Dear parents and caregivers

Sow a thought and you reap an act
Sow an act and you reap a habit
Sow a habit and you reap a character
Sow a character and you reap a destiny

Ralph Waldo Emerson
(From Michael Grose “Raising Happy Kids”)

“Not on a school night”…… a mantra and philosophy to be practiced from the beginning ie: Reception, in order for it to be a lifestyle and familial habit, which will ensure that children are on the right path, that creates balance between home, study, recreational life and the inevitable social life. The latter can creep up on parents and once children are in their teen years, negotiation of when and where and who with can become difficult; even more so if the foundations have not been set in the primary years. The additional factor which progressively becomes important as children grow older, is keeping aware of friendships and influences. Once again this is best done through active involvement in the primary years, where it becomes and remains a ‘natural’ thing to meet the parents of new friends, discuss shared values and understandings. This helps put one’s mind at ease but also sends clear signals to our children that the role of parent is to guide, nurture and provide safe yet encouraging boundaries for young people to make wise choices. Thus the lessons and consequences often discovered in the teenage years begin very early in order for parents to “reap a destiny”. It makes all the difference.

In the next few weeks the Year 7s are involved in transition information, a crucial time for parents and students to share this watershed time as they prepare for the move to secondary schooling. All Year 7s are expected to attend one of the Transition Information Evenings and the Principals Tours with at least one parent. Bookings are essential for both so that we can accommodate the large number. Information and forms will be distributed to Year 7s this week.

The parent Sacramental Meeting went well on Tuesday night with many parents attending. This important meeting begins the preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist for the students. Over the next couple of weeks students will participate in workshops and class work in relation to their preparation, an opportune time for families to reflect on how they celebrate Eucharist.

Now is the time to seize a chance to influence decisions made by College Board about our future. This year we are reinstating the planning subcommittee calling it the triple “C” - “College Consolidation Committee.” We would love to hear from you if you are interested in being a part of this committee or any of the other sub-committees namely Policy, Grounds and Maintenance, Parish and Community. These committees are chaired by members of the board but are open to anyone from the community to join. Please give it your consideration.

Samaritans College

Term 2 Week 4 May 13, 2010

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 13
• (Primary) Speaking and Listening, STC library, 7:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 14
• STC 6/7 Gogoll Upper Assembly, 9:30am
• ‘Italian Trip’ Pizza & Pasta Night, 6:00pm

MAY 18 & 19
• SJ C Enrolment/Transition Information Evenings, 7:30pm, Lecture Theatre.

THURSDAY, MAY 20
• (Primary) Helping in the Classroom, STC library, 7:30pm
• SJ C ‘Op Shop Chic Social’ at South Whyalla Football Club, 7-10pm

FRIDAY, MAY 21
• First Eucharist Workshop, St Teresa’s Church, 8:45am-3pm
• STC Upper Assembly Year 4/5 Usher, 9:30am in the shelter
PARISH NEWS

Last Saturday at the Vigil Mass we gave thanks for the life of Mrs Kath McMahon who celebrated her 100th Birthday. She has been part of our Parish for many years and still comes to Mass most weekends. She has always lived her faith in a very practical way, showing love, care and concern for others. Kath is a great example for us all in living out and practicing our Catholic Faith. Congratulations Kath!

This week in the Parish we have the Parent Evening for the First Eucharist children and their families. Over the coming weeks the children will be involved in workshop days at the churches and at the Sunday Masses when the children will be presented with Commitment Cards and will renew their Baptismal Promises. We will keep these children and their families in our prayers as they prepare for their First Eucharist.

At Mass this weekend we celebrate the Ascension. It is not an event to be thought about in isolation. It is part of the mystery of the resurrection. It is the means whereby Jesus is with each member of the Church in a way that would have been impossible had he remained here of earth. The sadness of his leave-taking is replaced by the joy of his sure presence until the end of time.

God Bless.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

ASCENSION OF JESUS

This Sunday is Ascension Day, a day of great joy! The Feast of the Ascension commemorates Jesus’ ascension into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. Thus Ascension Day falls 40 days after Easter, which is the final component of the Paschal mystery, which consists also of Jesus’ Passion, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Descent among the Dead, and Resurrection. Along with the resurrection, the ascension functioned as a proof of Jesus’ claim that he was the Messiah.

While we do not see Jesus with our eyes, we know that he is still with us. Or perhaps we see Jesus whenever we look at another person. Jesus is closer to us than we are to each other.

