Dear parents and caregivers

“……my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete”

John 15:11

In the Letters of John we discover the true joy of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Being a Christian is and ought to be characterised by joy, a joy that John describes as complete or fulfilled. John describes joy as a gift from God, which comes from the knowledge and experience of the life that God gives.

This week has been nothing but SPECTACULAR! We thank God for the blessings of goodwill, the ethic of work and effort and the many gifts and talents of the young people and families we serve and for the dynamic nature of those who serve them. The lead up to the Samaritan Spectacular has witnessed many meetings, planning and practise to bring it all together. We would particularly like to thank Alexia Prokopec for coordinating the event, along with Winnie Fitzgerald, Melinda Gray, Pierre Visser and Julia Anttilla who have choreographed and supported many acts. In addition we would like to thank individual teachers who worked with acts and the staff and volunteers who supervised backstage and in the auditorium during the matinee and each evening. We are most grateful for the positive enthusiasm surrounding the entire project. A full photo story will be in next week’s Newsletter.

We have spoken with many prospective Year 7 families over the course of the last few weeks as the transition program is underway. A question often asked is what sets us apart as a Catholic school? There is not a straightforward answer, as all schools have programs of holistic nature. Yet embedded in the essence of a Catholic school is the sacramentality that drives what and how we do; the belief as found in the letters of John, that life is good and there is hope in all we endeavour to provide. In Catholic schools, tradition and story help to contribute to community life. We acknowledge that not all learning is measurable, there are many intangibles and often it is the intangibles that provide the most ‘teachable moments’. The fervour and indulgence of the arts this week has provided such moments. Again we give thanks for opportunity to express ourselves in such a celebratory way.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Daniel and Ryan Adamson, Jack, Kate, Jared and Ben Inglis, whose dear grandfathers passed away this week. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

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THE GIFT OF SIGHT

Last night our First Eucharist families celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, inspired by the story of Jesus healing the blind beggar, Bartimaeus.

We reflected on our experience of bad habits sneaking up on us, getting established in our lives, and gradually making us blind - blind to the needs of the poor and disadvantaged, blind to the need to nourish our marriages, blind even to the needs of our children for our time and love.

Set free by the Lord's loving forgiveness, we see clearly once again, and resolve to follow him "along the way". God's forgiveness is free and gracious - it demands nothing from us in return.

That being said, we see our own weaknesses clearly enough that we know we need to replace our bad habits with good ones.

First Eucharist is a great opportunity to re-orient our family's life: to turn off the TV and computers, to find time for family prayer, to make the Sunday Eucharist a priority in our family's life.

Like Bartimaeus, we can give up living a beggar's life, dependent on what the networks and game producers decide to hand us. Having the gift of sight means we can recover the power of decision-making in our family. Among all the options on offer, we can decide to follow the only one who truly has our family's best interests at heart.

Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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UNIFORM SHOP

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

The Uniform shop now has art smocks available for junior primary.

Special Deal
Discontinued line - half zip windcheater sizes 12 & 14 only - $30
Kerry Azzopardi  Sharron Waldron
Toal Street, Whyalla Stuart
Ph: 8649 3168

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

"a united Australia which respects this land of ours; values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage; and provides justice and equity for all"

National Reconciliation Week celebrates the rich culture and history of the First Australians. It is held each year between May 27 and June 3; these two particular dates are significant to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

It is the time to join in the reconciliation conversation and think about how we can assist the disadvantage experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Reconciliation Prayer

Holy Father, God of Love,
You are the Creator of this land and of all good things.
We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history
and the sufferings of our peoples,
and we ask your forgiveness.
We thank you for the survival of indigenous cultures.
Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus
to reconcile the world to you.
We pray for your strength and grace to forgive,
accept and love one another,
as you love us and forgive and accept us
in the sacrifice of your Son.
Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history
so that we may build a better future for our nation.
Teach us to respect all cultures.
Teach us to care for our land and waters.
Help us to share justly the resources of this land.
Help us to bring about spiritual and social change
to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities,
especially the disadvantaged.
Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your
Spirit.
May your power and love be the foundations
on which we build our families, our communities and our nation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prepared by Wontulp Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group13th
March, 1997, Brisbane QLD
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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can help with
- ☐ Vegie preparation during the day
- ☐ Serving at night
for the Parent Community Dinner, June 19.

