Dear families,

As we close Term 1, we naturally follow a quiet Examen prayer of gratitude and reflection, where we think of all the things we are grateful for... all of which include the wonderful things our community has been involved in; just recently, the primary children enjoyed harmony day and continued to raise funds for Project Compassion. Last Thursday evening, the secondary students ran their first social; the exuberance of our senior SRC in their event planning and action was infectious! Next term, to support a Parents and Friends initiative, the seniors will assist in the running of a primary school disco in Samaritan Hall. As a community of faith, we consider how the Holy Spirit has motivated and supported us in our efforts to raise community esprit and rise above challenges. We also, as a leadership group, ponder the experiences of Term 1, acknowledging the settling in of the new team and consciously notice what else needs attention, continuing to plan ahead for what will happen tomorrow, in developing a strong and united college community, continuing in our call to serve with energy and commitment and without measure.

COLLEGE BOARD

Following our recent first Board meeting, we welcome Mr Peter Fitzgerald as our new Chairperson, and Peter is certainly an individual who ‘gives without measure’. He has been a parent of the college for many years with two grown up children and one remaining in Year 11. His support of many P&F endeavours and his leadership in stage set production for our musicals has been much appreciated over time. Peter has been a Board member and leader for St Teresa’s school in the past and has recently shared his wisdom on our Finance Committee. So we think you will agree that Peter is well suited for the role in representing all parents on this important advisory governance group. We will notify the community of whom has the position of Deputy Chair, once it is ratified at our next Board meeting.

IMPORTANT NAPLAN INFORMATION

Our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will participate in the NAPLAN tests during the week of May 14-16 next term. We encourage all parents and caregivers to become informed of the purpose and nature of NAPLAN, the responsibilities of schools, as well as your rights as parents, through accessing the website: www.naplan.edu.au. We also invite parents to contact the college, should you wish to discuss any concerns about your child’s participation in NAPLAN. For families new to NAPLAN, the website is very handy. The NAPLAN, in its current form, has been an annual part of every school’s calendar since 2008. Families in the relevant year levels should have received personal communication from the college this week.

Please refer over page for ANZAC Day information.
**Parish News**

The readings of the last week have focused on the resurrection of Jesus. The apostles who had abandoned Jesus in despair are coming to know that he has risen from the dead and has returned to them. Last week we celebrated Easter week in the parish and over the next six weeks leading up to Pentecost we hear many Resurrection stories which gives us hope in the Risen Jesus. Let us continue to celebrate this special season in the Church year.

Last Wednesday also saw the beginning of the Year 12 Seminars on the vocation of a young Christian adult. The focus of the seminars is to familiarise the students with some of the issues they will face upon leaving school. The first seminar was on suffering, sickness and death and how young people can respond to these situations from a faith perspective. For example; what help can they offer to someone who is sick and in need of spiritual support? Who can they contact in the local church of the sick person, to visit them and offer prayers and assistance? Another area of concern was what to do if someone is dying and who in the church community to contact for the comfort and support of the dying person and their family and friends? What help can they access when they find themselves in those situations? The students’ responses were very positive and we are looking forward to the other seminars next term.

When we start the new term we begin our parish and school Sacramental Program for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. If you are new to Whyalla and wish your child to join the Sacrament Program or if you know of any children in the state schools who wish to receive the sacraments, please contact Sr Cheryle or Mr Bernie Meixner.

As we come to the end of the term we wish you every blessing for a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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**Religious Dimension**

In this Sunday’s Gospel we hear another story about Jesus appearing to the disciples. It is sometime after the events of Easter. The disciples are unsure of what is going to happen next and have returned to their former profession of fishermen.

After fishing all night they have not caught anything. They are frustrated, tired and just want to go home. That is when they see Jesus on the shore. Even though they don’t recognise him at first, he instructs them to try their nets again and they are rewarded with a large catch of fish. The disciples have breakfast with the man they now recognise as Jesus. It is at this meal that they are reminded of who they are and what they are called to be. The disciples are challenged to ‘get back into the boat and try again’ – in more ways than one.

