DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

Last Friday at our Year 10 Reflection Day, students participated in activities which related to the 2011 Good Samaritan theme ‘Have Faith’, specifically focusing on ‘faith in action,’ using Jesus as a model. The following reflection from Mother Teresa, another role model of service and faith in action, provides us with some valuable ideas that we could use to bring Christ’s peace both to ourselves and others and to ensure we make God present in our communities.

To do the work of Christ is not a complicated thing.
It is really quite simple.
It means to be faithful in little things, for to be faithful in little things is a big thing.
It means to do one’s task, no matter how humble it may be, not only thoroughly but joyfully.
It means to make one’s self available, yet never to seek the limelight.
It means to strive to remain calm amid the hustle and bustle of life.
It means to carry one’s burden, without, as far as possible, becoming a burden on others.
In a word it means to be at one’s post, helpful and faithful, loyal and constant.
“We cannot do great things….only little things with great love.
You can do what I can’t do. I can do what you can’t do. Together we can do something beautiful for God.

Congratulations to students for their commitment and for the spirit in which they involved themselves in their Reflection Day. Thank you to Mr Badolato, Miss Najdek, Mr Kingsman and the Year 10 Pastoral Care team for their organizational efforts and for ensuring that this was a memorable day for students.

This year we are focusing on providing programs and opportunities for our gifted students. I have employed a specialist teacher in this area to work with teachers and students and we will also be using the services of Bronwyn MacLeod who is the expert in credentialing teachers in Gifted Education. Teachers will, therefore, have extensive professional development in this area commencing next week. Our intention is to broaden opportunities for our academically able students, with the objective of challenging them, so that they develop the higher order skills, enabling them to perform at the highest academic standard.

Our congratulations to Alyssa Suyko (Year 12, 2010) who received an award for her HSC Major Work, ‘Dreamscapes’ at the Sydney Catholic Schools Religious Art Exhibition, last Friday night. This was an outstanding effort given the standard of the art works on display at the Australian Catholic University Art Gallery. We thank Ms Nash for her teaching expertise and for supporting Alyssa to produce this exceptional Major Work, and achieve a Band 6 in Visual Arts in the HSC.

We also congratulate Julia Fahmi who, as part of the Catholic Schools Performing Arts ensemble, performed at a special event ‘This is the Mass’, at Bicentennial Park Homebush this week.

Thank you to everyone for your support of what was a very successful Open Day. A reminder that enrolment packages are now available at the College Office. The final date to return enrolment applications is May 31st. Interviews will be organized as these forms are submitted.

On behalf of the college community I extend our best wishes to our Year 12 students who commenced their exams this week. I also wish everyone a holy Easter.
Parents are reminded about the upcoming parent-teacher-student progress report interviews for students in Years 7-11. These will take place in the college hall on Thursday, 7th April between 3.20pm and 7.30pm. Parents will be able to collect a progress report from their son’s / daughter’s PC teachers at a mutually arranged time. The progress report will provide a snapshot of academic progress in each course, together with a determination of the levels of cooperation and effort to class work during first term. It is an expectation that all families are represented at these interviews.

The interviews also provide an opportunity for parents / carers to share with the pastoral teacher any pertinent information relevant to their child. One interview timeslot, of ten minutes duration, needs to be made with your son’s / daughter’s PC teacher. Students are asked to make this appointment on behalf of their parents prior to the day of the interviews. Unfortunately, on this occasion there will not be an opportunity for meetings with individual class teachers, although parents are welcome to make appointments to discuss any concerns at a mutually suitable alternative time.

Study Skills Sessions
The college has once again arranged for Prue Salter from Enhanced Educational Services to present study skills workshop to students in Years 9, 10 & 11. These will take place on Thursday, 28th April (Term 2, Week 1). The focus of the session will be on the development of both study and examination skills. The presentation will cover areas such as organisational skills, effective time management, making study notes and studying effectively. These workshops are designed to be informative, practical and action-oriented. They will assist students to understand the way they study and provide them with practical skills that will help them to maximise their results. Through their involvement in this activity it is hoped that students will be assisted in their preparation for the examinations to be held in each year group during the middle of second term.

