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I arise today Through the strength of heaven Light of sun Radiance of moon Splendour of fire, Speed of lightening, Swiftness of wind Depth of sea Stability of earth Firmness of rock I arise today Through God’s strength to pilot me

God’s might to uphold me God’s wisdom to guide me God’s ear to hear me, God’s hand to guard me God’s way before me God’s shield to protect me, God’s host to save me Christ with me, Christ before me Christ behind me Christ in me, Christ beneath me Christ above me

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Peace and best wishes to everyone in our parish family!

Our most joyful spiritual celebration as Catholics and Christians approaches. Soon it will be Easter, when we celebrate in prayer and ritual the death and glorious Resurrection of Jesus, our Saviour.

Since last Easter, some momentous things have happened.

• We have a new Bishop, Gregory O’Kelly SJ, who took up his work in our Diocese in June last year.
• Here in Whyalla, our Parish has moved to implement the Church’s Child Protection Policy. We have made a new commitment to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people, inside the church and outside of it.
• Our Catholic school, Samaritan College, has consolidated its 2008 amalgamation and moved steadily forward.
• And we have our first Aussie Saint, in Mother Mary MacKillop! At least, the first one recognised by the Church. You and I know plenty of ‘unsung’ saints - some who have gone to God and some who are still kicking among us.

After Easter, in early May, we’ll be meeting as a Parish to plan for our future - building on the fantastic achievements of those who went before us, and trusting in God’s provident love for our future.

May God bless you and your family and friends at Easter, and always. I hope we might meet up, you and I and the rest of the parish family, in the course of the Easter ceremonies. The time and venues will be in next week’s newsletter. If you’re going away, may you travel safely and find peace and joy in the Easter message - “Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen, as he said! Alleluia!”

Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM
AND THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Religious dimension

Lent is a journey, as is life. It is a time to reflect and after pondering the call from the Gospel to leave judgement to God, to try and be virtuous rather than judgemental. I have chosen to include an excerpt from a speech by C. Gleeson SJ:

“It has been said that the longest journey we ever make is the journey to our heart. It is a journey that is never complete. Take good care of your hearts! Most of you will look after your bodies – give them adequate food and drink, exercise and watch your diets, and if you can afford one later in life when the body needs re-shaping, hire a personal trainer. But your heart needs caring for too.

I am not talking about that amazing little 11 ounce pumping unit in our chest that feeds a vascular system comprising 60,000 miles of veins and arteries and capillaries. If you are looking after your bodies, it is very likely that your heart pump will be in good working order too. NO, I am talking about the heart which is your inner home, the centre of your being, the place which fuels your love, the place where you make the most important decisions, the place for finding the truth in your lives. The heart is you yourself, without any pretence, disguise or make believe. The heart is you.”

In looking after your heart this week may this old Irish blessing be upon you:

May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow
May the soft winds freshen your spirit
May the sunshine brighten your heart
May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you
And may God enfold you in the mantle of his love.

Angela Rogers
REC - SJC

College News

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

Open on the following Thursdays:
April 29
May 27 June 10 & 24
Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

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

Term 1 Holidays

April 15 (Thursday)
April 19 (Monday)
8:30am-4:30pm (both days)

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

In readiness for winter, families may need to consider the above times to organise winter uniforms for Term 2. Please note the holiday opening times.
Some recommended sites for language development in primary students.

**Primary Years**

* Dance Mat Typing
  www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing
* Dictionary
  kids.yahoo.com/reference/dictionary/english
* KS1 Bitesize games - literacy
  www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy
* KS2 Bitesize games
  www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/english
* Ambleside Primary
  www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/lookcover/lookcover.html
* Woodlands Junior School
  www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy
* BBC Skillwise
  www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/grammar/interestsentences/compoundsentences
* Crickweb
  www.crickweb.co.uk/games.html
* Funbrain
  www.funbrain.com/grammar
* Writing fun
  www.writingfun.com
* St Ambrose Barlow
  www.saintambrosebarlow.wigan.sch.uk/Links/pupillinks.htm
* Digital brain
  www.digitalbrain.com
* PBS Kids
  pbskids.org
* Jenny Kondylas

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**Samaritan College**

Samaritan College offers Catholic education in a community environment for Reception to Year 12 students. Incorporating three campuses, Samaritan College endeavours to educate the whole person in faith, wisdom and compassion.

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (ESO)**

OLHC Primary Campus

(April 19 - December 10, 2010 replacement position)

Grade classifications and salary determinations will be based on qualifications and/or experience.

