Dear Parents/Caregivers,

"Promise yourself.....

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind...

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet....

To make all your friends feel that there is something good in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything, and make your optimism come true...

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best....

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own...

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to greater achievements in the future...

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet...

A smile...

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticise others...

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.....

And be ye kind to another........."  Ephesis. (from The Federation of Parents http://www.pandf.org.au/)

OPENING COLLEGE MASS

To see the complete College come together to celebrate is always a pleasure. A side benefit from this annual mass is the way our primary students are ‘buddied’ with our senior classes whilst waiting for the mass to start. To see junior primary students being happily lead around the school by the Year 12s, who were just as happy to do so, was also a real pleasure. Special thanks to Bernie Meixner and his team for putting it all together and to Winnie Fitzgerald, Bec Sinclair, Pierre Visser, Lisa Howard and Christine Duffield and to all the students who had special roles in the mass.

BOARD

Congratulations to Amanda Bywater and Janine Hugo, who were elected to the College Board for the first time last week and to Mark Carter, Peter Fitzgerald and Grant Jeffery who were re-elected. Mark Carter remains Chair of the Board until elections at the next board meeting. They all join Marlene Kenny as elected parent representatives on our Board.

STAFFING

Shortly some opportunities will present themselves for parents to take roles on some of the sub-committees of the Boards. This is a great opportunity for parents to have a specific input into the school in a particular area.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Victoria Petropoulos, Year 12, who won the Whyalla Mt Laura Lions Youth of the Year contest last week. More information later in this newsletter.
A LENT REFLECTION

Over the past few weeks I have been considering what my place in the world is and how fragile everything is. I realised that we only have a very short moment to live our lives on this earth and in that moment there is soooo much to do. I realised that there is no need to run around like a headless chook trying to get the never ending to do list completed because in trying to do this we miss out on all the magic that is life. It sometimes takes a challenging experience for us to remember this but really we should be paying close attention to it every day.

Consider the importance of a simple smile. How much joy can it bring to those around us.

What about the blossoming roses that light up our gardens.

The blue sky, fresh air and the soft sand of the Whyalla foreshore.

Importantly as people who work in schools how often do we smile

Hearing a Child in our class giggling at a funny story or when chatting with friends or seeing the look in their eyes when they really understand what you are teaching.

How many times have you enjoyed these things in the last few days, weeks, months or even years?

Maybe during Lent we can make a conscious effort to do these things and truly make a difference to those around us!

Kirsty Scott
3/4 CLASSROOM TEACHER
**COLLEGE NEWS**

**UNIFORM NEWS**

**Hats** may be purchased at the front office at the primary campuses.

Hats, socks & sport socks may be purchased from the canteen at Saint John's Campus for secondary students. Please purchase these items outside of Recess and Lunch.

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**PARENT COMMUNITY NEWS**

We have a booking for the Advanced Life Photography Family Portraits again for this year. This has proved very successful in the past with many of our College families taking up the offer of a beautiful, framed family portrait for the value price of just $20.

We need a minimum of 30 families to hold the photography session, and these spaces will fill fast! This offer is open to all College families and any friends and family outside the College community as well. Invite everyone!

The College is the recipient of the $20 fee for your Family Portrait, so this aids the fundraising efforts of the Parent Community.

**Date:** Saturday, March 24  
**Venue:** Our Lady Help of Christians Campus in the Vessey Unit.

Appointments can be made by phoning Tania Taylor on 0412 953 770. You will then be given information regarding how to make payment – as payment is required before the appointment date and time. No money can be accepted on the photography day.

Please see the flyer, which was sent home last week, for further information, or call any of the campus offices. Please also pass on the second tear off voucher to your family and friends to invite them to have a beautiful family portrait taken.

*Tania Taylor*  
ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT COMMUNITY

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**OSHC**

After School Care Program  
Contact Roxanne, Steph or Sarah  
0427 712 260

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PROJECT COMPASSION

Samaritan College supports Project Compassion which is a Catholic Aid program run by Caritas Australia. The funds from Project Compassion go to providing education, self help programs and other justice programs around the world and in Australia.

Each student is encouraged to participate in Project Compassion by placing donations in the Project Compassion boxes on the prayer tables in their classroom.

Thank you

Bernie Meixner

OPENING COLLEGE MASS

Last Friday the College celebrated its opening School Mass. The theme of the Mass was Celebrating our Gifts and Talents, which many students did in the way they read, sang, participated in the Liturgical dance or participated in Mass with their reverence.

