Dear Parents and Friends of the college

Over the last week, the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate have been concluded at Good Samaritan. It has certainly been gratifying to see the significant preparation by students to ensure success in these examinations. There have been a number of after school classes for Year 10 and a significant number of students have attended to ensure that they were fully prepared for the task ahead. This was also the case for Year 12 students, who were in constant contact with their teachers, both in person and via email. I compliment the students on taking advantage of the extra support available and sincerely thank the teachers for their generosity in being available for after school support and giving generously of their time after hours.

The School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations will be marked over the coming weeks and results will be available to students in December. At this point, I once again stress, that a good performance in each subject is the result of ability and hard work and I can confidently say that those people who have put in the appropriate effort will achieve the results that they deserve. Conversely, those students who have failed to put in the necessary effort will also get the results that they deserve. This is a lesson for all students; in order for individuals to achieve their best they must make a commitment to do well.

One of the tasks associated with the Higher School Certificate and the School Certificate is the marking. Twenty teachers at the college are involved in marking these examinations. This allows them to gain insights into the requirements of examinations and the techniques appropriate to perform well. I thank the teachers for undertaking this form of inservicing and am sure that this activity will advantage our students.

Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of attending the Drive to Survive Program Presentations at Liverpool Catholic Club. This presentation was the culmination of the program to enable Year 11 students to be more aware of safety on the roads. The special guests at the presentation, radio commentator Alan Jones and President of the NRMA Wendy Menchin, were very complimentary of the program and its benefits within our community. All participating schools presented their interpretations of the program and were judged on the presentation. The Good Samaritan presentation achieved a very close third place behind All Saints Catholic Senior College and Freeman Catholic College. The students are to be congratulated on their performance and their behaviour, which added to the positive name the college has in the community. All thank the Catholic Club for this wonderful initiative and congratulate the Year 11 students, Ms Kennedy and Mrs Doran for their fantastic contributions.

Over the last two weeks, Leaders in Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 have been elected for 2011. These students have been recognized by their peers and teachers as leaders and positive role models. I congratulate each on their election and thank them for their commitment to leadership and programs at the college. The names of the senior leaders are included later in this newsletter.

Last night, Mr Georgiou represented the college at the Australian Mathematics Competition Awards at Merrylands. At these awards, Johnny...
Nguyen of Year 8, was presented with a Prudence Award for answering the greatest number of consecutive questions correctly. I congratulate Johnny on his performance and thank him for his efforts, which were a credit to him and the college.

On Sunday October 31st, the college was represented at the Annual All Souls Day Mass at the Catholic Cemetery at Kemps Creek by Eucharistic Ministers Erika Brocklehurst, Onella Hermis and Jemma Young. These students were great ambassadors for the college and are a great example of young people’s witness to their faith. The college continues to promote the involvement of students in the church and a number of other students will undergo Eucharistic Ministry training in the near future.

Over this year, I have expressed my pride in the students of Good Samaritan in the many areas of involvement at the college. At times however, we are let down by the poor wearing of the college uniform. The uniform gives the members of the college a good name, however, poor presentation can also detract from this good name. Lately, a number of students have detracted from the good name of the college by their poor presentation with skirts too short, shirts out, incorrect shoes, inappropriate haircuts and colours etc.

I remind everyone that it is the responsibility of every student to contribute to the good name of the college. I ask all parents and students to be aware of college policies in relation to uniform and to implement the necessary measures to ensure that the requirements are met. Over the coming week, students will be reminded of the requirements and given a short time to rectify any areas of concern. I ask for parental support in this matter.

God Bless.

Mr J Lo Cascio
PRINCIPAL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (ADMINISTRATION)

Adjustment of School Bus Services - effective 15th November 2010

Some local bus timetables are being changed from Monday 15th November, 2010. These changes are being applied to help improve the running times of the current services.

