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Congratulations to Grace Lichaa (Year 12) who received the Catholic Education Office Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award last week. Grace was presented with her award by our Executive Director, Mr Dan White, in the presence of her family.

We also congratulate Adwoa Amoahene (Year 7) who was placed first in the 12 years 100metres in the NSWCCC Athletics Carnival last week. A final congratulations to Miss Stevens’ Year 7 Netball team who won the grand finals of the MISA competition this week.

Ms J Donovan

Assistant Principal

Term 4 Dates

For advance information for families, some of the key dates for Term 4 are set out below:

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Have a safe and happy holiday break. See you all on Monday 10th October
To the parents

This week is a significant milestone for our Year 12’s. It marks the conclusion of their school education and the commencement of their final preparation for their exams.

As parents, you have seen your child enter high school on the verge of adolescence and grow into a young adult. Many of our Year 12’s can now vote, drive a car and hold down a part-time job. They have come a long way in the past six years and now they are ready to leave what has been a major part of their lives.

It is worthwhile on such occasions to reflect on your child’s six years of secondary education - a period of 1200 school days with almost 7200 lessons. What have your children learnt in this time and more importantly who have they become?

Whenever I am asked what is the purpose of education my answer is always that education should build confidence in the young people under our care. This is a confidence forged from a growing self-knowledge that recognizes both our strengths and limitations. It is not a bravado based on pretense but a genuine acceptance of who we are, aligned to a deepening appreciation that we have unlimited potential – God’s work in progress. Such confidence helps us to strive to do our best and to be happy more with the quality of our effort than the outcome we achieve. This confidence helps us to see that we do not need to compare ourselves to others, although others can be an inspiration, for such confidence enables us to learn from past mistakes and to build on our previous efforts. This is the gift of education.

In recent weeks, whenever I have spoken to our Year 12 students I have asked them what they have gained from their time at Good Samaritan especially in their senior years. Their responses include deepening relationships, a greater appreciation of their autonomy, what it means to strive and to succeed and how to bounce back from failure. Some have said that they have matured, that they’re not as selfish or as angry or as self-absorbed as they used to be. To me this sounds very much like they have grown in confidence.

Our Year 12 is a wonderful group of young people. They have provided great leadership by their example and commitment to the ideals espoused in the Good Samaritan story of the Gospels.

I wish them well in the weeks that are left for study and through the examination period. My hope is that they continue to grow in the confidence that we as a school community helped to foster.

This is the last article that I will write for 2011. Sr Marj will admirably fill the gap in Term 4. Feel free to ring me if you have any areas of concern with your children.

Best wishes,

Mr M Bell
Student Welfare Coordinator

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**Year Coordinators Award**

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**Assistant Principal**

Inappropriate Web Site – managing student use of the Internet

We recently received advice from the NSW Police of a concerning website www.omegle.com the site allows users to use a webcam to have instant chat access. NSW Police have advised the College that there have been instances recently with this website being used by adults seeking to make inappropriate contact with young persons. Our advice and that of the police is that young people should not be accessing this website.

It is timely also to remind parents that whilst the Internet has a wealth of educational benefits there are also some risks involved. The Australian Governments Cybersmart website http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/ contains good advice for parents and students about keeping safe when using the internet.

Personal Safety travelling to and from school

The Green Valley Local Area Command of the NSW Police contacted the school recently about an incident regarding a man in a vehicle approaching girls from another local school. Luckily the girls were sensible enough to ignore the man and seek assistance quickly so no one came to any harm.

Please take this opportunity to remind your sons and daughters of the need keep themselves safe when travelling to and from school. Remind them to travel with a friend whenever possible, not to speak to strangers or approach vehicles if they do not know the person inside and to seek assistance from a responsible adult if they feel unsafe.

We live in a caring and safe community at Good Samaritan but the need to teach the young people in our care to look after themselves and one another is always of great importance.

Year 12 Graduation

As Year 12 celebrate the completion of their 13 years of schooling this week with their Graduation Mass and Formal we wish them every success and pray that they may remain focussed as they prepare for their Higher School Certificate Examinations which will take place early next term.

