Dear parents and caregivers

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation when Mary said “yes” to the announcement by the angel Gabriel to be the mother of God’s son Jesus. Mary is a “servant of the Lord” Luke 1 – 38 God offers her his love and she opens herself in complete trust to receive it. She believes in the words spoken to her. We too can model ourselves on servanthood by being open to opportunities God places before us in our lives. By assisting others through Project Compassion we provide the valuable necessities to communities in need. By accepting the diversity of others in the community and valuing their contribution, we build strong peace-filled environments and teach acceptance and tolerance to our children. Mary is a good model of faith filled and dedicated service to God.

PARENT COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Last week the parent community committee met. These dedicated few are wonderful models of service to our community. It was pleasing to realise the efforts of last year’s activity with significant funds raised for ‘direct student benefit projects’. The primary campuses were keen to add to the already planned term by term performances for 2010, with an opportunity for the students to see a live entertaining and informative performance centred around recognising and valuing diversity in cultures and the effects of bullying on communities. Thus the Parent Community agreed to fund the performances for all primary students to attend. In addition, Parent Community funds will go towards the purchase of an extra coloured printer for the redeveloped primary Learning Support Centre. We thank all parents for your efforts in building community and supporting the students. We welcome more parents in becoming involved as it is a great way to become more aware of your children’s school through networking with positive individuals with a view to creating effective partnerships.

STAFF NEWS

Next week we bid farewell to two highly valued staff members as they retire. Virginia Mahoney has served the OHLH Campus since 1997 in her role as school secretary. In that time she has supported leadership, teaching and support staff and of course, in particular, the students. Her efficiency and loyalty will be sorely missed. Catherine McQuarrie has served the Saint John’s Campus collectively for 25 years, with two terms of work in that time. Catherine’s dedication as Library Assistant has seen her devote much time and effort into supporting the students and teachers in resourcing their learning. Her knowledge of every student and their extended family throughout the history of the College is phenomenal. Catherine’s archival knowledge, her incidental support of staff and unwavering loyalty to Catholic education in Whyalla has been a blessing to us all. Both ladies depart humbly, preferring a quiet exit. We, as a community, thank you both for truly being a significant part of the fabric of Samaritan College. Your service to others exemplifies the model of Mary.

Next term we will welcome 2 new teachers who will be replacing Abby Thiele and Jo Arcobelli for twelve months. We have appointed Robert Gill and Wayne Lobo, who will join Our Lady’s campus in Term 2. We farewell Abby at the end of this term as she takes her leave, with Jo following suit in Week 4, and we wish them well as they embark on an exciting phase in their lives.
**Parish News**

**Friday - April 2**

**Good Friday**

11:00am Outdoor Stations of the Cross on Saint John’s Campus Oval

3:00pm The Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
  At St Teresa’s and OLHC

**Saturday—April 3**

7:00pm Easter Vigil at St Teresa’s

**Sunday April 4**

**Easter Sunday**

8:30am Mass St Teresa’s
10:30am Mass OLHC

**No Evening Mass at OLHC Today**

Sr Robyn Brady
On Behalf Of The Parish Team

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**Weekend Mass Times**

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**Religious Dimension**

**Holy Week**

This Sunday is Passion (Palm) Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week, where we commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, a few days before his crucifixion where people met him with palm branches. At last Sunday’s Masses palm branches were blessed and carried in the processions.

The last days of Holy Week are named – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy (Easter) Saturday, which is referred to as the Easter Triduum. The word ‘triduum’ is a Latin word meaning ‘three days’.

Holy (Maundy) Thursday is the night of the Last Supper. ‘Maundy’ comes from the Latin word, ‘mandatum’ meaning ‘commandment’. Jesus commanded his twelve disciples to love one another. Jesus showed his love for them by washing their feet.

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. It is the most solemn day in the Christian year.

Easter Sunday is the most important festival of the Christian year. On this day, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Churches are decorated with symbols of Easter: flowers which symbolises spring and new growth, and candle light which symbolises the victory of good over evil.

Lord Jesus,

We follow you to Jerusalem,
praising you with loud voices.

Lead us also to embrace the mystery of your suffering:
and let us not fear the suffering we may face
as your faithful disciples.

