Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As we settle into the term after the ‘short week’, the weather has turned and we begin to think of the steadier months of winter, where we are inclined to be indoors more, and for our senior students, the need to settle into the rigours of school life become more apparent. For Years 11 and 12, that sense of solid initiative may well come once we move past the enjoyment of this Friday evening’s Formal, as students, families and staff gather together in celebration of their development as fine young men and women.

RESPECT AND LEARNING

Every day our interactions tell us that the above statement strikes at the heart of our work, where relationship, love of our young people and our role in guidance are paramount in helping you as parents form the young people in our care. We do this through numerous modes of communication which is encouraged to be two-way. We continue to encourage open dialogue with you and seek your assistance in helping our young people make sensible choices. As a community we recognise and value the civic duty of adults in caring for young people. At times we might be alerted to matters that require support and careful attention. At all times it is our endeavour to act confidentially and with the personal dignity of the individual as the first priority. This means that we do not indulge gossip and send a clear message to our students that we do not condone such disrespect of our fellow human beings in this way. In a school setting it is ongoing work that we chip away at, through formal programs, assemblies, informal and formal conversations, student counselor-generated workshops and in our daily manner of engagement. Such is the nature of education – the learning is life-long and comes in many modes.

ANZAC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Last week we thanked our young people in a general sense, for their attendance and reverence at the Anzac Day Commemoration and March. We have published their names this week as we feel strongly that acknowledgement of their efforts and ambassadorship should be duly noted.

Thank you to: Zachary Whitehouse, Verity Kenny, Tyler Callaghan, Tori Ferguson, Sophie Ward, Sophie Tonkin, Ruby Keating, Romy Foote, Rochelle Kneebone, Radha Tucker, Llyod Caddy, Lee McCann, Kiara Leopold, Kaitlyn Morgan, Jessica McMullen, Jasmine Samu, Jasmin Heron, Jacob Castle, Georgia Stamoulis, Georgia Leahy, Emily Clements, Elyssa Schreiner, Eddie McCarrol, Daniel Meixner, Callum Judd, Brad Luxton, Blake Cleary, Ben Schreiner, Alex Taylor for your commitment to this most newest Australian tradition.

Some of our students also represented the forces: Jarrod Cust - Scouts, Tamika Binder - Navy Cadets, Lachlan Hobbs - Army Cadets and Hayden Campbell - Air Force Cadets.

“I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me.”

John 10: 14
The Eucharist is for the World, not just the Church

May 1 was traditionally called “8 Hour Day”, and commemorated the achievement of feasible working hours suitable for workers, families and businesses. The Church added the Feast of “Saint Joseph the Worker” to this day, acknowledging the intrinsic value of human work. Work is a co-operation with the creative power of God; it provides sustenance for families and children; it builds up the world; it enables gifts and talents to be expressed in productive outcomes; it is the source of capital which may be used for investment.

Catholics are sometimes criticised for wanting to have a say in the running of the world – the world of work, of education, of healthcare, of government spending, of investment decisions by companies, of the human rights of the unborn and the elderly and frail. A former federal government minister scolded us for being involved in the refugee debate – “Get back to your prayers and masses!” he said.

These critics don’t understand that we Catholics are impelled by the Good News of Jesus Christ, to develop and discover this Good News in the world around us. For Catholics, baptism is not a “private” sacrament, but an initiation into the work of God in the world.

Our Grade 4 students are commencing their preparation for Sacrament of Eucharist – or should I say, their families are preparing for this renewal of Catholic faith in their homes and with their children. In the Eucharist, we find, as did the Emmaus travellers, that “our hearts burn within us, and we recognise Him in the breaking of the bread”. We are never the same again, and feel the need to follow Jesus, to build his kingdom, bit by bit, conversation by conversation, friendship by friendship.

For each family which takes to heart the gift of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, the world around them, and their home, will be just that much more holy, that much happier, that much more secure in the grace of God. Please pray for each of these families – to do so is to invest in your own family’s peace and happiness!

Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM.

