Dear families,

This Sunday’s reading is familiar to most – the feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. We can make the mistake of accepting this story in the literal sense and defaulting into 21st century dismissive thinking about “magician gods”, thus missing the point entirely of what can happen when people gather together with passion and pro-activity for a shared cause. It is more likely that the five thousand followed the modelling of some generous individuals, who shared their meagre food supplies and the goodwill spread. We can view our servant leadership approach to education in a similar way. The scaffolding approach of creating various opportunities for others’ learning is the groundwork of all educators; for parents as the primary educators and teachers as secondary facilitators of ongoing institutionalised learning. We do so with the constant hope and active desire, that both will set the scene of fertile ground for growth in our young people.

Last Friday evening we shared the privilege of the unbridled enthusiasm only found at its most delightful, in little children, with our “Colour Your World” primary disco, held in the gymnasium. We thank the Parents and Friends dedicated group, all staff helpers and the many parents who acted as chaperones for the evening. Although seemingly chaotic at times, the level and attentiveness of the supervision was assuring. Further in this Newsletter, we have a feedback sheet, with which we would value your input. This was a new initiative and as such, has already undertaken an immediate de-briefing review by the P&F group, but we would like constructive thoughts for a future event.

We would love to see more people get involved with the P & F initiatives as their work is one of community building in the first instance, and any subsequent fundraising that might come out of their events goes back into specific projects that directly benefit the children. Many of the interactive white boards on the primary campuses in recent years was a direct result of P & F determined funds.

We meet again on June 17, to begin planning the Whyalla Show stall. Your involvement either at the meeting or through volunteering with a group for a rostered shift, would be very much appreciated. Please email info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au if you are interested in finding out more about our Parents & Friends Community.
Parish News

This week combines the two extremes of being a disciple of Jesus Christ – the agony and the ecstasy.

On Monday, Cardinal George Pell spent 4 hours being grilled by the Victorian Parliamentary Enquiry into child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church in Victoria. It was a tough 4 hours for the Cardinal, whose own style has been to hand out plenty of tough treatment during his long career as a leader in the church. So the relentless and critical questioning was only to be expected. And the subject matter guaranteed it would be painful for any representative of the Church, Cardinal or not.

That being said, it was sad to see a body with the dignity of a Parliamentary Enquiry permitting the continual heckling and jeering from the public gallery. Would the Chair have permitted this if the Dalai Lama were the person being questioned?

The whole saga of the sexual abuse of children means that we are becoming a different church. We are no longer the tough-talking, triumphalist church of a generation ago. We are back to the drawing board, a community of learners once again studying the teachings and actions of Jesus, to find out how we care properly for our most precious possession - our children.

At all our Masses this Sunday, our Year 4 children will be making their First Holy Communion – celebrating the Eucharist fully for the first time. Sister Cheryle has commented to me on the extraordinary keenness of this year’s group. Children have a special sensitivity to the sacred dimension of life, and it’s great that their parents have nourished that sensitivity and encouraged their children to take this joyful step with their hearts and minds open to the infinite love of God.

Being able to receive the Eucharist is not only a sacrament for the good times, such as when the Catholic Church was popular and influential. It is also the unique food for the tough times, when the little community of the followers of Jesus Christ step out upon the surface of the water, with nothing else to sustain them but their faith in him.

Father Jim Monaghan
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

Weekend Mass Times

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Religious Dimension

This week is National Reconciliation Week in Australia. It is a week 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. As Christians, we are called, not just to show empathy, but more so to offer support and assistance to those who need it. Statistics show that Indigenous men and women die up to 17 years earlier than other Australians, Indigenous children are dying at more than double the rate of non-Indigenous children and many Indigenous people suffer chronic diseases which are entirely preventable and have virtually been eliminated in the non-Indigenous population. (Oxfam, 2013). As the Lord says, You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself. (Lev 19:17-18)

There are many ways we can get involved in National Reconciliation Week and support our neighbours. Find out how at http://www.reconciliation.org.au/home/get-involved.

