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TERISSA SHEPHERD
CHRIS SLOAN
CO-PRINCIPALS
SPIRITUALITY, MEDITATION AND PRAYER

How is your inner life going? Are you getting the most out of your spiritual journey? Want to learn more about prayer, meditation and leadership?

This week our parish will host two American Jesuit priests, Frs David McCallum SJ and Dan White SJ.

David and Dan will preside at all the Masses this weekend (June 27 & 28), then they’ll offer three evening workshops on prayer, discernment, meditation and other aspects of healthy spiritual life for busy people in the community. These workshops will be Monday to Wednesday, in St Teresa’s church hall, 7:30 – 9:00pm.

Another workshop will be offered on Wednesday at 1:30pm.

Bring this to your prayer today, and then come and enjoy some coaching on this central part of our lives!

God bless you and your family.

Father Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

FEAST DAY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Yesterday we remembered the birth of John the Baptist, the prophet sent by God to prepare the way for Jesus. We celebrate this feast six months from Christmas eve because Luke’s Gospel tells us that John was born six months before Jesus, who was his cousin. John pointed out Jesus to his disciples and he said of him, ‘He must increase, I must decrease.’

God of the prophets
You raised up John the Baptist
To prepare the way
For the coming of your Son, Jesus.
Give us the strength to be prophets in our lives.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

Due to limited number of tickets sold

QUIZ NIGHT
IS CANCELLED

Thank you to the teams who had nominated.
We look forward to renewed interest next year.

PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP

UNIFORM SHOP

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The uniform shop will be closed during the school holidays. It will be open from 8:30–4:30 on the pupil free day: Monday, July 20.

We now have fleece lined wet weather jackets available in sizes 16 and S, M, L.

Kerry Azzopardi    Sharron Waldron
Ph: 8649 3168

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMING UP

BORED?
NOTHING TO DO?

COME TO SAMARITAN COLLEGE OSHC AND HAVE FUN!

Swimming
Bike riding
Cooking
Just to name a few.

You will find a program in today’s newsletter.

Call & book now.

Child Care Benefits may apply.
Ph: 0427 712 260.

REC - STC
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 or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

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

PARENT COMMUNITY NEWS

It is with regret that I have to advise the Quiz Night has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. If you have already paid for tickets, please contact the relevant Campus to obtain your refund. We will of course be having the Quiz Night next year so please pencil this in for late May/early June 2010.

Our next event is the Samaritan College Stall at the Whyalla Show. In the very near future a request will be going out via the Newsletter for volunteers to help man the stall and other assistance. Please get in early with your offer to assist so that we can have the preparations in order prior to the end of July.

Our next meeting is Monday, July 27 at Our Lady Help of Christian’s Campus at 7:30pm. Please, please, please come along and provide your valuable opinions and insights.

Look forward to seeing new faces, as well as the old ones, at our next meeting.

Judi Kneebone
ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT COMMUNITY

SKY WATCH NEWSLETTER WEEK 9

Last week the students at both Primary Campuses were treated to a special visit from the Sky Watch Mobile Planetarium as part of this term’s focus on Astronomy. Mr Dean Davidson took each class for a one hour session to give them a crash course in Earth’s structure and star gazing. The students learnt about how dynamic Earth is as well as the catastrophic event which wiped out the dinosaurs and brought about the last ice age. The dome-shaped projection screen took students on a 360 degree viewing experience of an erupting volcano, a raging river and right inside a thunderstorm. Students further learnt of a future colony on the moon that is set to begin in the year 2081, and how human physiology

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Tania Taylor
JUNIOR HOCKEY COORDINATOR

PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Friday 26/6/09 5:00pm
Minkey Field 1A Town/Fisk vs NAPS/Long 1
Minkey Field 1B St Teresa’s 1 vs NAPS/Long 2
Minkey Field 1C OLHC vs St Teresa’s 2

Friday 26/6/09 6:40pm
Friday 26/6/09 6:45pm
U9/11 Field 1A Town/Fisk vs NAPS/Long 1
U9/11 Field 1C OLHC W vs NAPS/Long 1
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U9/11 Field 1C OLHC W vs NAPS/Long 2

Saturday 27/6/09 9:00am
Saturday 27/6/09 10:00am
U13 OLHC W vs NAPS/Long 1
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CARNIVAL NEWS

The Netball Carnival was great! It was really good to see all of the different schools trying their best and having a go. It was an awesome experience. Thanks to Mrs Wohling and Mrs Fitz for coaching us.

