Dear Parents/Caregivers,

“I gave them the same glory you gave me, so that they may be one, just as you and I are one: I in them and you in me so that they may be completely one, in order that the world may know you sent me and that you love them as you love me” John 17: 20-26

On Tuesday Samaritan College hosted a celebration of prayer and activity to mark the upcoming Naidoc week. It was a combined celebration with the Sunrise Christian School held on Our Lady Help of Christians Campus. Under the guidance of Lou Gogoll, our Indigenous Focus teacher, the students took part in a liturgy and art activities to gain a greater understanding of the culture and history of our indigenous ancestors.

Rose Hillman, a special guest representing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective, assisted in the very important custom of her Indigenous culture of “going through the smoke” “Puyungka Yunanyi”. Fr Arno led the Liturgy which united all people as one, finishing with the singing of “We are Australian”. Everything concluded in the usual way with morning tea. We would like to thank Bernie Meixner for his work in making this event happen, the Year 11 students who assisted, Sunrise Christian School for their willingness to share in the activities; a very important celebration in the life of our College.

We are immensely proud of our students and staff who have been active in their fund-raising for the Rosa family this week. With the family’s blessing and consent, the student leaders have run soup and beverage stalls and shared a casual clothes day. We continue to share the Novena prayer together, as united as community, we have faith that our strength of support will be felt by Phoebe, Megan, Louis and Macy. All campuses will continue involvement in our shared cause next term.

Reports are on their way home this week to conclude a semester of work. It would be important to look at these reports and discuss with your child any goals they might like to set for themselves for the new semester to come back after the holidays in a positive frame of mind. We also encourage parents to seek further advice of teachers if required, next term.

As we embark on school holidays, we encourage families to take time to relax, enjoy the relief from the hustle and bustle of being governed by time and school schedules. As one parent recently described; “I love holidays as we can stay in our PJs as long as we want”. So, we trust students will enjoy the break and if you are travelling, please drive safely and take care. We look forward to our coming together to commence Term 3.

As we end the semester we say farewell to three staff members, Mrs Ann Wilson, who retires after 25 years of service at the OLHC Campus. Ms Yvette Agars, after 10 years at Saint John’s Campus is moving interstate and Ms Rachel Gould is heading overseas to work next year. We thank them all for their hard work, spirit of relationship, care and consideration for children and their peers; and wish them all the best in their new endeavours.


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Please see p5 for more details.
Greetings as winter is very evident around us with chilly cold mornings and evenings!

During this last week we have said many times; this time last week we were waiting for our visitors to come, and for the celebrations to begin and now it’s over BUT for the wonderful memories the joy, the laughter, the friendships, the gratitude for past gifts, the catching up with someone we haven’t seen for years, the praying together and the great spirit that is the Whyalla Catholic Parish of Parishioners and the Samaritan College Community.

I would like to share some of the reflections of some of our Sisters who attended the Reunion.

Thank you so much for the wonderful weekend. I feel richly blessed to have been part of the special Whyalla celebrations. Thank you for all your hard work and careful planning, your warm welcome, generous hospitality and kindness is outstanding.

Please extend my thanks to all those on the organising committee, college staff and parishioners for the countless hours of work and the generosity of heart that made all this possible.

I am so thankful I came as I enjoyed every aspect of the celebrations. For me it was like a Resurrection experience to revisit places and people I left many years ago. It was a wonderful grace that I will cherish always.

Last Week the Year 11 students went to Pichie Richie Park for their annual retreat. The staff and students were graced to be in such wonderful surroundings and we give thanks to our hosts Nic and Jodie.

The theme of the Retreat was the Year of Grace and we spent time examining the Grace we receive from others and the Grace we offer those in our community. The maturity of the students and their willingness to be involved in the experience was a personal sign of Grace for me and the other staff members. A liturgy prepared by the students was the focus of two day experience where the students prayed and read from scripture and reflected on the Grace in our lives. After a hard term it was nice to ‘just be’, and relax in such a comfortable atmosphere.

Yesterday, Year 7 and 8 students from Samaritan and Year 5, 6 and 7 students from Sunrise Christian School participated in a NAIDOC Week Liturgy at OLHC Church. Again, a Grace filled occasion with a traditional Smoking Ceremony that lead the celebration and a beautiful connection to the creation story and the Seven Sisters dreaming story which set the scene. We thank Aunty Rose Hillman and other members of the local Aboriginal Community for their presence.

For the school holidays ahead I pray that these can be Grace filled times with your family and the opportunity to restore the energy levels and enjoy the warm rays of the winter sun.

Happy Holidays

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

Thanks to students who gave up their time to show us around the three school campuses. It was a delight to be shown around by such enthusiastic and caring young people.

Congratulations and thanks for making this such a memorable and special time.

