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CATHOLIC COLLEGE
HINCHINBROOK
NEWSLETTER

COLLEGE THEME 2010: “Be the Word in action”

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Dear Parents and Friends of the college

On Monday August 9, I attended the Community Development Support Expenditure scheme funding presentation. This scheme provides funding from local clubs for community activities. The college submitted two proposals for support. The first involved a leadership development program for students. The project was accepted and funded by the Liverpool Catholic Club. The second project related to a Healthy Breakfast Program which aims to provide education about the importance of a healthy breakfast and for the college to provide increased student access to breakfast at school. The second project also received funding from both the Liverpool Catholic Club and John Edmondson VC Memorial Club. We are really fortunate to have this funding and thank the Liverpool Catholic Club and John Edmondson VC Memorial Club for their tremendous support.

It is also appropriate to once again acknowledge the Liverpool Catholic Club for their support of Year 11 students in the Driver Awareness Program. This program concluded recently and, by all accounts from students, it certainly made a significant difference to their approach as they attempt to obtain their licenses. The Catholic Club Board has made a difference to the lives of students in a very practical way through this project.

Over the coming weeks the process for the appointment of a new Principal at the college will progress. The Catholic Education Office has quite a thorough and involved approach, which will ensure that the most appropriate applicant is selected to meet the needs of the college. In order to ensure that the community is aware of the process, a brochure has been included with this newsletter.

On Friday August 6, the college conducted a multi day in support of the Mary MacKillop Canonization Appeal. In all, approximately $1200 was raised in support of the appeal. I thank all members of our community for their generosity and contribution to Australia’s first Saint.

This week, a number of special presentations were made at the college assembly. I congratulate Chantelle Monjo (2), Jacinta Vella, Rachel Pace and Bruno Romeo on receiving a Gold Award in recognition of their significant commitment to college life. The college also acknowledged the Semester 1 Academic Achievers from Year 7, 8 and 9 and the Year 11 & 12 VET 1st Place Achievers. These awards are presented in recognition of the students outstanding performance and commitment to their studies. These students in Year 7, 8 & 9 make up the top 5% of students in the year group based on their performance. Congratulations and well done to each award winner. The names of the academic achievers are included later in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Daniel Attard and Hugo Sanchez of Year 12 (2009) who have both been awarded a 2009 Australian Vocational Student Prize. This prize recognizes the outstanding achievements of students who completed their senior studies in 2009 while undertaking a vocational education and training in schools program or an Australian School-based Apprenticeship. Recipients of the Australian
Vocational Student Prize receive a certificate and a cheque for $2000.

The students of Year 12 completed their Trial HSC examinations and have returned for their final weeks of school. The teachers of Year 12 will spend many hours marking the exams and ensuring that students receive appropriate feedback. I thank the teachers for the many hours of marking and ensure Year 12 they are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

On Wednesday evening, Year 12 students involved in practical subjects, also showcased their performances and major works at “An evening with Year 12”. I congratulate each student on the standard they achieved and look forward to very good results, as these works are marked in the next few weeks.

Recently, students in Year 9 and Year 11, 2011 were involved in the subject selection processes for their respective years. I wish to commend the students in each of the years, for the thoughtful and mature manner in which they approached the process. I also thank Mrs Jarvis, Mr Brooks, the studies coordinators and subject teachers for providing as much information as possible to ensure that students were able to make wise and informed choices.

As road works around the college progress, the configuration of Hoxton Park Road outside the college will change between the college and Whitford Road. The traffic (both pedestrian and vehicular) will travel on the new section of road. Access to Wilson Road will not be available from Hoxton Park Road. I ask everyone to be aware of the changes and to exercise caution around the road works as the area can pose dangers to traffic and pedestrians. The changes will be implemented in early September.

As everyone would be aware, tomorrow is Federal Election Day. Once again information related to funding of Catholic schools is included in this newsletter. Parents should avail themselves of the facts so that any voting decisions are well informed.

Over the last two weeks we have continually heard news of the devastating floods in Pakistan. I ask everyone to keep the people of Pakistan in your prayers and to look for practical ways to contribute to promoting equality across our world.