We pray in your name, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with the Father
in the unity of Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen

Eleni Vailas
REC - OLHCC

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**College News**

**End Of Term**

- All campuses finish at 12:30pm, Thursday, April 1.
- Students return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday, April 20.

**Winter Uniform**

All students move into Winter Uniform in Term 2, however, there is a 2 week changeover period to allow for seasonal changes.

See Uniform Shop Box on p3 for opening times during the Term 1 holidays.
Primary Campus News

Primary Sports Day
Friday, April 30
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Will be held at Jubilee Park

Please tick where you can assist and return it to your child's class teacher or campus office.

☐ Morning Games: Judging, organising children, giving out stickers etc
  ☐ R-3 classes
  ☐ Yr 4-7 classes
  Time: 9:45am-11:00am

☐ Team Games: helping with set up of games, judging games, giving out stickers to winning teams, organising teams
  ☐ R-3 classes
  ☐ Yr 4-7 classes
  Time: 11:15am-12:30pm

☐ Sprints/Relays and Marathon: giving out place cards and ribbons
  Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Name: ....................................................................................................................

Child's name: ...........................................................................................................

Class: ....................................................................................................................... 

Contact No: ..............................................................................................................

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.
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 is about bringing people together to promote Australian values and to celebrate the Australian way of life. It embraces the values of respect, fairness, participation, acceptance and a fair go for all.

Students celebrated the day by participating in many different activities.

Many students at the Primary Campuses enjoyed wearing orange to celebrate Harmony Day. The money collected will be donated to Project Compassion.

Some classes drew, painted pictures and made books about how they create harmony at home and at school.

The Year 6/7 Baerstock and Gogoll Students participated in a Harmony Day cricket match against the Year 6/7 Town Primary Students. All students demonstrated the Harmony Day values throughout the games.

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Many students wore orange coloured clothes in support of Harmony Day
**JUNIOR HOCKEY**

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**EASTER**

As you walk around our Campus next week you will notice the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross help us to focus on and reinforce the true meaning of Easter and the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. These fourteen scenes retell Jesus’ walk of love on Good Friday. We recall this story because Jesus showed his great love for us by what he did. Each class will have the opportunity to visit the Stations of the Cross throughout the week, reflecting, remembering and praying.

This year our Year 7 classes will also be re-enacting the Stations of the Cross and presenting them to the rest of the school and parent community on Wednesday, March 31.

There will be two different sessions throughout the day; 10:00am and 12:00pm in the Church. You are most welcome to join us for this significant event.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Next week is the final week of collection for Project Compassion. Please give generously to help those in great need of our help.

Holy Thursday is the final day of collection. Could you please ensure your collection boxes from home are brought to the Front Office for counting and inclusion in our total as soon as possible. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.

Our focus for Project Compassion this week is helping to combat HIV / AIDS and other diseases in El Salvador. Thank you to those families who have been sending their collection boxes through.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Next week Year 3/4 Tullio will be leading our Holy Thursday Liturgy on Monday, March 29 at 12:20pm.

Please note the different start time for the Liturgy which will take place in the Church. You are most welcome to join us for this significant Liturgy.

**FOYER DISPLAY**

What a fantastic display Year 4/5 Seals have done this week for their Foyer Display in the Front office. The children have written diary entries of Holy Week, it is certainly worth a visit to the Office to have a look!

**HOUSE POINTS**

In next week’s newsletter we will announce which House has the most attitude points for Term 1. The House with the most points will get to wear coloured clothes next Thursday, April 1.

God Bless

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR

**EASTER RAFFLE**

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The money raised from the Easter Raffle will be donated to Project Compassion.

OLHCC SRC

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Tania Taylor
JUNIOR HOCKEY CO-ORDINATOR

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**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS NEWS**

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BICYCLES
Unfortunately the number of students who ride their bikes to school but choose not to lock them in the bike racks continues to rise. We continue to beg for students to lock their bikes.

Damien Judd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YEAR 11
RECONCILIATION
As a precursor to the Year 11 Retreat, Year 11 Students are expected to attend Parish Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 31 at 7pm at Our Lady’s Parish Church. Parents are most welcome to attend. If your son or daughter cannot attend, please contact me as soon as possible.

