Term 1  Week 8  March 22, 2012

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 22
• Final Literacy Parent Information Evening, 7:00pm, OLHCC library

MARCH 26-28
• OLHCC Year 7 Aquatics Camp

MARCH 28-30
• STC Year 7 Aquatics Camp

THURSDAY, MARCH 29
• Year 4/5 Fiedler Mass, 9:00am, OLHC Church
• R/Year 1 Davies/Kuchel, Liturgy, 9:30am, library
• Official Opening of Samaritan Hall, 9:30am
• SJC SRC Social, South Whyalla Football Club, 7:00-10:00pm lock-in

FRIDAY, MARCH 30
• Year 1/2 Gallagher assembly, 9:30am library
• Year 3/4 Reeves assembly, 12:30pm, Vessey Unit

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ...” John 11: 1-45

YEAR 12 RETREAT

These past days the Year 12 students have been on retreat in Tumby Bay. This time is important to them in their development as young people, who, now of an age of discernment and abstract reflection, are able to open their minds and hearts to themselves, each other, and to the Grace-filled spirit of life within us. Incorporating the theme of “the road travelled”, the retreat tends to leave an indelible mark that often deepens throughout the year as the students redevelop stronger and more respectful relationships as young adult learners and seekers within the Year 12 cohort.

YEAR 7 CAMPS

Next week the Year 7s also experience the aquatics camp which is also at a significant time of their development, when the emerging adolescent is finding their place and growing in new skills and competencies. The camp is run in a supportive ‘have a go’ atmosphere, with a genuine experience of camaraderie between students, staff and the outdoor education personnel.

The provision of these external educational opportunities is part of the College’s desire to provide many diverse opportunities for an holistic education for every child.

Congratulations to Jade and Ben Vanzo on the arrival on Sunday of a healthy baby boy, Max Riley.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Next week sees an important annual event in the Diocese, the Diocesan Assembly in Port Pirie. All priests, parishioners, and representatives from schools and other catholic organisations are called to gather in Port Pirie for this assembly. At this time there is also a Chrism Mass which is attended by some of our students. It is here, amongst other things, that the oils used in masses and sacraments in the coming year are blessed. Chrism itself means ‘consecrated oil’.

OPENING OF HALL

Next Thursday at 9:30am is the opening of the College Hall which will be known as Samaritan Hall. Senator Alex Gallacher will open the hall and science labs on behalf of the Australian Government and it will be blessed by Bishop Greg O’Kelly. There will be some space for parents to attend this ceremony with seats provided at the rear of the hall, so you are most welcome to share in this celebration of the finalisation of this 3 year project.

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PARISH NEWS

RECONCILIATION – WHO NEEDS IT?

The sacrament of reconciliation initiated preparation of a number of Year 12s for their retreat. Parishioners recently participated in sacramental reconciliation at Our Lady’s Church as preparation for Easter. On Thursday, March 29 the sacrament will again be offered at St Teresa’s Church and large numbers are expected to attend. Do you wonder why we would bother to do this?

I suppose the simplest reason is to free ourselves of the burden of carrying around the guilt we should feel for the times we have offended against others, God and ourselves. Depending on the seriousness of the offence, that burden can be quite considerable. The sacrament of reconciliation gives us an opportunity to actually recognise our obligations and responsibilities and determine what can be done to correct the disharmony which they have caused.

Sacramental reconciliation provides the primary level of restoring that harmony by restoring our relationship with God. God gave us the gift of life and the world in which to live life, so we understand that to have the peace that Jesus promises us we must be at peace with God. Jesus regularly forgave sins in his earthly ministry and appointed his apostles to continue that role after the resurrection.

It is quite true that there are a number of ways of acknowledging our sins and receiving God’s forgiveness such as a prayer of sorrow, praying the Our Father and receiving the Eucharist. But there are times when the communal nature of our offences, the persistence of sinful behaviours or the seriousness of our sins need the reassurance of God’s forgiveness in a formal way. Knowing that God has forgiven unreservedly and that we are reconciled with God’s community is a substantial step to finding the peace that only Jesus can bring.

