Dear Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers,

When we work with staff, we have reflected about the moral purpose of schools, of the teaching profession and central purpose – to facilitate a quality holistic education where each child experiences personal success. To do that well, we urge our people to follow a common approach, within reason of context and the diversity of people amongst us, so that we do not become too “scattered”, but rather, with each other in our mission. Should families experience challenges with that delivery of a goal to have a common approach we urge you to bring any concerns to the attention of the appropriate person in leadership; perhaps a Year level coordinator, Teaching and Learning Director, Deputy and so on. There is a helpful guide in the student diary to assist parents with following channels of communication.

This week as our campuses have cleaned up their patch of Australia, we have brought home the message of the importance of stewardship for one’s environment, not only in terms of mess making but in preservation of resources, regarding how much waste we create in society. A very poignant connection between our waste and our fundraising for social justice was made by the senior SRC; where the rubbish dumps of first world and third worlds were compared. How developed a nation is and thus how it deals with its waste management can be an ‘in-your-face’ reflection of humanity at its lowest ebb. A dump is the home of the poorest of the poor, where we see small children barely scratching out an income; the disease and mortality suffered by individuals and communities. In our world, we take our waste for granted, with it being a by-product of having too much of everything. In this land of ‘waste and honey’, may we honour privilege, be respectful of resource use and be abundant in sharing our gifts to others, in words and in deed.

In celebrating gift giving and initiative, we acknowledge and congratulate Ms Natasha Free of the St Teresa’s Campus who is a scholarship holder for the Young Catholic Women’s Interfaith Fellowship. Seventeen women from 12 dioceses right across Australia have embarked on a journey of faith and leadership development. It is a project by the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference that is sponsored by various congregations and dioceses. Over the next two years, the women will study to complete a Graduate Certificate in Theology. The flexible online delivery of study modules is designed to accommodate their busy lives and careers. Quoted in a press release for the Fellowship, Ms Free said, “It’s just such an amazing opportunity, and I’m really grateful for it. Already, I feel really confident and at home with this fabulous group of people. I’m looking forward to getting a deeper understanding of my own faith, spiritually and academically and learning from others.”

“Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”

Luke 11: 14-23

Dame

DAIMEN JUDD
CO-PRINCIPAL

Teri

TERISSA SHEPHERD
CO-PRINCIPAL
Love. It makes you think.

Jim and Jean Pilkington were told that their new baby, Eamon, diagnosed with Down’s Syndrome, would struggle to reach 14 years of age. Eamon died a week ago, at the age of 39. He was borne along in life for all those extra years in the love of his parents and his family. There was no medical accounting for it – love seems the only likely explanation.

Tonight as I write we have heard the news of Mrs Jo Bowie-Perry’s death. Jo died in the Whyalla Hospital as we were celebrating the Tuesday 7pm Mass at Our Lady’s. I had an eerie feeling, half way through the Mass, that Jo was with us, in her usual spot near the organ, watching us.

Jo was a Torres Strait Islander, one of our indigenous people, a lady we were humbly proud to call a member of our Catholic Parish. She sang in the choir at Our Lady’s. She could keep pace with Fr Arno, joke for joke. In her professional life, Jo supported many indigenous families, who became her friends. Jo’s passing will cause a lot of people to stop and think, about life, and love. Jo’s loving approach to people had the capacity to help them come out of themselves and their own preoccupations, and see a bigger and more hopeful picture of life.

Love can achieve that, where other methods fall short of the mark.

Some may feel despair and loss at Jo’s passing. But after a while they’ll remember Jo’s love, and realise that something that real can’t simply be blotted out by death. They will understand that Jo is still loving them, but from a position that is more advantageous – for them.

Love can do that.

Fr Jim Monaghan
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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Project Compassion, a program run by Caritas Australia, began in 1966 and has now become one of the biggest humanitarian fundraising campaigns in Australia. It began on Ash Wednesday (February 13) and will run until the end of Lent.

Project Compassion 2013 carries the message: “Open doors into the future” which is taken from Pope Benedict XVI’s 2007 encyclical Spe Salvi, 35, “We work towards a brighter and more humane world so as to open doors into the future”. The stories that underpin Project Compassion this year, are all stories for children and youth who have had doors to education, health and supportive environments opened to them by funds raised by the program.

For 5 dollars, you could buy a pepperoni pizza from Pizza Hut OR you could donate the money and it could buy a chicken for Matuba Children’s Centre to raise and sell to provide food, medical supplies and school uniforms for children in Mozambique.

For 30 dollars, you could buy another clothing item to squeeze into your closet OR you could donate the money to provide materials, reference books and resources for skills training for one person for a whole year in Papua New Guinea.

For 100 dollars, you could buy a nice dinner with drinks for you and another person OR you could buy a box of materials for children to learn carpentry at the Matuba Children’s Centre in Mozambique.

Put things into perspective. Donate to Project Compassion.

