Dear Parents

A key feature of the curriculum at Good Samaritan is that we are always attempting to address the individual learning needs of students. Teachers are continually involved in professional dialogue relating to creative teaching strategies that can best engage students in their learning. Similarly one of our focus areas is differentiating programs and designing assessment tasks which cater to the different learning styles of students in our class. The following simple reflection reminds us that the core purpose of teachers is to provide learning experiences for our students that provide them with the opportunity to achieve to their absolute potential.

Each Child is Different
Each child is different
Each child is unique
Some learn what they hear
Some learn what they speak.
Some learn when they move
Some learn when they sit
Some learn a lot
Some learn a bit.
So when you are with children
Carefully recognize each learning style
Nurture and challenge
And extend their reach
For that is the reason you have chosen to teach.

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Years 7-10 parents and students have now received students’ Semester 1 Reports. I have read some excellent Reports over the last couple of weeks, so I take this opportunity to congratulate students who have achieved consistently high academic grades and demonstrate very good learning practices. It is the learning practices grade that is most significant as students who continually receive ‘always’ in this section of the Report are working to their potential and, as teachers, we cannot ask any more of them than that.

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Thank you to everyone for ensuring the Athletics Carnival was such a successful and enjoyable day. The spirit was absolutely fantastic and there was tremendous leadership shown by the seniors. A highlight of the day was definitely the war cries and I congratulate the winning House, Polding, after what proved to be a very difficult decision with all war cries being of the highest standard. Our heartiest congratulations to Age Champions and the victorious Merici House (one point ahead of Chisholm). Thank you to Mr Wheeler for his organizational efforts, to the staff who acted as officials and supervised students, and to parents for your attendance. The day was successful because it was a team effort from all members of our community.

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We congratulate some more Good Samaritan ‘stars’:
Alyssa Cook who received the Pierre de Coubertain Award last Friday. This prestigious award, nominated by the school, is for the student who is an ‘active participant in sport, displaying the Olympic ideals of fair play and sportsmanship’. Alyssa is a very worthy winner of this award.

Our debating teams who have completed their last round in the Regional Catholic Competition. We particularly congratulate the Senior A team who will progress to the finals and the Year 10 team who will participate in an elimination debate against Clancy Catholic College to determine who progresses to the finals.

Our Year 10 students, Sinead Cummins, Sarah Santangelo, Danny Kamalaneson and Melanie Thomas defeated The Kings College in the JA Thompson History Debating Competition. The main participants in this competition are the independent and selective schools so this is an excellent achievement. Good luck to these students as they progress to the quarter-finals and well done to our Year 11 students who also performed very well in the competition.

Commiserations to our senior boys’ soccer team who were narrowly defeated by Freeman Catholic College in an exciting game in the Combined Catholic Colleges Competition.
Final congratulations to Miss Sarah Cornale who won the Mathematics Association of NSW Award. Sarah was nominated for this award by the Australian Catholic University who recognized her as their best Mathematics graduate in 2010. This is an outstanding achievement from a very talented Mathematics teacher.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

Ms J Donovan
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal

Cyber Safety
The Australian Communications and Media Authority recently produced a presentation for parents to explain online risks for children and more importantly, the best ways to keep young people safe online. This short five minute video, “How Cybersmart are you?” helps parents navigate through the online world of their teenagers and provides strategies on how to protect their children from potential online risks. This video clip can be accessed through the ACMA website http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/outdoor.aspx. The video sits at the base of this internet page. Alternatively, you can watch on YouTube at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHJgKGYzFy Apart from this new clip, the ACMA website has a good deal of other useful information for parents.

Term 3 Dates
Some of the key college dates for Term 3 are set out below for the advance information of all families.