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Recently I had the opportunity of attending the funeral of a Good Samaritan nun, Sister Gwen Bade. I worked with Sister Gwen early in my teaching career and still remember, and often use, some of those words of wisdom she shared with me. The Sisters of The Good Samaritan have lived their lives according to the rule of St Benedict.

Even though St Benedict lived over 1500 years ago his words of wisdom still have significance today. Our recent professional development day on the charisms of the Good Samaritan Sisters also reminded me of what we can learn from others if we choose to actively engage with the words presented to us.

There are more words of wisdom in this week’s Gospel. We are reminded that life’s experiences teach us that, as members of the Earth community, we cannot make it on our own. We need one another and we need the other living creatures that inhabit our planet.

The vine image in the Gospel is one of life and growth, of colour and vibrancy. Jesus is the vine and God is the vine grower and a vine without branches is inconceivable. The words of the gospel also invite us to acknowledge our interconnection with the whole of the Earth community, to nurture the wonderful biodiversity of our planet, and to accept the inevitability of pruning if we are to ‘bear fruit’ and ‘become disciples’.

‘Pruning’ can take various forms. A chance encounter, a sudden inspiration, a word from a friend, an unexpected illness, a confronting story can bring us to our senses and serve as a ‘pruning’ device. The first reading for this week recounts the story of Saul of Tarsus who is ‘pruned’ quite dramatically through his encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus. He is transformed from persecutor to defender of Christ and Christ’s followers. The Greek-speaking Christian Jews are suspicious, even murderous, when he tries to preach the gospel among them. Peace ensues, however, and the movement takes hold. Cultural diversity characterised earliest Christianity and tensions had to be resolved between different language groups or groups of different ethnic origin for the words of Jesus to flourish and bear fruit. John’s gospel is written against the backdrop of such ‘pruning’ within the early communities.

Sometimes the requisite ‘pruning’ is respectfully hearing a point of view that differs from one’s own. When are we called upon to do just that?

Christine Duffield
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (SECONDARY)
Alison Hams and Mark Tempany were very pleased to present two Stormfront Music Tutoring showcases at the ‘Fishy Fringe Festival’ on the Easter Weekend. Congratulations to all performers for a very professional job “well done”.

A reminder that music tutoring resumed on Thursday, April 26. Some lesson times may have changed, and families have been informed of this during the holiday break. Students in Grades 5-12 are encouraged to remember their allocated time and make their own way to their lesson.

We look forward to another fun-filled term of music,

Mark & Alison - www.stormfrontproductions.info
PRIMaRY CaMPUS NEwS

**FIRST EUCHARIST**

This weekend the children are required to bring their commitment cards to a Mass of their choice. There are two sets of commitment cards, one for each church. Please ensure the cards are fully completed and attach a photo. The commitment cards are an important means of communicating to the parish which children are preparing for First Eucharist. The parishioners will also take the opportunity to sign your child’s commitment card. Signing the card is the parish’s way of praying for your child in their preparation.

Next week there will be the first workshop for the children. This will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. The children need to be dropped at OLHC Church by 8:45am. The day will conclude at 3:10pm when the children can be collected from OLHC Church.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

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**NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS**

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia will participate in National Literacy and Numeracy Tests in Week 4, May 15, 16 and 17. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests, will provide students, teachers and parents with specific information about what students know and can do in some aspects of literacy and numeracy.

All students are expected to participate in the tests, however, parents do have a right to request that their child is exempted from participation. If you have any concerns please contact Ruth Donnellan (primary) or Tanya Gibson (secondary).

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.

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SECONdary

Week A

Monday Lesson 7 Xavier Wing

Week B

Friday Lesson 1 Xavier Wing

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**PRIORITY CAMPUS NEWS**
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 lecture theatres 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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Issue 3 - 2012
Please bring orders to the OLHC library before and after school.
Please ensure that your teacher's name is written at the top of the form.
Last day for orders is Friday, May 4
Ann Wilson

PRIMaRY CaMPuS LIuRGIeYS aNd ASsemBlIES
There are no assemblies or liturgies next week due to Sports Day.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

COMmUNITy PRoGRaMS
Last year the College was involved in the community programs run by the Supermarket chains - Woolworths and Coles. We ask that you don’t go out of your way to shop at these places just to collect the stickers etc, it isn’t meant to be an added expense. Woolworths Earn & Learn program will run between May 9 to July 1. We haven’t heard from Coles as to when their program will be starting this year.

