. Both men were martyred in Rome in the first century. St Peter’s Basilica marks the burial spot for St Peter, and St Paul’s outside the walls, marks the burial spot of St Paul. These two men became leading figures in the early church. Peter went to Rome to bring the Good News to the Roman Jewish community, taking the faith from Jerusalem to the heart of the Roman Empire. Peter was not always a decisive man but he grew in his faith and fidelity of the risen Lord. St Paul became an apostle to the non Jewish people, the gentiles. It is because of Paul that the seeds of Christianity were spread throughout the Mediterranean world. Many of these seeds fell on rich soil where Christianity still flourishes today. As Paul was being transported to Rome to plead his case before the emperor he was shipwrecked on the island of Malta, converting these people to Christianity the legacy of which we can still see today. Sts Peter and Paul remind us our faith commitment is not to an institution but to Jesus who provides us with strength and direction. Sts Peter and Paul Apostles and Martyrs Pray for us.

Mr P Kingsman
RE Coordinator

STUDIES OF RELIGION EXCURSION
On Thursday 24th June the Year 12 SOR I and II classes went to the Jewish Synagogue at Woolahra, and the Jewish Museum at Darlinghurst, as part of the Jewish component of their studies. They had the fantastic opportunity to hear Sandy Hollis speak. Sandy is a chief marker for the Jewish component of the examination and knows how to address the key components of the syllabus. At the Museum, the students were able to interact with the exhibitions of Jewish life as well as the experiences of the Jewish people during the Holocaust. The Year 12 students need to be commended for their excellent presentation and engagement with the day.

Mr P Kingsman
RE Coordinator

PARENTING COLUMN
Dear Parents,
In these days of world cup fever, when every nation wants to win the coveted trophy, I thought some words re winning and losing might have some relevance. Naturally we all want to win all of the time, but life is not like that. We have to learn to take the good and the bad - accepting them without too much fuss and hopefully finding God in there somewhere! Learning to do this in sport can stand our adolescents in good stead for when they have to face the bigger scenarios of life.

We have had some good role models in recent years - the tennis players, Patrick Rafter and, more recently, Samantha Stosur, readily come to mind. They were expected by a nation to win and they didn’t, but had the courage to accept the loss, and the right attitude to move on. Hopefully our present soccer players can do that too!

When success outweighs enjoyment trouble brews! We’re all too familiar with pushy parents on the sidelines causing all sorts of problems as in a recent school match clash – not a pretty sight!

So let’s encourage our children to be good sports, taking the results as they come and learning how to cope with disappointments.

In our last newsletter, Damien Carson, a year 11 student, in speaking about the Student Leadership Forum, quoted the words of Winston Churchill, that are very appropriate here:

“Success is not final, Failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts”.

May your daily endeavours to bring out the best in your children reap a rich harvest.

God bless

Sr Marj
**YEAR 10 INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY: WOOD EXCURSION**

On Friday 18th of June, the Year 10 Industrial Technology Wood class travelled to the “Timber and Working with Wood” show at Fox Studios. The exhibition was an array of industry experts, tool companies, woodworking hobbyists and a wide range of timber merchants. Whilst at the exhibition, the students viewed a number of demonstrations, involving woodturning, box making, timber milling and were involved in timber cutting competitions. The students (and teachers) thoroughly enjoyed the day and were able to view a wide range of resources in developing their major projects for this year. The students are to be congratulated on how well they represented the college on the day and their participation in all aspects of the exhibition.

**Mr M Buchan**  
Teacher

**Science Course #4 – Science (Nanotechnology)**

**ATAR – 84.95 (UNSW)**

**Prerequisite Subjects –**
* Physics
* Chemistry
* Mathematics Extension 1

**Recommended Subjects –**
* Biology; Earth and Environmental Science

**Career Opportunities –**
Start-up nanotechnology companies; electronic device industry; development of diagnostic medical devices; industries associated with the development of advanced materials. Graduates are also qualified for careers in education, research and intellectual property areas, government departments and private industry.