A reminder that the college subscribes to the study skills handbook where there are a multitude of helpful resources to assist students and parents with homework, study, planning, organisation and many other skills. The details of the site are provided below:

www.studyskillshandbook.com.au
Username: forgscconly
Password: 48results

School Photographs
Class photographs and individual portraits will be taken on Thursday, 5th May (Term 2, Week 2). This year the college has engaged the services of a different business to take the photographs. We believe that the product offered by the new company is excellent and represents good value when compared to the standard of product and pricing structure of the previous photographer. There is no obligation for families to purchase photographs taken on the day, however, all students will have their individual portrait taken as a matter of course to allow replacement ID cards to be produced at the school when needed. Students will be provided with envelopes on the first day of second term. These envelopes contain details about purchasing, pricing and ordering options and they need to be brought to school on the day of the photographs.

Should any parents wish to provide feedback about the new photographic products, please contact me through email at p.brooks@gscchinchinbrook.catholic.edu.au

Mr P Brooks
Assistant Principal

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### YEAR COORDINATORS WEEKLY AWARD

**Congratulations to the following students**

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### Student Welfare Coordinator

**For The Parents**

Recently there has been much talk in the media about school bullying. It is an issue that each school, each family and each student must face and deal with. Bullying takes many forms. However, it has one goal – to isolate, to demean and to hurt another person.

Ongoing bullying can have devastating consequences on our young people. It will only stop when someone takes a stand. Schools can only act on bullying if the students or parents make the teachers aware when it occurs.

Sometimes parents are not sure whether to notify the school or not. Their child might feel it will make things worse. In general, it is best to notify the school and to speak to the relevant Year Coordinator about your concerns. Teachers will be sensitive to the feelings and fears of the child being bullied.

The Queensland Department of Education and Training has developed a website that I would recommend to you. It is aptly called, “Taking A Stand Together”.

I have taken an excerpt from one of their pages and reproduced it below. It makes a special comment about the role of bystanders – witnesses to bullying.

“Most young people feel uncomfortable watching bullying, yet very few know what to do to stop it happening. Bystanders are usually present, either online or in person, when bullying occurs. When bystanders do intervene in some way, the bullying is more likely to stop quickly. No single response will prevent bullying. Rather, a variety of responses at several levels is necessary.

Parents play a crucial role in helping create positive school and community environments where bullying is rare and relationships are caring and respectful.

As parents you can help your child by:

- Talking with your child about bullying
- Showing your child how to behave in a respectful way with school staff, students and other parents
- Teaching your child to look after their own safety and to think about what positive action they could take to discourage bullying if they see it happening.
- Encouraging and supporting your child to develop ways to help others who are being bullied
- Making it clear to your child that it’s okay to tell if they know that bullying is occurring and who to ask for help
- Talking to your child about their rights and responsibilities in an online environment and the risks of being party to malicious gossip

Approaching the school to ask for help if you think your child might be being bullied.”

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns about your child’s welfare.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Bell

Student Welfare Coordinator

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### Italian Proverb of the Week

Amico di tutti e di nessuno – a friend to all is a friend to none

### Did you know?

**Studying a second language can improve your skills and grades in Maths and English and can improve your HSC results! Research has shown that Maths and English HSC grades scores climb higher with each additional year of foreign language study.**
Year 11 SLR Excursion Blue Mountains
Open Day Helpers

Rochelle Abbate
Anthony Abbate
Charbel Abou Fram
Anabelle Acquah
Brittney Allison
Karla Alzamora
Karl Ambosta
Adam Arcuri
Alex Arcuri
Rebecca Arcuri
Bethany Baillie-Codd
Domenic Beretta
Angelo Beretta
Sean Bermingham
William Blandino
Caterina Bologna
Renee Boreta
Jason Boustany
Gemma Brocklehurst
Hannah Brocklehurst
Erika Brocklehurst
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Matthew Froio
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Joseph Raso
Amy Raso
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Bruno Romeo
Jordan Ruzic
Konrad Ryzak
Darren Saguin
Neville Saliba
Alec Salopek
Sarah Santangelo
Clara Siry
Jake Sloane
Selena Spirkovski
Brandon Stillitano
Sarah Tacca
Melanie Thomas
Michelle Tran
Julian Tropea
Jacinta Vella
Sabrina Vitale
Andrew Wright
Bonnie Zivcic
2011 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the following students who were named Age Champions at the College Swimming Carnival.

