Dear families,

We welcome all students back to school, and trust they have had a rejuvenating break. On Monday, as part of spiritual formation activities of staff we took some time to reflect on the vision of the college and how we, as teacher leaders, can be guided by that vision to act as conscientious, authentic and compassionate educators for our young people. Taking time for reflection is important in our busy lives; it is something we encourage in our students and staff at different times throughout the year.

We thank the many students and their families who marched on Anzac Day. We always receive positive feedback from the RSL, who grant us permission each year to march. The respect and reverence shown by the students is inspiring. Blessed by beautiful weather, the crowd was again larger this year, in keeping with the growing trend across the country. We have also conducted quiet commemoration ceremonies this week on each campus.

We welcome to our staff this term, Miss Frances Wren, who will be taking Year 2/3 at the OLHC campus. Frances has had experience working as a contract teacher in Adelaide. We also welcome a number of new students across R–12. Although some year levels are becoming tight with numbers, there are still places in most. If you have children who are younger siblings and have not made enrolment enquiries for later this year or next, we strongly advise that you submit enrolment enquiry forms as early as possible.

Late last term a mail out of information was sent to all families with students who will be undertaking the NAPLAN this year. If you wish to withdraw or exempt your child, the relevant form must be returned this week. Should you require further clarification or just wish to reflect on the philosophy or purpose of the NAPLAN, feel free to contact us or our deputies – Georgia Tyson and John Lyons. Our Learning Support Coordinators, Sarah Smith and Kay Baker, can also be contacted if you are already in regular liaison with them.

Families of our R-2 students should have received an invitation to a parent information session about the Walker Learning Approach. This informative and useful event is on Saturday morning, with further information found in this newsletter.

“Bloom where you are planted……the flower doesn’t dream of the bee. It blossoms and the bee arrives...” MARK NEPO(2000)
Hockey, and Running the World

As the Global Financial Crisis proceeded to ruin economies, both national and family, across the world, Pope Benedict issued an encyclical called Caritatis in Veritate. In it he observed that in western countries, there had been a reduction in the role played by the people. But the roles of Government and Big Business had increased substantially.

Sadly, when the running of the world is left to the government and private corporations, it doesn’t take long before things go downhill. The Global Financial Crisis happened because the values which are important in human society, like truthfulness, cooperation, generosity, reliability and kindness, were steadily eliminated. They were of no interest to governments and corporations.

So the Pope called for human beings, both individuals and groups, to once again get involved in running things – to see that governance and investment, workplaces and family life could all be supported and held to account by … well … us.

Last weekend the Hockey Association officially opened the new playing surface at Searle Street. I understand that along with funding from grant sources, the work was achieved with the contribution of over one hundred volunteers, working through the heat of the summer. An outstanding example of human society playing its proper role.

The Hockey mob are not unique. Just think of the Netball Association, for instance, or the Bubblegum Markets people who started out helping the family of a sick child, and many other community groups. So much can be realised when we take responsibility, and break the ice to work with one another.

It’s true what Benedict said, isn’t it? Governments and big business are essential and important, but they are worse than useless unless each of us plays our part, as individuals and as society, especially as families.

Father Jim Monaghan
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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...'Were not ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.' Luke 17

The Samaritan College Staff spent time in prayer and reflection at a recent Spirituality Day. The day focussed on the Samaritan stories from scripture that are the basis for the College Vision Statement.

The day was facilitated by Mr Wayne Brabin who employed an Ignatian Spirituality approach that involved reflection and prayer to awaken and help us recognise the ‘sacred’ in our personal and professional lives.

Reflecting on the example of gratitude in the ten lepers story and the compassion shown in the Good Samaritan parable, staff were invited to reflect on, and connect their own lives with the messages from scripture.

You may like to reflect on these questions in your own life.

- Reflect on moments in my life where I may not have thanked someone or shown gratitude but have taken either them or their actions for granted.
- Reflect on a time in my life when I was most profoundly affected by Grace and knew I had received a most treasured gift of love.
- Reflect on situations in my life when I have ‘passed by’ someone in need.

Some important messages for staff were that;

- the Good Samaritan helped the stranger for no personal gain or glory, simply because it was the right thing to do.
- From the Ten Lepers a message gained was an attitude of gratitude keeps us focussed on the source of life.

