Dear parents and caregivers

The College is an active teaching and learning centre which caters for not only the academic but the spiritual, social, emotional, psychological and physical growth of the individual. When we have such events as the Primary Sports Day and three weeks of Murray Venture, we, as leaders, are overwhelmed with appreciation of the effort that many staff and volunteers contribute to make such situations possible. Just like parenting, the teaching profession calls individuals to go above and beyond daily work; it is a profession which society asks much of, in terms of extended care and concern for the whole development of children.

Teachers are required to be events organisers and managers; carers; counsellors; camp leaders; sports coaches; arts leaders and somewhere in the midst – educators. So too, in some roles, are our education support officers who are involved. Often 1:1, with children in a supportive manner. Therefore, with the most recent events just behind us, we take the time to publicly thank staff and parent helpers for making them happen. Like all events and programs within the College, part of good practice is to review and adapt for future times. We seek feedback and ask that it is constructive and useful, recognising that such events are never random acts, but are the outcome of many months of planning and decision making – with the children’s needs and the College vision at the centre of a multitude of planning factors.

Another program that the College has been involved in for many years is Community Outreach. The Year 11 students this year have received many moments of praise for their efforts in volunteering in the community, with many helping out on Sports Day. There is no greater pleasure than to read a letter, often from an elderly person in the community, thanking the College for the initiative, attention and positive spirit of a student or students who have helped out in some way. We encourage all students to continue to live the life of the Samaritan, in reaching out to others with grace and dignity.

STUDENT SAFETY

We are becoming known for our stance on bike and scooter safety, often having to stop a child to remind them to wear a helmet or if they have one, to fasten it. If your child is riding a scooter or bike to school, they must wear a properly fastened helmet at all times. If a child comes to school helmetless, with scooter, it would not be inappropriate for it to be left at school and they walk home, in the interests of their safety. We ask that all parents ensure your child leaves home with their personal safety in mind. They are at an age where we need to protect them from themselves and others, and often the message needs to be said more than once.

TERISSA SHEPHERD

CHRIS SLOAN

CO-PRINCIPALS
PARISH NEWS

Last Sunday many of the Eucharist families came to the Parish Masses to enrol their children in the program. An Information Night for First Eucharist will be held on May 18 at 7.30pm in St Teresa’s Hall where the children will be presented with their workbook that will be their home preparation for the Sacrament.

Another part of the preparation will be the workshops beginning next week. One is to be held at St Teresa’s Church and the other at OLHC Campus. Over time, we will put parent information into the Uniform Shop as a one-stop opportunity for you to gather items related to your child’s schooling.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform Shop will be open from next week, on Wednesday morning 8.00-10.00am and Friday Afternoon’s 2.30-4.30pm. We thank parents for their suggestions and have tried to accommodate perceived best times for families as well as adapting around other work hour demands. Sharon Waldron and Kerry Azzopardi will be on hand to assist with all your uniform needs. The old uniform will still be available in the primary campus offices and Saint John's Campus canteen. Over time, we will put parent information into the Uniform Shop as a one-stop opportunity for you to gather items related to your child’s schooling.

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

We are now in the fifth week of Easter. We rejoice in the message of new life that Jesus offers us in his death and resurrection. We are called to walk in the light of Jesus and give thanks for the blessings that the Holy Spirit bestows upon us. This is a joyous season in the church and it should be a joyous season for us also.

We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

Today is also the feast day of St Matthias. The prayer to St Matthias also reminds us we are to live the message of Jesus each day.

Prayer:

Saint Matthias, pray that we may become worthy witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus in the way we live the eternal life we have right now.

Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

Transition/Enrolment Evenings May 19 & 20
Enrolments or Transition into Year 8 in 2010 at Saint John's Campus

May 18
7.30pm

Co-Principals’ Secondary Evening Tours May 27
Saint John’s Campus

May 27
5.00-9.00pm

Primary Campuses Open Day June 17
Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

June 17
9.30,11.30 & 2pm

Co-Principals’ Primary Morning Tours June 22
Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

June 22
9.30am

St Teresa’s Campus

June 23
9.30am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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S R Cheryle Thomson
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM
SPORTS DAY
Thank you to everyone involved, staff and volunteers, who helped with the incredible amount of organisation that was needed for our first joint Sports Day last Friday at Jubilee Park. Thank you also to all the families who were able to attend.