These last few weeks of Lent are an opportunity to consider what we can do to make our lives more fulfilling by letting go of unnecessary burdens. I am sure that there are opportunities in all of our Christian denominations to seek forgiveness and that other religions have their own rituals. For Catholics, any Saturdays at 10:30 am and 6:15 pm at St Teresa’s Church and Thursday, March 29 are some such opportunities for reconciliation.

Fr Arno Vermeeren
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM.

HOLY THURSDAY

A reminder that all campuses finish Term 1 at 12.30pm on Holy Thursday and school starts again for students on Tuesday April 24.

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

“Aspire not to have more but to be more”

Oscar Romero

During this Lenten time it is important to look at our own lives and to examine whether we are living a life that reflects our faith in Jesus. Are we looking out for everyone in our community: the poor, the vulnerable, the sick and the lonely? Are we treating the people in our community and in our world with dignity and respect?

It helps to remember that Jesus has inspired many people to follow in his footsteps. One person who modelled his life on Jesus was Archbishop Oscar Romero.

Oscar Romero was born in Ciudad Barrios, a town in the mountainous east of El Salvador, on 15 August 1917. One of seven children he grew up to become a priest. In February 1977, Oscar Romero became Archbishop of San Salvador.

As Archbishop, Father Romero was a source of strength and hope for the poor and the oppressed of his country, working with and for them. Romero used his position to speak out for the oppressed and the vulnerable. He challenged the unjust government of his country. After calling for international intervention and as a consequence of his actions, including his relentless pursuit for justice and peace for his people, Oscar Romero was assassinated on March 24, 1980 as he was saying Mass in his home town.

Caritas Australia works to bring justice, peace and hope to those in the world who are struggling and living in poverty. Jesus asks us to come into the light of his love. We can be someone who hears the cry of the poor by donating to Caritas Australia through Project Compassion this Lent.

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS

HISTORICAL SLIDES

The College has 1000s of slides dating right back to the opening of the Saint John’s Campus in 1963. We would like to convert these to a digital format.

We are seeking volunteers who are willing and able to do this. It would require having your own computer and the device that scans slides onto the computer and of course, a spare few hours or so.

Please leave your name and contact details at the secondary campus if you can help. It would only take a handful of volunteers for this to be done.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose:

How to talk more with your kids

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to talk with kids from a young age is indisputable.

If you were to focus on one thing to give your child an advantage then do what should come naturally – talk with them.

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to engage in conversation with kids from a young age is indisputable.

The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of first borns is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent.

But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. It is trite to say that kids learn a great deal from their parents but, in fact they do when we talk with them.

In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their worlds and how they think.

Getting conversations going with kids can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that clam up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet.

So you may need to be a little cunning, a little proactive and a little inventive to get some chat going at home.

Here are five ideas to help you get more conversation going in your family:

1. Turn off the TV (and other screens).
   Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don’t be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.

2. Turn on the TV (and other screens).
   If you can’t beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from “who’s going to win Australian Idol?” to “what happens to the winners of Australian Idol?” to “what is the point of Australian Idol?”

3. Have more mealtimes (with the TV off).
   The family that eats together talks together…or they should. I have a theory that families with a strong food culture (i.e. they love food and value the whole eating experience) have strong bonds. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can’t win.

4. Move more.
   If sitting and chatting is not your child's thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening.

5. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting.
   Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. It seems to me that the best communication in families happens when no one is working at it BUT in busy modern families you do need to work at communication. That is the way of it. You have to work hard at family.

PARENT COMMUNITY NEWS

FAMILY PORTRAITS THIS SATURDAY!

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.

There is still time to make an appointment - please contact Tania Taylor on 0412 953 770. 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.

Families who have made their booking need to collect their appointment card and make the $20 payment at the campus office.

Please see the flyer 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

March 23, 2012
This week we celebrated Harmony Day on the Primary Campuses. The focus of this day was to recognize the diversity in our country and highlight the importance of living in harmony with one another and acknowledge that we all belong in this world. 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.

We asked that students wear something orange or in theme of Sport – play, engage, inspire, recognizing the important role and positive influence sport has in our multicultural nation. The students raised money for Project Compassion by bringing along a gold coin donation to celebrate this significant day by giving us the opportunity to name our differences and identify what we share in common so that we can celebrate what unites us.

