

# GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE HINCHINBROOK



## NEWSLETTER

COLLEGE THEME 2011: "Have Faith"

Issue 9

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Dear Parents

Last Friday our staff participated in a very successful Staff Spirituality Day facilitated by Father Peter Smith, Parish Priest of Lurnea. The day provided us with an opportunity to revisit our story, through our Mission Statement and the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Our Mission Statement challenges us to make God present in our world in order to build God's Kingdom. This calls for courage and integrity and the demands of "Journeying with Compassion" require service, truth and justice. We are challenged to demonstrate by our actions that we are "Good Samaritans" who model God's love. Our Mission Statement, which is based on the Parable of the Good Samaritan, provides the foundation for our College's distinctive ethos and traditions. If we are to live our Mission Statement, it is important that we continue to share our story with members of our community, particularly our students. The following brief reflection speaks to the significance of this:

*Without my story, I have no identity.*

*I do not know who I am or what I am about.*

*If I have no story, how do I know where I am going;*

*And if I am going somewhere, how will I know when*

*I get there?*

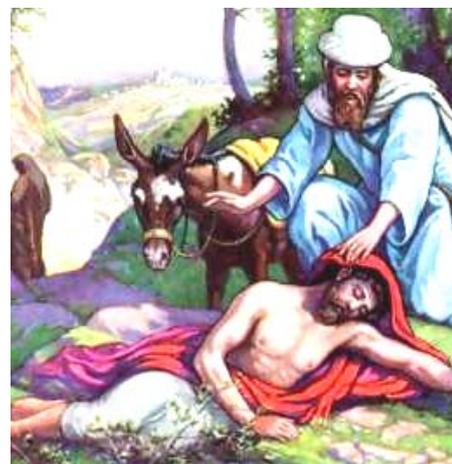
I sincerely thank Father Peter for his insights into the Parable of the Good Samaritan and how it relates to us as members of the Good Samaritan community. Father Peter has a unique ability to be able to 'tap into' where staff are on their faith journey, and also to make students' faith relevant to them. We are very fortunate to have Father Peter as part of our community. I also thank Mr

Kingsman for his expertise and his organizational efforts.

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I spoke to Year 10 students last week about the process for re-enrolment into Year 11. Hopefully parents have received a letter indicating that we will be conducting interviews with students and parents in the coming weeks. Students are required to return completed paperwork to their PC teacher by today and it is their responsibility to book a time, convenient to parents, for their interview. From my perspective, these interviews provide a forum for us to formally acknowledge the achievements of these students. There are many outstanding students in Year 10 and we have high expectations that they will be exceptional senior students. These interviews are also an opportunity to remind some students that they must demonstrate a commitment to their studies this year if they wish to pursue an HSC program of study at Good Samaritan College.

**Ms J Donovan**  
**PRINCIPAL**



## JOURNEYING WITH COMPASSION

## Assistant Principal

### Red Shield Appeal

On the weekend of May 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> the Salvation Army held their annual Red Shield Appeal. Students from the college were invited to assist with the collection of donations in the local area. The response from Good Samaritan was excellent with a large number of students braving the cold conditions and very early start to assist with this very worthy cause. The Salvation Army has requested that we acknowledge the following students who will be presented with their Certificate of Appreciation at the next college assembly.

Alexandra Abarca	Crystal Allebi
Tina Asabere	Selenia Bono
Teresa Bono	Tanika Caruana
Laura Cross	Rachel Dagher
Chanelle Finau	Genevieve Fonti
Stephanie Ghassibe	Daniel Kamalaneson
Johann Kamalaneson	Gabriela Macias
Christina Mori	Michaela Mori
Loanne Nguyen	Liana Perre
Madeleine Price	Shannon Price
Tayla Price	Antoniette Raco
Felicia Romeo	Joytika Singh
Dalena Tran	Catherine Vella
Jacinta Vella	

