Dear Parents and Friends of the college

Over the last two weeks, students in Years 7 to 11 have undertaken half yearly examinations and Year 7 and 9 have also sat for the NAPLAN tests. Most students approached the examinations in a mature and committed sense. I congratulate them for the maturity with which they undertook the process and also acknowledge Miss Molloy and Mrs Corner for their organization. Over the coming weeks, students will have their NAPLAN tests externally marked and results will be available to parents and the college later in the year. The college examinations will be marked by teachers and reported upon later this term.

Last term, the college conducted two fundraising activities, in an effort to promote social justice. Students raised $4254.20 for Caritas and $2045 for the Haiti Appeal. I thank the students for their willingness to support those less fortunate than themselves and encourage them to continue to seek means by which they can support others in the future.

Last week, the Walkathon Cards were given to all students. It is important that every student makes an effort to raise at least $30 for the walkathon. The proceeds from the walkathon will be used to purchase technology equipment and furniture for the new college hall and chapel. This will benefit all students at the college.

Over the coming year, there will be a number of events scheduled in the lead up to World Youth Day in Madrid in 2011. One of the events will take place this evening. This will involve a large number of students from the college, joining with students from other schools across the archdiocese, to attend an evening of socializing and catechesis. The evening will be followed by an evangelization retreat for ten Year 10 students on May 28. This event will provide prospective pilgrims to Madrid with insights into their own faith and World Youth Day. I encourage all students to support World Youth Day initiatives and thank Mrs Dadd for her leadership in this area to date. If anyone would like more information about World Youth Day, they should contact Mrs Dadd at the College.

Recently the college conducted a Study Seminar for students in Years 9 to 11, as was mentioned in earlier newsletters. The study skills seminars were accompanied by access to a website which provides advice on study, assessments, planning and organization. The password has changed since 2009, which means that students may have had difficulty accessing the site with the password contained in the previous newsletter. The details for the site are:

User Name: forgsconly
Password: 48results

I encourage all students to make use of the site and remind parents that there will be a follow up evening for parents and students on June 2nd.

This week, it gives me great pleasure, to congratulate two of our students on outstanding achievements beyond the college. Alyssa Cook (Year 11) has been selected as a shadow player for the U/18 Australian Indoor Netball Team. This is an outstanding achievement, considering Alyssa is only 16. Justin Jarrett (Year 10) has progressed through to the zone finals of the Plain English Public Speaking Award. Justin competed

JOURNEYING WITH COMPASSION
against students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and proved to be quite polished in his presentation. Justin will travel to Sydney Girls’ High School to compete in the South Western Sydney Zone Final, on 27 May. Well done Alyssa and Justin.

On Saturday May 8, the college received the wonderful news that Ms Walker had given birth to a little baby girl Livinia Grace. I am sure that everyone in our community will join with me in wishing Ms Walker and her husband Anthony, hearty congratulations on the birth and wish little Livinia God’s blessings for a healthy and prosperous life.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, which is a reminder of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Fifty days after Easter the apostles waited in a room. The Holy Spirit united them with Jesus and proceeded to form the words, which the apostles used to spread the Good News, in languages understood by everybody.

Today, we are also called by the Spirit, to be who we are, to be committed Christians and dedicated Catholics. We are called to let the Spirit work the wonders of God in our hearts and the hearts of his people. We need to be open to the Holy Spirit and as Jesus states “Receive the Holy Spirit and God will work his wonders through us”.

God bless,

Mr J Lo Cascio
PRINCIPAL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (PASTORAL CARE)

WALKATHON 2010
21 DAYS TO GO

As you would all be aware by this time, all students have been issued with their Walkathon Cards and should be busily seeking sponsorship from friends and family. All students are required to raise at least $30.00. Upon reaching this target they will go into a draw for prizes worth in excess of $1000.00.

On Monday next week, the 24th of May, all students are required to bring their Walkathon Cards to school where their PC teachers will check and record their progress to date in terms of collecting sponsors.

Any student who has $30.00 in sponsorship by this date will go into a pre walkathon prize draw.

Sports Uniform

A reminder to parents and students that all students are expected to wear their full Winter Sports Uniform to and from school on Tuesdays. The outer garment must always be the College Tracksuit top. On cold days students are permitted to wear their college jumper under the tracksuit top. Shoes are to be predominantly white (with laces).

