



ST SAVIOUR'S COLLEGE

Dream... Embrace... Become...

5 March 2008

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Carers, Staff, Students and members of the community,

Last Wednesday the College community gathered in House groups to mark the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday liturgies. This special season in the Church calendar is a time of reflection and renewal when we are reminded of the basics of the spiritual life - prayer, fasting and alms-giving.

It is a time of invitation from the Church to engage on an inner pilgrimage when we revisit the fundamental questions:

- What is important to us?
- Where is there meaning in our lives?
- How do we express our faith?

Lent is also a reminder that "the unreflected life is a life un-lived" So often we forget to reflect on our own life journey and our hopes in the future.

Sue Bender, in her book " Plain and Simple: A Woman's Journey to the Amish" speaks of her experience of living as an Amish. The Amish, a Christian religious group, are best known for their simple way of life, plain dress and their resistance to the adoption of many modern conveniences. The simplicity of her days which began and ended with prayer enabled her to focus on the fundamental questions.

"Five minutes in the early morning and five minutes in the evening were devoted to prayer.

The rest of the day was spent living their beliefs. Their life was all of one piece.

It was all sacred and all ordinary."

Our own days lack the simplicity of the Amish. In an attempt to make this time of Lent count, we might find some extra time for prayer, to make our faith real and to make our faith practical through personal acts of self-discipline and Christian giving.

Thank you to all parents who were able to join us for our highly successful Year 8 Parent / Teacher dinner. The evening proved an excellent opportunity for enhancing the connection between home and school.

As mentioned last newsletter, the College is currently organizing a community event – an outdoor movie night, as their contribution to the Victorian Bushfire appeal. Friday March 13th will be a great night to bring our community together solely for the needs of others. I look forward to catching up with families and friends during this evening. Please refer to detailed information within.

As we move into week six of the term it is encouraging to see how many of the girls are fully involved in the co- curricula life of the College. Whilst involvement offers the girls a great opportunity to broaden their skills and interests, it is important students continue to ensure that a priority is given to classroom learning.

...where the sky 's her limit!

Congratulations to all students who took part in community events to mark Clean Up Australia Day within their local communities. This offered an extension to the great efforts the girls gave to their environmental clean up last Friday.

Mrs Margaret Battle



Website Updates

Photos of:
 Swimming Carnival
 Boarder Bowling
 Clean Up Day
 Pancake Day
 Opening Liturgy
 Climate Change Seminar

How a person wins and loses is much more important than how much a person wins and loses.

Tom Krause

Date Claimers

5 March	Year 8 & 10 Immunisations
6 March	International Women's Day
9 March	P&F Meeting
15 March	Past Pupils' AGM
17 March	St Patrick's Day
26 March	Toowoomba Show Holiday

PASTORAL CARE

What a wonderful occasion our Opening Liturgy was. It was tremendous to see the energy and spirit of the girls and to share that with our wider community including parents, friends and special guests. This same spirit was present the next day with our highly successful swimming carnival and will no doubt sustain us throughout the year.

Lent began last week and already the energy has been well focused. We started with our Pancake Relay which was a great activity of community building. Congratulations to M1 on their impressive victory. Our Ash Wednesday liturgies were very successfully led by our Heads of House and focused on turning back towards the recognition of God's grace. I pray that this Lenten season will be an opportunity for all of us to renew our appreciation of God's unconditional love and to challenge ourselves to reflect that love through our service for others.

In the morning of Shrove Tuesday, I accompanied 10 students to a workshop on Just Leadership, run by Jenifer Byrne from Caritas. The girls were challenged to campaign for justice, focussing in particular on the opportunities of Project Compassion. These students returned fired with enthusiasm so I look forward to seeing the creative ideas they come up with.

This week we are addressing the pastoral needs of our Year 9 cohort through a workshop at PCYC and another here at school. The focus is on healthy relationships – making good choices and feeling empowered. My thanks to those staff who are managing these activities, particularly Mrs Gray. Please discuss the workshops with your daughters and support them as they negotiate this difficult phase of adolescence.

