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**Parish News**

**The sacred work of the people**

Many of our students’ parents and grandparents enjoy attending and participating in the class liturgies and Masses.

It’s a precious time to share the sacred dimension of life – to reflect on the call to holiness, and what it means to grow as a child of God and a member of God’s family.

“Liturgy” comes from two Greek words used in the early church – laos, the people, and ergos, work. Put together, in the context of worship, it means “the sacred work of the people”.

Of course, while the teacher, the students and the families “do” this work, it’s all actually the work of the Spirit of Jesus – that’s why we start with the sign of the Cross, acknowledging that every bit of the prayer is carried out “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”.

I was moved to hear from the Inglis and Bindi families how much they appreciate the class liturgies and Masses, and how deeply these special and sacred times have assisted the extended family along the journey with their beloved Michelle.

I believe it’s important for our teachers to hear how valuable the times of prayer and worship are, for the families of our students. Our teachers do this work with sensitivity and sincerity. It brings grace and strength to many, and glory to God.

Fr Jim Monaghan  
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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**Religious Dimension**

Next Tuesday at our Opening College Mass we will join together to celebrate joyfully the amazing community we have become. Whilst the Gospel will focus on one of the Samaritan stories from Scripture we found a reading in Saint Paul’s letter to the Ephesians that really embodies our motto: Faith, Wisdom and Compassion.

Angela Rogers  
REC - SJC

**College News**

**Computer Corner**

To encourage your children to think mathematically you might like to introduce them to these fun sites:

**Free Sites**

**Early Years**

**BBC Number Time** – play a game  
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime

**Math 3 Under the sea**  
www.learnalberta.ca/content/me3us/flash/index.html

**Cool Math 4 Kids**  
www.coolmath4kids.com

**Primary Years**

**Maths - Primary Games**  
www.primarygames.com/math2.htm

**Ks1, Ks2 Bitesize Games**

**Middle Years**

**KS3 Bitesize Games**  
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize/game

**Connect Secondary students - maths**  

**Cool math 4 kids**  
www.coolmath4kids.com

**Figure this!**  
www.figurethis.org

**Sites for Fees**

**MathsPower**  

**Rainforest Maths** (some free games)  
www.rainforestmaths.com

**Smartkiddies**  
www.smartkiddies.com.au (some free sites)

Jenny Kondylas
Samaritan College Restaurant

$50 per head
4 course set menu
BYO drinks
7pm start

For information and bookings please ring Mechelle at Saint John’s Campus on 8645 8568.
www.info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

Menu for March 4
(subject to change)
Babaganoush ‘En Croute’, Tomato Oil
Caramelised Onion and Olive Tart, Herbed Chevre, Rocket, Sundried Tomato
Beef Tenderloin, Potato Dumplings, Asparagus, Cherry Tomatoes, Sauce Moutarde
Dark Chocolate Fondant, Peanut Butter Icecream, Raspberries

Future Dates:
March 18 April 29
May 27 June 10 & 24

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

WHY PEN IT

Why Pen It is a local creative writing competition which the Whyalla Public Library introduces to patrons and local school communities on an annual basis.

We hope it will capture and develop the literacy skills of children and young adults within the community of Whyalla.

Who can Participate?

Writers who are within the following age and school year groups.
- Open Junior (children below Year 5)
- School Years 5 – 7
- School Years 8 – 10
- School Years 11 – 12
- Open Senior Ages 17 – 25 years

Entries will be accepted as of Tuesday, February 23 and close on April 23.

Entry forms are available from:
STC Mrs Whitehouse
OLHCC Mrs Donnellan
SJC Mrs Rogers

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours
Wednesday 8:00-10:00am
Thursday 1:00-4:30pm

Kerry Azzopardi Sharron Waldron
Toal Street, Whyalla Stuart
Ph: 8649 3168

Each Campus has a stock of hats.
Saint John’s Campus also has a supply of socks for secondary students.

Samaritan College Advanced Life Family Portrait Offer

You are invited to take advantage of the opportunity to have a beautiful framed Family Portrait for only $15. All you need to do is phone OLHC Campus to book a time for your portrait sitting, and pay the $15 fee, look beautiful on the day of the portrait, and wait for the results! The portrait day is Saturday, March 20, at Our Lady’s Campus in the Vessey Unit. Booking times are available from 9am. Please invite your family and friends to also take advantage of this offer. There are spare brochures in each campus office to share with friends. There is no obligation to purchase the full portrait package when viewing your portrait. Portraits make great gift ideas, and just in time for Mother’s Day.

Please help our College fundraising efforts, and book your portrait time through the OLHC Campus.

Tania Taylor
ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT COMMUNITY
Primary Open Night
Samaritan College
St Teresa’s Campus
Wednesday, March 3
5:00-7:00pm
Interested parents are invited to come along to view classrooms and different aspects of the ‘curriculum in action’.

A full itinerary of activities will be published in next week’s newsletter. This will enable you to plan your time to pop in and view an item in which you may be interested.

Our Lady Help of Christians Campus will be holding Open Night on Wednesday, March 17

OSHC
Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) will continue to be offered at Samaritan College at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus.

