Dear parents and caregivers

What a pleasure it was to participate with the students and parent community on Tuesday in celebration of Our Lady’s Feast Day. The students’ reverence at Mass and Liturgy was indeed special, and the wonderful involvement of younger siblings in their special way of praying reminds us of the continuing journey of the community as young people grow and become ready for their many years of schooling. With this time being their formative years, our responsibility to children and to parents is taken seriously.

The Year 6 and 7s return from a sporting week with SAPSASA. Although an annual challenge for families, the commitment to support your child in joining statewide competitions is significant. In so many ways country families have to go the extra mile to accommodate our children’s educational needs. Such is the experience of parents when they find their children moving to Adelaide for tertiary education. The recent federal government changes will mean extra pressure for a longer period on parents, to support children with living expenses. Lobbying government through writing to your local Member for Grey, is one such way that parents can influence change for country communities.

Family presence in school continued throughout the week with the Principals’ Tours held on Wednesday evening as part of the Year 7-8 Transition Program. The continued exposure to secondary school life through the year provides a development of familiarity and comfort in change, so that by 2010, the new Year 8 students can settle in well.

Following their Reconciliation last week, the Year 11 students are on Retreat this week in Picchi Ricchi Pass. Retreats are a much valued and essential aspect of the Samaritan curriculum, which, on the whole, students approach with positive spirit and open mindedness. Such an attitude just adds to the rich program and reaps rewards for all who participate. The strengthening of relationships as well as one’s spirituality are desired and attained outcomes. Please keep them in your prayers.

This week letters have been sent home to all families regarding schools’ responses to Swine Flu, in the event of the health authority advice. This letter may also be viewed on the College website. There are strong requirements that children presenting with flu like symptoms, stay at home. Please follow the advice and contact both the school and your doctor should you have any concerns.

Staff have also received advice about their role, should we need to close operations for a period of time. One hopes that such procedures will remain as plans and will not need to be put into action. Potential host families for the Japanese students will be notified by separate letter this week of the College decision as a result of the government directive regarding quarantine.

TERISSA SHEPHERD
CHRIS SLOAN
CO-PRINCIPALS
Another week ahead of us and once again there are many things that can occupy our minds.

On the parish scene we are involved in the preparation program for First Eucharist. Our thirty-two candidates participated in their first workshop last Friday and had a very enjoyable day making bread, banners and bead crosses. They are looking forward to the day they will celebrate First Eucharist – June 13 or 14.

May 27–June 3 also celebrates a week of Reconciliation with our indigenous brothers and sisters. Last year there was the momentous day when the government on behalf of the people of Australia said sorry for the past injustices that have been imposed on our Aboriginal brothers and sisters.

We still need to take steps to alleviate any injustices that can exist between all Australians.

Let us keep both these intentions in our prayer over the coming weeks.

Sr Robyn Brady
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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PENTECOST

Fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and Mary. The Holy Spirit has been called the Advocate, or Helper. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can do things we could never accomplish on our own. The Holy Spirit has been called “the giver of life”. From the beginning, the Holy Spirit moved over the waters of creation and brought life from them. Now, when the Holy Spirit moves in our own lives we are enlivened, encouraged and revitalized for his creative work of love in the world.

Red is the colour which is often associated with Pentecost and the Spirit. Red symbolizes the intense love or ‘fire’ of the Holy spirit. Other symbols of the Spirit are tongues of flame, wind and a white dove. Each of these conveys something of the mystery of the Spirit of God which is beyond human understanding.

Galatians 5:22 lists the fruits of the Spirit as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. How can you live these fruits of the spirit in the coming week?

Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

UNIFORM

There are many families who have adopted the Samaritan winter uniform which is pleasing to see, however, parents are reminded that there is no expectation until it is necessary.

When children do move into the new uniform, they are expected to wear all of it; NOT A MIXTURE of old and new. Please do not put your children in a position where they may be questioned and therefore feel uncomfortable.

