

# CrossRoads



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**HOLY CROSS COLLEGE RYDE**



7 November 2008 No. 16

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

### *Reflection:*

*Albert Camus was a French writer and philosopher. He was born on this day in 1913. He wrote the following words about true friendship and how best to be a friend.*

*Don't walk in front of me-I may not follow.*

*Don't walk behind me-I may not lead.*

*Just walk beside me-and be my friend.*

Dear parents, students and staff,

The Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting was held last week. The P&F Executive for 2009 was elected at the meeting.

President: Jim Duignan

Secretary: Marion Cornish

Treasurer: Terry Towers

Social Committee: Lorraine Milward, Sue Sawdy, Julie Shaw, Donna Chalmers, Dorina Tomasello

I would like to thank Wendy Dobis for her contributions to the P&F over the last six years. Her work in establishing and running the second hand uniform shop has been of great assistance to many parents. I would ask parents to give their support to the P&F next year. These parents give up their time for the good of the school community. They deserve a sincere vote of thanks from us all.

The state government has announced a review of the School Transport Scheme this week. It is important that members of the NSW Parliament- both government and opposition know that free transport to school is an important issue for parents who choose to send their children to Catholic schools. I urge you to contact your State Member and express the importance of the continuation of the scheme for our families. This needs to be done urgently, as the upcoming mini budget will be handed down on Tuesday 11th November. The Member for Lane Cove, Anthony Roberts, has already written to me expressing his opposition to cuts to the transport subsidy and the \$50 Back to School Allowance.

**Mr. G. Williams**  
Principal

## Coming Events - 2008

**10 Nov** School Certificate to 12th  
Yrs 9 & 10 Exams to 14th

**13 Nov** MCS Rd 5 Cricket/BBall/Touch

**14 Nov** Yr 10 Plagiarism Course

**17 Nov** Yrs 7 & 8 Exams to 21st

**18 Nov** Yr 7 2008 Orientation Day  
MCS Softball/BBall Trials

**20 Nov** MCS Rd 6 Cricket/BBall/Touch

**Mark Your Calendars!!**

***Annual Awards Night***

**Wednesday 10 December 2007**

**7.30pm**

**Holy Cross College**

**Ryde**

*Mr Garry Williams*  
Principal

*Invites Parents & Friends to the Official  
Opening of the  
Patrician Technology Building*

*on*

*8<sup>th</sup> December 2008*

*Commencing at 10.00am*

*Bishop David Cremin will be officiating*

*Light Refreshments and tours of the  
facility to follow.*

*R.S.V.P. 1.12.08 Principal's Secretary 9808-1033*

## From the Assistant Principal

We are fast approaching a particularly important time for our junior students. The Year 10's face the School Certificate and Year 7 – 9 are about to sit for their end of year exams. By now all students should be aware of their exam timetable and understand the expectations regarding equipment and exam protocol. The exams are an essential part of the overall assessment of our students learning development and as such they are expected to attend all exams. If a student is absent for an exam, a message should be with the appropriate KLA Coordinator before the exam.

Parents/carers are reminded that when students have been absent from school they are expected to present to their Homeroom teacher a written note explaining the absence. This is a standard procedure and requirement in all schools to help monitor student attendance and truancy. Currently, there are a number of students who have unexplained absences; the College appreciates the full support of parents/ carers in this matter. Letters will be sent home shortly for students who have unexplained absences.

### Quotes:

The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well. *William Osler*

Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. *Abraham Lincoln*

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain. *Maya Angelou*

**Michael McCormack**  
Assistant Principal

## Curriculum Matters

### Year 7 to 9

These will be conducted from Monday November 10th to Friday November 21<sup>st</sup>. Your son received a timetable relating to these exams this week. It is recommended that your sons pay close attention to its contents so as to ensure they attend exams at the correct times. Normal classes will be occurring for all students during this time, when not attending a examination

As a partner in your son's learning I would ask that you encourage him to increase his hours of study and reduce his paid work or leisure time.

### Year 10

The School Certificate external examinations will be conducted next week starting on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> November and finishing Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Your son has received all relevant information regarding these examinations and is expected to be at the school at least 15 minutes prior to the relevant exam starting. They will undertake 5 examinations, which include: English Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Australian History and Geography and an online exam for Computer skills.

