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**MONDAY, JUNE 24**

| **FRIDAY, JUNE 28** |
| • Year 2/3 Murray Assembly, STC, 2:30pm |
| • Italian Fundraiser, Pizza, Pasta & Italian Fundraiser (please refer p6 for details) |
| **SUNDAY, JUNE 30** |
| • Italian Fundraiser BBQ, Harvey Norman, 11am-2pm |

**COMING EVENTS**

**MONDAY, JULY 1**

| • Rescheduled Parents & Friends Meeting, SJC, 7:30pm, staffroom |

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PARISH NEWS

WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

We are once again in the midst of an election campaign, and once again we are trying to figure out who they really are – Julia Gillard, Tony Abbott, Kevin Rudd, Clive Palmer and the rest of them.

This Sunday in the Gospel Jesus asks you and me what we think of him. “Who do you say I am?” Whether we are committed Catholics, nominal Catholics, Christians of other churches, members of other faiths, or people of no religious faith in particular, this ought to be a question that keeps coming up in our hearts. This is because Jesus’ mission is about the good of the whole world, and our College is based on his mission.

But for us Christians – Catholics and others alike – it’s a “core promise” question, to borrow from one of our former politicians. It’s one we can’t get out of facing – and we wouldn’t want to – would we? After all, you and I have been marked with the sign of faith, in our baptism, confirmation and in receiving the Eucharist. Jesus as our leader does not promise to lower our taxes, raise our school funding, start the economy or stop the boats.

What he does offer is practical love and care for the people at the margins – whether it’s the black sheep of our own families, the asylum seekers, the first Australians, the children in dysfunctional families, even we ourselves in our humanness and our brokenness.

What he asks of us who claim to be his disciples is to take his attitudes and actions upon ourselves – like the children who made their first communion a week ago, who proudly wore their baptismal garments, remembering the words spoken at their baptism – “You have clothed yourselves in Christ!”

Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM.

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

In the school environment, many relationships are found. Friendship is evident amongst peers and colleagues and between different ages, races and genders. Sometimes it is easy to maintain these friendships, some may take work but without them we would lack support, reassurance and love.

As it is said in Proverbs 18:24, ‘Some friends play at friendship, but a true friend sticks closer than one’s nearest kin.’

Some thoughts on friendship

• A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.

• In order to have a friend you must first be one.

• People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. People will never forget how you made them feel.

• Your friend is someone who knows everything about you and still likes you.

Carly Higgins
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR (SECONDARY)

A Prayer For My Friend

Lord, I ask You to bless my friend who is reading this right now. Where there is pain, may they find peace and mercy.

Where there is self-doubt, may they gain a renewed confidence.

Where there is weariness or exhaustion, give them understanding, patience, and strength.

Where there is fear, reveal your love, and offer to them your courage.

Give them greater vision, bless their finances, and raise up leaders and friends to support and encourage them.

May their spirit always be joyous and their days rich and full with love and happiness,

And may they always know that they have a friend.

Author Unknown
Used Postage Stamps for Peru

Recently I received a letter from 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
KRISTIN NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL TEACHING AWARD

It is with much pride that I let you know that Kristin Murray, a Year 2/3 teacher at our Saint Teresa’s Campus has been nominated for a National Teaching Award. Kristin was in fact nominated by a parent within our Samaritan Community. This is a fabulous compliment for Kristin and her hard work. It is also affirming for our other teaching staff to see a colleague recognised for their efforts. It is so important that all teachers receive feedback for their practice, particularly positives. Congratulations Kristin!

AUSTRALIAN CHILD CARE WEEK

This week is in fact Australian Child Care Week, thus another opportunity for children to develop strong bonds with their parents, families, friends and communities. The theme for this week is “Connecting with Parents and the Community”. The theme seeks to encourage services to engage parents and community members. One way in which we support parents through our community is through our Vacation Care Program that is run through our Samaritan College OSHC. You may wish to consider booking (8649 3530) for the coming holidays as the Vacation Care Programs are very popular within the community.

