Dear parents and caregivers

“These things I have spoken to you that my joy may remain in you and that your joy may be full”

John 15:10,11.

Following Easter we are full of the joy of the risen Christ who by his dying, promised us eternal life, life-filled with joy if we follow his teachings. Welcome everyone to Term 2 which promises to be another joy-filled time for our College.

This term we warmly welcome Myles McLean who will be working at the Saint John's Campus while Jodie Turpin is on long service. At Our Lady Help of Christians Campus we welcome Wayne Lobo and Robert Gill who will be working in the Year 5/6 and Year 6/7 classes respectively while Abby and Jo take parenting leave. The holidays always prove to be a popular time for teachers to get married and these holidays were no exception. Congratulations to Nick Prokopec and Alexia Cafcakis, Lou Gogoll and Russ Burch on the celebration of their marriage. May they have a joy filled and long life together.

In the holidays I visited the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. What a magnificent place it is with the stories of so many men and women who gave their lives in the name of their country. ANZAC Day is an occasion to stop and remember with respect and reverence those who went to war. The Samaritan College Student Representative Council have been invited to march with the community on Sunday. This has been a long tradition of Saint John's College which is now extended to all SRC students. This will be a great learning experience for the students who participate.

During the last few weeks there has been much discussion in the media about the possibility of teachers refusing to conduct NAPLAN tests, through the industrial support of the AEU (Australian Education Union). Please be assured that this action does not apply to Catholic and Independent schools. The IEU (Independent Education Union) is not adopting the stance of the AEU. Samaritan College recognises and values the outcomes of regular and consistent benchmark testing. In the past few years it has informed strategic curriculum planning and will continue to assist us in developing programs from professional development as well as targeted and specific intervention strategies for your children. The NAPLAN tests will again occur in Week 4 of this term from May 11-13. Where do we see intervention happening in our campuses? Some examples are: Quicksmart numeracy intervention for 30 week blocks with identified students in Years 6-9; Literacy Expert interventions via in-class support of staff with specific strategies; Learning Support rooms on each site providing withdrawal support as well as in-class support with Education Support Officers; and parent assistance evenings offered this term to encourage the undoubtedly dynamic impact of home support to assist children’s learning.

Term 2 Week 1 April 22, 2010

FRIDAY, APRIL 23
- STC Year 6/7 Baverstock ANZAC Liturgy, 9:30am

THURSDAY, APRIL 29
- OLHCC, Yr 3/4 Tullio 'Anzac Day' Liturgy 12:30pm
- Understanding the Writing Process, STC library, 7:30pm
- Board Meeting, 7:30pm at SJC

MONDAY, MAY 3
- Parent Community Meeting 7:30pm, SJC

COMING EVENTS
FRIDAY, APRIL 30
- Primary Sports Day, 8:45am
- Senior Formal, 7:30pm-11:30pm (lock-in)

MAY 1/2
- Enrolment weekend for First Eucharist, please see p2 for Mass times

MAY 11-13
- NAPLAN testing (p3)

MAY 18 & 19
- SJC Enrolment Information Evenings

THURSDAY, MAY 6
- The Reading Process/Helping your Child to Read, STC library, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 7
- National Walk to School Safely Day

MAY 18 & 19
- SJC Enrolment Information Evenings
Welcome back to our teachers, children and families as we begin another term. We hope that everyone has had a refreshing break and are ready for what this next term will bring.

From the parish perspective we are still basking in the joy of Easter and all that this means for us as a Catholic family. We welcomed six new adult members to our parish family during the very moving Easter Vigil ceremony on Easter Saturday evening and we continue to support them in prayer as they begin their journey.

Another important event this term will be the preparation and celebration of First Eucharist for our Year 4 students and their families. The first step in this preparation is enrolment weekend on May 1/2 at the weekend masses in our two churches. Our Mass times are listed below.

Hoping that your first week back is a peaceful one.

Sr Robyn Brady
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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**RELIGIOUS DIMENSION**

**ANZAC DAY**

ANZAC Day marks the defeat of Australian and New Zealand soldiers in an ill-fated campaign during the Great War of 1914-1918.

This weekend we will remember all of those who have served our nation during war, those who have died, and those who have returned. We remember this past history of war and pray that, in the future, all people will work to make peace, not war.

God, our Father, to honour those men and women who made great sacrifices for future generations, we ask You:

To give us the wisdom to recognise which things are important, and which things are not;
To inspire us to best use the time and talents, You have given us:

To help us to use all opportunities wisely, that we may give in peaceful service to others, the gifts we have received from You.

