Dear parents and caregivers

A warm welcome back is extended to all members of the Samaritan community. The term has already begun in a state of activity, with all teaching and support staff attending a workshop with SPELD yesterday, followed by a parent workshop at night. We thank the many parents for their involvement and encourage others to get involved when we offer parent support sessions. If anyone has some thoughts on what might be offered within workshops, please contact us or come along to Parent Community meetings to share your ideas.

Last week Brett Czechowski and I had the pleasure of processing with our student leaders in the Anzac Day March. We were very proud of our students who represented Samaritan College from Reception to Year 12, braving the rain and treating the ceremony with reverence and respect. Samaritan students were involved both as a school group as well as in the cadets, scouts and community service groups. It is such demonstrations of commitment for the common good that inspire the community to believe in the hope and sincerity of young people as they grow and mature.

We are delighted to have a new Bishop of the Port Pirie Diocese. Father Greg O’Kelly is a personable man of wisdom and great leadership. His experience as a past Principal of Jesuit schools will undoubtedly be a source of understanding and empathy for the schools within the Diocese. We look forward to representing the College at his Instalation as Bishop at Pt Pirie on June 10 and will assume a visit to Whyalla in the near future.

In the last Newsletter we advertised “Something for Parents”, in the form of cooking classes, held Monday mornings and evenings. If you are interested in joining these groups, please contact Alison on 8645 8568, to book in for six weeks of culinary pleasure. Please refer to the advertisements elsewhere in this Newsletter. If you would rather not cook but just be served something absolutely fantastic, book now for the next Samaritan Restaurant night on May 7.

This term we welcome new staff to the College: Josh Miller as ICT Manager; Mark Westlake and Christina Torres on the Saint John’s Campus; Nicola Seals at the OLHC Campus and Michelle Harvey on the St Teresa’s Campus. We thank them for their preparedness to embrace the classes and programs already underway and give the children their commitment and enthusiasm.
PARISH NEWS

We are a Eucharistic family!

This term, many of our young people and their families are preparing to make their First Holy Communion, which means to participate fully in the Eucharist (also known as Mass) for the first time, receiving Our Lord in his Body and Blood.

While we all pray for these families, we recall our own commitment as Catholics to Mass and the Eucharist.

For us Catholics, being faithful to Mass is the sign that we are dinkum about our faith. It doesn’t mean we aren’t sinners, because we are. In fact, we Catholics go to Mass because we are sinners, and we are looking for that support and love that only Our Lord can give us. It also saves us from the temptation to make ourselves into little gods, with our activities centred around our own ego. At Mass, we remember who God is, and who we are as God’s cherished family.

Some of us may be asked to be Support Families or Persons, for some Year 4 student and their family, as they prepare for First Holy Communion. This would be a great privilege. It’s not onerous – it mostly means just being faithful and supportive. If you’re asked, please say yes. And then make sure you ask Our Lord to help you!

Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day marks the defeat of Australian and New Zealand soldiers in an ill-fated campaign during the Great War of 1914-1918.

Last weekend we remembered all of those who have served our nation during war, those who have died, and those who have returned. We remember this past history of war and pray that, in the future, all people will work to make peace, not war.

“At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
we will remember them”
Lest We Forget

“Lest We Forget”

God, our Father, to honour those men and women who made great sacrifices for future generations, we ask You:

To give us the wisdom to recognize which things are important, and which things are not;

To inspire us to best use the time and talents,

You have given us:

To help us to use all opportunities wisely,

that we may give in peaceful service to others, the gifts we have received from You.

Amen

ANZAC DAY Saturday April 25

Eleni Vailas
REC - OLHCC

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION
NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia will participate in National Literacy and Numeracy Tests which will be held on May 12, 13 and 14. The tests, which are called the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will provide students, teachers and parents with specific information about what students know and can do in some aspects of literacy and numeracy.

The tests take between one and two hours on each of the above days, depending on the year level. There are rest periods between sections of both tests. The test stimulus material is presented in an attractive and inviting magazine style.

It is anticipated that almost all students will participate in the tests and schools will be working hard to ensure that students with special needs have access to the tests as well. If your child has a specific learning need, you should discuss what provision Samaritan College can make to ensure that your child can be involved. Please consult with Miss Cook in secondary or Mrs Page in Primary, if you have a concern in this area.

