COMING EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
• Staff Commissioning Mass, 6pm at OLHC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
• SJC ‘Meet the Teacher’, 7:30pm, Oval (grandstand)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
• Presentation of 2011 Year 12, Top 5 students, 9:15am

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
• College AGM, 7:30pm, lecture theatre at Saint John’s Campus

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
• Opening College Mass

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

“According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ”

1 Corinthians: 10-11

As we have welcomed our new classes and begun the integral work of schools, our staff recognise and value the crucial partnership that exists between parents, teachers and child. The first five years of a child’s life are now recognised by behavioural science as the most crucial formation period and a time for optimal learning. The task of teachers is to work with the master builders for fruitful and very individual outcomes for each child to enjoy success.

If I had my child to raise again,
I’d build self esteem first, and the house later.
I’d finger paint more, and point the finger less.
I would do less correcting and more connecting.
I’d take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less, and know to care more.
I’d take more hikes and fly more kites.
I’d stop playing serious and seriously play.
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I’d do more hugging and less tugging.
I’d see the oak tree in the acorn more often.
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
I’d model less about the love of power, and more about the power of love.

Diane Loomans
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College’s Annual General Meeting is on Thursday, February 23 at 7:30pm in the Lecture Theatres at the secondary campus. It is planned that there will be a guest speaker on the evening and we encourage all parents to attend. It isn’t a long night and drinks and nibbles are provided. It is a relatively quick way to get a run down on the operations of your College.

Nominations are also now called for the 2012 Board. Please return the form in this newsletter to the College should you wish to nominate yourself or a friend for the Board.

FACEBOOK

Again it is pertinent to remind parents to be aware of what their child is saying on Facebook. It is simply staggering some of the statements and language that we come across from students, sometimes as young as 10 years old. During the year we will continue, as we did last year, to provide information on how to deal with the challenges of Facebook and similar sites. It can be a wonderful website if used properly. Our first request is for you to consistently read and monitor what is being posted by your child as well as what material they are audience to.

I was in prison and you visited me

Our parish has hit the ground running, with some special outreach initiatives set for this year.

We have sent a letter to all the state primary schools asking them to put a notice in their school newsletter advising Catholic families of the Sacramental program for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

If there are any Catholic families in Samaritan whose children missed out on these sacraments along the way, and you’d like to catch up, please ring us at the parish on 8645 8023.

We have also been approached by Fr Khalid from Port Augusta, who is the Prison Chaplain for our diocese, about offering support for Whyalla people serving sentences at Port Augusta, and particularly for their families and dependents. At our Parish Pastoral Council meeting we decided to invite Fr Khalid to come and address an evening of Faith Formation about this matter. Anyone from the Samaritan Community is welcome to come along, and we’ll give you plenty of notice.

Soon it will be the Season of lent. We have opportunities for people of all faith backgrounds to reflect upon life and faith over this 40 day period. You could join a small discussion group – mixed, women, or men; or you could pick up the Lectio Divina resource and do your own Lenten program of prayer and reflection; or you could attend the session for parents of young families. Just give Sr Cheryle a call.

The parish has also been impressed by the Young Christian Students and the campaign decided upon at the recent National Conference, which revolves around Youth Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Given that some of our parishioners have been visiting the children and young people detained until recently at Port Augusta, we want to find out more about the YCS campaign.

Speaking of the YCS, Morgan Yarwood, one of last year’s World Youth Day pilgrims, represented our Diocese at the Conference, along with several other students from around the Diocese. Former Samaritan student Elise Ganley was elected National Coordinator for the Australian YCS Movement for the next 12 months to 2 years.

Morgan will be working with Ms Cristina Torres and myself to get our local YCS off to a sound start for 2012. Any students who want to be part of a student-run movement, devoted to putting faith into action and changing the world for the better, are welcome to join.

Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM.
This year for our Opening School Mass we are focussing on the three Samaritan stories that are at the core of our School ethos and values. The Good Samaritan, The Woman at the Well and The Ten Lepers each offer us an insight into our College Motto of Faith, Wisdom and Compassion.

We all know the story of the Good Samaritan. A Samaritan, travelling on his journey comes upon the beaten and robbed man. The Samaritan is an outcast among the Jews, but is the one who shows care and compassion where the Pharisee and the Levite who also passed by did not.

The Samaritan treated the man’s wounds and bandaged him. The wine, the oil, and the cloth he used to bind the wounds came from his own food supplies and clothing. He brought him to an inn, where he spent the night caring for the man. The Samaritan paid for the man’s room and promised to return, and pay the innkeeper for any additional expenses. There is nothing more the Samaritan could have done to minister to the man on whom he had compassion.

Jesus was like the Good Samaritan. He was willing to go to the lost, the outcast, the sick and the needy. It did not matter to Him who they were only that they were in need of love and healing. Jesus wants us to demonstrate love for our neighbour in the real world, by showing compassion to those in need, as did the Good Samaritan.

Our College Vision Statement states, “Through our constant involvement in the community, we strive to imbue a sense of responsibility within our students, fostering compassionate action and empowering them to live socially just lives.”