Monday, 18th July
Term 3 commences (Day 1)

Wednesday, 20th July
Year 11 Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews (3.30pm – 7.30pm)

Friday, 29th July
Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)

Mon 1st – Mon 15th Aug
Year 11, 2012 Information Evening (7.00pm)

Monday, 1st Aug
Year 11, 2012 Information Evening (7.00pm)

Wednesday, 3rd Aug
Year 11, 2012 Subject Market (3.45pm)

Thursday, 4th Aug
Aust Mathematics Competition

Wednesday, 17th Aug
Year 9, 2012 Subject Market & Information Evening

Wednesday, 24th Aug
CAPA / TAS Showcase Evening

Friday, 2nd September
Father’s Day Breakfast (7.30am)

Mon 5th - Thu 15th Sept
Prelim Course Examinations

Friday, 16th September
Good Samaritan Day

Mon 19 & Tues 20 Sept
Year 10 Trial School Certificate Exams

Tuesday, 20th Sept
Year 12 Outreach Day

Wednesday, 21st Sept
Year 12 Graduation Breakfast, Assembly, Mass

Friday, 23rd September
Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Mr P Brooks
Assistant Principal

Assistant Principal

First Semester Holiday
In what seems to be the mere blink of an eye we are halfway through the school year. By the end of the semester many of the members of the Good Samaritan Community are noticeably tired, both staff and students alike. We have had a tremendous first half of the year with students involved in a great variety of activities both inside and outside the classrooms. A huge thank you must go out to the staff who have given selflessly of their time to allow the students to be involved in these activities.

As a Christian people we are called to live our lives with Jesus as a role model. Jesus too lived a life that was full and busy, however, he also knew that it was important to stop occasionally. To stop and reconnect with family and friends, to stop and reconnect with God, to stop and revive the body and spirit so that he could continue his all important ministry. As we commence our holidays let’s look to this model which Jesus has given us and make sure that we take the time to revive our spirits during these holidays so that we are all ready to commence the second semester full of energy and direction.

Silver Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received Silver Awards at the last College Assembly.

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

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

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

Uniform and Hair
A reminder to all students that they are expected to return to school on the first day of Term 3 abiding by all of the uniform and grooming guidelines which are clearly documented in the College Diary. Students need to think about this especially if they are planning a trip to the hairdresser these holidays.

Mr P Scollard
Assistant Principal


**Parenting Corner**

I’m sure we all welcome holidays – no early rising on these cold mornings, no cut lunches to pack, school uniforms to prepare and the ever constant pressure of homework and assignment deadlines. So hopefully you, as family, may enjoy these more relaxed days.

However, we don’t live in a perfect world and other demands seem to surface! Kids wanting more money to go out with friends, safety issues and yes, sibling squabbles. And believe it or not kids, who have every gadget “under the sun” moaning that they’re BORED! These were some of the problem areas Mums shared with me at the carnival yesterday, when I asked them how they fared during the holidays.

They also came up with some helpful suggestions; organising a picnic day with some other parents by taking them to a park and just letting them run free with a few balls and bats! They also told me that there are some very good vacation programs at Homebush Bay Olympic Centre and other venues around the area. So I wish you well.

May you be given all the skills you need to keep them happy and entertained and may you, too have a very happy holiday. I can appreciate that some of you don’t have that luxury and that creates other problems of child minding etc. but hopefully you have found some way around that issue.

All the best

Sr Marj

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**GIFTED EDUCATION**

The holidays are fast approaching and should be a time for relaxation and rest for all our students. There are always lots of great opportunities for gifted students to explore outside the school walls. Consider catching the movie Hubble in 3D at the IMAX if you are a budding astronomer, visit the Wollongong Science Centre to see physics in action, Hyde Park Barracks for those historians amongst us or go on an archaeological tour of the Rocks. There are plenty of activities at libraries, museums and cultural centres to cater for most interests.

A special invitation to any gifted writers in Year 9. To qualify this year for “The Write Stuff” CEO workshop, you need to submit a piece of writing in Week One of Term Three to your English teacher. Check the gifted education wiki in My Classes for more information and enjoy developing a fabulous piece of writing for this project!

A resource to look at this week...


This section of a greater website has a multitude of resources for parenting gifted children. It contains articles and blogs to read and practical advice about encouraging your child in the areas of maths, science and literacy.

Happy Reading!