Carly Higgins
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR (SECONDARY)
COMPUTER CORNER

This term the primary students will visit internet safety sites to learn more about keeping safe when online. Talk to your children about the good things and the dangers online. March 15 is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.

Here are some good sites for interactive games on internet safety.

Early Years:
Hector’s World

Primary years
Privacy Playground-adventures of cyber pigs
http://mediasmarts.ca/game/privacy-playground-first-adventure-three-cyberpigs

Safe surfing with Doug
http://www.disney.co.uk/DisneyOnline/Safesurfing/main.html

Surf Swell Island

Bullying No Way

Middle Years
Student’s CyberQuoll - Internet safety

Netsmartz
http://www.netsmartz.org/netteens.htm#

Jenny Kondylas
ICT COORDINATOR
(PRIMARY)

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR FATHER JIM

The Catholic Parish of Whyalla warmly invites members of the Samaritan College community to help celebrate Fr Jim’s birthday on Sunday, March 17 at 8:30am Mass at St Teresa’s Church or 10:30am Mass at OLHC Church. All are welcome to come and celebrate this special birthday for Fr Jim.

Bernie Meixner
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

WHS – SMOKING POLICY

Samaritan College is a smoke free environment.

At all sites smoking is not permitted within the school grounds including the carpark areas.

Thank you for your cooperation

Ruth Donnellan and Gay Sivewright
WHS COORDINATORS
**PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS**

**EASTER EGG RAFFLE**

The very popular Easter Egg Raffle is again on the horizon. We invite each family to donate an Easter egg at one of the college campuses, these will then be collated and raffled off.

Tickets for the primary campus raffle draw will be sent home through the newsletter and sold on campus at the secondary site. The draw will take place on Holy Thursday. Your donation of an Easter egg or bunny can be made through the front office at your campus.

**TOYS AT SCHOOL**

A reminder to children and parents that students should not be bringing toys from home to school. Quite often toys are brought to school and this creates distractions from the learning that is taking place and creates competition between peers. There is also the risk of damage or misplacement during recess and lunch.

**WEEK 6 ASSEMBLIES**

Tomorrow we have two more opportunities for the parent community to share in our learning; you are more than welcome to attend. We will also present the SRC students at each campus with their certificates. Please note the slight change in time to the assembly to be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus.

Friday, March 8 - 3/4 Raymond hosting @ 12:10pm at OLHCC
Friday March 8 - R/1 Boundy hosting @ 2:30pm at STC

**ABSENCES/LATE ARRIVALS**

The Education Department requires us to have a reason for every absence and late arrival. Please tell us why your child is away or late that morning or the next day via a phone call or a note to your child’s class teacher. It is hard for us to contact parents when a reason is not given but we must do this as unexplained absences are required to be followed up. Common reasons are: illness (with details of illness) or family reasons.

It is extremely important that children are at school by at least 8:35am every day, as classrooms are open at 8:45am. This is the time when they get organised, find their friends, read to the teacher, change reading books and organise their equipment. Just being 5 minutes late causes your child to begin the day disorganised and feeling stressed. Please support your child by getting them up that little bit earlier and hurrying them along. Try hard not to be the reason why your child is late.

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

A big thank you to the students for helping to clean up our campus environs last Friday by participating in Clean Up Australia Day. The students collected a large amount of rubbish from around the campus grounds. Great work children!

Georga Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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**YEAR 6/7 LANCASTER MASS**

Year 6/7 Lancaster will celebrate Mass on Thursday, March 14 at 9:00am at OLHCC Church. Parents are welcome to attend.

**YEAR 2/3 REED JUDD MASS**

Year 2/3 Reed Judd will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, March 13 at 9:00am.

Students need to be dropped at St Teresa’s Church by 8:45am and will return to school by bus after Mass and morning tea.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Issue 2 out now
Due date Friday, March 8
You can bring your orders to the library before and after school. I look forward to seeing you all.

Helen Shepherd
OLHC LIBRARY

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**WHYALLA JUNIOR HOCKEY**

If you missed Registration day last weekend, you can collect a Registration form from the front office of the primary campuses. Please complete the form, with proof of Date Of Birth if a new player, and return to the front office of your campus.

The season will be later starting this year due to the new Turf Project and irrigation, but you will be kept up to date with training times and season start as the information becomes available.

Any parents interested in being a committee member or helping with coaching (Police Check and Play by the Rules required) – we’d really, really love to hear from you!