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**Prayer to make Poverty History**

**Lord of Life,**

Open our eyes to make us:

- Aware of the poverty suffered by others;
- Aware of the immorality of allowing that suffering to take place;
- Aware of our rights as citizens to be heard;
- Aware of the men, women and children dying as we speak;
- Aware that our solidarity gives us strength;
- Aware that our leaders may turn a deaf ear but Almighty God hears our cry;
- And Aware that only together can we: Make Poverty History.

**Give us the strength and determination to work towards solutions**

**And policy changes that can free our sisters and brothers**

- Around the world from the chains of poverty.
- Inspire us to challenge our leaders to make debt relief
  - And fighting poverty a priority,
  - And make our voices loud and clear.

**Amen**

Mr J Lo Cascio

PRINCIPAL

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**Congratulations**

**FIRST PLACE ACHIEVERS SEMESTER ONE - VET**

**Business Services**         Jessica Colombo (Year 11)
                                 Margella Barbuto (Year 12)
**Construction**               Sam Rigitano (Year 11)
**Hospitality**                Gabriel Macias (Year 11)
                                 Jennifer Awad (Year 12)

**YEAR COORDINATORS AWARD**

- **Year 7** Nicholas Puglia
- **Year 8** Joseph Pipicella
- **Year 9** Paul Galea
- **Year 10** Ryan Selavage
- **Year 11** Natalie Perre
- **Year 12** Daniel Sobiesiak, Katherine Hobby

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**Congratulations**

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS SEMESTER ONE 2010**

**Year 7**
Matthew Colombo
Tanisha De Hoedt
Chelsea O’Connor
Andrea Pletikosa
Nicholas Puglia
Luke Clinch
Lauren Espino
Gabriella Raco
Courtney Reylin

**Year 8**
Chimene Azzi
Hannah Brocklehurst
Gemma Brocklehurst
Joseph Pipicella
Laura Cross
Brandon Cook
Jordan Baldwin
Natalie De Giulio
Josephine Perre

**Year 9**
Marco Beretta
Josephine Losurdo
Khatelyne Tablante
Melanie Canosa
Adrian Olegario
Andre Callus
Kristine Flores
Juan Montoya
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (ADMINISTRATION)

Good Samaritan Day
This annual day of celebration will be held on Thursday, 16th September. The day will commence with the celebration of the Eucharist, followed by the traditional stalls to raise funds for various outreach services and it will conclude with a concert. Parents and family members are invited to attend part or all of the day. To assist with logistical arrangements and monitoring movement onto the site, those wishing to be present are asked to contact the college office in advance of the day to register their intention to attend. Entry onto the school site on this day will be restricted to those members of the school community who have registered their intention to attend. No exceptions will be allowed.

College Office Hours
The college office hours are 7.30am to 4.00pm. Parents arriving to collect children following the closure of the office are advised to make suitable arrangements for the collection of their sons or daughters in the knowledge that the main vehicular entry gate may not be operational after 4.00pm. The student entry and exit gate remains open until 5.00pm and students can use this exit to access the bus bay and Hoxton Park Road.

Leave Requests
Parents and students are reminded that any extended leave that they may be planning must first be formally acknowledged by the Principal. This would occur only after a written request is forwarded to Mr Lo Casicio. In all cases, the College reserves the right to withhold permission for leave. Should leave be granted, students must then 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 it to the Principal for final approval.

Mr P Brooks
Assistant Principal (Administration)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (PASTORAL CARE)

Half Way Through Term Three
As you are no doubt aware, we are now half way through the third term of the school year. In recent weeks our Year 12 students have finished their Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations, our current Year 10 students have selected their patterns of study for the Preliminary Higher School Certificate Course, which they will commence next year and our Year 8 students have selected their elective courses for Year 9. All of this means that our school year is racing by and before we know it, the end of the year will be upon us.

A lot of research indicates that reflective practice is one of the strategies which successful students engage in. In simple terms, this means that they stop and think about how they are approaching their studies and the results they are achieving. As parents, engaging in these conversations with your sons and daughters let them know that you value their education and the process of reflecting on their learning.

