Dear Parents/Caregivers,

“Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ”
Rule of Benedict 53:1

In the tradition of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, Samaritan College welcomes everyone back from the holiday break especially any families new to our community. You are very welcome and we trust you find Samaritan to be a place where you truly belong.

As part of our celebration year of 70 years of Catholic Education in Whyalla and 50 years of the Christian Brothers we are examining the charisms of our founders to keep the spirit alive and well in our College. On Monday staff participated in a seminar on the Charism of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan who came to Whyalla in 1942 to establish a primary school but ended up with a number of secondary students hence they were then responsible for schooling both primary and secondary until the brothers arrived, in 1963, to undertake the education of the boys from Year 6 onwards.

We mourn the death this week and thank God for the life of Sr Gwen Bade, a Good Sam sister who was here in the early 80s. Many of you may remember her as your Principal at St Teresa's campus. She was a very dedicated and professional lady who loved our community and served it well.

A Happy Easter to everyone as we are still in the Easter season, a time when we can be renewed and refreshed physically and spiritually. During our Easter break we celebrated the life of Fr Tony Redden at his funeral service in Peterborough. As many of you would be aware he was such a vibrant part of our community for so many years and instrumental in the beginnings of Samaritan College. We thank God for the life of Tony and may he rest in peace with his “Boss” in heaven, as he referred to God on many occasions.

A big disappointment for the Year 10 students and teachers who were to take part in the Murray Venture in the first three weeks of term, however due to flooding of camp grounds and for the safety of our students it was postponed. Watch for news of when it

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may be rescheduled. Thanks to Kate Nolan for all her work for the event.

Once again the term, as normal, is full of events and activities which indicates a healthy vibrant place of education. It will be extremely important for parents to read the newsletter and pin it to the fridge. It is also available online through our website, so if your child is not able to distribute to you go online.

Congratulations to Cassie Francis on her engagement to Sam. Also wedding bells and celebrations for Stacey Hearne who was married to Brad in the holidays. We wish them all a life of happiness and joy.

“We commit ourselves to live in deeper communion with God and one another.”

Good Samaritan Sisters Statement of Directions.

What a proud moment for us on Wednesday, ANZAC Day as we walked with our students in the March to the Memorial Gates. Our students were so respectful and generous with their time as they participated in an occasion that was very moving and prayerful. When we sang the National Anthem our students sang loud and clear showing great pride in Gates.

Religious Dimension

As we move closer to June the preparations for the reunion weekend are heightening and there is much talk about days gone by and fond memories of people from different eras. At this point we spare a moment to give thanks for the lives of Father Tony Redden and Sister Gwen Bade who have both recently passed away but who will be fondly remembered always. Their spirit will live in the hearts of our collective community and be a source of inspiration to all.

Last Monday the College staff engaged in a spirituality day which focused on the mission and charism of the Good Samaritan Sisters. The story of the Sisters helps our College define its mission and purpose and so we have a responsibility to keep the traditions and values of ‘Good Sams’ alive today and into the future. We have much to know and learn from the humility, hospitality, service and faithfulness of the sisters who we acknowledge as a crucial factor in the development of our wonderful College.

The reunion in June is not only a walk down memory lane for those who had anything to do with the College thirty or forty years ago. We are all part of the Samaritan story irrespective of how long we have been part of the community. We all are part of the journey and the celebrations are as much for the present as they are for the past.

As so we continue the Easter journey we give thanks for the spirit and traditions of the Good Samaritan sisters, the Christian brothers, priests and every member of our community for the gifts and talents they offer the people of Samaritan College and the city of Whyalla.

Benedictine Sisters

The Good Sam’s Spirituality Day for Staff.

The Aim:

1. To share the Good Summit’s spirituality and identity with staff.
2. To reflect on the identity and purpose of the College.
3. To encourage and focus on the identity and mission of the College.
4. To highlight the history and traditions of the College.
5. To encourage staff to be a part of the College identity.

This also celebrates the identity of our school.

The final part of the day will be a Q&A session where staff can ask questions and share their responses.

The day will be held in the College Library from 3.00pm to 4.30pm.

Telephone: Fr Tony Redden

Office: (08) 8644 4666

Diarise this date: Friday, 29th June 2012

It’s a great day for all staff.

Religious Dimension

Easter breaths of peace and joy

Sister Sonia Wagner

ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM.