Tania Taylor
JUNIOR HOCKEY COMMITTEE MEMBER
UNIFORM
At the halfway mark of the term it is probably timely to remind parents and students of the College’s expectation regarding uniform. These are clearly articulated in the student diary on pages 132–135. I would encourage parents to discuss the rules with their child and, whenever possible, monitor their appearance as they leave in the morning. Parents might use this reminder to check the condition and fit of the winter uniform in readiness for the second term. The opening times for the uniform shop can be found on the front page of the newsletter on the blue section, in white text.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Our students are no strangers to the various social media networks that exist. In using these networks it is crucial that, as young adults, they think twice about the sorts of things they publish or make comment on. As individuals what we might perceive to be “just a joke”, may actually offend and be hurtful to the person in question. As a college we are mindful of protecting our students, and as such we request permission before publishing images, or naming students. Likewise it would not hurt for students to seek permission from others before publishing images or making comments that identify other people. If students don’t feel comfortable seeking permission then maybe this would be an indication that the comment or image is inappropriate and should not be published.

RETURNING FORMS
It is quite worrying that there are still some student medical forms that have not been returned, and whilst there may be no extenuating circumstances for dealing with any injury to these students, there is still relevant information that the school requires in the unlikely event that your child is involved in an incident. New forms are being sent home with this newsletter to replace those that might have gone astray. In the interest of protecting your child can you please make this a priority and return it by Tuesday.

ONLINE CALENDAR
As happens in a school year, events that were planned last year or at the start of this year may have been altered. One way that we are hoping to keep our community up-to-date is through the online calendar. An example of one change to this calendar is the presentation this Friday, where the Year 11 students will get to meet V8 supercar driver (Ute category), Andrew “Fishtail” Fisher. Parents and students are encouraged to check the calendar on a regular basis.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YEAR 8 BLUE MASS
8 Blue will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Friday, March 8 at 9:00am.
Students need to be at St Teresa’s Church by 8:45 am on the 8th.
The students will walk back to school at the completion of the Mass and celebration.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

MINAKUCHI EXCHANGE
Minakuchi High School in Japan are visiting Samaritan College again this year.
Approximately 24 students and 2 teachers will be arriving from Japan on Thursday, July 25 for a 13 day visit.

If you are interested and able to host a student, please contact Mr Boden at the College, or have your child collect an expression of interest letter.

A payment to cover hosting expenses will be provided.

Josh Boden

STUDENTS ARE IN NEED OF HOST FAMILIES

SACE
I would like to present the class of 2013 with some pointers to achieving success in their chosen subjects this year......so here we go!

1) Do you have a copy of the learning and assessment plan that is being used for your subjects in 2013? Ask your subject teacher for a copy - this document outlines the assessment tasks that will determine the student’s SACE result. It also states the weighting each individual task has been assigned.

There are 206 bones in the adult human body and there are 300 in children (as they grow some of the bones fuse together).

Tony Hall
SCIENCE COORDINATOR
2) Have you accessed the Chief Assessor's report for 2012? They provide information and advice regarding the assessment types, the application of the performance standards in school and external assessments, the quality of student performance, and any relevant statistical information. These are available for every Stage 2 subject via the subject mini site on the SACE website.

3) Do you visit the SACE website regularly? On the subject page you will find the 2013 subject outline which states the content of the subject and the performance standards teachers use to assess work. There are also examples of tests and investigations which can be used for practising skills or gaining some insight into assignment criteria.

4) Have you seen samples of work? It is valuable to look at a C standard as this is the minimum standard of achievement and the A grade sample will allow students to set goals for their own work. Work samples can be obtained from your subject teacher.

I hope that all Year 12 students will experience success this year. Please feel free to contact me at the College with any queries or concerns you as parent or students may have.

Maresa Lyons
SAcE COORDINATOR

YEAR 8 STUDENT’S LENT ACTIVITY

To celebrate the time of Lent, the Year 8 students are implementing a distinct Lent activity. The activity includes completing “good deeds” and decorating their cross to recognise their positive actions. Students will discuss their good deeds with their caregroup to complete the Caregroup Cross.

Feel free to look in your child’s diary for their Lent Cross and discuss their good deeds for today…

Beck Kane
YEAR 8 COORDINATOR

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday March 3 was Clean Up Australia Day so to show our support, the secondary campus participated in our own community clean up on Tuesday, March 5. Mr Keating presented the college with a ‘collage’ of our rubbish – all laid out on the oval to show us just how much rubbish we produce each day and the importance of putting it into the bin.

In year levels, we went and cleaned different areas in our local community, ranging from St Teresa’s Church, round to the netball courts on William Street, to the park on Norrie Avenue. Due to our team work, we collected a large amount of rubbish and felt pride in leaving our neighbouring surroundings looking all the prettier!

A big thank you to all students and staff involved.

Beck Kane, James Keating, Josh Boden and Trent Keiper
YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS

COMMUNITY NEWS

"The services and events contained in this section are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children."

LIBRARY DISPLAY

The Whyalla Public Library is currently hosting a display ‘Natures’ Chemical Diversity’, an exhibition developed by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. The display will be in the library for the month of March.

There is no charge to view this travelling exhibition brought to you by The Royal Australian Chemical Institute and sponsored by the Inspiring Australia program of the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education– Questacon.