I would encourage that all students focus their attention totally on these examinations as these exams are very good indication of how a student will perform in the HSC, while also providing a good stepping stone into the work force for students not going on to complete the HSC.

### Year 11

Have just completed their third week of the HSC course, and yet some students are displaying a lack of application and a poor attitude towards their studies at this early stage. For students to achieve results that are reflective of their ability, students need to demonstrate a very strong commitment to their studies both at school and at home with regards to classwork, assessments and study. Mr. Williams; Mr. White; Mr. Kisrwani and myself have already raised this issue with the students on two occasions over the past fortnight. We are extremely concerned that if this commitment to their studies does not change quickly that your son's opportunity to achieve his best results will be missed.

The HSC can provide all students who perform well enormous opportunities and choices for the future when completed, in contrast poor results will drastically reduce these. As a partner in your son's learning I would ask that you support the college and its teaching staff and discuss these concerns with him.

### Year 8 Mathematics

The importance of these forthcoming exams cannot be stressed enough as, at the end of this year, the students will be streamed into Level 3, Level 2 and Level 1 classes for Mathematics. Please note that only the top students will be able to cope with the demands of the Advanced and Extension Courses for the HSC.

We as a school community are committed to providing the best possible education for your son.

Thanks

**Phillip Gibney**  
Curriculum Coordinator

## Outstanding school fee accounts.

There are still a number of families who have not settled their accounts for this year. This is putting a considerable strain on the finances of the College and will impact on the quality of resources we can provide for our students next year. Parents of students at Catholic schools have a long tradition of providing for the financial welfare of our schools, often at considerable sacrifice.

Unless parents are prepared to contribute financially by paying fees, our schools will not survive. If you are experiencing financial difficulties you should ring the College and make an appointment to see me.

### HOLY CROSS GOOD NEWS BULLETIN

**Food Tech:** This week our Year 10 Food Tech students, utilizing our new and modern kitchen under the expert teaching and guidance of Sabnam Kanta (Food Tech teacher), produced marvellous morning teas for the teachers. Some of the cuisine provided included scones with jam and cream, decorative cup cakes, meatballs, pastries and sandwiches. Everything was beautifully presented and in addition the boys waited on the teachers with tea, coffee and orange juice. Congratulations to these Year 10 students (and their teacher!) – a terrific effort.

**Learning Support:** Our Learning Support Team held a celebratory morning tea this week to thank the parents for their support in our Reading Program. Without their valuable assistance our Year 7 students would not get the help they need during their first year at high school. The Year 7 students received a certificate, presented by our Principal Garry Williams, and the parents a small thank you gift. Also in attendance were many Year 7 and Year 9 students who are involved in Peer Tutoring Programs in Literacy and Numeracy. These have been well organized by our Literacy Teacher Trish Baran who has found the Year 9 students to be excellent tutors. Certificates and Movie Vouchers were presented to the students along with rapidly consumed chips, lollies and pizza for lunch.

The Federal Government funded Even Start program is progressing well with tutoring in Literacy and Numeracy taking place after school, Monday-Wednesday for some Year 8 students. This program, provided by some teachers at Holy Cross, is focusing on some of the basics missed in Year 7 so this is valuable teaching for these students.

**Mathematics Stars:** Daniel Leigh Year 8, Nathan Camilleri Year 10, Mackenzie Twedde Year 11 from Mr Kisrwan's classes are all to be congratulated for having consistently high results this year. In addition, Elias Vasilikas Year 8, from Mr Samyia's class, is to be highly congratulated on attaining almost 100% in a recent assessment.

Virginia Reeves

### Sports Report. 30.10.08

HCC Sports report – By Jake Sinclair, Lachlan Edwards and Jacob Molloy.

#### HCC MCS Basketball

Last week on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008 HCC Reporters Jake, Lachlan and Jacob went over to Ryde Pool to check out the HCC MCS Basketball Teams.

We would like to thank Mr Chase, and all the Players and Coaches, for making our experience very delightful.