Where students have been educated in English for less than one year, parents or caregivers should discuss with Mr Czechowski in secondary or Mrs Page in Primary, whether or not the student(s) should do the test. If you choose to withdraw your child from participation in the test, you will need to write to Co-Principal Mrs Terissa Shepherd requesting that your child does not do the tests. If you choose to withdraw your child from participation in the test, you will need to make an appointment with either of the Co-Principals who will provide you with a withdrawal form requesting that your child does not do the tests.

Early in Term 3, parents will receive a confidential report. The report will provide an overall picture of your child’s achievement in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The report also includes an indication of the location of the national average (mean) for each aspect assessed. This information will complement the broader assessment and reporting information provided by your child’s teachers in reports, interviews, profiles or other means. All of this information supports teachers and parents to provide the best possible educational experiences to assist student learning. Your child’s individual results will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Any further enquiries should be directed to the undersigned.

With thanks,

Brett Czechowski
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

Lou Whitehouse
CURRICULUM COORDINATOR - STC

Ruth Donnellan
LITERACY COORDINATOR – OLHCC

COMPUTER CORNER

Finding Free Stuff - for parents to guide students

Main points:

- Free for education resources are readily available online, but not all resources available online are ‘free’ to education
- Creative Commons licences permit flexibility in terms of use, provided you read the fine print AND attribute the copyright owner
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Taken from edna.au - Australia’s free online network for educators

Jenny Kondylas
Welcome to Term 2! I hope that you all were able to have enjoyable moments with your children over the holidays.

We welcome the new Reception children, and their families, to Samaritan College.

**ST TERESA’S CAMPUS**

**Reception - Kimberley Storr**
Madeleine Boundy
Corey Ernesti
Kimberly Foubister
Cooper Huish
Callum Judd
Erin Kelly
Tahlia Reeves
Paige Rowlands
Dylan Stanton

**OLHC CAMPUS**

**Reception – Kylie Rothe**
Charlotte Horgan
Shakaya Maslin
Hayden McMenemy
Logan Watson

**Reception – Di Hancock**
Rebekah Butson
Georgia Hoffman
Kiezer Wood

**Reception – Margaret Harris**
Blake Trinitie
Jordan MacDiarmid
Adam Oosthuizen

We also welcome Erryn Hosking (Year 1) to Di Hancock’s Reception/Year 1 class.

On Friday of Week 2 we will be having our first joint Primary Campuses Sports Day at Jubilee Park. An immense amount of planning has been accomplished by the Sports Day Committee during last term. It will be an exciting event for Samaritan College.

Patricia Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

**STUDENT PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW TRIAL**

In the last two weeks of Term 1 a Student Parent Teacher Interview Trial took place in four classes across the primary campuses. The aim of this was to provide a more informative and productive discussion for students, parents and teachers in relation to the Essential Learnings.

A questionnaire was distributed to parents and students at the end of each interview to provide feedback on the trial process.

The number of responses received was outstanding from both parents and students. 95% of parents were supportive of involving their children in future interviews.

75% of students were supportive of their involvement in future interviews.

There were a vast number of comments, a small sample of which are included below.

**Parent Responses**

“It is an honest assessment that the child needs to hear. At the end of the day it is all about them.”

“We had a very positive interview experience. We now understand the concept of the Essential Learnings. We thought our son wouldn’t understand the concept of the Essential Learnings - little did we know.”

“I think this is a good idea for year 5 - 7 students. I feel year 3 - 4 students may struggle understanding the concepts and ideas.”

“Anything of a concerning/confidential nature can always be addressed in a separate appointment with the teacher.”

**Student Responses**

“At first I felt scared but after I felt good. I would like to do it again because we got to tell Mum what we have been doing in class.”

“It gives students, teachers and parents a better understanding of how to improve.”

“It gives us a chance to say what we feel.”

“Mum and Dad were proud of me. I know there are things I need to improve on, so I wanted to find them out.”

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, parents and teachers who took part in the trial and in particular those who took the time to provide feedback on the process.

Lou Whitehouse
CAMPUS/ CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

**PRIMARY SPORTS DAY**

Samaritan College Primary Sports Day is to be held this term on Friday, May 8. All children from St Teresa’s Campus and Our Lady Help of Christians Campus are to meet at Jubilee Park by 8.45am on the morning of sports day. Children can be collected from the Little Athletics oval at 3.20pm. We are anticipating a fun day with the emphasis being on participation. This day is another first for the College in the bringing together of all the primary children from both campuses to compete together as one school.

Accompanying the newsletter is an insert with additional information about the day.