Early Christian art and iconography portrayed the ascension frequently, showing its importance to the early Church.

Lord God,
You give us great joy as we celebrate
The Feast of the Ascension of your Son, Jesus
Make us witnesses to his Gospel,
And may we always seek his presence here among us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Eleni Vailas
REC - OLHCC

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.

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.

You are warmly invited to attend...

Transition/Enrolment Evenings
Enrolments or Transition into Year 8 in 2011 at Saint John’s Campus for all current Year 7s and their parents
May 18 or 19, 7:30pm

Co- Principals’ Secondary Evening Tours
Saint John’s Campus
May 26, 5:00-9:00pm

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.

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.

I ...........................................................................
ph: ........................................... mob:.........................
can help with ☐ Vegie preparation during the day
☐ Serving at night
for the Parent Community Dinner, June 19.
Please return to your campus office.
BECOME A MEMBER OF A BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE

Name: ..............................................
Contact number: ..............................................
Childrens names: ..............................................
(and Year level) ..............................................
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I wish to offer my support and services, in a confidential manner to the following committees:
☐ Policy
☐ Parish & Community
☐ Grounds & Maintenance
☐ Campus Consolidation

Please return to Karen McGinnis at Saint John's Campus.

POSITION VACANT
Due to Retirement

Samaritan College offers Catholic education in a community environment for Reception to Year 12 students. Incorporating three campuses, where facilities and infrastructure are shared, Samaritan College endeavours to educate the whole person in faith, wisdom and compassion.

BURSAR FINANCE

Samaritan College is seeking applications from suitably experienced people for the above position.

Based at Saint John's Campus with liaison across three campuses, the successful applicant will have formal training in, and relevant worksite experience with;
- Financial and Payroll software packages
- Microsoft Office programs
- Financial processes

The role specification is available on the college website. Grade classification and salary determination will be based on qualifications, and/or experience. All applicants are subject to Catholic Education SA screening procedures.

The successful applicant will commence June 15, 2010.

Applications along with name and contact details of 2 referees can be posted or emailed by COB Monday, May 17, 2010 to:

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During this week the students from Years 3, 5 and 7 are participating in the National Literacy and Numeracy Tests. These tests will provide students, teachers and parents with specific information about what students know and can do in aspects of Literacy and Numeracy.

The results of these tests are really a ‘snap shot’ of your child’s academic progress on the day. Teachers on-going assessment helps to further develop their strengths and address areas of development.

Congratulations to Jo and Chris Arcobelli who became parents on Monday night. Welcome to Cooper James Arcobelli.

Pat Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

FIRST EUCHARIST WORKSHOP

The children of both OLHCC and STC who are participating in the First Eucharist program have the first of two workshops on Friday, May 21 at St Teresa’s Church. The children need to be at the church by 8:45am and are to be collected at 3:00pm. The children need to bring a packed recess and lunch. They also need a drink bottle. The children may wear casual clothes but they will need their school hat.

REJUVENATED OVAL AT ST TERESA’S

After 12 months, the St Teresa’s Campus Oval has been opened after a much needed make over. Underground watering and new grass has made for a wonderful playing surface. The children are very excited to be able to use this wonderful facility.

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING

St Teresa’s Campus is pleased to be part of a pilot newspaper recycling project in schools. Families who were interested have received a special tote bag to bring their used newspapers to school. The newspapers will be placed in special blue wheelie bins. The College will receive $100 per tonne of recycled newsprint which will go to charity. Only newspaper is to go into the blue bin. Glossy inserts and catalogues are to be removed and placed in yellow bins.

FOUND

LENS CAP FOR A SONY 55MM CAMERA
was found after the primary sports day.

If this belongs to you - please collect from OLHCC.
We have run out of the special red tote bags but anyone is welcome to recycle their newspapers at this stage. We are going to see how the program goes before extending it to other campuses.

**STC LITURGIES AND ASSEMBLIES**

Next week Year 6/7 Gogoll will celebrate Liturgy at St Teresa’s Campus on Thursday, May 20 at 9:30am.

Year 4/5 Usher will host the Campus Assembly on Friday, May 21 at 9:30am in the shelter.

*Bernie Meixner*

CAMPUS COORDINATOR - STC

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY**

This year Mary Help of Christians Feast Day will be celebrated with a Year 4-7 Mass and a Liturgy on Thursday May 20.

