Dear Parents and Friends of the college

Recently each year group at the college elected the leaders for 2011. These people have been elected by their peers on the basis of the leadership qualities each displays and the confidence that their peers have in them to lead in their individual year groups. Next year, leadership at the college will require students to involve themselves in one of the following leadership areas which will have a significant impact on college directions.

The areas of Leadership in 2011 are:
- Catholic Life and Spirituality
- Environment
- School Spirit
- Social Justice
- Year 12 Matters

I congratulate each of the leaders and assure them that they have the support of the college in their new roles. Their names will be published in the first newsletter next year.

This week the School Certificate results were available to the college. A brief overview of results are as follows. More information will be included at the beginning of 2011 after a more detailed analysis has been conducted.

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Over the last two weeks, the college has conducted two events to highlight and acknowledge the talent and commitment of students. On Tuesday 30th November the CAPA and TAS evening was conducted and showcased the work of students in many areas. After works and performances were displayed, awards were presented to outstanding students. It was certainly gratifying to witness so much talent in an overwhelmingly positive atmosphere. I thank Mrs Popovic, Mrs McInerney and the TAS and CAPA staff for the organization of such a memorable evening.

Last Wednesday evening, the college conducted our Annual Presentation Evening in the hall for the first time. Students were acknowledged for their outstanding performances in academic and extra curricular areas of college life. Student performances once again highlighted the talent that exists at Good Samaritan. I congratulate award winners, whose names are included later in this newsletter. I thank Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Cook, Miss Boggs, Mrs Popovic, Mr Reyes, Mr Scollard and Mr Brooks for the overall organization of the evening.

As we come to the end of the year, we also farewell a number of staff. We have a number of teachers leaving and I would like to thank them for their contribution to Good Samaritan. We farewell Miss Molloy, Mrs Corner and Ms Morrissey who each have played a major role in the college and Mrs Arora and Mr Barrett. Mr Morris and Miss Chisari will also be leaving and have had a positive impact on the learning of many of our students. We also wish Mrs Dadd and Mrs Williams all the best as they take leave in 2011. I thank those people for their contribution and wish them well in the future.
As I conclude this newsletter, it is with a degree of sadness that I realize that this is my last formal communication with the community. I know I leave Good Samaritan as we are of a journey of continual improvement. I also am confident that the college will be led by a Principal who is an accomplished practitioner and a visionary who has my respect and confidence. Over the last few weeks, I have been humbled by the words of gratitude and well wishes that I have received from many members of the parent and student body. Tonight, I will have the opportunity to thank so many of you for the support that I have been given and thus our college has been given. I feel privileged to have been honoured with the role of Principal, however, I could not have performed the role successfully without the support of the students, staff and parents and friends of the college. I will certainly miss the Good Samaritan Catholic College community and the many relationships that have been forged. I am grateful for the wonderful experiences and challenges over the last 8 years. Many of which have made me a better person. It is fitting that I conclude with the meaningful words of St Paul

“I thank my God each time I think of you and when I pray for you I pray with joy”

May we all continue to “Journey with Compassion”

I wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas and a safe holiday break. I hope that each student returns with a sense of commitment and renewed enthusiasm at the beginning of 2011.

God Bless.

Mr J Lo Cascio
PRINCIPAL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (ADMINISTRATION)

FINAL WEEK OF 2010
Parents are reminded of the contents of a recent letter from the Principal regarding the arrangements for the final week of school. It is expected that all students attend school on both Monday, 13th and Tuesday, 14th December. An end of year Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am on Monday 13th December and parents are invited to attend. A picnic day to Thirroul Beach Reserve will be held on Tuesday. Details about arrangements for Wednesday, 15th December are indicated below. Both Thursday 16th and Friday, 17th December are pupil free days.

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT INTERVIEWS
Semester Two Reports will be available for collection from the college office on Wednesday, 15th December and, if not collected, they will be posted home on Thursday, 16th December. The college is conducting Parent / Teacher / Student interviews for Year 7, 8, 9, 11 students on Wednesday, 15th December from 8.30am to 10.30am and 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Should parents wish to meet with teachers during these times, your son or daughter is required to make bookings directly with their teachers. The interviews will be conducted in five minute time slots. A sheet to record bookings was provided to all students earlier in the week, along with a letter with information about the interviews and reports. Students are required to be in full school uniform for the interviews.