While we were in the Basketball zone we caught up with two of the Teams coaches, heres what they had to say:

#### Mr Acosta

1.O: What age group do you coach? *A: Year 9's and Opens*

2.O: How is your team so far? *A: 1 win and 1 loss.*

3.O: Do you have a strategic plan for the game? *A: To score more points, through tough defence and strong offence.*

4.O: What are your hopes for the competition? *A: Get into the semi's, and hope to win a maiden grand final.*

5.O: What place do you think your team is coming in the comp? *A: Too early to know yet.*



#### Ms Van Domburg

1.O: Which age or division do you coach? *A: The year 7 Team.*

2.O: What form was the Team in today? *A: Great form, very competitive, the best so far.*

3.O: Did you have a plan today? *A: In training we spoke about staying in your zones, and communicate well.*

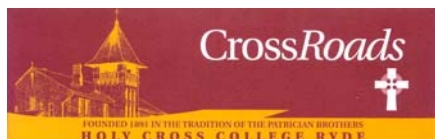
4.O: What are your hopes for the tournament? *A: Because of 2 very close games, try to get some more wins and maybe scrape into semi finals, and keep positive.*

**Thank you to Mr Acosta and Ms Van Domburg.**

**By Jake Sinclair, Lachlan Edwards and Jacob Molloy.**



MCS SPORT—SUMMER SEASON 2008		
Results—Week 3—30.10.08		
Sport	Results	Comment
Touch Football		
Under 13's	6—0 against Parramatta 3—0 against Penrith	An easy warm up game in preparation for the undefeated clash against St Dominic's. Best Players were Matthew Woods, Chris Moana, Alefosio Tatola and Nick Bell. Special mention to Matthew Woods on an outstanding performance.
Under 15's	6—0 against Parramatta 5—3 against St Dominic's	The teams attack is quite good. We need to communicate better in defence. Game 1—tries to C Sironen-1, J Touma-1, M Moses-2, M Dimarco-2. Best & fairest M Moses-3pts, M Farrel-2pts, M Nicholls-1pt. Game 2—tries to N Milone-1, C Sironen-1, M Nicholls-1 & J Knoll-2. Best & fairest M Farrell-3pts, M Moses-2pts, B Plug-1pt
Under 17's	3—1 against Auburn 1—4 against Blacktown	Better week for this dedicated team. With an easy win against Auburn, Mitchell Hayward's great chase down the field. Unfortunately Blacktown proved just to be a tad better, though the boys gave a good fight.
Cricket		
Under 14's	Won HCC 5-84 (12 overs)  Terra Sancta 76 runs	Tight bowling from Dayne Horne and Luke Johnston set the tone for an easy run chase. Luke Johnston and Simon Philpott starred with the bat. Another excellent display of sportsmanship noted by the umpire.
Year 9	HCC Lost to Terra Sancta	Ryde Scored 78 Terra Santa reached 79 with six runs to spare, and for the loss of 2 wickets. Man of the Match—Jarryd Hitchcock 37 runs.
OPENS	HCC Lost to Terra Sancta	A disappointing game. After a reasonable fielding performance we contained Terra Sancta to 132 off 20 overs. We started well with the bat and were on target after 8 overs. A collapse in the batting order saw us reach 63 runs in the 20th over.
Basketball		
Year 7's	HCC 15 Marist Eastwood 16	Another extremely tight game and we'll be hoping the luck goes <u>our</u> way next week! The boys played very well with only 2 subs and again, it was decided in the last seconds. Stay positive for a win next week boys!
Year 9's	HCC 28 Marist Eastwood 37	A tough game without our starting point guard. With no calls going our way the boys battled to score. Still a great effort from all the boys especially Tham Dingani & Cameron Bayer.
A Grade	HCC 16 Marist Eastwood 68	A tight game in parts, where some calls didn't go the boys' way nor did many (many) baskets. The boys were very competitive the first couple of plays.
B Grade	HCC 19 Marist Eastwood 19	After a tight first half, the game got away from us. Boys played hard. Man of the March—Matt Jordan.



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## Sport News – 6<sup>th</sup> November

### MCS AFL Representative Team

Congratulations to Bradley Plug and Luke Duigan who have been selected in the MCS representative team to play against PSSSA next week at Sydney Olympic Park.

