During the last few weeks and to the end of the term, we have been busy with enrolment interviews for two significant entry points of schooling – Reception and Year 8. When families choose to educate their child through Samaritan College, they are entering into a shared learning partnership, which we endeavour to nurture throughout their years of schooling. They are also opting for a well rounded holistic education for their children. This week various students have: celebrated their First Eucharist; interacted in an Astronomy Show; competed in soccer and hockey; undertook exams in Years 10 and 11; participated in Year 12 Retreat; organised their class Mass; have attended the first generation university project; and are involved with their day to day curriculum needs. Keeping children enthused about their learning in a variety of ways is very much the essence of quality teaching and learning.

This week we aim to reflect that diversity through developing a series of promotional photos which will be used for Samaritan College events, at The Whyalla Show, on our website and in the media from time to time. We are very proud of our students who are acting as fine ambassadors for the College. They have contributed with enthusiasm, a sense of fun and also respect for the work of the photographer.

Last week we spoke at length about teaching children how to use ICT responsibly at home. At school we have rules in place that respect the fact that ICT is a predominant part of students’ lives, but the philosophy of time and place is emphasised. We also embed intercommunications law into the curriculum in many different ways; from exploring cyber bullying to licensing laws. The College must adhere to rating laws as well, so the presence of games is very limited and the bringing in or up-loading of random games is prohibited. Mobile phones and ipods etc, must not be in use during the school day, but safely away in students’ lockers. Having such items is at students’ own risk and use during the day may result in confiscation. All of this is outlined in the student diary. Whilst it may sound restrictive, the philosophy of time and place, elements of child protection, and the desire to encourage to interact naturally, come into play.
Here at Whyalla Catholic Parish, we are major believers in the power of prayer. Prayer is intimately linked to hope – and hope is the virtue by which we trust that God is intimately and constructively engaged with our lives and our futures.

Therefore in praying for something, or for someone, or some group, even though we may have some specific intentions in mind, the main idea is to pray that we, and they, may be open to what God has in mind for each of us.

These last few weeks, in the Parish, we have been mindful of the First Holy Communion families, and the Year 11 students on retreat. This week we focus on the Year 12 retreatants, their families and their teachers. We may have some notions of what we’d like to see happen in their lives, but mostly we are asking that we, and they, be open to God’s will.

Sometimes it’s hard to accept God’s will. The first step is to pray for the grace to want God’s will.

May all our young people, and their families, find the fullest development of their potential, as they discover God’s will for them.

Father Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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Angela Rogers
REC - SJC

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Boys long sleeved shirts and boys elastic backed trousers sizes 11-18 have arrived.

**Opening Hours**

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Kerry Azzopardi   Sharron Waldron
Ph: 8649 3168

With my head and heart firmly entrenched in the Year 12 Retreat I find my thoughts for this week’s newsletter centring on the hope we have for the future. The young people in our community embody my hope, for a better and brighter tomorrow. A picture of hope in the Bible is water flowing and flowers growing in a desert. Maybe we can stretch that imagery to a desert where food will grow once again, and to hearts where hope will drive us to love and help others.

*Let the wilderness and dry lands exult,*
*Let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,*
*Let it bring forth flowers and sing for joy.*
*Strengthen all weary hands,*
*Steady all trembling hearts,*
*Courage, do not be afraid.*
*Look your God is coming,*
*He is coming to save you.*

*Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,*
*The ears of the deaf unsealed,*
*Then shall the lame leap like deer,*
*And the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;*  
*For water gushes in the desert,*  
*Streams in the wasteland,*  
*The scorched earth becomes a lake,*  
*The parched lands become springs of water.*

[Isaiah 35:1-7,10]

Angela Rogers
REC - SJC
PRIMARY REPORTS
Assessment and review are vital parts of our Teaching and Learning Program. Reporting to parents on the outcomes of the assessment is equally as vital. On Monday of Week 10 the primary campuses will distribute the student report for the first semester. This report will be a comprehensive summary of the students’ learning so far. By providing this summary now, parents will be able to see the progress of their child’s learning. Should there be any concerns these can be addressed before the commencement of Semester 2. Meetings with parents have been scheduled for Term 3 to discuss the overall progress of the student. The end of the year report will have the grades achieved over the whole year with a general progress comment.

