



# ST SAVIOUR'S COLLEGE

*Dream... Embrace... Become...* 19 February 2009

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*God of our hearts,*

*We are heavy with sadness at the tragedy that has befallen so many people...*

*Our minds struggle to come to terms with the horror of these past few days...*

*Our hearts are like stones in our chests, as we mourn the dead and stand in solidarity with the survivors...*

*Lord be with us as we journey these dark nights...*

*Give us hope for our tomorrows.*

Communities across Australia have been saddened beyond belief as they watch the tragedies of the last week in Victoria unfold. The devastation, loss of life and trauma has been immense. The sadness, shock and horror of the bushfires has destroyed many communities and stretched the resources of the response groups to breaking point. The genuine response of compassion has spread across all community. Our prayers focus on all those involved, be granted the strength to rebuild their lives whilst at the same time cope with loss of family and friends. We also include in our prayers our Queenslanders up north who are faced with coping with the results of the destructive flood waters.

I was most heartened by the response of so many of our students who sought avenues to assist the victim of the bushfires. The College is planning a special film evening on Friday March 13th. Further details will be distributed next week. Please keep this evening free and invite your friends.

Last week the College community acknowledged the first anniversary of the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's official apology to the Stolen Generation on behalf of the Australian Government. This apology marked an important first step in what will be a long journey towards healing for Aboriginal people.

Included in the busyness of the start of a new year are the ranges of opportunities for students, parents/carers and staff to meet and plan together. The wonderful response to our Year 8 SCCIE activity day truly reflected that as a community we value our responsibility as partners in the responsibility of education of your daughters / our girls. Parents also gathered to meet with Mr Eiser and Mrs Laura Anderson to discuss the breadth of opportunities in relation to vocational pathways for our Year 11 students. It is a great advantage to the girls that they have such a breadth of choice in terms of their learning and future needs.

Thursday February 19 is a very important community celebration where we formally open within a prayerful context our 2009 school year. As a Catholic, Christian community our Eucharistic celebration is central to living out our faith in a very tangible way. Included in the celebration will be the investiture of our elected

*...where the sky's her limit!*

Student Leaders and Year 12 students as College leaders.

This Friday we gather at the Milne Bay Pool for our 2009 carnival. Hopefully parents/carers will have an opportunity to join us for some part of the day and join in the ever growing school spirit.

## Date Claimers

20 February	Swimming Carnival
23 February	Year 8 Parent Dinner
5 March	Year 8 & 10 Immunisations
6 March	International Women's Day
9 March	P&F Meeting
15 March	Past Pupils' AGM

Thank you to Mrs Alison Graham who has volunteered to join Mrs Leigh Carmody in the management of the Second Hand Uniform Shop. Mrs Graham will be opening the shop on Monday's after school. See inside for details.

Next Monday is our Year 8 Parent Dinner. This traditional dinner offers a great opportunity for parents and staff to meet and share laughs and relevant stories. Please ensure you have contacted the Office with numbers.

*Mrs Margaret Battle*

**PLEASE CONTACT STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE ON 46371615 IF YOUR DAUGHTER IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

*St Saviour's College Community would like to invite parents, families and year 11 and 12 students to a breakfast to celebrate*

## **International Women's Day**

*Bring along someone special to you... your mum, dad, grandma, friend etc*

- When: Friday 6 March 2009 7am
- Cost: \$15 per person
- Where: St Saviour's College Callaghan Centre  
Neil Street, Toowoomba
- Theme: Our Women, Our State
- RSVP: St Saviour's College Reception  
27 February 2009



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## PASTORAL CARE

Our community is nothing if not busy! The last two weeks have been frantic but fun.

### Leadership Training

It was my great pleasure to facilitate a day of training and planning for our leaders recently. Their energy and dreams suggest we are in for lots of great ideas this year. Thanks to the staff that came out to work with these impressive young women. Soon to join this leadership group are the other members of the SRC. Nominations for these roles are due next Monday. Please encourage your daughters in Years 9-11 to consider putting their names forward if they are keen to be a voice for their year group.

### Year 8 SCCIE Evening

The opportunity to meet so many parents at the Year 8 SCCIE evening last week was particularly pleasing. One very strong message that came through was that we're all in this together – education is clearly a partnership of staff, students and parents – and we need to make the most of every opportunity to check that we are all speaking the same language. My particular thanks to the Pastoral Care Team and our Peer Support girls for their creative support and energy to ensure the success of the evening. I look forward to catching up again next week at the Year 8 parent dinner.