A feedback form will be available for parents and staff. The information collected will be valuable in helping us to improve next year’s Sports Day.

WHYALLA CITY COUNCIL COMPETITION
The Whyalla City Council will be opening a Waste & Environmental Centre later this year, which will be located at the landfill site on the Iron Knob road. The focus of this centre will be on sustainability, reduction of greenhouse gasses, reducing waste and increasing recycling.

When the centre is operational the Council will be offering low cost excursions, educational classes and also recycled art programs to the students of Whyalla.

The Council is holding a competition to name the centre. The name for the centre must be of an environmental theme and be of a sustainable nature. The prize is $150 to the winner.

Entry forms are available from the Front Offices of STC and OLHCC. The competition closes on June 1, 2009.

Patricia Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

FIRST EUCHARIST INFORMATION
Our preparation for First Eucharist has begun with the children focusing on First Eucharist in their Religious Education lessons this term.

Everyone should now have their enrolment forms which need to be completed and returned promptly.

The Parent Information Night for First Eucharist will be held on Monday, May 18 at 7.30pm in St Teresa’s Hall. The Eucharist candidates are required to attend to be part of the evening in the presentation of the Liturgy.

On Friday, May 22 the First Eucharist Candidates will take part in their first Whole Day Workshop, which will take place at St Teresa’s Church at 9.00am–3.10pm.

The students attending the Workshop may wear coloured clothes along with their school hat.

Eleni Vailas
REC - OLHCC
Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

LOST
NEW WINDCHEATERS
Please check your child’s half zip sports windcheater.

Kimberley Poubister has lost a size 6. If you find the windcheater please return it to St Teresa’s Campus office.

Lachlan Mitchell has lost a size 4. If you find the windcheater please return it to Our Lady’s Campus office.

Both children had their names marked in their tops. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Friday 15/5/09 5.00pm Minkey Field 1A  St Teresa’s 1 vs OLHC

Friday 15/5/09 5.45pm U9/11 Field 1C  OLHC B vs NAPS/Long 1

Friday 15/5/09 6.40pm U9/11 Field 1A  OLHC W vs St Teresa’s 1A

Saturday 16/5/09 9.00am U9/11 OLHC Y vs St Teresa’s 2

Saturday 16/5/09 10.00am U13 OLHC vs MOPS

OLHC parents have canteen duty this week. Friday night 5pm-7pm Monday, Press, Taylor and Saturday morning 9am-11am Dennis, Fennell.

It would be great if parents who were unable to fulfill the roster last week, could assist in the canteen this week, as if we do not get enough helpers, the canteen would have to be closed. Please arrange a swap if you are unable to do your duty

A big thank you to Deb Stuppos for helping out last week!

Tania Taylor
JUNIOR HOCKEY CO-ORDINATOR
Friday saw a fine day to start the Inaugural Primary Sports Day and what a spectacular day it turned out to be. Students combined for the first time in their sports teams and surged onto the arena with enthusiasm and anticipation of the competition to come. As one parent described “The children concentrated on the competition between Rice, Benedict and MacKillop not the different campuses.” The Sports Captains need to be commended on the way they organised their teams for the cheer leading. Rice took out the prize, with the winning moment being the chant at the end of Rice’s routine, a truly combined effort.

After that the competition began in earnest. As with all well-oiled machines there is always something that doesn’t work perfectly and the Junior Primary team games showed us that we need to consider other ways of doing this next year. The enthusiasm of the students was not dampened and the day continued as planned with Benedict taking out the overall Championship Shield and Rice, the Attitude Shield.

Our shields were new this year thanks to the skills of Matt Thursby and Alexia Cafcakis who made and painted the shields with our Samaritan badge.

