Dear parents and caregivers

Conversations that happen between groups can be fascinating; and one can get drawn into the discussion especially if it is about someone or a situation that sounds sensational. When listening to the conversation do we hear the positive comments expressed or do we hone in on the negative comments because they make better news which is far more interesting to pass on to others?

St Benedict in his book of rules for living refers to gossip in this way, “the ninth step of humility is that we control our tongues and remain silent... for scripture warns ‘In a flood of words you will not avoid sinning’ (Prov. 10:19)”

A school in the city once adopted a policy of positive gossip when all conversations, about any subject, were in the positive. What they discovered was an overall improvement in atmosphere and culture within the school. Many people are speaking most highly of our College, Sports Day, the Senior Formal; we encourage celebration of successful times and positive moments between our community members. For those who have concerns, please come and express these to Leadership who can then let you know if the comments are true or false. Positive gossip assists everyone and promotes a supportive and engaging environment for our students to learn.

“Benedict says, over and over, listen, learn, be open to the other.” (Joan Chittister, Insights for the ages.)

It is with pleasure that we report the various activities of our parents in terms of getting involved in the Samaritan community to support their children’s education. The added bonus for parents is that such community involvement aids the development of social relationships and support networks in the positive way people desire. The primary reading workshops for parents are a very useful and practical way to directly assist one’s individual child. We encourage you to get involved in them as they can have a profound impact on children’s success.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, a band of helpers had to be gathered together to create the BBQ for the primary sports day. The immediacy of volunteers and the positive spirit on the day was a welcome addition to Friday’s overall success. Meanwhile, the Italian Trip fundraising group ran two successful sausage sizzles this past weekend and are planning the pizza and pasta night on Friday, May 14.

Looking ahead, we are gearing up for host families to again look after our Japanese visitors in July/August. Last night the parent community committee met to organise the dinner for this term. We have not held a dinner for the past few years, so are keen to make it a fun part of the social calendar for our parents and friends. There will be a 3 course meal and entertainment with the terrific talents of Graham as “Just Me”. Please see fliers in this newsletter calling for assistance in preparation as well as ticket sales for people to organise tables for the evening.

Last week we placed in this Newsletter a call for people to join Board generated committees. We still need helpers either on parish & community, policy, campus consolidation or grounds & maintenance.

We have repeated the return slip this week and encourage parents to get involved and to contribute your ideas and wisdom to the ongoing planning of the college.

Samaritan College
TERM 2 WEEK 3 MAY 6, 2010

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 6
• (Primary) The Reading Process/Helping your Child to Read, STC library, 7:30pm
• OLHCC, 5/6 Molyneux/Perry Liturgy, 12:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 7
• National Walk to School Safely Day
• R/1 Sanderson Junior Assembly, 9:30am

FRIDAY, MAY 14
• STC 6/7 Gogoll Upper Assembly, 9:30am

MAY 18 & 19
• SJC Enrolment/Transition Information Evenings, 7:30pm, Lecture Theatre.
All Year 7s and parents to attend.

THURSDAY, MAY 20
• (Primary) Helping in the Classroom, STC library, 7:30pm

TUESDAY, MAY 11
• Parent Information Evening for First Eucharist families, 7:30pm, St Teresa’s Church Hall

MAY 11-13
• NAPLAN testing

THURSDAY, MAY 13
• STC 1/2 Tullio Liturgy, 9:30am
• OLHCC R/1 Francis & Hancock, 12:30pm
• (Primary) Speaking and Listening, STC library, 7:30pm

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PARISH NEWS

Hopeful envisioning

Thank you for your prayers for our parish visioning workshop, held last Saturday. It was as if our workshop were being borne on a foundation of strong and compassionate grace.

The outcome of the workshop is ongoing work – towards a vision of our now three year-old united Catholic parish. To accompany the vision we will organise a parish logo and motto.

In the season of Easter, as we look forward to celebrating the coming of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, we remember that we are a people of hope. Having hope means that we are confident in God’s providence, and prepare as best we can to cooperate with that provident love, even though our vision of the future is humanly limited.

Hope also enlightens our view of the past: even though it might not always have worked out as we planned or expected, we have faith that God achieved what God wanted to, through our limited, human, sinful but hope-filled efforts.