Bernie Meixner
ON BEHALF OF THE SPORTS DAY COMMITTEE
St TERESA’S CAMPUS NEWS

Welcome back to the new term. We trust everyone is refreshed and ready to start an exciting new term. With sports day, NAPLAN testing, Musical rehearsals and other activities this term it is very important to stay informed about weekly events. Please read the newsletter regularly and watch out for relevant notes that come home.

YEAR 6/7 GOGOLL CLASS MASS

Year 6/7 Gogoll will celebrate Mass at 9.00am on Wednesday, May 6 at St Teresa’s Church.

The children are to be at the church by 8.45am on Wednesday morning. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Lou Whitehouse and Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATORS

EASTER RAFFLE

The Student Representative Council would like to thank everyone who participated in our Easter raffle by donating eggs and buying tickets.

OLHC JUNIOR HOCKEY

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OLHC has BBQ duty. We need three parent helpers please.

Tania Taylor
JUNIOR HOCKEY CO-ORDINATOR

PARENT COMMUNITY NEWS

As everyone knows, Primary Sports Day is May 8 at Jubilee Park. Please take note that the Lions Club van will be there providing egg & bacon rolls/sandwiches for brekkie or morning tea and sausages, hamburgers, hot chips etc for lunch. Drinks, lollies, chips, coffee, tea, etc will be available from the Athletics Association Canteen. If you are available, please come and support your child.

Please mark in your diary that there is a Quiz Night to be held at 7.30pm on Friday, June 26 at Souths Football Club.

The cost will be $8/ticket and BYO Supper.

Being mindful of the economic stress most businesses find themselves in, we are refraining from contacting businesses directly for prize donations, however, if some businesses (or individuals for that matter) are feeling generous, all donations would be gratefully accepted.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 25 at St Teresa’s Campus at 7.30pm. It would be appreciated if more of our parent community would attend these meetings to provide much needed varied opinions. Please be assured you will not be pressured to take on jobs as the executive jobs have been filled. We look forward to seeing new faces, as well as the old ones, at our next meeting.

Thanks
Judi Kneebone
ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT COMMUNITY

ST TERESA’S CAMPUS NEWS

A huge thank you to all staff and students who helped prepare the prizes and to the following parents who gave us their time to wrap all the prizes: Rita Marinkovich, Michelle Gill, Paula Bubicich, Nicole Higgins and Donna Clark. Thank you ladies!

Congratulations to the winners of the 58 prizes. You have helped us raise $797.55 which will be donated to the charitable work of Project Compassion.

Thank you.

ST TERESA’S CAMPUS STUDENT COUNCIL

LOST – NEW WINDCHEATER

In the last week of Term 1 a new half zip sport windcheater, size 10, belonging to Amy Leevers was lost. The windcheater has Amy’s name marked in it. Please check your child’s top if they have such a windcheater. If you find the windcheater please return it to the St Teresa’s Campus office.
Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope an enjoyable holiday break was enjoyed by all. We look forward to a very busy and productive term with a great deal of exciting events happening in our school. These include Sports Day, First Eucharist, the Feast Day of Mary Help of Christians and much more.

**NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

Active Kids Are Healthy Kids

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday May 15. We ask that children and parents/carers walk to school on Friday. This will result in physical activity for all concerned, personal training in how to cross roads and less traffic congestion and air pollution around the school. Students will receive a sticker for their contribution.

**FOYER DISPLAY**

What a fantastic display Rec/Year 1 Rothe have done for this fortnight’s Foyer Display all about ‘Mothers’. The children have illustrated themselves with their mum and they have also identified something they have enjoyed doing with their mum. Come along to the Front Office to view see this lovely display.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

This term’s Liturgies will be commencing as of next week with Rec/Year 1 Hancock and Year 2/3 Sinclair. You are most welcome to join us for this Liturgy on Thursday, May 7 at 2.45pm in the Church.

God Bless

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

**SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS**

**JEWELLERY**

On our first day with students this term a brief stand-up assembly was conducted in the Piazza. It was a great opportunity to see fresh faces eager for learning (?) and to welcome new staff to our campus. In addition to this, I spoke to students about the misconceptions that seem to be circulating regarding jewellery, in particular, piercings. The College has a zero tolerance approach to piercings: for the health and safety of our students, there cannot be any shades of grey. The diary states clearly that visible tattoos and body piercings are not permitted. Should a student choose to present with a visible facial piercing it will need to be removed immediately (irrespective of when the piercing was done). This includes “keepers” and “band-aid covers.” I am happy to discuss any further points of clarification with parents directly.

