Dear families,

Too often we hear lamentation regarding what ‘Gen Y’ won’t do compared to ‘Gen X’ and then we will hear the protestations of hard working ‘Gen –Yers’ who do commit to serving their communities, their workplaces, sporting clubs and so forth. Probably the more accurate lament would be that there are always the generous few, and what about the rest? This week we are pleased to celebrate the efforts of our young people as they continue to build community in context. The senior SRC ran a hot drinks morning on Wednesday, in perfect timing to acknowledge the work of our outgoing Director of Catholic Education, Port Pirie Diocese; Mrs Kathy McEvoy is leaving her position of 10 years to move onto new things. We thank Kathy for her dedication to our regional schools, for her wisdom and Grace. last Friday we again enjoyed the lunchtime sports; an initiative of the Junior SRC. We thank Mr Keating and Ms Homes, plus many helpful staff in making these events happen.

On Monday evening a small P&F group met to plan The Whyalla Show. We are hoping that families will take up the invitation to sign up on the roster to assist sometime on the weekend. This stall is at the heart of community spirit – it is a place where our families love to gather, a place our Samaritan children would identify for safety and security and for the workers, a fun place to be. If you have never ‘dared to do’ before, we ask that you become part of ‘the harvest’ and sign up, perhaps with a friend.

As the students break for holidays, we ask that you take the time for some healthy rest and recreation and for our senior students, that you also take the time to include some quiet study and reflection. Our staff, too, will recharge the batteries in readiness for Term 3.

This week we farewell Ms Madeleine Osborn, who is moving to the United Kingdom to live and work. We welcome Ms Stephanie Babiak to our college this week, as she engages in handover with a few teachers, as we have adjusted the timetable to accommodate this change. It is never a straight swap as we do consider first and foremost the students’ needs, thus placing an experienced teacher with Ms Osborn’s senior students.

We also wish Ms Kirby Heath safe travel as she heads to Peru and the World Youth Day celebrations, along with Bishop Greg O’Kelly and Bishop Eugene Hurley. No doubt Ms Heath will return with renewed spirit and many tales to tell.

Early next term our primary campuses will be having an ‘Open Night’ where all the students’ great work will be on display. This will also be when we run some Principal Tours for families intending to enrol at Samaritan in 2014. Dates and times to come soon. Remember that if your child turns 5 before May 1, 2014 then they will start school on the first day of school in 2014. If they turn 5 on or after May 1, then they will start school on the first day of school 2015.

“\"The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few\"  Luke 10: 1-12
Last Friday the Reception/Year 1 Boundy and a Year 6/7 Usher classes attended the 9am Parish Mass at St Teresa’s. It was great to see the care the older students showed to the younger ones and the participation by the students was great. It was putting into action the living out of the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan that was read during the Mass. In our daily lives there are many opportunities to show our care and concern for others.

The last few weeks since it has turned very cold I have been mindful in the evenings of the people who have little to keep them warm at night. When talking to a St Vincent de Paul member they said there was a shortage of blankets/quilts this winter to give to those in need. If you have any spare blankets or quilts, they would be very much appreciated. They can be dropped off at St Vincent de Paul at the Church at OLHC or the shop in Essington Lewis Avenue. This could be one way of showing care in a generous and practical way to help those in need.

At the beginning of next term our students in Year 7 will begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will take place in the Parish on the weekend of September 14/15 when Bishop Greg will visit our parish.

Next Sunday we will celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday throughout Australia. Let us give thanks for the richness and blessings that these brothers and sisters share with us. At the Sunday Masses we gave the children a colouring-in sheet to take home and colour in for return next Sunday and receive a surprise!!

We wish you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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This week the college celebrates NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC is an acronym for National Aboriginal Islander Day Observance Committee. Originally a day to recognise the achievements and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the celebrations now extend over a week.

The theme for NAIDOC Week 2013 is: We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963.

This year’s theme proudly celebrates the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions to the Federal Parliament.

In August 1963, the Yolngu people of Yirrkala in northeast Arnhem Land sent two bark petitions – framed by traditional ochre paintings of clan designs – to the Australian House of Representatives. The petitions protested the Commonwealth’s granting of mining rights on land excised from Arnhem Land reserve and sought the recognition by the Australian Parliament of the Yolngu peoples’ traditional rights and ownership of their lands.

Asserting title to Yolngu country under Yolngu law, the petitions were the first traditional documents recognised by the Commonwealth Parliament and helped to shape the nation’s acknowledgment of Aboriginal people and their land rights.

