Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The theme this year for National Reconciliation Week is “Let’s talk recognition”. During this important week, May 27 – June 3 we have the opportunity to recognise significant people in our lives who have made important contributions to our community. Reconciliation Week remembers the 1967 referendum which recognised Aboriginal people as citizens and the 1992 Mabo decision which recognised the unique connection of Aboriginal people to their land. We can take the time to recognise difference and diversity in our community and accept the colourful tapestry that is created. Just as Jesus was recognised in the breaking of the bread, our indigenous people are recognised for their cultural longevity and resilience and their continued contribution to our national identity. Samaritan, as a symbol of reconciliation, will acknowledge and recognise the traditional Banggarla people in our newsletter each week.

Nita Williams
Title: Kungkarangkalpa
This painting represents the story of the Seven Sisters

We acknowledge that we are present on traditional country significant to the Banggarla people. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land.

We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Aboriginal people living today.

SPORTS DAY

What a glorious day for the secondary Sports Day! Thanks to everyone concerned who made the day such a success. Congratulations to the Rice team on your success.

INFORMATION EVENINGS AND CO-PRINCIPALS’ TOURS

Information Evenings are going well with the Year 7 students. There will be an Evening next week for those who are currently away with SAPSSA football and netball. The Co-Principals’ tours will be next Wednesday, so make sure you book in by telephoning the secondary campus or when you attend the information evening.
Each evening during the last week our Parish has run a Novena of prayer. A Novena is a traditional form of prayer over 9 days. Between 5-6pm parishioners have come to St. Teresa’s Church to pray for Phoebe Rosa who is very sick in the Women’s and Children’s Hospital in Adelaide. Our prayer has begun with the lighting of a candle as a reminder of our prayers being offered to God. Some children have come with their parents and this has given them something special to do as we pray for the health of this young girl and for the support of her family at this time.

Prayer is a very important part of our Parish and College life. Someone recently suggested that we have prayer boxes in each of the College campuses. At times in all our lives there are things we wish to pray for – special intentions in our families, or among people dear to us; or for great causes such as peace, justice and fairness for the disadvantaged and destitute of our world. The idea is that if there is something for which a family or individual needs spiritual help, they can write on a piece of paper and place this in the box at your campus. The box will be in the reception area.

You could write –

“Smith family asks prayers for their sick Nanna.”

Or you could make it completely anonymous, eg., “Special intention”.

**RELIGIOUS DIMENSION**

May 24 is the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians. One of the campuses at Samaritan is named after Our Lady and so this is a special Feast day for our College and the Catholic community of Australia, as she is the Patron of Australia. Mary is sometimes referred to as the first or greatest disciple. We follow Mary’s example by living our life in the way God asks us to. We are called to follow God’s will in our relationships with others and care for those in need. Through the example of Mary the mother, we call to mind the way she nurtured and educated her child and look to her for this example of faithful service.

Through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary we can come to know Jesus more intimately by praying this devotion.

While reading about Our Lady I came across the following article in Archdiocese of Sydney website which I would like to share with you.

The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800’s. Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainbleau. The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on May 24, 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on May 24. The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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Bernie Meixner

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION (APRIM)

Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Bernie Meixner

ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

2 of 8

May 24, 2012
Set aside 2012 June long weekend for the “Back to Whyalla” Catholic School Reunion

Celebrating 50 years of Saint John’s College and 70 years of Catholic Education in Whyalla, the weekend promises much opportunity for celebrating tradition, acknowledging growth, and reuniting with old friends. Share your interest and details on our webpage dedicated to the reunion on www.whyallacatholiceducationreunion.com.

Help spread the word via your own social networking or send your contact lists from previous reunions.

Consider organizing your own gathering on the weekend.

The program which you can enter in and out of will be as follows:

Friday – Evening Mass

Saturday – Open Days at Saint Teresa’s, Our Lady Help of Christians, Saint John’s Campuses

Saturday Evening – Dinner and Cabaret/era tables.

Sunday Celebrations – Open Mass at Saint John’s Oval and Gallopicnic Sports Day

See if you can still crack those records!

Sunday Evening – Dedicated to individual era groups. Key persons to organize their own gatherings.

New Event – Saturday

Sisters of the Good Samaritan 9:00am Morning Prayer and BBQ Breakfast at Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Tickets on sale Now!

Please check the website above for further details.

The crucial commitment is the dinner, where bookings and payment is essential. Why not gather together friends for a group table? To avoid disappointment, please book and pay for tickets soon.