The Year 4-7 Mass will take place at 9:15am with the Year 6/7 Fahey/Gill leading the Mass. And Rec/Year 1 Cooper and Year 1/2 Rothe with be leading the Liturgy will take place at 12:15am in the Church.

At 1 pm there will be a picnic lunch for all students, staff and parents. It would be great to see you there to celebrate this special day as Mary is the patroness of Australia and our campus.

*Bernie Meixner*

CAMPUS COORDINATOR - STC

**FOYER DISPLAY**

What a fantastic display Year 4/5 Fiedler have done for this fortnights Foyer Display all about ‘Anzac Day’. The students have written special prayers to the Anzacs. Come along to the Front Office to view see this eye catching display.

God Bless

*Eleni Vailas*

CAMPUS COORDINATOR - OLHCC

**AFL AUSKICK**

This term the AFL AUSKICK program will be a focus across both primary campuses. As in years gone by, students have the chance to purchase an AUSKICK pack. The pack is designed to increase interest in football and contains a range of goodies for the children to enjoy. This year there are 2 different packs available for students. The packs are priced at $45 and $25 respectively. Examples of the packs are on show in the school office of each primary campus. This week your child will receive an AFL AUSKICK form. If you are interested in purchasing a pack, please fill out and return the form with the appropriate money. All money and completed forms can be handed in to your school office. Thank you for your continued support.

*Gareth Molyneux*

AUSKICK COORDINATOR

**PARENT LITERACY WORKSHOPS**

Over the next two weeks the Parent Literacy Workshops will focus on the areas of Reading and Writing. With this in mind, we felt it was a timely opportunity to reflect on how to help children with reading and writing at home.

If you would like further information on any of theses strategies please contact Ruth Donnellan or Lou Whitehouse.

**WHEN HEARING CHILDREN READ**

Let the child see that you enjoy reading with them

Maintain a happy and relaxed atmosphere. Be patient. Give the child time to have a go.

Introduce a new book before asking the child to read. If the child hasn’t read the text before:

- tell them the title
- discuss the pictures and the main ideas
- introduce the characters
- look for words that may be tricky
- let the child hold the book and turn the pages.

Reading is a problem solving process and we are aiming for the child to think for themselves. Don’t interrupt immediately a child makes an error. Wait until they have finished the sentence before interrupting.

Ask:
- “Does that make sense?”
- “Does it sound right?”
- “Look at the picture”
- “What does the word begin with?”

**HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH WRITING**

Talk about the purposes for which you are writing and the advantages of using writing, eg: telephone messages, shopping lists to aid memory.

Encourage children to make greeting cards for special occasions.

Use scrap paper or books made from spare paper to make personalised books with children. Glue a photograph or picture chosen by the child into the book and ask the child to tell something about the picture. Let the child see you write their words and sentences. Add more pages and encourage children to read ‘their’ book.

Play games using letter sounds, eg: ‘I Spy’

Encourage children to attempt the writing of unknown words. Ask:
- “What does it start with?”
- “What letters can you hear?”
- “Stretch out the word to hear all the letters”

Praise children’s writing efforts and initially respond to the message rather than the grammar or spelling.

If your child asks you to help them ‘fix’ their writing, work together reading the writing aloud. Some or all of these questions may be helpful.

- Does the writing make sense? (Mark any places where the meaning isn’t clear.)
- Could the ideas be placed in a better order?
- Are there any details which could be left out?
- Does the punctuation make the meaning clearer?
- Have you underlined any words that you are unsure of?
WHYALLA CAREERS EXPO

This is being held at the UniSA campus on May 25 from 10am-3pm. It not only showcases various careers but also a range of training options. Our Year 11 students will walk with teachers to and from UniSA at 11am and the Year 12s will walk to and from UniSA at 1:30pm. The general public is also welcome to attend.

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Damien Judd
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

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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

YEAR 9 ENGLISH

One of the components of the Year Nine English course is studying a class novel. This term, Year 9 Blue has enjoyed reading The Wave, written by Morton Rhue. The novel, first published in 1981, is set in 1969 and focuses around a history teacher who endeavours to teach his students why the Germans allowed Adolf Hitler and the genocidal Nazi Party to rise to power. While the first lesson begins successfully and in a light-hearted manner, students’ reactions to the experiment soon intensify and it has more impact on the student body than just realisation of life as a Nazi soldier.