We value the foresight, strength and determination of the Yolngu people whose Bark Petitions set into motion a long process of legislative and constitutional reforms for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

As a college we continue to pray for reconciliation and advancements in relationships between all Australians and celebrate the contributions each cultural group brings to our communities.

The Dreaming Prayer
(Prepared by a national committee of Indigenous people for the Visit of Pope John Paul II to Australia in 1986)

Creator of all, you gave us the Dreaming.
You have always spoken to us through our beliefs.
You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus.
We thank you for your care.
You own us, you are our hope.
Make us strong as we face the problems of change.
We ask you to help all the people of Australia
To listen to us and respect our culture.
Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people,
so that you can find a home in us,
and we can make a home for everyone in our land.

http://godprayers.org/Aboriginal-Prayers.htm

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION
Today your child will bring home their Semester 1 report. These reports are written for the parent although they do provide relevant feedback and suggestions for the students too. This will be the last time you will see the reports in this current format. A new reporting format will be developed to better reflect the ongoing transition into the Australian Curriculum. Even grading may start to change slightly as staff become more adept at moderating student work against other samples from around the nation.

**SAPSASA Hockey Success**

Last week many Samaritan students from both campuses had the honour of representing Whyalla at the SAPSASA Hockey Carnival.

The boys hockey team included: Sam Custance, Austin Wilson, Cadell Herbert, Joshua Byrne, James Leevers, Paul van Niekerk, Jack Higgins and Kaine Bubicich. Riley Sheill was also selected but was unable to attend as he suffered a broken foot before the team departed. The boys played extremely well as a team and won 8 games, drew 1 and lost 2 finishing third overall.

The girls team was also made up of much Samaritan talent including Mirella Marino, Maddison Taylor, Courtney Higgins, Amy Leevers, Kate Freund, Amelia Freund, Ashley Brougham and Sarah Bolton. The girls team started slowly and showed improvement with each game. They finished equal first with Airport district after losing 1 game, drawing 2 and winning 6.

A big congratulations to all students from Samaritan College that were chosen to represent in the SAPSASA Hockey Carnival. You should be extremely proud of your successes and the way you conducted yourselves.

**Primary Band**

On Monday, July 1 the Samaritan College Primary Band held a concert in the Vessey Unit at OLHCC for family and friends of the band. The concert was well attended and many family and friends as well as teaching staff came along to support. Both of the bands played various songs and did so with enthusiasm. Congratulations to all students involved and also to Miss Julia Anttila and Ms Megan Spirat who coordinate the bands and help provide this opportunity for our cross campus Primary Band. As was mentioned by our Co-Principal, Damien Judd, on the night the Primary Band is establishing strong foundations for Samaritan College bands of the future.

**Assembly Reminder**

A reminder that we have an assembly at both primary campuses tomorrow morning. Miss Feidler’s 4/5 class will host the assembly at OLHCC and Mrs Murray’s 2/3 class will host the assembly at STC. Both assemblies will start at 10:20. The school day will conclude at 12:30pm as it is the last day of term.

**Enjoy Your Holidays**

The first Semester has certainly flown by and I take this opportunity to congratulate the students on the efforts in all curriculum areas and for the positive choices they have made throughout both terms. I also thank the staff for their ongoing commitment in educating the students and supporting the development of them as individuals.

Best wishes to all staff, family and students over the next few weeks. I pray that the holidays will be a time of rest and renewal for all.

Grace and Blessings,

Georgia Tyson

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**Junior Hockey**

St Teresa’s are on canteen duty from 5 – 7pm this Friday night. We would greatly appreciate your help, even if for one hour. Please contact Craig if you are available on 0438 191 706.

**Lost Property Cupboard**

The lost property cupboard at the primary campuses are overflowing! If your child has lost clothing, lunch boxes or water bottles, please come and check the lost property cupboard. Anything left at the end of term will go to either St Vinnies or the Uniform Shop.
SAMARITAN COLLEGE PRIMARY BANDS CONCERT

The Samaritan College Primary Bands had their first concert for 2013 on Monday night. The students performed for parents, family and friends in the Vessey Unit at OLGCC. For many members of the Principiante Primary Band this was their very first concert, and they all did a great job. For the majority of the students in the Avanzto Primary Band performing is a regular event, and they all played extremely well. It was fantastic to see how far each student has come in the semester, and to watch our music program grow. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Julia Anttila
MUSIC TEACHER

Reception Enrolments are invited for 2014...

If your child turns 5 before May 1, 2014 he/she starts first day of Term 1, 2014. New rules apply.

Please contact info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au, visit any campus for an enrolment information pack or phone Karen McGinnis on 8645 8568 to make an appointment to discuss your child’s schooling with the Co-Principals.