### Opening Eucharist

Thanks to all those who contributed to the success of this ceremony. Our theme was "Seeds of Change" and it was tremendous to share the energy and passion of our students with so many parents.

### Lent

We begin this important season of the Church's calendar next week. On Tuesday, we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with pancake races at lunchtime. Some of our students will also attend a workshop on Just Leadership, run by Jenifer Byrne from Caritas. On Wednesday, we will have Ash Wednesday rituals in house groups. Lent is a time to turn our hearts to God and away from the values of materialism, consumerism and self-centredness. Traditionally Lent has been characterised by three things: prayer, fasting and doing good deeds for others. Encourage members of your family to think about how they can turn towards God during this Lent.

*Mr John Clarke  
Deputy Principal*

## LEARNING AND TEACHING

Scenes: Year 8 Orientation: SCCIE learning

The day began with activities facilitated by a group of Year 12 students who are passionate about learning at the College. Students were explored our vision for teaching and learning, Dream... Embrace... Become.... The Year 8 cohort was a particularly proactive group through wanting to become people who would make a difference. Having reviewed the vision and SCCIE learning, the students constructed a kite to represent what they wanted to achieve, to become or to do in order to meet our vision. The students particularly enjoyed the opportunity to fly their kite as a representation of the "sky's her limit" and therefore limitless.

Students are part of orientation discovered their learning style. Were they more visual, write/read, aural or kinaesthetic? Students were issued with Student HelpSheets to assist them in developing their learning, to give them a positive context for learning.

On the following morning, the students were taken through a general introduction to the Habits of Mind. Habits of Mind are the characteristics of what intelligent people do when they are confronted with problems, the resolutions of which are not immediately apparent. (Costa). The sixteen habits of mind are at the forefront of assisting your daughters to become critical, creative and self-directed learners. This term we are focusing on Responding with Wonderment and Awe and Applying past knowledge to new situations. Responding means being passionate and an "I can" attitude, while the other habit asks them to use what they have learned.

All in all a great two days. What Students Say???

*Mrs Kathryn Janovsky  
Assistant Principal Curriculum*



SCIENCE ON SATURDAY

HANDS ON SCIENCE FUN!!

Scientists at work - 28 February  
Our environment - 7 March  
Health & Wellbeing - 14 March  
Whodunnit? - 21 March  
Geology Rocks - 28 March  
Awesome Agriculture - 4 April



Queensland  
Government

7-14 year olds



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Receive it online, every fortnight!  
Can be sent to home &/or work email!  
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you can download at your convenience!*

To register - please contact the College on 4637 1600 or  
welcome@stsav.qld.edu.au

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We are well into our core business of teaching and learning and with this goes the excursions that support our in class work. Mrs Hales and Mrs Hill reported that the Biology excursion to Crows Nest was an excellent data gathering day, despite the inclement weather.

Coming up over the next few weeks we have a number of other excursions. Friday 20 February, Mrs Conaghan is taking 5 of our students to the Constitutional Convention and on the 27 February Dr Karey Harrison will speak to the Year 11 and 12 Geography students about Climate Change. Another data gathering excursion takes place on February 27 with Mrs Brunner and her Year 9/10 History class to the Mothers' Memorial. Our Senior English and Drama students don't miss out, they have the opportunity to go to Shakespeare in Queens Park on Wednesday 25 February.

Tuesday was our annual Sophia's Circles sign on day. The Callaghan Centre was abuzz with music and activities provided by each of our eight circles as they worked to attract members. We now look forward to seeing them in operation through out the year. Look for reports from each of the Circle's in the coming newsletters.

Some of our homeclasses have been busy raising funds for the Bush Fire Appeal. This photo was taken last Monday as Mrs Anderson and her enthusiastic band of Goretto 2ers had one of the best Cake Stalls I have seen.



Finally, put in your Calendar the Science on Saturday at Darling Heights State School. See the details in our newsletter.

Mrs Linda Creedon  
Assistant Principal  
Community Development

## HOUSE REPORT - McAULEY

Welcome back to another exciting year in McAuley House!! We're kicking off the year in style with the up-coming swimming carnival on the 20 February our chosen theme being the 'Green Greeks'. Organising our part in the swimming carnival has been keeping our year 12's very busy and is particularly important; being our first big event, as a house, since stepping into our leadership roles. Getting to know the abundance of year 8's and new girls to the house has been a pleasure for the last couple of weeks and we can't wait to see what they bring to our community as the year progresses.