The organising committee, Bernie Meixner, Abby Thiele, Jo Arcobelli, Di Hancock, Gareth Molyneaux and Jodie Turpin need to be congratulated on this very well-organised day. Many parents who would normally be preparing food and setting up were most appreciative of the Lions Club and the Little Athletics who provided food for the day. It was unfortunate that we sold out but we had not expected such a crowd of supporters to be attending. It showed that the Samaritan Spirit of support, partnership, community and hope for the future was alive and well.

Thank you to the Year 11 students who assisted as part of their Community Outreach Program.

In any new venture we always reflect and assess the future possibilities hence included in this newsletter is a response sheet for you to give us feedback or “feed forward” to assist us with planning for next year. Please complete and return to the campus offices or email your response to info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

Chis Sloan
CO-PRINCIPAL
YEAR 5/6 BAYERSTOCK CLASS LITURGY

Year 5/6 Baverstock will celebrate Liturgy on Thursday, May 21 at 9.30am in the Library. Parents are most welcome to attend. Liturgy will be followed by morning tea.

YEAR 2/3 REED/JUDD MASS

Year 2/3 Reed/Judd will be celebrating Mass at 9.00am at St Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, May 20. The children need to be at St Teresa’s Church by 8.45am, returning to St Teresa’s Campus by bus. Parents are most welcome to attend Mass with us.

CAMPUS ASSEMBLY

R/Year 1 Sanders will host a Junior Campus assembly at 9.30am on Friday, May 22.

Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

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. 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 the 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

SMIDGE VISITS WHYALLA

There was great excitement last week at St Teresa’s Campus when Smide the LAP dog arrived for a holiday from Adelaide.

Smidge was enrolled and set about finding out what St Teresa’s Campus is all about. Smidge enjoyed meeting our new Receptions in Miss Storr’s Calss and was lucky enough to be invited to stay at Cooper Huish’s shack for the weekend.

Last Wednesday Smidge was taken for a ride with Luke Prater on a Harley Davidson motor bike and of course what would Sports Day have been without Smidge joining in with the festivities? Smidge has also had a tour of Whyalla where he was able to let his hair down (and his tongue) in the back of a V8 ute. Smidge is now off to Our Lady Help of Christians Campus to enjoy the rest of his Whyalla holiday. He says “woof woof” (Thanks St T’s)

Helen Holland
LAP COORDINATOR
YEAR 1/2 Wohling Superstars

In Year 1/2 Wohling Superstars we have been learning about Mem Fox and her books.

Last week we read “Boo to a goose”. It was really funny.

We used rhyming words, verbs (doing words) and adjectives (describing words) to make up funny rhymes. In Art we made and decorated our pyjamas to display our rhymes. They are hanging up in our room.

Have a read, we think you will laugh.

I’d feed my yellow, black, cuddly, white, stripy, warm pyjamas to giant piranhas but I wouldn’t say boo to a goose!  
Reilly

I’d feed my yellow, spotty, blue, furry, long pyjamas to giant piranhas but I wouldn’t say boo to a goose!  
Abbie

I’d feed my Tweety, warm, furry, pink, long blue pyjamas to giant piranhas but I wouldn’t say boo to a goose!  
Felicity

Mrs Wohling and her Superstars.

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.

Liturgy of the Word

Next week Rec/Year 1 Harris will be leading the Liturgy. You are most welcome to join us for this Liturgy on Thursday, May 21 at 2.45pm in the Church.

God Bless

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR

Mary Help of Christians Feast Day

This year Mary Help of Christians Feast Day will be celebrated with a Year 4-7 Mass and an R-Year 3 Liturgy on Tuesday, May 26.

The Year 4-7 Mass will take place at 9.30am and the R-Year 3 Liturgy will take place at 11.30am in the Church.

At 1.00pm there will be a picnic lunch for all students, staff and parents. It would be great to see you there to celebrate this special day as Mary is the patroness of Australia and our campus.

