Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of the College,

Welcome Back!
Welcome back to Term 4. It is a very busy term with students finalising their assessment programs for the term and reports being prepared.

Year 12 Higher School Certificate
This week marks the commencement of the Higher School Certificate Examinations for our Year 12 students. This time can be a very nervous and stressful time as they study and complete these exams. I ask you to remember these wonderful students in your prayers over the coming month. On behalf of the College community we wish our Year 12’s every success and our hope is they achieve their potential in these examinations. Let us pray for our young people as they begin the HSC.

God we ask that they especially feel your closeness during the HSC exam period. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence, in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory. Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations and an ability to express themselves clearly. Point out the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses. Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

October, the month of the Rosary
This is the month of the Rosary, it is the month when the Church asks us, invites us to reflect upon the Rosary. The Rosary is also called a Gospel of Life. It encompasses the Joyful mysteries, Sorrowful mysteries, Glorious mysteries and the Luminous Mysteries.

On May 3, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI stated that the Rosary was experiencing a new springtime: "It is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother." To Benedict XVI, the rosary is a meditation on all important moments of salvation history.

Each day throughout the month of October our Student Leaders lead the reciting of one decade of the Rosary at the Statue of Mary behind the Administration block.

Gold Award
Congratulations to Victoria Abreu who was the recipient of a Gold Award at last week’s College Assembly. This is a fantastic achievement for Victoria.

Silver Award
Congratulations to Michael Scocco who was the recipient of a Silver Award at last week’s College Assembly.

Year 10 End of Year Celebrations
With the raising of the school leaving age to seventeen and the abolition of the School Certificate, the College will no longer have a Year 10 Formal/Dinner Dance. As the majority of students continue their studies in Year 11, the purpose of these events have become redundant.
However the student leaders in Year 10 have submitted a proposal for an end of year celebration day to farewell the very few students leaving. This request has been approved and students will be informed of the details as the term progresses. I wish to inform you that no evening events will be organised or can be organised on College grounds and will not be supported or endorsed by the College.

Br Pat Hurley
It has also been announced this week that Br Pat Hurley will be leaving the Parish of Holy Spirit, Cames Hill and moving to Good Shepherd, Hinchinbrook. Over the last few years Br Pat has been the Parish Priest of both parishes, that is an enormous role to undertake. The valuable contribution Br Pat has made to our College and the support he has offered to the faith development of staff and students has been invaluable. We will continue to keep Br Pat in our prayers as he prepares to leave a parish that has been his home for the last few years.

NAPLAN
The recently released NAPLAN results acknowledge the achievements of students and staff in our College. Once again our students in Year 7 and 9 have achieved above state average results in many areas including writing and spelling in both Year 7 and Year 9. I refer you to Mr Dooner’s more detailed report further in this newsletter. Perhaps the greatest reward for us as teachers is the growth that has taken place between Year 7 to Year 9, particularly in the area of numeracy this year. An area of which we are particularly proud is the above average performance of our LBO TE students in writing and spelling. Our results this year continue to inform our teaching and learning programs so that we are effective in improving our student learning outcomes.

Some of these programs include:
- Targeted intervention through our withdrawal numeracy and literacy programs.
- Our focus on differentiating our curriculum to meet the needs of a range of students’ abilities in the classroom.
- On-going professional development of our teachers in the areas of assessment, differentiating the curriculum, numeracy and literacy development.
- Participating in external projects such as Literacy The Next Step and numeracy projects such as RAMP (Reading and Mathematics Program).
- Providing enrichment for our students through Clancy University.
- Providing additional support for our students for whom English is their second language and for our students who experience learning difficulties.

We will continue to work towards greater improvement at Clancy and the information we gain from these results will inform our teaching and learning programs across all subjects.

Much of our success is also due to ongoing communication between home and school, as always we appreciate your support and urge you to contact us if you require further information.

Thank you so much for the wonderful welcome I received upon my return.

Iris Nastasi Principal
Whole school community came together to pray the Rosary established early in our College history. Last Thursday lunchtime we spent 10 minutes in one decade of the Rosary, a tradition our senior leaders have led the students every month. As part of the National Day of the Rosary, it reminded us that our school is a part of a National Community, and that this traditional prayer is still an important and integral part of our practices as Christians.

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In the coming weeks, our Year 7 students will be participating in the Reflection Day at Mulgoa. These students have quickly become an integral part of our College, and the 12 November is the opportunity for them to reflect on their year, and invite them to consider aspects of their faith they would like to develop as they move into Year 8.