I would like to thank Ms Louise Gogoll and the SRC Representatives for organizing this Coloured Clothes Day for the primary campuses.

SAPSASA STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP
On Monday, March 26, several of our students from the OLHC Campus will be representing Whyalla at the SAPSASA State Swimming Championships to be held at the new SA Aquatic Centre.

We wish these students all the best for participating in the championships:

* Madeline Edwards
* Matthew Hancock
* Taylah Stirling
* Sarah Stirling
* Dominic Tidswell
PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Throughout this week and next week, Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be taking place. The interviews will be based around the Essential Learnings as described in the South Australian Curriculum Standard Accountability Framework.

The Essential Learnings are capabilities which are drawn upon throughout life and enable individuals to productively engage with changing times as thoughtful, active, responsive and committed local, national and global citizens.

These Learnings are:

- Futures - Develop the flexibility to respond to change, recognise connections with the past and develop solutions.
- Identities - Develop a positive sense of self and group, accept individual and group responsibilities and respect differences.
- Interdependence - Work 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.

The Mid Year Report which will be sent home at the end of Term 2 will clearly show academic achievement and an opportunity will be available for you to meet to discuss this report.

YEAR 7 AQUATICS CAMP

It’s not long now! Next week the Year 7 students from both Campuses will be attending the Year 7 Aquatics Camp at Port Vincent.

The students from the OLHC Campus will be attending the Camp from Monday to Wednesday, March 26-28. And the students from the St Teresa’s Campus will be attending the Camp from Wednesday to Friday, March 28-30.

The departure time from both Campuses is 8:00am. Please ring the school mobile numbers if your child is unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances such as illness.

Leadership will be present on both Camps to support staff and students: Mr Damien Judd will accompany the OLHC Campus and Ms Eleni Vailas will accompany the St Teresa’s Campus.

Yours in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion,

Eleni Vailas
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

MASSES AND LITURGIES

At St Teresa’s Campus R/1 Davies/Kuchel will be celebrating their Liturgy on Thursday, March 29 (Week 9) at 9:30am in the library. Parents are most welcome.

At Our Lady Help of Christians Campus 4/5 Fiedler will be celebrating their Class Mass on Thursday, March 29 (Week 9) at 9:00am in the Church. Morning tea will be shared afterwards and students are asked to bring something plain as we are in Lent. Please feel welcome to join the class.

ASSEMBLIES

Year 1/2 Gallagher will present their assembly at St Teresa’s Campus on Friday, March 30 (Week 9) at 9:30am in the library.

Year 3/4 Reeves will present their assembly at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus on Friday, March 30 (Week 9) at 12:30pm in the Vessey Unit.

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS

ITALIAN

Each term, we share the learning activities of two year levels at the primary campuses.

In Year 1/2 we are learning to build simple sentences about ourselves. We are focusing on introducing our names, ages and favourite colours.

Perhaps you can practise some phrases with your child:

I prefer to play soccer because I am athletic.
Io preferisco giocare al calcio perché io sono atletico.

I am a good friend because I know how to listen.
Io sono un buon amico perchè io so come ascoltare.

In Year 5/6 we are learning to build simple sentences about our friends. We predict new vocabulary and use context to create meaning as we read more widely in Italian.

This unit of work is challenging senior students to look at the similarities and differences between themselves and their friends.

Perhaps you can practise some phrases with your child:

I prefer to sing because she has a beautiful voice.
Io preferisco cantare perché lei ha una bella voce.

I am a good friend because she is kind.
Io sono un buon’ amico perchè lei è gentile.

Lei si chiama Tina. Her name is Tina.
Lei si chiama Tina. Her name is Tina.

Heather Calder
ITALIAN TEACHER

March 23, 2012
Easter Raffle Donations

Each year, Samaritan College holds an Easter Raffle. Please help us make this year's raffle a success by donating Easter eggs etc, to your child’s campus to go towards the prizes for the raffle.

Donations can be made to your child’s class teacher or the school campus office.

