Dear Parents

Our thoughts and prayers have been with our Year 12 students this week. On Tuesday they participated in their Outreach Program, assisting organizations affiliated with their Houses. Students were farewelled by their fellow-students and staff at our College Assembly yesterday and last night their journey through Good Samaritan Catholic College was celebrated with their parents and teachers at their Graduation Mass and Presentation Evening. They have been looking forward to tonight as they will be able to relax and enjoy one another’s company at their Graduation Formal. The following reflection is very relevant to our Year 12 students, and it also contains a message for all of us.

I Believe

I believe every person has within themselves inexhaustible reserves of potential they have never even come close to realizing.
I believe each person has far more intelligence than they have ever used.
I believe each person is far more creative than he or she has ever imagined.
I believe the greatest achievements in your life are ahead of you.
I believe the happiest moments in your life are yet to come.
I believe the greatest successes you will ever attain are still waiting for you on the road ahead.
And I believe through learning and application of what you learn, you can solve any problem, overcome any obstacle and achieve any goal that you can set yourself.

On behalf of the College community I wish our Year 12 students all the best with their HSC and all the happiness possible in the future. We will miss their bright, cheerful personalities, the respect and appreciation that they always show to their teachers, and their terrific school spirit.

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Congratulations everyone for another unforgettable Good Samaritan Day. This was a celebration of everything our College stands for. We commenced the day with a celebration of our faith and this was followed by stalls operated by PC classes, providing an opportunity for us to financially support those less fortunate than ourselves. The atmosphere in the afternoon was ‘electric’ as we watched our very talented students and teachers perform in our concert. Thank you to Father Peter Smith for celebrating the Eucharist with us, Miss Welsh and Mr Scollard for the many hours they spent coordinating our liturgy and to our very talented musicians and choir. We also thank Mr Kingsman for his efforts with the stalls and Mrs Popovic, Ms Benjamin and Mr Reyes who, not only organized the music and sound for Mass, but were also responsible for auditioning and coordinating the afternoon concert. I particularly acknowledge the parents and other family members who attended on the day. Everyone entered into the spirit of the day, and as with everything at Good Samaritan Catholic College, it was a team effort. Our stalls were a resounding success. We raised $11,000 which we will send to the Mary MacKillop Mission in East Timor, a mission that builds schools and trains teachers to provide an education for the ‘poorest of the poor’.

We congratulate the victorious Polding House who were the winners of the inaugural ‘House Cup’ which was announced on Good Samaritan Day. This very prestigious award was initiated by our current Year 12 Student Leaders and involved tallying points awarded to students across the full range of academic and co-curricular activities.

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NAPLAN Reports were posted to Year 7 and Year 9 parents at the beginning of this week. The College is absolutely committed to improving students’ literacy and numeracy skills so we will be doing a detailed analysis of NAPLAN results and initiating programs to address any areas of concern identified by these tests.

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Our congratulations to Patrick Ferreri and Sarah Santangelo who are our College Captains for 2013. Thank you to Year 11 students for their commitment to the election process.

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Well done to our Good Samaritan sporting ‘stars’:
Our Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams were successful in the MISA Finals. Thank you to Mrs Cook and Miss Stevens for their coaching expertise.
Our athletes acquitted themselves very well in the Combined Catholic Colleges Athletics Carnival last week. Special congratulations to Adwoa Amoahene...
who won a silver medal in the 13 years 100m and Jessica Stikovic who won a silver medal in the 15 years Discus. Thank you to Mr Wheeler for his organizational efforts.

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Thank you to parents for your response to the letter regarding the recent funding cuts in education. The combined efforts of the Catholic Education Office and Catholic school communities resulted in a policy shift by the State Government. Despite this, the cutbacks are substantial and will have a significant impact on all children in NSW. He asks that we continue to pressure the State Government to reassess their priorities and restore funding to education.

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I wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. My sincerest thanks to parents for the support you continue to give to our College.

Ms J Donovan
PRINCIPAL

Curriculum Coordinators

Parents of Year 11 students (Year 12, 2013) are reminded that there is a compulsory HSC Assessment Information Evening to be held on Tuesday 9th October (first Tuesday Term 4) at 7pm to be held in the College Hall.

As the information given on this evening is essential and includes NSW Board of Studies assessment procedures, information about school assessment programs and the credentialing of the HSC, it is essential that students must attend in full uniform and must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Mrs R Jarvis/Mrs C Anderson
Curriculum Coordinators

Coordinator’s Award Recipients

Year 7  Jamie Arcuri
Year 8  Emma Jarrett
Year 10  Joseph Pipicella
Year 11  Anthony La Rosa
Year 12  Justin Jarrett/ Maddison McPherson

Assistant Principal

Year 12 Graduation
Congratulations to Year 12 who with their families celebrates the completion of their 13 years of schooling this week with their Graduation Mass and Formal. As a group they have given us many reasons to be proud of them the outstanding way in which they celebrated their graduation enjoying themselves in an appropriate and respectful manner cannot go without comment. 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.