There will be a uniform check next Tuesday and any student out of uniform will be placed on a sports detention. If students do not have the full sports uniform, they are to wear their full college uniform to and from school. They may change into their sports uniform for sport or PDHPE at school.

We take a great deal of pride in the way we are perceived by the wider community and expect that the students wear their uniform in such a way that it enhances the image of the College.

Mr P Scollard,
Assistant Principal (Pastoral)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

This week we sit at the crossroads of three key feasts. Last Sunday we celebrated the Ascension, this Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and Monday the 24th is the celebration of Mary Help of Christians. The feast of the Ascension not only points to the divine nature of Jesus returning to full life in the Trinity, but it also points to the promise made that we too will live in the presence of the one true living God. The Ascension and Pentecost are linked when at the end of Luke’s Gospel the Lord said that one would come, as the Father promised, who would clothe them with power from on high, so they would become witnesses to all that they had seen. This reference to the ‘one’ is the Holy Spirit, the same spirit that brought about the conception of Jesus in Mary and it is the same Spirit that descended upon Jesus, leading Him into the wilderness for forty days before starting His public ministry of proclaiming the good news, forgiving sins, healing the sick and casting out devils.

Many do not know that the Acts of the Apostles is actually the second part of Luke’s Gospel. The first half, The Gospel According to Luke, deals with the saving power of God operating through Jesus. The second half, The Acts of the Apostles, highlights the saving power of God operating through the disciples once they have received the power of God with the descent of the Holy Spirit. Having the same author we find the same ideas being expressed. Within the Gospel, Luke describes the Holy Spirit coming upon Mary at the annunciation when she conceived the Word made flesh. Within the Acts at the Pentecost experienced, Luke once again explains that the Holy Spirit comes upon the disciples as the risen Word is made flesh in. This Pentecost experience is the baptism by fire that John the Baptist said Jesus would bring. It is only through the Holy Spirit that we like the early disciples gain the real courage to proclaim the truth of Christ to those who need and deserve to hear.

While Luke never mentions that Mary or the name of any other disciple is in the room at the time of Pentecost, tradition maintains that she was present with the disciples and apostles. This is in accordance with scripture where Mary is the first disciple, the first to accept Jesus the Messiah into her life and the first to ponder the meaning of His actions in her heart. The Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians highlights the significance of Mary as the one who leads us to her Son. It is under this title that Mary was nominated as the patron of Australia and she is the one to whom we turn for the help and protection of our nation.
We pray,

We turn to you for protection
Mary, the help of all Christians.
Listen to our prayers
And help us in our need.
Save us from every danger,
and may you bring
the blessing of peace and unity
to all peoples of Australia.
Amen.

Mr P Kingsman,
RE Coordinator

PARENTING CORNER

TRUST YOUR TEENAGER

“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.”

Mark Twain 1835-1910

Why do we under-sell teenagers? How little we sometimes expect.

This introduction was written in a Catholic Weekly column, Parenting for Character, taken from a book by Andrew Mullins. Andrew goes on to write that we let children develop personality-sapping behaviours, right before our eyes. He gives examples of the teenager, when guests come to dinner, customarily eating in front of T.V. In others, parents learn to accommodate cynical back chat; or allow their teenage boy to sit in the back seat, immersed in headphones, while you dutifully chauffeur him.

Parents have a duty to educate children in these situations. In fact, they have a duty to do their very best to ensure that young persons in their care, bring to reality, the marvellous potential that lies in each - potential for love, generous relationships and happiness.

But whether he or she ever gets there, is all too dependent on the head start they receive.

I was reminded of this article when I, together with 50,000 others, welcomed home JESSICA WATSON on Saturday from her epic voyage of 210 days sailing solo around the world, unassisted at 16. There were many critics and probably still are, of her parents allowing one so young to take on this voyage. However, as Jessica stated her parents gave her trust and responsibility from a very young age in little things growing to bigger. They knew the capabilities of their daughter, no doubt at the same time being discerning and apprehensive.

As we all now know, Jessica showed phenomenal skill, tenacity, perseverance and courage to battle horrific weather conditions of gigantic seas, treacherous storms, ferocious winds all alone 1000km from help and sailed into an overwhelming WELCOME HOME. While other teenagers are enslaving themselves in sex, drugs, drink, T.V., iPods, etc., Jessica was living a very real challenge. She doesn’t see herself as a hero, but a VERY ORDINARY GIRL who worked hard and believed in her dream.