Amen

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them”

Lest We Forget

Eleni Vailas
REC - OLHCC

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Opening Hours**

Wednesday 8:00-10:00am  
Thursday 1:00-4:30pm

Kerry Azzopardi  Sharron Waldron  
Toal Street, Whyalla Stuart

Ph: 8649 3168

**SAPSASA HOCKEY TRY OUTS**

Boys and Girls in Years 6 and 7 are invited to try out for SAPSASA hockey at the Searle St Hockey ground on Tuesday, April 27 at 4:30 – 5:30 pm.
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia will participate in National Literacy and Numeracy Tests which will be held on May 11, 12 and 13. The tests, which are called the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will provide students, teachers and parents with specific information about what students know and can do in some aspects of literacy and numeracy.

The tests take between one and two hours on each of the above days, depending on the year level. There are rest periods between sections of both tests. The test stimulus material is presented in an attractive and inviting magazine style.

It is anticipated that almost all students will participate in the tests and schools will be working hard to ensure that students with special needs have access to the tests as well. If your child has a specific learning need, you should discuss what provision Samaritan College can make to ensure that your child can be involved. Please consult with Miss Cook in secondary or Mrs Page in primary, if you have a concern in this area.

Where students have been educated in English for less than one year, parents or caregivers should discuss with Mr Judd in secondary or Mrs Page in primary, whether or not the student(s) should do the test. If you choose to withdraw your child from participation in the test, you will need to write to the Co-Principals, who will provide you with the withdrawal form requesting that your child does not do the tests.

Early in Term 3, parents will receive a confidential report. The report will provide an overall picture of your child’s achievement in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The report also includes an indication of the location of the national average (mean) for each aspect assessed. This information will complement the broader assessment and reporting information provided by your child’s teachers in reports, interviews, profiles or other means. All of this information supports teachers and parents to provide the best possible educational experiences to assist student learning. Your child’s individual results will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Any further enquiries should be directed to the undersigned.

With thanks,
Damien Judd
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER
Lou Whitehouse
CURRICULUM COORDINATOR - STC
Ruth Donnellan
LITERACY COORDINATOR – OLHCC

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Samaritan College Restaurant

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

For information and bookings please ring Mechelle at Saint John’s Campus on 8645 8568.
www.info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

Menu for April 29
(subject to change)

Bruschetta of Prosciutto, Tomato, Rocket, Chevre
Tempura Tuna Sashimi, Pickled Daikon Radish, Wasabi, Soy
Rack of Lamb, Polenta and Spinach Terrine, Pepperonata, Jus
Lemon Curd Tart, Passionfruit Jelly, Yoghurt Parfait

Future Dates:
May 27
June 10 & 24

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Want to impress your friends??
Need some light hearted fun on a weeknight?

Book now for your limited place in
“Gourmet Gastronomique”

A 6 week French experience presented by our resident Chef, Ben Sharp, where you will learn and taste many culinary delights. Held in the Samaritan College commercial kitchen.

Monday: 6:00pm - 9:00pm
$30.00 a session
Begins May 5

BYO Beverages

Bookings are essential and must be finalised by Monday, May 3
for planning and shopping purposes.
Please ring Mechelle on 8645 8568.

This course is a 6 week entity; payment of $180 must be made prior to DAY 1. Credit card payment can be made over the phone or at Reception.
Next week a travelling interactive Science program will be visiting the Primary Campuses to immerse and engage students in the area of the physical sciences. “Lab on Legs” will be bringing two programs to run with the students on the topics of Movement and Energy Systems. Through simple hands-on activities and demonstrations, the students in Reception to Year 3 will be investigating how objects move in a straight line, how objects speed up and slow down, and how objects change direction. Students in Years 4 to 7 will explore different forms of energy, how energy changes and how energy transfers. “Lab on Legs” will be at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus on Tuesday and Wednesday, and at St Teresa’s Campus on Thursday of Week 2. Carla Opie
Primary Sports Day
Friday, April 30
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Will be held at Jubilee Park

Please tick where you can assist and return it to your child's class teacher or campus office.

☐ Morning Games: Judging, organising children, giving out stickers etc
  ☐ R-3 classes
  ☐ Yr 4-7 classes
  Time: 9:45am-11:00am

☐ Team Games: helping with set up of games, judging games, giving out stickers to swimming teams, organising teams
  ☐ R-3 classes
  ☐ Yr 4-7 classes
  Time: 11:15am-12:30pm

☐ Sprints/Relays and Marathon; giving out place cards and ribbons
  Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Name: .................................................................
Child's name: ............................................................
Class: ..........................................................................
Contact No: ...............................................................
Welcome back to school for Term 2! I hope an enjoyable holiday break was enjoyed by all. We look forward to a very busy and productive term with a great deal of exciting events happening in our school. These include Sports Day, First Eucharist, the Feast Day of Mary Help of Christians and much more.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Once again, thank you for your outstanding contributions to Project Compassion throughout Lent. As a result of your efforts we have managed to raise a total of $2,322.50. This says a lot about the generosity of our campus community. Thank you for your support.

May we endeavour to keep those who need our support in our prayers and continue to find ways of helping them.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Active Kids Are Healthy Kids

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday, May 7. We ask that children and parents/caregivers 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.