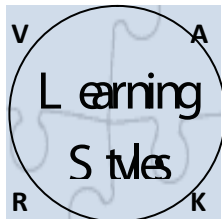
Mr John Clarke
Deputy Principal

LEARNING AND TEACHING

VARK Day: one of our strategies to embed SCCIE learning, our teaching and learning framework into classroom practice

Monday March 2 was the College **VARK Day** where teachers were asked to address the modal preferences for ways in which your daughters take in information, study information for effective learning and study for performing well on assessment tasks. Your daughters should recognise their learning preference through completion of the VARK questionnaire which determined their preferred way of taking in and giving out information. It is widely recognised that students learn in different ways and their learning can be better supported by the use of a variety of teaching methods and mode of instruction to cater for the **Visual, Auditory, Read/Write and Kinaesthetic** learners. Your daughter may have a preference in one mode or be bi, tri or multimodal.

While it is important that your daughter recognise her strengths, she will be encouraged to develop her ability to learn using all preferences. On VARK day teachers were encouraged to present information or learning that catered for different preferences. Did your daughters mention this? Has she shown you the **VARK Helpsheets?** These can be used to help her develop additional, effective strategies for learning. One of the principles upon which we have developed our SCCIE is that we create opportunities for a wide variety of learning experiences and provide different teaching and learning strategies. As part of our vision for learning and teaching, *Dream... Embrace... Become...*, we encourage and empower our students to explore their strengths and expand their learning styles to incorporate all modes.



Exam Doubles and reporting at the end of the this term

This week beginning Monday, March 23, each subject line experiences a double period during which students will be completing assessment. We call this our exam doubles. Your daughters will not necessarily have examinations in all subjects. She may be completing assignment tasks or present orally or performing. Please ensure that she is provided with adequate study time that will allow her to demonstrate the learning she has gained in her units of study this term.

With the change to semester length units, the reports will have been altered. At the end of this term all students will receive a report indicating how your daughter has embraced her learning this term. No level of achievement will be recorded, although the report will indicate how she is progressing academically.

Parent / teacher / student interviews

Monday April 20, 3.00 to 6.30pm

As noted on the College calendar, these interviews will be held on the afternoon of Monday April 20, 3.00 to 6.30pm. This is the day before classes commence in Term 2. Shortly you will receive a letter outlining the method used to make an appointment with your daughter's teachers. It is important that we discuss her progress with you. All staff are looking forward to the opportunity to meet at these interviews. A good relationship between the parent, teacher and student allows all three parties to have a shared understanding of learning goals, the curriculum and ways we can work together to achieve the most for your daughter.



NAPLAN Year 9 National Testing 2009

A reminder to parents of Year 9 students that the National Testing for Literacy and Numeracy tests are to be held on May 12,13 and 14. Please ensure that you do not plan for your daughters to have other commitments during these days. The testing provides data for us as educators and helps determine effective learning programs for your daughters.

Academic Tutorials in Mathematics are offered each Monday lunch time. Tutorials in Accounting are available every Thursday lunch time. Please encourage your daughter to attend.

Mrs Kathryn Janovsky
Assistant Principal Curriculum

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Amy Lee Bosworth made the DD swim team for 13 years 100m breaststroke

Maddie Carmody made the DD Open Touch team

Hayley Scarlett made Shadow for the DD Open Touch Team

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This week our focus has been on the organisation of our outdoor Movie Night to help raise funds for the Victorian Bushfires. Our Community Circle has made it their focus and hopefully the idea of a family night under the stars on our oval will be supported by our community. So spread the word and come dressed in Friday 13th gear for a night with the family.

Outdoor entertainment was also on the agenda last week with our Senior Drama and English students attending the University of Southern Queensland's Shakespeare in Queens Park. This year *The Tempest* is the chosen play. Our Drama students spent Wednesday afternoon at a workshop conducted by the university and our English students joined them for the lively performance in the evening.

*Mrs Linda Creedon
Assistant Principal
Community Development*



Climate Change Seminar
Dr Karey Harrison with Maxi Hayes and students from
Harristown & Concordia High.