### Junior Sports Reporters

Congratulations to Jake Sinclair, Jacob Molloy and Lachlan Edwards for being the College's first Junior sports reporters. The students will be going to MCS and recreational sports on Thursday afternoons and taking photos and writing articles for Crossroads and the annual yearbook.

### MCS Touch Football, Cricket and Basketball

It is now into Round 4 of the competition and most teams have started the season well. I would like to thank all the players for their sportsmanship and adhering to all rules and regulations.

Students who cannot play in their MCS team because of injury or sickness need to tell their coach by Wednesday at lunchtime. This will give the coach enough time to select other players. It is not fair on the coach to tell them on Thursday morning or before leaving to catch a bus to go to sport. If a student is sick or injured they are to travel with the team and help out with other duties.

### Thursday Recreational Sport

Music workshop, Drama club and Film club are new sports running this term to give the students more opportunities to excel in a chosen field. It has been good to see the work the students are producing in these sports. Other new sports will be introduced next year to cater for all our student's needs.

Students may not select a new sport without a letter from their parents. To many students have been asking to change sports on a Thursday at Recess the only days that a sport will be changed will be Monday and Tuesday's at recess and lunch.

Students who are sick or injured are to have a note explaining why they cannot participate in sport on a Thursday afternoon. Students are to get their note signed by me at recess or lunch and after the sports assembly are to go to C1 to complete study. All doctor and physio appointments should be made after school hours on a Thursday.

**Damian Chase**

PDHPE / Sport Coordinator

## YEAR 9 AND 10 LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL COMPETITION

After several lunchtimes of Round Robin competition we arrived at Finals Day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. 9.5 Homeroom and 10.3 Homeroom both completed their matches with four wins and one draw to successfully qualify for the title.

It was a well contested game with 9.5 taking the early one nil lead. For the first ten minutes it was a tight game and scores were locked at two all. 10.3 broke the dead lock and gained momentum quickly by scoring some decisive goals. The final score was six goals to three in favour of 10.3.

A well deserved win and it was pleasing to see the final played in such a competitive spirit. I guess the free pizzas as first prize provided strong motivation.

Mr. Mustapic and I would like to thank all of the students in Years 9 and 10 who offered their support and a big thanks to all of the students who supported the event via their enthusiastic participation. Without your participation the event would not have been successful.

Congratulations to 10.3 and we look forward to continuing the Yr 9 versus Yr 10 rivalry with the future year groups.

**Mr.P.Graziani**

Year 10 Coordinator


**Mr.M.Mustapic**

Year 9 Coordinator



MCS SPORT—SUMMER SEASON 2008		
Results—Week 4—6.11.08		
Sport	Results	Comment
Touch Football		
U13s	3-0 Eastwood 6-0 Trinity	Two very low intensity games but it was great to beat Eastwood even though it was not a challenge. Best players were Chris Moana, Matthew Woods and JK Khoury.
U15s	6-0 Eastwood 4-2 Trinity	A good attacking display. All players worked well with the new set plays. 3pts Curtis Sironen, 2pts Mason Farrell, 1pt Mitchell Moses. Tries: Curtis Sironen 3, Mitchell Moses, Luke Brooks, Mason Farrell. A poor game. Players lost focus and made simple mistakes that put us under pressure. Defensively we will need to improve. 3pts Mason Farrell, 2pts Mitchell Moses, 1pt Max Dimarco. Tries one each to Ryan Hezlett, Shae Jarvis, Nathan Milone and Mitchell Moses.
Cricket		
U14s	Win by 9 Wickets Against St Paul's	A dominant performance by HCC restricting St Paul's to 62 runs. The openers Angus Compton and Dayne Horne chasing total in nearly 3 overs. An excellent bowling performance by man of the match – Matthew Saleh with 4-2.
Year 9	Lost by 79 Runs	St Paul's Greystanes scored 165 for the loss of 5 wickets. Holy Cross replied with 86 runs . Man of the match – Jarryd Hitchcock. Scored 65, best score of both teams.
Opens	HCC 3/169 (20) St Paul's 5/171 (19.2)	Great batting performances, especially from Matthew Cullen (94 not out). Unfortunately, our fielding and bowling let us down and St Paul's reached 171 with 4 balls to spare. We let victory slip!
Basketball		
Year 7s	Lost 16-9	A very competitive, close game with all players defending better than ever. All boys are growing in confidence and hungry for that win! Special commendation to Alex Sghabe for his speed.
Year 9s	Lost 35-25	Another game that slipped out of our hands. With the lead constantly changing we couldn't hold with some poor options at crucial points. Fairfield were too strong.
B Grade	Lost 14-9	A low scoring game for both teams. Our defence was strong but we just couldn't get the points on board. Congratulations to Luke Giannasca who was man of the match.
A Grade	Lost 72-28	A big loss for the team this week. Boys started hard but lost momentum and the game got away from. Boys really need to communicate better on the court with a united front. Man of the match, Phillip Senico, for his efforts with the rebounds