### Hoxton Park Road – Update

At the recent parent consultation meeting, concerns were expressed about pedestrian safety along Hoxton Park Road and also the fact that cars turning right from First Avenue were not giving way to vehicles leaving the college grounds and attempting to turn left onto Hoxton Park Road. As a consequence, Liverpool Council, Green Valley Police, the RTA and contractors responsible for the road works have been contacted. A request was made to the police to monitor the illegal turning by vehicles exiting First Avenue and not giving way to vehicles leaving the college. It was explained that this situation also results in a significant backlog of traffic within the school grounds. With regards to the road works, the college was advised that within the next few weeks it is expected that the traffic will be changed over to the new section of road running adjacent to the school boundary. This should improve the situation with regard to turning left onto Hoxton Park Road. As part of the road improvements there will also be a dedicated left hand turn lane into the school available to vehicles travelling east along Hoxton Park Road.

### Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

In the last week of this term there will be the opportunity for parents / students in **Years 7 to 10** to meet with teachers to receive feedback on their progress during first semester. Three separate occasions will be available for these interviews, including the afternoon / evenings of Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June together with two sessions on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July. The interviews have been scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm - 8.30pm

Students in Chisholm, DePaul, LaSalle Houses

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm - 8.30pm

Students in MacKillop, Merici, Polding Houses

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 8.30am - 10.30am & 1.30pm - 3.00pm

All Students

All interviews will be held in the hall. It is an expectation that at least one parent / carer from each family attend these interviews with their son / daughter wearing their college uniform. Further details will be provided to each student through a letter and a sheet that will facilitate the booking of interview times. This will be distributed to all students in Years 7-10 at the beginning of next week.

**Mr P Brooks**

**Assistant Principal**

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### Uniform

You may have noticed that I frequently write about the College's expectations regarding uniform in the School Newsletter. As a community we place an emphasis on this for a number of reasons. Firstly we are frequently judged in the wider community by the way we present ourselves. Secondly it is a good life lesson for the students to know that whether it is at school or later in life at work we are all required to present in a certain way. We are lucky at Good Samaritan to enjoy a very good reputation in the wider community partially due to the way the vast majority of students wear their uniforms. This week I am asking all parents to make sure that their sons and daughters are abiding by the following uniform requirements.

If it is cold enough to wear a scarf then the students should only wear the College Scarf.

When wearing the College Sports Uniform the Good Samaritan Socks must be worn.

When wearing the College Sports Uniform lace up joggers/sports shoes which are predominantly white are to be worn.

**Mr P Scollard**

**Assistant Principal**

## Parenting Corner

Well, I'm happy to be back home safe and sound full of wonderful memories of my MUSIC STUDY TOUR – ever grateful to my Ursuline Order for this opportunity of a life time! The music was ecstatic, my companions, whom I only met for the first time, beautiful people and places of great historical interest.



It was truly a RESURRECTION experience, beginning with Mahler's Resurrection Symphony and ending with his 9<sup>th</sup>, composed just before he died aged 51. We visited Prague, Leipzig, Dresden and Berlin, enjoying the music of other composers as well, Beethoven, Bach, Bruckner and others. All these places were bombed heavily during the wars and then taken over by Communism but they have risen from the ashes and I couldn't help but reflect on the RESILIENCE of the HUMAN SPIRIT

It is that same SPIRIT that is still with us today. We have all heard inspirational stories of people who have suffered great traumas and yet have picked themselves up and moved on.

It is this spirit that we need to inculcate in OUR YOUTH – this SPIRIT OF RESILIENCE. As St Paul writes in his letter to the Romans:

“Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of Jesus who loves us”

A bit of a sermon from me today but I know some students who come to me, who are an inspiration and are triumphing through the trials of life. God bless them and their families and all of you and your families as well!

Sr Marj

## World Youth Day Corner

59 DAYS TO GO TILL WORLD YOUTH DAY

MADRID



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

### Catechesis with Cardinal George Pell

Students from Good Samaritan Catholic College, Clancy Catholic College and Freeman Catholic College attended on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June Catechesis with hundreds of other young people. The night focused on issues surrounding Euthanasia, God is a forgiving God, Purgatory and many other issues that are on young Catholics mind. It was also a chance for World Youth Day students to get to know other students they will be travelling with to Madrid in August. GSCC students are very excited as the count down begins.