Pancake Day
The Winners! M1.

P&F ASSOCIATION

Calling all parents to be involved in P&F activities this year!

Soon you will receive a College calendar, and with it will be volunteer register. There are many different ways in which you can be involved in College life, so take a chance and sign up to meet other parents and get to know what's happening at your daughter's College.

Our first meeting for the year was held on 9 February. We welcomed Mrs Wendy Weir as our Vice-President.

Our guest speaker was Mrs Leanne McNab, who is President of the St Saviours Past Pupils Association.

Next P&F Meeting: Monday 9 March, 7pm in the Boarding School meeting room.

*Mrs Wendy Carlish
President*

HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

Welcome to 2009 from the Humanities Department. We have an enthusiastic group of teachers in this department and I am grateful for the continued expertise of Mrs Day, Mrs Ciantar, Ms Brunner, Ms Worthington and Mr Eiser and welcome Mr Gibbens to the department.

Humanities is a Key Learning Area that likes to take learning out of the classroom. A number of excursions have already occurred this year. Junior History students studying "War and Peace" have visited Mother's Memorial and are heading off to the Milne Bay Military Museum soon. Year 8 history is planning a trip to Cobb & Co Museum and Senior Ancient History students are hoping to add an archaeological dig to their list of learning experiences next term. Year 8 Geography head off on their local park inquiry this week investigating "Are Toowoomba's Parks Suitable For Teenagers?" Year 10 Geography students are heading out of the classroom this week to analyse the quality of the water in the local creeks and to determine the health of the riparian zone.

On February 20, five Modern History students Ashley Chandler, Kirin Davis, Lauren Pederson, Sarah Campbell and Ruth Fabila, participated in the Constitutional Convention held at the Education Centre. They joined with nine other schools from the region to learn about government structures in our country and debate the issue "Should Australia become a Republic?" Whilst you may think we have already had a referendum on this issue, Kevin Rudd has raised it for discussion once again so the topic was very current. Ashley spoke on behalf of St Saviour's students and delivered an eloquent speech supporting the republic case.

Last Friday 27 February, Senior Geography students hosted a Climate Change seminar for St Saviour's, Concordia and Harristown students studying "Living with Climate Change". The presenter was Dr Karey Harrison, a lecturer from USQ, who was trained by Al Gore (An Inconvenient Truth). It was an excellent presentation and our girls enjoyed the opportunity to mingle with like minded students from other schools. Many thanks to Mrs Gai Lawler and Mr John Clarke for their help with the technical aspects.

Next term promises to be equally active and I look forward to sharing some of the photos taken on excursions with you all.

*Mrs Mary Conaghan
Head of Department*

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COMMUNITY CIRCLE

On Tuesday 17 February, the Community Circle received an overwhelming response to the sign up. With more than 50 students signing their name and willing to help and reform not only the St Saviour's community but the worldwide community. The first project at hand is the Victorian Bush Fire Appeal.

As many of you know, Victoria has been devastated by the sudden outbreak of the bush fires. Many people have lost their houses and over 200 people have lost their lives. Together with the College community and the help of many of the seniors, the Community Circle is hosting an **open-air movie night** on the College oval on **Friday March 13**. So far, the response to this event has been magnificent and we are expecting a large crowd to attend. The cost will be: \$5 for children/ students, \$10 for adults, \$20 for family (2 adults+ 2 children/ students) Donations accepted.

All money raised will go to the Salvation Army to help the survivors of the bush fire and their families.

On Wednesday 25 February, 10 of our College leaders and Mr Clarke attended a **Caritas: Just Leaders** seminar, which opened our eyes to the social injustice in the world. Caritas has helped many poverty struggling families from developing countries such as, Africa, India, Indonesia, South America, Papua New Guinea and more changing the lives and future of fellow world citizens. The statistics displayed are statistics we shall never forget.

- 72 million children in the world are not receiving an education
- 500 000 women die in child birth each year
- 33 million people are dying from aids
- 1 billion people live on less than \$1 a day
- 11 million children die before their 5th birthday
- 50 000 people die per day from poverty related illnesses

We are all different colours, we all live in different places and environments around the world, we all speak different languages and have different cultures but we all belong to the same race, the human race.

