Dear parents and caregivers

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Samaritan College has been successful in being one of 500 Australian schools to gain Building Education Revolution funding for the refurbishment of our science laboratories. This was a competitive process, with our application assessed and prioritised against set criteria. The outcome of such effort will entail a $1.9 million dollar funded project, with the commencement of the project (finalisation of building plans and initial project planning) beginning by end of July, 2009 and finishing June 2010.

Although incorrectly reported in the Whyalla News, we also have an additional $4 million Multi-purpose Hall application submitted in Round 3 and await the confirmation of this project with $3 million, courtesy of the Australian Government. The ‘economic stimulus package’ nature of these projects is the driver behind the immediacy of the timelines. The 12 month outcome for students, will be state of the art facilities. Although the old adage “You need to break a few eggs to make an omelette” will ring true, part of our planning will be to create as little disruption as possible during the building phase.

As the term draws to a close, we would like to thank all staff, volunteers and parents who contribute in so many ways to the education of our young people. To be working in this field is indeed a privilege; one we should never take for granted. Just as a parent’s work never stops, nor does that of the educator. As teaching staff take some rest, we know that many will be using the time to plan, program and mark work at a much gentler pace. We thank all staff for their effort, creativity and energy this term.

Next term there is a number of office staff on long service leave, with cover organised across campuses. Chris Sloan will also be on leave for ten weeks of LSL. Lou Whitehouse is increasing her leadership role to assist with shared leadership across primary campuses. We thank Lou for taking on this responsibility and know that she will continue to serve in her role with the compassionate manner and wisdom that she brings to each situation.

We wish all our students a happy and rest filled holiday. We encourage our senior students to plan a balanced break that combines rest, recreation and some thoughtful study. We look forward to seeing all students return on Tuesday, July 21 with enthusiasm for Semester Two.
**Parish News**

We come to the end of term and there is much to be grateful for in the parish.

This week we have been blessed with the presence of Fathers David and Dan and their input on prayer.

On Monday evening, seventy seven people attended the first presentation, where David and Dan shared their experience of prayer in their own lives. They invited participants to reflect upon their own prayer journey and gave methods of prayer involving the Scriptures.

We look forward to hearing more from them during this week.

The parish has logged onto the National E Conference on the Year of St Paul. The speakers were Fr. Brendan Byrne and Sr. Michelle Connolly. It was well received and we hope that we will be able to access speakers not usually available.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to working with you next term.

Sr. Cheryle Thomson

ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

**Religious Dimension**

**Teachers: Channels of Faith to our Students**

As Christian teachers we are not independent believers, but members of a family of faith on a journey together. Faith not only places us in a relationship with God, it also puts us in a relationship with one another. To believe in the mission given to each of us individually and as a community of teachers, is to believe in the future. To believe and to accept this mission, is to believe that our part in that future is important.

Intellectual development and growth as a Christian, go forward hand in hand. As students move on from one class to the next, it becomes increasingly essential that a Catholic school helps them become aware that a relationship exists between faith and human culture.

May teachers be channels of faith to our students, not only by our words but also by the choice of teaching experiences we offer them.

**Prayer**

*Lord, refresh us with optimism and cheerfulness as we represent You to our students.*

*May the conviction we have of our own faith be a source of inspiration to everyone in our College Community.*

*May Your Spirit be active amongst us, as we teach in Your name.*

Amen

Eleni Vailas

REC - OHLCC

**College News**

**Uniform Shop**

*Opening Hours*

Wednesday 8:00-10:00am
Thursday 2:30-4:30pm

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.

Kerry Azzopardi Sharron Waldron
Ph: 8649 3168

**Samaritan College Restaurant**

$50 per head
4 course set menu
BYO drinks
7pm start

For information and bookings please ring Robyn at Saint John’s Campus on 8645 8568.

www.info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

**Menu for July 30**

(subject to change)

Soup: Thai Pumpkin Broth, Cashew Coriander
Entree: Prawn and Leek Tart, Saffron Vin Blanc, Snow Peas
Main: Rack of Lamb, Ratatouille, Creamed Potato, Jus
Desert: Rhubarb and Apple Crumble, Vanilla Parfait, Cashew Toffee

**Future Dates:** August 13 & 27
September 10 & 24

*Bookings are essential as places are limited.*
SCHOOLCARE - STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Every day there are accidents involving children. To assist parents with the costs associated with those accidents, Catholic Education in association with Catholic Church Insurances Limited have developed the SchoolCare Children’s Accident insurance program.

SchoolCare is an important student accident insurance policy for schools. The policy provides cover for accidents to students attending school during school activities and/or 24 hours.

SchoolCare includes cover for school camps, school sports (including sports out of school hours, as long as they are organised by the school), work experience, travelling to and from school or school activities. It also includes any activity organised or authorised by the school. This includes before and after school care, if organised by the school. Cover is world-wide.