Please return to your campus office.

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 June 10
(subject to change)

Blue Swimmer Crab Bisque
Sashimi Tuna, Wasabi Mayonnaise, Pickled Daikon and Cucumber
Braised Fillet of Grainfed Beef, Creamed Garlic Potatoes, Young Carrots, French Beans, Braisage
Raspberry and Apple Crumble, Vanilla Parfait, Cashew Toffee

Future Dates:
June 24 August 26 November 4
July 29 September 9 November 18
August 12 October 21 December 2

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

COMPUTER CORNER

MIDDLE PRIMARY TO JUNIOR SECONDARY
Some good sites in literacy for revision and fun.

Comic Creator (student can create personal comic)
www.readwritethink.org/materials/comic/index.html

Factmonster (Almanac, dictionary, encyclopedia)
www.factmonster.com

Writing fun by Jenny (check out the meaning of text types)

The Biography Maker (great for assignments on famous people)
www.bham.wednet.edu/bio/biomak2.htm

Project Gutenberg (Project Gutenberg is the original free digital library of books no longer in copyright)
www.gutenberg.org

Millenium Mystery Madness (Look at how a mystery was formed, what should go into a mystery, and who wrote the first mystery. Then play some games to test your knowledge)
http://library.thinkquest.org/1002344/

Exercises at Grammar Bytes (Grammar revision-Adobe Reader required)
www.chompchomp.com/exercises.htm

Blue Book of grammar and punctuation (Grammar, punctuation revision)
www.grammarbook.com/ Rules and interactive tests

Kidsreads.com (This site offers a place for parents and children to explore books and their reviews)
http://kidsreads.com

Topic Tangle (Vocab. building- Word scramble game)
www.classbrain.com/artgames/publish/article_51.shtml

Jenny Kondylas

By viewing the newsletter online you will be able to use the embedded links in this document to go directly to these sites.
FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

This weekend the children preparing for First Eucharist will celebrate this Sacrament.

Families have received notification of which Mass they are attending. Please be at the church fifteen minutes early to find your seats and for the children to be ready in the hall at St Teresa’s Church or the Parish Room at Our Lady Help of Christians Church.

There will be a cake to celebrate the occasion after each Mass.

I wish to congratulate all the children for their involvement in the workshops. Their preparation and willingness to learn more about the Eucharist has been excellent.

WELCOME

Samaritan College welcomes Orion B and Oran B to our community. We trust they will have an enjoyable association with the College.

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING – STC

Keep bringing in your old newspapers and place them in the special blue recycling bins.

We have now filled 5 bins with old newspapers. The people waiting for their newspaper recycling bags will need to wait a little longer. As soon as they arrive I will distribute them.

MASS AND ASSEMBLY – STC

R/1 Sanders will celebrate Liturgy in the Library next Thursday at 9:30am in the Library.

Families are most welcome to attend.

Assembly will be lead by 3/4 Opie in the Library at 9:30am on Friday June 11.

Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATOR - STC

THE HUMAN RACE

Last week the primary campuses enjoyed a wonderful production called, “The Human Race”. Actors Dan and Jo from Brainstorm Productions were energetic and entertaining as they taught us about friendship, respect and how to deal with bullies. Here are some comments from students....

Melinda Gray and Winnie Fitzgerald
PRIMARY CAMPUS ARTS COORDINATORS

The Human Race production was interesting because they showed us strategies to deal with bullying. Lots of children were involved either on the stage or in the audience singing and doing the actions.

Shannon O’R

They presented the performance in an entertaining way so that the younger students would not get board and the older students were entertained too.