‘WOOLWOrTHS EarN & LEarN PRoGRaM’
This year there are no docket entries, Woolworths has changed their approach and are going with stickers. As of May 9 when you shop at Woolworths, customers can collect stickers from the checkout operator; there will be one sticker for every $10 spent. We ask that these stickers are brought to school by the students to stick on the sticker cards that Woolworths has provided this year. Once these sticker cards are completed, each campus will compile these cards and send them back to Woolworths for a final tally which will go towards purchasing some great resources from Modern Teaching Aid (MTA) – Australia, who are the biggest supplier of resources for schools.

From the points that were collected for the College community last year, each Campus benefitted through the items that were purchased. These included collage trolleys; junior primary wooden blocks / lego; Library resources; garden equipment for the school garden and resources for Out of School Hours Care and much, much more.

SPORTS DAY
Samaritan College Primary Sports Day is to be held this term on Friday, May 11. All students from St Teresa’s Campus and Our Lady Help of Christians Campus are to meet at Jubilee Park by 8:45am on the morning of Sports Day. Students can be collected from the Little Athletics oval at 3:20pm. We are anticipating a fun day with the emphasis being on participation.

We still need volunteers to help with the smooth running of the day. Please consider helping and return the volunteer notification on the next page as soon as possible.

Yours in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion,

Eleni Vailas
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SAFETy
Staff are on duty at STC and OLHC from 8:30 to 8:45 each morning and 3:20 to 3:30 each afternoon.
If you are coming into any campus after 9:00am you need to go to the front office to sign in.

POlICE CheCKS
If you are volunteering at any campus you must have a current Catholic Police Check and you need to sign in and collect a badge from the front office.
If you are in classrooms after 9:00am you will need to go to the front office and sign in.
Catholic Police Check forms are available at the front offices.

Ruth Donnellan
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

May 3, 2012
Primary Sports Day
Friday, May 11
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED **URGENTLY**
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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**CANTEEN ROSTERS**
Monday, May 7 – Friday, May 11

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Annette Cameron  Rose Cassar  Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER  CANTEEN MANAGER  CANTEEN MANAGER

May 3, 2012
UNIFORM

Next week we move into full winter uniform. A full description is listed in your child’s diary. Students should not be in a combination of summer/winter uniform i.e. shorts and long sleeve shirt or vice versa.

CALENDAR

An updated calendar has been placed on our website. These include the dates for Sports Day and the back-up Sports Day.

SPENCER GULF

The four schools that make up the Catholic Schools Spencer Gulf Athletics Team have voted to no longer compete in the Adelaide Athletics Carnival held in Term 1 of each year. Whilst we did see some positives in continuing the alliance, it is an all or nothing situation. The challenges in getting four schools, separated by 100s of kilometres to compete as one team became too great, especially in the area of cost and supervision. The Spencer Gulf Carnival remains and may even be expanded as St Barbara’s Catholic School, in Roxby Downs, begins to enrol Year 8 students in 2013 and Year 9 students in 2014.

UMAT

Another reminder about UMAT for our Year 12 students. If you have any intention of studying medicine, dental or health science courses in an Australian university in 2013, you need to register, sit and pass this test. See Mr Judd now if you haven’t already registered at http://umatweb.acer.edu.au/. There is one month left to register. Please check the website to see if the course you wish to do requires UMAT.

YEAR 8 ELECTIVES

Next week is the final week of the current round of Year 8 Electives. Starting Week 4, students will move into the second of three rotations for either Tech Studies, Home Ec, Music, ICT, Art and Drama. All Year 8s complete a 13 week block of each of those subjects.

COMMUNICATION

We are hearing of more and more cases of parents ringing their child at school via their child’s mobile phone or having their child ring them during school time on their mobiles. We need to remind parents and students that this is not permissible and never has been. Should you need to leave your child a message, this can be done by ringing our Front Office. Students, who have an urgent need to contact a parent, must first approach their Year Level Coordinator or the Front Office. Mobile phones are not permitted to be used at school.