Mrs C Ong, Gifted Education

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**World Youth Day Corner**

45 DAYS TO GO TILL

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**Planting and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith. (Colossians 2:7)**

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**Spirit of St Francis Itinerary**

**DAY 1:** Monday 8th August 2011 – Fly Australia to Italy

**Day 2:** Tuesday 9th August - Arrive Milan/ Florence

**Day 3:** Wednesday 10th August - via Siena to Assisi

**Day 4:** Thursday 11th August - Assisi Pilgrimage

**Day 5:** Friday 12th August - via Orvieto to Rome

**Day 6:** Saturday 13th August - Rome Pilgrimage

**Day 7:** Sunday 14th August - Rome Pilgrimage

**Day 8:** Monday 15th August - Rome to Madrid

**Day 9:** Tuesday 16th August - Official Opening Mass of Welcome

**Day 10-12:** Wednesday 17th-Friday 19th August - Catechesis & Youth Festival

**Day 13:** Saturday 20th August - Pilgrimage Walk to WYD Vigil

**Day 14:** Sunday 21st August - XXVI World Youth Day (Put this date in your calendar!)

**Day 15:** Monday 22nd August - Depart Madrid

**Day 16/17:** Wednesday 24th August - Arrive Australia
Mock Trial Report

The College Mock Trial Team competed in the final round of the NSW Law Societies Mock Trial competition last week. The case was based around the civil law area of negligence. As the defence, we needed to show that the defendant was not negligent in carrying out their duty of care. This was always going to be a difficult case considering that in our first witness statement, the defendant admitted to being negligent. Overall we lost the case by 235 points to 233. A very close effort! Special mention to our barristers, Maddison McPherson and Rochelle Abbate. They both showed a great understanding of the law, and set their cross examinations of the opposition witnesses up excellently. Well done to the team this year on a good season. Thanks also to Mr Turner and Mr Bradbury for their great support this year. The team this year consisted of:

Maddison McPherson, Justin Jarrett, Simone Mrdjen, Khanh Nguyen, Joseph Ragusa, Claudia Stacey-Murray, Angelo Ragasa, Rochelle Abbate, Sarah Santangelo, Konrad Ryzak, Sinead Cummins, Melanie Thomas and Aaron Smith.

Mr D Costin
Mock Trial Coordinator

SWCCDA Debating Progress Report

To say that Good Samaritan has been busy in the world of debating would be a gross understatement. When our students are not defeating GPS schools in history debating, they are achieving significant milestones in our usual debating competition against local rivals. While the final results will not be decided until the Grand Final in the first week of next term, it is possible to announce the final placing of some of our teams.

In both the Year 8 and 9 division our teams placed third in the competition and only missed a place off or a place in the final by one debate. In the case of our much improved Year 9 team of Brian Kane, Emil Obaid, Dylan Vidalo, and Juan Zarate-Cardona, their only losses were at the hands of the two teams who will debate in the final, while our Year 8 team of Chelsea O’Connor, Harry Butler, Kristy Bartels, Tayla Borello and Kayla Pope inflicted the first placed school’s only defeat during the season.

In the Senior division we had not one but two sides fight it out for a place in the final. With both our teams tying for second place meant that we had a situation of a GSCC elimination round. It is also of note to mention that one of these teams was made completely of Year 10 students punching well above their proverbial weight. In the end, our Senior A team made up of Year 10 students Maddison McPherson, Joseph Ragusa and Justin Jarrett defeated our impressive team of Year 10 students Melanie Thomas, Sarah Santangelo and Rochelle Abbate. The Senior A team will now debate All Saints Senior in the final next term.

At the time of writing, GSCC is still alive in the Year 10 division with our students due to face Clancy College for a place in the final. We wish our team of Bonnie Zivic, Konrad Ryzak and Sinead Cummins best of luck.

While I will make more specific mention of the many members of staff in the next newsletter, it is important to thank each and every staff member who has helped grow the culture of debating here at the college. It is certainly great to see the school experience some great achievements in this activity.

Mr M Bradbury, Public Speaking/Debating Coordinator

Plain English Speaking State Semi-Final

On the 17th June, Justin Jarrett of Year 11 competed in the state semi-final at Newtown School of Performing Arts. This was the first time a student at Good Samaritan has reached this level of the competition and the standard of speakers was beyond impressive. Despite battling illness on the day, Justin once again delivered two great speeches and gave himself the best chance of reaching the final. Unfortunately the standard of competition was just too high and with only six spots offered to the 24 semi-finalists, Justin missed out. Regardless of this, Justin and the college community should be proud of this achievement as it once again confirms the wealth of talent we have at Good Samaritan.

Mr M Bradbury
Public Speaking and Debating Coordinator

Techno Bully review

Have you ever seen a play right in front of your eyes? Well fortunately, Year 7 were lucky enough to witness a live performance played by Glen who acted as Eric and Jess who acted as both Sarah and Cathy. The play was based on cyber bullying and how loads of trouble can start if this occurs.

