Dear parents and caregivers,

You may be aware of the government funding that is being made available to schools under the initiative of ‘Building the Education Revolution’ (BER), as part of the Australian Government’s economic stimulus package, in response to the ongoing negative outcomes of the global economic crisis. As the timelines for applications are very short, we have been doing some rapid thinking and discussion with Catholic Education SA on how best to capitalise on what is very much a generational ‘gift’ that is too good to miss. Having said that, we are very mindful of responsible planning and resource use. Our primary goal is for quality education outcomes for children, whilst the Australian Government’s is to prop up construction and allied industries.

Timing, as we know, is everything, and although we are on the brink of our Capital Development Plan for one school – one site, this ‘gift’ may allow us to invest in additional infrastructure we would not be able to afford when rebuilding a school of significant size. As we are an R-12 school, we may consider a site specific development that will benefit all in the future, as commitment to sites for a set period is a proviso of the funding which will therefore govern our decision making. Some considerations available to us, therefore, are the Multi-purpose Hall, Language and Learning Centre or Science Facility development and refurbishment. However, the latter is limited to the 500 neediest schools across Australia.

We are currently drawing up the Education Plan to inform architects of our perceived needs. We will keep the community informed as developments occur. Meanwhile, we continue to work to the goal of one school, one site. We are currently waiting for a completion of a feasibility study of various options within Whyalla. The preliminary work of this past Tuesday’s collaboration with staff and parents contributes to us realising the dream, as the future will very quickly become the reality. We’d like to thank those parents who came to the consultation for your time, effort and wisdom. For parents who would like to provide input, but were unable to make the meeting, please complete the question sheet in the Newsletter and return within the week. We look forward to reading about your aspirations for your children.

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**Term 1 Week 7**

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TERISSA SHEPHERD  
CHRIS SLOAN  
CO-PRINCIPALS
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Angela Rogers
REC - SJC

On Monday evening Our Lady Help of Christians Church office experienced a fire caused by an electrical fault, but fortunately the Church itself was spared. Most things of importance are safe, e.g. the Church Registers, and the vessels used for our celebration of Mass. The fire started in my office, so computer etc were destroyed along with what was on my desk, all of which will be covered by insurance. But in the broader perspective it is nothing compared to the devastation of the recent bushfires of Victoria.

One of my Lenten resolutions was to be patient with situations and with others. I think I will have plenty of opportunities to take this on over the next few weeks or however long it takes to get back to normal.

I publicly thank Ken and Errol who did a wonderful job of fighting the fire from the outside and their concern that there may have been someone inside. We are truly grateful. Thank you to all those who have offered to help in any capacity. We will be calling on people’s generosity in the not too distant future.

The Ashes of Ash Wednesday also have a more significant meaning.

God Bless
Sr Robyn Brady
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

The will of God will never take you, Where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears,
Where the grace of God cannot keep you, Where the Word of God cannot feed you,
Where the arms of God cannot support you, Where the miracles of God cannot be done for you,
Where the riches of God cannot supply your needs, Where the omnipresence of God cannot find you,
Where the power of God cannot endow you.
Where the love of God cannot enfold you.
Where the wisdom of God cannot teach you,
Where the army of God cannot protect you,
Where the hands of God cannot mould you.
Where the mercies of God cannot sustain you,
Where the peace of God cannot calm you,
Where the authority of God cannot overrule for you.

Everything happens for a purpose.

We may not see the wisdom of it all now, But trust and believe in the Lord That everything is for the best.

(Author unknown)
Samaritan College
OSH
DID YOU KNOW
THAT.............
If your child attends St Teresa’s Campus, you can still enrol them at Out of School Hours Care.

Transport will be arranged for you.
We are open for Before & After School Care.

Times
Mornings: 7.00am – 8.30am
Afternoons: 3.15pm – 6.10pm
For more information, please call Mary Ann Milne on 86493530 or 0427712260.