What can we do to embody the ethos of our College? How can we be friendly, kind, helpful, considerate, caring, cooperative, amicable, merciful, and compassionate?

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)

EDUCATIONAL SITE AND APP
For those with iphones and ipads, the NSW government has created a very handy ‘app’ for parents. This app explains all the terms that your child will come across at school, from Reception to Year 12. It has worksheets, games, handouts and even videos to help explain topics from every subject. Well worth a look and it is free. Type ‘school a to z’ into the App Store.

All canteens need parent help to operate effectively, if you feel that you could spare some time each month please complete the following slip and return it to your campus office.

NAME: ____________________________

CONTACT DETAILS: ______________________

Please tick

☐ Our Lady Help of Christians
☐ Saint John's
☐ Saint Teresa's

I would be able to help on Canteen

☐ at lunch
☐ at recess
☐ both lunch and recess

I am available on the following day(s)

☐ Monday
☐ Tuesday
☐ Wednesday
☐ Thursday
☐ Friday
**PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS**

Earlier in the week, we held our Parent Information Evenings on the primary campuses. Many parents attended the sessions in the classrooms and commented on the highly informative and professional nature of the interactions surrounding curriculum and classroom routines and expectations. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the teachers for their work and dedication to building positive partnership between home and school.

**WHYALLA PRIDE WEEK**

Congratulations to Amelia Freund who won the Yr 3 Junior Primary ‘Postcard Design’ competition for Whyalla Pride Week 2011. The College received a cheque for $250 and framed copy of Amelia’s postcard which has been placed in the front office in appreciation for participation in Whyalla Pride Week.

Yours in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion

Eleni Vailas
PRIMARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**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.

Like all volunteers in schools you will need to have a current Catholic 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
  8649 2077

* Helen Holland
  ST TERESA’S CAMPUS
  8645 8381

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

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Please bring orders to the OLHC library before and after school.

Please ensure that your teacher’s name is written at the top of the form.

Last day for orders is

**Friday, February 10**

Ann Wilson

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We acknowledge that parents are children’s first teachers. Often you may be wondering how you can help your child improve their Literacy. Over the term information and practical ideas will be provided to enable you to assist your child’s reading and writing development.

If at any time you have questions regarding Literacy development please speak to your child’s teacher.

**HOME READING**

*Practising, Praising, Reading*

**What is Home Reading?**

Home reading is books taken from the classroom, the Library or the family book shelf to be read to someone, with someone, by someone or alone.

**Who should do Home Reading?**

Everyone! Children, adults, Mums, Dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters etc.

**Where should Home Reading be done?**

Ideally in a quiet place

- In a relaxed atmosphere where making mistakes is okay
- Where a parent or older sibling is available

Anywhere will really do. It’s the reading that is important.

**When should Home Reading be done?**

Ideally; 10-15 minutes for junior primary students and 15-20 minutes for older student.

- When an adult and the child are feeling relaxed
- Every day
- At a set time when your child is not tired
- When there is time to sit, listen and chat
- Some families may choose to read following an after school snack and chat

**How many books should go home?**

Recent research indicates that re-reading books assists with fluency, comprehension and developing a love of reading. With this in mind we are now asking students to take four books home for the week. This will provide an opportunity to practise reading, re read to develop fluency and read again for enjoyment.

**Why should home reading be done?**

Home reading provides opportunities to;

- Value children’s learning
- Praise their efforts and celebrate their achievements
- Practise what the child has already learnt
- Help parents understand that home reading should be easy and about practise strategies and skills learnt at school
- Enjoy reading and books together

Next week we will look at ways families can support Literacy development.

PRIMARY LITERACY TEAM
SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

There may be times when parents wish to contact a member of the staff to discuss concerns about their child but are uncertain of the best person with whom to talk. The table outlines the various lines for communication.

**PARENT COLLEGE COMMUNICATION**

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This table is simply to save you time and get you to the right person as soon as possible and ultimately whomever you contact will ensure you are directed to the right person. If you don't know who your child’s Coordinators are, the front office staff will help you.

**THESE ARE OUR CONTACTS FOR THE VARIOUS AREAS OF THE CURRICULUM FOR 2011:**

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<td>For all other subject areas please speak with your child’s subject teachers</td>
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For information about matters relating to your child within these subjects it is best to contact the subject teacher. Ms Gibson is the Director of Teaching and Learning and oversees all curriculum matters. Mrs Duffield is the Director of Students and coordinates the SRC and student wellbeing. Mrs Smith is the Director of Learning Support and coordinates alternative learning programs. Mr Lyons oversees all administration i.e. timetables and reports, within the whole College.

**FORMS**

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the range of forms sent home last week. These are very important and need to be returned ASAP. We also ask parents to let the College know if any of those details change – especially any medical information and contact information and mobile phone numbers.

**STUDENTS VEHICLES**

Parents are reminded that students need to complete a permission slip to drive to school and a permission slip if other students, including siblings, are travelling in the car. This permission only extends to trips to and from school and not for any other purpose. Students cannot transport other students on excursions.