The only exception to this expectation is the boys’ trousers, as they are so close to our previous items. Therefore if a boy has grown taller but still fits his old shirt and jumper, he can mix with new pants. This is in recognition of the developmental changes that impact on trouser length in a significant way!

Thank you, in anticipation for your support in this matter.

Terissa Shepherd
Chris Sloan
CO-PRINCIPALS
PARENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Sports Day has come and gone with the day being very successful. Yes there were a few hiccups, however overall the day was successful and enjoyable. There has been some very positive feedback received from parents.

The next event in the Parent Community diary is of course our Quiz Night. This is to be held at South Whyalla Football Club on Friday, June 26 at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at campus offices from Monday, June 1. Cost is $8 per person. So get your friends together to make up a table of eight, or just come along and join a table to make up their eight. Remember BYO supper, with drinks available for purchase.

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. Donations can be dropped off at the respective Campus Offices.

Our next meeting is Monday, June 22 at Saint John’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. Look forward to seeing new faces, as well as the old ones, at our next meeting.

Judi Kneebone
ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT COMMUNITY

SAMARITAN COLLEGE OSHC

Just a reminder to parents that we are open for before & after school care for your child.

Times:
- Mornings: 7.00am–8.30am
- Afternoons: 3.15pm–6.10pm

Don’t forget Vacation Care!! Just over 5 weeks to go!!

For more information, please call Mary Ann on 8649 3530 or 0427 712 260.

Child care benefits may apply.

SAPSASA NETBALL

During the week of May 19-22 twenty Whyalla girls, their parents, grandparents and extended family travelled to Adelaide to compete in the 2009 SAPSASA State Netball Carnival. Whyalla put forward two teams; 2B and 4B. Eight girls from Samaritan College made it into the first team; they were Hannah Spirat, Sophie Gurnett, Kideisha McNamara, Teanna Klicek-Sloan, Elea Warren, Jenna Daniels, Caitlin Davidson, and Jasmine Heron and were coached by Kerri-Anne Hooper (Fisk St Primary School). Three girls from Samaritan College made it into the second team; they were Justine Chalmers, Meg Bindi and Rachel Fitzgerald coached by Caroline Bindi.

Each team played two games per day and while one group of girls were on court the other team cheered loudly from the side lines, offering positive encouragement and support. All of the girls represented Whyalla in a commendable manner and while the teams didn’t have many wins they showed great sportsmanship and sincerity to all other teams and each other.

At the end of the week Jasmine Heron was 1 of 40 chosen from across the State to attend a Netball Development Camp curing the school holidays. this camp will help Jasmine with her netball skills and give her an insight into what is required to be an elite netball player. Jasmine, along with the others chosen also played in a demonstration game on Friday before the end of the carnival. This game was played on the centre court at ETSA Park watched by all the other teams from across the state.

So well done to all the girls that represented Whyalla and Samaritan College. Our congratulations are extended to Jasmine Heron for her selection in the Netball Development Squad.

Hellene Heron

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PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

FIRST EUCHARIST

The time when we will be celebrating the First Eucharist for our candidates in our Parish community is fast approaching.

At last week’s workshop candidates took part in a variety of activities, including bread making, making beaded crosses and sung songs.

Tomorrow the First Eucharist candidates will take part in their second whole day workshop, which will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians Church at 9.00–3.10 pm.

This Sunday the students will renew their Baptismal Promises. Please pray for our First Eucharist candidates as they continue to prepare for their special day. It is an important and exciting time for them and their families.

Eleni Vailas  Bernie Meixner
 REC - OLHCC        REC - STC

WHY-PEN-IT???

What is Why-Pen-It?

It is a local creative writing competition which the Whyalla Public Library introduces to our patrons and local school community on an annual basis.

We hope that it will capture and develop the literacy skills of children and young adults within the community of Whyalla.

Who can participate?

Writers who are within the following age and school year groups

Open Junior (children below Year 5)
School Years:  5 – 7
School Years:  8 – 10
School Years:  11 – 12
Open Seniors:  7 – 25 years of age

When do I start to write?