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.

ST TERESA’S SCHOOL
GRADE 6/7 - 1959/60

Back: Sergio Delloste, Henry Rozko, Dean Kerin, George Owen, Bill Hayes, Jeff Hannan, Shane Marshall, Franz __, Michael Nunn

Middle: __, Marie Monaghan, __, Cathy Richards, Mary McCarthy, __, Mary Byrt, Cheryl O’Connell, Marie O’Halloran, Pauline Cousins, Marcia Cook, Judith Boundy, Bernadette Hayes, Irene Kruszewski, __, Fred Cassar

Front: Richard Hunt, Barbara Snoad (?), Sharon Calbertson, Elizabeth McIntee, Sheila Leahy, Ann Byrne, Lynette Walsh, Diane Appleby, Pauline Parsloe, __, Sue Callen, Denise Podgorski, Michael O’Halloran

LHS Front: James Moore, Peter Finningan
RHS Front: Roderick O’Brien, Garry Zbierski
**SAPSASA – FOOTBALL & NETBALL**

This week, students from the Primary Campuses are representing our College in SAPSASA - Football and Netball in Adelaide. Di Hancock is the coach of the Netball teams for the week.

**FOOTBALL**

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**SWIMMING LESSONS**

Swimming lessons have consumed the St Teresa’s Campus for this week. It has been fantastic to see the children having so much fun and learning a vital skill at the same time. Thank you to the many parents who have helped in a variety of ways.

*Eleni Vailas*

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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**FIRST EUCHARIST**

In the first workshop candidates took part in a variety of activities, including certificate and badge making, beaded crosses and designing the Church displays.

The last Workshop in preparation for First Eucharist is tomorrow (May 25) at St Teresa’s Church. The students are to meet at the church by 8:45am. They can wear casual clothes and will need to bring their Home Books, recess, lunch and a drink. Notification of your Mass time for First Eucharist will be sent home with the children on this day. If you haven’t returned any of the forms etc, please bring them tomorrow. If you want to check if something has been returned, see one of the Sacramental team at the workshop and we can let you know.

On the weekend is the renewal of Baptismal promises for the candidates and their families. Come along to any Mass over the weekend to participate in this important part of the journey towards First Eucharist.

Please pray for our First Eucharist candidates as they continue to prepare for their special day. It is an important and exciting time for them and their families.

*Bernie Meixner*

APRIM
MASS AND LITURGIES

Year 6/7 Gogoll will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, May 30 at 9:00am. Students need to be at the church by 8:45am and will be transported back to school by bus.

Year 3/4 Reeves will celebrate Liturgy of the Word in the OLHC Church at 12:30pm on Thursday, May 31. Parents are most welcome to attend.

ASSEMBLIES

Year 4/5 Fiedler will hold their assembly in the Vessey Unit at 12:30pm, parents are most welcome.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

HOCKEY

Friday, May 25

5pm Minkey:
MOPS1 vs STC1
MOPS 2 vs STC 2
OLHC Minkeys have A BYE.

5:45pm:U/11
NAPS/Long 2 vs OLHCC
NAPS/Long 1 vs STC 2
MOPS vs STC 1

6:40pm U/13
OLHCC vs NAPS/Long/Town
MOPS vs STC

St Teresa's Parents are on Canteen duty 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Tania Taylor

SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

Congratulations (again) to Rice House and their comprehensive victory at our Sports Day. Whilst there are some very handy athletes in that House, it should be noted that Rice also scores the most points for participation – something they make a concerted effort to do each year. Thank you to Kirby Howell and her team for all the work in putting such a large event together and to all our staff who spent much of their own time training students or supervising Cheerleading.

EARLY DISMISSAL

To allow for the organisation of Wednesday’s Co-Principals’ Tours, ALL students at the secondary campus will be dismissed at 3pm on Wednesday May 30. Any student who formally helps on the Co-Principals’ Tours will have a ‘late’ start the following day at 9:30am in readiness for lesson 2. Students who have been asked to help on Wednesday will receive a formal letter explaining more.

CYBERSAFETY

Direct parental supervision of what children do online, and online includes mobile phone use, is by far and away the best way to keep children safe. Safe just doesn’t mean safe from predators but also safe from potential consequences connected to inappropriate use of Facebook or texting. Some students still do not understand that any inappropriate image of any underage (18) person that they have on their phone, computer or tablet will get them into very hot water with the authorities. It makes no difference if the person in the photo approved of it or even sent it themselves. If the subject is underage, it is illegal. It also makes no difference if the person who has the image is 12 years old or 55 years old. If you think an image is potentially inappropriate then it probably is. The College has no choice but to inform the Police if we become aware that students have inappropriate images of school students on their phones or computers.