Each class in the College prepared a banner which represented one of the Samaritan stories in the bible. These texts which refer to the Good Samaritan, The Samaritan Woman at the Well and the Samaritan Leper who said thank you to Jesus, form our identity. It is from these stories that we gain the insight and understanding that gave rise to our College Motto: Faith Wisdom Compassion. They are important texts which we continually address and help form our mission.

The opening Mass is a wonderful opportunity we rarely have for the entire College community to come together. As a Catholic College we are a celebrating community. Celebrating the Mass is the most important way we come together so we must take these opportunities when they arise. The Mass is referred to as the Source and Summit of our faith so to be able to celebrate together in this way is most important to our identity as a Catholic College.

I would like to thank all the parents and grand parents who came to share the morning with us. I would also like to thank all the staff and students who prepared so well to make this such a wonderful celebration.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

“Our class made a banner for the opening school mass based on the Good Samaritan story. On our banner we had a picture of the world with a band aid on it. We did this to represent the Good Samaritan story by showing that we should all show compassion to the world. We also had hand prints to represent the different cultures around the world.”

Brodie Adamson (5/6 Boots)
STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to the students who have been elected by their peers as House Captains and to the Student Representative Council for 2012.

Due to the shortening of the Opening College Mass last Friday the students were unable to be presented their badge in recognition of this achievement. This week we acknowledge these students at special ceremonies which took place on each of the Primary Campuses.

I apologise for not including the student representatives from R/1 Harman in last week’s newsletter.

STAFF DUTY

A reminder to parents that the staff are not on duty in the morning until 8:30am. This means that students who arrive before this time are not supervised. After 8:30am staff begin yard duty. There are some areas that are designated out of bounds in a morning at both campuses.

At OLHCC the students can either go to the playground or...
by the R/1/2 rooms. Older students are not to congregate around their rooms but are to wait near the large shade or by the basketball court until the bell goes at 8:45am.

At St Teresa’s campus students are to wait in the lower area until the 8:45am bell goes. All other areas are out of bounds.

Ruth Donnellan
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

LITURGIES AND ASSEMBLIES
This week (Week 5) at OLHCC 1/2 Hearne are sharing their achievements at Assembly on Friday, March 2 at 12:30pm in the Vessey Unit and at STC R/1 Harman are looking forward to their Assembly on Friday 9:30am under the shelter shed. They have also been working hard.

Next week at Our Lady’s Campus (Week 6) 3/4 Scott will be celebrating their class Mass on Thursday, March 8 in the church at 9:00am and R/1 Hancock/Daniels will be celebrating with their Liturgy in the church at 12:30pm. At St Teresa’s campus 4/5 Free will be sharing their Liturgy with us on Thursday, March 8 at 9:30am in the library.

Thank you to the children and teachers who have prepared the foyer displays at both primary campuses. Please come along and have a look.

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)

R/1 INNOVATION IN ENGAGEMENT & LEARNING
At the recent Parent Information Night, we shared some introductory information about the Walker Learning Approach that we are implementing with the Reception/Year 1 students. This program has the backing of a decade of research by psychologist, Kathy Walker, who works with many schools, particularly in Victoria, to develop strategies that enhance engagement and learning through investigative play. Children develop their literacy and numeracy, skills of inquiry and the usual interactive skills through deliberately set up learning zones within the classroom. Teachers work closely with the children using questioning technique to extend the child’s thinking and to encourage further investigation. Writing genre such as recall and reporting is integrated into these activities. The children are beginning their day with this approach and the consistent engagement of all children in the classroom has been noteworthy. We are utilising the Kathy Walker Approach four mornings per week prior to recess time.

We would like to continue the information sharing with parents as we progress with the children, therefore will send home an invitation in the coming weeks for you to attend a short meeting where our teachers will share some of the good work that has been happening in the classrooms.

For more information about the developmentally appropriate Walker Learning Approach, you can log on to: walkerlearning.com.au

Terissa Shepherd
CO-PRINCIPAL

WHYALLA JUNIOR HOCKEY
PLAYERS NEEDED FOR ALL GRADES
Minkeys (5 – 7 years)
Under 9 Boys and Girls
Under 11 Boys and Girls
Under 13 Boys and Girls

Training commences next week at the Whyalla Hockey Grounds, Searle St:

Our Lady Help of Christians Campus Team
Monday 4:30 – 5:30pm

St Teresa’s Campus Team
Tuesday 4:30 – 5:30pm

No experience needed.
Hockey sticks can be arranged.
Rego forms available at first training.