Mr P Scollard  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
HSC MUSIC PRACTICAL EXAMS

On Wednesday 7\textsuperscript{th} and Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} September, the Year 12 music class had their HSC practical exams. There were 75 pieces of music presented over the two days. The practical component of the Music 1 course is worth 70\% so the tension was high!

Students were nervous, but calm, unlike their music teacher! The examiners were very impressed with the quality of music presented by the students. They all worked very hard over the last two years to get their performances perfected. Students are to be congratulated on their efforts and it was wonderful to see them not only perform for each other but also provide words of encouragement throughout the practical exams.

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Well Done Year 12 Music class!!!!

Mrs Popovic
Year 12 Music teacher

FRETWORK – YEAR 8 MUSIC INCURSION

On Tuesday, 13\textsuperscript{th} September all Year 8 students experienced a great music incursion, lead by Terry Murray. Terry is an English born musician who has worked with Tom Jones, Jimmy Barnes, Marcia Hines and Tommy Emmanuel to name a few.

Students study the topic “From Rock to Pop” with a focus on the guitar throughout the year 8 music course. From flamenco to rap, classical to rockabilly, the incursion traced the origin of the guitar and demonstrated the way in which simple melodies can be dramatically changed by choice of instrument and feel.

Technology played an important part as students saw how the guitar has evolved over time. Various pedals on the guitar can change the sound completely. It was interesting to see Terry playing a piano sound on the guitar!

Terry also showed the students how it is possible to be a one man band. He showed students how one guitar can play a melody part, bass part and drums all at once, all through the use of technology.

Students listened to many different melodies and riffs demonstrated on the acoustic and electric guitar. Students had to recognize music by Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, Eric Clapton and Deep Purple. It was great to see that the students still know musical styles from many years ago.

If students are interested in learning the guitar at the college, they can see Mrs. Popovic for an information sheet.

Mrs Popovic
Acting CAPA Coordinator
"Teaching thinking skills will best prepare our students for the complex problems that await them in the future" Rob McEwan.

It is clear that the collection of knowledge is not sufficient for young people today to function in the complex world we live in. One way we can help them is by encouraging them to justify their opinion, make an informed decision and analyse information they are exposed to. We can encourage to do this at home, not just at school. A goal these holidays might be to have a conversation with your child and encourage them to think about issues in our world, to question the information in the newspapers and on the internet and encourage them to be skilful thinkers.

Congratulations to the following twelve students and Mrs Treloar who represented us at The Write Stuff at CEO Revesby last Wednesday; Regine Marte, Melanie Wong, Gemma Brocklehurst, Natalie Di Giulio, Danielle Cauchi, Chris Haj Moussa, Joseph Pipicella, Brian Kane, Christine Sentina, Thomas Richardson, Josephine Perre and Vivian Halabi. It was a wonderful interactive learning experience and the students gained much insight from working with author Mo Johnson. We look forward to seeing the results of their inspiration in writing.

Mrs C Ong
Gifted Education

“It was an early start for school that day, 7:30am and we were already trekking to the CEO office. After what felt like a lifetime on the bus, we started our morning with tired eyes and the struggle of comprehending what the day may bring, but by the end we had a completely opposite attitude towards our learning. One by one we found the strength to get off of the bus and walk through the doors that we had all anticipated for weeks.

Finding ourselves in small groups, we headed into rooms filled with unfamiliar faces to us. A short introduction to our day and prayer for the future, encouraged us to mingle around with the other students and gave us an opportunity to share our talents of writing with people in the same position. Throughout the day we travelled around the office, making our way through a variety of workshops that enhanced our writing skills further. Valuable lessons and constructive criticism for our future in school were given to us, with activities to match. All in all, it was a great experience that I feel everyone could have benefited from, we met so many people that inspired us and supported us throughout the day. It really was such a memorable day for all of us.”