Families on low incomes are encouraged to apply each year for assistance.

School Tours can be arranged by appointment.

We pride ourselves in nurturing young people to strive for their personal best in a supportive learning focussed community of faith, wisdom and compassion.
As the second term draws to an end I look back over the year so far and pause for reflection. There have been a multitude of events that have occurred which would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of the teachers and support staff at the College. These events include those that are visible to parents on the calendar such as camps, sporting events, excursions, Masses and examinations as well as those things that seemingly happen in the background such as teachers giving their mornings to provide extra assistance to students who have made the effort to come in early; those who have given time after school and in holidays to work with Year 12 classes to help the students reach their goals and staff who have supported events outside of their standard working day. It is a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of enthusiastic people and I sincerely thank them for all their efforts in the first half of the year.

I’d like to especially thank Miss Madeleine Osborn, who is leaving us at the end of this week. In the short time that Madeleine has been with the college she has embraced the idea of imparting her knowledge onto the young people in the school. The students found her to be an approachable member of the staff and she was often seen on yard duty talking with groups of students. I wish her well in her travels and future endeavours.

One of the roles that Madeleine had this year was that of the English coordinator. I congratulate Mrs Marie van Niekerk on her appointment as English Coordinator for the remainder of this year. Marie has many years of experience teaching English at Samaritan College and I know that students will often approach her for guidance with their work.

We have also been fortunate to acquire a new teacher who comes with some experience from Gleeson College. Miss Stephanie Babiak has spent the last two days shadowing teachers in the classes that she will be taking next term. I look forward to seeing Stephanie bring her passion and energy for teaching alive in her classrooms.

Students should expect new timetables on the first day back at school, Tuesday, July 23, as there has been some shuffling of lesson times to accommodate these changes in staffing.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YEAR 10 PLP

All Year 10 students will spend at least two lessons per day in Week 2 of next term working on their Personal Learning Plan (PLP), and in particular in making informed decisions about their Year 11 subject choices. These lessons coincide with the Year 10 Information Evening (for students heading into Year 11) on Tuesday, July 20 (Tuesday of Week 2). During this class time students will complete activities to help them identify:

- possible career paths
- the attributes and qualifications needed for these careers
- relevant Year 11 subjects that suit their abilities, interests and career aspirations

Students will also receive more in-depth information about the SACE and spend some time becoming familiar with the SACE website (a valuable tool for all Year 11 and 12 students and their parents/caregivers).

Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

OPEN BOYS FOOTBALL

Wednesday Week 9 the Samaritan College Open Boys Football team travelled down to Pt Broughton to undertake the next stage of the Pool B tournament. We were scheduled to play Glossop High School (2012 Winners) and a Yorke Peninsula Zone team (consisting of 5 area schools in the lower Yorke Peninsula).

**Game 1**
Samaritan College 9-3-57
Defeated
Glossop High School 4-0-24
Goal Kickers: Ashley Hall 4, Kyle Crompton 2, Michael Wendland 1, Daniel Adamson 1, Sam Venning 1.
Best Players: Jake Beinke, Myles M, Sam Venning, Dale Dunn, Kyle Crompton, Lourens Victor.

Against Glossop High School the Samaritan Boy’s tackling pressure was phenomenal. This set the tone for the game with players like Jake, Jacob and Lourens clearing paths for the smaller bodies of Sam, Myles and Kyle to use their precise skills hitting up hard leading Hall. It was fantastic to see the College represented with such passion and determination. The boys remained confident that they could win the next game which would lead them to the semi-finals.

**Game 2**
Samaritan College 3-7-25
Defeated By
Yorke Peninsula Zone 7-9-51
Goal Kickers: Ashley Hall 1, Nick Sanders 1, Michael Wendland 1.
Best Players – Jacob Smith, Oscar Keating, Lewis McLachlan, Myles M, Jake Beinke, Sam Venning
Against a much more physical and precise outfit, the Samaritan boys attempted to sustain the same pressure they put up against Glossop, but inefficiency and fatigue meant they were slowly overrun. The boy fought it out to the end and represented the College with enthusiasm and dignity.

Special mention to Year 9 Students Myles M and Kyle Crompton and Year 10 Student Sam Sawford who against much bigger bodies oozed class, demonstrating what football ability and what potential for higher honors they possess.

Jacob Smith captained the side well and the Year 12 students should be congratulated on the years of contribution to college sport they have shown.

Thanks to Mr Ryan Baker for his support and umpiring and Old Collegian Tyron Burk for his Boundary Umpiring.

