Dear parents and caregivers

This week we were very proud of our students – yet again, as they acted as ambassadors of Samaritan College, when attending the Premier’s “Community Cabinet” morning tea. Given the opportunity to ask ministers questions and to meet and greet, John Hunt, Fiona Plunkett, Joseph Gurney and Jasmine Heron were open and articulate, curious and involved. Their impeccable manners and positive attitude was noted and appreciated. Jasmine’s reflection conveys this enthusiasm and role modelling:

It was a great experience listening to the Premier Mike Rann speak about South Australia, and how important water is to us. I met three very important people to South Australia: I met the minister of water, Karlene Maywald, who was very interesting and was very glad to see so many schools that came out to listen. I also met her adviser; he had a lot of good answers to the questions we had to ask him. The last person we met was Tom Koutsantonis; he was very funny, but also very serious. I had such a good time there; it was a really good experience.

Jasmine Heron
Year 7 - OLHCC

We look forward to seeing everyone who can make it to the Primary Sports Day. We wish to thank staff and parents for the wonderful cooperation and collaboration of the planning committee. Their hard work promises a fun-filled day of atmosphere and activity. It appears we are to be blessed with fine weather which will afford us with a lovely picnic sports day.
**PARISH NEWS**

This month we begin our preparation for the celebration of First Eucharist for the children and their families. Along with celebrating Mother’s Day this coming weekend we are also enrolling our children in the Eucharist Program. So we look forward to welcoming our children at our parish Masses this weekend.

The next important event in the preparation is the Parent and Children Evening Monday, May 18, 7.30–8.30pm at St Teresa’s Church and Hall.

The celebration of Eucharist (Mass) is the most important aspect of our Parish Life, indeed all that we do stems from this. When we go forth from our Mass each week we are strengthened to be the face of Christ in our world.

Let us pray for our families and especially the children who will be preparing over the next few weeks for this Sacrament.

God Bless

Have a good week.

Sr Robyn Brady

ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

All students need to be wearing winter uniform next week. The boys’ long sleeve shirt must be worn with the tie from Year 8 onwards. Winter shirts and blouses must be tucked in. New winter items are still available at the campuses, however, we will pack them up for moving next week to the New Uniform Shop in Toal Street. It is expected that children will have tracksuits during winter. They may wear their shorts for PE and remove track pants if hot during the PE lessons, however, it is necessary to have warm items for cold weather.

With regards to uniform shop timing, we will be open one morning and one afternoon a week initially, from 8.00am until 10.00am and 2.30pm until 4.30pm. There may be certain days of the week that suit families better than others. Please email your suggested days or any other queries to info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au.

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**UNION SHOP**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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**RELIGIOUS DIMENSION**

“Motherhood. A bond that forms before birth, endures beyond death and shapes us in life even in its absence.” (Unknown)

A bouquet of flowers for a mother:

- A Cactus flower for her enduring love
- Cherry Blossom for the education she will facilitate
- Irises for her kind words of wisdom
- Roses for her tough love to build character
- Lilies for the comfort in times of grief
- Buttercups for indulging childishness
- Bluebells for letting me believe in fairies
- Daffodils because they remind me of sunshine and warmth and what place is warmer than a mother’s embrace?

“God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers.” (Jewish proverb)

May all mothers feel the warmth of God’s grace this Sunday.

Angela Rogers

REC - SJC

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**Parent Community Quiz night**

7.30pm

Friday, June 26

Souths Football Club

$8 per ticket

BYO supper
As usual the primary campuses will be busy this term!

The rehearsals for the Samaritan College Pantomime begin this week, after the initial meeting of the students last week with Winnie Fitzgerald, Melinda Gray and Tom Martin at STC.

The organisation for Friday’s first combined Sports Day at Jubilee Park on Friday, May 8 has been awesome. Many thanks to all those involved and particularly the coordinators; Jo Arcobelli, Bernie Meixner, Gareth Molyneux and Abby Thiele. Everything is completely organised (except for the weather, which is out of our control!)

Next week the students from Years 3, 5 and 7 will be involved in the NAPLAN Tests in Numeracy and Literacy.

In the following week there will be the Parent/Child Evening for those who will be taking part in First Eucharist next month.

Patricia Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

**FIRST EUCHARIST INFORMATION**

First Eucharist enrolments will take place this weekend at any Mass. If your child will celebrate First Eucharist, come along to any Mass this weekend to complete an enrolment form.

There is a Parent Information Night for First Eucharist on Monday, May 18 at 7.30pm at St Teresa’s Church.

**SPORTS DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

- Children to be at Jubilee Park by 8.45am.
- Children need to bring their hat and drink bottle.
- Food available for purchase at Sports Day or bring your own.
- Presentations at 3.00pm
- Children to wear new sports top, campus sports top or a plain t-shirt in their team colour.
- Children to be collected by 3.20pm

Bernie Meixner

**JUNIOR HOCKEY**

**Friday 8/5/09**

- **5.00pm**
  - Minkey Field 1B: NAPS/Long vs St Teresa’s 1
  - Minkey Field 1C: OLHC vs St Teresa’s 2

- **5.45pm**
  - U9/11 Field 1A: OLHC Y vs NAPS/Long
  - U9/11 Field 1C: OLHC W vs OLHC B

**Friday 1/5/09**

- **6.40pm**
  - U9/11: St Teresa’s 1
  - Saturday 2/5/09
  - **9.00am**
    - U13: St Teresa’s vs NAPS/Long
  - **10.00am**
    - U13: OLHC vs MOPS

OLHC Parents have canteen duty on Saturday morning, please be there at 9.00am-11.00am. Thank you.