NOW! Entries will be accepted as of May 26, 2009. Entry forms are now available from Mrs Whitehouse or Mrs Donnellan.

How do I enter?

Complete and sign a Why-Pen-It entry form and attach to your piece of writing.

Entries need to be delivered to either Civic Library or the Alex Ramsay Library or alternatively they can be handed to your teacher at your school who will then forward the entries onto the library.

Lou Whitehouse  Ruth Donnellan
KEY LITERACY TEACHERS

JUNIOR HOCKEY

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St Teresa’s parents have BBQ duty this Friday night. Three helpers are needed to cook and serve the BBQ please.

Tania Taylor
JUNIOR HOCKEY COORDINATOR
**Year 6/7 Turpin Class Mass**

Miss Turpin’s class will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, June 3. Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am on this day so children need to be at the church by 8.45am. Families are most welcome to attend.

**Campus Assembly**

Year 5/6 Baverstock will host a Campus Assembly on Friday, June 5. Assemblies are held at 9.30am at St Teresa’s Campus.

**Auskick 2009**

Please complete your Auskick registration form and return it to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Auskick registration forms were distributed last week with the newsletter.

Bernie Meixner

Campus Coordinator

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**Junk Drumming**

For the past few weeks, Ms Opie’s Year 3 students and I have been jamming and creating an enormous racket in the drama room with Mrs Fitz on Thursday afternoons. As part of my year 12 Music study, I have chosen percussion tutoring for my Individual Investigation. Thus far we have been learning about junk percussion, touching upon some drum theory and group drumming. This week we will all be building our own drums after finishing the skins last Thursday. By the end of these sessions, the students will all have their own drums to take home, along with some basic percussion knowledge in both practical and theory. We have had a lot of fun so far and I look forward to the impending lessons. The Year 3s are keen, involved and it’s great to work with them.

Glen Shepherd

Year 12 Music Student

It made my ears ring.

Mikayla Lorenz

We are going to make our own drums. Glen is going to bring in some materials we can use. We have learnt how to make a beat.

Sophie Peden

We have been practising beats and taking it in turn on different drums. We are making our own drum skins.

Aiden O’Connor

Glen is teaching us all about Junk Drumming which is finding something that makes a good sound when you hit it.

It’s fun to learn about the drum and keep the beat.

It’s hard to keep the beat going at the same speed.

Eddie McCarroll
FOYER DISPLAY
What a fantastic display Year 3/4 Winkler has done for presenting this fortnight’s Foyer Display all about Mary Help of Christians. Come along and read the variety of prayers the students have written.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS’ FEAST DAY
This week we celebrated Mary Help of Christians’ feast day at our Campus as Mary is our Patron Saint. Mary the Mother of God was given the title of Help of Christians as a constant reminder that she is there as a model of love and care for all people.

Our celebration began with Mass and Liturgy followed by a picnic lunch.

Ruth Donnellan

LITURGY OF THE WORD
You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, June 4 at 2.45pm in the Church. It will be presented by Year 3/4 Ms Hart. We hope to see you there!

God Bless
Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

OLHC CAMPUS PLAYS HOST TO SMIDGE THE LAP DOG
Last week it was OLHC’s turn to play Host School to Smidge the LAP dog while he is on holiday in Whyalla. He has been staying with LAP Coordinator Heather Guest after school hours and attempting many new interests, including helping to feed the many animals out on Heather’s property.

He has become a member of Mount Young Pony Club and was taught to ride a horse by Samaritan College student Claire Gordon on her pony Jasmine. He also rode Bertie a pony owned by MYPC member Hailee Byles.

Smidge has been enrolled at OSHC for before school care where he has been enjoying cooked breakfasts and playing with the children that attend.

Whilst he has been at OLHC he has participated in the QuickSmart Maths Program that has been introduced and put in place at both primary campuses.

He was able to sit with staff members while visiting, and was keen to catch up on the events that were happening in the Whyalla News.

Smidge also had the opportunity to be fully fitted out in his Smart Play Uniform at the new Samaritan College Uniform Shop in Toal Street. Sharron and Kerry were only too happy to help fit him in the correct sizes.