Our policy covers three important areas of care, any one accident may be claimable under one or more of these areas. It is important to note that the policy cannot cover any Medicare service including the Medicare gap. Cover includes:

1. Up to $5,000 inclusive per accident for medical costs from the following registered medical practitioners:
   - Dentist
   - Chiropractor
   - Osteopath
   - Physiotherapist
   - Remedial Massage
   - Podiatry
   - Acupuncture
   - Chemist
   - Hospital Accommodation and Facility Fees.

2. Fixed amounts for defined events – for example – when a child accidentally receives a broken nose the policy will pay a fixed amount of $300. The full table of benefits lists all the defined events covered under this policy and the fixed amount payable.

The full table of benefits is available on this site.

A number of other benefits include:

- Emergency transport.
- Home tuition.
- School Fee relief.
- Hospital Inconvenience Allowance.
- Nursing allowance.
- Professional Counselling Fees.

These are all limited to specific amounts per accident, specific amounts are detailed in the table of benefits.

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YOUR CHILD IS PROTECTED BY A SCHOOLCARE ACCIDENT POLICY

Name of school: Samaritan College, Whyalla
Policy number: 05 PAE 134741
Policy type: 24 Hour Cover-Standard

Information If you have any questions please call the:
SchoolCare Accident Help Line on 1300 138 498

Make a claim You can print a claim form and the policy wording from www.ccinsurances.com.au. Your child’s school will need to endorse the claim form prior to it being submitted. You will need a Doctor’s or Dentist’s Certificate and copies of accounts or invoices for any claimable expenses.

Please note: Catholic Church Insurances SchoolCare cannot pay for any Medicare service including the Medicare Gap

Catholic Church Insurances Limited
Serving Church
This week you will have received your child’s/children’s Mid-Year Reports. A great deal of hard work by the teaching staff went into these over the two terms. Teachers have used many varied approaches to assess the students.

At both primary campuses we are fortunate to have a very dedicated staff, of Teachers and Education Support Officers, who are committed to the education of our students.

We are also very privileged to have many volunteers who help in various ways.

I would like to acknowledge their effort and thank them also for their support of Samaritan College during the first two terms of 2009.

It has been as pleasure for me to connect with the students, staff and parents from both campuses.

Patricia Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins in Term 3. The Year 7 children who are to be confirmed this year need to be enrolled to do so. Enrolment for the Preparation Program will occur at the mass of your choice on the weekend of the 25th and 26th of July. Come along to any Mass on this weekend and complete the enrolment form at the end.

Mass times appear in the Parish News section of this newsletter.

Following the enrolment weekend there will be an information evening for Confirmation families on Monday, August 3 at 7:30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church.

Bernie Meixner and Eleni Vailas
ON BEHALF OF THE SACRAMENTAL TEAM

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Friday 3/7/09 5:00pm
Minkey Field 1A        OLHC vs St Teresa’s 1
Minkey Field 1B        St Teresa’s 2 vs NAPS/Long 1
Minkey Field 1C        NAPS/Long 2 vs Town/Fisk

Friday 3/7/09 5:45pm
U9/11 Field 1A        Town/Fisk 2 vs MOPS
U9/11 Field 1C        OLHC W vs OLHC B

Friday 3/7/09 6:40pm
U9/11 Field 1A        OLHC Y vs NAPS/Long
U9/11 Field 1C        Town/Fisk 1 vs St Teresa’s

Saturday 4/7/09 9:00am
U13        St Teresa’s vs NAPS/Long

Saturday 4/7/09 10:00am
U13        OLHC vs MOPS

Tania Taylor
JUNIOR HOCKEY COORDINATOR

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.

SCHOOL FEES

Statements of School Fees will be sent out at the beginning of Term 3 and I would ask you to check your statements and contact me if you feel they are not correct.

As we are now at the halfway mark of the year, those of you who are paying by instalments should have half of your school fees paid. There is expectancy by the School Board and community that all fees should be paid before the end of the school year.

As such, unless an agreement is in place, it may now be appropriate to increase your payments to achieve this expectancy. If you are having difficulty with payment of your school fees please contact me to discuss an appropriate payment plan and course of action.

Cheryl Murfitt
BURSAR
It is hard to believe that it’s the end of another term. As we reflect on Term 2 we remember all that has happened and give thanks for the many people who made these events possible. In particular: SRC Mini Discos, Planetarium Display, First Eucharist, Mary Help of Christians Feast Day R-3 Liturgy and 4-7 Mass, Class Masses and Sports Day just to name a few.

Thank you to all staff, students, parents and grandparents who have helped in any way this term. Your input and efforts are always much appreciated!