Matt Quist
PE/SPORT COORDINATOR

**Student Responses to Counsellors’ Survey**

During Term 2, the students voluntarily completed a survey conducted by the school counsellors. The aim was to identify issues that students are experiencing, what type of help they were accessing and how the counsellors could improve their service.

The most common issues were:
- Low self-esteem
- Stress and Anxiety
- Relationship issues with friends and family
- Body image

Bullying and cyber bullying totalled 16% identified by all students. The survey indicated that 33% of students experiencing these issues **have never sought help**!

It is important that students have someone to talk to. Here is a list of help that can be accessed:
- Family members
- Coach
- Friends
- Teachers
- Colleagues/peers
- School counsellor
- Counsellor
- Psychologist
- Doctor
- Kids helpline 1800 55 1800

Useful resources can be found on the following websites:
- www.beyondblue.org.au
- www.youthbeyondblue.org.au
- www.kidshelp.com.au
- www.headspace.org.au

The school counsellors look forward to providing group work and individual counselling to address these issues with students during Term 3. Please keep an eye out for more statistics from the survey next term!

*From the school counsellors!*

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**SCHOOL CHARITIES**

*Every year our school supports the needy!*

As part of our Patron’s Day (Saint John’s day) celebrations a huge donation of non-perishable foods are usually handed over to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society to feed local families that are struggling. The smallest gesture can mean so much!

We have seen the generosity of students and families so often and in keeping with our school tradition we are calling for support again.

The following message comes from the Senior SRC

**Can you donate?**

Are you able to bring in some non-perishable foods (cans, spaghetti, noodles...) and/or blankets to donate to St Vincent de Paul? In doing so you won’t just get the satisfaction of doing something self-less and helping others but also you’ll get House points that go towards the Glory of Guidera Cup awarded at the end of the year.

**Can you donate?**
**Canteen Rosters**

**Monday, July 22 - Friday July 25**

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Annette Cameron  
Canteen Manager

Rose Cassar  
Canteen Manager

Marg Coad  
Canteen Manager

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**Community News**

“The services and events contained in this section are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.”

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**Southern Cross**

_The Southern Cross - July 2013_

May now be viewed online at www.thesoutherncross.org.au

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**FFSA Legends Clinics**

Featuring Carl Veart, Richie Alagich, Cristiano Dos Santos & Airton Andrioli

Thursday & Friday, July 11 & 12

Whyalla Croatia Soccer Club

McDouall Stuart Ave, Whyalla Stuart

Join FFSA Accredited Technical & Game Development Coaches to learn new skills while having fun these school holidays.

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**Registrations**

**Essential**

For registration forms and further information please ring Scott at FFSA on 8340 3088 or email: scott.hockenhull@ffsa.com.au

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**YCW Netball Club’s Cake Stall - July 13**

**Supporting**

**Whyalla’s Wig Library “Hair to Help”**

The Hair to Help Wig Library is a local project being started in Whyalla by the McGrath Sellers Breast Care Nurse and the local breast cancer support group Pink Spirits. The wig library will give men and women experiencing hair loss from chemotherapy access to hire wigs whilst undergoing treatment. Currently in the planning stages the wig library would look to offer new and used wigs as well as a service to help with fittings. With the on going expenses of medical treatment as well as accommodation and travel, financial strain can be one of the major stressors whilst undergoing cancer treatment. Having the wig library can cut down travel to Adelaide and eliminate the large cost involved of purchasing a wig (synthetic wigs are any where between $250-$650 plus wig shampoo and brushes etc). Coinciding with the cancer and wellness centre Whyalla is going to have a greater number of cancer clients coming through the hospital. Having the wig library would help ease the costs involved with the cancer journey.

YCW Netball Club has generously offered to donate the proceeds from their cake stall held on July 13 to the Wig Library Hair to Help. This kind gesture is greatly appreciated from the whole team behind the wig library and I am sure by future clients of the service. I am asking that everyone, not just YCW players and supporters, but everyone who reads this message can dig deep and help raise as much as possible. Donations of home made goodies including cakes and soups are much appreciated as are donations of time and money. Your support of purchasing from the stall is also important so we encourage people to buy up!

Any produce donations for the cake stall can be bought out to the netball courts from 10am onwards, anyone willing to help work on the stall please contact Kate Kroll 0427 180 655 and any monetary donations can be given directly to Kate Kroll McGrath Sellers Breast Care Nurse or Raelene Williams Pink Spirits President 0429 966 094.
PARENT COMMUNITY WHYALLA SHOW STALL  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 & 18, 2013

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

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