Summer Uniform
A reminder that all students are to return to school next Term in their summer uniform. As students move out of their tracksuits an into shorts with their sports uniforms it is timely to remind all students that the only socks they are permitted to wear with their sports uniforms are the GSCC Sports socks. It is also timely to remind students that the College Cap is compulsory during PDHPE practical lessons and for Tuesday sport.

Mr P Scollard
Assistant Principal

Farewell Year 12, 2012

Thank you to our Leaders

NATIONAL ROSARY DAY
In the first week of Term 4, on Thursday 11th October, a National Rosary Day is being held to pray for Australia, the youth of our country, and to promote the popular Marian prayer, given that October is the month of the Rosary.
One of the issues that students speak to me about is their fears. Fear can be an appropriate response to certain situations we encounter in life. It can prevent us from putting ourselves in danger.

However, it can also be a paralysing emotion. Fear stops us from being the person we have the capacity to be. It blinds us to the talents and gifts that God gave us. Fear keeps us in life’s shadows where we think we are safe and unnoticed. We accept a limited existence as our fate.

Yet it doesn’t have to be this way.

Just by getting the students to talk about what scares them, the fear begins to weaken. The more they speak about their fears, the more the fear begins to shrink and the more empowered they begin to feel. Facing their fears is the first step. Anything that we don’t face overwhelms us. Unexamined fears are in all of us. They limit us from living life to the full to some degree. They diminish our confidence to be the best we can be.

Liberation comes with accepting our fears and being willing to talk about them with a trusted friend or a member of the family.

Marianne Williamson wrote about the fear of being successful; the fear of what it would mean to use the fullness of our potential. Nelson Mandela used her article as a quote in his inaugural speech in 1994.

I’d like to share it with you.

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves: “Who are you to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?” Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn’t serve the world. There’s nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

It’s not just in some of us; it’s in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”

I hope the break with your children is a happy one.

Mr M Bell
Student Welfare Coordinator

Italian idiom of the week

Chi non l’occhio vede, col cuor crede – seeing is believing
Technology

Gifted Education News

Sparkathon
On Wednesday 5th September Jamie Arcuri, Emily Arndell, Judy Nguyen and Jade Boreta of Year 7 were the college’s representatives at Sparkathon. This annual event was held at Aquinas College in Menai and attendees from Secondary and Primary schools from across the Southern Region were present. During the day students participated in a range of activities from lateral thinking puzzles to creative and performing arts activities. Despite not ranking in the top three schools on the day, we did win the Creative Construction round. I would like to thank Miss Cornale for accompanying the students on the day.

The Write Stuff
On Wednesday 12th September, ten of our most talented writers from Year 9 attended 'The Write Stuff'. This annual event organised by the Catholic Education Office is a workshop that seeks to further develop the writing style of our most talented students. This year we were fortunate enough to have Kristy Bartels, Gabriella Raco, Marita Abou-Fram, Annaliza Alverne, Sean Cutler, Chelsea O'Connor, Luke Clinch, Eirene Magsino and Lana Mallia represent the college at this event. All these students were selected to attend based on a piece of writing they submitted earlier in the year to an external panel. During the day students had the opportunity to work with a published author and participate in a wide range of activities that further developed their writing style. I would like to thank Mr Loughlin for accompanying the students to this event.

Mathematics News – Minds on Maths
On Thursday 6th September Danielle Haj Moussa, Tam Thai, Miguel Campos, Varsha Nand, Jeffrey Lai and Krishna Chetty attended the annual Minds on Maths challenge. This year this event was held in our college hall. Students were invited to participate based on their outstanding efforts and achievements in mathematics this year. During the day they participated in a range of investigations and challenges that further developed the students’ skill base. Despite missing out on a place in the top three schools our students faired well and represented the school with pride. I would like to thank Mrs Lucas for accompanying the students on the day.

Mr G Georgiou
Mathematics

The Inaugural House Cup
And the winner is......POLDING!!
Inside the classroom and on the sporting fields, a battle has raged over the past year. To win the House Cup is the ultimate measure of House success within the Good Samaritan community. A tally of all achievements and efforts in the areas of academia, sports, the arts and community service has resulted in a victory for the Mighty Polding House. From the onset of the competition, it was evident that a newfound competitiveness had arisen between the Houses, but in the end it was the Pride, Passion and Power of Polding that rose to the top to be crowned as the First House Cup Champions.
GOOD SAMARITAN DAY MASS and CONCERT
DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 8th October
Term 4 commences

Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th October
Year 12, 2013 Retreat

Wednesday 31st October
On School Campus Uniform Shop opens
12 noon - 4pm (thereinafter open every Wed)

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Uniform Shop

“On School Campus” will officially take over the operation of our Uniform Shop from the beginning of Week 4, Term 4 (29th October).

⇒ After this date the Uniform Shop will be open every Wednesday from 12 noon - 4pm.
⇒ Sports uniforms only will be available Week 1 and Week 3 from 12 noon - 4pm.
⇒ If families urgently require any other items of the school uniform from Week 1 - 3, Term 4, please contact the Principal’s Secretary, Mrs Grech, by phoning the College on 98259955.