Dear families,

As we celebrated Mothering Sunday last week, many of us no doubt reflected on the importance of right relationship, of the value of nurture and the need to belong. Belonging to family and community – to each other, can take many forms. The oft-quoted eastern mystic Rumi, tells us “let the beauty we love be what we do. There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground”. So in our education work with children, family involvement in local sports, or volunteering in LAP and school canteen, to name a few, we share the living water that contains love and hope, and the awareness that children might close their ears to advice but open their eyes to example.

Our young people reflected that hope for the future as they stepped out for last Friday’s evening senior formal. It was a pleasant and engaging event with many families sharing in the delight of seeing fine young women and men enjoying each other’s company and celebrating the privilege they do indeed enjoy, to be growing up in a free society with so much opportunity.

The NAPLAN tests have occurred this week. By all accounts, they have been managed smoothly. Results take some considerable time to come to schools and families.

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities has prepared a paper for parents titled, "Putting NAPLAN in Perspective". It answers some commonly asked questions about these national literacy and numeracy assessments and offers some tips for parents on how they can play down the ‘hype’ surrounding NAPLAN assessments. It can be found on their website and on their Facebook page http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au

We also remind our R-7 parents of the upcoming primary disco on May 24 next week. It is very important parents collect their child from the doors of Samaritan Hall and not ask their child to ‘meet them by the corner’. Of course, parents are welcome and encouraged to stay for the whole evening.

Congratulations to Mrs June Liddy, grandmother of Jayde Burk, who won the Mother’s Day Raffle run by the Saint John's Campus SRC.

"Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water" John 7:37-39
It is good to be reminded of the privileges of some and the hardships of others. With this in mind, I offer this often adapted prayer from the internet. In this Year of Grace we are invited to take a moment to pray in thanksgiving for the many graceful moments in the world of children and in pleading to God for the victims of evil and want.

We pray for the children who put chocolate fingers on everything, who love to be tickled, who stomp in puddles and ruin new pants, who eat lollies before tea and who can never find their shoes in the morning.

And we also pray for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire, who have never run down the street in a new pair of shoes, who will never play chasey and who are born in places that we would not be caught dead in and they will be.

We pray for the children who give us sticky kisses and fistfuls of soursobs, who sleep with their dog and who bury their goldfish, who hug us so tightly and who forget their lunch money, who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, who study their mother’s face, and who slurp their soup.

And we pray for those who will never get dessert, who have no favourite blanket to drag around, who watch their fathers suffer, who can’t find any bread to steal, who don’t have any rooms to clean up, who live in an X-rated world, and whose monsters are real.

We pray for the children who spend all their allowance by Tuesday, who pick at their food, who love ghost stories, who shove their dirty clothes under the bed and never flush the loo, who love visits from the Tooth Fairy, who don’t like to be kissed in public, and who squirm during services.

And we also pray for those children whose nightmares occur in the daytime, who will eat anything, who have never seen a dentist, who are not spoiled by anyone, who go to bed hungry and wake up hungry, who live and move and have no address.

We pray for those children who like to be carried and for those children who have to be carried, for those who give up and for those who never give up, for those who will grab the hand of anyone kind enough to offer it and for those who have no hand to grab.

For all these children, we pray today, for they are all so precious.

(Anonymous)

Fr Arno Vermeeren
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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The Season of Easter is almost over and in last Sunday’s Gospel from John; Jesus is preparing his friends for when he is no longer with them. Jesus says if you love me and keep my commandments I will send the Holy Spirit to be an Advocate, to teach you everything and remind you of all that I said to you and to be with you forever.

In some translations of the Bible the word ‘Advocate’ is replaced with the word ‘comforter’. The word comfort can mean ‘to give strength or courage’.

It is a great comfort to us all to know that we will not be abandoned or left behind and that the Holy Spirit will always be with us. The Holy Spirit continues the work of Jesus himself. It is the Spirit who strengthens us, comforts us, guides us, and inspires us. The Holy Spirit plays an important life giving role in our lives. The actions of the Holy Spirit are there to be seen in the world around us.

How open are you to seeing the action of the Holy Spirit in the world around you? Can you be an advocate, a counsellor or comforter to someone in need this week?

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)
Some ideas on how to celebrate National Families Week 2013 with your family!

• Eat dinner at the table to encourage conversation
• Ask your children about their day
• Take out some time just to hang out with your children
• Let your children make dinner
• Watch your child play sport
• Undertake some exercise with your family (e.g. backyard cricket match or walking the dog together)
• Invite the family over for a BBQ
• Brainstorm and write a list with your family about all the things that makes your family so great
• Have a family games night
• Take some family photos
• Tell your family you love them

From the school counselors 😊

**PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS**

**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

The fourteenth annual Walk Safely to School Day initiative is on Friday, May 24.