In an effort to recognise the spirit of involvement in College activities and a desire to help others through charitable acts, points will be awarded, on behalf of each student who donates towards the Easter Raffle, to their House. These points along with other points accumulated throughout the year will go towards the ‘Glory of Guidera Cup’ which is awarded at the end of the year to the most successful House in the College.

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

Thank you for your support,
SRC (primary campuses) and
Lou Gogoll (SRC COORDINATOR)

Canteen Rosters
Monday, March 26 – Friday, March 30

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Annette Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

Rose Cassar
CANTEEN MANAGER

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER

Final Literacy Parent Information Evening

The last Literacy Parent Information evening will be a combined workshop on The Writing Process and Numeracy tonight at 7:00pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Campus library and will be approximately one and a half hours in duration. A cup of tea or coffee will conclude the evening.

Lou Whitehouse and Rebecca Sinclair

Hockey

Friday, March 16

5pm Minkey:
OLHC v St T’s 1

5.45pm: U/11
OLHC vs St T’s 1

6.40pm U/13
St T’s v OLHC

Bye: Minkey St T’s 2
Bye: St T’s 2 U/11

Canteen people for OLHC, Taylor, Thursby, +1. From 5 – 7pm.

OLHC Minkey and U11 teams are still in need of players. If you have a child interested in playing a sport, but are not sure what to try… give hockey a go! We’d love to see you there.

Training for OLHC at 4.30 Mondays for Minkeys, and 5pm for U11 and U13, Mondays.

Training for St T’s is 4.30pm Tuesdays.

Fees this year remain the same as last year: Minkey $35, U11 $40, U13 $45. Payable before school holidays please to your school contact, (Tania Taylor – OLHC, Craig or Kerri Smith, St T’s) or Junior Hockey Treasurer, Sharon Gibbons.

Registration forms also available from your school contact, or Campus front office.
OFFICIAL OPENING OF SAMARITAN HALL
The school is poised for the official opening which is scheduled to take place in the Gymnasium next Thursday, March 29 at 9:30am. The students in the secondary campus had a mock gathering in the gym to gauge the amount of space required and that which is available for setting up the event. Whilst there the SRC presented information about the distribution of the world’s wealth and encouraged all students to make an effort to give something freely to Project Compassion.

CAMPUS SOCIAL
The SRC have also scheduled the first social for the year to be held on the evening of Thursday, March 29. This event will be held at South Whyalla Football Club starting from 7:00pm and concluding at 10:00pm. All socials are a “lock-in” event meaning that students will not be permitted to leave until 10 minutes before the finishing time, in this instance 9:50pm at the earliest. The theme for the night is “Easter” and all proceeds from tickets go toward our charities. It is hoped that students will show support for the SRC and our charities by attending this night.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
Within a school life there are many opportunities for parents or guardians to offer assistance, the canteen is one such example where parental support is necessary. Likewise hosting visitors like our Japanese students when they arrive.

Another area where volunteers would be welcome is in supervision during camps or whilst on a class excursion. Many of these are coming up and it would be preferable to take a volunteer rather than taking an extra teacher out of classes.

It is a requirement that volunteers who are going to be working with children undertake a screening process through the Catholic system. This involves coming in to the College with identification (Passport or Birth Certificate, Driver's Licence and Marriage Certificate (Females)) and completing a form in front of a witness. It takes a number of weeks for the screening to be completed and the volunteer will receive a letter indicating that they are cleared to work in a school. At which point they then present the letter and we will note the expiry date.

If you are prepared to volunteer some of your time and are happy to go on a volunteer list please contact the office at Saint John’s Campus – 8645 8568.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ADELAIDE ATHLETICS
On March 19, twenty one Samaritan College students represented the Spencer Gulf region in the Adelaide Athletics Carnival joining with the best athletes from Saint Marks, Saint Josephs and Caritas College. We competed against seven other Adelaide schools including Mercedes, Saint Ignatius, Tenison Woods, Cardijn College, Saint Francis and Xavier College. Overall it was a successful day, with the Spencer Gulf team finishing third overall, our best for many years. Our Ribbon winners from Samaritan are listed below:

Michael Karoussis - (Spencer Gulf team Captain) 1st in the 200m and discus and 2nd in the 400m
Emily Goldsworthy – 3rd in the under 16 relay
Amelia Melville Smith – 1st in the open relay, 2nd in the 100m
Joeulla C – 3rd in the 200m
Talyn S – 3rd in javelin
Ivy C – 3rd in the under 14 relay
Daniel Chapman - 3rd in the 100m

Well done to all students who represented Samaritan College in the Spencer Gulf team. It’s a great achievement to be selected in this squad.