All bookings for parent-teacher-student interviews should be finalised before the end of Monday, 13th December.

2011 Term Dates

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Many thanks to all associated with the Good Samaritan community for your contributions and support during this past year. I take this opportunity to wish every member of the school community peace, joy and blessings during the Christmas season. I trust that all families are able to spend some time together over the holiday break and that they take the opportunity to renew and revitalise. I look forward to working at Good Samaritan Catholic College again in 2011.

STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR DECEMBER: STRETCH YOUR BRAIN

With the end of the year fast approaching, take the time to ask yourself these questions:

- How well did I do this year at school?
- Did my particular style of thinking or approach produce more or less than I had expected?
- What could I have done differently?

What might I change to help me improve next year?
Take a piece of paper and write down the top 5 changes you want to make in your approach to school next year. Do it now because you will forget what you did in the new year. That way you can review your list before you start school again next year.

The holidays are also a perfect time to stretch your brain. The best thing you can do for your brain is to try something new, this will build new neural pathways in
your brain. So these holidays, try at least one thing you have never done before, Sudoku, start learning a new language, try a new sport, take up a new hobby, even brushing your teeth with the opposite hand can have a beneficial effect on the brain. Visit www.studyskillshandbook.com.au next year to learn more about the brain in our new unit we are now developing, Your Brain and Memory.

Right now though, Year 10-12 students might like to check out the new, and very comprehensive, unit Managing Part-Time Jobs (click on the ‘For Student’s tab). Requested by a student, this unit tells you everything you need to know about getting and keeping a part-time job and how to find a balance with your schoolwork.

Our school’s subscription details to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au are -
User name: forgsconly
Password: 48results

Mr P Brooks
Assistant Principal (Administration)

We come to the end of another year and hasn’t it gone fast! Like most years, it has probably had its share of the mess and the marvel, the comic and the tragic, the mundane and the miraculous. I guess what is important for us all, is to learn and grow in wisdom, from these experiences.

Thank you to all who have encouraged Mr Bell and myself with your positive comments. We certainly hope we have been able to help you in the difficult task of guiding adolescents through their teenage years – a challenging time for sure, but most rewarding too! We both look forward to further chats next year.

All that remains is to wish you and your families a very faith-filled, peaceful Christmas.

Out of darkness …..LIGHT
Out of uncertainty …..PROMISE

Wishing you a BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Sr Marj Carroll and Mr Bell

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Year Nine Evangelisation Project
As a response to the ongoing call for a new evangelisation and preparations for World Youth Day in Madrid 2011, student evangelisation teams have been established within Yr Nine at all Catholic schools. On Friday 26th November several students accompanied Ms Dadd on a formation day for these young men and women at ACU Strathfield. This was a time spent in faith and leadership formation, along with the opportunity for students to connect form the different Catholic school within the Archdiocese. It also gave the students the chance to meet with Cardinal Pell at mass. I had the opportunity to present to these young students from the Southern Region schools as part of a panel that was exploring how we respond to our faith. We look forward to the work that these young men and women will be doing in the future and know that they will have a positive impact on the lives of many of their peers and staff.

The feast day of the Immaculate Conception
December the 8th was the feast day of the Immaculate Conception. Many people think that this feast day is about the conception of Jesus but this isn’t correct. The conception of Jesus is called the Miraculous Conception, the miracle of Jesus being conceived without a human father and this is celebrated on the 25th of March with the feast of the Annunciation. The understanding of the Immaculate Conception has its foundations from the second century and it celebrates the fact that Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin. It is under this title that Mary revealed herself to St Bernadette and the other little children at Lourdes.

Acknowledgement and Thank you
As the year comes to an end, it is opportune to acknowledge those Year 11 students who have given of their time over the past term reaching out to those around them as an expression of their faith in the risen Lord and His command to feed His sheep and to seek out those in need. The students have done this in two ways. Firstly, there are those who have gone out on Thursday evenings to assist the Liverpool St Vincent de Paul in their night patrol. It is during these opportunities that they assist in the distribution of sandwiches to all who come. The second group to acknowledge are the students who have participated in the catechetical program at St Therese Sadleir-Miller. These young people have gone out on Tuesday afternoons to help teach religion at St Therese. We thank them for their commitment in this area and we pray that from this the vocation to become teacher’s of God’s word might grow.