In the next week take 10 minutes to ask your son or daughter how they are going at school, what subjects are they performing well in, which subjects they could perform better in and what changes they could make to the way they approach their studies. Follow up this conversation in the weeks that follow.

Mr P Scollard
Assistant Principal (Pastoral Care)

STUDY SKILLS TIP - HOMEWORK VS STUDY, WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?
In high school you need to adopt the mindset that ‘there is no such thing as no homework’. Instead, you should aim to do schoolwork for a certain amount of time each night. For junior years this may be 1 - 1 ½ hours per night and in the senior years as much as 3 hours per night. This is where the general concept of study comes into play. If you have no more homework or assignments, then you are supposed to actually go looking for what else you could do to help you improve your understanding of what you are learning at school – and it is this that is often referred to as ‘study’. Basically it means doing things that will ultimately help you get better marks at school. So each night, you do your homework and assignments first, then spare time from the total time allocated for schoolwork is to do some study. This might mean going back and reviewing what you did in class over the last day or even over the last week. It might mean doing extra questions on areas you find difficult. It might mean making study notes. It might mean doing questions from an additional textbook or study guide. It might be making flashcards on a topic. It might also mean developing your own study skills through the use of the Study Skills Handbook Website www.studyskillshandbook.com.au, working through the 26 different units of study skills work. Don’t forget to visit the “What’s New” page to find out about all the new content, games and videos added to the site this month.

Our school’s subscription details to this online study skills website for secondary school students are -
User name: forsgsconly
Password: 48results
FROM THE STUDENT WELFARE COORDINATOR

In 2009 Mission Australia conducted its eighth annual National Survey of 48,000 young Australians. The survey asked young people about what they value, their concerns, where they go for advice and support and whom they admire. 98% of those surveyed were between the ages of 11 and 19 years.

Its findings are very instructive. The importance of family relationships is a major theme of the overall results of the survey. The survey confirms the value of family in a young person’s life, with a large majority (75.6%) of respondents identifying family relationships as highly valued and a similar proportion (73.4%) indicating parents are an important source of advice and support.

This is welcome information and confirms the primary role and impact of parents on their older children. Yet these findings may come as something of a surprise to some parents. Often parents can feel that their adolescent children have grown away from them and that their influence on them is far from significant. However, the results of the survey indicate otherwise.

Clearly, the teenage years of young people can be a time of ups and downs. There is the search for identity and independence. Teenagers live with the tension of no longer being a child and nor are they adults. Adolescents also undergo various hormonal changes causing mood swings that can lead to conflict with parents and siblings that had not been part of their younger years. So it makes sense that in this more turbulent time of their lives that teenagers need their parents’ support and guidance.

What works...?
Teenagers will feel safe and secure in a family where their parents have clear and appropriate expectations consistently applied. They need to know the boundaries and consequences of their behaviour. To develop their sense of responsibility, adolescents should make a contribution to the smooth running of the family. They should have their daily/weekly chores. They need to be responsible for the tidiness of their room and, if going out, to let you know where they are going and with whom.

The key to any successful relationship is communication. The challenge for all parents is to keep the channels of communication open, to maintain an interest in your teenagers’ friends and activities and at the same time not to appear to be too intrusive. At times it is a delicate path for parents to travel. There will be mistakes on both sides and the need for an apology – but this is the give and take of family life.

Nevertheless, amongst the ups and downs with teenagers, it is good to be mindful of the findings of the Mission Australia’s Survey that your children value family life and depend on you for guidance and support. The top five issues of concern to young people in 2009 in order are:

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Note: The data is aggregated and includes items ranked one, two and three by respondents.

