Dear families,

The above passage is in reference to two of Jesus’ followers walking along the road to a town called Emmaus, just out of Jerusalem, discussing all that had happened in the days just gone by (our story of Easter). Jesus walks with them and although they see him, they do not initially recognise him. Sometimes our lives are like that, where we are in fact supported and held by those around us but we fail to see. It is only when what we take for granted is stripped away that we understand how important it is to live in community with one another. Such is the way we rally to care for our children in Whyalla, to give them the best possible chances in their developing years, whether it is at school, at home, or in the wide variety of sporting, fitness, dance and other arts clubs. There are many individuals showing care for one another, and it is where we find God in the ordinary person, just as the two ordinary ‘followers’ above, who saw the light of Christ when bread was broken and shared together.

**New Staff**

As we farewell Melissa Reeves from the Our Lady’s Campus next week, we welcome Frances Wren to the Year 2/3 class. Antoinette Daniels will continue with the class for a short time in a reduced role. We wish Melissa all the best with her new adventures in Adelaide and look forward to making Frances feel welcome at Samaritan.

**Camps and other Student Community Participation**

Damien had the pleasure of attending one of the Year 7 camps last week. It is a real credit to the work of all the staff and parents, especially the Year 7 staff of Peter Usher, Maddy Keen and Nikki Lancaster, that the students were such great ambassadors for the college with many compliments coming back from the aquatic instructors and other locals. We do take our students’ behaviour on our camps and excursions very seriously and have high expectations of them when representing the college. As such, it is always gratifying to receive feedback from agencies about our students. Recently the local TAFE has commented that our VET pathways students ‘are the best children they have ever worked with’. Your children – our children - thank you.

**Friday Dismissal**

Friday’s dismissal time next week is 12:30pm. Offices at each campus will remain open until 1pm. As for Terms 2, 3 and 4, school resumes for students on Tuesday, April 29. We apologise that the paper calendar distributed at the beginning of the year, has omitted this pupil free day. For a continuously updated calendar, please go to our website. The electronic calendar also records excursions, camps, bus times and campus specific events.

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### COMING EVENTS

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

- SJC 8-10 social, South Football club, 6:30-10:00pm, lock-in

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

- Year 9 Blue Mass and Year 2/3 Murray, 8:45am St Teresa’s Church
- SJC Reports distributed

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

- SJC Parent/Teacher Night, 3:30-6:30pm

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

- SJC Parent/Teacher Night, 3:30-6:30pm,

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

- extended hours at the uniform shop, 1pm-7:30pm

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

- Term 1 concludes, 12:30pm all campuses

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

- Harvey Norman, Italian Trip BBQ & Cake Stall, 11am-2pm

**MONDAY, APRIL 29**

- pupil free day, Uniform Shop Open 8:30-4:30pm

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30**

- students resume, wearing winter uniform

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“"The two then explained to them, [the eleven disciples] what had happened on the road, and how they had recognised the Lord when he broke the bread.” Luke 24: 35-48

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Saint John’s Campus
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Uniform Shop
Toal Street, Whyalla Stuart
Telephone (08) 8649 3168
Wednesday 8:00 - 10:00am
Thursday 1:00 - 4:30pm
Happy Easter Week! As Saint Augustine described it, this is the eight days which is one day. It’s as if the Feast of the Resurrection is so powerful and profound that it can’t be contained in one day, but spreads out for a full octave!

For us Catholics, our Holy Week rituals and Easter celebrations bring us to a state of joy and hope throughout this week. It’s palpable among the parishioners: the feelings of reassurance, encouragement and confidence, arising from our immersion in the ancient rituals and readings.

Of course, a “chocolate high” could also be contributing – that’s always a possibility, following the long Lenten fast!

It’s also been such a refreshing change of pace with our new Pope. Francis by name, and Saint Francis by nature, he has shunned the elaborate regalia and splendid isolation which some predecessors seemed to think was essential in order to maintain the dignity of the papal office. Francis has called for us to become once more “the poor church for the poor”.

For us Catholics, Francis’ call may be even more challenging than the teachings of other Popes considered more “strict”. Pope Francis is really asking us to examine our lifestyles as Catholics, and our identity as a Church: do we really show our love for God, by our selfless love for our neighbour? Are we ready to put the needs of others before career, prosperity, comfort? As parents, are we training our children for personal gain, or for community service, especially of the poorest?

Hearing of the Project Compassion achievements of the Year 8 and 9 students makes me think the College is getting close to the mark on this.

Amid the euphoria, may our Lenten commitment help us to stay focussed: let us listen for the call of the Risen Lord, and follow confidently where he leads.