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 16-23 years old. There are some restrictions that are outlined on the website.

ABORIGINAL STUDENT PATHWAYS CONFERENCE

A SACE Aboriginal Students Pathways Conference is held every year. This conference provides the opportunity for Year 10, 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to explore their study, training and employment pathways. This year it is on Wednesday June 13 at the University of Adelaide. Visit www.sace.sa.edu.au for more information and to register or speak with Mr Judd.

Damien Judd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SENIOR FORMAL

As most parents of Year 11 and 12 students would be aware this Friday (May 4) is the Senior Formal. Families should have received a letter in the mail from the College regarding the event in recent days outlining certain aspects regarding this event. The following information is a summary of this information.

• Students must attend school on Friday in order to attend.
• Students have been informed that they must purchase their tickets by Thursday at the latest. Tickets have been on sale during Morning Caregroup since the beginning of term. A single ticket costs $35 and a Family ticket if $40. A Family ticket entitles entry to one student, their parents and/or grandparents. Siblings and are not permitted, nor are boyfriends/girlfriends who are not senior students of the College.
• Year 12 students will be dismissed at the end of lesson four (12:25pm) and Year 11s at lunchtime (1:10pm)
• Year 12s who have study during lessons 3 & 4 may leave at recess. Any student wishing to leave before these times must provide a note to their caregroup teacher.
• The Formal commences at 7:00pm and students must arrive before 8:00pm unless a prior arrangement has been made with Mr Keiper or myself. Students arriving after 8:00pm may be refused entry. Students may leave from 10:45pm. Any student wishing to leave earlier must have informed Mr Keiper or myself before the event.
• Clive Palmer Photography has been engaged for the evening. Students have been asked to consider who they would like to have their photo taken with prior to the night so they don’t spend excessive time lining up. The photos taken by Clive can be ordered and paid for via the internet. Details will be provided on the night.

Please contact me at the College if you require any clarification or further Information. I look forward to a wonderful night.

Yvette Agars
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

May 3, 2012
9 WHITE MASS – MAY 9

9 White will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church at 9:00am on Wednesday, May 9. Students in 9 White are to be at the Church by 8:45am. The students are invited to bring something for morning tea to share at the conclusion of the Mass. The students will then walk back to school at the conclusion of the celebration.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

SECONDARY SPORTS DAY

As we start the term we are drawing nearer to our Secondary Sports Day. Sports Day this year will be held on Friday of Week 4 at Jubilee Oval starting at 8:35am. It is a compulsory day for all students to attend to gain points for their house teams and we encourage parents and caregivers to come and support the day. All events will be run on the Friday with the exception of the 1500m and triple jump which will be held on Monday of Week 4 at our school oval in the morning. Students are encouraged to wear their PE clothes on this day. More information will be in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the Jubilee canteen on Sports Day. If you are able to donate some time can you please contact me at the College on 8645 8568. Any help would be very much appreciated.

Thanks

Kirby Howell
PE/SPORTS COORDINATOR

YEAR 11 ROAD AWARENESS PROGRAM

In the last week of Term 1, Year 11 students took part in the Road Awareness Program (RAP). The Metropolitan Fire Service fire-fighters presented a hard hitting and at times emotional presentation where students were given the opportunity to see the consequences of bad decision making. The RAP comes at a crucial time for our Year 11 students, as they move into the ‘at risk’ young driver age bracket. The RAP takes on extra importance for students at Samaritan College, as many travel long distances on country roads.

Year 11 students attended a lecture on the Monday afternoon where students were taken through the realities of road crashes, followed by the ‘Mock Crash’ on Tuesday morning, where the Metropolitan Fire Service in conjunction with other local emergency services created a ‘real-life’ enactment of the management of a serious car accident involving a young driver.

A sincere thank you is extended to the organisers of the event from the various emergency services which resulted in another smoothly run, and well received RAP.

A special mention also for the reverent dedication of the student ‘actors’ who took part in the Mock Crash, Courtland Stopp, Nicki Cohen, Chante B, and Lauren Chapman.

Trent Keiper
YEAR 11 COORDINATOR