She hopes she can be a good role model and MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

I pray that you, as parents, be graced with all you need to guide your adolescents to be their best selves.

Sr Marj

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

This Friday, student representatives from Years 10, 11 and 12 will participate in “Believe Catechesis” with Cardinal Pell at All Saints Catholic Church in Liverpool. This is an event that joins hundreds of young Catholics in an exploration of their faith. I am so pleased to see students from Good Samaritan Catholic College excited and engaged in their spiritual development.

Upcoming events:

Convivio: Convivio is a Congress for Catholic Youth. It is an occasion for the youth to deepen in their relationship with the Lord Jesus, themselves and others. During one weekend, students from Years 10, 11 and 12 meet to reflect on issues that affect our world today, aiming to create solutions based on the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Convivio 2010 will be held on the weekend of the 25th-27th June at Notre Dame University, Broadway. It would be great to have representatives from Good Samaritan Catholic College engage in such an enriching experience.

If any students from Years 10, 11 or 12 are interested, please see Mrs Dadd for more details.

Walk With Christ: On Sunday 6th June (Feast of Corpus Christi), join thousands of Catholics as we ‘Walk With Christ’ in a Procession through the streets of Sydney. Cardinal George Pell will lead the Procession and celebrate the Solemn Benediction. If you are interested in attending this event, please see Mrs Dadd for more details.

Mrs Dadd
Youth Ministry Coordinator

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Pentecost Sunday in Lurnea Parish

As in past years, our whole community will gather for just one Mass on the weekend of Pentecost (23rd May) to celebrate our unity in the descent of the Holy Spirit. This year the Mass will be held in the grounds of St Catherine of Siena Primary School and will commence at 9.30am. There will be a BBQ following, to which all are invited.

Regards
Fr Peter

REMINDER TO ALL

On Friday 28th May, Good Samaritan Catholic College staff will be attending a Staff Development Day (PUPIL FREE) which is to be held offsite. Please note that student supervision will not be available on this day.
Year 11 Visual Arts

Year 11 Visual Arts this semester have been studying the Body in Western Art. These are some exciting examples of their work.

Assessment for this task included displaying their works in the gallery and presenting their artmaking process to their peers, members of staff and the school executive.

We congratulate Year 11 Visual Arts Students on their innovative and interesting work.

The work will be on display in the Gallery [between the art rooms] for students, parents and friends on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th June during lunch and after school from 3pm - 4pm.

2010 DEBATING TEAMS
SMH PLAIN ENGLISH SPEAKING COMPETITION
On 10th May during a busy exam week, Justin Jarrett and Maddison McPherson of Year 10, once again represented the college in a public speaking competition. This time it was the prestigious SMH Plain English Speaking competition. The local final of this competition was held at Prairiewood High School and featured local public, Catholic and independent schools from South Western Sydney. The competition involves both the presentation of an 8 minute prepared speech as well as an impromptu component. This section required students to receive an unseen topic on the day and have only 3 minutes to prepare a 3 minute speech on that topic. This was the first time either student had experienced this type of competition but handled the pressure with distinction. While other students struggled to make the 3 minute time requirement, both Maddison and Justin delivered sophisticated 3 minute speeches on the topic “Tomorrow is another day”. Students were then marked according to a combination of their prepared and impromptu speeches. Three speakers were selected to progress to the regional final with Justin Jarrett announced as the first place winner of this round. Maddison unfortunately just missed out on a place but was praised by the adjudicator for both of her speeches. Justin and Maddison’s performance in this competition is even more special when considering that they were the two youngest speakers in the competition with most competitors coming from Year 12. An achievement not lost on some of the other speakers who were amazed that both Justin and Maddison were only in Year 10. Justin will now move on to the regional final which will be held at Sydney Girls High School on Thursday 27th May.
Mr M Bradbury
Public Speaking and Debating Coordinator