The successful applicant will:

- be committed to fully support the Catholic Ethos of Samaritan College.
- possess excellent interpersonal skills and communicate effectively with staff, students, parents and the broader community.
- be able to demonstrate competence in general reception and clerical duties.
- possess a high level of written expression and word processing skills.

Experience in DUX and SSS an advantage.

Position Information Documents are available via email. Applications with names and contact details of two referees close on Monday, March 22, 2010. All applications are subject to Catholic Education SA screening procedures.

The successful applicant will commence April 19, 2010.

Applications may be posted or emailed to:

The Co-Principals
Samaritan College
PO Box 351
Whyalla SA 5600
Telephone (08) 8645 8568
Email info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

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**Computer Corner**

Throughout Weeks 9 and 10 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.

**Lou Whitehouse**

CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

It is very important you attend these interviews with the class teachers. It helps you to understand where your child is at this time of the year.

**Patricia Page**

PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER
LITERACY PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

At Samaritan College in order to promote an increased understanding of Literacy skills in the early years, we will be presenting a series of workshops next term in Weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Thursday evenings for all Samaritan College families.

These workshops will start at 7:30pm in the St Teresa’s Campus library and will be approximately one and a half hours in duration. A cup of tea or coffee will conclude each evening.

The program is as follows:

Thursday, April 29:  
Understanding the Writing Process

Thursday, May 6:  
The Reading Process/Helping your Child to Read

Thursday, May 13:  
Speaking and Listening

Thursday, May 20:  
Helping in the Classroom

Please indicate your interest in attending these sessions by completing the following response slip and return it to your school campus as soon as possible. Thank you

Lou Whitehouse  Ruth Donnellan

LITERACY RESPONSE SLIP

I am interested in attending the Literacy Parent Information sessions.

NAME: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………… (please print)

HARMONY DAY CELEBRATION

‘Everyone Belongs’

Harmony Day will be celebrated across Australia on Sunday, March 21. The focus of this day is about bringing people together to promote Australian values and to celebrate the Australian way of life. It’s a day to understand and commit to the benefits of living in a country that embraces common values of respect, fairness, participation, acceptance and a fair go for all.

The primary campuses are asked to wear something orange on Monday, March 22 and bring along a gold coin donation to celebrate this significant day, giving us the opportunity to name our differences and identify what we share in common so that we can celebrate what unites us. The money collected will go towards Project Compassion.

Eleni Vailas  Bernie Meixner
CAMPUSS COORDINATORS

ORANGE CLOTHES DAY!

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Season 2010 starts this weekend on Friday night, March 19. Most players should have a program after training this week. Please note the new format for U13 players: the inclusion of a Friday night game on alternate weekends.

Round 1: 19/3/10

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Good luck everyone for the first games of the year.

Tania Taylor
JUNIOR HOCKEY CO-ORDINATOR
**SWIMMING LESSONS**

Swimming lessons begin next week for the children in 1/2 Tullio, 2/3 Reed/Judd, 3/4 Opie and 4/5 Usher. The children come to school as normal and will be bused to and from the pool. Please make sure all the consent forms and medical forms have been completed and returned to your child’s teacher.

**PLEASE NOTE:** there will be no lunch orders for the classes that are attending swimming lessons all week.

**YEAR 7 AQUATICS CAMP**

The Year 7 camp will run from Sunday, March 28 to Tuesday, March 30. Please make sure all forms are returned as soon as possible.

**LITURGIES AND ASSEMBLIES.**

Next week 2/3 Reed/Judd will be celebrating a Palm Sunday Liturgy on Thursday, March 25 at 9.30 am.

R/1 Sanders will host a Junior Assembly on Friday, March 26 at 9:30am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

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**BUMPER STICKERS**

3/4 Opie have been learning about our Right to be Safe. We have explored that our rights reflect our basic needs to live healthy and secure lives. We have also looked at the responsibilities we have to make sure that our rights are met. 3/4 Opie made bumper stickers to share our ideas. Which one would you display on your car?

Carla Opie

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Harry

Mackenzie

Mikayla

Mitchell
**PROJECT COMPASSION**

‘Blueprint for a better world’

Our focus for Project Compassion this week is improving child and maternal health in Papua New Guinea. Please consider giving generously as our donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia to provide support for so many people in need around the world.

Thank you to those families who have started to send their collection boxes through. You can either send them in on an ongoing basis or send them in at the end of Lent. Our Project Compassion ‘Thermometer Chart’ is rising at a steady rate due to the fantastic effort our school community has made. Well done everyone!