Father Jim Monaghan
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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Jesus is Risen! Alleluia Alleluia!

The children in R/1 Hancock have shared with me their thoughts on Easter Sunday.

“Mum and Dad give us Easter eggs and on Sunday Jesus rose from the dead and that is a special day because we like Jesus.” Drazic

“Easter is special because we get Easter eggs and Jesus went on the cross and then he died and then on Sunday he rose from the dead.” Isaiah

“We celebrate Easter and we say Alleluia.” Deborah

“On Easter Sunday Jesus was resurrected from the dead and we say Alleluia.” Sara

“The Easter eggs are for new life.” Kufo

Let us all remember to say ‘Alleluia’ during this Easter season. This word, from the ancient Hebrew language means ‘Praise God.’ The Easter season continues now for fifty days until the feast of Pentecost. It is a joyful time when we celebrate the Risen Christ and his love for us in dying on the cross.

Easter Blessings to all

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)

An Easter Reflection. – Who will roll away the stone?

As the women disciples made their way to Jesus’ tomb on Easter morning they had one big problem: Who would roll away the great stone that had been placed at the entrance of his tomb?

There was a man who had a row with his father, as a result of which he had not spoken to his father for several years, even though they lived in the same town. He was an only child; they were without a mother in the family. So now the father was living alone. His world was getting smaller and darker with each day that passed. He wasn’t yet dead, but in a sense he was already in the tomb.

We marvel at the power Jesus had to raise people from the dead, and rightly so. But in a sense we can do the same. For instance, the son in the story had the power to roll away the stone from his father’s tomb. With a word or a gesture he could set him free from his tomb of loneliness and despair. And in helping his father he would have helped himself too. It is one of the lovely compensations of life that we cannot raise another without raising ourselves also.

Celebrate this season by helping to bring a little Easter into the lives of those you love. Offer a word of confidence to the shaken or of comfort to the sad. Sharing the joy Christ brings us only enhances our own happiness and honours the founder of this great feast.

On Easter day Christ became our paschal sacrifice. He made us children of the light, rising to new and everlasting life … His resurrection is our rising to life. The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world.

Source: extracts from gpbs.com.au

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION
Yesterday, the new Xavier Building floor was poured. We anticipate seeing continuous action from here!

Where has the term gone? It is so hard to believe that we are nearing the end of Term 1. This term has been action packed with assemblies, camps, carnivals, masses and liturgies. Not to mention the relationship building and learning that has taken place in the classroom.

HARMONY DAY
Harmony day is celebrated all over Australia and the message of Harmony Day is "Everyone Belongs". Like our Samaritan community in Australia, we come from many countries around the world. This Friday, April 5 we take the time to celebrate our diversity as a community. It's a way we can learn and understand about each other.

This Friday, April 5, both Primary campus' will wear casual clothes with a touch of orange for 'Harmony Day' and make a gold coin donation to be contributed to Project Compassion.

Your child can wear coloured clothes with a touch of orange, whatever that may be ...a ribbon t-shirt, shorts, socks etc. Your child's gold coin donation can be given to the classroom teacher at the commencement of the day. Thank you for supporting this initiative of our Student Representative Council.

PARENT INTERVIEWS
Thank you to all parents who have made their child's parent/teacher interview a priority this week. The parent / teacher partnership is crucial in allowing students to get the most out of school. The opportunity to engage in conversation and share anecdotes and observations from both home and school is priceless. If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child's teacher can you please contact them and make a mutually convenient time to do so. It is so important that your children see and hear that you are actively involved in their education and well informed about their social and academic progress.

WOOLWORTHS: EARN AND LEARN
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This program enables schools throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths. As you know schools select from thousands of different items through the program. From Monday, April 8 until Sunday, June 9, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There will be collection bin in both offices.

Grace and blessings,
Georgia Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
The Parish Sacramental Program begins next term with the Sacrament of First Eucharist. In Term 3 the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated and in Term 4 Reconciliation is celebrated.

The parish has records of families they think will participate in these Sacraments. If, however, your family is new to Whyalla and you have a child that will participate in the Sacramental program, please advise the school office so you can be included in any mail out of information from the parish.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

Primary Campus News

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Rose Cassar
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Marg Coad
Canteen Manager
ATTESTANCE

Next term we are trialling a new process for keeping our attendance records up-to-date. The Saint John’s Campus will have a dedicated mobile number for parents to contact via SMS to inform us of reasons why a child is absent or will need to leave school early.

For an absence parents are asked to contact the college in the morning with a brief message indicating the child’s full name, caregroup teachers name, reason for absence, possible duration of absence if know and your name. The college will then verify the parent contact through our current list of contact numbers. As a matter of courtesy during this trial period we ask that parents still communicate any absence through the College diary.