St Patricks' Day is coming up quickly on the calendar and it's our aim this year to get into the full Irish swing of things and celebrate our college heritage with a good old fashioned Irish gig and...bingo? It will be loads of fun, so fiddle-de-de potatoes!!

Keeping in mind our focus on the three R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) McAuley would appreciate your support through the reduction of power and rubbish this term by turning off lights and fans between classes and picking up your own rubbish - remember Mr Reading isn't a garbage man! Again it's great to be back and we are thoroughly enjoying our senior year so far.

Thank-you

Steph and Jess

P.S. Gorretti, Coolock, Xaviour; lend me your ears; Beware the 20 February!!!

## SCIENCE

It was a great privilege to be accepted to go on the PICSE Science camp for Year 11 students in the second week of the December holidays. I was given the opportunity to go to places such as Gatton, Stanthorpe and Inglewood. At these places we got to learn about how wine was made and about how the endangered species of Australia were recorded and located (we got to use the tracking devices they use to do this). We also had the opportunity to go indoor rock climbing on the first night and we also went to the Milne Bay on the Wednesday night. These were great experiences and lots of fun.

Unfortunately I was unable to go on the Industry Placement in January, but I would like to recommend this camp for anyone who is doing biology, science or physics and who is Year 11, to apply for this camp at the end of the year. It is not only a great opportunity to learn new things, but it is also a great opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and create good friendships.

Dominique van Houghenhouck Tulleken - Year 12

**UPDATED!**

## Recycled Unifrom Shop Details

**New Opening times**

● <b>Monday</b>	<b>3:30 - 5:30</b>	<b>(Ms Alison Graham)</b>	●
● <b>Thursday</b>	<b>3:00 - 4:00</b>	<b>(Mrs Leigh Carmody)</b>	●

● For further details please contact the College on  
4637 1600

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# Important information about accident protection for students at St Saviour's College

Dear Parent

Everyday there are accidents involving children. To assist parents with the costs associated with those accidents, Catholic Education in association with Catholic Church Insurances Limited has developed the SchoolCare Children's Accident insurance program.

St Saviour's College is pleased to be part of this program and our 24 hour policy provides protection to all children attending our school.

The 24 hour policy includes accident cover for school camps, school sports (including sports out of school hours), work experience and travelling to and from school. It also includes activities organised or authorised by the school and/or other youth groups. Cover is worldwide.

Our policy covers three important areas of care and any one accident may be claimable under one or more of these areas. It is important to note that the policy cannot cover any Medicare service including the Medicare gap. Cover includes:

1. Up to **\$5,000 inclusive per accident** for medical costs from the following registered medical practitioners:
  - Dentist
  - Chiropractor
  - Osteopath
  - Physiotherapist
  - Remedial massage
  - Podiatry
  - Acupuncture, and also costs from a
  - Chemist, and
  - Hospital accommodation and Facility fees.
2. **Fixed amounts for defined events.** For example, when a child accidentally receives a fracture of the hand the policy will pay a fixed amount of \$300. The full table of benefits lists all the defined events covered under this policy and the fixed amount payable. The full table of benefits is printable from [www.ccinsurances.com.au](http://www.ccinsurances.com.au)
3. **A number of other benefits:**
  - Emergency transport
  - Home tuition
  - School fee relief
  - Hospital inconvenience allowance
  - Nursing allowance
  - Professional counselling fees

These are all limited to **specific amounts per accident**. These amounts are detailed in the table of benefits.

Your child may have an accident, so please cut out the information below and keep it on your fridge or in a handy place.


## YOUR CHILD IS PROTECTED BY A SCHOOLCARE ACCIDENT POLICY

Name of school: St Saviour's College  
Policy number: 04.PAE.126445  
Policy type: 24 Hour Cover-Basic

Information If you have any questions please call the  
**SchoolCare Accident Help Line on 1300 138 498**

Make a claim You can print a claim form and the policy wording from [www.ccinsurances.com.au](http://www.ccinsurances.com.au). Your child's school will need to endorse the claim form prior to it being submitted. You will need a Doctor's or Dentist's Certificate and copies of accounts or invoices for any claimable expenses.

**Please note:** Catholic Church Insurances SchoolCare cannot pay for any Medicare service including the Medicare Gap

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TOOWOOMBA CALEDONIAN SOCIETY  
and BURNS CLUB INC.

*Highland Debutante Ball*

**Saturday 30 May 2009**

Invites young girls aged 15 to 17 years, interested in making their "Debut" to be part of this occasion.

Please contact Irene Batzloff - 4630 1272