Lauren C and Sophie P

“We learnt about respect. Respect is being kind, nice, sharing and being brave”.

Georgia and Isaac (R/1 Hancock)

The characters were funny. They showed lots of expression, it was easy to understand how they were feeling.

Sam C and Lauren C

“We learnt that we should respect others and treat one another the way we want to be treated. We also learnt not to treat other cultures differently because we are all humans and share the same needs and wants”.

Yolande, Hannah and Grace (Year 6/7 Fahey)
LITURGY OF THE WORD - OLHCC

You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, June 10 at 12:30pm in the Church. It will be presented by, Mrs Tullio, Ms Seals, and Ms Fiedler and the First Communicants as a continuation of our First Eucharist celebrations. We hope to see you there!

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR - OLHCC

LOST
A size 8 jumper belonging to Tom H in R/1 Owens has been lost. If found please return to Mrs Owens or the St Teresa’s Office.

FOR SALE
Grandparents have a full summer & winter uniform for Junior Primary child all size 4 ring 8649 1705

AUSKICK

Next week (end of Week 8) is the final week to purchase an AUSKICK pack. Students across both primary campuses have been enjoying learning a range of AFL skills and developing their knowledge of the game. If you are still interested in purchasing an AUSKICK pack there is still time. As previously mentioned, packs are $25 or $45 respectively and all money can be dropped into your child’s school office. The packs remain on display if you are interested in having a look. At the end of Week 8 all money will be tallied and the packs will be ordered. Thank you for your continued support.

Gareth Molyneux
AUSKICK COORDINATOR

JUNIOR HOCKEY

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Karen Pudney
ON BEHALF OF THE JUNIOR HOCKEY COMMITTEE

SECONDARY NEWS

EXAMS

Year 11s and 12s begin their mid-year exams at some stage next week and for Year 11s this flows into the week after. Aside from exams, students may also have supervised practicals to complete and a range of other tasks. Whilst exams are just one of several types of assessment that are now used to measure student achievement, they are certainly one of the main ways and these exams now will provide Year 12 teachers with valuable feedback as to where their students are before the main end of year exams take place.

For Year 11s the notion of having a full exam week and only being required at school for exams will be relatively new for many. It is important that this time is not seen as a ‘week off’ and that any time when an exam is not rostered, the student should be preparing for the next exam or assignment. Year 10s will go through a smaller version of this the following week.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 11 students should now be finalising their placement for Work Experience starting June 21. Parents need to be happy that their child has selected an appropriate workplace both from a future employment perspective but also a safety aspect. Students will receive some basic OHSW preparation before they begin their week of work experience.

SPORTING EVENTS

We have a range of sporting competitions that our Campus competes in. Parents and relatives are most welcome to come and support.

Damien Judd
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

YEAR 12 MATTERS

Exams and Work Completions

The Year 12s begin their mid-year exams on Monday, June 7. These exams and work completions end next Friday June 11th. A copy of the timetable has been distributed to all Year 12 students and pinned on the Year 12 notice board for the past week, and it is students’ responsibility to ensure they are aware of where and when their exams and work completions are to be held.

I cannot stress how important these exams are for our senior students.
For some subjects (such as Legal Studies) exam marks next week count towards students’ final grade. They enable students to identify areas for improvement prior to the final November exams. Teachers use these exams to provide a predicted November exam results to SSABSA.

Students should be aware of exam rules and expectations, but the following serves as a reminder of the key points:

• Students must be dressed in their winter uniform. Students who are in the incorrect uniform (for example, wearing PE or “Mary Jane” shoes) may be sent home to change and miss their exam/work completion.

• Attendance at exams and work completions is compulsory, and students will need to produce a doctor’s certificate if they are unable to attend.

• Students need to be at school at least 10 minutes before an exam/work completion commences. Students who are 10 minutes late will not be admitted until after the 10 minute reading time has lapsed, and students who are more than 30 minutes late will be denied entry.