College News

Computer Corner
Science
KS2 Bitesize games
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science
Astronomy for kids
www.kidsastronomy.com
Interactive websites
jc-schools.net/tutorials/interactive.htm
Woodlands Science Zone
www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/Science
Art /Music
The colour factory
www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/games/musicart/#!/lb/games/play/colourfactory
Sphinx Kids! – music & instrument fun
www.sphinxkids.org
Me and my movie
www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/meandmymovie
National Galary of Art NZ
www.nga.gov/kids/zone/zone.htm
SOSE
National Geographic Kids
kids.nationalgeographic.com
Enchanted Learning
search.enchantedlearning.com/cgi-bin/uncgi/search?key=world+maps
Kids Social Studies
www.netrover.com/~kingskid/social.htm
Teach the children well
www.teachthechildrenwell.com/social.html
Jenny Kondylas

Primary Campus News

It is hard to believe that we are already over half-way through Term 1!
The teaching staff from both primary campuses have been very busy during this term. Not only are they performing their usual teaching load but they have been heavily involved in shared curriculum planning, after their busy daytime duties.

Their work covers all aspects of the curriculum. It is great to see the teachers working together as a team and not as separate campuses.

This year will be our first combined primary campus Sports Day at Jubilee Park on Friday, May 8, at the end of Week 2 of Term 2. A group of very enthusiastic teachers have been extremely busy organising the day. It will be a milestone for us in our short history as Samaritan College.

Patricia Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

Sports Day Help

Last week a request for help at Sports Day was distributed with the newsletter.

Please consider offering your help at sports day and return the tear off slip from last week.

Thank you

SPORTS DAY COMMITTEE
THANK YOU – R/1 SANDERS LITURGY

I would like to extend a very big thank you to all the families who joined with us and prayed with us during our “Love One Another’ Liturgy last Thursday.

It was wonderful to see so many family members there supporting the children and making them feel so special.

Thank you
Josie Sanders

EASTER RAFFLE

Each year the Student Council conducts an Easter Raffle to raise money for Project Compassion. Project Compassion is a charity run by Caritas Australia to help disadvantaged groups of people in Australia and around the world. With today’s newsletter is a book of raffle tickets for each family to sell for our Easter Raffle. Please donate Easter Eggs etc which will make up the prizes. Donations can be taken to your child’s class or left at the office.

The tickets are 20 cents each and each book has ten tickets. Please return the ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets to school by Wednesday, April 8. The draw of the raffle will take place on Thursday, April 9.

Thank you
ST TERESA’S CAMPUS SRC

SWIMMING LESSONS

NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR CLASSES DURING THEIR SWIMMING WEEK

Swimming lessons begin for Year 6/7 Gogoll, Year 6/7 Turpin, Year 2/3 Reed/Judd, R/ Year 1 Sanders and R/ Year 1 Storr next week. Swimming lessons are every day next week. Please make sure your child has all they need for this activity every day in Week 8.

Medical forms and permission notes need to be returned to school before swimming lessons commence.

LITURGY AND ASSEMBLY IN WEEK 8

Next week R/1 Storr will celebrate their Liturgy on Thursday, March 19 at 9.30am in the Library.

The assembly next week on March 20 will be lead by Year 6/7 Gogoll and is Whole Campus Assembly. Assemblies are always at 9.30am on Friday mornings.

Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATOR
SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS

COMPULSORY EDUCATION AGE
Due to some inaccurate information which may have caused confusion, we include an amendment to last week’s discussion about the compulsory education age (17). Should a student wish to attend another training institution, they do not need an exemption form, however, parents and the student do need to make an appointment with us to discuss options, preferably during the decision making process. With any exiting student, a letter from parents is always required by the College, which informs us of their future intentions, and its receipt is used as the official confirmation that they have left the College.

Terissa Shepherd
CO-PRINCIPAL

PUPIL FREE DAY
This Monday, March 16, teachers will be writing mid-semester reports for all students. Senior students are invited to use the library and computer facilities to work on assignments or to study. All Saint John’s Campus students are requested to respect that other schools in Whyalla have a normal teaching/learning day and are asked not to visit other schools. In exceptional circumstances students are asked to make appointments at the Office of the school prior to any contact.

