Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Jesus, as I contemplate your face, let me experience your great love for me. Reveal your saving Grace and give me a grateful heart. Heal me of my weaknesses and sin and fill me with compassion for others. Gift me with the wisdom of the Spirit and encourage me to be a faithful witness to the Gospel.

Last Sunday saw the launch of The Year Of Grace where we are invited by the Australian Bishops to spend some time in contemplating the face of Christ and when we encounter the love of Jesus in our lives. Grace is the gift from God manifested in a variety of shapes and forms, the beauty of creation, the provision of food and shelter, the love of a child, the opening of our hearts to one another.

Grace was definitely evident between family members and supportive onlookers as we witnessed children making their First Eucharist last weekend. We thank the Sacramental Team for their ongoing education and spiritual support and for our children and families for their positive spirit.

There has already been a tremendous sense of Grace as we finally arrive at our commemorative weekend reunion. There is such excitement in our anticipation of seeing old faces; as their names have arrived on the booking sheets. We encourage all of our current community to participate in any aspect of the weekend. There are many locals who have said they can’t wait to come and look at the schools as they haven’t been on site for years. The beginning of the weekend starts at 6pm Friday, with a Liturgy at St Teresa’s Parish. On Saturday, there will be a Morning Prayer and BBQ breakfast at 9am at OLHC, with The Sisters of The Good Samaritan, then tours of the primary campuses. With Saturday night’s dinner booked out, you are still welcome to purchase tickets from the campus offices for 9pm onwards cabaret at $15 each. Finally, the gathering at 11am Mass at the Gymnasium, family gala day and tours, will round off a great celebratory weekend. Samaritan roses, commemorative wine and memorabilia will be on sale on Sunday.

We invite any parent to join the Board Finance Committee as there is a place following an end of term retirement. If you are interested in being a part of the financial wheels of the College and do not mind attending a one hour meeting once a month, please contact us to express your interest. An email, with a few lines sharing your interest will suffice.

TERISSA SHEPHERD  
CO-PRINCIPAL

CHRIS SLOAN  
CO-PRINCIPAL
Seventy years of Catholic education in Whyalla and fifty years of Saint John’s tradition. These milestones of our schools are a great tribute to the Good Samaritan Sisters, Christian Brothers, Missionary and lay teachers. The inaugural staffs of our three schools would be immensely proud if they saw what their humble beginnings have matured into.

For the parish, and in particular the parishioners of those early times, it represents the fruits of a great deal of hard work, fundraising and dedication to the Catholic education of their children (and as it turns out, their children’s children). In that era there was no government funding and every penny spent in the schools came from tuition fees, fundraisers and parish church collections. It is little wonder that classes were large and resources limited in a way which would be intolerable today. As a past teacher, I am overwhelmed by the thought of primary school classes of 70 to 90 children with only one sister struggling to make do with the few books and work materials available. It must have been an essential comfort to have the enthusiastic support of the parishioner parents. Sometimes the material generosity of individual families was gratefully accepted to simply provide the basic essentials of life.

The schools were truly parish schools in every possible way and were a very lively part of parish life. The parish is justifiably proud of the role that they have played in the faith life of the Catholic and secular community in Whyalla. We also thank the Good Samaritan Sisters, the Christian Brothers and the Missionary Sisters of Service for their contribution to parish life in their time here; initially as educators and later as pastoral workers. Fr. Arthur Hackett and Sr. Jill O’Brien were pioneers in setting up that priest-religious sister apostolate.

The parish is proud of the continuing strong relationship with our Samaritan College and we ask God’s blessings for the next fifty, seventy and one hundred years. The present staff are utilising the much improved conditions of today to provide the same excellent quality of education to those “children’s children” and so many more. Congratulations to all in your celebration and well done to all those pioneers who worked so hard to establish the proud tradition which you began.

Fr. Arno Vermeeren
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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Last weekend was the celebration of First Eucharist for nearly forty children in our parish. Such celebrations are an exciting time for the children and their families. It is also an exciting time for the parish as we are witnesses to a sacrament. The excitement for the parish comes from seeing the delight and effort of the families in their participation in the sacrament. It also comes from being part of a celebration in which we are able to be with Jesus in a real and intimate way.

Jesus comes to us in communion and we are nourished and strengthened by the Sacred Body of Christ. We are healed and forgiven when we drink from the chalice and are welcomed back to the Father. These are most precious gifts and receiving them fills us with joy, as does witnessing others receive them for the first time.