Chris Sloan
CO-PRINCIPAL

FIRST EUCHARIST
On the weekend thirty children celebrated their First Eucharist with the parish community. It certainly was a special occasion for the children and their families.

On behalf of the First Communicants, I would like to thank the school communities for showing their support throughout our preparation.

Thank you to the Sacramental Team, parents and parishioners who generously offered their time to support these children, working in a number of ways – making badges and crosses, arranging the flowers, power point operators, helping with the cuppa, sewing stoles, baking bread, attending meetings, and so on.

Thank you also to Bakers Delight for the dough that was used to make the bread.

A special thank you must go to the parents of our First Communicants, who have shown their love, guidance and support for their child throughout the preparation of this Sacrament.

Eleni Vailas
REC - OLHCC

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Friday 19/6/09 5:00pm
Minkey Field 1A St Teresa’s 2 vs Town/Fisk
Minkey Field 1B NAPS/Long 1 vs St Teresa’s 1
Minkey Field 1C OLHC vs NAPS/Long 2

Friday 19/6/09 5:45pm
U9/11 Field 1A Town/Fisk 2 vs St Teresa’s
U9/11 Field 1C Town/Fisk 1 vs OLHC W

Friday 19/6/09 6:40pm
U9/11 Field 1A OLHC Y vs NAPS/Long 1
U9/11 Field 1C MOPS vs NAPS/Long 2
OLHC B BYE

Saturday 13/6/09 9:00am
U13 St Teresa’s vs MOPS

Saturday 13/6/09 10:00am
U13 NAPS/Long vs OLHC

Tania Taylor
JUNIOR HOCKEY COORDINATOR

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**Education Tax Refund – Don’t forget to claim**

**How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?**
- In your tax return.
- If you don’t lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to $375 for each primary student and up to $750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too, to find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can’t claim go to [australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund](http://australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund) or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

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**PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS**

Thank you to the photographers who took lasting memories at the ceremonies on the weekend. Photo albums will be organised containing photographs from the ceremonies which will be in the Front Offices of the Primary Campuses for you to look at and order if you wish.
ST TERESE'S CAMPUS NEWS

YEAR 3/4 OPIE – YEAR 4/5 USHER MASS
Miss Opie’s Year 3/4 class and Mr Usher’s Year 4/5 class will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, June 24 at 9:00am.

Students will need to be at the church by 8:45am. Parents are most welcome to attend. Morning tea will be shared at church after Mass.

NEW RECEPTIONS VISIT
On Wednesday, June 24 and Wednesday, July 1 the Term 3 new Reception students will be visiting their classmates in Mrs Sanders’ class. We look forward to making them feel very welcome and trust it will be the start of a happy, educational journey for the children.

THANK YOU – R/1 SANDERS LITURGY
I would like to extend a very big thank you to all the families who joined with us in thanking God for the gift of our senses.

Your ongoing support of the children in their education is a joy to observe. Thank you for making the children feel so special.

Josie Sanders

SPACE SPACE SPACE
‘The Year of Astronomy’

‘We have been learning about space and the planets. There are 8 planets now because Pluto is not a planet any more.’

R/1 Sanders

ST TERESE’S SRC
Winter is with us now and the SRC would like to support the local Blanket Appeal by raising funds through a “Coin Toss.” Please start bringing coins to the classroom. The date for the “Coin Toss” will be announced in the next newsletter.

Thank you
Josie Sanders and the SRC

PHOTOS AVAILABLE
If you would like a digital copy of photos from the following activities, orders can be placed at the St Teresa’s Campus Office. There will be a nominal charge of $2.00 per disk.

Photos of the following activities are available:
• 2/3 Reed Judd Palm Sunday Liturgy
• Shrove Tuesday
• Year 7 Camp – Port Vincent
• Swimming Lessons
• Tenebrae
• 6/7 Turpin Assembly (May)

Monica Cohen

O UR L ADY HELP OF C HRI STIANS C AMPUS NEWS

LITURGY OF THE WORD
There was no Liturgy this week due to timetabling the Astronomy Shows.

You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, June 25 at 2:45pm in the Church. It will be presented by, Ms Winkler, Ms Hart, and Ms Fiedler and the First Communicants as a continuation of our First Eucharist celebrations. We hope to see you there!