Tuesday morning mass continues each week. We encourage the families of the students leading the Mass to come and join with us. Next week it is 7.3 Pastoral and on 29 October it is 7.4. All are welcome!

**What can we celebrate?**

- For all students, being significantly above the State average in Writing (+20).
- For all students, being above the State average in Spelling (+10).4.
- More students in the top band in Writing when compared to the State and Diocesan averages. (Significantly more in the top 2 bands).
- More students in the top 2 bands in Spelling when compared to the State and Diocesan Averages.
- SPELLING: Average Schools Growth = 32.3 marks which 1.7 above the State average.
- NUMERACY: Average Schools Growth = 44.5 marks which is 3.9 above the State Average.
- Having few students below the minimum standard in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy when compared to State averages.
- Growth in Numeracy from 7-9 greater than the State and Diocesan averages.
- LBOTE students above the College average in Writing and Spelling.

**Areas to target**

- Focus moving student into the highest 2 bands in all areas.
- Growth in Grammar and Punctuation.
- Reading, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy

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**From the Religious Education Department**

The end of Term 3 concluded with a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass, celebrating the contribution our Year 12 students have made to the College. Br Pat Hurley celebrated this Mass with us at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Carnes Hill. We are grateful to the three students from Holy Spirit who recently attended the Mass at WSF, and the hospitality Holy Spirit Primary School showed to us by accommodating our needs during the day for the Year 12 students, who have helped to shape the legacy of our College. This Mass recognised these students, their families, staff and parish working together as a community, we continue to keep these students in our prayers as they sit their Higher School Certificate examinations.

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Curriculum Coordinator

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**World Youth Day Pilgrims**

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Jye Hawes Maddison Fitzgerald Frankie Schirripa
Carissa Dunn Kaitlin Gonzalez Jessica Jobbers
Lucy Apires Angela Messina Domenic Longo
Michael Musumeci

These students have committed to attending World Youth Day next year and will be attending the 19 day Saints of Lima Pilgrimage. These students will travel to Lima, Cuzco, and Machu Picchu before making their way to Rio de Janiero for WYD Week. While in Lima, the students will be participating in mission work that will help to support and improve the conditions of local communities in Lima. Following the celebrations and the final Mass, the students will then travel to Iguaçu Falls for a post-WYD retreat before heading back to Sydney.

This will be a wonderful experience for the students involved and we wish them all the best!

**World Youth Day Raffle**

In the time leading up to World Youth Day, the pilgrims will be engaging in fundraising to help subsidise the cost of their pilgrimage. One of the biggest forms of fundraising for the students is the World Youth Day Raffle which will be drawn on 13 December, 2012. The students will be selling tickets over the next few weeks and all are invited to purchase a ticket.

The prizes for the raffle are:

**1st Prize:** Kia Rio, 3 Door Automatic Hatchback valued at $17,290

**2nd Prize:** 2 x Economy Class Return airfares to Europe courtesy of Harvest INROADS flying Emirates.

**3rd Prize:** $1000 Visa gift card

The tickets will be sold by the World Youth Day Pilgrims. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please do so through your son/daughter. Tickets are $2.

This will be the primary form of fundraising and will not only help to subsidise the cost of the pilgrimage for the students, but 20% of the amount raised will go towards a mission fund that will help support the mission works that will be undertaken overseas. Please consider supporting our students as they prepare for next year!

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CaSPA Ensembles Audition Registrations
A reminder that AUDITION REGISTRATIONS for the 2013 CaSPA Ensembles closes this Friday 19 October

DANCE DRAMA VOCALS
Students need to sign up for membership at the CaSPA ning USING A SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS to register their details: http://caspa-sydney.ning.com/

Secondary Auditions will be held on Tues 30 October at Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College, Burwood 5.00pm-7.00pm.

John Alvear
CAPA Coordinator

Win a great prize just by taking a great photo of nature found in the Liverpool Local Government area.

To enter, complete an entry form online and submit with your best photo of nature found in the Liverpool area.

Entries close Friday 14 December 2012
Entry forms are available online at www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au
For more information phone (02) 9821 7788 or email: b.jovanovic@liverpool.nsw.gov.au

Winning images will be displayed in the Liverpool City Library, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre and the Liverpool city council Website
Year 12 Graduation Mass and Award Ceremony