For a child to leave early, parents would contact the college, with a message indicating the child’s full name, caregroup teachers name, reason and time for departure, whether they will be returning later in the day and your name. It would then be expected that the parent collect the child from the front office and sign them out.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9 and 10, the secondary campus will hold parent teacher interviews. Teachers will be available from 3:30–6:30pm on both days, however, if a teacher has no appointments they may leave earlier. Today your child(ren) will have brought home a time sheet for you to assist with scheduling interviews with their teachers. To ensure that the teachers have remained behind to see you please use the sheet and ask that your child confirms the appointment times with each teacher that you would like to see.

UMAT

The UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Science Admissions Test) is a test that students must undertake if they are hoping to get into some of the Medical or Health Science Courses at Universities across Australia. Registrations for the test open Early April and close on June 7. Information and access to the booklet that explains the registration process students should check the website at www.umat.acer.edu.au.

CONSIDERING STUDYING IN ADELAIDE IN 2014?

Many country students who move to Adelaide for tertiary study often stay at one of the Residential Colleges for their first year or longer. Usually the demand for places in these colleges far exceeds the supply, as such there is a process that students need to undertake to secure their position. Applications often close during Term 2, so students should start looking at the processes and apply soon. The websites for the different colleges contains the necessary information and some also have scholarship information for their residence.

One of these Colleges, Aquinas College, are holding open days these holidays. If you are in Adelaide on Saturday and Sunday, April 20 &21 and would like more information on Aquinas College please go and see them between 9:00am – 4:30pm.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)
1. What is VET and how can I do it?

VET stands for Vocational Education and Training. VET gives students skills for work, particularly in the trades and industry. VET options in the SACE encourage students to complete, or make significant progress towards completing VET qualifications, while completing the SACE.

To complete the SACE, students must achieve 200 SACE credits, 180 of which can be gained through VET. Within these, students must also satisfy the literacy and numeracy requirements of the SACE. The remaining 20 credits are gained from the Personal Learning Plan (10 credits) and the Research Project (10 credits). The SACE Board determines whether the SACE credits earned for a particular VET qualification will be recognised at Stage 1 or Stage 2. Students can refer to the VET Recognition Register for more information about recognition at Stage 1 and Stage 2.


Please approach Mr Ryan Baker, our VET Coordinator, or myself for more information about how to go about using VET as part of the SACE.

Maresa Lyons
SACE COORDINATOR

YEAR 11 MASS

On Wednesday, April 10, Year 11 Students in Miss Furfari, Mrs Kane and Ms Homes Year 11 Research Project classes will attend Mass at St Teresa’s Church. The students need to be at St Teresa’s Church by 8:45 am and will walk back to school in time for recess.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

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.”

WRITE WITH ME

Think you’ve got what it takes to make it in the creative world of writing?

Tabor Adelaide has teamed up with me. magazine to give one lucky writer, blogger or poetic peep a chance to get their written piece published in Me. Mag.

Score this ultimate opportunity by simply sending in a 400-500 word short story, review, poem or opinion piece, and you could be well on your way to writing success!

The Prize:

You not only get your piece published in the next issue of me. magazine, you also have the opportunity to meet and have lunch with award winning author Rosanne Hawke.

The winner will meet with Rosanne and the team at Tabor Adelaide, and spend time having lunch in a one to one session with Rosanne.

How can you apply?

Email your writing piece to tracy@tracymarsh.com with ‘Write with Me’ in the subject line. Please include your name, age, school and year level.

Applications close Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 8pm. For more information, contact Tracy Marsh on 8272 0034

GOOD LUCK!

April 4, 2013

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday, April 8 and Sunday, June 9. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

Ali Marshall
FRONT OFFICE
# Youth Week Event 2013

**YouthFEST - What's on??**

8645 6900 for more info!

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**Whyalla Leisure Centre**
Racecourse Road

**Middleback Theatre**
Nicolson Ave

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## National Youth Week Launch

**Friday April 5th** from 3.30pm until 11.30pm

*With the Official Opening at 5.30pm*

*At the:*

**Whyalla Leisure Centre**
Racecourse Road

Clowns, Sumo Wrestling, Electric Scooters, X-Box Corner, Kite Making, Drumming Workshop, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Temporary Tattoos, AeroSOUL Art Demo, Stand Up Street Skateboards, Rock Climbing Wall, Smoothie Bike!

**Whyalla’s Talented Youth**

supported by the

**Whyalla Musicians Reunion Group**
perform from 7.30pm - 11.30pm

**FREE** food, drinks, giveaways, entertainment!!