Samaritan College thanks Wayne for spending the day with staff and guiding our faith formation in this simple, yet important way.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

ANZAC DAY

As you know ANZAC Day fell in the last school holidays. I congratulate and thank the students who came to represent the college and pay their respects to the soldiers who have sacrificed so much for the good of our country. To see more than twenty student representatives of all ages in their school uniform was most encouraging and uplifting. I thank these students who helped continue the college presence in this important day for all Australians.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

2 of 6  May 2, 2013
**ADVANCED NOTICE: R-7 DISCO**

A new initiative, planned by our Parents and Friends, is to run a “lock-in” disco in the Samaritan Hall, for Reception to Year 7 students from our primary campuses, on Friday evening, May 24, (Week 4), from 6:30 – 9:00pm. We are encouraging parents to come along and stay around as chaperones, particularly for the younger children. Arrangements for parents needing to bring their child later or collect prior to 9:00pm, will be made closer to the date.

The senior secondary SRC will be providing the disco and helping out in the “coffee shop” (supper for parent helpers) and there will be drinks, snacks and novelties on sale for the children. The theme will be “Colour Your World” which leaves things nice and open for children to dress up in their normal coloured clothes or get a bit carried away with hair sprays, house colours, funny hats, wigs, etc. As school leaders, we will be present to support the P&F initiative.

Please complete the return slip attached, to indicate the likelihood of your child attending and please indicate if you are keen to be present as a chaperone on the evening.

Kind regards,

Terissa Shepherd
ON BEHALF OF THE PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY GROUP

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My children may / will / will not be attending the Samaritan Disco on May 24, 2013.

Signature: .......................................................... Date: ....................................

*If children are attending, please complete the section below:*

I can / cannot attend the “Colour Your World Disco” as a supporting chaperone.

I can be contacted on: M: ..........................................................  
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Welcome to Samaritan

I welcome everyone back from the holidays and especially welcome those students and their families who are new to our Samaritan College community.

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLIES

On Wednesday we gathered at both campuses to celebrate those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their fellow human beings, in all wars and especially at Gallipoli.

Thank you to Year 6/7 Usher and Year 6/7 Keen for presenting the Anzac Day Assemblies and highlighting how significant this day is in our history. Interest in ANZAC Day has been renewed in our youngest Australians as they endeavour to understand the greatest giving of oneself. This is certainly proven the case at Samaritan College with the reverence of students at both liturgies and also the attendance of students in the ANZAC Day march during their holidays. Proud moments for us all.

WALKER LEARNING MORNING

As you may be aware, your child engages in aspects of a contemporary learning style called the Walker Learning Approach. This is sometimes referred to as play-based inquiry learning or high-engagement learning.

We are fortunate to have a professional trainer from the Kathy Walker group working with our staff this Friday and Saturday morning. The trainer has kindly offered to run an overview session of the Walker Learning Approach for parents and non-Samaritan teachers, from 10:30am on Saturday morning. The session is free and morning tea will be provided. It will be held in a classroom at the OLHCC campus (come to the front office on arrival) and will last between 60-90 mins. Please phone your child's campus office to reserve a place.

R – 7 DISCO IN WEEK 4

As mentioned late last term our Parents and Friends disco is not too far away. Students from Reception to Year 7 students from our primary campuses have the opportunity to attend a ‘lock in disco’, on Friday evening, May 24, (Week 4), from 6:30 – 9:00pm. Parents are welcome to come along and stay around as chaperones, particularly for the younger children. The senior secondary SRC will be providing the disco and helping out in the “coffee shop” (supper for parents) and there will be drinks, snacks and novelties on sale for the children. The theme will be “Colour Your World” and students can dress in their favourite colour, a colourful outfit and use their imagination. Please also keep an eye out for the posters around both campuses advertising this great opportunity and return the slip with this newsletter.

NAPLAN

Parents of students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will receive information this week relating to this year’s NAPLAN. I would encourage all parents to read this correspondence carefully. This year’s testing will occur in Week 3 of this term. The data we gain from NAPLAN is part of a whole suite of assessments students undertake in the course of their time at school. At Samaritan assessment can take different purposes, and data is collected in many ways. NAPLAN is one form of assessment.

