Dear families,

As we celebrate Mother’s Day this Sunday, we dedicate our Newsletter reflection to parenting; the joys, the challenges and the honour. It has been a wonderful time of engagement in this past week with the sharing of information at the Walker Learning parent session last Saturday morning, and the background parent support of our senior SRC as they operated the Bubblegum Markets Coffee Shop. Children do indeed, learn what they live, thus any modelling of generosity, curiosity and compassion that we act out in our daily lives will be absorbed, observed and lived by them.

Our children were very excited last Friday, with the presence of a camera man from Southern Cross Television at each campus. We are developing an advertising suite as part of the transition program from Years 7-8 which begins in Term 2, each year. We also wish to convey to our community the essence of us being one school – with three campuses, which allows for common purpose as well as the intimacy found in smaller communities.

Next week sees the national NAPlAN tests for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is important to remind parents and students that the NAPlAN is not a competition. It is a measuring device and a way for schools to collect data, every two years, about where each child is with their learning, in numeracy and literacy, at a particular point in time. We do not reward the high achievers in NAPlAN nor do we penalise those with low scores. Ultimately these tests allow schools and governments to make better decisions in improving learning for students. They are a very important tool for schools, families and students.

From Parent to Child - A Poem of Love

I gave you life, but I cannot live it for you
I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn
I can give you directions, but I cannot be there to lead you
I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it
I can take you to church, but I cannot make you a believer
I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you
I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I cannot make you beautiful inside
I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you
I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you
I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish
I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honor
I can advise you about friends, but I cannot choose them for you
I can not advise you about sex, but I cannot keep you pure
I can tell you about drinking, but I cannot say no for you
I can warn you about drugs, but I cannot prevent your using them
I can tell you about lofty goals, but I cannot achieve them for you
I can teach you about kindness, but I cannot force you to be gracious
I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you Eternal Life.

Author: UNKNOWN
Parish News

Last Sunday evening at the 5:30pm Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church the first of our regular Youth Masses was celebrated. The youth were involved with the music, singing, scripture reading, power point operation, special ministers, collectors and bringing up the gifts. Sr Elizabeth from Port Augusta gave the reflection on the readings and assisted with the preparation; we are very grateful to her for planning and organising the Mass. I have heard from a few people that it was very well received and they look forward to the next one. It is great to see the youth being involved in the Liturgy and next time we hope a few more will become involved.

On the weekend our First Eucharist children and their families attended the different Masses to enrol in the Program. Last night we had the Parent and Student evening where the children were given their work books that they will work on with their families at home over the coming weeks. This sacrament is very important in the life of the child and the family. This Sunday the children will bring their commitment cards to one of the Masses and these will be put up on our Church walls so that the Parishioners can pray for them over the next few weeks as they prepare for their First Eucharist that will take place the weekend of June 1 & 2. It is important that families who enrol in the program attend all the sessions on the time line. I am sure many of us have memories of our First Eucharist and how important it was in our life and how it helps us to live out our daily life.

Yesterday the Year 12 Seminar took place at the Parish. We looked at the Vocation of a Young Christian Adult. This year is very important for these students as they look to what the future holds for them.

Sister Cheryle Thomson
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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Religious Dimension

With Mother’s Day approaching this weekend, staff and students have taken the opportunity to reflect on what makes our Mothers special. Below are some examples.

- I love my Mum because she’s there for me whether it’s something big or small. She also will never let me forget funny moments I’ve had.
- I love my Mum because she bakes with me.
- I admired her tenacity and longevity.
- I can’t put into words how much I love my Mum.
- I love my Mum because she always sees the positives and she gave me red hair.
- I love my Mum because of her giving nature and ability to look after a whole family, regardless of how tired she is. She is a superstar!
- I love my Mum because she gave me a home, a family, unlimited hugs and kisses and a life worth living for.
- I love my Mum because she’s seen me at my worst and still loves me!
- I love my Mother because her love for me is unconditional. She is my best friend.
- She raised four boys single-handedly.
- When I had self-doubt, she was reassuring and encouraging.
- I was one of 7 children and I never felt like it, she always made me feel unique.
- She is self-sacrificing and strong.