One clear insight from Saturday’s prayer-supported work: we see our parish as not just providing pastoral and sacramental life for those within, but also engaged with the world around us, in respect and reverence, in committed and faithful loving action.

Thanks again for your prayers!

Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Mother’s Day - May 9, 2010

Loving God,
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,
whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,
whose patience seems to have no end.
May we see Your loving hand behind them and guiding them.
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience.
We ask you to bless them with your own special love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Amen.

Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

SERVICES

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

Open on the following Thursdays:
May 27
June 10 & 24

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

We pride ourselves in nurturing young people to strive for their personal best in a supportive learning focussed community of faith, wisdom and compassion.

Reception Enrolments are invited for 2011...

Please contact info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au, visit any campus for an enrolment information pack or phone Karen McGinnis on 8645 8568 to make an appointment to discuss your child’s schooling with the Co- Principals.
Fee remissions in a tiered fee structure are available.
School Tours can be arranged by appointment.

We praise God in our myriad services and classes and for your generous support of our parish.

FAITH
WISDOM
COMPASSION
HELPERS NEEDED
JUNE 19

We are looking for parents who are keen to be involved in community activities, but don't necessarily like coming to meetings.

We need your help to bring our Parent Community Dinner together.

WANTED:  Kitchen helpers (serving at night)
           preparation helpers (during the day)

Please complete the return slip if you can assist.

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I can help with ☐ Vegie preparation during the day
           ☐ Serving at night

for the Parent Community Dinner, June 19.
Please return to your campus office.

*Advance Notice*

Parent Community Dinner

featuring "Just Me"

Whyalla Yacht Club
Saturday, June 19
7:00 for 7:30pm

Individual or group bookings.
Get some friends together for a 3 course meal and great entertainment.
$30 per ticket.

Please watch for more information next week.

BECOME A MEMBER OF A BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE

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☐ Grounds & Maintenance
☐ Campus Consolidation

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You are warmly invited to attend...

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F A I T H
W I S D O M
C O M P A S S I O N

Bookings essential as places are limited.
Please ring Ms Karen McGinnis on 8645 8568
or email info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au
SPORTS DAY was a well organised and enjoyable day last Friday. The weather was nothing short of spectacular and the students all participated in true competitive spirit. The final result was very close with only a few points dividing the overall winners from the place getters. A very big thank you to the organising committee and the helpers on the day, it showed our generous community at work. Congratulations to Rice as the overall winners.

Sports day is one of those examples of the two primary campuses working together and if you look around there is more and more evidence of oneness. In the newsletter from now on we will be writing everything from a primary perspective, rather than a campus perspective, therefore we will be eliminating the titles of OLHCC News and STC News. We will simply refer to Primary News, including all our news in the one spot. We have been finding it more difficult to separate the news because we are now doing so many things the same and photos of combined groups. We trust that you will enjoy the new format.

Chris Sloan
CO-PRINCIPAL

JUNIOR HOCKEY

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Karen Pudney
ON BEHALF OF THE JUNIOR HOCKEY COMMITTEE
**FIRST EUCHARIST ENROLMENT WEEKEND**

If you were unable to attend Mass last weekend and enrol your child for the First Eucharist Program there is another opportunity this weekend. At the conclusion of any Mass this weekend you can enrol your child for first Eucharist. It is important that you attend Mass to enrol for the program as the children will be presented to the parish.

There will be a parent information evening for First Eucharist families on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held at St Teresa’s Church Hall.

**STC LITURGIES AND ASSEMBLIES**

Next week 1/2 Tullio will celebrate Liturgy at St Teresa’s Campus on Thursday, May 13 at 9:30am.

6/7 Gogoll will host the Upper Assembly on Friday, May 14 at 9:30am in the library.

Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

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**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.

**OLHCC LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Next week R/1 Francis and Hancock will be leading the Liturgy. You are most welcome to join us for this Liturgy on Thursday, May 13 at 12:30pm in the Church.

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

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**CANTEEN ROSTERS**

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Annette Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

Rose Cassar
CANTEEN MANAGER

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER
SPORTS DAY

Sports Day was held last Friday in the beautiful sunshine at Jubilee Park. The participation of the children, parents, staff and Saint John’s Campus volunteers, helped make the day a success in a spirit of community involvement. The number of parent volunteers on the day was remarkable so I sincerely thank all the volunteers for their efforts.