Mr P Kingsman
RE Coordinator
### 2010 Presentation Evening Awards

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### Commitment to Study

- Rebecca Arcuri#
- Mark Bawalan#
- Erika Brocklehurst#
- Alyssa Cook#
- Patrick Goorkiz#
- Isabella Hanlon#
- Natalie Perre#
- Caroline Said#
- Lauren Smith#
- Jacinta Vella

### Special Awards

- **Sport**: Alyssa Cook#
- **Debating & Public Speaking**: Johann Kamalaneson#
- **Creative & Performing Arts**: William Blandino
2010 MAJOR AWARDS

Chris Hayes’ Book Prize
Brian Kane
Blake Malsem

Laurie Ferguson History Prize
Erika Brocklehurst
Zoe Tishler

St Vincent De Paul Awards for Social Justice
Vanessa Agu
Nonye Iheakanwa

QUOTA International Award
Maddison McPherson

Australian Defence Force Award
Year 10: Annelise Fegatilli
Year 11: Rebecca Arcuri
Year 12: Jessica Ciccone

UWS Most Outstanding Year 11 Student Award
Mark Bawalan

UNSW Outstanding Academic Achievement
George El-Boustani

Caltex All Rounder Award
Steven Catanea

NSW Representatives Sport Award
Bianca Adattini – Futsal
Adam Ciampa – Indoor Mixed Netball
Cristian Ciampa – Futsal
Georgina Ciampa – Indoor Netball
Travis Fernandez – Tae Kwon Doe
Anthony Tomelic – Soccer
Natalie Yelda - Futsal

Australian Representatives Sport Award
Alyssa Cook – Indoor Netball
Lana Ferreira – Futsal
Daniel Madani – Martial Arts
Joseph Mawson – Go Karting

House Awards
Chisholm: Latoya Walker
De Paul: Jemma Young
La Salle: Tina Pham
MacKillop: Johann Kamalaneson
Merici: Bianca Adattini
Polding: Caroline Said

Good Samaritan Awards
Sean Bermingham
Johann Kamalaneson
Maddison McPherson
Jacinta Vella
Year 10

Graduation Mass

and

Dinner
CAPA & TAS YEARS 7-9 AWARDS NIGHT
CAPA AND TAS AWARD RECIPIENTS

YEAR 7
Marita Abou Fram
Sabina Asmaro
Jenny Atienza
Kristy Bartels
Carley Bonaccorso
Harry Butler
Matthew Colombo
Jessica De Caria
Ella Gabrielle Escalada
Francesca Foti
Natalia Kuirintinus
Varsha Kumar
Max Lerion
Jason Long
Eirene Magsino
Raymond McAteer
Chloe McElhone
Bianca Moss
Elia Naman
Jakob O’Brien
Nathan Oselli
Ashleigh Pace
Mark Patto
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Nicholas Severino
Elizabeth Swallow
Jessica Swallow
Suzanne Thai
Dayla-Moni Tikeri
Joseph Tran
Joseph Vartuli
Joanne Zervas

Laura Cross
Chantelle Cruz
Luke Debono
Joshua Doctor
Quoc Duong
Rodny Escalada
Liam Evans
Sarah Griffiths
Brooke Hellyer
Damian Ienco
Celia Iturrieta-Godoy
Chanise Jamhour
Brian Kane
Angela Macari
Kevin Macutay
Blake Malsem
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Kurtis Vo
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YEAR 8
Crystal Allebi
Brittany Allison
Adam Arcuri
Fernanda Avila
Chimene Azzi
Marcella Bodagh
Hannah Brocklehurst
Monika Caraballo
Brandon Cook

Laura Angeloni
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Sinead Cummins
Andy Dao
Kristine Flores
Paul Galea
Nicholas Gilvear
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Quinnie Kuang
An Le
Yannick L’Eveille
Josephine Losurdo
John-Mark Merhi
Joyce Mondalek
Cassandra Monjo
Juan Montoya
Phillip Nguyen
Dat Nguyen
Adrian Olegario
Bonnie Zivic