The play was full of emotion and feeling; both actors used strong emotive language and an excellent variety of tones, not only that but also their actions were solid and convincing.

Eric is an immature boy who tends to play tricks on people on both Facebook and Twitter. Sarah is Eric’s little sister and loves shooting hoops down at the court. She follows in Eric’s footsteps and makes the drama worse.

There’s a new girl in school named Cathy and unfortunately all the jokes are being played on her. Everyone is calling her embarrassing names now. What’s this all about? Well, cyber bullying caused all of the commotion that occurred in the story. The cyber bullying was committed by two sources, a mobile phone and a laptop, someone is taking pictures of someone that doesn’t know that their picture has been taken and posting them on Facebook and Twitter and sending them to all the boys in the school to get popular.

Cathy has been receiving weird and scary texts messages on her brand new phone, and she thinks and feels like she is being followed. Is Cathy really being followed?

I recommend this play to teenagers and to those who have mobile phones, Facebook or Twitter. It’s an adventurous play and makes you shiver and really think about the internet. The moral of the story is basic and anyone can achieve it, and that is to be cyber safe and not a cyber-bully. It can cause lots of drama and chaos and if caught doing it there will be a serious consequence.

Ms S Fegatilli
English Teacher

Italian Proverb of the Week

Vivi e lascia vivere – live and let live.
Year 11 News

Several Yr 11 students were given awards at last week’s year assembly. This reflects their hard work and dedication to a variety of aspects in College life. Congratulations to the following students on receiving the following awards:

**Bronze Awards**
Joseph Ragusa, Nicole Cameron, Carina Bilotta, Maddison McPherson, Anneliese Fegatilli, Monique Beale and Claudia Stacey-Murray

**Contributing to the College community by performing at the opening school mass:**
Angelo Ragasa, Ian Doculara, Jonathon Potter, Georgina Kaka, Jospeh Raso, Michaela Hodge, and Shauntae Farrugia

**Dance Awards in Term 1**
Zoe Smith, Laura Hughes, Michaela Hodge, Jessica Csaszar, Guiselle Medel, Shauntae Farrugia, Stephanie Gerrardis, Shannon Masihi.

**Geography Competition**
Hassail Perera, Monique Brown, Nicole Cameron, Isaac Finau, Mark Wakeham, Renee Boretta, Shedona Pulumbarit

**Consistent effort in Business Studies and Legal Studies**
Georgina Kaka and Maddison McPherson

**Contribution to College Mock Trial team**
Maddison McPherson, Justin Jarrett, Simone Mrdjen, Khanh Nguyen, Joseph Ragusa, Claudia Stacey-Murray, Angelo Ragasa

Mr D Costin, Year 11 Coordinator

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Senior Rugby League

The Senior Rugby League season came to conclusion last Tuesday with a close 16-10 loss against Freeman. The team this year has been decimated through injury and no less than 23 players have been called upon to represent the college this year. In a frustrating season, where in three out of the four games we lost by less than 6 points, the boys showed great enthusiasm and spirit. With hard work at training and renewed commitment in each game, the team’s performance improved every week. Special mention must go to all of the Yr 12 boys, especially Nathaniel Frijo, Dean Smith and Sami Rached who have been playing rugby league for the College since they were in Yr 8.

Mr D Costin  
Rugby League Coach

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NSW CCC Senior Boys Soccer Report

On Wednesday 22nd June the College Senior Boys soccer team played Freeman Catholic College in the second round of the competition. Both teams defended extremely well in a very close and even match with the score 0-0 at half time.

Early in the second half Freeman was able to score and not long after they scored again. With the score 2-0 the Good Samaritan boys lifted the intensity of their game and Anthony Tomelic put the ball in the back of the net to make the score 2-1. The team finished very strongly but unfortunately the many attempts we had to score in the last five minutes of the game somehow eluded the target. The boys performed well and should be proud of the sportsmanship in which they played the game.

Unfortunately for the Year 12 boys this was their final representative game of soccer playing for the College. I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment not only for this season but for all the years they have done the College proud. I wish each one of them the very best in their future soccer endeavours.

It has been a pleasure to be associated with such a wonderful group of boys.