Carly Higgins
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR (SECONDARY)

College News

Used Postage Stamps for Peru

Recently I received a letter from a Mr John Altman via the Catholic Education Office in Port Pirie. The letter is from the Mary MacKillop International Missions fund. This organisation is asking for donations of used postage stamps which are sold to raise funds for communities in need overseas.

If you would like to get involved, there is a collection box in each office campus where you can donate used stamps. There is no need to soak the stamps. Just carefully cut or tear the stamp with some of the envelope still attached and place your stamps in the box.

This initiative is a demonstration of how things we discard so readily can be used as a resource for people in disadvantaged communities.

Last year the foundation raised over $9000 by selling used stamps.

To find out how the funds are put to use visit www.marymackillopinternational.org.au/

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION
FOOTY TRIP TO ADELAIDE

On Saturday, May 25, a group of Samaritan College Indigenous students kick-started Reconciliation Week with a bus trip to Adelaide, to watch Port Adelaide play Geelong in the AFL Indigenous round game at AAMI Stadium.

Twelve students made the trip, beginning the day with a 6am departure from Saint John’s Campus. Arriving at AAMI Stadium, we were greeted by the “Teal Zone”, an area where the students were able to stretch their legs playing with footballs and netballs and having arms and faces painted.

The first game on show was the Grand Final of the Power Cup, a carnival for Indigenous students from Years 10-12. This was followed by the big game – Port Adelaide vs Geelong. The result may not have been what some of the group were hoping for, but it was a great spectacle for all to enjoy.

Friendships and connections were made between senior and junior school students, which will be a great starting point for future inter-campus activities and events.

A big thank you to all involved in making the day a success – bring on the Indigenous round in 2014 where we hope to involve more of our Indigenous students in a day trip full of fun, laughter and friendship.

RECONCILIATION WEEK 2013

The theme for Reconciliation Week in 2013 is “Let’s talk recognition”. It is an annual reminder of the importance of building and maintaining strong relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Samaritan College will be involved in a number of initiatives this year at all three campuses.

The primary campuses began their Reconciliation Week journey with a visit from Kristian Coulthard, who taught all classes from R/1 to 4/5 a variety of Adnyamathanha songs, dances and language. Students from 5/6 and 6/7 classes have had/will have a visit from Veena Raymond, to enhance their History lessons with information and stories about Indigenous Australian soldiers. Both primary campuses will host a “Gathering Celebration” at the end of Reconciliation Week, to share their songs, dances and learning to the rest of the campus communities.

St Teresa’s gathering will take place at 10am on Friday, May 31, followed by the gathering at Our Lady Help of Christians campus at 12 noon. All families are most welcome and warmly encouraged to attend.

Veena will also present lessons to students from the secondary campus, beginning on the Wednesday of Reconciliation Week. This will be followed by a number of presentations given to secondary students throughout the rest of Term 2. Whilst Reconciliation Week highlights the importance of relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, our aim at Samaritan College is to continue to build such relationships and recognition throughout the school year.

Di Hancock
R-12 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION FOCUS TEACHER
“COLOUR YOUR WORLD” DISCO

PARENT FEEDBACK

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PATRON’S DAY

Last Friday both primary campuses celebrated Patron’s day at Saint Teresa’s Campus. We celebrated Mass and acknowledged our patrons. These patrons being Our Lady Help of Christians, Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Therese of Lisieux and our parish patron is Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

It was fabulous to have our students at Saint Teresa’s Campus host the students from Our Lady Help of Christians Campus. Thank you to those parents and parishioners who joined us to celebrate Mass, it was great to share in this Parish and school celebration.

SAPSASA REPRESENTATIVES RETURN

Last week a group of primary school students selected from various schools in Whyalla represented our town in football and netball. Samaritan College was extremely well represented in both sports.