  
**Domremy College**  
 presents  
**Youth United**  
**14th November 2008**  
**4:30pm - 9:30pm**

Where: Domremy College  
 121 First Avenue, Five Dock  
 Cost \$10.00 per ticket per person—  
 includes pizza and a drink

### MP Julia Irwin is out of step with education reform

LABOR MP Julia Irwin committed the sin of omission when she attacked private school funding in parliament on Tuesday. She claimed that the Government's decision to continue the Howard government's socio-economic status (SES) funding model for private schools for another four years, would entrench "imbalance" in commonwealth funding of public schools. This, she said, had dropped from 43 per cent to 35 per cent under the Coalition.

It is an old argument beloved by teachers' unions which, even when uttered in the parliamentary chamber, does not withstand scrutiny. The latest available figures for recurrent government spending - state and federal combined - show state school students receive substantially more taxpayer support. Each public school student received \$11,243 in 2005-2006, compared with \$6287 per private school student. State schools are funded mainly by states, with revenue derived from the commonwealth, mainly through the GST. The overall commonwealth figures also reflect the fact that in the past decade, the independent school sector has grown substantially compared with the government sector.

Far from being bastions of elitism, most of Australia's private schools are low-fee religious schools in ordinary suburbs. Many parents make significant sacrifices to educate them within their faith while paying the same taxes as parents of public school children.

Fimsy financial arguments arguments apart, the real opposition is driven by something else - a modern, twisted sectarianism. Unlike the religious divide of the early 20th century Australia, this modern phenomenon opposes religious education per se - not only in Catholic parish schools, but in schools of all denominations, including Jewish, Islamic and other non-Christian faiths.

In educating 33 per cent of Australian children overall and more than 40 per cent at senior secondary level, private schools are a vast saving for taxpayers. Were they to cease operating, the imposts on taxpayers would be crippling. At the 2004 election, Labor paid a heavy price for Mark Latham's class warfare "hit list" of 67 private schools that would have had their funding cut and 111 that would have had it frozen, had he been elected.

While no funding model is perfect, the SES model differentiates between wealthier and poorer schools. It is the most effective model used to date. Under it, some of the nation's wealthiest independent schools receive as little as \$1690 per student, while poorer private schools receive as much as \$7690 per student - well short of the average for state students.

Some of the nation's highest-fee schools receive about a quarter of the funding they would if they were public schools. Such schools, including boarding schools, of which there are fewer and fewer with the decline in the rural sector, have their fair share of wealthy students. But they also play an important role in giving bush students the same opportunities as city students. In subsidising them, the Government is meeting some of its responsibilities to rural students.

The Australian supports choice in education as a means of reinforcing parents' values, as opposed to the values of most teachers' unions. We also support better resourcing of all schools. IT infrastructure, good libraries and science laboratories are vital for the complexities of 21st century education. A good curriculum and good teachers, however, are even more important.

As Justine Ferrari reported yesterday in *The Australian*, a study published in the Treasury's latest Economic Roundup has confirmed that the school a child attends can make a substantial difference to academic success. One-third more students pass literacy and numeracy tests at good schools than at average schools. The study also identified considerable variation between schools with students of similar socio-economic backgrounds.

After 11 months in office, the Rudd Government is to be commended for advancing the national curriculum further than the Howard government was able to do in 11 years. Kevin Rudd, who spoke out against the sloppy Study of Society and the Environment (SOSE) course in Queensland a decade ago, has long been a stickler for a more rigorous curriculum and greater accountability. He is right to ignore Ms Irwin's criticisms and to press on with plans to make the funding of schools contingent on the public release of the performance of individual schools. This will be important in lifting education standards, especially in basic literacy and numeracy at a time when one in five Australian children are falling short of accepted benchmarks. So will better teacher training. But overhauling university arts and education faculties from decades of mediocre postmodernism and left-wing bias will be a herculean task.