YEAR 9
Laura Cross
Chantelle Cruz
Luke Debono
Joshua Doctor
Quoc Duong
Rodny Escalada
Liam Evans
Sarah Griffiths
Brooke Hellyer
Damian Ienco
Celia Iturrieta-Godoy
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Adrian Olegario
Bonnie Zivic

Year 7 Art Excursion

Congratulations

YEAR COORDINATORS AWARD

Year 7 Jayden Zivic
Year 8 Brian Kane
Year 9 Milan Paunovic
Year 10 Ryan Selvage
Year 11 Joshua Bugeja
**YEAR 10 OPEN UP TIME CAPSULE BURIED IN 2007**

We did not know what to expect! It took a while and after a few passes around, as a class, we tried to open our four year old glass container filled with messages. I personally could not remember what I wrote to myself. I opened my letter and laughed. My writing was really quite bad back then, thankfully most of it was typed. It started off with my profile – my name, age, favourite colour and then what I was doing on that day. I have to give my previous self credit, it ended with ‘always be yourself, no matter what happens, you are who you are’. I looked around to see smiles and even laughs as friends had drawn pictures of themselves. We then pulled out the class photo of 2007, faded from being under the ground for four years. It had become like one of those photos you see at your grandmother’s house. This time capsule produced an amazing experience, intimate, funny and reminiscent. An experience never to be forgotten, ready for the next generation to open and read our stories. Thank you to Mrs Marcellienus for this wonderful experience and to Ms Nash for photographing it.

Justin Jarrett

**YEAR 8 GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE PUBLIC SPEAKING CHALLENGE**

On Monday 6th December the final of the Year 8 Public Speaking competition was held at the college. Similar to the Year 7 competition earlier in the year, this involved every student in year 8 writing and presenting a speech on the college theme “Be the word in action” in their Catholic Studies class. This coincided with their final topic ‘Living the Christian Life’. Two students from each house were then chosen to present their 3 minute speech at a special final adjudicated by our Religious Education Coordinator Mr Kingsman. The speakers who were selected for the final each delivered outstanding speeches outlining what it means to “Be the word in action”. At the conclusion of the speeches, Mr Kingsman awarded four students special honours for their performance on the day. The wealth of talent evident across Year 8 augurs well for the college’s chances in the CSDA Public Speaking competition next year. Special thanks to all Year 8 Catholic Studies teachers and Mr Kingsman for their support of this initiative.

**Mr M Bradbury**

Public Speaking Coordinator

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TECHNOLOGY NEWS

- Email / Network Account Closure for Leaving Students

Students who are leaving the College at the end of the term are reminded to save any documents to external storage (such as a USB stick) as soon as possible. Obsolete accounts will be taken off the system from midnight on Friday, the 17th December.

- Access to email and timetable information during the holidays

The College website will continue to be uploaded with up-to-date information during the holidays. Internet services such as myMail and myClasses will also continue to operate during the holidays. Scheduled maintenance may halt myMail services in early January, so make sure to check the online services status page on the College website for service disruptions. Timetable information will also be available in late January through the myInfo information service. When available, students may log on to myInfo using their network password to access timetable information before the new term commences.

- Special Events Team at Good Samaritan

Term 4 has been an extremely busy term. It is always great to see that many of our students compassionately help in the area of special events. This term, they helped stage the Cluster Schools Concert in our brand new hall, created some awesome presentations for various liturgies and assemblies, and even made sure that our College welcome screen was always up to date. On behalf of the College community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students who have helped us this term:

- Jasmine Jargees
- Elisa Romeo
- Clae Dickson
- Brittney Allison
- Andre Callus
- Jon Cox
- Chloe Parke
- Chloe Callus
- Bruno Romeo
- Victoria Criniti
- Samantha Parke
- Blake Malsem
- Adriana Damjancuk
- Jason Neron
- Milan Paunovic
- Nikia Upson
- Rebecca Arcuri

Mr J Reyes
Information Technology Co-ordinator

BRAINIAC

Wednesday 24th November, four students were selected to represent Good Samaritan Catholic College at “Brainiac”, a gifted and talented competition amongst many of the local public and catholic secondary schools. Courtney Reylin (Year 7), Gemma Brocklehurst (Year 8), Yannick L’Eveille (Year 9) and Joseph Iaconis (Year 10) were selected and I must say, did an excellent job of putting their comprehensive knowledge and skills to the test.