Samaritan College SAPSASA football representatives - Harrison Maitland, Clay Crompton, Austin Wilson, Blake Cleary, Joshua Byrne, Angus Judd, Callum Adamson
Samaritan College SAPSASA netball representatives - Madison Hoffman, Hannah Wakelin, Jasmine Samu, Olivia A, Alice Morgan, Sophie Peden

The football team had a great carnival with 7 wins and 3 losses which was an improvement on the previous year. Both netball teams also experienced success as well and one of the many highlights for the girls was the opportunity to meet the Thunderbird players. The boys thoroughly enjoyed their game against the team from the APY lands and made note of the skills and different style of play.
Samaritan College. A big thank you to Miss Maddy Keen from Our Lady Help Of Christians Campus for coaching both netball teams and to Mr Matt Whitford from Long Street who coached the boys team. SAPSASA offers students a great opportunity to share their sporting skills and be a part of a team. But also provides a strong childhood memory.

**DISCO A HIT**
The disco was held last week in Samaritan Hall and was a huge hit. Over 200 students thoroughly enjoyed the night. Thank you to all parents for getting on board and supporting this initiative of the Parents and Friends Community. The students thoroughly loved dancing with teachers, dressing up and of course the very popular glow sticks.

This highly successful community event was organised by the hard working parents involved in the Parents and Friends Community. If any parents are at all interested in joining our Parents and Friends Community please leave your contact details with the front office staff at your child’s campus. We’d love to have you on board for our next initiative.

**ASSEMBLY CHANGE FOR R/1 HOWARD**
Please note that at Saint Teresa’s Campus Miss Howard’s R/1 Assembly will now be in Week 7.

**PORT MAGPIES VISIT**
This week some of our primary classes have been lucky enough to participate in football clinics run by Jacob Surjan and Aseri Raikiwasa, both players with the club. Thank you to Mr Gareth Molyneux for coordinating this great opportunity for our students.

Grace and blessings,
Georgia Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**FIRST EUCHARIST**
This weekend the children who have been preparing for first Eucharist will celebrate the Sacrament. This is a special celebration for the children, their families and the Parish. Our prayers are with the children and their families as they come to receive Christ in this special way.

There are children celebrating Eucharist at each of the Masses over the weekend. Everyone is most welcome to come and celebrate with the children.

I would like to congratulate the children on the wonderful way in which they prepared at the workshops.

**MASS AND LITURGY**

**Year 4/5 Baverton Mass**
On Wednesday, June 5, Year 4/5 Baverton will celebrate Mass at Saint Teresa’s Church. The students need to be dropped at Saint Teresa’s Church by 8:45am and will return to Saint Teresa’s Campus by bus in time for their swimming lesson.

**R/Year 1 Lewis Liturgy**
On Thursday, June 6, R/1 Lewis will celebrate Liturgy of the Word at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus. The children will celebrate Liturgy at 12:30pm in the church.

Parents are most welcome to attend all of these celebrations.

**PATRONS’ DAY MASS**
Last Friday the Primary Campuses came together on the grounds of Saint Teresa’s Campus to celebrate Patrons’ Day. We were a bit nervous about what sort of weather we would face but were blessed with a beautiful still morning. We were bathed in warm winter sunshine and experienced a most reverent and joy-filled celebration for our Patrons.

This Mass was also the Parish Mass for the day so it was wonderful to see parishioners and parents come to celebrate with the students.
SRI CHINMOY PEACE RUN

Last week the students from St Teresa’s Campus met a group of athletes that are running around Australia in the name of peace.

The Sri Chinmoy Peace Run began in 1987 and has grown steadily each year since. The runners carry a peace flame much like the Olympic torch.

The students met runners from Mongolia, New Zealand and USA.

SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS
Secondary attendance hotline: 0488 626 818

CO-PRINCIPALS TOURS – EARLY DISMISSAL

Next Wednesday, June 5, the secondary campus is hosting Co-Principals tours for Year 7 students and families who are considering attending Samaritan College for their secondary education. These tours run from 5:00pm until 9:00pm and some students will be asked to assist for part of the evening. Letters will be sent home with students who are prepared to give up their time to help in the various faculty areas.