EXAMS

Years 10-12 are shortly beginning the process of mid-year exams. Each year level and subject has a different focus for each exam but all exams require students to prepare carefully. Staff provide students with advice, hints and structured revision schedules to aid them in preparing for
the exams. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, can your child hand write for 2-3 hours? That, in itself, may be just as much a challenge for some students as revising the subject content.

Damien Judd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YEAR 10 GOLD AND YEAR 10 BLUE MASS

On Wednesday, May 30, Year 10 Gold and Year 10 Blue will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church. The students from these care groups will need to be at the church by 8:45am on the morning of the 30th.

Parents are most welcome to join us for Mass.

The Year 10 students will walk back to school at the conclusion of Mass.

CRAFT MATERIALS NEEDED

If you have empty egg cartons, plastic meat trays, old magazines or old calendars these would be gratefully accepted for use at the Year 11 retreat later this term. If you have any donations please take then to any campus office of Samaritan College.

Thank you

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

YEAR 11 EVENTS

Exams – Week 8

In Week 8 of Term 2 (June 12-15) Year 11 students will be undertaking their end of semester examinations. A timetable of the week will be sent home with students soon.

Retreat and Community Outreach Placements – Week 9

During Week 9 of Term 2 (June 18 – June 22) the Year 11 students will be involved in a 3 day Retreat at Pichi Richi Park. Whilst your child is not on Retreat, they will be undertaking their Community Service Placement.

If your child is attending Camp 1 from Monday to Wednesday, June 18-20, they will attend a Community Service Placement on Thursday and Friday, June 21 and 22. Students involved in TAFE will attend their usual course on Friday. If your child is attending Camp 2 from Wednesday to Friday, June 20-22, they will attend a Community Service Placement on Monday and Tuesday June 18 and 19.

A letter with your child’s finalised Retreat group, Community Service Placement Workplace Learning Agreement Form will be sent home in the coming days. The Workplace Learning Agreement Form will need to be completed for the Community Service Placement and will need to be returned by your child to their caregroup teacher by Wednesday, June 13. **Please note that it is the responsibility of the student to contact and arrange their Community Service Placement.**

Trent Keiper
YEAR 11 COORDINATOR

TAX FILE NUMBERS

In Week 3, all Year 9 students were given an opportunity to collect a form to register for a Tax File Number (TFN). Applying for a TFN through Samaritan College is easier than doing it independently, as students do not need to show identifying documentation to the Australian Taxation Office. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain their TFN, which they will need for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account, or deferring university fees.

To apply for their TFN through the College, students simply need to complete the form they have received by filling in their name, address, date of birth, and also the details from their birth certificate, their passport, or a citizenship certificate, and finally, to sign their name. The College does not need to sight these documents. Once all of these details are completed, students need to take their completed TFN form to their caregroup teacher for crosschecking before their form can be lodged.

All students aged 13 and over are eligible to apply for a TFN through the Australian Taxation Office’s School Education Program, so if any students in Years 10, 11 or 12 would like to apply for a TFN, they can also take advantage of this opportunity.

I am looking to send off the first group of application forms to the ATO in Week 8. This will allow students who seek employment over the July holidays to have their TFN ready for any potential employers.

For more information, please contact me at the College, or phone the ATO on 13 28 61 between 8:00am and 6:00pm.

Josh Boden
YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

SPORTS DAY

We were blessed with great weather for our Sports Day which was held last Friday, May 18. The day was opened by Sister Cheryl and it kicked off with March Past. It was definitely a highlight to see the hard work of, the students, house captains and teachers, had paid off with some great performances. The scores ended up being extremely close with MacKillop just getting over the line for the Cheerleading trophy.

Throughout the day there were some outstanding athletic performances, with a couple of records being broken. Our new record holders are:

- Georgina Wilson under 16 girls 800m
- Myles McNamara under 14 boys 200m (breaking a record held for 28 years)
- Emily Goldsworthy under 16 girls 200m
- Daniel Chapman under 16 boys 200m
- Hannah O’Rielly under 14 girls Javelin (breaking a record held for 30 years)

Our age champions for the day were:

- Under 14 girls Ivy Corbett
- Under 14 boys Tyson Schoell
- Under 15 girls Jasmine Bridgman
- Under 15 boys Lewis McLauchlan
- Under16 girls Emily Goldsworthy

6 of 8 May 24, 2012
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23 students and 2 teachers will be arriving from Japan on Thursday, July 26 for a 13 day visit.