Rachel Barton
Circle Leader

CELEBRATION & LITURGY CIRCLE

There has been a great start to the year from the Celebration and Liturgy Circle. A committed group of students and staff has met on several occasions already and the result was our excellent Opening Eucharist.

We chose the theme of **"The Garden"** for 2009 and our first liturgy was called **"Seeds of Change"**. We used the image of the seed extensively throughout Mass to remind everybody of the potential that exists in our community and of our call to nurture this potential the way a gardener nurtures seeds. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this liturgy, particularly Fr Ray and Fr Hal, Miss Scott and the musicians and Miss McKay and the Stage Management girls. Thanks also to the parents, family members and special guests who were able to join us and to Mrs Wuersching and the hospitality girls for the delicious morning tea.

The aim of the Celebration and Liturgy Circle this year is to ensure all of our celebrations are well planned, well rehearsed and really engage the whole community. We are very pleased with our first effort and look forward to continuing our journey with Mr Clarke and Ms Giudice throughout the year. I would love to see more students join our Circle so that we can truly represent the whole community in our planning. Our next meeting will be held in Room 1 on Monday 9 March at lunchtime.

Ann Stephens
Circle Leader

St Luke's welcomes you to City Centre Christian Celebrations

Youth and Family

Praise & Worship

7 March 2009

Headlining Nainby as seen at Easterfest

Worship lead by Don Truss

7pm - 9pm

Tickets \$5 at the door

cnr Ruthven & Herries Street, Toowoomba

SPORT & RECREATION CIRCLE

On Friday 20 February we held our annual swimming carnival at Milne Bay. Everyone showed great enthusiasm throughout the day cheering their hearts out to encourage their team mates to swim fast and to have a fun day! Everyone that swam showed that they were there not only to try to win but to be there to give their house team points! Without the competitors and the cheering it would not have been such a fun and easy flowing carnival. I would like to especially like to congratulate the girls that did a fantastic job and won themselves a trophy, medal or ribbon.

The age champions for the day were:

13 years 1st Amy Lee Bosworth
2nd Demi Lipp
3rd Amelia Halaufia

14 years 1st Shannen Bosworth
2nd Veronica Taylor
3rd Ebony Fowler

15 years 1st Kaylin Bailey
2nd Rhiannon Bailey
3rd Madalyn Doherty

16 years 1st Jess Price
2nd Gemma Lowe
3rd Eilish McGowan

17 years 1st Rhielly Dowsett
2nd Dominique Van Hougenhouck Tulleken
3rd Tanika Mason

Sportsmanship was also displayed on the day so good work to all the girls and keep up the terrific enthusiasm!

Xavier won the carnival by an impressive margin. Good work Xavier!!!!

Hayley Scarlett
Circle Leader

ACADEMIC CIRCLE

The main purpose of the Academic Circle is to enhance learning at the College. As such the Circle has the following aims:

1. to promote academic excellence
2. to celebrate student achievement
3. to challenge students to think academically
4. to have fun
5. to assist students to achieve to their potential



Our first meeting is this Thursday at lunchtime and the Circle leadership is proposing the following activities to achieve its aims: a spelling bee in Term 2; the compilation of St Saviour's SCRAPS (a booklet of student short stories, art work etc); student peer tutoring, and puzzle solving.

This year, the Academic Circle is striving to promote healthy competition between Homeclasses through developing challenging puzzles to be completed. With over 40 students nominating to be in the Academic Circle for 2009, we are looking forward to achieving our aims as the year progresses.

The Academic Circle welcomes students from all grades. Please ask your daughter to join our circle.

Sarah Mengel
Circle Leader

Next Step 2009

The Queensland Government will again be conducting its annual statewide destination survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2008. The Next Step survey is a brief confidential survey that aims to gain a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers.

Any person who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive a telephone call or a paper-based survey by mail, between March and May 2009. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate in the survey. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2009.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep or phone 1800 068 587