Mr M Bell
Student Welfare Coordinator

YEAR 11 HISTORY EXCURSION TO SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Students in Year 11 studying Ancient and Modern History had an opportunity to experience the life of a university student on Wednesday 11th August. These students are currently nearing the end of their major research assessment that allows them to undertake their own research of a topic of choice from either Ancient or Modern History. To help them complete this assessment, all students in these two history subjects, along with Mr Teuma, Mr Wheeler and Mr Bradbury travelled to Sydney University to visit the famous Fisher Library. The students were amazed by the sheer size of the library which has an impressive nine floors and possesses one of the largest rare book collections in the world. During the day, the students also had the chance to tour the Nicholson Museum which is located on campus. This museum is dedicated to ancient historical artifacts and rare antiquities and includes several mummified remains from Ancient Egypt. It was very pleasing to see every student thoroughly enjoy the experience and show a love of history and of learning.
SCIENCE NEWS

Last week, Year 9 were involved in “Labs on Legs” with the CSIRO. Students participated in three engaging workshops including Crime Scene Forensics, the Cool Chemistry Show, and Testing Ecosystems.

Students were presented with a police report, a variety of forensic evidence and three suspects in the Forensic Workshop. The students had to employ their scientific skills and analyse the evidence using forensic techniques in order to determine the guilty suspect.

The Cool Chemistry Show provided students with a link between the foundations of Chemistry currently being studied in class, and real world applications of chemical concepts. Students were treated to a range of exciting demonstrations including chemiluminescence, pyrotechnics and edible plastics.

Students put a range of biochemical analysis techniques to the test during the Ecosystems workshop. They were required to look at a range of factors that may have an impact on the health of an ecosystem. Students tested water samples for heavy metal and nitrate pollution, as well as ballast water samples for presence of introduced species.

“Labs on Legs” was an interesting and hands-on day that gave students the opportunity to experience what real scientists do!
FUTSAL REPORT

OPEN GIRLS
On Wednesday 4th August, the Open Girls Futsal team made their way bright and early to Hawkesbury Indoor Centre, Windsor for the 2010 Champion of Champions Vikings Futsal NSW Championships.

The girls started out flat, narrowly losing the first game 5-4 to Glenmore Park High. Confidence was low and we ended up losing the second game 10-1 to Bomaderry High. However, with the arrival of our captain and keeper halfway through the day, spirits were very much lifted. The girls then won their next two games 5-0 and 5-3 against Holsworthy High and St Ives respectively. The tension was palpable as we waited to see if we had done enough to make the Final. But alas, it was not to be. The girls missed out on making the final by 1 goal.

Congratulations must be extended to the girls for qualifying for this championship and really making a fist of it late in the day. A very special thankyou must also be made to Mrs Adattini for her unwavering support.

The team: Bianca Adattini, Montana Bolzan, Lana Ferreira (Captain), Domenica Marasco, Kobey Martin, Isabella Pezzuto, Kristy Walker and Natalie Yelda.

SENIOR BOYS
The Boys Futsal team also travelled to Windsor to compete in the Hills District Regional Competition. The boys qualified earlier in the year by taking out the Schools Futsal Competition at the Wenden Centre in Miller. Unfortunately, we went into the competition without some of the original members of the team due to Yr 12 examinations or illness.

The boys began extremely well against Arthur Phillip High School in a very tight first game winning 2-1, both goals scored by Anthony Tomelic and extraordinary goal keeping by Joe Gerace held their attack at bay. The second game was an even tighter encounter against Kellyville who also won their qualifying competition. This game was extremely entertaining with both sides defending well and again Joe Gerace showed his prowess in goals, the game ending in a 4 all draw, with goals scored by Tom Micev and Anthony Tomelic. Game three against Northlakes was a little easier and the boys were able to utilise their skills with goals scored by Cristian Ciampa (4), Tom Micev (4), Jake Ingle (2), Piero Sanchez (6) Anthony Tomelic (2), winning the game 18-3, Andrew Zappacosta took over the goal keeping duties and did a great job. This put us into the semi-final play-offs where we played Miller Technical High School.

Unfortunately, this was the end of the road for us as Miller began the game with the determination our boys had not encountered in the competition and, within the first five minutes, we were down 4-0. It wasn’t long before we settled and began dictating the play only conceding two goals for the rest of the game, but unfortunately we had many attempts but were only successful in scoring two goals that saw us lose 6-2. Miller went on the win the competition.