SRC INDUCTION
Next Tuesday, March 17, we will be conducting a special assembly with Father Jim Monaghan to induct Student Representative Council members from Years 8 through 11. This will occur on the grandstand starting at approximately 12.45pm. Parents and immediate family members are warmly invited to attend but are asked to sign in at the Front office beforehand.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
This very important opportunity to meet with your children’s teachers is fast approaching. Students will receive their progress report on Friday of Week 10 (April 3), along with an interview appointment form. Early notice is given now so that parents and caregivers can plan around this useful evaluation of student learning. Parent/Teacher interviews are held on Wednesday, April 8 (Week 11) from 4.00pm through to 9.00pm.

With best wishes,
Brett Czechowski
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
(SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER)

UNIFORMS
Please take advantage of the SJC pupil free day to come and get your winter uniform.
The Uniform Shop at SJC will be open 8.30am-2.30pm
Thanks in anticipation
Marg Coad

CANTEEN ROSTERS
MONDAY, MARCH 16 – FRIDAY, MARCH 20
ST TERESA’S CAMPUS
No Helpers needed – Swimming lessons
Lunch orders will not be available for the classes swimming in Week 8.
Thank you
Annette Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS
Mon Antoneta Rogers Diana Moia
Tue Yvette Balkwill
Wed Kylie Hoffmann Dana Campion
Thur HELP NEEDED
Fri Amanda Salopek
Rose Cassar
CANTEEN MANAGER

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS
Mon Bev Smith HELP NEEDED
Tue Jayne Bryant Michelle Harman
Wed Allyson Noble Vicki Schmitt
Thur Donna Ward HELP NEEDED
Fri Mark Plunkett Amelia Cooper
Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER
Tour the Adelaide Zoo with Photographer Lindsay Poland, as he takes you through the beautiful underground clutches of the Zoroastrian Palmers and make the wires disappear! Learn how to photograph through glass and how to enhance your photos.

These one-day (6 hours, 3pm – 9pm) courses will focus mainly on ‘hands-on’ photography. The 2 courses will be split into ‘Basics’ and ‘Advanced’photography and will involve both theory and practical sessions.

Sunday 12th April or Sunday 20th May
Introduction to Animal Photography (SLR Basics)
Theory: composition and exposure. Film speed – use these techniques to help photograph through glass and make wires disappear!

Sunday 19th June or Sunday 17th July
Enchanted Photography (Advanced SLR)
Theory: combine the technical theory learnt with a greater understanding of composition, available light, good design and watching for common pitfalls to produce the desired image.

Suitable for teachers, students, secondary students and parents.

FILM SHOW UNDER THE STARS

2 HOURS OF CARTOONS & COMEDY
AT WILD DOG HILL
SATURDAY 21ST MARCH
7.45 PM

BRING YOUR FRIENDS & YOUR CHAIRS AS WELL AS NIBBLES AND DRINKS.

GOLD COIN DONATION/PERSON INCLUDES SUPPER.

OUR ROADS HAVE BEEN GRADED! ENTER VIA SPEEDWAY OR LINCOLN HIGHWAY

FEATURE FILM
"THE CASTLE"

A Friends of Whyalla Conservation Park
Community Event

COMMUNITY NEWS
You are invited to

Samaritan College

Wine and Cheese Evening

A casual evening of fun, games and socialising
Prizes and giveaways throughout the night
Family and friends welcome

Friday, March 20, 2009

at 7.30pm in the St John’s Campus Dining Room

cost only $5.00 per person, payable on the night
plus a donation of a bottle of wine to pool as part of the wine tasting

Nibbles, wine, champagne and soft drink provided
Eskies welcome to bring along any other drinks that you require on the night

Please return this reply slip to your campus office by
Monday, March 16, 2009
To help the Parents & Friends Committee with catering

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Wine & Cheese Evening
Friday, March 20, 2009

I/We ................................................................. will be attending.