*For more information, see Ms. Flocco or Mrs. Hewitt.*

**MOCK TRIAL UPDATE**

Congratulations to the College Mock Trial team who have made the elimination rounds of the competition. They competed against Fairvale High School last week and won the trial, about negligence, in a straightforward victory. Barristers Patrick Goorkiz and Maddison McPherson both produced very sound legal arguments in their opening and closing statements. Their cross examination also created a lot of doubt over the credibility of their witnesses. They were well supported by solicitor Claudia Stacey-Murray. Rhiannon Howell and Justin Jarrett were outstanding as witnesses and Simone Mrdjen did a great job as court officer. Good luck to the team in the elimination round. Thanks also to Mr Bradbury and Mr Lo Cacio for their support during the trial and Mr Micev for assisting in setting up the room.

**Mr M Turner and Mr D Costin**  
Team Coaches

**PARENTING IDEAS - MICHAEL GROSE**


Michael Grose is the author of 7 parenting books, including the best-selling, Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change it.

The site includes many parenting ideas from one of the world's leading professionals in parenting.

**YEAR 12 DRAMA EXCURSION**

On Friday 25th June the Year 12 Drama class viewed a theatre production of The Laramie Project, at Riverside, Parramatta. It was a great opportunity to see a live production of a text we are studying for our HSC course, as well as gain a greater understanding of the elements of production involved in verbatim theatre. As well we were able to see professional at work—our very own Ms Wright, whose performance was worthy of a Tony Award! From the day we learnt things which can be integrated into our own performances as this excursion has enlightened us to the process needed to bring a text to life. The excursion was a great experience and a fun night out.

By Kayla Arndell and Rebecca Towerton

**YEAR 9 DRAMA EXCURSION**

At 11.30am on Wednesday 9th June, Year 9 Drama sat in anticipation as the lights dimmed in the Seymour Centre theatre. The crowd cheered and welcomed the four main characters onto the stage who were played by actors and singers - Casey Donovan, Christine Anu, Kylie Farmer and Hollie Andrew. During the show, the crowd were awed by the fantastic musical numbers which were sung and played live, like 'Stop in the Name of Love' and 'RESPECT'. The actors’ performances were brilliant and inspiring. Not only were the actors and musical items great, the storyline and how it unfolded was just amazing. Year 9 Drama had the best time and we were all thrilled and inspired by this fantastic play.

By Yannick L'Eveille
CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

This term, Year 9 Photography and Digital Media have been exploring the use of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and ipods in the investigation and proliferation of crime in our society. The images presented by Kristine Flores, Daniel Kamalaneson and Cassandra Monjo, aim to capture the dual uses of some of the modern conveniences our society now boasts.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN YEAR 12 DRAMA?

Members of the Year 12 Drama class have been working intensely on their Individual Projects for Drama this term. Individual Projects are worth 30% of the HSC Drama examination. Students have a choice of the project they wish to undertake and it is then worked on over the course of the HSC year. Nine students in the class are doing Individual Performances. This has to be a solo performance that is 6-8 minutes long. Some students have chosen to do a monologue from an already existing script and others have written their own monologues. Three students are doing the Design Project of Promotion and Publicity for a play. This is a complex project that requires students to design the promotional material for a chosen play and theatre company. Students have to design and create the poster, flyer and program for the play and write a media article to promote it. Another student in the class is completing a Costume Design project for a chosen play. The student has to design costumes for 4-6 characters in the play and to draw or paint their designs on paper. One other student has chosen to write Theatre Reviews for their Individual Project. The student has attended performances of professional productions this year and written four theatre reviews. The class has been finishing the Individual Projects for an assessment afternoon on Wednesday 30th June. Also on this afternoon, Drama students will be presenting group devised performances, which are another component of the HSC examination, worth 30% of the final mark. Drama is a practical subject and students have to work individually and collaboratively to create performances and understand theatre. An evening with Year 12 in Term 3 will present the students’ work in its finished state just prior to the Practical HSC Drama examination.