UNEATEN FOOD

We have noticed a considerable amount of food going to waste and that students are being wasteful with their lunches. As a staff we are making supervised eating time more of a focus. We ask that you encourage your child / children to bring their uneaten food home to give you an indication of what they have received nutritionally.

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

I take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of keeping the classroom teacher in the loop. Your first port of call for any concerns both academic and social is the classroom teacher. Please make an appointment to see them if an issue arises.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM CONCLUDES

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program has now ended for this year. The response has been fantastic, so thanks to everyone who supported us by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points.

This program will now enable us to redeem the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from an extensive product catalogue covering all aspects of the curriculum. This means that no matter what a school needs – from specific Mathematics and English resources, Science equipment, arts and crafts materials, to sports gear and more – there is something to suit.

A big thank you to all families who have supported us with this endeavour. I look forward to sharing with you the resources that will benefit your child.

WEEK 9 ASSEMBLY

Next week’s assembly will be hosted by Miss Murray’s Year 2/3 class at STC on Friday, June 28 at 2:30pm. The assembly for OLHCC will be rescheduled due to swimming lessons.

Grace and blessings,

Georgia Tyson

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Early next term the College and Parish will begin preparing students who enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation by contacting these families. If you are new to the college and have a child in Year 7 who wishes to be confirmed, please contact the Parish office on 8645 8023 or myself on 8645 8568. Your details are required to ensure you receive information regarding the enrolment dates and other important dates.

Your child needs to have been Baptised, received Reconciliation and First Eucharist to proceed with Confirmation. If your child is at any stage of this journey and you wish them to continue, or indeed, begin, please contact the parish or school to discuss your options.

MASS

R/1 Boundy will celebrate Mass with 6/7 Usher on Friday, June 28. The students will meet their teacher at St Teresa’s Church by 8:45am on the morning of the 28th for Mass. Morning tea will follow Mass so please bring something to share. Previoulsy this may have been advertised for Wednesday, June 26 so please note the change of date.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

LITURGY

Year 5/6 Smith will celebrate Liturgy of the Word at Saint Teresa’s Campus on Thursday, June 27 at 9:30am in the Library.

Liturgy will be followed by morning tea so please bring something to share.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

Bernie Meixner

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

LAB ON LEGS

Students at the Primary campuses have participated in the CSIRO travelling Science program ‘Lab on Legs’ this week. Two workshops were presented in line with the Australian Curriculum further supporting our current primary Science curriculum.

The R-3 students participated in the ‘Incredible Insects’ presentation. Students explored the external features of insects, their basic needs, how they communicate,
life cycles and insect classification. Year 4-7 students participated in the ‘Energy Systems’ presentation investigating the transformation and conservation of electrical, heat, light and sound energy.

Next week’s newsletter will contain photos and student comments from this excellent learning opportunity.

Louise Whitehouse
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

iPAD APPLICATIONS

In recent years, the interest in the technologies available in schools has increased. The recent trends have been the inclusion of iPads.

This term we have been fortunate to introduce iPad 4s into our school environment to allow students to have access to different, flexible, motivating and an interactive way of learning.

After attending seminars by Spectronics and other iPad programs, we have been able to access APPS that can assist children with a variety of learning tools to assist them with their overall learning.

We are still in the trialling phase of these iPads and would like to continue to introduce more, to allow more students access to them.

Our purchasing of APPS is always ongoing, updated and reviewed.

Our current APPS include:

Guided Reading

Photography
Sketch, Strip Design, Booth Free Scene and Heard, and Pic Wall.

ASSSESSMENT PROCEDURES

We are currently reviewing our assessment procedures in Years 8 – 10 to help educate the students of the expectation regarding SACE assessments. The first to be scrutinised is tasks taken under supervision, be it exams at Year 10, NAPLAN at Year 9, general tests or writing within a specified time limit. It is anticipated that these processes will be implemented in Semester 2 across all year levels. Information regarding the expectations will be provided to the parent community through the newsletter.