FOYER DISPLAY
This fortnight’s Foyer Display is presented by Year 4 Winkler, Fiedler and Hart about First Eucharist. Come along and read what the students have written about ‘What Eucharist means to me’.

CLASS MASS
Year 3/4 Hart and Winkler will celebrate their Class Mass next Thursday, June 25 at 9:00am along with the rest of the Parish Family. You are most welcome to attend.

God Bless
Eleni Vailes
CAMPUS COORDINATOR
ROCKETS LAUNCHED AT SAMARITAN COLLEGE

This term, the Year 7 students have been learning about Space. As a part of their studies, they designed and made water rockets using 2l Coke bottles. On Thursday, June 11, the students launched their rockets using a specially designed launching mechanism. The rockets were launched using a pump to increase air pressure; a pin was released to then allow the rocket to fly into the air. With the air pressure at 60 psi, the students were very pleased to see their rockets travelling quite high. Whilst some rockets didn’t survive the landing, most were very successful.

Bec Fahey & Jo Arcobelli

Some students have commented below about the experience:

My rocket, the XF – 59 did very well, except one of the four wings ripped apart on re-entry. Mrs Arcobelli and Miss Fahey’s rocket was pumped up to 100psi and when it hit the basketball court, the nose cone caved in.

Mitchell Hiscock, 7F

Our rockets were awesome and they all went really high. Just about all of them broke on the landing!

Elea Warren, 7F

My rocket, Frizby, went really high. It didn’t break, but some others fell to pieces. Next time I would change the design of the wings because they didn’t stabilise it enough.

Emily Mudge 7F

It was an absolutely thrilling experience launching the rockets. The noises were amazing and the heights were electrifying.

Ben Inglis 7A

When we launched the rockets it was one of the best experiences of school. The way the rocket went up it felt like I was shooting up with the rocket!

Hannah Spirat 7A

It was truly amazing watching the bottle rockets fly up and crash down. I just wish I could have filmed it.

Connor Sinclair 7A

The rockets looked awesome. I think it was really fun pulling the cord and watching them fly!

Unika Spadavecchia 7A
YEAR 11 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

Over the past few weeks, some of our Year 11 students have been busy door knocking for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Thanks to their efforts they raised over $600. Congratulations and thank you to Allison Leach, Amy Guest, Helen Billows, Stephanie Moore, Sophie Gonzales, Emilee Copeland, Adele Schwenke, Antalya Dowling, Crispin Paintner, Zachary Day, Tumelo Hurst, Amelia Marshall, Sarah Hanley, Chelsea Stokes, Rebecca Hawes, Sarina Barsby and Taylor Hancock.

COMMUNITY NEWS

YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE

In Week 10 (June 29 – July 3) the Year 11s will embark upon their Work Experience. Please discuss with your child their progress with attaining placement for the week, as it is expected that all forms and placements are finalised by the beginning of Week 9 (June 22).

Jade Vanzo

YEAR 11 COORDINATOR

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THE CULTURE CAMP

YCS Camp

Theme: Different cultures, young people taking action on Racism!!

When: 1:00pm Monday, July 6 till 1:00pm Wednesday, July 8

Where: Camp Kedron, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Barmera

Cost: $65 includes, canoe hire, accommodation and all meals.

Transport: Bus departing from Whyalla and stopping at Port Augusta and Port Pirie. (extra cost for bus)

For further information and consent forms please contact Stephanie Foran or Mr Brett Czechowski

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       Christina Ervine
Wed  Shae Azzopardi  Grace Hullah
Thu  Olivia Chinnery  Lauren Schwerdt
       Maddison Kersten
Fri  Geniene Prater

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Mon  Antoneta Rogers  Diana Moia
Tue  Yvette Balkwill
Wed  Dana Campion  Sunny Chung
Thu  HELP NEEDED
Fri  Amanda Salopek

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS

Mon  Bev Carlson
Tue  Pauline Higgins  Julie Drake
Wed  Rosslyn Cruse  HELP NEEDED
Thu  Liz Dennis  Diana Jeffrey
Fri  Lorraine Ackling  Roseanna Wragg

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS

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CANTEEN ROSTERS

Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26

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CANTEEN MANAGER

Mon  Annette Cameron
Tue  Rose Cassar
Wed  Marg Coad
Thu  HELP NEEDED
Fri  HELP NEEDED