If you are able to host a student, please contact Mr Boden at the College, or have your child collect an expression of interest letter.

A payment to cover hosting expenses will be provided.

Although competitiveness is a main factor in a Sports Day, many students gained over 10 points for their house team just by participating in their age group events, which made a huge difference to the scores.

Overall the day finished with Rice being victorious. A big thank you to the parents who volunteered on the day and came out to support, Saint Johns Ambulance, Whyalla Little Athletics club and the staff of Samaritan College.

Kirby Howell
PE/SPORTS COORDINATOR

JAPANESE EXCHANGE

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LEGAL STUDIES CAMP

Did you know that a murder was committed in Government House; or that sheriffs officers working in the Sir Samuel Way building can monitor your movements along Gouger Street via CCTV? Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to have served time in Adelaide Gaol; or wanted to try your hand at a spot of lawyering? Last week a group of Year 11 Legal Studies students learnt and experienced this and more as part of the traditional Law Week Camp in Adelaide. The students spent three days immersed in the legal system, including accessing areas not available to the general public, such as the Youth Court. We took part in a ‘behind the scenes’ tour of the Magistrates’, District and Supreme courts and sat in on several interesting cases. We toured the Police Museum to see how crime investigation has changed over time, met the Governor and watched the politicians arguing in Parliament House during Question Time. The Ghost Tour of the Old Adelaide Gaol was a highlight for many students – although some found the experience rather confronting! The trip concluded with students presenting sentencing arguments before Magistrate Milazzo in the Magistrates’ Court. My thanks go to Stewart Payne for giving up his time to accompany us, and to the students for their enthusiasm and mature behaviour.

Tanya Gibson

“Under 16 boys Courtland Stopp
Open girls Amelia Melville-Smith
Open boys Lachlan Barr

STUDENTS ARE IN NEED OF A HOST FAMILY

If you are able to host a student, please contact Mr Boden at the College, or have your child collect an expression of interest letter.

A payment to cover hosting expenses will be provided.

“The best part of the Legal Camp was when we went to parliament to watch question time. I loved how feisty the Liberals were; they were really getting into it. I also enjoyed the first sentencing I went to. It was so intense and I was scared to breathe just to disrupt the silence. Knowing that it’s someone’s real fate and not a tv show was very emotional, I had the best time and I wish I was back there!”

Louise Fielder

“The Legal Camp was a fun and amazing experience. I especially enjoyed the ‘ghost’ tour of the old Adelaide Gaol and the mock trials at the Magistrates’ Court, Watching Question Time at Parliament House was hilarious and the tours of the courts were really interesting. It is a camp that I definitely won’t forget.”

Jessica Payne
Canteen Rosters
Monday, May 28 – Friday, June 1

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Annette Cameron
Canteen Manager
Rose Cassar
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Marg Coad
Canteen Manager

The Whyalla Tappers
Need your help
This year’s show is dedicated in memory of Bill Paterson
And we need some men to join our group to make this year’s concert extra special.
The funds raised at the concert and during the year go to Whyalla and surrounding areas Cancer Council to help families pay for treatment and travel for treatment and many other things.
You don’t need to know how to tap, just have a bit of a groove and have a great sense of humor.
The concert is happening at the end of October 2012.
If there are any men out there who are game please contact
Jo Porteous on 0411 893 043 or Annie Paterson on 8645 2100
Thanks for your support.

Senior Learning Club
13-18 years of age

Want somewhere quiet to complete homework?
Need support with some of your class work?
Want a safe and supportive place to learn?
Come to the Smith Family Learning Club

Whyalla Public Library
Wednesday 4:00pm to 5:00pm during school term.
Phone 08 8644 3400 for more information

You may be eligible to receive $500 to assist with your child’s sports fees, lessons, uniforms and equipment!

- Would you like $500 to spend on your child’s sports costs?
- Do you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card?
- Do you have some regular work?

If you answered yes to these three questions then you could be eligible for the Saver Plus program, which matches your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500. Saver Plus is looking for new participants so enquire about signing up today!

To find out more contact Melissa Nutt, Saver Plus Coordinator at The Smith Family by phone or SMS 8644 3168 / 0418 644 670
e-mail melissa.nutt@th smithfamily.com.au