Carly Higgins
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR (SECONDARY)

Canteen Rosters

Canteen Rosters
Monday, May 13 – Friday, May 17

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Annette Cameron
Canteen Manager

Rose Cassar
Canteen Manager

Marg Coad
Canteen Manager

May 9, 2013
R-7 DISCO

A new initiative, planned by our Parents and Friends, is to run a 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. **Children can come after 6:30pm or leave before 9:00pm, but only if dropped off/collected at the door by a parent.** It is for Samaritan students only and students will not be able to leave unless with a parent.

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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**PARENT NAME(S):** ..........................................................................................................................

**CHILDREN AT SAMARITAN:**  
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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: .....................................................
H: .....................................................
W: .....................................................

UNIFORM TRANSITION

Despite the fluctuating weather we move into full winter uniform next week. A full description is listed in your child’s diary and also on the college website. Students should not be in a combination of summer/winter uniform ie; shorts and long sleeve shirt or vice versa. Thank you again for your efforts in ensuring this is the case.

PRIMARY DISCO

As has been publicised the 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.

The students are buzzing about this opportunity to be social outside of school. Despite this event being advertised as a ‘lock in’ there is still flexibility with drop off and families can certainly work around sports and previous commitments.

NAPLAN

Next week students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will sit the NAPLAN tests.

All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. We see these tests as one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process. They are not a replacement for the extensive, ongoing assessments made by your child’s teacher throughout the year.
We work to ensure students are prepared for and know about the tests in advance and ensure them that it is not about what they know and don’t know, but more about data collection and putting in their best effort.

You will have seen many a newsletter insert from Michael Grose, a highly renowned parenting expert, he provides the following 5 tips for parents to support their child during NAPLAN testing:

1. Take your cue from your child
2. Focus on doing their best and trying hard
3. Listen to their concerns
4. Give them some relaxation ideas
5. Help them to retain perspective

His full article can be found by following the link: http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Blog/May-2011/Prepare-your-child-for-the-NAPLAN-tests

ASSEMBLY

Next week we celebrate the learning that is taking place in R/1 Rothe/Hancock at our Our Lady Help of Christians Campus. Please feel free to come and share in the learning that this class will be sharing.

R/1 Rothe/ Hancock @ 12:10pm OLMHC in the Church, Friday, May 17.

WALKER LEARNING MENTOR IMPRESSED

You may be aware that the College has embraced the Walker Learning Approach.

“The WLA is based upon decades of research about play-based and personalised learning. It is a total approach to teaching and learning which combines the need for children to be active participants in their learning (through hands-on and creative exploration and investigation) which sits alongside formal instruction. There is explicit teaching and development of not only literacy and numeracy skills and knowledge, but also the range of vital social, emotional and life skills.”

It was fabulous to have Karen McKay, Walker Learning Mentor, visiting our College community on Friday and Saturday. Karen was nothing but complimentary about the work and learning environments that our Early Years team are providing at Samaritan College. Karen’s visit was a fabulous opportunity to reaffirm our school’s commitment to engagement and inquiry learning. It was great to have parents, staff members and colleagues from Neta Kranz kindergarten on board for the session.

Grace and blessings,

Georgia Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PRIMARY)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 3 out now

Due date: Friday May 10

Please bring orders to the OLHC library before and after school. I look forward to seeing you all.

Helen Shepherd

PATRON’S DAY MASS

The primary campuses will celebrate our Patrons on Friday, May 24 at Saint Teresa’s Campus. A letter with detailed information will go home with children soon.

Our patrons are Our Lady Help of Christians, Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Therese of Lisieux and our parish patron is Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Our patrons are important to our college community as they are the inspiration for the models of service and leadership that have helped our college become what it is today. We look to our patrons to help us work towards a bright and prosperous future. It is also a tradition in the Catholic faith to pray to the saints for strength to live our lives in the way Jesus taught.

For these reasons we will take a morning to honour our patrons.

To celebrate Patrons Day we are also inviting families to donate non perishable food items that will be given to St Vincent de Paul for distribution. Please send any donations to your child’s classroom.