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a free community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

WSTSD asks parents and carers to walk their primary school aged children all or part of the way to school. It might even mean you park a little bit further than usual and incorporate a longer walk with your children.

This year they have also released an App for smart phones. The App is designed to engage families in regular walking, both in the lead up to and well beyond Walk Safely to School Day itself. To download the App please head to iTunes or via the website at www.walk.com.au.

**NAPLAN MAKE UP DAY**

Tomorrow, Friday, May 17 is the make-up day for NAPLAN testing. This means that this is an opportunity for children who have been ill or were away for whatever reason to sit the test they missed. These tests will be supervised and follow the same strict guidelines as those previously administered earlier in the week.

**SCHOOL DISCO**

Another reminder that the school disco is **next Friday, May 24, (Week 4) from 6:30 – 9:00pm**, and the theme is ‘Colour my World’. It will be held in Samaritan Hall at Saint John’s Campus and students from Reception to Year 7 students are all welcome to attend. Entry is on Norrie Ave.

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. 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.

**PATRONS DAY**

The primary campuses will celebrate our Patrons on Friday, May 24 at Saint Teresa’s Campus.

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 pivotal to our identity and traditions as a college and we look to them for inspiration.

**THANKING OUR ROLE MODELS**

In our busy lives, we often forget the simplest things in life, one of which is to genuinely show appreciation to those we love. We had this opportunity on Sunday.

*God of love, we thank you for the experience of our mother’s love. Bless all our Mums and those who care for us. Gently nurture them through life’s journey. And should that journey be complete, hold them close and reward them richly with your love.*

A bouquet of wishes to all of the mums and female role models in our lives.

**SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS**

After some feedback from parents and staff, we have decided to trial a change to what shirts students can wear as part of their winter uniform. Primary students can now wear their short sleeve shirt (Years 3-7) or their short sleeve smartplay shirt (R-2) with long pants, as part of their winter uniform. We appreciate some long sleeve shirts are uncomfortable and too warm for some students and are also difficult keep tucked in.

Grace and blessings,

Georga Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
FIRST EUCHARIST WORKSHOPS

The first workshop for children preparing for Eucharist will be held on Friday, May 17 at Saint Teresa’s Church.

The children are to meet at Saint Teresa’s Church by 8:45am. They can be collected from Saint Teresa’s Church at 3:15pm.

The children are permitted to wear casual clothes on this day. They need to bring their recess, lunch and a drink.

Please have your child bring their home booklet so the Sacramental team members can discuss the children’s progress and address any questions they may have regarding this part of the program.

I would like to point out that the second workshop is on Thursday, May 23 at OLHC Church. The same instructions will apply for the 23rd as they do for the 17th. The children will be able to order their lunch on the 23rd as we have access to the school canteen on this day.

If you have not returned your child’s commitment card or Mass selection form, please bring them to any Mass this weekend.

PATRON’S DAY MASS – PRIMARY CAMPUSES

Patron’s Day Mass for the primary children will take place on Friday, May 24 at Saint Teresa’s Campus. A letter regarding the details of the day was sent home last Monday. If you need another copy please contact either primary campus office.

The students are being dropped at Saint Teresa’s Campus and are being transported back to their campus by bus. Hats will need to be worn on this day as the students will be outdoors for an extended period of time.

The children and their families are being asked to donate items of non perishable food items to their class. These donations will be given to St Vincent de Paul to help the needy in our community.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

Please be aware that Tuesday is banking day for students at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus.

FRONT OFFICE STAFF

You are warmly invited to attend...

Enrolment/Transition Evenings
Tuesday, May 28 7:30pm or Wednesday, May 29, 7:30pm
New Enrolments or Transition for continuing Samaritan students going into Year 8 in 2014 held in Saint John’s Campus lecture theatres for students and parents.
(No siblings please, due to limited space.)

Bookings essential.

Co-Principals’ Secondary Evening Tours
Saint John’s Campus
Wednesday, June 5, 5:00-9:00pm

Bookings for Tours will be taken at the Transition/Enrolment Evenings. Families welcome on Tours.

Canteen Rosters
Monday, May 20 – Friday, May 24

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Thank you for your support.

Annette Cameron
Rose Cassar
Marg Coad

CANNED MANAGER
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May 16, 2013
**UNIFORM**

All students should now be in full winter uniform, not a combination of summer and winter. Students need to remember to do up their ties properly and girls need to wear the appropriate scarves and headwear.