**SRC – WHYALLA BLANKET APPEAL**

Earlier this week it was great to see so many children dressed in coloured clothes and be involved in the mini discos. It was all for a good cause, to raise money for the Whyalla Blanket Appeal.

On behalf of the SRC, thank you to everyone for their gold coin donation. As a Campus we managed to raise $452.75. This was a great effort, so thank you for your generosity.

**HOUSE POINTS**

Today is the all-important time to announce the winner of the Attitude Points for Term 2.

- Rice: 7754
- MacKillop: 5969
- Benedict: 4695

Congratulations to the Rice House for achieving the most Attitude Points throughout Term 2. Rice wore coloured clothes today!

Term 2 is always a very busy term. I hope that you and your families have a relaxing holiday break. Please take care if you are travelling and have an enjoyable break!

**CHOIR**

Thank you to Ms Gray and the Year 7 Choir students who have continued to practice throughout the term. The choir commitments involve a great deal of hard work. We are looking forward to their performances next term.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Throughout this week we have been hosting: Laura Solly, Hayley Stone, Rachel McIlduff, Stefano Mason-Moia, Samuel Murray, Victoria Glenn, Daisy Keating and Jason Oliver, on work experience from Saint John’s Campus and Caritas College. It was great to have old scholars of Our Lady’s return to see if teaching is a career option they would like to pursue.

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

**AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL COMPETITION**

Congratulations to all the Year 6 and 7 students involved in the After School Football Competition this year. We had another successful season and continued the winning streak by taking out the Premiership for the fifth season in a row. The students were great team players and represented the College with pride and enthusiasm. The following students are to be commended for their efforts:

- Jake Beinke
- Joseph Vlachoulis
- Nikeisha McNamara
- Reece Bartel
- Angus Weir
- Mitchell Hiscock
- Sam Sawford
- Elea Warren
- Rohan Baker
- Tanisha McLeod
- Sam Sullivan
- Lewis McLauchlan
- Jasmine Heron
- Hannah Phyland
- Angus Macdonald
- Dayna Clifton
- Thomas Callander
- Hannah Spirat
- Daniel Adamson
- Teanna Klicek-Sloan
- Lewis Carpenter
- Daniel Borlace
- Jasmine Reif

We would like to thank Dave Adamson and Gareth Molyneux for helping out with the umpiring. Thank you to all the parents who came out each week to support the students, without parent support it is difficult to run these after school activities. It was a privilege to coach these students and share this experience with them. Top effort Sharks!

Jo Arcobelli & Bec Fahey
ST TERESA’S CAMPUS NEWS

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Lou Whitehouse and Bernie Meixner

YEAR 5/6 BAVERSTOCK CONSTITUTION - GOVERNMENT POLICY DEBATE

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Some of the passed policies were:

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The passed policies will be written and published making a Codified Constitution.

Our debate was filmed. If you would like to learn more about government, policies or constitutions, please contact Mr. Bav to borrow the DVD.

Lucy, Emily and Eliza

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS

PARENT EDUCATION EVENINGS

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SKII TRIP

Year 10 Coordinator, Trent Keiper and Coordinator of Sport, Miss Kate Nolan will accompany seventeen of our Year 11 and 12 students to the Victorian Ski fields during the second half of the school holidays. We wish them every success; current snow reports indicate nothing to the contrary!

Diana Jeffrey
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE COORDINATOR

The website is: http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/

To date, we have 76 children who have completed the challenge and received their chosen badge which was designed by their peers. Well done!!!

I would like to sincerely thank Angus MacDonald, Shaina Damon, Tara McGuinness, Chelsea Clappis and Candice Woodland for giving up some of their own lunch times to help cut out the many badges. Your help is greatly appreciated and I enjoyed our little chats while doing this!!!

Happy reading and happy holidays!

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VISITING JESUITS

Last Monday, I felt privileged to observe the fine work of Fathers Dan White SJ & David McCallum SJ as they explored what it means to be a spiritual leader in a Catholic school. They spent an hour with each of our Year 8, Year 9 & 10 and Year 12 Student Representative Council (SRC) members in the beautiful setting of the Emmaus Chapel. Students spent some time in quiet reflection, were led through a brief spiritual exercise and then took part in an open forum on the topic of leadership for young adults. It was a terrific day and I am very grateful to both Father Dan and Father David for sharing their deep sense of spiritual reflection and purpose with a generation who often find it challenging to commit time to such things.

REPORTS

Reports will be distributed to families after the student dismissal and blessing at 12:30pm tomorrow. Each student will receive a pastoral comment from their caregroup teacher and a statement of academic achievement which results all subjects studied in Semester One. Samaritan College acknowledges excellence in achievement through our Golden Honour cards which are presented to all students who receive an A grade.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL

Term 2 closure is this Friday, July 3 at 12:30pm. Term 2 commences Tuesday, July 21.