REPORTS

This week sees the conclusion of the first semester, students should have been completing their final tasks in the elective subjects in preparation for their second semester subjects. Teachers have been busily marking work and writing reports to ensure that they accurately give an indication of the progress of each child in their subject. The reports will be distributed on Thursday July 4.

STUDENT DRIVERS

There are many students who are able to drive to school and the College is supportive of those decisions, however, when attending an excursion it is best practice that the students travel to and from as a group with the mode of transport organised by the teacher. At all times the College looks to reduce the number occasions when the students are driving within the school day.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

June 20, 2013

SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS
Secondary attendance hotline: 0488 626 818
I am very excited to be trialling the digital version of ‘The Real Game’ with this class for the remainder of Week 8 and Week 9. This career and life skills program focuses on essential character traits and skills needed to be successful in the world of work. At the beginning of The Real Game, students create wish lists of things they would like as adults. After assuming randomly assigned life/work roles, they experience a ‘reality check’ as they balance their monthly budgets, cope with unexpected chance events, and explore the balance between work and the rest of their lives. They create an imaginary community and plan group holidays, taking into account individual budgets and work schedules. As their role characters are made redundant, they learn how to adapt to change and unexpected situations, and use their transferable skills to enable them to create new work opportunities. Finally, students leave their roles behind and imagine themselves in the future, developing their own personal life/work profiles based on self-knowledge and experience.

Parent letters were sent home on Wednesday and I am hoping to get feedback from staff, students and parents at the end of the two week trial with the hope of implementing this next year across the Year 8 cohort.

Maresa Lyons
SACE COORDINATOR

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

The June long weekend saw several students including Kirrily Gibbons, Jordyn Meacham, Linzi Appleyard, Rebecca Bubicich and Shannan Herbert from Samaritan College join with hockey players from Port Lincoln to represent this region as Country West in the Zone State Championships held in Adelaide.

Games were played at North East Hockey Club, Golden Grove with the Grand Final being played at The State Hockey Centre. The U15 girls finished second.

Please feel free to email me at matthew.quist@samaritan.catholic.edu.au with your sons’/daughters’ outstanding sporting achievements so we can publicly acknowledge their efforts.

Matthew Quist
PE AND SPORTS COORDINATOR

COMMUNITY NEWS

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CHILDRENS DISCO

For ages 8 to 12 years
at Whyalla Leisure Centre
6 till 8:30pm
last Friday night of EVERY month
Cost $5.00

DJ Jumpycastle, Basketball Shots competition pay 50c and get three shots in and win yourself a prize, prizes for statue on the dance floor, glow sticks for sale

Tracy Ayling
YMCA OF WHYALLA
8645 5488
The Whyalla Show Food Stall is a Samaritan College Parent Community Event. The show stall is a wonderful way to contribute to the wider Whyalla community. In order to provide efficient service we will need approximately 40 people to work the various shifts.

Working in the stall is great fun, although hectic at times. There are jobs for all talents - cooking, making up steak sandwiches or selling from the front of the counter. Please Note! If you are not able to work a whole shift you may wish to share your shift with your spouse or a friend. Or, why not gather a group of friends together and share a shift?? We look forward to joining you on this great community initiative.

Please consider your participation and fill out and return the slip by Friday, August 9.

Thank you for your prompt attention,
Parents and Friends Committee

SHOWSTALL ROSTER RESPONSE

FAMILY NAME __________________________________________________ (please print)

★ Please write the christian name of the parent/staff member or senior student available to work next to the time.

★ Name

SATURDAY AUGUST 17

7:00am-10:00am (Breakfast Shift) ______________________________

10:00am – 12:00pm _____________________________________________

12:00pm – 2:00pm _____________________________________________

2:00pm – 4:00pm _____________________________________________

4:00pm – 6:00pm _____________________________________________

6:00pm – 8:00pm _____________________________________________

8:00pm – 10:00pm CLEANING UP ________________________________

SUNDAY AUGUST 18

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3:00pm – 4:00pm (General pack up and return small equipment)