Tania Taylor
JUNIOR HOCKEY CO-ORDINATOR
St Teresa’s Campus News

Cheerleading

Congratulations to the sports captains and their teams of dedicated cheerleaders who have worked tirelessly to prepare for Sports Day. Everyone involved in cheerleading is to be commended and we look forward to seeing some great routines on the day.

Year 5/6 BaVerstock Class Liturgy

Year 5/6 BaVerstock will celebrate Liturgy on Thursday, May 14 at 9.30am in the Library. Parents are most welcome to attend. Liturgy will be followed by morning tea.

Campus Assembly

Year 6/7 Turpin will host a Campus assembly at 9.30am on Friday, May 15.

Bernie Meixner and Lou Whitehouse

CAMPUS COORDINATORS

ST TERESA’S SRC

During Term 2 the Student Representative Council will have a focus on raising awareness about Juvenile Diabetes and fundraising to assist research into Type 1 Diabetes.

COUNCIL IN ACTION

On Tuesday April 7, our class, Usher’s Ultimates walked down to the Whyalla City Council to meet the Mayor, Mr Jim Pollock.

We went to the council because we are learning about local government and the services they provide. We had prepared questions to find out about the Mayor, the council, the people who work for the council and the services the council provides.

We had a tour of the Council Chambers and the Mayor’s office. We asked our questions and had our photo taken for the Whyalla News.

Later we walked to Ada Ryan Gardens and had a Scavenger Hunt Challenge, where we located places and services provided by the council.

The SRC would like our school community to be more aware of the impact diabetes can have on children and their families. On Friday, May 15 the students are invited to a “Dress Up in Jellybaby Colours Day” for a gold coin donation.

We are also going to have a Colouring Competition, entry 20 cents. Guess the number of jellybabies in a jar competition, 50 cents a guess, or 3 for $1.00.

The SRC will organise the latter two activities during the next couple of weeks. The winners of the competitions will be announced at assembly on Friday, June 5.

Please support the SRC in their efforts to raise awareness about Type 1 Diabetes.

Josie Sanders and the SRC team

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.

This week we have been preparing for our own mock council meeting. We have used what we found out from the council to prepare for a meeting to decide whether Whyalla should have a multi sports facility called the “Cowan Sports Plaza”. We were placed in groups for eg: developers, local residence, business owners and sporting clubs to research the positives and negatives of the plan.

At the meeting each group presented their benefits and concerns about the Cowan Sport’s Plaza plan. The groups then shared their decision to support or reject the plan in front of Mayor Meixner and Councillor Whitehouse.

Mayor Meixner and Councillor Whitehouse decided after careful consideration of all the information that the Cowan Sports Plaza would be built at Jubilee Park.
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS NEWS

May certainly brings a chill in the air, with winter just around the corner. May is traditionally the month of the year when we honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Patron Saint of the Our Lady Help of Christians Campus and Australia. We particularly honour our mothers this Sunday on Mother’s Day.

Mothers are so important to us, as was Mary in Jesus’ life. Mary was the first Disciple of Jesus, being entrusted by God to bear God’s Son. We look forward to the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians later this month, when we honour Mary.

Mother’s Day is an opportunity to express appreciation to our Mothers and/or those in our lives who are like a mother to us. To all mothers in our community, we sincerely acknowledge and thank you for your continued support and help. May your Mother’s Day be one of enjoyment and rest!

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS

On behalf of the Samaritan College community I would like to welcome the new students starting at Saint John’s Campus this term.

Year 8: Lauren Green
Jayson Retsas

Year 9: Agapae Mukwakwami
Brett Czechowski

SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

Thinking of uni or TAFE?

>>>> find out more!

University & TAFE Tertiary Information Evening
Samaritan College Lecture Theatre, Whyalla
Tuesday 12 May 2009, 7.30 - 9 pm

All welcome.
No registration required.
www.satac.edu.au/tie

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 participation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Next week Year 1/2 Hearne and Year 2/3 Gray will be leading the Liturgy. You are most welcome to join us for this Liturgy on Thursday, May 14 at 2.45pm in the Church.

God Bless
Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army has become one of the country’s best-known welfare organisations and this week, Mike Kemp spoke to the Year 11 cohort about being involved with the Red Shield Appeal, which will take place this term, May 16–30. Students heard about how reliant the Whyalla community is on the services that the Red Shield helps deliver and the need for doorknockers to assist in the collection of donations.

Many of the Year 11 students have registered their interest in the collection and I encourage anyone interested to please contact Jade Vanzo at Saint John’s Campus.

Students will receive a sticker for their participation.

YEAR 11 RECONCILIATION

On Thursday, May 21 (Week 4), Year 11 Students will be involved in a Reconciliation Afternoon. The students will walk together to St Teresa’s Church, where they will celebrate reconciliation with Father Jim Monaghan as a lead up to the Year 11 Retreat. The celebration will begin at 2.00pm and students will be dismissed from St Teresa’s at approximately 3.00pm. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Thank you in anticipation of your support,
Jade Vanzo
YEAR 11 COORDINATOR

“Join the Army for a Day”
**THE SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE**

**SCIENCE OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS**

A three day hands-on practical science program, will be conducted again in 37 Australian universities and tertiary institutions in 2009/2010 for students who will be entering Year 10 in 2010. Each program includes a wide variety of practical activities, excursions, career information together with interesting presentations by leading Australian scientists and engineers.

This is a Rotary Youth Services Project, supported by the Australian Science Teachers Association and The Young Scientists of Australia. The total cost of the three-day program is $105 (includes GST). Local Rotary clubs are often willing to sponsor students to attend, so please contact your local rotary club for details.

Further information and application forms are available from your school, local Rotary clubs and from www.scienceexperience.com.au. Early application is advised.

*Any Year 9 student is welcome to attend.*