SWCCDA DEBATING COMPETITION
As we approach the midseason of the debating competition, the college has recorded a number of wins across the different teams. The second round of the competition was held at the college and hosted teams from Clancy Catholic College. Speaking on the topic of ‘The best sport is non-competitive’, our Year 7 team recorded their first win of the season. The team developed a solid case based on very recent examples including the controversial Melbourne Storm salary cap scandal. Our Year 7’s have shown that they have the potential to become a very imposing debating team in the future. In round 3 of the competition at All Saints Girls College our Year 10 team recovered from a demoralising defeat in the previous round to record a victory against their traditional rivals All Saints Girls College. It is a credit to the team that they continue to be great ambassadors of the college in both victory and defeat. There was also good news for our Senior team who remain undefeated after 3 rounds of the competition posting wins against Freeman College, and the two Mary MacKillop College teams. After their win in round 3, the adjudicator praised their experience and team work when delivering the result. The team was able to successfully argue that “Governments do not have the right to censor the internet”. With only three rounds left including the bye week, the team will most likely only require one more win to secure a place in the Final. In other year groups the Year 8 and Year 9 teams have also performed well and continue to show great dedication to learning the art of debating. They too have been involved in some very close debates and displayed great sportsmanship and grace when the decisions didn’t go their way. I would like to thank all of the staff who have supported debating at the college. Other schools have regularly commented on the amount of teachers at Good Samaritan who regularly devote their time on a Friday afternoon to ensure the teams are successful. Many of the coaches have also spent time after school for practice which has helped to prepare students for their debates. Thank you to Mr Lo Cascio, Ms Raso, Mr Turner, Mrs Castillo, Mr Dominish, Miss Parsons, Mrs Wright, Mr Kingsman, Mrs Kennedy, Mr Gray, Mr O’Sullivan, Ms Bilaver, Mrs Fegatilli for assisting with debating so far this season.
Mr M Bradbury, Public Speaking and Debating Coordinator

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ELEARNING FOR PARENTS

Cybersmart tips for parents

Help your children make smart choices about who they meet and what they find on the net.
1. Spend time online – do it with your children and let them teach you about the net.
2. Teach your children ‘netiquette’. Encourage them to treat others online in the same way they should in real life.
3. Set rules. Make sure your children understand what information they can give out, what programs they can use and how often they can use the net.
4. Put the internet computer in an open area in the house – don’t let them surf alone and take time to talk to them about what they are doing. Get to know what they use the net for. Teach them how to respond appropriately to inappropriate material.

Mr G Lozelle
Librarian

YEAR 12 HALF YEARLY—FIRST IN SUBJECT

Congratulations to the following students who were placed First in their respective subjects in their Half Yearly Reports

Magella Barbuto English Advanced (2 Unit)
Andrea Brocklehurst Mathematics Extension 1 (2 Unit), Physics (2 Unit)
Leah Brown Ancient History (2 Unit), Senior Geography (2 Unit)
Maria Diaz-Zarate English as a Second Language
Louise Doculara Studies of Religion (1 Unit)
George El-Boustani Business Studies (2 Unit), Economics (2 Unit), Mathematics (2 Unit), Software Design and Development (2 Unit), Mathematics Extension 1 (1 Unit)
Anthony El-Zakhem Community and Family Studies (2 Unit), Visual Arts (2 Unit)
Lana Ferreira Personal Development, Health and Physical Education 2U
Chanel Gronowski Information Processes and Technology (2 Unit)
Stephanie Herreen English Standard (2 Unit), Studies of Religion (2 Unit)
Rebecca Hunt General Mathematics (2 Unit)
Chantelle Monjo English Extension (1 Unit)
Sarah Nega Modern History (2 Unit), History Extension (1 Unit)
Joseph Nguyen Chemistry (2 Unit)
Ronnie Palumbo Industrial Technology - Wood (2 Unit)
Vince Roccisano Engineering Studies (2 Unit)
Justine Salazar Drama (2 Unit)
Elizabeth Si Biology (2 Unit)
Alyssa Suyko Food Technology (2 Unit)
Giulia Tolomeo Catholic Studies (1 Unit)
Jemma Young Legal Studies (2 Unit)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Did you know?

Almost 1 in 5 Australian school students are in Catholic schools. Support from Federal and State governments is welcomed and essential to the provision of a Catholic education for these students.

Council of Catholic School Parents
Advocacy and Support for all parents www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au No. 1
**LOOKING FOR A CAREER IN SCIENCE?**

**Science Course #1 – Bachelor of Forensic Biology in Biomedical Science**

**ATAR - 86.75 (UTS), 86.00 (UWS)**

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

**Recommended Subjects –**
* Chemistry
* Mathematics Extension 1

**Career Opportunities –**
Scene of the crime officer; forensic laboratory scientist in federal, state law enforcement agencies or private DNA testing laboratories; biomedical scientist in private or public medical diagnostic or research laboratories.