12 Year Boys Age Champion – Christian Raco
12 Year Girls Age Champion – Giulia Puttnger
13 Year Boys Age Champion – Ivan Razlog
13 Year Girls Age Champion – Samantha Parke
14 Year Boys Age Champion – Brandon Cook
14 Year Girls Age Champion – Chanelle Finau
15 Year Boys Age Champion – Jon Cox
15 Year Girls Age Champion – Isabella Puttnger
16 Year boys Age champion – George Macri
16 Year Girls Age Champion – Chloe Parke
17+ Year Boys Age Champion – Joshua Versi
17+ Year Girls Age Champion – Alyssa Cook

On the day a number of College records were broken. These records were broken in the following events:

Clae Dickson – 15 Year Boys 50m Breaststroke
Chanelle Finau – 14 Year Girls 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly and 50m Breaststroke.

SOUTHERN SYDNEY SWIMMING

On Thursday 10th March a squad of 30 students competed in the Southern Sydney Swimming carnival held at Caringbah Leisure Centre. All our swimmers performed well on the day, however there was one exceptional performance by Chanelle Finau who was named 14 Year Girls Age Champion on the day and will be competing at the NSWCCC Championships at Homebush on May 2.

The full squad consisted of the following students: Kaitlyn Calleja, Rhiannon Caruana, Daniel Cassone, Haven Ching, Marcus Clinch, Alyssa Cook, Brandon Cook, Jon Cox, Marco Del Bel Belluz, Clae Dickson, Niko Esguerra, Jeremy Fernance-Miner, Chanelle Finau, Nathaniel Frijo, George Macri, Bianca Moss, Jakob O’Brien, Chloe Parke, Samantha Parke, Guilia Puttnger, Isabella Puttnger, Christian Raco, Ivan Razlog, Piero Sanchez and Nathan Versi

Mr S Zahra
Sport Coordinator

Year 11 Art Express Excursion 17th of March 2011

The Year 11 Visual Art class attended a student lecture morning at the Art Gallery of New South Wales on Thursday 17th March. We were inspired by the student guest speakers, who were exhibiting their 2010 HSC Visual Arts body of works at the Gallery. The speakers gave us insight into the many challenges, obstacles and successes they encountered during the process of making their body of works. After the lecture, we then ventured to the exhibition area to be awe struck by the amazing works produced by students last year. It was astounding to see some of the artworks first hand. Subjects ranging from giant extinct ceramic dodo birds to technology inspired drawings on old pianola scrolls. Many thanks to Ms Nash for the exciting learning experience.

Nonye Iheakanwa
Year 11 student
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

KIDS HELP LINE  1800 551800
We care and we listen—anytime and for any reason

PARENT LINE  132055 or 1300 301300
Confidential Help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 4th April—Friday 8th April
Year 12 examinations continue

Thursday 7th April
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Friday 8th April
END OF TERM

Wednesday 27th April
TERM 2 BEGINS

BECOME A HOST FAMILY

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in July 2011 for a stay of one or two semesters.

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist, wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Host an international high school student in July through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany and Scandinavia. They will attend a local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

Call S.C.C.E now on 1800 500 501, email scceaust@scce.com.au or visit our website (www.scce.com.au) to be part of this rewarding experience.

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Secondhand uniform sale TUESDAY 5TH APRIL
1pm - 4pm
Raffle for Project Compassion

Win a Framed Signed Benji Marshall Footy boot from 2010 NRL Season.
Tickets on Sale during PC & Lunch outside P Block. Drawn 8th April.
$1 each or 3 for $2.