**UNIFORM – TERM 2**

Despite cooling weather patterns, we always enter Term 2 with a two-week grace period for changing over to the winter uniform. If students choose to be in the winter version now, they need to wear it correctly. Students should have returned with their hair cut and correct shoes, as the vacation period is the time to organise such aspects of their lives. Corrections requested by Coordinators need to be attended to this week, please.

With thanks,

Brett Czechowski
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Can you spare a half an hour for Recess OR Lunch to serve in the Canteen? New helpers are needed to replace those that are no longer able to help. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER

**YEAR 11 RETREAT**

In a couple of weeks the students in Year 11 will attend their first residential retreat. By now all students should have brought home a letter regarding the Year 11 Retreat held at Pichi Richi Park. Thank you to those who have returned their forms promptly, however, I am still waiting on a number of permission and medical forms, which I require to ensure that your child’s needs are meet whilst on Retreat. The Retreat is a year level event, and therefore, it is compulsory that all Year 11 students attend. I ask that students who have commitments (ie: work or sporting/hobbies) please make arrangements or inform their employers/coaches as soon as possible so that they are able to attend the Retreat.

The students are divided into two groups as the retreat will be run in two halves;

- **Group 1:** May 25 – 27
  - 11 Gold and 11 Red and Doorways to Construction
  - Students from 11 White and 11 Blue

- **Group 2:** May 27 – May 29
  - 11 Blue and 11 White

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

During Week 10 of Term 2, students will take part in a one week work experience placement. Students are expected to organise a suitable placement within the next few weeks and complete all details on their workplace learning agreement form.

**Mock Crash/RAAP**

During Week 11 of Term1, the Year 11 students witnessed a Mock Crash and took part in the Road Accident Awareness Program. The local emergency services ensured that all details were attended to, from having a pre-crashed vehicle and professional make up right through to the Jaws of Life, a body bag and Whyalla Funeral Services. Four of our students, Jason Oliver, Taylor Hancock, Allison Leach and Crispin Painter participated...
as victims in the vehicle crash, and are to be commended for the mature approach they each demonstrated.

In a highly graphic and soul searching re-enactment, the students saw firsthand the processes that are undertaken from the moment an accident occurs right through to the deceased body being removed. Students were also informed about the legal and financial effect of having an accident, as well as the emotional trauma of the police informing parents that their child has been killed in a car crash.

Jade Vanzo
YEAR 11 COORDINATOR

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STUDENT PRINTING
To combat the spiralling cost of printing consumables a printing quota regime has now been applied to the Saint John’s Campus computers.

Students will be allocated an amount of $25 per term for printing or $50 for year 12 students. Prices are as shown opposite:

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Once a student has used their print quota, they can pay at the front office to reinstate their account.

Josh Miller
IT MANAGER

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CANTEEN ROSTERS
Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 8

**ST TERESA’S CAMPUS**
- Mon: Hannah Lebon
- Tue: Rachel Fitzgerald, Grace Hullah, Georgina Stewart
- Wed: Dana Campion
- Thur: Help needed
- Fri: SPORTS DAY (No help required)

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS**
- Mon: Manju Thaliyath
- Tue: Marie Looyestyn
- Wed: Sunny Chung
- Thur: Help needed

**SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS**
- Mon: Leanne Freymark, Help needed
- Tue: Melinda Coad
- Wed: Help needed
- Thur: Anita Graham, Yvie Paintner
- Fri: Judith Hill, Rosslyn Cruse

Annette Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

Rose Cassar
CANTEEN MANAGER

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER
Do you enjoy cooking or eating food prepared for you?

*Want to impress your friends??*

Need some light hearted fun on a weeknight?

*Book now* for your *limited* place in

"Gourmet Gastronomique"

A 6 week *French* experience presented by our resident Chef, Ben Sharp, where you will learn and taste many culinary delights.

Monday: 6.00pm - 9.00pm
$30.00 a session
Begins May 18

*BYO Beverages*

Bookings are essential and must be finalised by Monday, May 11
for planning and shopping purposes. Please ring Alison Frkic on 8645 8568.

*Please note*: As spaces are limited signing on commits you to 6 weeks/(or get a friend to fill in)
Payment to be made at Reception on arrival each week.

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**Samaritan College Restaurant**

$50 per head
4 course set menu
BYO drinks
7pm start

**Menu for May 7**  
(subject to change)

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For information and bookings please ring Alison at Saint John’s Campus on 8645 8568.  
[www.info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au)

**Future dates**: May 21, June 4 & June 18