For more information, see Ms Flocco or Mrs Hewitt

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**MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT**

The Good Samaritan Catholic College Mathematics Department would like to congratulate the following Year 10 students who have received outstanding results in their recent Half Yearly Examinations -

Vince Palumbo  
Huy Vu  
Olivia Strzemkowski  
Carina Bilotta

These students placed first in their Year 10 Pathway examinations and should be proud of what they have achieved this semester. Well done and keep up the good work!

Mrs M Cook  
Mathematics Coordinator

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**Italian Proverb of the week**

*Gli amici sono la famiglia che scegliamo per noi stessi*

Friends are the family we choose for ourselves

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**SOUTHERN SYDNEY CROSS COUNTRY**

On Wednesday the 5th of May a number of students represented the college in the Southern Sydney Cross Country carnival at South Western Sydney Regional Park. On the day there were some impressive results with six runners now going on to represent the college in the New South Wales Combined Catholic Colleges event later this term at Eastern Creek. The runners progressing to the next round are Adrian Ussia, Ramina Sadek, Christopher El-Hayek, Anthony Tomelic, Jacqueline Da Silva and Laura Beazley. We wish these students all the best in the next round.

The squad consisted of:

Christopher Vella, Laura Beazley, Benjamin Ryzak, Jacqueline Da Silva, Adrian D’Onofrio, Ryan Acreman, Natasha Pope, Corey Dwarte, George Macri, Joseph Iaconis, Christopher El-Hayek, Anthony Tomelic, Clae Dickson, Samuel Romeo, Brandon Cook, Luke Ferreira, Adrian Ussia, Daniel Sadek, Kayla Pope and Samantha Parke.

Mr Wheeler and Mr Zahra  
Sports Coordinators

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**COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES SOCCER COMPETITION**

The senior boys’ soccer team won their first round of the CCC knockout competition by defeating Clancy Catholic College 5-1. The first half of the game was very competitive with the ball at half time being 1-1.

The second half of the game saw the Good Samaritan boys score an early goal which was equalized a short time later, however, the goal was disallowed for an offside play. Not to be outdone, Joseph Foti put the ball in the back of the net only to have his attempt disallowed for the same reason. It didn’t take long for the boys to dictate the play beginning with a great goal from Jorge Viegas. The tight Good Samaritan backline played by Cristian Ciampa, Carmelo Ussia and Tom Micev shut down many attempts by Clancy to equal the score. We then added another three goals to win the game 5-1.

Goal scorers were Carmelo Ussia (who played the first half as striker), Chris El-Hayek (2) John Fahmi and Jorge Viegas. The boys now advance through to the second round of the competition and we wish them every success.

Mrs C Celea
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr Dan White, Executive Director of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney, invites you to an evening of conversation to provide feedback from the ‘Listening Assemblies’ of 2009/2010 Community.

Wednesday 2nd June 2010
7.30pm—9.30pm
Catholic Education Office Southern Region
300 The River Rd Revesby
Phone 9772 7000

RSVP to you’re the Region Office or contact Mary Ryan
Mary.ryan@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au
Ph 9568 8115

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th May
Year 7, 2011 Interviews

Friday 28th May
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (PUPIL FREE DAY—NO SUPERVISION AVAILABLE)

Wednesday 2nd June
Study Skills—Parent & Student session 7.00pm

Monday 7th June
Year 7 vaccinations

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We care and we listen—anytime and for any reason

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Confidential Help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
LIFELINE 131 114
24 hours, 7 days a week telephone service

YEAR 7 AND 11 ENROLMENTS 2011
Year 7 enrolments closed on Monday 17 May and Year 11 enrolments closed today 21 May. Any students who have not submitted applications should take their late application to the college office as soon as possible for processing.

iConnect Conference, 10-12 September
This conference, jointly hosted by the Council of Catholic School Parents, the Sydney Federation of Catholic School Parents and the Catholic Education Office, Sydney

The three key-note speakers are:
- Prof Alma Harris: “A Master Class for School Leadership Teams in Parent Engagement in Low SES Communities” - Friday 10 September
- Mia Freedman—"The Challenges of Parenting in the 21st Century" - Saturday 11 September
- Danielle Miller: “The Sexualisation of Young Girls” - Sunday 12 September

For further information please contact Mary Ryan on 95688115 or mary.ryan@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au

Good Samaritan Catholic College
Walkathon
Friday 11th June 2010