Ms Wright
Drama Teacher
PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATING

Daniel Kamalaneson participates in Regional Final of Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition

Daniel Kamalaneson from Year 9, recently participated in the Regional Final of the Rostrum Voice of Youth competition. This is a national public speaking competition open to students from public, independent and Catholic schools across Australia. Back in March, Daniel placed first in his local final held at OLMC Parramatta and secured his place in the regional final. This final was also held at OLMC Parramatta on the evening of Wednesday 2nd June. Daniel presented a six minute prepared speech on the topic of ‘Dangerous Creatures’. During his speech Daniel discussed the age old debate of nature versus nurture and warned people to beware the dangerous creature within. At the conclusion of his prepared speech, Daniel chose the topic ‘Holding Back’ to present a 3 minute impromptu speech. The standard of competition at this level was very high and featured schools from as far west as the Blue Mountains and as far east as Sydney Boys High in the city. Daniel received fourth place on the night but unfortunately missed out on an opportunity to progress to the state final at NSW Parliament House. Despite this setback, Daniel is committed to improve his public speaking skills and challenge the senior competition at next year’s competition.

Debating News

The SWCCDA Debating competition came to a conclusion on Friday 18th June at All Saints Catholic Boys College Liverpool. Our Year 10 team of Maddison McPherson, Joseph Ragusa and Justin Jarrett were looking for back-to-back premierships in their fourth consecutive grand final appearance. Their opponent on the night was the team from Clancy who had earlier in the year surprised Good Samaritan with their only defeat of the regular season. Speaking for the affirmative on the topic “That we have never had it so good”, our representatives from GSCC showed their experience at this level of the competition. Maddison, Joseph and Justin all gave excellent speeches and ensured that they would win their first consecutive grand final. It was also great to see so many parents, friends and staff attend on the night to support the team.

The night brought an end to a successful year of debating at the college. While our Year 10 team was the only team to make it to the grand final, our Year 7 and Senior teams only missed out by one debate. The college’s performance in the final round also provided great hope for next year with all teams from 7-10 winning their debates against All Saints Boys. I would also like to pay tribute to our Senior team of Kayla Arndell, Chanel Gronowski and Anthony El-Zakhem. With these speakers all graduating from the college at the end of the year, 2010 marks the end of their 6 year participation in debating at the college. Although it was disappointing that they were unable to go one step further than last year’s grand final appearance, nothing should be taken away from their impressive commitment to debating at the college. I wish them best of luck in their future endeavours.

While the grand final signals the end of the SWCCDA competition, there will be further opportunities for students at Good Samaritan Catholic College to participate in debating and public speaking activities at the college. In term 3 and 4 there will be a number of in-school activities that will be open to students across a number of year groups. I encourage any student who may be interested to keep a look out in the daily notices and at assemblies for more information.

Finally, I would once again like to thank the following staff members who have helped to make 2010 a successful year of debating: Ms Raso, Mr Turner, Mrs Castillo, Mr Dominish, Miss Parsons, Miss Bilaver, Mrs Fegatilli, Mr Kingsman, Mr O’Sullivan, Mrs Kennedy, Ms Wright, Mr Gray and Mr Lo Cescio.

Mr M Bradbury
Public Speaking and Debating Coordinator

FUTSAL CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who have all been selected for the NSW Futsal Team that will play in the State Championships in Queensland this September.

Bianca Adattini, Montana Bolzan, Lana Ferreira, Domenica Marasco, Kobey Martin, Isabella Pezzuto, Latoya Walker, Natalie Yelda
**Election Update**

**What is the issue in education?**

The issue is quality education for all students.

As a Catholic community we need to campaign for the best possible government and non-government schools that are all up-to-date and well resourced.

We need to combine our efforts to ensure the best possible opportunities are available to all.

Catholic schools are not in competition with government schools. The divisiveness that has characterised the education debate in past years needs to be set aside for all our children.

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