These men were discouraged, disheartened and didn’t know what to do after the death of Jesus. They went back to their life of fishing out of despair and uncertainty. Having met with Jesus one more time they are reminded of their true purpose – to be fishers of men and to follow the call of Jesus to proclaim the Good News to all.

Following the call of Jesus means putting your nets back into the sea even though you are tired and had no success, it means opening our hearts to receive his word even though we may be tired, frustrated or busy with our own lives. We are reminded of what Jesus has done for us and we are called to follow in his ways.

*Rebecca Sinclair*
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)

**College News**

**ANZAC Day March**

The Samaritan College SRC students have been invited to march in the ANZAC Day parade on Thursday, April 25. We are meeting at 10:00am in front of Tandoori Guru and marching along Essington Lewis Ave to the Memorial Gates where a prayer service will be conducted. If there are other members of the college community who wish to march you are most welcome. Students need to be in their winter uniform with their hats. If it is a hot day students should wear their summer uniform. Please use your discretion according to the weather when selecting which uniform to wear. Students are asked NOT to wear their sports uniform.

Participation in the ANZAC Day march is tradition that the college is most pleased to be a part, and we look forward to the involvement of our students and staff on this significant day.

*Bernie Meixner*
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

2 of 6  April 11, 2013
ADVANCED NOTICE: R-7 DISCO

A new initiative, planned by our Parents and Friends, is to run a “lock-in” disco in the Samaritan Hall, for Reception to Year 7 students from our primary campuses, on Friday evening, May 24, (Week 4), from 6:30 – 9:00pm. We are encouraging parents to come along and stay around as chaperones, particularly for the younger children. The senior secondary SRC will be providing the disco and helping out in the “coffee shop” (supper for parent helpers) and there will be drinks, snacks and novelties on sale for the children. The theme will be “Colour Your World” which leaves things nice and open for children to dress up in their normal coloured clothes or get a bit carried away with hair sprays, house colours, funny hats, wigs, etc. As school leaders, we will be present to support the P&F initiative.

Please complete the return slip attached, to indicate the likelihood of your child attending and please indicate if you are keen to be present as a chaperone on the evening.

Kind regards,

Terissa Shepherd
ON BEHALF OF THE PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY GROUP

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PARENT NAME(S): ..............................................................

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My children may / will / will not be attending the Samaritan Disco on May 24, 2013.

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

If children are attending, please complete the section below:

I can / cannot attend the “Colour Your World Disco” as a supporting chaperone.

I can be contacted on: M: ..............................

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SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thank you to parents who attended the two parent teacher interview opportunities on Tuesday and Wednesday. Parents are reminded that the College invites feedback from parents at any stage of the term or semester and communication with teachers can happen via the student’s diary or a phone call. Meetings can be scheduled at any time to discuss the progress of a student.

ANZAC DAY
Anzac Day falls in the April school holidays again this year. Samaritan College will be represented by selected students and staff members who will march in the annual parade. The Saint John’s Campus will celebrate the day on the first Wednesday of Term 2.

TERM TWO PUPIL FREE DAY
Just a reminder to parents that Monday, April 29 is a pupil free day at all three campuses. All staff will be involved in a spirituality day in which we will explore our own Samaritan story in greater detail. Campus offices will be open on the day until 1:45pm.

UNIFORM
Term 2 signals the change over from summer to winter uniform. Students are expected to be in full winter uniform upon their return on Tuesday, April 30. Hats do not need to be worn as per the College’s Sun Protection Policy, which is available from the website.

NAPLAN
The Year 9 cohort will be participating in the annual NAPLAN testing from May 14 to 16. Language Conventions and Writing will be tested on May 14, Reading on May 15 and the assessment will finish with Numeracy (calculator and non-calculator) on May 16. More information can be obtained from the National Assessment Program website at www.nap.edu.au.

Woolworths: Earn and Learn
As stated in last week’s newsletter 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. This will be collection bin in both offices, please support this great initiative.

Harmony Day
Thanks to all parents and students for really getting behind our Harmony Day fundraiser last Friday; it was great to see the kids dressed in orange and supporting both Harmony Day and Project Compassion. A positive community atmosphere with all involved.