Next Sunday is the Feast day of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This feast day doesn’t commemorate a single event, such as the Ascension, instead it celebrates the Body and Blood of Christ ever present in the Eucharist. This feast day commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist. It is also the Mass for the Back to Whyalla Reunion Weekend at which there will be many people who will celebrate the life of Catholic Education in Whyalla. These people have been the Body and Blood of Catholic Education for the last 70 years and today as you read this, take comfort in knowing you too are the Body and Blood of Christ in our community.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

MUSICAL REHEARSALS

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THE SOUTHERN CROSS
The June edition of the Southern Cross is now available at www.thesoutherncross.org.au
The Back to Whyalla Reunion Weekend is here!
Come along and enjoy!

**Friday, June 8**

**Welcoming Liturgy**

- 6pm  To be held at St Teresa’s Church
- 7pm  Light refreshments then adjourn to own informal gatherings

**Saturday, June 9**

**Sisters of the Good Samaritan**

- 9:00am  Morning Prayer and BBQ Breakfast at Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Celebrate 70 years of Good Samaritan presence in Whyalla.

**Primary School Tours**

- 10am – 2pm
  - Our Lady Help of Christians Campus, Toal Street
  - Saint Teresa’s School, Darling Terrace

Tours to run on the hour; no need to book as there will be as many tour groups as required.

**Dinner Cabaret - tickets must have been prepurchased**

- 6:30pm for 7pm
  - Oasis Room, Westlands Hotel, McDouall Stuart Avenue

**Sunday, June 9**

**Community Mass**

- 11am  Saint John’s Campus, via Norrie Avenue

**Samaritan Family Gala Day**

- 12:00 noon  Continues after the Mass on the oval

There will be memorabilia, craft, food and drink stalls, jumpy castle and face painting: entertainment, “open mic” with old scholar musicians encouraged to sign up ahead; and a general picnic atmosphere.

Saint John’s Campus Tours from 12.30pm

**Official proceedings**

- 1:30pm  Piazza d’Christo: Official unveiling and blessing of plaques to commemorate the original Christian Brothers who worked at Saint John’s College – Brs O’Donoghue, Broderick, Sheahan

Sunday afternoon/evening

Informal/formal get-togethers

An opportunity for you to arrange your own gatherings and communicate to fellow reunion friends, via the website or facebook, or more traditional forms of communication.

For example: “Class of ’75 and friends”

- 5pm  “Back to Work” – ‘old and current ’ staff gathering – Saint John’s Campus staffroom

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**FOR SALE ON SUNDAY**

Commemorate the event by purchasing Tim Adams Wines, Reisling and Shiraz available.

- $18/bottle $200/dozen (GST inclusive)
- mixed dozens available.

Commemorative Roses also available $18 (GST inclusive)

Other memorabilia also available on the day.

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**CANTEEN ROSTERS**

**Monday, June 11 – Friday, June 15**

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

June 7, 2012
Welcome to Winter! It certainly has arrived on cue.

This is a busy time of the year for the Primary teachers as they are writing their students’ reports!

**FIRST EUCHARIST THANK YOUS**

On the weekend the Parish Community gathered with thirty-seven children who celebrated their First Eucharist. It certainly was a special occasion for the children and their families.

On behalf of the First Communicants, I would like to thank the Primary Campus communities for showing their support throughout the children’s preparation. Thank you to the Sacramental Team, parents and parishioners who generously offered their time to support these children, working in a number of ways – making badges and crosses, arranging the flowers, helping with the cuppas, sewing stoles, baking bread, attending meetings, taking photographs etc.

A special thank you must go to the parents of our First Communicants, who have shown their love, guidance and support for their child throughout the preparation of this Sacrament.

Thank you to staff who contributed over the weekend in various ways to make First Eucharist a special celebration for our students.

- Church floral arrangements – Ann Wilson, Bernie Healey and Louise Gogoll
- Photographer – Heather Guest
- Power point Operator – Jenny Kondylas

**STUDENT TEACHERS**

For the last seven weeks, two graduate student teachers – Kristy Howard and Genevieve Foran from Flinders University have enjoyed their teaching practicum on the OLHC Primary Campus in Jenna Baulderstone Year 5/6 class and Stacey Raymond’s Year 1/2 class. Hopefully, their time at Samaritan College will encourage them to choose to come to country South Australia when they have completed their studies. We wish them all the best for their teaching careers!

**SWIMMING LESSONS**

Swimming lessons have consumed the OLHC 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.

**WHYALLA DISTRICT CARNIVALS**

Last Friday, June 1, Year 6 and 7 students from the primary campuses took part in the interschool football and netball carnivals. The students represented our College with pride and tried their best all day against competitive opposition.

