Dear parents and caregivers,

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

A significant focus of our Vision Statement is Samaritan College’s dedication to looking after the needs of “the other”, in our daily interactions, local and regional responsibilities and even global commitments. With the final commissioning of all Student Representative Council (SRC) members this week, the community will continue to experience the social justice efforts of the students as they embark on their many activities throughout the year. Following their Shrove Tuesday initiative, children are now bringing in their Easter Eggs for their ‘extraordinary raffles’ at each campus. The remarkable thing about our students’ fundraising is the creative ways in which they develop fund raising events that are always fun-filled and learning experiences in themselves. The incidental learning of student community initiatives, should not be underestimated. As they bring the rest of the student body on board they are practising the skills of teamwork, leadership, goal setting, planning, interdependence and even marketing.

**PARENT /TEACHER EVENINGS**

With the end of term approaching, the opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s progress is soon approaching. Parents of primary students will have the opportunity to meet in Weeks 10 and 11, and secondary occurs after the mid semester report in Week 11. We encourage all parents to make the most of this opportunity, whether it is a quick catch-up to confirm all is well, or to discuss relevant concerns. We cannot urge strongly enough about the importance of developing familiar relationships with your child’s/children’s teachers; it creates a network for you, sends clear messages to the student that there is a supportive partnership in operation and thus encourages a commitment on the students’ part to do their best. Parents conferring regularly with teachers assists both parties in enhancing understanding of your child’s learning styles, behaviours and attributes which in turn, informs staff on how best to cater to their needs. We look forward to seeing you there in the coming weeks.

**WE WANT YOUR IDEAS AND ASPIRATIONS!**

Please take the time to complete the insert, again distributed in this Newsletter. It is your chance to have your say about what you want in your child’s schooling for next five to ten years. We do read them and want to gather the data to allow it to govern our direction. This is your opportunity to request programs, facilities, and innovations that directly affect your children. Please do not assume that others will fill it in ……as, sadly, the response has been poor thus far. The School Development Plan Reference Group meets next week, so please, send in your responses ASAP.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**
- Board Meeting, 7.30pm at SJC

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**
- STC Year 6/7 Gogoll Whole Campus Assembly at 9.30am

**MONDAY, MARCH 23**
- Parent Community Meeting, 7.30pm at OLHCC

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**
- STC Year 1/2 Wohling and Year 5/6 Baverstock, Mass at St Teresa’s at 9.00am

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**
- STC Year 1/2 Wohling, Junior Campus Assembly at 9.30am

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**
- Wine and Cheese Evening
  7.30pm, SJC Dining Room
  $5.00 per person
  Please feel free to come along even if you haven’t yet returned a reply slip.
We would like to thank you all for the support we have received in response to the fire at Our Lady’s Church office. We will be needing volunteers to clean down the many items in the ‘Blue room’, ready for when the offices are cleaned and repaired. If you’re are able to assist please ring the Parish.

We are into the 3rd week of Lent. The Lenten discussion groups in the Parish are going very well and giving us the opportunity to reflect on the Sunday Scriptures and how they relate to our life and mission as Catholics in today’s world.

This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Lent and we are reminded that Jesus offers forgiveness to us when we acknowledge our sinfulness and ask His forgiveness. Lent gives us the opportunity to say sorry to someone we have hurt, let go and move on.

God Bless
Sr Cheryle Thomson
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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The Catholic Church believes that humans are made in God’s image, deserving of the utmost dignity and honour. Sexuality is an integral part of our humanity and therefore is a sacred gift from God.

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Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

**COMPUTER CORNER**

You may find these sites useful to help your children with homework

**Kids click** – lots of help for internet search for homework
www.kidsclick.org

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PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Throughout Week 10 & 11 of this term Parent/Teacher Interviews will be taking place. The interviews will be based on the Essential Learnings, as described in the South Australian Curriculum, Standards and Accountability Framework. [SACSA].

The Essential Learnings give students the skills to engage with changing times as thoughtful, active, responsive and committed local and national citizens of the world.

These learnings are:

- **Futures** – developing the flexibility to respond to change, recognise connections with the past and develop solutions.
- **Identities** – developing a positive sense of both oneself and others and accept individual and group responsibilities and respect differences.
- **Interdependence** – working in harmony with others and for common purposes, within and across cultures.
- **Thinking** – becoming independent and critical thinkers, with the ability to appraise information, make decisions, be innovative and plan creative solutions.
- **Communication** – communicate powerfully.

Specific academic learning will not be discussed at these interviews. The Mid Year Report will be sent home at the end of Term 2 and will clearly show academic achievement. An opportunity will be available for parents to meet with teachers to discuss the report.

PARENT INTERVIEW TRIAL PROCESS

A new initiative in the parent teacher interview process will be trialed this year at Samaritan College. This year some students will be present at and participate in the interview. Information regarding this process has come home to the students of 3/4 Hart, 3/4 Opie, 6/7 Gogoll and 6/7 Turpin. To assist in the implementation of this trial, a parent information session will be held on Wednesday, March 25 at 7.00pm and Thursday, March 26 at 2.30pm. The venue for both sessions will be the St Teresa’s Campus Library. Please return the tear off slip attached to the letter to indicate if you will attend. These workshops are for parents only.

Lou Whitehouse
CURRICULUM COORDINATOR - STC

ST TERESA’S CAMPUS NEWS

NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR CLASSES DURING THEIR SWIMMING WEEK

Swimming lessons begin for R/1 Sanders, R/1 Storr , 3/ 4 Opie, 4/5 Usher and 5/6 Baverstock 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 9.