A TERM TO BE CELEBRATED
Over the last week our staff have had the opportunity to meet with you as parents and caregivers and share in your child’s learning as well as gain insights from you about your child at home. Our staff are in such a privileged position and we acknowledge and celebrate in this. We have been blessed with many opportunities to challenge and affirm our students as learners and individuals this term.

Grace and blessings,
Georga Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

R-7 DISCO – A GREAT INITIATIVE!
Get your diaries out, our Parents and Friends disco is not too far away. Students from Reception to Year 7 students from our primary campuses have the opportunity to attend a ‘lock in disco’, on Friday evening, May 24, (Week 4), from 6:30 – 9:00pm.
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The theme will be “Colour Your World” and students can dress in their favourite colour, a colourful outfit and use their imagination.

ALL THE BEST MELISSA
Many of our staff undertake further studies to enhance their practice and one such teacher is Melissa Reeves, a teacher at our Our Lady Help of Christians Campus. Melissa has been working part time whilst undertaking her Masters in Special Education, with the view that this would become the area that she would seek a long term career. Melissa heads to Adelaide at the end of this term to further her studies and we wish her the very best with this opportunity. We welcome Frances Wren to our Samaritan community and congratulate Frances on her appointment.

WELL DONE MURRAY 2/3
Congratulations to Mrs Murray’s 2/3 class for completing the HEARTS workshop with Acclina (UniSA Social Work Student) and I. This workshop consisted of sessions about friendships, bullying and filling our hearts. The class showed some great skills in working together, which involved practising ways they can be a good friend, how they can stand up to bullies and how they can fill their hearts to help themselves feel good!

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TUESDAY, MAY 9 CATCH-UP MONDAY

Parents and students are reminded that Tuesday, May 9 will be a Monday timetable. This is also available through the Online calendar, which is updated frequently to reflect what is happening on a day-to-day basis at all three campuses.

CHANGE OF ELECTIVES

Students in Year 8 will start their second rotation of electives on May 13. Teachers of the first round of electives may ask students to devote extra time, during recess or lunch or after school, to complete tasks or projects that are currently underway.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

SACE

Year 10 Assessment Declarations

Year 10 students completed Assessment Declarations last week during an assembly which means that they have signed off on having read and understood the rules for undertaking assessments at Stage 1 and 2. A copy of this document has been sent home for safekeeping this week and it also contains the students’ SACE registration number which will accompany their work for the next three years. Please ask you son/daughter for this document so that you are also aware of what constitute a breach of rules at the senior end of your child’s schooling.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Year 12 Cohort

I hope that all our Year 12 SACE candidates get some much needed rest these holidays but also spend some time on consolidating their knowledge and skills, or catching up on work that might have been missed during the first 11 weeks of Term 1. These students have basically completed one-third of their academic year and so time is of the essence. Year 12 teachers may also set their class homework or hand out an assessment task that need to be worked on during their time away. The cohort also only has 9 weeks of Religion Studies left before this subject will be resulted at the end of June.

Year 11 Cohort

The Year 11 cohort certainly deserves some down-time after their academic endeavours in the first term. The main priority for these students, however, should be the Research Project, which will be moderated and resulted towards the end of June into the July school holidays. The benefits of a strong Research Project grade cannot be underestimated...it contributes to the student’s ATAR which comes into play at the end of Year 12 when university or TAFE entry is sought. On the flipside, failure to achieve to the desired C grade level will mean that students will have to re-do their project next semester, in their own time (i.e. no scheduled class time). Teachers from the first semester will remain responsible for the resulting of these students but students will have to proactive in meeting with teachers on a regular basis to better their first attempt.

Maresa Lyons
SACE COORDINATOR

COMMUNITY NEWS

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I have been ‘Bubblegummed!’
Find me at
Bubblegum
MOTHERS DAY MARKETS
Sunday 5th May
10am-3pm
Samaritan College Hall, Norrie Ave, Whyalla

Over 40 Market Stalls
Food and Drinks
Music, Jumping Castle,
Facepainting and Art Activities
for the kids

A great day out for the family!

Gold Coin Donation Entry
Proceeds donated to Whyalla Pink Spirits
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