These details are also available online via the bus operator websites or www.a3mc.com.au

The specific services that have been changed at our school are:

PM Westbus 9824 3:12pm to Cecil Hills

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (PASTORAL CARE)

Summer Uniform

A reminder that the College Diary very clearly states that girls skirts are to be “worn to the knee”. It would seem that over the course of the year a number of our girls have grown and, as such, a number of the girls skirts have become too short. For some students this will mean that they need to arrange to purchase new skirts before the end of the year.

Similarly the boys are to wear their shirts tucked in at all times. For some of the boys, they will also need to look to purchase new shirts before the end of the year, as the ones they are currently wearing have become too small.

Lateness to School

It is a clear expectation of the College that all students need to be at school by 8.25am. I recognise that with the ongoing road works on Hoxton Park Rd, that at times, the traffic can be more than a little unpredictable. None-the-less, we still require the students to be at school on time and students with continual and habitual lateness will be issued with detention as per the College’s Policy. By and large, those students who travel to and from school by bus are arriving on time.

Thanking you for your support in these matters.

Mr P Scollard
Assistant Principal (Pastoral Care)

2011 College Senior Leadership Team

College Captains Erika Brocklehurst, Johann Kamalaneson
Spirituaity Natalie Perre, Jacinta Vella
Social Justice Tanika Caruana, Antonietta Raco
Environment Gabrielle Estrada, Patrick Goorkiz
School Spirit/Welfare Alyssa Cook, Bruno Romeo
Year 12 Matters Rebecca Arcuri, Matthew McElhone

Congratulations

YEAR COORDINATORS AWARD

Year 7 Anna Santaguida
Year 8 Jessica Haddad
Year 9 Anthony Pulitano
Year 10 Mark Wakeham
Year 11 William Ku
Year 11 Drive To Survive Presentation

On Thursday, 4th November an extremely talented group of dedicated students gathered at the Liverpool Catholic Club to present the culmination of hours of work, to over eight hundred people. The students had participated in the Student Drive To Survive Program at the beginning of the year, where they had the opportunity to learn some invaluable skills and information about driving. This program was sponsored by the Liverpool Catholic Club at a cost of thousands of dollars to the club.

Following the program, each school was asked to create a presentation which reflected what they had learned from the program created and delivered by Ian Luff, former race car champion. The challenge was met with enthusiasm and excitement as a dedicated group of students prepared an item worthy of praise and admiration. An original concept was developed which saw the creation of an animation which presented various scenes portraying different drivers on our roads.

The amazingly talented Joshua Bugeja and William Blandino created a world class animation which literally took 50 hours of painstaking hand drawn frames. Anthony Abbate and Jordan Ruzic composed an original score to perform live on the evening as Johann Kamalaneson and Matthew McElhone showed their impeccable oratory skills in presenting the animation and statistics to the awestruck audience. The characters in the animation literally came alive on stage as the actors Vanessa Agu, Elizabeth Fitilis, Sami Rached and Dean Smith emerged from the background to reinforce the message the students were trying to convey.

The original concept, ongoing planning, script writing and direction was conducted by Issy Hanlon and Rhiannon Howell, with assistance from Mrs Doran and Ms Kennedy. Special technical assistance was also given by Mr O’Sullivan and Mr Reyes. Other students who gave up their time were Jessica Colombo, Ernesto Martinez and Andrew Keir.

Six other local high schools participated in the event which was judged by Alan Jones, Ian and Warren Luff and other leaders in the community. Good Samaritan won third prize on the night and won specific praise from Alan Jones who told the students “they were simply amazing”. It was evident that the students took their challenge seriously and invested so much of their own time to create a presentation they can be extremely proud of. Their exemplary behaviour and dignified reaction to the judge’s decision made us all proud to be members of the Good Samaritan community.