Georgina Stewart

On Friday of Week 7 we participated in the Interschool Football Carnival. We had a great time playing against people we know from other schools. Thanks to Mr Usher for coaching us and making the day fun and enjoyable. We had a great time playing in different positions and ended up winning 2 games, drawing 1 game and losing 3 games. In the end Our Lady’s Campus came out on top of Nicolson Ave in the final.

Michael Faulds and Hung Tran

On Friday, June 12 we participated in the Hockey Carnival. The St Teresa’s team won the Attitude Shield and were undefeated throughout the day. All players played really well.

Jack, Julia and Manuel

When we went to the Planetarium we saw the constellations. In the Planetarium it showed us how a meteor crashed into Earth and it made a large explosion. We also saw a movie called ‘Earth’s Wild Ride’ and it was cool. We liked learning a lot about the planets and the stars. We loved it!

Antony Jobby, James Leevers, Amy Leevers and Kaitlyn Kimberly

We thought the Planetarium was interesting because we learnt a lot about stars and planets. We learnt that inside the sun’s core there is a continuous nuclear explosion going on. We also learnt how the dinosaurs became extinct and we liked the 3D effect of going through the lava when a volcano erupted. We learnt the names of some of the starts. It was excellent because you don’t usually get this in Whyalla.

Sarah Gurney, Benjamin Homes, Macka Dvorak and Olivia Chinnery

Our Lady Help Of Christians Campus News

FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to Tiffany Hood and Danielle Coulson who celebrated their First Eucharist last Sunday morning. Thank you to Ms Hart, Ms Fiedler and Ms Winkler and the Sacramental Team for preparing them for this important event in their life.

If you haven’t yet ordered photographs from the First Eucharist Ceremonies please do so as soon as possible. The albums are currently on display in the Front Office. These are available for sale, at a cost of $1 per print, payable when you order. The last day to order the photographs is Friday, July 3 (end of term). Delivery will be early next term.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

You are most welcome to join us for our last Liturgy of the Word for this term, which will be next Thursday, July 2 at 2:45pm in the Church. It will be presented by Year 2/3 Gray. We hope to see you there!

FOYER DISPLAY

This fortnight’s Foyer Display is presented by Rec/Year 1 Harris about ‘Thanking God for our Universe’. Come along to the front office and see this amazing, colourful display the children have done with their buddy class – Year 3/4 Winkler.

God Bless

Eleni Vailas

CAMPUS COORDINATOR

SRC NEWS

To support the Whyalla Winter Blanket Appeal the SRC are holding two mini discos in Week 10. Coloured clothes can be worn on the day of the disco for a gold coin donation.

R-Year 3 will hold their disco on Monday from 12:15pm to 12:50pm and Years 4-7 will hold their disco on Tuesday from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

Rebecca Sinclair

SRC COORDINATOR
YEARS 12 RETREAT

Last week all Year 12 students participated in a three-day Retreat at the Melrose Diocesan Centre.

Retreats are a special time for our senior students. It is a time where they can come away from their hectic lives of work and study, participating in an enriching and rewarding experience. They provide an opportunity for substantial and meaningful periods of personal reflection, offering a great opportunity for students to develop their individual faith with a mingling of friendship, laughter and contemplation. It is a source of incredible energy and renewal.

The Year 12 Retreat is particularly powerful; as this will be the last time students go away and join together as a whole group. They are able to see one another and teachers in a uniquely intimate and personal manner, while sharing something of themselves with their peers. It gives the opportunity to realise the value and depths of others, which can be so easily overlooked in the everyday school environment.

The Retreat consisted of a wide range of activities. Discussion periods were often followed by allocated time for quiet, personal journal reflection where students were able to take advantage of God’s creation and the beautiful surroundings. Other sessions revolved around a variety of issues such as trust and communication, images of self and God, relationships with God, aspirations, past and present issues such as trust and communication, images of self and God, relationships with God, aspirations, past and present influences on their lives, exploring the action of God being active in their lives, the journey ahead and affirmations.