**SENIOR FORMAL**

It was a pleasure to attend the Senior Formal on Friday evening. The respectful and fun participation of all our students and staff in attendance was a delight to see. Thank you to the parents who came and especially our staff for arranging it, including Miss Lisa Howard for dance lessons and Mr James Keating as Master of Ceremonies. Special thanks must go to Mr Trent Keiper and the Year 12 Student Formal Committee for all their hard work in the lead-up to the event.

**SECONDARY INFORMATION EVENINGS**

You may have noticed that Year 7 families will begin the process of enrolling for the secondary campus in the coming weeks. Evenings regarding the selection of subjects and electives for 2014 for current Year 8 to 11 students occur in Term 3. These dates will be added to the online calendar in due course and advertised through the newsletter.

**STUDENT ROAD SAFETY**

Students are reminded that they should obey the road rules, whether pedestrians or bike riders, when using the roads in the vicinity of the College. Risk-taking behaviours such as riding bikes into the oncoming traffic and pedestrians not crossing at the designated crossing are putting students and drivers at risk.

**UMAT2013 TIMELINE**

Registrations open: early April 2013
Registrations close: 5:00pm AEST June 7
Test date: 31 July 2013
Results released: late September

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**YEAR 12 ENGLISH COMMUNICATIONS**

This term a key focus of Year 12 English Communications has been the study of William Golding’s novel, *Lord of the Flies*. While studying the text, Miss Osborn’s students decided to create a scavenger hunt on the basis of all clues needing to relate back to the novel. ‘The boys rely on refilling coconut shells from the river for a constant supply of water. Where do students at Samaritan College go for water? Answer—drinking taps.’ After the hunt and students were tuckered out from roaming the school, a feast was held with food from the text, fruit, bacon, beef jerky and more!

Madeleine Osborn
ENGLISH COORDINATOR

‘The scavenger hunt that we, as a Year 12 English Communications class organised, enabled learning about Lord of the Flies interesting. The feast allowed us to be motivated to engage with the activity. Activities like this make learning about a difficult text easier.’ - Lauren Goodwin

‘The scavenger hunt organised by Miss Osborn was fun and an effective way to evoke thought about themes and characters from the novel.’ - Ben Schuh

‘The scavenger hunt was extremely exciting and obviously made reference to the novel in a more than an accurate way. It was great as it gave an interactive approach to the topic and was well received by all.’ - Ethan Klobucar

‘The scavenger hunt was a new alternative in reference to the book, which enjoyable by all students and assessed our knowledge on the novel.’ - Georgina Wilson

‘The scavenger hunt was enticing, clearly related to the novel and educating within a class activity. The hunt tested our knowledge of the text and was a spectacular parallel of education.’ - Amber and Tyler Freymark
EXAMINATIONS

When we start to feel the chill in the morning air it means that our Year 10, 11 and 12 students are entering into examination territory. Examinations this term will take place in Week 6 for Year 12s, and Week 7 for both the Year 11 and 10 cohorts. The Year 11 and 12 exams will span over the whole week whereas the Year 10s will have two days of exams in their core (Mathematics, English, Physical Education, Science and SOSE) and LOTE subjects.

It is important for students to understand why it is that they are exposed to examinations:

At Year 12, trial examinations provide evidence for subject teachers to use in constructing a predicted examination results which will be used by the SACE Board if a student is unable to sit the external examination due to illness, accident etc…These examinations provide valuable experience in the ‘feel’ of an exam, how to best prepare for it and how to respond to the feedback after the event.

At Year 11, examinations are an end point to the student’s learning for the semester and provide them with one last opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency at the performance standards. It also provides a guideline some subject selections time whether examinable subjects should be chosen, depending on succeeding or failing in the examination environment.

At Year 10, examinations provide an introduction into the processes associated with exams, the art of exam writing, and provide feedback to the student as to whether they should consider choosing examinable subjects for Year 11 and beyond.

It is very important that students prepare adequately for examinations so that their performance can be an accurate reflection of their potential and is not influenced by a poor attitude or a lack of a strong work ethic in the lead up to the examination. Year 10, 11 and 12 students will receive timetables shortly reflecting the times and venues for their respective examinations. More in the coming weeks about preparing for the big day! Good luck to all SACE students as they prepare for this important assessment event to conclude the first half of the year!

Maresa Lyons
SACE COORDINATOR

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.

STUDENTS ARE IN NEED OF HOST FAMILIES

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The Southern Cross May edition is available online at www.thesoutherncross.org.au