Ms Irwin's rejection of "a competitive education system where parents in a position to make choices about their children's schooling may select from a smorgasbord of educational offerings" summed up her underlying approach. In other words, education bureaucrats and teachers' unions know what's best for children and parents do not. Her speech had all the credibility of her boycott of the parliamentary motion acknowledging the 60th anniversary of the state of Israel, and her ludicrous claim that Belinda Neal was a victim of sexism.

Mr Rudd and his deputy and Education Minister, Julia Gillard, should ignore her and press ahead

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



We are asking all students for donations to this appeal.  
A basket will be kept at the front office until December 8<sup>th</sup>.



*Items needed are: Plum Puddings, Tins – Christmas cake, biscuits, mixed nuts, bottles of cordial, bottles of juice, cans of beetroot, peaches, apricots, fruit salad, tins of salmon, tins of ham, jars of jam, long life custard, bon bons Christmas tablecloths and napkins.*

Your donation can bring those less fortunate some hope, comfort and joy as Christmas is a wonderful time of year.

**CANTEEN ROSTER 2008**

	Group 3 10—14 Nov 08	Group 4 17—21 Nov 08
<b>M O N</b>	Wendy Dobis Hepburn Cheung	Marina Spina Cathy Nardo Norma Sciara
<b>T U E S</b>	Rita Sciancalepore Stephen Fonti	Alison Coombs Helen Burton
<b>W E D</b>	Donna Chalmers Mary Cox	Helen Clark  <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>T H U R</b>	Carol Jarvis Sharon Stephens Julie Smith	Nicole Mather Jo-anne Plug
<b>F R I</b>	Keith Kerr Linda Miller	Alyson Mitchell Sharon Towers

**Can you help in the Canteen?**

We will be losing some of our Senior Boys Parent's and will need to replace them.  
A full day at canteen is 11am until 2pm.  
*With a free lunch!!*  
Please call Lorraine in the Canteen 9808-1033 ext 120.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

**Monday 10 & 18 Nov 2008**  
**From 8.15am**

**HCC UNIFORM SHOP**  
**Opening Times**

**Tuesdays: 8.00am—9.30am**  
**Fridays: 8.00am—9.30am**  
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**HCC SILVER AWARDS**

*Congratulations to the following students who have recently received Silver Awards.*

Student Name	Year
Alex Ferraro	9

**CANTEEN SPECIAL**

*Crunchy Noodle Salad with Chicken*

**\$3.00**

**Must be ordered.**

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

Donations of uniforms especially Senior Blazers is greatly appreciated. All money raised will be donated back to the school.

The P&F is looking for volunteers to help with the uniform shop once a month. Interested people to contact the front office.

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME:**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Ryde is offering a six week program entitled "CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME" commencing on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009. The program assists Catholics to return to the active practice of their faith. The emphasis in the sessions is about making them feel welcome, accepted and comfortable in rejoining the faith community and practising in its sacramental life. If you know someone who has left the church please invite them to join us. For more information call Phil 9808 4137 or Lynette 9808 5161.

**HCC BRONZE AWARDS**

*Congratulations to the following students who have recently received Bronze Awards.*

Student Name	Year
James Clark x 3	7
Adam Cusumano	7
Bradley Denlow	7
Alfonso Di Monte x 2	7
Liam Giblin	7
Andrew Jamons	7
James Kahourakis	7
Nicholas Meredith	7
Joshua Khoury	8
Jake Knoll	8
Chrysostomos Maoudis	8
Jeremy Pollicina	8
Hayden Taylor	8
Patrick Colasuonno	9
Alex Ferraro x 3	9
Steven Bennett Borobio	10



**CEO—Sydney**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008**

**GOODS**

The WYD08 Office would like to offer families of Catholic Schools an opportunity to purchase the following items at a fantastic price of \$175.00.

**Bonn Commercial Microwaves MW-1000 (used)**

Order forms are available from the front office.



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