COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 18
• National Walk Safely to School Day
• SJC Sports Day

TUESDAY, MAY 22
• Information Session on University, 7:30-8:30 at Edward John Eyre High School

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23
• 10 Red Mass at St Teresa's Church, students to arrive by 8:45am, Year 4/5 Beaverstock will also attend

MAY 22, 23 & 28
• Enrolment/transition evenings for students commencing Year 8 in 2013. Please see p5 for details

THURSDAY, MAY 24
• R/Year 1 Hearne Mass, 9:00am Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 25
• First Eucharist Workshop, St Teresa's Church, 8:45am-3:10pm

FRIDAY, MAY 25
• Year 6/7 Upper Assembly, 2:30pm in the library
• Year 4/5 Fiedler Assembly, 12:30pm, Vessey Unit

MAY 26/27
• Renewal of Baptismal promises for First Eucharist candidates, at all Masses

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
• Principals' Tours, 5:00-9:00pm, please book at the Enrolment/Transition evening

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Love was the essence of our celebration of Mothers Day on the weekend. The reading from last Sunday was so appropriate for the occasion. As God’s love for us is deep and everlasting so too is the love of Mother and child. We trust that all Mothers enjoyed their special day.

NAPLAN

Despite all of the media attention which seems to add to the angst of NAPLAN, the students have generally taken it in their stride this week, and keeping it all in perspective is certainly a positive place to be. The assessments have assisted all schools in identifying areas of challenge and growth; and have assisted the College in targeting skills development through the National Partnerships program.

SPORTS DAYS

It was most unfortunate that the Primary Sports Day had to be abandoned due to the rain, only to have the sun shining by lunch time. We managed to get the Cheerleading event in before it became too wet to continue, a great disappointment for Gareth Molyneux who had spent the morning with his helpers setting up. I would like to express my gratitude to the parents present who assisted in getting the children, either back to campus or home to dry off. Within about half an hour of declaring the sports day closed the grounds were cleared. Thank you also to the Lions Club and the Little Athletics Club for their understanding of the necessity to cancel the day. At present we are looking at when we may be able to have a mini sports day to declare the overall winners. We will keep you informed. Friday is the Secondary Sports Day and the weather looks promising.

Students have started their events on Monday and will continue in the competitive spirit on Friday. Parents are very welcome to attend.

PRAYERS FOR PHOEBE

With the Whyalla Catholic Parish we join in the prayers for the family of Phoebe Rosa, of Kuchel/Davies Reception class at the St Teresa’s Campus. Phoebe is very sick in the Women’s and Children’s Hospital in Adelaide and is likely to have an extended time away from school. Presently the parish is undertaking a Novena of prayers which started last Sunday and will be held until Tuesday, May 22, between 5-6 pm each evening. Anyone who wishes to join in the prayer service is more than welcome. It is in Faith, Wisdom and Compassion that we endeavour to support this family at this time.

A NOVENA PRAYER FOR PHOEBE ROSA

Lord Jesus,
you called the little ones to yourself.
We bring Phoebe to you and ask
that you hold her in your gentle embrace.
Bless her with strength and courage
to endure these difficult times.
Guide those who seek to cure her and
grant her a full recovery from her illness.
Give Megan, Luis and Macy a deep sense
of your loving presence with them,
as we offer you our prayers of hope.

Amen

Mary Help of Christians.
Pray for us.
St Teresa of the Child Jesus.
Pray for us.
St Mary Mackillop.
Pray for us.
PARISH NEWS

Greetings as the weather changes and we are feeling the cooler mornings and evenings.

When on Sunday we celebrated Mother's Day and Jesus in the Gospel says 'As the Father has loved me so I have loved you', I found myself reflecting on what it is to love.

As I sit to write this article we have just received news that one of our sisters in her late fifties has died from cancer and just a couple of weeks ago we farewelled Sister Gwen Bade. In the parish over the weekend we were asked to pray for young Phoebe and her family as they face the future with a seriously ill daughter. There have been members of our parish and school communities who have lost a loved one and feel the pain and grief of their death. It is the love of our families and our community that helps us through these tough times.

Love, it seems to me is about seeing people through God's eyes, seeing the potential, the possibilities and the innate goodness within another and being willing to forgive and to stand by them through the good and difficult times.

I see this love shown in mothers and fathers tenderness and devotion to their children; in elderly couples loving faithfulness to one another as they age; in the teacher who takes the time with a student who is struggling or who just wants to share something they have discovered; in our friends who seem to know just when to ring or get in touch; in our neighbour who takes time to call and say hello; in a stranger who shows us a kindness. It is in us too, when we take the time to listen to someone in need or visit someone who is sick or lonely. Loving people are all around us. Do I take the time to be aware of it and realise that Jesus' love abides with us.