• Food is not to be brought into the exam room, although students may bring in bottles of water.

• Students are not permitted to use their personal dictionaries. Dictionaries will be provided to those who require them.

Students are not required to attend school if they do not have an examination or work completion. They are, however, welcome to use the College facilities to revise or continue with assignments. Any students on the school grounds throughout the examination week must be in full school uniform. Students will be sent home to change if they are dressed inappropriately. Once finished, students are requested not to wander aimlessly around the school, as all other year levels will be still running normal daily classes.

Yvette Agars
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

YEAR 9S - TAX FILE NUMBER

On Friday, June 18 the Year 9s will be listening to a talk by a representative from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). This talk will give the students some information about how the tax system works in Australia and why it’s much simpler for them to get a Tax File Number (TFN) while they are in Year 9 at school.

After the talk students will be given a form to bring home for the necessary details to be completed. The form needs to be completed and returned before the end of term so it can be sent off to the ATO by us, at the College, on your child’s behalf.

To successfully complete this form your son/daughter will need to have details about either:

• their Australian Birth Certificate registration number, the state it was issued in and the year of registration.

OR

• their overseas passport number and the country of nationality.

OR

• their Australian citizenship number (which usually begins with the letters ACC or ROC) and the date the certificate was issued.

I am giving you this information before the form is sent home because some of you may need to contact the relevant government department to obtain a copy of the necessary certificate.

Christine Duffield
YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

YEAR 8/9 BOYS SOCCER

On Thursday of last week a group of talented year 8 & 9 boys competed in a ‘friendly’ soccer match against Whyalla High. Unfortunately the score line did not favour us, but lucky for the boys they still progress through to the next round. Thank you to Miss Rebecca Pollard for donating her time to help supervise the boys, to Lee McCann and Brad Luxton for their coaching expertise and Lachlan Barr for assisting with umpiring. All reports from the day were positive and they look forward to beating them next time they come up against them.

The team consisted of- Dale R, Patrick W, Jake C, Sam V, Courtland S, Jacob S , Ben M, Liam W, Adam D, Bailey M, Anthony F, Lachlan M and Ethan K.

Kate Nolan
PE & SPORTS COORDINATOR
**Canteen Rosters**  
*Monday, June 7 – Friday, June 11*

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**Annette Cameron**  
CANTEEN MANAGER

**Rose Cassar**  
CANTEEN MANAGER

**Marg Coad**  
CANTEEN MANAGER

**Community News**

**First Communion Gifts**

The parish has for sale Cards, Rosary Beads, Crucifixes and gifts suitable for first Eucharist. These are available from the Parish office at Our Lady Help of Christians Office this week and at weekend masses.

You can call the Parish office/s between 11am and 3:30pm to make a time to see them earlier if you wish.

*Sr. Cheryle*

**Murder at Moonta?**

Last Thursday students from Year 10 Great Australian Crimes and Trials spent the day in Moonta experiencing life in the small mining town during the 1870s. The purpose of the trip was to “set the scene” for one of South Australia’s most controversial murder investigations and subsequent trials – that of 25-year-old Elizabeth Woolcock, the only woman executed in this state. Elizabeth was convicted of poisoning her husband, Thomas, and our visit to the Moonta Mine Museum, Miner’s Cottage and cemetery gave students the chance to learn more about this fascinating case – and in particular what motive Elizabeth might have had for killing her husband and the likelihood that he died from natural causes. Whilst we know for sure that Thomas died of mercury poisoning, over the next few weeks students will investigate whether he ingested it naturally, whether it was an accidental overdose or whether it was deliberately administered by his wife or another party . . . Who knows? Maybe one of our budding detectives will uncover the final piece of evidence that proves once and for all whether Elizabeth was innocent or guilty.

Tanya Gibson  
SOSE COORDINATOR

**Sr. Cheryle**
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.

Tickets now available at all campus offices.

HELP NEEDED

Preparation and Serving help needed.
Please fill in the slip in the newsletter and return to a campus office.