Grace and blessings,

Georga Tyson

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
volunteers had to undertake a Catholic Police Check before they could become involved in college activities, however, there have been changes to this procedure recently which might make it easier for people to volunteer.

The college can accept the following forms of clearance without any further processes being required.

- TRB Registration Certificate
- SAPOL Identification Badge
- Licensed Bus Driver who is accredited through DTEI
- Licensed Security Guards through the OCBA

People who have these can register as a volunteer with the college with immediate affect.

There are a number of other documents that we can send through to the Police Check Unit which may facilitate a speedier process in acquiring the clearance letter.

If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact me at the college to discuss different options available.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN TESTING

As many of you are aware, NAPLAN testing will occur nation-wide from Tuesday, May 14 through to Friday May 17 (this last day is a catch-up day for students who miss tests earlier in the week). On the senior campus, tests will be conducted in Year 9 caregroups and at the following times:

- Tuesday, May 14 - Language Conventions (9:30–10:25)
- Tuesday, May 14 - Writing (11:35–12:25)
- Wednesday, May 15 - Reading (9:10–10:25)
- Thursday, May 16 - Numeracy: Calculators allowed (9:35–10:25)
- Thursday, May 16 - Numeracy: No calculators allowed (11:35 – 12:25)
- Friday, May 17 – catch-up for missed tests (tests will be conducted in the Meeting Room or another quiet area)

Parents who would like more information are encouraged to view the National Assessment Program website at www.nap.edu.au.

ACARA, the organisation responsible for setting and marking the tests, issues strict guidelines for the administration of the NAPLAN tests, some of which are outlined below:

Cheating

Cheating is obviously not tolerated and any incidents will be dealt with accordingly. Behaviours that amount to cheating include:

- Taking unauthorised equipment or prohibited information into the test room (eg: a mobile phone or dictionary)
- Communicating with any person other than the supervisor during the test introduction time, planning time or during the test
- Looking at another student’s work

Prohibited items

Students are not permitted to bring the following items into the test area under any circumstances:

- Mobile phones
- Rulers
- Dictionaries

Students will be required to leave these items in a box at the front of the room (to be returned once test time has elapsed).

Permitted items

Students are permitted to bring the following items into the test area:

- Pencils and pens
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- One blank piece of paper for planning for the Writing test
- One blank piece of paper for working in the Numeracy tests
- Calculators for the calculator-allowed tests (devises)
- Spare calculators, pencils, erasers and sharpeners, as well as scribbling paper, will be available for those students who forget them; however, students are advised to bring their own items and are reminded that they are unable to share stationery with others.

Students are also reminded that calculators do not include multifunction or internet accessible devices; as such, they cannot use their mobiles as calculators.

Special provisions

Adjustments can be made for students with disabilities, be these physical, emotional or cognitive. For example, students may be entitled to the use of a scribe or support person, or given additional time. Please contact me if you would like to discuss the possibility of your son or daughter accessing these supports.

Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

YOUTH MASS

The young adults group will lead a Youth Mass at the 5:30pm Mass at Our Lady’s on May 5. A rehearsal for musicians was held on Sunday, April 28 after 5:30pm Mass. All young musicians are welcome to attend on May 5 and see the start of something we hope will grow. Other young people who wish to participate, eg ministries of Reader, Commentator, Minister of Communion, altar servers; and support roles such as Collectors, bring forward the gifts, welcomers, are also welcome. Please see Donna or Fr Jim if you can assist with music or one of the other roles. Would rostered ministers please still be available, but ready to step aside if we have youth prepared to do the roles?

Fr Jim Monaghan

YEAR 12 SEMINAR

Vocation of a Young Christian Adult

The next Year 12 Seminar on the ‘Vocation of a Young Christian Adult’ will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at Saint Teresa’s Church. These Seminars take place during the Year 12 Religious Education time and are part of the Year 12 RE Curriculum. The key presenter for the seminar is Fr Jim Monaghan. It is expected that all Year 12 students attend.

Year 12 students need to be at the church by 8:25am. We will be back at school for recess time.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

May 2, 2013
Come and see us at the Bubblegum Markets
May 5: 10am-3pm
Samaritan SRC Coffee shop
Soft drinks, juices, ice creams, water...
Plus... Straight from the Barista -
Cappuccino, Lattes, espresso, hot chocolates!
A selection of teas, scones and biscuits available.

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