Before School, After School as well as Vacation Care is available.

FEES
Before School (7:00am-8:30am) $10.00 per session
After School (3:10pm-6:10pm) $16.00 per session
Early Closure (12:30pm-6:00pm) $22.00 per session
Pupil Free Days (Same As Vacation Care) $37.50 per day

VACATION CARE*
Full Day (7:00am-6:00pm) $37.50 per day
Half Day (Morning 7:00am-12:30pm) $22.00
Half Day (Afternoon 12:30pm-6:00pm) $22.00

* Public Holidays Excepted

CONTACT
Director: Roxanne Davidson
Ph: (08) 8649 3530
M: 0427 712 260
Child Care Benefits may apply to eligible families.

LAP VOLUNTEERS
The Learning Assistance Program known as LAP is once again looking for LAP volunteers. LAP is a social interaction program that supports students in their journey of learning.

The skills that you need to be a LAP volunteer are patience, a listening ear and one hour per week.

However, like all volunteers in schools you will need to have a current police check. (These are free for school volunteers.)

Both primary campuses run this program. If you are interested in being a LAP volunteer please contact the College.

The LAP Coordinators are:

Heather Guest
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS
86492077

Helen Holland
ST TERESA’S CAMPUS
86458381

PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS
LENT
Last week we began the season of Lent.
Lent is a season of penance, reflection and fasting, which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday. We prepare for Easter and concentrate in a special way on what it means to be a Christian. Throughout Lent we are offered the opportunity to renew and strengthen our relationship with God and our neighbours.

As a College community we do this through the Project Compassion campaign. Through Project Compassion we are able to raise money for Caritas Australia, which helps to alleviate poverty and bring hope, life, peace and justice to communities in more than fifty countries throughout the world. Caritas Australia helps people regardless of race, political beliefs, gender or religion.

Each class has a Project Compassion collection box. Every family has also received a Project Compassion box for use at home. You could use this collection box throughout Lent in your home, and the offerings collected could be placed in your child’s class collection box. This is a very practical way that we can all help those in need.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Swimming lessons information has been sent home this week. Please ask your child for the relevant forms if you do not yet have them.

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SWIMMING LESSONS
Swimming lessons have consumed our campus the last few weeks. It has been fantastic to see the children having so much fun and learning a vital skill at the same time. Thank you to the many parents who have helped in a variety of ways.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
In Week 7 we will resume our Liturgies after having a few weeks’ break.
Year 1/2 Hearne and Rothe will be presenting Liturgy of the Word on Thursday, March 11 at 12:30pm in the Church.

FOYER DISPLAY
This fortnight we have a lovely foyer display presented by Rec/Year 1 Hancock focusing on ‘Jesus loves the children’. Come along and read about their promises during their journey through Lent.

God Bless
Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS NEWS

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ST TERESA'S CAMPUS NEWS

YEAR 7 AQUATICS CAMP
Year 7 Camp information will be coming home next week. The Year 7 camp will run from Sunday, March 28 to Tuesday, March 30.

LITURGIES AND ASSEMBLIES
Next week we will be celebrating the Opening College Mass at Saint John’s Campus oval at 9:30am. Children are to be at Saint John’s Campus by 8:45 am.

There will be no assemblies next week.

Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

Some of our newly elected Student Representative Council
Calling all Easter Eggs!

We are asking for donations of easter eggs for our annual easter raffle (to be drawn on Holy Thursday at Saint John’s Campus). Please be generous – all proceeds go to charity.

Thanks.
Angela Rogers
REC

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an initiative, launched by our Premier Mr Mike Rann, that encourages students to enjoy reading and build literacy skills. This year the challenge has been extended to include South Australian students from Reception to Year 12. Students who are successful in completing the challenge will win awards based on the number of years of participation:

1st year – Certificate
2nd year – Bronze medal
3rd year – Silver medal
4th year – Gold medal
5th year – Champion medal
6th year – Legend medal
7th year – Hall of Fame medal

To be successful students must first register for the competition (application forms are available at the library circulation desk). Year 8 and 9 students must read 12 books before September 3, 2010, with 4 of these books chosen from the Premier’s Reading Challenge Booklist (available at [www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://www.prc.sa.edu.au)). Students in Years 10-12 must also read 12 books before September 3. These books can be of their own choosing provided they are appropriate to the student’s reading level. For more information about this program please go to [www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://www.prc.sa.edu.au) or feel free to contact me in the library.

Tanya Ernesti
TEACHER LIBRARIAN

CANTEEN

Helpers urgently required to assist in the Canteen - especially at Lunch (1:10-1:40pm). Please return the slip below or phone 8645 8568 to speak to me. All help is gratefully received.

Thank you in anticipation.

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER

NAME: _______________________________________

CONTACT DETAILS: _______________________

I would be able to help on Canteen

☐ at lunch
☐ at recess
☐ both lunch and recess

I am available on (please tick)

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding any issues in Mathematics, please feel free to contact me.

Maresa Lyons
MATHEMATICS COORDINATOR

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Monday, March 1 – Friday, March 5

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