FIRST EUCHARIST

This weekend the children participating in the preparation for First Eucharist are asked to bring their Commitment Cards to any Mass over the weekend.

The celebration of this Sacrament is a special time for the children and their family but it is also a special time for the parish.

These children are openly continuing their initiation into the church. They are stating they want to belong to something special. The current members of the parish community will celebrate with the families and children at this special time.

The commitment cards give the parishioners the chance to see the pictures of the children and pray for them by signing the cards.

If the cards are not brought this weekend, please bring them to Mass the following week.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

HOCKEY

Friday, May 10

5pm Minkey:
MOPS1 vs STC1 Field 1
STC 2 vs NAPS 1 Field 2

Bye: OLMHC Minkeys

5:45pm:U/11
OLHCC vs MOPS2 Field 1
NAPS 1 vs STC 2 Field 2
STC 1 vs MOPS Grass

6:35pm U/13
MOPS vs OLHCC Field 1
STC vs MOPS Grass

Angela Marino

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Helen Shepherd
SECONDARY ATTENDANCE HOTLINE 0488 626 818

We have been quite impressed with the uptake by parents of using this new method of communicating a child’s absence. Please remember to send your messages in early, but then as a matter of courtesy follow them up with a quick line in the diary.

The message should include: child’s name, caregroup name (eg 8B for 8 Blue), reason for and possible duration of absence and your name.

The office staff also checks the phone on a regular basis during the day when students are requesting to leave early, especially if there is no diary note. Parents are again asked to consider sending a message indicating the reason for an early departure especially if they haven’t been able to write a note.

CALENDAR

There have been a few additions to the Online Calendar. Parents and students are encouraged to check this information on a regular basis in readiness for their week. Some of the entries that affect students at the Secondary Campuses are; a Catch-Up Friday scheduled for Wednesday May 22, Catch-Up Monday scheduled for Thursday May 30 and the change of electives for Year 8 students on Monday, May 13. There are also a number of sporting events that occur this month which individual children may be interested in attending. If there is an event that a parent is interested in attending as a volunteer we would appreciate the support, however, clearance needs to be arranged if you are not already on the College Register.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers come from all walks of life and have various gifts that can be shared with others, frequently seen in primary schools but rarely in the secondary setting. People who have an interest in History may wish to join a class on an excursion around Whyalla or a day trip to another town. Someone who has an interest in health and fitness may offer their services to the PE department and be involved in cycling or hiking excursions. A person who has worked or is working in an engineering capacity may volunteer to work with science teachers to bring real world knowledge to the classroom setting. Please think of what gifts you might be able to share with our community.

Information was presented in last week’s newsletter sharing acceptable forms of clearance that would enable people in the community to volunteer their services within our Catholic School and start immediately.

This week I’d like to share other forms of documentation that can be used for consideration, there would be a waiting period if you were using these documents.

- Department of Education & Child Development (DECD) Clearance Letter
- Uniting Church in Australia (UC) Clearance Letter
- Federal and State Working With Children Clearance Cards

When clearance has been granted a letter will be issued to the applicant, that would be brought to the front office and the applicants name and expiry date would be added to the College register. The register is confidential and kept purely for school accountability purposes.

UNIFORM AND GROOMING

As of Week 3 students are expected to be in the full winter uniform. For boys this is long trousers, long sleeved shirt and tie. Girls would be in the winter skirt, blouse and tie. Hair styles for all students should be tied back if it is touching on the collar and no one should have piercings in that do not fit the allowed maximum of one earring per lobe. As always we appreciate the parent’s ongoing support in addressing uniform issues.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Minakuchi Exchange
Minakuchi High School in Japan are visiting Samaritan College again this year. Approximately 24 students and 2 teachers will be arriving from Japan on Thursday, July 25 for a 13 day visit.

If you are interested and 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.