To these reflections I would like to add a sincere thank you to you all for the support and graciousness you gave to Sister Sonia and I, whenever we had a question or a request for help. We would not have been able to host our Sisters without your invaluable help. Thanks!

This is the Good Sams blessing for each of you.

May Samaritan College continue its great Catholic tradition of faith, wisdom and compassion. May the spirit of love of the Whyalla Catholic Community grow stronger and flow out to our world making it a place of hospitality, justice and equality for all.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Sister Helen Mills
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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The Australian Government announced in the 2012 Budget that the Education Tax Refund (ETR) would be replaced by a new payment called the Schoolkids Bonus.

As part of the transition to the new Schoolkids Bonus, the ETR for 2011-12 will be paid as a lump sum in June 2012.

All eligible families will receive the maximum ETR entitlement for 2011-12, without having to claim through their tax return.

Eligible families will automatically receive the payments into their bank account of:
- $409 for each child in primary school
- $818 for each child in secondary study.

Under the ETR, families were previously unable to claim school fees as an eligible deduction, however, the new Schoolkids Bonus allows families to use this payment to pay for school fees.

Further information can be obtained from the ETR website: www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au
It is hard to believe that it’s the end of another term. As we reflect on Term 2 we remember all that has happened and give thanks for the many people who made these events possible. In particular: NAIDOC Week Liturgy / Activity Morning, Swimming Lessons, First Eucharist, Class Masses and Sports Day just to name a few.

Today you would have received your child’s / children’s mid-year Report. A great deal of hard work went into their production this semester. The teachers used an array of approaches to assess the students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the primary campus staff for their hard work and dedication, who are committed to the education of our students.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who have helped in various ways. We are very privileged to have their support of the college during Semester 1 of 2012. Your input and efforts are always much appreciated!

NAIDOC LITURGY / ACTIVITY DAY

Earlier this week, we celebrated NAIDOC Week with a Liturgy and Activity morning on the OLHC Campus. Indigenous families across the College and Year 7, 8 and 11 students from across the three campuses attended this celebration. Year 7 students from the Christian School were also invited to join Samaritan College in celebrating this important occasion in our school calendar of celebrating the history, culture and achievements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It was an opportunity to participate in a range of activities for the morning.

Thank you to Louise Gogoll and Bernie Miexner for organising this wonderful celebration!

SAPSASA – HOCKEY

Congratulations to three of our students - Mirella Marino, Austin Wilson (OLHCC) and Cadell H (STC), who were selected to represent SAPSASA at the forthcoming School Sport Australia Hockey Championship. This Championship will be held in Melbourne from August 5–10.

CHOIRS

Thank you to Mrs Fitzgerald, Ms Gray and Mrs Smith and the Year 6/7 Choir students who have continued to practise throughout the term. The choir commitments involve a great deal of hard work. We are looking forward to their performances in Term 3.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell and wish Ann Wilson all the best for the next stage of her life.

You have made such a difference in your time here. You have touched and influenced so many souls in our school community. We thank you for your dedication and hard work over the last 25 years of service at Our Lady Help of Christians.

It is time to sit back and ‘smell the roses’ and savour the rewards of your years of hard work. Now you are about to enter another chapter of your life. We are sure you will enjoy your retirement and welcome the opportunity to do all those things that you have not had time for previously.

We will all miss you dearly, but hope that you are too busy enjoying your newfound leisure time and your caravanning adventure with Ray to miss us!

On behalf of Samaritan College - congratulations and best wishes for a fulfilling retirement!

We welcome Helen Shepherd to the OLHC Campus in Term 3 who will be replacing Ann Wilson for the remainder of the year.

Term 2 is always very busy. On behalf of the Primary Leadership Team we hope that you and your families have a relaxing holiday break. We pray that the holidays will be a time of rest and renewal for all. Please take care if you are travelling!

Yours in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion,

Eleni Vailas
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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**PRIMARY BAND**

On Tuesday, June 26 the Samaritan College Primary Band had its first concert. It was held in the Vessey Unit at OLHCC for family and friends of the band. A majority of the students from both primary campuses have been learning their instruments since Week 3 of Term 1 this year, and have come a long way in such a short time. Two students who have been learning alto saxophone since beginning of last year, Kymberley J and Jasmine Samu, played two excellent duets for us. A big Thank You and Well Done to all involved.

*Julia Anttila*
MUSIC TEACHER

**MUSICAL REHEARSALS**

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AFTER SCHOOL FOOTY

Throughout Term 2, the annual inter school After School Football competition has been running each Wednesday afternoon. The Samaritan OLHC Sharks participated in the competition with enthusiasm every week and represented Samaritan College OLHC Campus with pride.

Throughout the Week 9 competition, we won seven games and lost two, finishing third in the competition overall and narrowly missing out on a spot in the Grand Final. Congratulations to all students who participated each week, they did a fantastic job.