Overall, Samaritan College won both carnivals on the day, with St Teresa’s campus winning the netball and the combined primary campus team drawing for first in the football.

The students are to be commended on their fairness and encouragement. Thank you to the teachers: Ms Kay Baker, Ms Jenna Baulderstone, Mrs Winnie Fitzgerald, Ms Alex Gallagher, Mr Gareth Molyneux and Mr Pete Usher, who supervised the students on Carnivals and to the many parents who went out and supported on the day. Well done to all students involved!

Yours in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion,

_Eleni Vailas_
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to all Language Perfect Participants for achieving a school score of 5137. We achieved 5th out of 9 schools for Italian in South Australia for the 101-250 students category.

_Heather Calder_
ITALIAN TEACHER

**RETIREEMENT**

Friday, June 22 we will be having a whole school Assembly in the church at 12:30pm.

This Assembly will be in honour of Mrs Ann Wilson who is retiring at the end of this term.

We would like to extend a welcome to anyone who may like to attend.

**CLASS MASSES**

Year 2/3 Murray will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Wednesday June 13. The children need to be dropped at St Teresa’s Church by 8:45 am. Families are most welcome to join us. We will have a shared morning tea following Mass and ask that students bring something to share.

Year 5/6 Boots will celebrate Mass at OLHC Church at 9:00 am on Thursday, June 14. We will have a shared morning tea following Mass and ask that students bring something to share. Families are most welcome to join us at Mass and afterwards at the morning tea.
National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between May 27 and June 3. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The theme for this year is ‘Let’s Talk Recognition’ with a focus on how Australians can better recognise each other and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

At our primary campuses, we decided to recognise that we are ‘On the Path/Road to Reconciliation.’ Every student traced around their foot and wrote their name on it. We then created a path/road in the school yard which was a visual representation of recognising the importance of reconciliation.

It was a very powerful and symbolic way of giving Reconciliation Week recognition and showing the children that it is an ongoing process.

Lou Gogoll
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION FOCUS TEACHER
PRAC TEACHERS

Our College is served well by a range of student teachers who are accommodated by Samaritan College for the practical component of their teaching course at University. Currently we have Manuel Eduardo and Rebecca Corcoran completing a two week placement at the secondary campus. It can be very rewarding for the students as well as the staff member to have a prac teacher working with the class.

EXAM TIME

This week Year 12s and Year 10s completed their exams with Year 11s starting next week. It can be a challenging time for the students, not only to study for and complete the exams but also in being able to use their ‘extra’ free time appropriately. For students who may only have one or two exams, it can be very easy to choose to sleep in or watch TV at times when they normally would be studying. The end of year exam process for Year 12s has even more gaps in which students can ‘lose themselves’ if they do not plan wisely.

MURRAY VENTURE

We are still in negotiation about the alternative Murray Venture for our Year 10s. The priority is to be able to do the normal Murray Venture later in the year but safety is paramount. We are waiting on advice from a range of authorities before proceeding with plans. To reschedule a 3 week camp with over 100 students and nearly 20 staff is not a simple task.

WHITE SHOES

A reminder that only genuine sports shoes/sneakers should be worn for PE. Some female students are wearing little canvas white shoes that are for casual wear not physical education. Aside from not being part of our uniform, they can also be dangerous to wear for PE.

COMMUNITY SUCCESS

It is always pleasing to see Samaritan students and staff highlighted in the local media. Whether it be for sporting achievements, community service or cultural work we are very proud of what the Samaritan community achieves in Whyalla and beyond. If your child has achieved something of note, feel free to let us know for us to acknowledge in this newsletter. Sometimes students aren’t forthcoming in letting us know of their ‘good news’.

APOLOGY

A mix up in communication saw some students having to wait for their BBQ tea on the Principals’ Tours last week and we apologise for that. It was not our intention for that to happen. We are very grateful for the time and effort our students so generously give on the evening.

Damien Judd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Graeme Jose Award Nominations

Students aged 14-18 years old who live in Whyalla or Iron Knob can nominate for this prestigious award. Nominations are sought from young people who fit the criteria of contributing to the community through academic or sporting or cultural involvement. Students need to have their nomination seconded and are interviewed by a panel of community leaders. Nomination forms are available from our front office and close Friday, July 20.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Whyalla Male-out

Community Fun Day

From 11am-3pm at University of South Australia
Sunday 17 June

Free admission

For more information call 4031 2355 or email communityfun@unisa.edu.au