On behalf of the Saint John's Campus community, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a peace-filled and relaxing semester break.

Brett Czechowski
SENIOR CAMPUS LEADER

TFN FOR YEAR 9S

Earlier this week the Year 9 students were given a form to complete so they could obtain a Tax File Number (TFN). We need to send the completed forms to the ATO by the end of July, so could all outstanding forms please be sent in to us by Friday of Week 1.

I remind parents of Year 9 students that obtaining a TFN is much easier if it is done through us here at school. Unfortunately, if a completed application form is not sent to us by the end of July we cannot process a TFN for your child (and you will have to go through the Australian Tax Office yourself when the time comes for your child to obtain a TFN).

Christine Duffield
YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

On Thursday, June 25 we held our first school social for the year – 80s Fluro! After lots of time spent planning the event it turned into a great success. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes and students from all year levels came along to join in the festivities. Almost $400 was raised on the night – so thank you to all the students and teachers who helped to make the night such a success.

Kaite, Josh, Rebecca, Morgan, Hayley, Tumelo, Kelsey, Jacob

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

This term we helped advertise the Climate Change Report around the campus and in the morning notices. We were also involved in promoting the Mobile Muster. Three outdoor settings were bought earlier this year to beautify our campus environment with money raised by past SRCs.

Taylor, Glen, Daina, Patrick, Jessica, Sam, Daisy, Sarah, Jasmine, Nathan

AWARENESS FIRST COMMITTEE

This term we helped organise a Cake Stall to raise money for our five recipients, which are the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Cancer Council, Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Community House and Saint John's Student Community. The stall was a great success, as it raised over $250.

Hannah, Ashley, Lauren, Micahaela, Courtney, Kristina

SPORTS COMMITTEE

This term we held a campus handball competition. Each year level was represented by two teams, and, after weeks of elimination competitions, we are down to 8 teams. The ultimate winner will be decided on Saint John's Day.

Tegan, Caitlin, Kelsey, Zach, Tyler C, Tyler S, Schalk, Lachlan, Eirinn, Steph, Jack

STUDENT VOICE COMMITTEE

We are currently working alongside the IT Department to develop a Facebook-style bulletin board so Saint John's Campus students can keep up-to-date with campus events and news. This bulletin board will also allow the student community to voice their opinion on school matters, ask questions and communicate with their student leaders.

Sam, Aaron, Lucy, Izaak, Monique, Daniel, Brandon

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

Each year we hold a can drive in the lead up to Saint John's Day, which will soon be with us next term. From the beginning of next term students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items to be collected and then donated to the local Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

SAINT JOHN'S SRC MEETING

Wednesday, July 22 (Week 1 Term 3)
Lesson 7 2:30 - 5:30pm

All SRC members are required to attend to prepare for Saint John's Day
**Whyalla Junior Soccer Association**

School Holiday Soccer Clinics

**Venue:** Croatia Soccer Club, McDouall Stuart Ave, Whyalla Norrie 5608

**Date:** Thursday, July 16, 2009

**Registration closes on Friday, July 9, 2009**

The cost for the clinic is only $10 per person, to be paid in cash on the day of the clinic, **Thursday, July 16, 2009**.

Age groups are as follows:
- 5 – 7 years, 9:00am–10:00am
- 8 – 10 years 10:30am–11:30am
- 11 – 12 years 12:00pm–1:00pm

For more information and registration please contact:
Richie Alagich at the Football Federation SA (FFSA) on 08 8354 1003, visit www.ffsa.com.au or complete this registration form and send to Richie Alagich, FFSA P.O. Box 593, Hindmarsh, SA 5007 or fax 08 8354 1455.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**STORMFRONT PRODUCTIONS**

**MUSIC REPAIR SERVICE**

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Stormfront Productions offers a significant range of repair services for musical equipment. If you need leads, amps, instruments, speakers or anything musical repaired or serviced - please call us for service you can trust!

We operate on a “No Fix - No Pay” basis - so you are only charged for successful repairs.

Labour is charged at $50/hr plus parts & materials (parts as quoted & approved by customer prior to repair).

We can source very competitively priced parts for your gear (and consumable items like guitar strings!) and are happy to provide obligation-free quotes for your consideration.

If you are considering the purchase of anything musical - we also provide great free advice based on our 15 years of experience as fulltime professional musicians!

NO job is too small - and we guarantee to give you an honest and competitive deal every time.

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**presents**

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**Tuesday, July 7 & Thursday, July 9**

Make your own alien

**Wednesday, July 8**

Decorate a rocket for the Library

For further details and bookings contact:
Alex Ramsay Library on 8649 3000 or Civic Library on 8645 7891