Many thanks also go to Dave Adamson who volunteered his time and umpired our games each week.

Nikki Lancaster

HOCKEY

Friday, June 29

5pm Minkey:
STC2 vs MOPS
OLHC vs Naps/Long2

5:45pm: U/11
OLHC vs STC1
STC2 vs MOPS

6:40pm U/13
OLHC vs STC

BYE: STC1 Minkeys

OLHC PARENTS ARE ON CANTEEN DUTY. I will need two helpers to work with me in the canteen please, from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Samaritan students who were selected in the SAPSASA state teams after last week’s cold and wet carnival.

Mirella Marino, Cadell Herbert, and Austin Wilson. Well done to these talented U12 players!

Tania Taylor

CANTEEN ROSTERS

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Annette Cameron
CAANTEEN MANAGER

Rose Cassar
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Marg Coad
CAANTEEN MANAGER
REPORTS
Today your child should be bringing home their report for the semester. These reports, like all our reports, are written for the parents. They are not written directly for the student, but rather for the parent to discuss with their child. Explanations of what each grade means can be found on our website. Year 11 and 12 grades are slightly different to Years 8-10. If you have any queries regarding your child's report, please contact the relevant teacher.

YEAR 12
As the Year 12s farewell Ms Agars, they were also reminded of the urgency of how close the end of the year is for them. Essentially they have one term left of formal schooling with a few lessons and exams left in Term 4. Whilst the temptation may be there to ‘slow down’ as the ‘finish line’ approaches, Term 3 is often a crucial time for Year 12s. Not only are the final sections of the syllabi taught but information relating to post-school options are presented during Term 3.

NEW ROLES
With Ms Agars and Ms Gould leaving, their leadership roles will be filled for the remainder of the year by Mr Keiper, who will now coordinate both Year 11 and 12 and Mr Quist who will oversee the faculty of Society and the Environment. We congratulate Trent and Matt on their appointments.

YEAR 8 ICT
Like all our Year 8 Electives, Information & Communication Technology (ICT), offers students a small sample of the various electives we offer in Year 9 and 10. In the 13 weeks the students study 8ICT, they have a short course on the use of search engines, look at how to be safe on the internet and then learn how to program a computer. The students use a simple programming application called ‘Scratch’. Initially the students learn to program basic games i.e. make a car race or shoot a space invader but eventually the students can use this application to make animated presentations for their other subjects. The logic and precision required to make these presentations is quite detailed let alone the learning of a computer programming language.

HEADPHONES
A reminder for all students to keep a set of their own earbud style headphones in their pencil cases. These, and mice, are available very cheaply at local discount stores. The term break would be a good time to purchase these.

TERM 3
Students return on Tuesday, July 17 with our Japanese friends arriving shortly after and Saint John’s Day at the end of Week 3. Information evenings for all year levels begin with the Year 11s on July 31.

Have a restful break.
Damien Judd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

HELP!!
Minakuchi Exchange
We are desperate for 6 more families to host female Japanese students during the Minakuchi Exchange starting on July 26.

If you would be willing to welcome a Japanese student into your home for our annual two week exchange, can you please contact me at Saint John’s Campus as soon as possible, or email me at joshuaboden@samaritan.catholic.edu.au. It would be great for a group of friends to plan to host together!!

Josh Boden

JUST FOR TODAY:
Take time to look at something beautiful in nature with a young relative or family friend.

eg. The sunset, a flower, a baby animal.

JUST FOR A WEEK
Say the Serenity Prayer.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Reinhold Niebuhr
TO THE COMMUNITY OF SAMARITAN COLLEGE, WHYALLA

Dear Community Members

I am writing to let you know that Chris Sloan has decided to retire from her role as Co-Principal at Samaritan College, Whyalla at the end of the 2012 school year.

Chris has served as Principal in the Whyalla Catholic community for the past 18 years, always with the best interests of the students; their dignity and respect, in her heart. In Co-Principalship with Tenissa Shepherd, Samaritan College has benefited enormously from her enthusiasm, passion, energy, and strength in leadership in its first 5 years. The collaborative culture and relationships they have established together continue to support opportunities in the R-12 setting for equitable access to an excellent Catholic education.

I know, too, that Chris has deeply appreciated the support of the staff, parents and the broader community and found these years personally and professionally fulfilling.

Over the next couple of months the position of Co-Principal will be advertised to commence in 2013. Part of this process will involve consultations with the school staff and the school board. The panel will be made up of a nominee of mine as Panel Chair, the Chair of the School Board (or a nominee), the Parish Priest, the remaining Co-Principal, and representatives from the Principals’ Associations.

There will be opportunities to farewell Chris later in the year.

I am sure you will join with me in thanking Chris for her leadership of Samaritan College and wishing her all the best as she embarks on this new chapter in her life.

Yours sincerely

KATHY MCEVOY
DIRECTOR

26 June 2012