I think that Rabbi Harold S. Kushner summed this up when he wrote, “None of us has the power to make someone else love us. But we all have the power to give away love, to love other people. And if we do so, we change the kind of person we are, and we change the kind of world we live in.” (Looking for God in Right Places)

Thank you for the love I see expressed in so many ways in the Parish and the College.

Let us continue to encourage and support one another so that the wider community may know the love of God and of Jesus Spirit at work here.

Sr Helen Mills
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM.

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Recently Mr Bernie Meixner, Ms Di Hancock and I were given the opportunity to be a part of a pilot programme on the subject of Staff Spiritual Formation, run in conjunction with the Catholic Education Office. We were led through a process that will enable us to help develop a draft policy and framework that names a vision and strategic direction for Staff Spiritual Formation at our College. As part of the pilot programme we have the opportunity to join other Catholic schools and to plan what we think a spiritual formation programme for those who work within Catholic Education in SA could look like.

In Sunday’s Gospel we were reminded of Jesus’ wish for us: “This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.” John 15:12. In the ‘busyness’ of our lives I think these words offer a timely reminder for all of us. Jesus was a great example of a human being who knew he was loved by God. He was empowered by that knowledge to live his life as someone who was loved; he was comfortable with who he was, and what he saw his way of life to be. Being loved by God gave him the confidence to make what he thought were the right decisions about all sorts of things; being loved by God was what gave him the strength and courage to die rather than compromise with what he saw to be “truth”.


Christine Duffield
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (SECONDARY)

COLLEGE NEWS

MUSICAL REHEARSALS

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Tickets on sale Now!

Please check the website above for further details.

The reunion is just over one month away. Interest is growing and many of you are now ready to commit.

The crucial commitment is the dinner, where bookings and payment is essential. Why not gather together friends for a group table?

Tickets are now available for purchase via any of the three campuses. Tickets are $55 each. Tables of 10 are available but must be secured by payment. We will endeavour to place individuals on requested tables where possible.

Not sure if any of your school mates are coming?? Do your bit to encourage others to be a part of this great weekend.
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.

Due to the unpredictable wet weather last Friday we had to cancel Sports Day following the Cheeleading.

Congratulations to Rice for winning the Cheerleading.

I would like to thank Gareth Molyneux and Bernie Meixner for all their organisation leading up to the day. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and compliance in cancelling the day and organising students to be sent home and bused back to Campuses.

Thanks again to everyone who assisted in the packing up.

SWIMMING LESSONS – ST TERESA’S CAMPUS

Swimming lessons for the St Teresa’s Campus will be taking place as of next week over a two week period. Reception to Year 6 classes have been allocated to a set week, please refer to the information below for your child’s allocated class time.

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| May 28-June 1   | Rec/Year 1 Küchel/Davies| 1:30pm–2:15pm|
|                 | Year 1/2 Gallagher     |              |

Eleni Vailas
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

FIRST EUCHARIST

The second workshop for the students preparing for First Eucharist will be held on Friday, May 25 at St Teresa’s Church. The students need to be at St Teresa’s Church by 8:45am. We will begin the day with Mass. Parents are welcome to celebrate with us.

The students again can wear casual clothes. They also need to bring their recess, lunch and a drink.

The day will conclude at 3:10pm when the children can be collected from the Church.

On the weekend of May 26/27 there is the renewal of Baptismal Promises. Come along to any Mass on this weekend for this important part of your families’ preparation.

LITURGIES

R/Year 1 Hearne will celebrate Mass at 9:00am at OLHC Church on Thursday, May 24. Parents are most welcome.

Year 4/5 Baverstock will attend Mass at 9:00am on Wednesday, May 23. The students need to be at St Teresa’s Church by 8:45am.

ASSEMBLIES

Year 6/7 Usher will hold an Upper Primary Assembly at Saint Teresa’s Campus at 2:30pm in the Library on Friday, May 25.

Year 4/5 Fiedler will hold an Assembly at OLHC Campus in the Vessey unit at 12:30pm on Friday, May 25.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

It is important for parents to assist their children to be safe when using the internet. Below are some good sites for interactive games on internet safety.

**Early Years:**

**Netty’s World:**

**Hector’s World: – Thinkuknow-5-7**
http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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**Safe surfing with Doug**
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**Educational Games-Media Awareness network**
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WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE
ON FRIDAY, MAY 18

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

‘Walk Safely to School Day’ asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school;
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop;
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, ‘Active Kids are Healthy Kids’ so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday, May 18.