RETREAT
Year 11 Retreat will take place during Week 1 of Term 2, from Wednesday, April 21 to Friday, April 23 at Port Hughes on the Yorke Peninsula. The Tuesday of Week 1 is a normal school day for all Year 11 students. The Retreat is a year level event, and therefore, it is compulsory that all Year 11 students attend. If you have not signed and returned the consent forms, please do so as soon as possible.

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ST TEREZA’S CAMPUS NEWS

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. Please note that students need to be at St Tereza’s Campus no later than 6:45am for a 7:00am departure.

LITURGIES AND ASSEMBLIES
The Tanebrae Liturgy will be led by Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 SRC Students on Thursday, April 1 at 9:30am and 10:40am. Parents are welcome to attend either Liturgy.

There will be no Assembly next week due to school holidays.

SWIMMING
Swimming lessons finish tomorrow. Congratulations to all students for their positive attitude and effort over the last two weeks. The swimming program is an important part of our Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

Lou Whitehouse
CAMPU COORDINATOR

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ST TEREZA’S SRC

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS

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**FORMAL**

Senior formal is fast approaching, with the event scheduled for Friday, April 30. Dance lessons began this week, with after school sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. After school dance lessons will take place in Xavier from 3:30-4:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Week 10 and Tuesday and Wednesday in Week 2 of Term 2.

It is expected that all Year 11 students complete 4 after school dance lessons. On the day of the formal, Year 11 students will be dismissed at 1:10pm to allow them the opportunity to attend appointments and prepare for the formal throughout the afternoon. Attendance at school is compulsory on this day if your child intends to attend the formal.

Jade Vanzo
**YEAR 11 COORDINATOR**

**YEAR 9 RETREAT**

On Tuesday, 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**

**MURRAY VENTURE**

Final Information About Dates and Times.

Murray Venture will start during the Term 1 school holidays. The students should be aware of which camp they are going on and should arrive at the front gates of Saint Johns Campus, by 8:30am on the date that their group departs. Could parents please be aware that the bus will need room to park and load gear so please park away from the driveway. It is anticipated that the bus will arrive back at the College on the following Friday at approximately 10:00pm. Once again I ask that parents please ensure that the bus has ample room to park and unload.

There will be a mobile phone on the camps and the number is 0429 458 568. Unfortunately there is limited coverage around the area so please only call in an emergency and we will try to get back to you at the earliest opportunity.

As this is a school camp it is expected that the students will address the teachers in an appropriate manner, in the same way the teachers will show respect toward the students, and accept the decisions made by teachers without argument. Students are reminded that cigarettes, alcohol and illicit drugs are not permitted at school camps. The school’s policy for anyone caught with any of these is to contact the parents and arrange for the student to be returned to Whyalla. This would be at the family’s expense and inconvenience, so please discuss the implications with your son/daughter.

Students who are not away at camp, will follow an alternative program at school for Week 1 and Week 2 of Term 2. During this time students will be working through set work in their core subject and elective areas. Students who attend the Murray Venture in the holidays will not be required at school until Tuesday of Week 2 to make up for the week of holidays that they missed. If your daughter attended the Murray Venture in the first week of term, they will not be required to be at school until Tuesday of Week 2 (April 13).

To summarise:

- **Group 1:** Saturday 10/04/10 to Friday 16/04/10 (Second week of holidays)
- **Group 2:** Saturday 17/04/10 to Friday 23/04/10 (Term 2, Week 1)
- **Group 3:** Saturday 24/04/10 to Friday 30/04/10 (Term 2, Week 2)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College during office hours.

Trent Keiper
**YEAR 10/MURRAY VENTURE COORDINATOR**

**YEAR 9 MEDIEVAL FAIR**

Our med’eval fair was held Thursday night
With fun, food and fancy – it was a delight

A big “thank you” to those who made it a pleasure
For us to learn more ‘bout this historical treasure

And thank you to those who came on the day
To support students and see their displays
And congrats to the students – you all did so well
To put on good displays – they really were swell!

And thank you to the teachers who helped students see
The modern-day relevance of history.
URGENT 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learn English as a Second Language

part of the ‘Settling our Future’ program

When: Mondays and Tuesdays
Where: Whyalla Economic Development Board
127 Nicolson Avenue, Whyalla Norrie
Time: 9.00am to 12 noon

FREE CLASSES!!!

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