School will finish earlier on the day, at 2:30pm, to allow for the necessary preparation for the evening. Students who usually catch the bus, going to Westlands, are asked to bring in a note as they will be dismissed slightly earlier. If you would prefer that your child stay to assist with the setting up please indicate this through the diary.

STUDENT DRIVERS

As the year progresses more and more of our students are getting closer to the age where they might drive to school. I’d like to remind parents that the College need to be notified of which child they are allowing to drive and whether there are any permitted passengers in the interest of student safety. The necessary forms for driving and being passengers are available through the College website. This information allows us to contact parents if any of the students are involved in accidents near the College. Once students are at school they not allowed to use their cars, without parental permission, until it is time for them to leave for the day.

UNIFORM

We are about to formally start winter and anticipate having plenty of cold mornings. Students are permitted to wear a plain black scarf, to help protect from the cold, during Terms 2 and 3.

Unfortunately I have noticed around the yard that a number of students, particularly girls, are not following the policy regarding earrings. All students are allowed one pair of earrings, one per lobe, and must remove all other visible piercings. Parental support is appreciated in ensuring your child leaves home in the appropriate attire as well as supporting staff when they are informing you that they have discussed the policy with your child.

CHANGE OF SEMESTER/ SUBJECTS

With exams looming for students in Year 10 – 12, they would be aware that the end of Semester is fast approaching. For Year 12’s this will have no real impact but for our students in Years 11 to 9 the change of Semester brings about an opportunity to review what subjects and electives they have chosen for Semester 2 and discuss any changes they might want to make. Subject change forms are available on the College website, students who change subjects before the semester starts will only need to get a parent’s signature, once lessons have started teacher’s signatures are also required.

Parents who are concerned about their child’s progress in their current Year 11 subjects are welcome to discuss options that are available. Please contact the school and ask to speak with myself; ideally this will be done before the new semester commences.

MOBILE PHONES

There has been a recent spate of incidences where students have been caught using mobile phones in school. The College appreciates that having access to this technology is important for a young person, however, the manner in which students are using it can be detrimental to their education and potentially their relationships with others.

Recently students were found to be using applications that allow for images and messages to be sent to others which will automatically be deleted. Unfortunately applications like these can lead to young people taking greater risks in what they send to others in the mistaken belief that it automatically erases and will not be seen by others. It is too easy for the recipient to save the image or comment and then use it for their own purposes. Please talk with your child about how they use these applications and encourage them to abide by the College expectation regarding the use of mobile phones.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)
STUDY TIPS FOR EXAMINATIONS

The following strategies may help you to manage your study time.

Make a timetable and keep to it

Draw up a timetable for the next few weeks. Divide your study into small pieces rather than one large chunk. Then for each day concentrate on only the specific portions of your work that you have listed. Spread your tasks out so that your revision is varied, mixing areas that you feel you are good at with work that you find more challenging, and are worried about. Set yourself attainable weekly goals. Try to stick to this schedule. You will feel that you are getting somewhere and each week will bring you closer to the goals you want to achieve.

Don't put it off!

If something unforeseen happens and you don't achieve what you had planned for the week, revise your timetable and get back on track as soon as possible. Don't procrastinate. You want to feel in control of your study time rather than have lots to do in less time.

What works best for you?

Work out what works best for you. If you are revising for an exam, then writing a summary of a particular section of your work may help you. Setting out the summary in dot-point form is also a good idea, making it easy to review later. You may find that saying these main points out loud, to a friend or family member locks them into your memory.

Set and answer questions

When you have summarised a section of your work, ask yourself some questions about it. If you find this hard to do, the past examination papers on the SACE website can help you. These can be found under the relevant subject minisite under Support Material.