Kirby Howell
PE/SPORT COORDINATOR

WHYALLA SCHOOLS STAGE BAND
QUIZ NIGHT!
7:30 pm March 24
Edward John Eyre High School Hall

With a special performance from the Whyalla Schools’ Stage Band!

All funds raised go towards the Band’s tour to compete in the Generations in Jazz Festival in Mt Gambier.

$10 entry per person or $70 for a table of 8

Please call 8645 7677 to register your table. Tickets are payable at the door.

Lots of fabulous prizes to be won! Including a 12 month free membership to the Whyalla Rec Centre!!!

EASTER RAFFLE
It’s that time of year again. Students, parents and friends gather your donation of Easter goods and drop them in at the library. Make sure you have a ticket and are in the running to win first prize! The more donations the SRC has, the bigger and better the prizes can be and there can be a larger number of prizes to improve chances of success. All money collected from ticket sales to go to the school charities. Please deliver donations to the school library. Raffle tickets on sale now.

SRC
Tickets go on sale on April 23

Please check the website above for further details.
Important information about accident protection for students*

Dear Parent

Every day there are accidents involving children. To assist parents with costs associated with those accidents, we have SchoolCare Accident insurance provided by Catholic Church Insurances Limited. The SchoolCare Accident policy provides protection to all students attending our school.

The 24 hour cover includes accidental injury cover 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides lump sum benefits under Section 1 of the policy. Non-Medicare medical expenses are only payable in relation to activities such as:
- attending school
- engaging in a sporting activity
- a secondary student undertaking a work experience program
- voluntary services to a religious, charitable, educational or benevolent organisation
- youth activities organised by a voluntary association such as Guides or Scouts or
- travelling to or from the above activities.

Cover is worldwide.

Our policy covers three important areas of care and any one accident may be claimable under one or more of these areas.

Cover includes:

1. Up to $7,500 inclusive per accident for medical costs (excluding any Medicare expenses or the Medicare Gap) from the following registered medical practitioners:
   - Dentist
   - Chiropractor
   - Osteopath
   - Physiotherapist
   - Remedial massage
   - Podiatry
   - Acupuncture, and also costs from a
   - Chemist, and
   - Hospital accommodation and facility fees.

Please note:

Federal legislation in Australia prohibits Catholic Church Insurances from covering:

- the cost of any medical service for which a Medicare benefit is payable
- the Medicare Gap or
- the cost of any hospital treatment or other benefit unless the cost arises from an injury while taking part in certain activities, such as:
  - attending school
  - engaging in a sporting activity
  - a secondary student undertaking a work experience program
  - voluntary services to a religious, charitable, educational or benevolent organisation
  - youth activities organised by a voluntary association such as Guides or Scouts or
  - travelling to or from the above activities.
2. Fixed amounts for defined events. For example, when a student accidentally receives a fracture of the hand the policy will pay a fixed amount of $250. The full table of benefits lists all the defined events covered under the policy and the fixed amount payable. The full table of benefits is shown in the information sheet available at www.ccinsurances.com.au

3. Other benefits related to the injury sustained including:
   - Emergency transport resulting from an accidental injury
   - Home tuition
   - Hospital inconvenience allowance
   - Nursing allowance
   - Professional counselling fees and
   - Assistance with payment of school fees in the event of the accidental death of a parent or guardian.

These are all limited to specific amounts per accident. These amounts are detailed in the table of benefits contained in the policy, and are subject to the policy wording, terms, conditions and exclusions.

Your child may have an accident so please cut out the information below and keep it on your fridge or in a handy place.

*Summary only. See the policy document for full terms, conditions and exclusions.*