Get out and give it a go!
**COMPUTER USE**

We monitor the use of computers very closely and unfortunately there are occasions when students have their access to the College’s computers suspended for a period of time. This could have serious consequences, especially for senior students trying to complete assignments. Teachers will not extend due dates just because a student chose to use our computers inappropriately.

**CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

The Year 8 and 9 students at Saint John’s Campus will be participating in Clean-up Australia Day Schools’ Day. Under the direction of teachers, students will not only give our school grounds a thorough clean-up but also the campus surround, including the playground opposite us on Norrie Avenue, median strips and the hill behind the College. All students will be issued with protective gloves and will be wearing a hat with sunscreen provided. Processes are in place for collecting dangerous items. You will see us out-and-about between 9 and 10am.

**STUDENT CARPARK**

There have been two separate instances where cars have been tampered with in the student carpark. Staff are aware of this and will be keeping an eye open for any suspicious behaviour, however, there will be times when teachers are not in the vicinity of the carpark. To reduce the temptation could students please ensure that there are no valuables left in the vehicles which could be a temptation to others.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

It was quite a sight last Friday, at the Opening School Mass, to see all of the students who have been nominated by their peers to be on the Student Representative Council. I’d like to formally acknowledge the representatives from the secondary campus. Congratulations to all of you and may you be servant leaders to your respective classes and the wider College community.

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John Lyons

**STAGE 1 SUBJECT DEADLINES**

Students and their parents are advised that Year 11 students have until Friday, Week 6 (March 9) to change subjects. Any students who are considering changing subjects need to complete and return the relevant paperwork as soon as possible. Subject changes requested/paperwork received after Friday, Week 6 will not be processed. Students are also reminded that latecomers are expected to catch up on all class work and assignments – teachers will not reduce the volume of work simply because a student has come into a subject late.

Tanya Gibson

**SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS**

A congratulations to Nellie C for representing and winning Gold at the U14s SA Country Basketball Carnival held in Albury in January 2012.

**SPENCER GULF ATHLETICS**

Spencer Gulf Athletics is being held this Friday, March 2 in Port Lincoln. Samaritan College will be competing against Saint Joseph’s of Port Lincoln, Saint Marks of Port Pirie and Caritas College of Port Augusta in the annual event. Overall 67 students were selected in the team this year. Students competing in Spencer Gulf are asked to be at School by 6:20am for a 6:30am departure. They are to wear their Samaritan College PE shirt and jumper but can wear other running shorts if they wish. Canteen facilities are available to students. A team will be selected from the day to complete in Adelaide against other schools.

Kirby Howell

PE AND SPORT COORDINATOR
WHYALLA MOUNT LAURA LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR - VICTORIA PETROPOULOS

On Wednesday, February 22, Victoria Petropoulos competed in the Whyalla Mount Laura Lion’s Youth of the Year competition. After being nominated, completing an interview and competing on the night, in both an impromptu question session and a 5 minute oral presentation on the effects of Uranium, Victoria was chosen as the winner from a panel of representatives from local media, education and business communities.

Victoria spoke with confidence and conviction and it was a pleasure to be able to see her present. Also in attendance were Head Girl Verity Kenny, Deputy Head Girl Ruby Keating and Deputy Head Boy Lee McCann. It was great to see such support from the students.

Congratulations Victoria and good luck for competing in the upcoming Lions Youth of the Year Regional Final.

Beck Pollard
ENGLISH COORDINATOR

Canteen Rosters
Monday, March 5 – Friday, March 9

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Annette Cameron
Canteen Manager

Rose Cassar
Canteen Manager

Marg Coad
Canteen Manager

Community News

Riverland World Youth Day 2012 Committee invite all (young and old) to join with them for the

2012 World Youth Day Celebrations

to be held on Saturday 31st March & Palm Sunday 1st April 2012
at Barmera North Lake Caravan Park
525 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Barmera

Cost per person $40.00 (includes accommodation and food)
or $10.00 (Saturday only)

Weekend will include guest speakers, YCS presentation, Pilgrimage walk,
Palm Sunday Youth Mass and lots of fun.

For more information and registration forms please contact:
Mick Beech: 0408 851 020
mbeeche@stjohnspsa.org.au
Louise Stave: 0417 827 634
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Tricia Ringham
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