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

SPORTS DAY
All happens tomorrow. It is a compulsory school day for all students. Should the weather turn inclement during the day, arrangements will be made regarding transporting students back to the College or, depending on the time, dismissed. We are not expecting to have to utilise our back up day which would be next Friday.

YEAR 12 INFORMATION
There are reminders around each of the Year 12 classrooms highlighting the sort of information the students should have ensured they have by now. These include key assessment dates, end of year exam dates, copies of past exams, previous years examiners comments, subject outlines etc. Whilst most midyear exams, excluding Maths Applications, do not form part of the students’ final grade, they do play a very important preparatory role for the student. A reminder that UMAT registrations close on June 1. Please also see

the advert in this newsletter inviting you to an Information Session on University on May 22 at EJHHS. Our College will run another session later in the year on August 8.

YEAR 9 NAPLAN
Congratulations to our Year 9 students and the way they completed their NAPLAN tests. With our new hall, we were able to set up more appropriate testing conditions and supervise all Year 9s in one room.

MURRAY VENTURE
The College is currently planning an alternative program for the Year 10s in lieu of the Murray Venture being cancelled earlier this term. Student safety is paramount and we may need to investigate options of an outdoor adventure type camp that may not include the Murray River. Hopefully information about where and when will be available soon.

Damien Judd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
**YEAR 12 SEMINAR**

The last of the Year 12 Seminars will be held on Wednesday, May 30 at St Teresa’s Church.

The theme of this last seminar is Vocations.

**MASS 10 RED**

On Wednesday, May 23, 10 Red will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church. The students in 10 Red need to be at the church by 8:45am on the morning of the 23rd. We will have a morning tea following Mass. Parents are most welcome.

*Bernie Meixner*

APRIM

**YEAR 11 COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

This week we launched the Community Outreach programme for the Year 11 cohort. All students in Year 11 are required to go out and respond to the needs of the Whyalla community, to move out of their comfort zone and serve others. They need to accumulate 25 hours of service by the middle of next term.

If you are aware of any community based organisation that is in need of some ready, willing and able helpers please contact us here at the College (8645 8568).

*Trent Keiper*

Christine Duffield

YEAR 11 COORDINATOR  DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS

**OPEN BOYS FOOTBALL**

22 young men represented Samaritan College at the Upper North Open Boys Australian Rules Carnival on Tuesday of Week 4. The carnival consisted of three 30 minute games against Edward John Eyre High School, Port Augusta High School and Caritas College. The first game against Caritas was a real ‘nail biter’ with the boys going down by 7 points. They did, however, then redeem themselves against a ‘big’ Port Augusta High team, beating them by two goals and then knocking off our neighbouring EJEHS by 3 goals.

By the end of the carnival the boys really started to play an attractive running brand of football. Best players on the day were, Lachlan Barr, Mitchell Gurnett, Jai Harvey, Adam Delcano, Michael Wendland, Lewis McLaughlin, Dale Dunn and Jacob Smith. Well done to all the boys involved and special thanks to team ‘guru’ Mr Geoff Hawes.

*Matt Quist*

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**WHYALLA SCHOOLS STAGE BAND TOUR**

The Whyalla Schools Stage Band is made up of dedicated music students from all of the high schools in Whyalla, and a few of the primary schools. This year we have 7 students at Samaritan College who are involved in the Stage Band: Hudson Barsby, Jenny Barsby, Kayla Campbell, Tori Ferguson, Rebecca Foulkes, Tyler Geilich and Matt Ryan.

On May 2 the Band departed Whyalla for its annual tour, where we travelled and performed for 8 days. Our destination was Mount Gambier where we competed at the Generations in Jazz Festival. As part of the festival we saw James Morrison, Graham Goodwin, Idea of North and many others perform. The Stage Band did 8 concerts throughout the tour, at schools in South Australia and Victoria, from small towns like Tintinara, to Horsham. Students performed extremely well, and represented our College and Whyalla with pride.

*Julia Anttila*

MUSIC TEACHER

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**CANTEEN ROSTERS**

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Annette Cameron  Rose Cassar  Marg Coad

CANTEEN MANAGER  CANTEEN MANAGER  CANTEEN MANAGER

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**Thinking of uni study?**

Come along to the Tertiary Information Evening if you are

- A student or parent
- A gap year student
- An adult applicant

**Tuesday 22 May, 7.30-8.30pm**

Edward John Eyre High School, Whyalla

No registration required.