Mrs C Celea  
Coach

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Canteen helpers needed for Term 3. Please contact the office if you can help!!!
The College Athletics Carnival was held on Monday at the Campbelltown Athletics Centre on a sunny and warm day. There was a great level of participation amongst the students and the staff who were all earning as many points for their houses as possible. These levels were higher than any previous year. There were some exceptional performances on the day and in the week leading up to the carnival breaking many college records in the process. Below is a list of the college records which were broken in 2011.

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As well as these, there were some excellent overall performances by students who gained Age Champion in 2011. The following students were named Age Champions in 2011:

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Congratulations to the above students. Finally, there must be an overall winner of the carnival. This year the house who gained the most points from both participation and the championship events was the Merici house. Congratulations to all students in Merici and we look forward to further competition at the College Swimming Carnival early next year. From this Athletics Carnival we will be sending a team to the Southern Sydney Athletics Carnival in Term 3, also at Campbelltown. These students will be notified before the end of Term 2. A big thank you must go out to all staff on the day, particularly those involved in the organisation of key events and duties. Also, a big thank you to all parents who were able to come and watch the carnival on the day. We look forward to further participation and enjoyment of sport at Good Samaritan in Term 3.

Mr J Wheeler (Sports Co-ordinator)
GSCC DEFEATS THE KINGS SCHOOL AT HISTORY DEBATING

This year Good Samaritan decided to flex its debating muscles by entering the prestigious J.A Thompson History Debating competition. The competition is dominated by GPS, Independent and Selective schools across the Sydney metropolitan area featuring schools such as Barker, Knox Grammar, and Tara Anglican College. After considering entry into this tournament, it was believed that 2011 would be the year that GSCC would make its presence known in this competition.

Our first year in the competition experienced its first setback when our systemic Catholic school drew the famous Kings School who regularly win the competition or are runner-up. To make the task more daunting, the draw required us to travel to The Kings School in Parramatta to face them on their home turf.

Our Year 11 squad of Maddison McPherson, Joseph Ragusa, Jessica Csaszar and Angelo Ragasa prepared a sophisticated team case for their topic “That leadership is the key factor to the success of revolutions”. The students were amazed by the luxurious facilities of The Kings School but didn’t let this stifle their determination to represent our college with pride and distinction. While our Year 11 team lost the opening battle with Kings, it was immediately apparent that GSCC had made its presence felt in this competition when the question was asked “So where exactly is your school from and why haven’t I heard of it before?”

The stage was then set for the Year 10 debate on the topic “That multiculturalism in Australia has failed.” Our team of Sinead Cummins, Sarah Santangelo, Daniel Kamalaneson and Melanie Thomas were given the position of negative and had to defend the position of multiculturalism in Australia. Each of our students delivered outstanding arguments and gave themselves the best opportunity for success. The standard of the team’s performance was more impressive considering that Daniel was only drafted into the team in the morning of the debate after the team’s regular third speaker fell ill.

When the result was declared there was an audible gasp as Good Samaritan was awarded the debate. It was a well deserved victory for our Year 10 students who had been reminded by Mr Turner on arrival of the famous words uttered in the film ‘Miracle’ which depicted the famous win by the US Ice Hockey team over the USSR in 1980: “Great moments are born from great opportunities...this is our time”.

Both teams are to be commended for dedicating many hours after school to prepare for this event. Our Year 10 team will now take on selective high school Sefton High early in Term 3. I would like to thank Mr Turner who volunteered his time and services to help me coach our two teams. This endeavour would have been very difficult without his support.

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MONDAY 18TH JULY 2011
Term 3 commences
WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY
Year 11 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

CANTEEN ROSTER

| Monday 18th July | E.Hobby, J. Colley, N .Tummarrello |
| Tuesday 19th July | L. Versi, L. Pacchiarotta, A Waga |
| Wed 20th July | C. Magsino, D. Gavalas, A Morozoff |
| Thursday 21st July | A. De Masi, R. Origlia, G. Gilvear |
| Friday 22nd July | H Molina, M. Mudaliar, S. Gioiosa |
| Monday 25th July | N. Carver, L. Tomelic, S. Arcuri |
| Tuesday 26th July | N. Pulitano, N. Bebawi, |
| Wed 27th July | M. Romeo, L. Dwarte, N. Bodagh |
| Thursday 28th July | S. Lichaa, G.Bartolo, K. Cutler |
| Friday 29th July | D. Segatto, R. Romeo, D. Caruana, L. La Rosa |