**LAPTOPS**

Many Year 12 students like to utilise a personal laptop for their study lessons. Students are welcome to do this but do need to sign an agreement acknowledging the rights and responsibilities of having such an expensive item at school. This form is available on our website.

**STUDENT DROP-OFF**

We remind parents that unless there is a medical reason or the student has large items to carry i.e: guitar, that the area in front of our office is not a drop off zone. Students should be dropped off at the bottom of the school or on Norrie Avenue and use our back gate.

**PARENT EVENING**

The all important Parent Evening for the secondary campus is on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30pm. All staff will be in attendance and we encourage all our parents to come and meet your child’s teachers. The evening starts on the grandstand and goes for about an hour. It is for all parents, not just those new to the campus, we are also inviting all Year 12 students and a parent to your special meeting. We hope to see you there.

**HONOUR BOARDS**

After several years in the wilderness we are pleased to say that the Honour Boards at the Saint John’s Campus have been updated. Names of Head Boys and Girls, Duxes of the College and a tidy up of the Christian Brothers who have served here have all been updated. Please feel free to come and have a look.
CAMPUS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, February 16, the College will have an assembly to formally acknowledge the achievements of our 5 Year 12 students who achieved the highest ATAR (Australian University Admission Rank). It is a great opportunity for our current students to hear about the necessary balance between study and rest that is required to achieve success. Afterwards the invited guests will share a morning tea with the Co-Principal and staff.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

During the holidays we had some great sporting achievements by some students. A big congratulations to Bianca C, Nikeisha M, Jasmine B and Jack V for representing South Australia in the Basketball National Championships. Georgina W also won gold in the Under 15 butterfly at the state age Swimming Championships held in January.

Kirby Howell
PE/SPORT COORDINATOR

NEW TO THE SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS LIBRARY THIS WEEK!

Niccolò Ammaniti Me & You
Allan Bailie Outpost
Megan Crewe The way we fall
Deborah Ellis The Best Day of my Life
Michael Finaghty A mother’s song
John Green The fault in our stars
Marissa Meyer Cinder
Jennifer Walsh The Tunnels of Tarcoola
Jill Wolfson Cold Hands, Warm Heart

The way we fall by Megan Crewe

It starts with an itch you just can’t shake. Then comes a fever and a tickle in your throat. A few days later, you’ll be blabbing your secrets and chatting with strangers like they’re old friends. Three more, and the paranoid hallucinations kick in.

And then you’re dead.

When sixteen-year-old Kaelyn lets her best friend leave for school without saying goodbye, she never dreams that she might not see him again. But then a strange virus begins to sweep through her small island community, infecting young and old alike. As the dead pile up, the government quarantines the island: no one can leave, and no one can come back. Those still healthy must fight for the island’s dwindling supplies, or lose all chance of survival. As everything familiar comes crashing down, Kaelyn joins forces with a former rival and discovers a new love in the midst of heartbreak. When the virus starts to rob her of friends and family, she clings to the belief that there must be a way to save the people she holds dearest. Because how will she go on if there isn’t?

Poignant and dizzying, The Way We Fall is the heart-wrenching story of one girl’s bravery and unbeatable spirit as she challenges not just her fears, but her sense of what makes life worth living.

Borrow this book today or come and browse our selection of fictional novels!

COME AND TRY ATHLETICS MORNING!!!

Will be held Tuesday of Week 3, (February 14) promoting fun, fitness, extra training for weekend sports, Spencer Gulf training, physical activity and individualized training. The morning will start at 7:15am on the oval for any students who wish to attend. Breakfast will be provided for participants on this day.

Kirby Howell
SPORTS/PE COORDINATOR

CANTEEN ROSTERS

Monday, February 13 – Friday, February 17

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Anneta Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

Rose Cassar
CANTEEN MANAGER

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23 - 7:30 PM

IN THE LECTURE THEATRE – SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS

All parents and caregivers are invited to the Annual General Meeting.
It is an ideal time to gain an insight into the administrative dimension of the College.
Duration: Approximately 1 hour - Supper Provided

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

COLLEGE BOARD: There are 4 positions available on the College Board for a 2 year term. (with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms)

The responsibilities of parents elected to any of the above positions are great. Membership of either the Board or Parent Community executive involves commitment in terms of time, energy and enthusiasm. At the same time the College values highly the efforts of such people and their involvement also brings its own rewards. No particular experience or skill is necessary. It is a great way to learn about your College.

We warmly welcome nominations from anyone who believes they have the enthusiasm and time. Parents should feel free to nominate others or themselves. If nominating another person please have them sign the form as an acceptance of their nomination.

Elections are held at the AGM. Please return all nomination forms to Ms Karen McGinnis, College Board Secretary, at Saint John’s Campus by Friday, February 17.

Damien Judd & Terissa Shepherd
CO-PRINCIPALS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NOMINATION FORM

Name: .............................................................
(insert person you wish to nominate)

Parent of: .............................................................

Signature: ............................................................. Date: .........................

I nominate ............................................................. to be a member of the Board.

I accept the above nomination.

Signature: ............................................................. Date: .........................