These papers may ask you to solve problems or give essay-type answers. For subjects that have numerical problems, try to work with a friend and check your answers against theirs. For essay questions, outline in note form how you would prepare a written answer and how you would construct the essay.

See what past examiners have said

Chief Assessors' Reports from previous years are another important source of information. They give an overall picture of performance in previous years' exams and outline how students performed in the exams. You may find this helpful for your exam preparation. Chief Assessors' Reports can be found under the relevant subject minisite under Support Materials.

Find out about exam conditions

Copies of the front pages of the exam paper are sent to schools a few weeks before the exams. Have a look at the relevant ones. This will prepare you for when you have the paper before you in the exam room. You'll know what it looks like, how long you have to complete the exam, how many questions you will be required to answer, perhaps how many marks are allocated to each question, and any other important information about exam conditions, such as whether you are allowed to use a dictionary or a calculator.

Think positively

If you follow these tips, keep up with your revision schedule, allow enough time for your studies, and keep your mind focused, you should feel more confident. This is important. Tell yourself that you can do it, you can succeed. There may have been times during the year when you have not done as well as you would have hoped, but that was then. Think of times when you were successful. Fill your mind with those positive images, be confident, at ease, and do your best.

Maresa Lyons
SACE COORDINATOR

OPEN BOYS FOOTBALL

Samaritan College 8-11 – 59 Def Edward John Eyre High School 7-7 – 49

In wet and blustery conditions Samaritan College undertook the challenge of defeating rivals EJEHS to progress through to the next stage of the State Wide Knockout Pool B Football competition. Kicking into the wind in the first quarter the boys were wasteful, having many opportunities to score, but not being able to hit targets inside their forward 50. The second quarter the boys showed the same intent, applying pressure on the opposition around the contest and attempting to run the ball in numbers. At half time the score did not reflect their dominance only being a few points up. It was not until the last quarter when Samaritan truly showed their class, kicking 5 crucial goals to seal a 10 point win and advance to the next stage to challenge Glossop High School and a Yorke Peninsula Zone team.

Many on the boys contributed to the win, however best on ground was clearly Jake Beinke who displayed strength consistently around the ball. Myles McNamara oozed class when near the play, Jacob Smith turned the game when near the play, Jacob Smith turned the game when

Thanks to Mr. Ryan Baker for field umpiring and special thanks to Old Scholar Tyron Burk for helping run the boundary.

Matt Quist
PE/SPORT COORDINATOR
LIBRARY NEWS

This week, from May 27 until June 3, is National Reconciliation Week

The dates of Reconciliation Week commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey of Aboriginal Australians - the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

During this week Saint John’s Campus Library is featuring displays celebrating the achievements of some notable Aboriginal Australians, and information outlining the historical background to the important events leading up to the 1967 referendum and the Mabo decision.


Kathryn Smith
LIBRARIAN

RESEARCH PROJECT

The Research Project has been a challenging, but hopefully rewarding, experience for many of our Year 11 students. A wide range of interests have been pursued, such as quilt-making, family law and boxing, and some of the finished products are absolutely amazing. It has been rewarding from our point of view to witness the hidden talents of our young people come to the fore.

The Research Project teachers and I acknowledge that some students have found the subject a difficult one and recent confusion regarding due dates has only added to some students’ anxiety levels. For this I apologise and wish to reassure students and their caregivers that the due date for the Evaluation is Tuesday, June 11 (Week 7). The date was initially Monday, June 10 but as this is a public holiday the date has been moved to the following day.

A catch-up session will also be held in Week 7 (exam week) for those students who are in danger of not passing this compulsory SACE subject. This is not a punishment, but rather an opportunity for those students who are struggling to finalise the RP this semester. In Semester 2, the RP ‘converts’ to Religious Education, so students who do not achieve to the C standard will be required to complete the RP in their own time (and with the added pressure of RE assignments).

Students or caregivers who have any questions or concerns are asked to contact the relevant RP teacher or myself.

Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

CANTEEN ROSTERS

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