Ms Kennedy
Year 11 Coordinator

Congratulations!!
GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE PRESENTS
CAPA / TAS
SHOWCASE EVENING

Time: 4-30 - 7.30pm
Date: Tuesday 30th November 2010
Venue: College Hall

Students from Years 7 to 9 will showcase their works from all subject areas in CAPA and TAS. There will be displays of student works and musical items, followed by a presentation of awards. Light refreshments will be served on the night.
PARENTING COLUMN

Last Thursday evening I attended the DRIVE TO SURVIVE course presentations at the Liverpool Catholic Club. As probably reported elsewhere, our students did exceptionally well being placed third in a very competitive atmosphere of seven local schools.

Allan Jones, the radio announcer was the guest speaker and had a very captive audience. Among other things, he spoke about PEER PRESSURE in the light of the evening’s theme – DRIVE TO SURVIVE. In this column we have often addressed this topic; but it is always good to come back to it, especially at this time of the year with parties becoming the norm and more students gaining their L and P plates. It is not easy for an adolescent to stand apart from the crowd, be it with drink, driving, or heaven forbid, drugs and sex, but they are realities we have to face today.

Allan spoke about being a BUILDER or a DESTROYER and this can be a building, a reputation or a life. What takes years to build can be destroyed in a few seconds! Having such a high profile in so many areas I think Allan’s message carried a lot of weight for our teenagers. One statistic that struck me was that one road death has repercussions for hundreds of people.

As parents the following ideas may also help:

1. Talk about peer influence with young people. Let them know that while much of the influence of their friends is positive, some is not in their best interests.
2. Help young people say NO – and save face and status among their friends. Allow them to blame you for not letting them do something they don’t feel comfortable with.
3. Encourage them to think through the consequences of their decisions. Encourage them to think, “Is this behaviour smart? Is it in my best interest? Talk about behaviours rather than personalities when you discuss their choice of friends.

I can appreciate it is not easy raising an adolescent in today’s society when some role models let adolescents down; hopefully courses like that offered at the LCC, in addition to their learnings at school, will hold them in good stead. And remember you are their FIRST TEACHERS.

I have the highest respect for you in all your endeavours!

Sr Marj

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Science Course #11 – Health Science

**ATAR** – New course, no cut-offs available (UWS)

**Prerequisite Subjects** –
* Any two units of English

**Recommended Subjects** –
* N/A

**Career Opportunities** –
Health promotion includes roles focused on communication and behavioural change at not-for-profit foundations, disability councils, the public health sector, community health centres, youth centres, schools and local government. Examples in Health Services Management include quality improvement, financial management and occupational health and safety roles where graduates are in demand by Area Health Services, community and aged care centres and rehabilitation hospitals. Examples in Therapeutic Recreation include providing recreation resources and opportunities in public hospitals and community centres for day care, mental health, disability care and aged care.

For more information, see Ms. Flacco or Mrs. Hewitt.

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GOOD LUCK TO OUR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Australia in their chosen sport.

**Travis Fernandez 9H** will travel in December to New Caledonia to represent Australia in the Oceania Tai Kwan Do Championships. Travis competed in the Australian selection trials a few weeks ago where his semi final finish saw his selection to the Oceania Championships.

**Joseph Mawson 9G** will travel to the United States next week to represent Australia in the Junior Go Kart series. Joseph’s selection comes on the back of an excellent season of Go Karting, which has seen him consistently excel in his own age group.

**Lana Ferreira 12D** will travel to China in 2011 to represent Australia in the U19s Ladies Futsal Team. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to her ability and determination to succeed.
In Flanders Field

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

May they rest in peace.

Amen

REMEMBRANCE DAY 11th November

Originally called Armistice Day, this day commemorated the end of the hostilities for the Great War (World War I), the signing of the armistice, which occurred on 11 November 1918 - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Armistice Day was observed by the Allies as a way of remembering those who died, especially soldiers with 'no known grave'

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

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ITALIAN PROVERB OF THE WEEK
A buona volontà, non manca facoltà
where there’s a will, there’s a way

CANTEEN ROSTER

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