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

LITURGY AND ASSEMBLY IN WEEK 9

Next week Year 1/2 Wohling and Year 5/6 Baverstock will celebrate Mass on Wednesday, March 25 at 9.00am at the church. The children are to be dropped off at the church by 8.45am. The children will be returned to school by bus. Morning tea will follow mass and parents are most welcome to attend.

The assembly next week on March 27 will be lead by Year 1/2 Wohling and is a Junior Campus Assembly. Assemblies are always at 9.30am on Friday mornings.

Bernie Meixner
CAMPUSS COORDINATOR

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS NEWS

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Due to the fire over the long weekend we will not be having a Liturgy this week as there is no power in the Church. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUSS COORDINATOR

PARENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Our Lady’s Parent Community Easter Raffle..... is on again!

Tickets have been sent home earlier this week. Cost is 50cents per ticket. Please return ticket books and money by Friday, April 3 for inclusion in the big draw on Thursday, April 9.

Families are asked to please be generous and donate an egg or two as an Easter gift to put in the prize baskets. OLHCC Community has always been very generous in the past and that has allowed us some years to have up to 50 prizes! There will also be a prize for the family that sells the most tickets. There will be extra ticket books available from the Front Office.

Tania Taylor
ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT COMMUNITY

Parent community Meetings

A meeting will be held next Wednesday, March 25 in the Parents and Friends room (old Italian room) at 2.00pm to discuss future events. All welcome.

Shereee Cleary
ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT COMMUNITY
SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS

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
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

SRC

The Saint John’s Campus SRC was finalised yesterday as our Year 8 – 11 representatives were inducted at a special liturgy conducted by Fr Jim. The Campus has a long tradition of strong student leadership and, like those before them, this year’s SRC will play an important role in organising social events, raising social justice awareness and improving the local environment. Congratulations to those elected to this important role – we wish you all the very best as you represent your peers and help to make Saint John’s a vibrant and active school community.

Year 8
Blue Lauren McLeod and Zach Whitehouse
Gold Kelsey Coad and Jacob Smith
Red Jasmin Frusch and Patrick Marshall
White Daina Oliver and Tyler Callaghan

Year 9
Blue Morgan Yarwood and Daniel Meixner
Gold Jack Vigar and Jessica McMullen
Red Sam Dowling and Rebecca Gibbons
White Lachlan Jeffrey and Erinn Hunt

Year 10
Blue Kristina Kotsimitis and Timothy Foulkes
Gold Monique Novillos and Schalk Ferreira
Red Michaela Pacini and Daniel Collison
White Courtney Leslie and Izaak Gurney

Year 11
Blue Sarah Girvan and Nathan Covino
Gold Hayley Stone and Tumelo Hurst
Red Stephanie Foran and Tyler Stopp
White Daisy Keating and Brandon Martin

Tanya Gibson
SRC COORDINATOR

UNIFORMS

Did you have a second dress on order? They have arrived. All boys should now be wearing the school grey socks. If your son isn’t wearing them they are available in the Uniform Shop.

Thank you.

Marg Coad

CANTEEN ROSTERS

MONDAY, MARCH 23 – FRIDAY, MARCH 27

ST TERESA’S CAMPUS

No Helpers needed – Swimming lessons. Lunch orders will not be available for the classes swimming in Week 9.

Thank you

Annette Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS

Mon Manju Thaliyath
Tue Marie Looyestyn
Wed Dana Campion Sunny Chung
Thur Carmel Rosalia
Fri Angela Clapp

Rose Cassar
CANTEEN MANAGER

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS

Mon Sue Clements Chris Barsby
Tue Helen Butt Sue Caddy
Wed Anneli Hardman Help needed
Thur Julie Rotherham Nicola Faulds
Fri Julia McMahon Deb Drobnjak

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER

More helpers are always needed in the canteen. If you can help please fill in the response form and return to your campus office.

With thanks,

Annette, Rose & Marg

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Preferred Day: ..................................................
Name: .............................................................
Phone: ..........................................................
Campus(es): ..................................................

Cultural Experience

Practice your Japanese
Our family is interested in hosting a Japanese student for two weeks from July 20 to August 1, 2009.

I am unable/able to attend the Information Evening on Thursday, April 2

Student name ____________________________

Caregroup ________________________________

Number of students we can host ________
Dear Parents / Caregivers

As you know Samaritan College has come a long way since its inception. The dream of a single Catholic College providing opportunities for lifelong learning, engagement and support to students and families has evolved and will of course continue to evolve in response to the needs of the times.

At separate meetings on Tuesday last week, the staff and parents were invited to consider future directions for our College. We considered the aspirations we have for our children, the things we already do well and the things we might do better.

The information gathered from these meetings will form the development of our College Strategic Plan which will guide the College’s directions and growth over the next 3-5 years.

If you were unable to be there on Tuesday evening for the parent consultation you may still contribute to the strategic plan. Accordingly, you are warmly invited to complete the questions (below) and return your response to your child’s campus office no later than Tuesday, March 24.

With your aspiration for your child’s overall growth and development in mind;

1. What do you consider that Samaritan College does well?

2. What should the College focus on in coming years so that your aspirations for your child/ren might be met?

We thank you in anticipation of your responses

Terissa Shepherd and Chris Sloan
Co-Principals