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS

If you missed the SATAC Information Evening (as it was changed to Tuesday by the providers). Some notes are available from the evening on our website.

Year 10 Post-Murray Venture Mass

On Tuesday, May 19 at 8.30am there will be a Year 10 Mass in the Emmaus Chapel to celebrate the Murray Venture. Students should arrive at school by 8.25am on this day.

Year 11 Reconciliation Prior to Retreat

On Thursday, May 21 at 2pm at St Teresa’s Church the Year 11 cohort will celebrate Reconciliation prior to their Retreat week. Students will walk to the Church after lunch and will be dismissed from the Church at approximately 3.00pm. Reconciliation is an important precursor to the Retreat experience, helping students to enter into this reflective time with a clean slate and a willingness to let go of all the luggage we carry around as we retreat to the hills to spend time with ourselves, each other and God.

A retreat is a very special time. It is a time to step back from our normal lives, to look at how things are going and to think about our relationship with others, with self, with God and with the earth.

We have come to Saint John’s Campus from all sorts of backgrounds. Not only do we spend time together in the classroom learning academic subjects and playing sport, but we are also called to build a school community.

At our retreat, we will think about our community at Samaritan College and ask ourselves what are the foundations of our school community and what we can do, with Jesus’ help, to create a future full of hope.

Angela Rogers
REC
MURRAY VENTURE 2009

After three months in the making and countless hours of preparation, the Year 10 Murray Venture has been completed for another year. I have received positive feedback from students, teachers and parents in regard to the venture this year and I myself deem the 2009 endeavour to be a most successful one.

Over three weeks three separate groups of Year 10 students put to the test the outdoor living skills they have been practising in their Physical Education lessons. In the unfamiliar environment students worked in teams to run the basecamp community, prepare and cook meals, to pack gear and navigate their way to overnight camps, in doing so taking turns in kayaking and hiking. The group dynamics were very interesting to observe, with students struggling under pressure, forging new friendships as new leaders emerged from the pack. The students who attended the Murray Venture this year are to be commended for their positive attitude and the adventurous energy they produced on a daily basis.

It was most pleasing to see the students pull together in their respective groups and work collectively towards completing their duties throughout the three weeks. Students had to contend with some inclement weather conditions throughout the mixed and girls’ Murray Ventures but still managed to get the job done.

Speaking from a staff and volunteer point of view, the Murray Venture was very much a team effort. A sincere thank-you goes to the following people for your assistance throughout the previous three weeks: Miss Kate Nolan, Miss Denise Rule, Mr James Keating, Mr Peter Steel, Mrs Christine Duffield, Mr Joshua Boden, Mr Nicholas Prokopec, Mr Nathan Wohling and Mr Matthew Quist. Thanks also goes to parent helpers Bruce Scott and Danny Brown for their assistance in making this Venture a reality. Further thanks to Brother Pat for volunteering his time to drive the support vehicle during the first two Murray Ventures, and to Mrs Helena Sweeney for her generous donation of a brand new generator to Samaritan College.

Without the help of all these people such a successful event would never have been possible.

Trent Keiper
MURRAY VENTURE COORDINATOR
YEAR 10 COORDINATOR

CANTEEN ROSTERS
Monday, May 18 – Friday, May 22

ST TERESA’S CAMPUS

| Mon  | Karen Taylor               |
| Tue  | Janice and Georgina Stewart|
| Wed  | Lexie Gill, Jess Hanson    |
| Thur | Tonia Munday, Donna Clark  |
| Fri  | Judi Kneebone              |

Sue Clements  Chris Barsby
Helen Butt    Sue Caddy
Anneli Hardman  HELP NEEDED
Julie Rotherham  HELP NEEDED
Julia McMahon  Deb Drobnjak

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS

| HELP NEEDED  | HELP NEEDED  |
| Dana Campion | Sunny Chung  |
| HELP NEEDED  | Carmel Rosalia |

Rose Cassar  CANTENEER MANAGER

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS

| Marg Coad  |
| CANTENEER MANAGER |

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