Josh Boden

STUDENTS ARE IN NEED OF HOST FAMILIES

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 (e.g. 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 (devices
- 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

**UNISA BONUS POINTS**

Year 12 students should take note of the latest bonus points information received from the University of South Australia as they contemplate their 2014 applications:

**Two types of points are offered:**

Aspire points are awarded to Year 12 students attending a school that is recognised by UniSA as being underrepresented with respect to students going on to university. Samaritan College students will receive 5 points under this scheme. Students do not apply for these points, they are automatically awarded during the application process through SACE.

Achievement points are awarded to students who have studied particular subjects at Year 12 that will best prepare them for university studies within their chosen degree. Eligible students will be awarded 2 points per subject, up to a maximum of five points.

Students may be eligible for both of these types of points, however, the total number of bonus points are restricted to 9.

For more information about bonus points at UniSA please visit www.unisa.edu.au/bonuspoints, contact Future student enquiries on 1300 UNINow or email study@unisa.edu.au.

**YEAR 10 SACE REGISTRATION SLIPS**

This week Year 10 students should bring home a white SACE registration slip containing some declarations, student background information and Visa details among other things. The declarations have been set by the SACE Board to automatically default to ‘Y’ as this will put students in the best position at the end of Year 12 when their information needs to be shared with institutions such as SACE or universities. Please take the time to read through this document and if there are any questions or concerns feel free to approach me with those. This document should be stored safely with other SACE documentation received.

_Maresa Lyons_  
SACE COORDINATOR

**YEAR 9 WHITE MASS**

Wednesday, May 15, 9 White will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church. Students are to meet at the church by 8:45am and will walk back to school following Mass. Students are asked to bring something to share for morning tea.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

_Bernie Meixner_  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

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May 9, 2013
**TAX FILE NUMBERS**

This week, 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 is needed 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 and have not done so already, 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 6. 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

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**SCHOLASTIC IS CELEBRATING THE 17TH YEAR OF NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH**

**THIS MAY BY GIVING AWAY GREAT PRIZES FOR READING MORE IN MAY**

Having reading role models and reading together are critically important factors in a child’s learning and literacy development. Research shows us that family reading time is one of the BEST ways to grow a child’s interest in the wonderful world of books!

Encourage your students to make reading a family affair this May. The top 10 families throughout Australia who record the most Reading Minutes in May will each WIN $150 in Scholastic book vouchers that the whole family can use on either Book Club or Book Fairs!

Follow the link below for more information on how to enter, and visit your campus library to check out some great reading material


Kathy Smith
LIBRARIAN

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**YEAR 8 AND 9 - BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS PERFORMANCE**

On Tuesday, April 30, Brainstorm Productions visited the college to present their drama performance entitled “The Hurting Game”. All of the Year 8 and 9 students were treated to the award-winning in-school performance that focused on the hurtful games two teenagers experience when fighting against harassment and cyber bullying in a video game setting. In particular, the performance reveals the lifelong consequences when the teenagers decide to use the mediums of Facebook and text messaging to solve their issues. In addition to focusing on cyber bullying, the humourous play centered around the themes of Cyber Footprint and Safety, Rumours, Body Image, Peer Pressure and Positive Relationships.

More information can be found at: www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

Beck Kane
YEAR 8 COORDINATOR

Students are reminded that if they are experiencing any issues of concern, they can see their Year Level Coordinator and/or the school counsellors to seek support.
COMMUNITY NEWS

“We are at present urgently looking for host families for our students due to arrive on July 13. We still have 10 Spanish students who need a family. The students will be coming for 11 weeks. Host families do not need to have a child the same age to have a student, what we require is people with a kind heart and a willingness to help bring different cultures closer together. Anyone interested in further information may contact Jenny Hanson (State Manager) on (08) 8556 2208 or email jeh1313@bigpond.net.au

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for students facing challenges to transition from school.

Wednesday May 29th | 4-6pm | University of South Australia - Whyalla Campus
Registrations open at 4pm | Refreshments available

Who should attend? Students, parents, guardians, advocates, teachers and support staff. We encourage all students and families to attend, even if your young person won’t be leaving school for several years, as the information distributed at this event will enable you to make informed choices for the future.

For more information contact Lauren Stihvaan on 8647-8166 or at lauren.stihvaan@unisa.edu.au.