The boys were excellent ambassadors for the school and were congratulated by an official on their commitment and attitude in the competition. The team was: Cristian Ciampa (captain) Joe Gerace, Tom Micev, Anthony Tomelic, Piero Sanchez, Joseph Foti, Carmelo Ussia, John Fahmi, Jake Ingle, Andrew Zappacosta, and Steven Catanea. Congratulations boys on a great effort.

JOE GERACE SELECTED FOR NSW REPRESENTATIVE TEAM
As a result of the boys playing in the Futsal Competition, Joe Gerace (Goal keeper extraordinaire) was approached by one of the NSW selectors and coach, who offered him a place in the NSW Representative team which will travel to Brisbane to compete in the upcoming school holidays. This is a great achievement and we wish Joe every success should he choose to accept the position.

Mrs C Celea
Coach
ITALIAN PROVERB OF THE WEEK
Amico di tutti e di nessuno è tutt’ uno
A friend to all is a friend to none

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Karina Donoso, Tracy Vargas and Darren Vargas who have been invited to dance in New Zealand. Karina, Tracy and Darren are members of Bolivia Unida, a folkloric dance group that dance traditional Bolivian dances. This group has performed all over Sydney and Melbourne and won the Melbourne Latin festival competition in November 2008.

Well done Karina, Tracy and Darren.

OUR KIDS - OUR FUTURE
Do school fees cover the cost of your child’s education?

NO! School fees are very important but education is extremely expensive. Together, the State and Federal governments provide about 80% of the operating funds for most of the Catholic schools in NSW.

For Catholic schools, the remaining 20% is made up by fees and other charges paid by parents, support from the parish (for primary schools) and fundraising activities.

Parents also pay substantial building levies for new buildings and major upgrades of school facilities.

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YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION
How much funding does your child receive in Government grants?

Government expenditure per school student

Student in NSW government school  
= $10,162 (NSW Auditor General Report)

Student in NSW Catholic systemic school  
= $7,299 (CEC audited financial statements)

Difference  
= $2,863

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GIRLS CCC SOCCER UPDATE
The girl’s college soccer team recently competed in their round of the CCC knockout tournament. The game was against Catherine McAuley Westmead. It was a close game, with both sides possessing talented and skillful players. Alyssa Pacchiarotto of Year 9 scored, what ultimately became, the winning goal. Special mention must be made of Lana Ferreira, whose goalkeeping heroics kept the team in the game; Bianca Adattini who cleaned up well as sweeper; Isabella Pezzuto who was dangerous everytime she had the ball; Montana Bolzan who played in the middle and controlled the game; and Team Captain, Domenica Marasco who again led the team by example with her commitment to each situation.

Thanks also to all the spectators who came to support the girls. Congratulations to the girls and good luck in the quarter finals.

Mr D Costin  
Coach
CANTEEN ROSTER

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FEES ACCOUNTS AND FEES STATEMENT BY EMAIL

Next term we intend to email all School Fee Accounts, Receipts and Statements. This system will speed up the communication process, cut down on paper usage and provide Parents and Guardians with an easy way to save records for tax purposes. It will also assist the College to be more cost-efficient and environmentally-effective.

In the near future, you will receive a form asking you to verify and/or update your contact details. We would appreciate if parents and caregivers would complete this form with your most up-to-date contact information to enable us to have the system up and running by Term 4.

Of course, if you do not have email facilities, or don’t wish to utilize your email account, please advise us of your best postal address and enter N/A in the section for email. Your accounts will then be posted as usual.

TERM 3 COLLEGE FEES

Term 3 College fees have been forwarded home via students. These fees were due on Friday 20th August. Families unable to meet fee payment schedules or experiencing financial difficulty are asked to contact the Principal or the Business Manager as a matter of urgency.

Mr J Archer
Business Manager

Quality Education Costs

Political support for Catholic Schools

In Australia, there is unwavering support from the Labour, Liberal and National political parties for the funding of non-government schools and for parental choice in education.

This support from the major political parties is greatly appreciated and recognises the rights of parents to choose how their children are educated. Parents, as taxpayers, are clearly entitled to this support.

Providing quality education is an extremely expensive exercise – but also a crucial investment in Australia’s future.

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