The house captains worked tirelessly in the lead up to Sports Day preparing routines and rallying their teams. Their involvement marked another step toward forging a single school identity.

Congratulations to Rice who won the overall shield for Sports Day. They also won the cheerleading so they have plenty to be happy about. Congratulations to MacKillop who won the Attitude Shield. And for the Benedict supporters like myself, there is always next year.

The points collected by each team at Sports Day will go towards their team total for the college in the running of the Glory of Guidera Cup which will be announced at the end of the year.

Bernie Meixner
FORMAL

Well done to all involved in our Senior Formal, especially the students. Their behaviour and approach to the whole event was especially impressive. Thank you to all the staff who played large roles in coordinating this event: Yvette Agars, Jade Vanzo and Tom Martin.

NAPLAN

These tests are next week. In the scheme of regular tests and exams, these are actually small length tests for Year 9s that will take place during normal lessons from Tuesday to Thursday.

A reminder that all Year 9s will need a calculator for the Numeracy test on Thursday. The College does not have a Year Level set of calculators to provide all students with one. Students also need an eraser, sharpener, HB or 2B pencil or black or blue pen. The College will have some spare supplies of these.

CATCH UP DAYS

As is the norm, the College has ‘catch up’ days to allow for those lessons lost on Public Holidays, Sports Days etc. The first for this term was yesterday, and the next will be May 20, which for the purposes of our timetable, will be a ‘Friday’ timetable that day.

UNIVERSITY/TAFE

Information is beginning to come out more frequently regarding tertiary entrance in 2011. This also applies to our current Year 11 and 10s. Please remind your child to check the morning notices and the pinboards around the College for more information. Aside from the South Australian options, we also receive a lot of information about interstate study options.

UMAT

A reminder about UMAT, which the compulsory entry test for most Medical, Dental and Health Science courses around Australia. Applications to sit this test are now open and close on June 4. There are very specific instructions about how to apply and you need to visit: http://umatweb.acer.edu.au to apply. Students are also given information about courses to help prepare for the UMAT, which is not a simple, regular test.

MURRAY VENTURE CLOSES

After three weeks of the Murray, staff and students are pleased to be back in their own beds with home comforts. This tradition is a worthy and valued opportunity for students to learn and grow through challenge. We thank them for their positive approach. We also thank Trent Keiper, Kate Nolan, Chris Duffield, Matt Quist, Josh Boden, Ali Battersby, Denise Rule, Kirby Howell, James Keating and Rachel Gould for their dedicated service. In particular we wish to thank volunteer helpers; Bruce Scott, David Foote and Kiley Tiver. Their service and humour were very much appreciated.

UNIFORM

Students should now be wearing the full winter uniform. It is not an option to mix n match with summer and winter clothes.

Damien Judd
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. Thus 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 a traditional annual event, and for your child to experience some exciting cultural learning and excursions. If your child is currently studying Japanese, or intends to continue studying Japanese next year, this will be a great chance to better their language skills in a fun and relaxed environment. If you are interested in being a part of this year’s Japanese visit, please contact Mr Boden to register your interest and for some information for prospective host families.

Josh Boden
CULTURAL STUDIES COORDINATOR

JUNIOR SCIENCE HELP - TERM 2

Starting Week 4 Science Help for students in Years 8-10 will be held on Wednesday afternoons 3:30-4:30pm in the library. Science Help is an opportunity for students to complete homework and assignments in an environment where a member of the Science Faculty will be on hand to assist with any queries.

Throughout the year students may be asked by their Science teacher to attend a Wednesday session to catch-up on work missed through absence or to assist in understanding the concepts covered in class. If this occurs a letter will be sent home informing caregivers of the details.

Denise Rule
SCIENCE COORDINATOR

SAINT JOHN'S UNIFORM NEWS

Has your child lost their Saint John's Rugby Jumper or grown out of it? We are selling NEW rugby jumpers for $25, which is a saving of $36! These are only available to Yrs 10,11 & 12 students as younger students are in Samaritan Uniform. Please see Marg Coad in the Canteen at Saint John's Campus if you would like to purchase one.

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER
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