The day started with some immensely difficult History and Geography questions; even if I were allowed to aid the students in any way, my help would have been futile. However, the students were not deterred and they used their common sense, logic and some ingenuous problem-solving strategies to answer these and the following English and Mathematics questions to the best of their ability.

The afternoon sessions really allowed the students to demonstrate both their intellectual and creative flair. The “Engineering” session involved creating the tallest possible tower with only one piece of construction paper and 1 metre of tape. Our students were awarded 3rd place for their 96 cm ‘skyscraper’. In "Visual Alchemy", students had to sketch one of their teammates along with an item that represented that person physically, emotionally or spiritually. Our students created a fantastically innovative portrait that displayed artistic competence and contextual depth and were justly awarded 2nd place.

Overall, the day proved to be a unique and rewarding experience for all concerned. The students performed admirably and represented our College with pride and dignity. It is hoped that this competition can continue on an annual basis to allow more of our “Brainiacs” here at Good Samaritan an opportunity to really “strut their stuff”.

Miss M Boggs
GOT YOUR LS ... OR PLANNING TO GET THEM?

keys2drive – a joint initiative of the Australian Automobile Association’s clubs (ie NRMA in NSW) and the Australian Government – is set to change how novice driver training is delivered in Australia. Over time, it is hoped that the keys2drive program will contribute to a reduction in the number and severity of crashes involving young drivers.

A keys2drive lesson is unique for a number of reasons:

it’s FREE – the Australian Government is funding a total of 200,000 lessons Australia-wide; it can only be delivered by a specially accredited keys2drive professional instructor; it gets the Learner’s supervising driver (most often mum or dad) involved too – teaching them the safest way to coach their Learner; and it has the support of Australia’s motorclubs, licensing authorities and driver training industry.

A recent survey of more than 200 keys2drive customers reported a 94% overall satisfaction rating with the program.

If you already have your Ls or are planning to get them over summer, or if you’re a parent and will be or are already supervising a Learner driver, book now to avoid disappointment.

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MISA SPORT REPORT

Term 4 has been another successful and challenging competition for our MISA teams. With substantial rain interruptions, the competition, although cut short, was as close as any other term this year. Our softball teams, coached by Miss Najdek and Mrs Celea faced some tough opposition from all schools, ending up in the mix of one of the closest competitions of the year. The college’s cricket teams, led by Mrs Tolomeo and Mr Turner achieved excellent results. The 7-9 Girls teams ended the season in equal 2nd place, whilst the 7-9 Boys team were named joint premiers with Clancy Catholic College. Congratulations boys!

Touch football was also a close competition for the 9-10 Boys and Girls teams, coached by Mr Micev and Mr Costin. The boys won and lost close games, leaving most teams in a similar position at the end of the season. The girls’ team however, finished the season as joint premiers, with Clancy Catholic College. Well done girls!

Finally for Term 4, was the Basketball competition. Our 7-8 Boys team, coached by Mrs Colman, faced some strong opposition and played for 3rd place in the finals week. Our Girls team, coached by Mrs Cook went undefeated throughout the season and were successful in the final. Congratulations to Mrs Cook and the whole team.

2010 has been a successful year for Good Samaritan in MISA. We have played in the spirit of competition and in the meantime have gained much success. Our key groups, the Junior and Senior Boys and Girls have fared well this year: our Junior Boys finished 3rd overall and our Senior Boys 4th, whilst both the Junior and Senior Girls finished 1st for the year. As a result of this, Good Samaritan has been placed a close 2nd overall for the MISA competition in 2010. Well done to all.

A sports year does not go ahead without the dedication of many different people. As a result, a big thank you is extended to all players from all teams for 2010. Their talents and sportsmanship were impeccable and well displayed. To the parents who supported teams by providing equipment, cleaning jerseys, attending games and supporting their child’s desire to play sport, a big thank you to you. And finally, to the coaches from 2010. I thank them for their dedication to sport at Good Samaritan, as without it, sports would not run and students not given the opportunity to compete.

Mr J Wheeler, Sport Coordinator