**59 Days to go till WYD**

## National Songwriting Competition



The ACMF (The Australian Children's Music Foundation) National Songwriting competition is in its 9th year of running. It is the largest songwriting competition open to all school aged children in Australia. The main reason for this initiative is to encourage young Australians to express themselves in a positive way – through music.

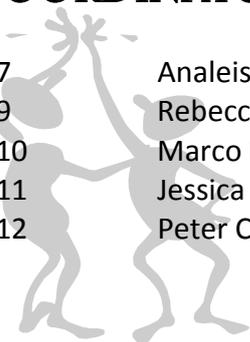
We receive thousands of entries from around Australia which are then judged by an independent panel of music industry professionals. Prizes are awarded in the form of musical equipment or tuition for both the winner and their school.

The competition runs from April till September each year with winners announced in October.

If you are interested in this exciting project, please see Mrs Popovic.

### COORDINATOR'S AWARD

Year 7	Analeise Pelli
Year 9	Rebecca Camilleri
Year 10	Marco Beretta
Year 11	Jessica Czaszar
Year 12	Peter Camilleri



## Sarah Santangelo wins Year 10 MISA Public Speaking competition

On the 1<sup>st</sup> June, Sarah Santangelo and Rochelle Abbate represented the college in the annual Year 10 MISA Public Speaking competition. This is a day that involves all participating MISA schools. Students were required to prepare an eight minute speech on a topic of their choice and present a three minute impromptu speech. Both Sarah and Rochelle delivered fantastic speeches with many on the day believing both Sarah and Rochelle would be awarded one the three top places. At the conclusion of the day Sarah received first place in the competition. This is a tremendous achievement for Sarah and the college as it is now two years running that a student from Good Samaritan has won the competition. Well done to both Sarah and Rochelle for once again representing the college with distinction.



**Mr M Bradbury**  
Public Speaking and Debating Coordinator

## Writing Competitions

Closing dates are approaching for the following competitions: Students interested in participating in these competitions need to see Ms Fegatilli to obtain more information and to pick up the relevant forms.

**Competition 1: The Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer of the Year-** for Senior Students only- The competition encourages young writers to compose a piece of fiction suitable for publication in the Herald. Entries need to be submitted by **Monday June 20**.

**Competition 2: Transcribe 11**

Students need to write about the range of opportunities and challenges facing young people in a multicultural society. The theme is "Half way home" and can be used in any form of writing, that is, fiction, non-fiction, poetry, journal entries or letters. Entries need to be submitted by **August 1**.

### SPELLING COMPETITION

Are you interested in participating in the Daily Telegraph Spelling Bee? For more details on registration see Ms Fegatilli or your English Teacher, otherwise log on to [www.spellingbee.thetelegraph.com.au](http://www.spellingbee.thetelegraph.com.au) for more details.

## Gifted Education

It is great to see that the gifted education wiki in My classes has been receiving lots of traffic from interested members of the community. For those who haven't yet visited, it can be found at <http://giftededucationgsc.wikispaces.com> or in My classes.

Another new resource this week is located at <http://aaegt.net.au/>.

It is the website of the Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented. I am aware that many of the resource links are no longer working but nevertheless, there are several useful resources to explore for students and parents.

Several new competitions for interested students have been posted on the wiki across a variety of curriculum areas. Please speak to Mrs Ong if interested or send an email to [c.ong@gscchinchinbrook.catholic.edu.au](mailto:c.ong@gscchinchinbrook.catholic.edu.au)

Expressions of interest will soon be sought for those students interested in working with other like minded students on a special collaborative project. Take a look at the Smarties 8 colours of fun project for some inspiration. You can find several small films about the project on YouTube.

**Catherine Ong**  
**Special Education**

## UWS Day

Last Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, four Year 10 students travelled to the University of Western Sydney Campbelltown campus to participate in UWS Day. The University opens its doors each year for students to come and find out about specific degree courses and university life in general. Some of the seminars our students attended included: question and answer panels with current students from the Law, Health Sciences and Science faculty, Mathematics, Studying Music at University and a tour of the Uni Library. The students ( Josephine Losurdo, Marco Beretta, Francis Pham and Melanie Thomas) were selected to participate in the day due to their high levels of academic achievement, consistent work ethic and leadership potential. They were excellent ambassadors for Good Samaritan Catholic College and they are all to be commended on their enthusiasm.