The students in 9 Blue have impressively read the novel within the first two weeks of this term, demonstrating that they have been entertained by the novel’s content and have enjoyed learning about Nazi Germany.

Students have now begun their creative writing assignment, where they will take on a persona of one of the main characters and write a letter to ‘themselves’ that featured at the beginning of the novel. They will use the letter to give ‘themselves’ advice on how their character should progress through the novel, rather than the way they did.

The Wave has been a very interesting read and has introduced many themes that are significant to the lives of teenagers today, as well as enhancing their knowledge of a momentous event in recent history. If you can find the time, picking up your child’s copy of the novel would be time well spent, enabling you to discuss these themes with your children.

Rebecca Pollard
ENGLISH TEACHER
MURRAY VENTURE 2010

The Year 10 Murray Venture has recently been completed for another year.

Starting in the second week of the holidays and continuing up until the end of Week 2, three groups of Year 10 students put to the test their teamwork skills, outdoor living capabilities, along with their own personal resilience and fortitude. Through the rain, mist, fog, drizzle, cold nights, and hot days students, in their respective teams, ran the basecamp community at Castle’s Landing on the Murray River. They prepared and cooked meals, packed gear, rationed food and equipment and navigated their way to overnight camps, trekking towards Blanchetown and Swan Reach, in doing so taking turns in kayaking and hiking. Students struggled under heavy loads and in unfamiliar conditions, forging new friendships as new leaders emerged from the various groups, always with the slogan “triumph over adversity” in the backs of their minds.

The students who attended the Murray Venture this year are to be commended for their positive attitude and the adventurous energy they produced on a daily basis.

Speaking from a staff and volunteer point of view, the Murray Venture was very much a team effort. A sincere thank you goes to the following people for their assistance throughout the previous three weeks: Miss Kate Nolan, Mr James Keating, Miss Kirby Howell, Miss Denise Rule, Mrs Christine Duffield, Mr Joshua Boden, Mr Matthew Quist, Miss Alison Battersby, Miss Rachel Gould, and Mr John Lyons. Thanks also goes to Kylie Tiver who volunteered her time and kayaking skills to the cause, and parent helpers Bruce Scott and David Foote for their assistance in setting up base camp, running support vehicles and towing equipment.

Without the help of all these people such a successful event would never have been possible.

Trent Keiper
YEAR 10 COORDINATOR

LEGAL STUDIES CAMP

Last week students in Year 11 Legal Studies and Year 12 Justice in Society spent 2½ days in Adelaide observing the law in action. Among the highlights were attending trials in the Magistrates’ Court, viewing a murder trial in the Supreme Court, a tour of the Police Academy, a behind-the-scenes tour of Parliament House and, as in the past, the ghost tour of the Old Adelaide Gaol. We crammed a lot into the short time we were in the city – most students complained they didn’t get enough time in the courts – but they all gained a lot from this valuable experience.

Tanya Gibson
SOSE COORDINATOR

PENTECOST

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; And you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.”

SAMARITAN COLLEGE YOUTH MASS

Saturday 22nd May 2010 @ 7:00pm - Saint Teresa’s Church

ALL WELCOME

Prepared by the Year 11 Liturgical Religion class incorporating dance, modern music, drama, singing and biblical readings into the service.
COMMUNITY NEWS

ST TERESA’S CAMPUS | OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS | SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS
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Mon | Karen Taylor | HELP NEEDED | Sue Clements | Chris Barsby
Tue | Hannah O’Reilly | Karen Turnbull | Helen Butt | Leanne Carter
Wed | Nicole Higgins | Dana Campion | Kylie Hoffman | Anneli Hardman | Bev Carlson
Thu | Donna Clark | Tonia Munday | Chris Ernesti | Julie Rotherham | HELP NEEDED
Fri | Judi Kneebone | Carmel Rosalia | Sunny Chung | Julia McMahon | Nicola Faulds

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THE WHYALLA SINGERS PRESENTS

MUSICAL SPECTACULAR

ON SATURDAY MAY 15TH AT 7.00 PM
AT WHYALLA UNITING CHURCH HALL
CRN OF PETERS ST & BARTER ST


Come and join us for a relaxing evening of entertainment and light refreshments.

Adults $10, Children $5, Family $25

Enquiries to Roslyn Barker (08)8645 1938
Or Skye Sunman (08)8645 4109