Josephine Perre
Year 9 Student

PDHPE

Recently in 7.1 PE, we have been looking at the topic of Holistic Health and how all the different aspects of Health are bound together and impact upon wellbeing. We were given the task of demonstrating how the components of health are interrelated and were provided the liberty of selecting any format we please to present our work. Student’s work ranged from web designs, role play scripts, ICT presentations, cartoon strips, diagrams, flowcharts or the traditional extended response. This poem below is just a taste of one of the great ideas that came from the great minds of year 7.1

Tayla McPherson
Year 7 student

Poem for Holistic Health
Roses are red, violets are blue
They are delicate and health is too
Cognitive health is think good about yourself
You need cognitive health to have good wealth.

Social health is being able to talk
To friends, family and everything that can walk
Physical health requires exercise and diet
As social health means not to be quiet

Mental health is to not feel bad
But to feel like everyone else, denying that you’re sad
Emotional health is based on your feelings and thoughts
As spiritual health tells what you believe in
And sometimes giving is not receiving
As we’ve all learnt, holistic health is linked
If you took one away the others would sink
So aim for good health
In order to live well, whilst being yourself
To achieve holistic health.

By Benjamin Bailey
Year 7 student

Please note!!

We have learned that there are a number of children with head lice in our school. Since this condition spreads easily, it is recommended that you check your child’s hair regularly until the problem is under control. The first thing is NOT to panic! Head lice are very common and affect 8-12 million people a year.

Having head lice does not mean you are unclean or that you are a bad parent! Head lice are very common and can affect everyone living with the infested person!

If you suspect that your child may have head lice, it is important that treatment be given immediately. Ask your pharmacist to suggest an effective treatment product. Once your child has been treated and ALL nits have been removed from the hair your child may return to school. A second treatment 7-10 days after the first will kill newly hatched lice that survived the first treatment.

College Uniform Shop - Term 4 Opening Hours

Open every morning (except Friday) 7.30am - 8.20am - Also open on the following dates 12noon to 3.40pm
Tuesday 11th October
Tuesday 25th October
Tuesday 8th November
Tuesday 22nd November
Tuesday 6th December

Italian proverb of the week
Chi salva, Dio punta - God helps those who help themselves.

Come down at the Mamre Homestead with your friends on 16 October 2011 and enjoy a full day of entertainment, activities as well as a diverse range of gourmet food, wine, local produce, and craft stalls in the annual fundraising event Mamre Festival: Food, Wine and the Good Life.
Good Samaritan Day Mass celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady

Good Samaritan Day 2011
The Triumph of the Cross
Good Samaritan Day Stalls & Concert

2011
Senior Girls Soccer Report

The College 9-12 girls soccer team had a difficult campaign. We started brightly with a confident win against All Saints in the first round. From here though we lost 6 Year 12 girls for a 3 week period due to the HSC Trial examination as well as 2 Year 11 girls due to WYD commitments. The unsettled nature of this meant we had to recruit quickly from the younger year groups. Several yr 9 and 10 girls answered the call and despite some of the girls having never played before, they acquitted themselves very well on the field. We lost one game in this period and made the semi finals – the local derby against Freeman Catholic College. This was a close game but we were triumphant in the end thanks to Bianca Adattini’s long range effort. We had made another Grand Final. The game against Clancy Catholic College ended up a draw, despite our dominant field position at times. Joint Premiers – well done. Congratulations to both of these teams. Also, to the players and coaches, a big thank-you and congratulations for the manner in which you played and spirit of competition at this level.

At a NSW level, we were fortunate enough to have a gold medal winner at the NSWCCC Athletics, with Adwoa Amoahene winning the 12 Girls 100m with a time of 13.24. Congratulations to Adwoa!

At a higher level still, Alyssa Cook, a member of the NSWCCC Open Netball Team, won a silver medal at the NSW All Schools Netball Championships. This is the final time Alyssa will be competing on behalf of Good Samaritan and she is thanked for her participation over the past 6 years.

Finally, to all those students and coaches who took the time to train, play and coach this season, thank you for your efforts, they do not go unnoticed. Farewell to our Year 12 MISA representatives. Many students have competed in sports for their entire high school life, many in just one sport, but thank you and congratulations to you all and good luck for your future sporting events.

Mr Wheeler (Sports Coordinator)