He has met many of his young LAP friends while being at OLHC Campus and has become a very loved, respected and faithful friend within the program.

We have loved having him here and would love to have Smidge back to visit anytime.

He is a very well behaved dog.
Farewell Smidge.
Heather Guest
LAP COORDINATOR
PE UNIFORM
Just a reminder that all students are required to wear appropriate PE uniform for all practical lessons. Please check you child’s timetable and make yourself aware of the days that PE uniform is required. In the diary is a layout of what is expected by the students for these situations. Shoes should be an appropriate style for the sporting activities undertaken, and socks must be either school named or plain white.
Thanks in anticipation
Kate Nolan Nick Prokopec
SPORTS AND PE COORDINATOR

8 RED CLASS MASS
(Miss Gould & Miss Rule)
8 Red Caregroup will be leading Mass next Tuesday, June 2. It will commence at 8.30am in the Emmaus Chapel at Saint John’s Campus. Students will need to meet outside the chapel no later than 8.15am. Parents are most welcome to attend.
Rachel Gould

YEAR 10 END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
In Week 8 of this term, Year 10 students will for the first time experience formal examinations here at Saint John’s Campus. The core subjects will be having their exams on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. These exams will cover all work that has been undertaken this semester and gives the students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the exam requirements for Year 11 and 12. Students will also need to ensure that their elective work is completed by the end of Week 8 as the semester draws to a close. An examination timetable will be sent home with the newsletter in Week 7.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE. TERM 3.
At the end of next term Year 10 students will be undertaking a week of work experience. There is a broad range of workplace possibilities and opportunities available and your child will need to start thinking now about which type of workplace that they wish to experience during that week. This again is a new experience for these students and as always there is a lot of organization that must take place beforehand to make this a success so stay tuned in the coming weeks!
Trent Keiper
YEAR 10 COORDINATOR

Samaritan College presents:
Year 11 Performance Night
Friday, June 12, 6.00–7.15pm
Please join us for a night of Drama, Music and Dance.
Please arrive at the bottom of the front office stairs at 5.50pm for a 6.00pm start.

6.00–6.20pm ~ Den
Ms Budrys’ Year 11 Drama Class

6.25–6.45pm ~ Music Room
Miss Pfeiffer’s Year 10 & 11 Music Classes

6.55–7.15pm ~ Xavier Wing
Miss Howard’s Year 11 Dance Class

We hope you can join us!

COMMUNITY NEWS
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$9.00 MEAL DEAL:
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It really made me think about what I wanted to do with my career.

Everybody also seemed to really enjoy it, and asked lots of important questions.

I think it would be a great opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and to really enjoy myself. They made the Defence Force seem like a thing that I would never regret if I chose to follow it up. I would have liked to learn more about the army, and all the different jobs they have on offer. I think it would be a great opportunity and after having this talk I will be doing a bit of thinking about my future career.

Khaylah Martin

Shelby Gibbons

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Last Wednesday as part of our PLP development the defence force recruitment team visited our school and presented a very interesting and comprehensive overview of the many career paths available in the defence force.

Rob and Matt introduced us to a variety of career paths which I will share with you.

The one that interested me the most was the naval officer career. There were more than 20 different jobs you could do as an officer in the navy. Some of the careers this section of the force has are Direct Entry Officer, Graduate Officer, ADF Sponsored Undergraduate, ADFA and even Aeronautical Engineer Officer. The two most important people of the naval officer career would have to be the pilot of the jet and the captain of the ship they play an important part of the naval officer career.

My personal thoughts were that the Australian Defence Force Recruitment was interesting and it did open a lot of student’s eyes about ideas for career paths that you could take once you have finished school. They also explained that you could take the aptitude test to see what careers you could be suited for but if you didn’t like it you didn’t have to do it. Many students enjoyed this presentation immensely.

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Can you please put your hand up to fill in the spaces that require help. Thank you to all those who continue to volunteer.

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