**FOYER DISPLAY**

This fortnight’s Foyer Display in the Front Office is presented by Year 6/7 Fahey focusing on the text ‘God In Between’, which is about God and his presence throughout Creation. The students have written their own prayers to God thanking Him for his wondrous creations, it is certainly worth a visit to the office to have a read and look!

**RICE COLOURED CLOTHES DAY**

The Rice House Team is able to wear coloured clothes on Friday, March 19 for winning the Cheerleading on Tuesday, March 2 at the Opening College Mass.

God Bless

Eleni Vailas

CAMPUS COORDINATOR

**YEAR 9 RETREAT**

On Wednesday, March 30 the Year 9 cohort along with some of their teachers will be participating in a Retreat, run by NET Ministries.

Students will come to school as normal in the morning; walk to St Teresa’s Parish Centre for the Retreat and will be dismissed from the Parish Centre at 3:00pm. They are to wear their PE uniform (including their hat), bring something to write with and something to write on and bring their lunch, recess and water with them.

Attendance at the Retreat is compulsory and offers a great opportunity to work with NET Ministries. Please contact us here at the College if you have any further queries.

Christine Duffield

YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Year 3/4 Tullio will be leading our Holy Thursday Liturgy of the Word on Thursday, March 25 at 12:30pm in the Church. You are most welcome to join us for this significant Liturgy.

**PROJECT COMMISSION**

‘Blueprint for a better world’

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

**SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS**

**REPORTS**

Staff are in the midst of preparing reports for all subjects for all students. For some staff, this can mean well over 200 reports to write. The Term 1 and 3 reports at the secondary campus have extra detail in them to ensure we maximise the time needed to work with families should there be any learning issues. The reports also go hand in hand with the Parent/Teacher interviews held early in Term 2. Booking sheets for interviews will come home with reports at the end of this term.

**CAMPS/RETREATS**

Beginning in the Term 1 holidays and going for several weeks after that is the College’s Camp/Retreat period. Year 10s begin their famous Murray Venture during the holidays with different groups travelling the three weeks following; in Week 1 of Term 2 we have the Year 11 and Year 12 retreats, followed by a range of subject related camps. You can appreciate the amount of planning and effort that goes into events like these.

**YEAR 11 SPEAKER**

We have been fortunate to secure the services of Graham Hyman to speak with our Year 11s on Wednesday March 24. Graham is internationally renowned for his presentations to youth and we look forward to hearing him.

Parents who would like to hear Graham talk about *Understanding Your Teenager* have the opportunity to do so at Bunyarra on Thursday, March 25, 7-9pm.

"Over a million people have enjoyed his wit and wisdom. His presentations are hilarious, moving, challenging and incredibly useful. He is amongst the busiest public speakers in Australia today for two reasons: his sessions are always fun and his ideas work."

A brochure outlining the presentation was sent home last week with all Year 10, 11 and 12 students. *Bookings are essential and may be made by calling Vicki on 0431 778 548.*

Damien Judd

SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

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CANTENE HELPERS STILL NEEDED

Canteen helpers are still needed for 1/2 hour for serving at lunch time.

If you would be able to spare just half an hour every 4 weeks to serve on canteen I would love to hear from you.

Please contact me on 8645 8568 or fill in the slip opposite and return to the front office.

Thank you.
Marg Coad
CANTENE MANAGER

CANTENE ROSTERS
Monday, March 22 – Friday, March 26

ST TERESA'S CAMPUS
Mon Georgia McLeod
Tue Lucy Meixner
Wed Melissa Ndoro
Thu Maddie Whitehouse
Fri Amelia and Charlie Cooper
Annette Cameron
CANTENE MANAGER

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS
Mon Makaela Nolan
Tue Emily Inglis
Wed Dana Campion
Thu Nellie Cowan
Fri Carmel Rosalia
Rose Cassar
CANTENE MANAGER

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS
Mon HELP NEEDED
Tue HELP NEEDED
Wed Dana Campion
Thu Chris Ernesti
Fri Carmel Rosalia
Sue Clements
Helen Butt
Dana Campion
Nellie Cowan
Chris Ernesti
Carmel Rosalia
Help NEEDED
Helen Butt
Anneli hardman
Leanne Carter
Julie Rotherham
Nicola Faulds

COMMUNITY NEWS

Do you want to get involved in your community?

COFFEE & COMMUNITY PROJECTS
Where: Kafe Laguna
Essington Lewis Ave
When: Thursday 10.00am
For more information please call Cora on
0400 098 379

- Meet new friends and people in Whyalla
- Enjoy getting out
- Learn about your community
- Share information
- Opportunity to get involved in community projects
Settling Our Future