UNIFORM

As the weather gradually and slowly cools down, students are required to begin wearing their Winter uniforms. Whilst it is permitted for the first couple of weeks, with the weather still warm, for students to remain in Summer uniform, preparations need to be made to ensure the correct Winter uniform is ready. Please refer to the College Diary for the requirements. A mix n match of Winter and Summer uniform is not permitted.

ANZAC DAY

Our College will be represented at the ANZAC DAY service on Sunday with our Student Representative Council in attendance. We are also holding a ceremony at the secondary campus on Friday to commemorate this important day.

Josh Boden
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

MINAKUCHI JAPANESE EXCHANGE

こんにちは！

It’s that time of year again – our friends from Munakuchi High School will be back in a few months time to get a taste of what it means to live in Australia and we are looking for interested Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 and their Families to host a Japanese exchange student for two weeks in Term 3. This is a tremendous opportunity for our community to become involved in this annual event, and for your child to experience some exciting cultural learning and excursions. If you are interested in being a part of this year’s Japanese visit, please contact Mr Boden for more information.

Josh Boden
Samaritan College Italian Trip Fundraiser

Friday, May 14, 6:00pm

Pizza & Pasta Night

All you can eat pizza, pasta, appetisers, salads & desserts

$25 adult tickets

$15 student tickets

Come along for a night of food, entertainment, sideshows & games*. Try your luck with the Silent Auctions!

All money raised will go toward the 2011 Italian Trip

Bookings Essential

Tickets will be sold at St. John's Campus office. Payment to be made at time of booking

*Ticket covers food buffet only

Canteen Rosters
Monday, April 26 – Friday, April 30

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Annette Cameron  Rose Cassar  Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER  CANTEEN MANAGER  CANTEEN MANAGER
In the Children's Library area of the Our Lady Help of Christians Campus Library we have a shelf dedicated to information on parenting and raising children. All Samaritan College parents are welcome to visit our Library to look through the items and borrow from the “Parent Library”, using your child’s library account. Books would be borrowed out for a minimum of 2 weeks, with extension of the loan available if necessary. (To extend just ring OLHC Campus Library at 86492077 or send a note via your child). A list of the books available is shown below.

Fran Mason
TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

(Situated in Reference shelves at back of Children’s Library)

ABC Guide to fit kids: a companion for parents and families 613.7 MAS
Adolescence: a guide for parents 305.23 CAR
The best advice I ever got: a parent’s guide 649 BES
Bully blocking: six secrets to help children deal with bullying and teasing 371.5 FIE
Bully busting: how to help children deal with teasing and bullying 371.5 FIE
Children are people too: a parent’s guide to young children’s behaviour 649 POR
The complete secrets of happy children 649 BID
Confident parenting: how to set limits, be considerate and stay in charge 649 WYC
Discipline without shouting or spanking: practical solutions to the most common pre-school behavior problems 649 WYC
Fear-free children 155.4 HAL
Fight-free families 646.7 HAL
From no to yes without bribing or threatening 649.64 WYC
Getting on with others: how to teach your child essential social skills 646.7 COO
The gift of reading: young listeners – lifelong learners (VIDEO) 649 REA
Great ideas for (tired) parents 649 GRO
A handbook for happy families: a practical and fun-filled guide to managing children’s behaviour 155.4 IRV
How to be positively optimistic 158.1 MCL
How to behave so your children will too! 649 SEV
How to handle a hard-to-handle kid: a parent’s guide to understanding and changing problem behaviours 649 EDW
How to talk confidently with your child about sex – for parents 261.8 BUT
A man’s guide to raising kids 649 GRO
Mothers and sons: bringing up boys as a sole parent 649.1 HOW
Nightlights: stories for you to read to your child to encourage calm 158.12 NIG
One step ahead: raising 3-12 year olds 649 GRO
Parent talk: how to talk to your children in language that builds self-esteem 649 MOO
Parenting in practice 649.1 DEG
Parents as partners 372.94FIR
Praising boys well: 100 tips for parents and teachers 649.1 HAR
Praising girls well: 100 tips for parents and teachers 649.1 HAR
Raising boys: why boys are different and how to help them become happy and well-balanced men 649 BID
Raising girls: why girls are different and how to help them grow up happy and strong 649.1 PRE
Raising happy and successful kids: a guide for parents 649.1 BRO
Raising happy kids: a guide to happy parenting 649 GRO
Raising real people: creating a resilient family 649 FUL
Rocket your child into reading 428.4 FRE
The secret of happy children 649.1 BID
So you’re sending your child to a Catholic school: a friendly guide to the Catholic tradition 371 DOH
Why first-borns rule the world and last-borns want to change it 305 GRO
Why won’t my child listen? 155.4 GRI
Working parents: how to work raise great kids and have a life 649 GRO
Your child’s first year at school: a book for parents (2 copies) 372 CON