**Mrs J Hewitt**  
**Careers Adviser**

## SPORT REPORT

### SENIOR BOYS SOCCER- COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES



On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June the College Senior Boys Soccer team travelled to Woronora Heights to contest the first round of the CCC competition against John Bosco College, Engadine. The boys had to battle the elements as the mercury plummeted to extremely low temperatures along with wind gusts that made tracking the ball difficult. The first half passed with many unsuccessful attempts at goal by both teams. We went to the break 0-0.

The second half saw us dominate early play to be the first to score when a great ball from Piero Sanchez found the boot of Jake Ingle and he put it past the keeper into the net. However, on the one occasion that the ball reached the opposition's end they were able to even the score. The score remained at 1-1 until the completion of normal time. We then had to play another ten minutes each way, 'golden goal' first to score, wins the game. Despite many attempts by both teams the score remained equal.

The winners would now be decided by penalty shootout. We are so lucky to have the expertise of goal-keeper extraordinaire Luke Cyron who saved two penalty shots whereas the Bosco keeper was only able to save one shot from our boys. Jake Ingle, Anthony Tomelic, Cristian Ciampa and Jordan Ruzic scored the penalty goals for us, 4-3 giving us the win.

We now wait to find out who we will meet in the next round. Congratulations to all the boys who played really well in challenging conditions.

**Cheryl Celea**  
**Coach**





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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**MONDAY 20TH & TUESDAY 21ST JUNE**  
Years 7 & 10 vaccinations

**MONDAY 27TH JUNE**  
College Athletics Carnival - Campbelltown

**TUESDAY 28TH, THURS 30TH JUNE & FRI 1ST JULY**  
Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

**THURSDAY 30TH JUNE**  
TERM 2 ENDS

**MONDAY 18TH JULY**  
TERM 3 BEGINS

**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

**St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal**

Good Samaritan have a winter clothing bin located at the school. If you have any items of clothing which you would like to donate please place in the bin provided as it would be much appreciated.

If you would prefer to donate money, our REC, Mr Paul Kingsman has tax deductible envelopes for cash / cheque or credit card donations which is in conjunction with the Good Shepherd Parish.



**CANTEEN ROSTER**

<b>Mon 20th June</b>	N. Carver, S. Arcuri, N. Carbone
<b>Tues 21st June</b>	E. Aukuso, F. Khan, L. La Rosa
<b>Wed 22nd June</b>	J. Vartuli, L. Duncombe, N. Jargees
<b>Thurs 23rd June</b>	A. Demasi, R. Origlia, M. Castiglione
<b>Fri 24th June</b>	N. D'Amore, M. Cleary, G. Cownie, C. Mallia
<b>Mon 27th June</b>	<b>COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL</b>
<b>Tues 28th June</b>	L. Versi, L. Pacchiarotta
<b>Wed 29th June</b>	C. Magsino, D. Gavalas, J. Roccisano
<b>Thurs 30th June</b>	S. Lichaa, G. Bartolo, K. Cutler
<b>Fri 1st July</b>	<b>PARENT STUDENT INTERVIEWS</b>

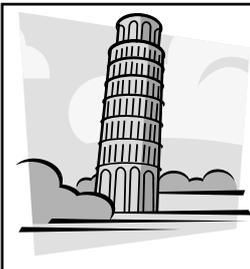
**FAIRFIELD CITY  
Families Together**  
presentation by Jessica Smythe  
(Psychologist & Family Counsellor/Koorana Child and Family Services)

Having a child with a disability affects the lives of all family members. Often siblings feel a range of emotions and reactions which change over time.

29th June (Wednesday)  
6.30pm - 8.30pm  
Training Room  
Brian Wunsch Centre  
126 Avoca Road, Wakeley (parking available on site)

*No cost!!*

Bookings essential - for information or to register please contact 0407 708 626



**Italian Proverb of the Week**

Il tempo è denaro – time is money