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Bernie Meixner
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Primary Sports Day
Friday, May 11
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 and
  ☐ Yr 4-7 classes
  Time: 9:45am-11:00am

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

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

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PRIMARY CAMPUSES LIBRARIES

Just a few start of term reminders about the library:

• find out when your child’s library day is
• make sure they have a waterproof library bag
• library bags are available for purchase at the uniform shop and the front office of both primary campuses for $10 (strong, durable, waterproof, velcro shut)
• please make sure your child’s name is written clearly on the outside of the library bag (on the paper insert)
• encourage your child to borrow regularly - at least once a week, but can be done daily if wished!
• if your child needs longer than a week to read their book, no problem; ask them to bring their book in for an extension
• it is NEVER too late to bring a book back (even if it has been at home for 5 years!)
• at the end of each term all books are always due back (this includes readers)
• invoices will be mailed to families with outstanding books asking for payment to replace the book if it cannot be found at the end of term (monies will be reimbursed though if the book is found at a later date)

Tips on how to avoid lost or damaged books:

• help your child decide on a set place to keep their library bag when not using it (ie school bag, at school in their tray, in a drawer in their bedroom)
• when your child has finished reading the book, keep it in the library bag (preventing younger siblings scribbling or ripping, pet damage, spillages, misplacing etc.)
• make library borrowing a regular habit and let your child be responsible for it entirely on their own (more likely to remember where their library bag is!)
• take time to read the book with your child and make it a fun, special time
• in the event of a damaged book, please return the book to the library asap as most times we can fix it (we have special materials for this purpose)

We appreciate your co-operation, and look forward to seeing your child regularly.

Tracery McLean, Tania Taylor, Diana Jeffery, Ann Wilson and Ruth Gardiner

Your in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion,

Bernie Meixner

APRIM

SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

Welcome back. Term 2, like all the other terms, have many events and activities. We urge parents and students to regularly check their College Calendar and Newsletter for updates.

Some of these events include:

Senior Formal - parents of Year 11 and 12 students will be receiving a letter soon explaining some of our expectations of the evening.

Sports Day - just a few weeks away - all students are expected to participate in at least one event

Senior Exams

Retreats

Co-Principals’ Tours

NAPLAN - for Year 9s at this campus.

We also have a range of Cybersafety initiatives occurring this term. It is still an ongoing process to work with students, and some parents, regarding what is safe, sensible and simply appropriate to put, post or write on the Internet. Facebook is only one aspect of a child’s ‘cyber’ profile of which parents need to be aware.

HANDWRITING FOR YEAR 12s

One of the oddities of the Year 12 assessment process from the SACE Board is that most work is submitted typed and word processed yet for those subjects that still have exams, they are handwritten. We deliberately provide opportunities i.e. mid year exams, so that students can actually practice writing with a pen for 3 hours. It is not an easy task let alone if they rarely do it anymore. It is worth asking them about their ability to handwrite for 3 hours.

MURRAY VENTURE

Parents of our Year 10 students may now be aware of the upcoming ‘UMat’ test and the fact they had to post this test as part of their final Year 10 assessment. The Murray Venture was set up due to the Murray Basin Authority and other locals being unable to bring their Year 10 students to the Murray Basin Authority for an important water study. Interviews were conducted by skilled interviewers for the Murray venture.

The ‘replacement’ camp for the Year 10s will be decided soon and we will be looking to future river conditions, other school events and availability of the appropriately qualified staff. Work Experience for the Year 10s remains as planned and students will attend school as normal, unless on Work Experience.

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is now accepting applications for young Australians to join a voyage on the ship ‘Young Endeavour’ between July and December this year. Applications are accepted through their website www.youngendeavour.gov.au and students are selected by ballot. It normally costs around $1750 for an 11 day voyage. No sailing experience is needed and applicants must be between 16-21 years old. There are some restrictions that are outlined on the website.

Damen Judd

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

9 GOLD MASS

Year 9 Gold will celebrate Mass on Wednesday, May 2 at 9:00am. This Mass will be held in the Chapel at Saint John’s Campus.

YEAR 12 SEMINAR DAY

The next Year 12 Seminar Day will be held on Wednesday, May 9. The topic for this session is Prayer Life. The seminar will occur during the Year 12 Religious Education time.

Bernie Meixner

APRIM

UMAT

UMAT is the Undergraduate Medicine (and Health Sciences) Admissions Tests. This is a test that must be sat at least once. It is only sat on Wednesday, July 25. Students must pre-register to sit this test. Therefore only students who register will be able to participate.

Registrations are OPEN NOW. For more information including how to register, what courses require the UMAT and also how to purchase UMAT Practice materials, please visit umatweb.acer.edu.au. Googling ‘UMAT’ will show a list of private companies that provide help in passing the test although assistance is provided on the UMAT website.
You are warmly invited to attend…

Enrolment/Transition Evenings
May 22, May 23 or May 28, 7:30pm
New Enrolments or Transition for continuing Samaritan students going into Year 8 in 2013 at Saint John’s Campus for students and parents. (No siblings please, due to limited space.)

*Bookings essential.*

Co-Principals’ Secondary Evening Tours
Saint John’s Campus
May 30, 5:00-9:00pm
Bookings for Tours will be taken at the Transition/Enrolment Evenings. Families welcome on Tours.

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

Please Note: This event is held at:
Conference Centre
Christian Brothers College
214 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

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**CANTEEN ROSTERS**
Monday, April 30 – Friday, May 4

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