Year 12 is an important year in a person’s life. It is a time of change and self-discovery, of hard work and of great rewards. There are hardships and yet many friendships, talents that lie undiscovered and parents who truly love and care for their children. Retreat is an experience of a life time as each and every student is given the time to acknowledge the great things in his or her life and to find people who they can lean on for support through the hard times. It also allowed the students to acknowledge the fact that they will be leaving school in just five months, where many will be moving away from their family and friends that they have made within the Samaritan College community beginning a new avenue in their lives.

It was lovely to have Chris Sloan join us on Wednesday evening and lend her experience and wisdom to the Year 12 cohort. A huge thank you must go to Ms Ali Battersby and Ms Kelly Cook, who capably fed everybody on Retreat. The general consensus from students was they had never eaten so well on camp! Thank you also to Father Jim Monaghan for conducting our Reconciliation ceremony prior to Retreat and celebrating Mass on Friday. The entire Retreat experience was made possible due to the massive effort from our REC Mrs Angela Rogers. Her creativity and experience ensured that all students had the opportunity to enjoy a positive and meaningful Retreat that they will look back on fondly.

On behalf of the Retreat team, Mrs Angela Rogers, Mr Brett Czechowski, Dr Thomas Martin, Mr Peter Steel and Ms Ali Battersby, I would like to also thank each and every Year 12 student for their contribution and involvement in the Retreat and we hope that it was a fantastic experience for you all.

Yvette Agars
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

TFN FOR YEAR 9S

On Tuesday, June 30 the Year 9s will be listening to a talk presented by Broni Mudge from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). As part of her talk, Ms Mudge will give the students information about Tax File Numbers (TFN). The ATO has indicted that it is much simpler to get a TFN if students do it while they are in Year 9 (even if they do not have a job yet). All Year 9 students will be given a letter of explanation and a TFN application form after Ms Mudge’s talk on Tuesday. Could you please fill in the application form and return it to school before the end of July, so we can do our part in getting a TFN for your child?

Christine Duffield
YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

YEAR 8 ENGLISH STUDENTS REPRESENT SAMARITAN COLLEGE

A number of enthusiastic year 8 English students recently participated in an online competition entitled ‘What the Dickens?’ Four students from each caregroup matched wits with each other, as well as teams from around Australia. The competition ran for three weeks and the questions required students to think laterally and also draw upon their knowledge of teenage fiction. In addition, the students were tested on their knowledge and understanding of linguistic devices. Apart from applying skills in English, the four teams all gained valuable insights into what it takes to be a successful team and they rapidly picked up who was the best person for particular tasks. It was my privilege to supervise these students as I watched with delight, the enthusiasm and healthy competitive spirit they brought to the challenge. The students who participated were;

8 Blue
Zac Whitehouse
Lauren McLeod
Eliza Bray
Jessica Daniels
8 Red
Patrick Marshall
Paige Reden
Alice Rigley
Dale Dunn
Joann Budrys
ENGLISH COORDINATOR

8 Gold
Jenna Chandler
Claudia Harlow
Daniel Roberts
Patrick Wales
8 White
Daina Oliver
Ben Schuh
Kosta Kotsoimitis
Haylee Rogers
**Canteen Rosters**

Monday, June 29 – Friday, July 3

Thank you for all your help this term, it is much appreciated.

Annette, Rose & Marg

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Annette Cameron

Rose Cassar

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Canteen Manager

**Community News**

**NOT TOO LATE TO CELEBRATE!!**

There’s still time for students to join in the celebrations of the 30th year of the MS Readathon by registering to take part in the June reading event. Here’s how to get involved:

- Click online for free registration and receive a FREE MS Readathon wristband.
- Flick through books during the month of June (you can count books from other reading programs too)
- Collect sponsorship donations from family and friends and collect some terrific rewards.

Don’t worry if you can’t start on June 1. You can still participate – just set your reading goals that you want to achieve for the MS Readathon, then start reading! Record your reading as usual and then send us back the Completion Form we send you in June as soon as you can!

Visit www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 for more details.

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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 at Saint John’s Campus.*