“Community is made up of the gentle concern that people show each other every day. It is made of small gestures of service and sacrifice which say, ‘I care for you’.

JEAN VANIER

Our community has been deeply moved this week with the tragic death of our dear friend, colleague and parent of the school, Mrs Bernadine Murray. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband John; sons, John and Samuel; her mother Barbara and brother, Shaun and family. Our hearts go out to Our Lady’s and OSHC staff who have worked so closely with Bernadine for many years. The children and their families who have been touched by Bernadine’s positive spirit, generosity, firm but gentle and often jovial manner are also sharing the sense of loss and unease that we all feel at this time. She was indeed a woman of conviction, of commitment to family as well as her community. The ‘small gestures’ made by Bernadine will be greatly missed. Let us all take a leaf from Bernadine’s story book in the way we show our gentle concern for each other every day.

We have provided counselling support on campus this week and encourage people to seek assistance for your children, should you feel the need, as new experiences of loss and grief can challenge us all in unexpected ways.

We thank the community for your empathy and support in terms of site closure on Wednesday, and hope that the alternative arrangements met everyone’s needs. We also thank Lou Whitehouse and Bernie Meixner for their leadership in supervising students who needed to remain at school. Thank you to all who rallied together and supported each other in this time of need.

TERISSA SHEPHERD
CO-PRINCIPAL
SWINE FLU

On Tuesday a letter was sent home with secondary students to advise that a staff member had a diagnosis of Swine Flu in the middle of the holidays. That staff member has remained at home this week to ensure a complete recovery and is now well and ready to return to work in Week 2. In addition, this week a senior student will remain absent with swine flu until full recovery. As there have been a few diagnoses in Whyalla now, we remind all members of the community to continue to observe good hygiene practices in terms of hand washing and prevention of the transfer of contagions. A copy of SA Health advice is again included in this Newsletter for your information. Please stress such protective practices to your children and we will continue to do so at school as well.

COLLEGE PHOTOS

The photo order packs for Master Portraits will be sent home with Week 2’s newsletter. All students must bring their envelope, with the correct money (WE DO NOT PROVIDE CHANGE) on the day.

Each student should receive their own coloured envelope for the ordering of individual and group photos. Each student requiring photos must return an envelope, even if payment is enclosed in a brother’s or sister’s envelope.

Family photo order envelopes are also available. Those wishing to have a family photo must collect a family envelope from any campus office.

Tuesday, August 11, 2009 – OLHC Campus
Wednesday, August 12, 2009 – St Teresa’s Campus
Thursday, August 13, 2009 – Saint John’s Campus

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SCHOOL FEES

Statements of School Fees will be sent out this week and I would ask you to check your statements and contact me if you feel they are not correct.

As we are now at the halfway mark of the year those of you who are paying instalments should have half of your school fees paid. There is an expectation by the College Board that all fees should be paid before the end of the school year.

As such, unless an agreement is in place it may now be appropriate to increase your payments to achieve this expectancy. If you are having difficulty with payment of your school fees please contact me to discuss an appropriate payment plan and course of action.

Regards

Cheryl Murfitt
Bursar
Dear parents,

I would like to welcome all families back to the Primary Campuses of Samaritan College; and a very special welcome to our new students and their families.

**ST TERESA’S CAMPUS**
Teacher – Josie Sanders
Naomi Appleyard
Mitchell Byrne
Emily Coffey
Lachlan Lorenz
Nicholas Travers

**OLHC CAMPUS**
Teacher – Kylie Rothe
Ruben Geldenhuys
Kaleb Law

Teacher – Di Hancock
Mackenzie Spry
Georgia Wallace

Teacher – Marg Harris
Jemma Bodinner
Imogen Hagenbruch

Patricia Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

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**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins this term!! The Year 7 children who are to be confirmed this year need to be enrolled to do so. Enrolment for the Preparation Program will occur at the Mass of your choice on the weekend of July 25/26. Come along to any Mass on this weekend and complete the enrolment form. Mass times appear in the Parish News section of this newsletter.

Following the enrolment weekend there will be an information evening for Confirmation families on Monday, August 3 at 7:30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church.

Bernie Meixner
Eleni Vailas
ON BEHALF OF THE SACRAMENTAL TEAM

**SAPSASA HOCKEY**

Last term a number of students from Samaritan College represented Whyalla in the SAPSASA hockey competition held at the Grange Hockey Club in Adelaide.

Whyalla had a girls team and a boys team entered in the competition.

In the boys team from Samaritan College were Jack Bolton, Shannan Pudney, Nicolas Marino, Bradley Shiel, Matt Shiel and Maunel Stuppos. The boys played well all week with great determination and have much to offer their local clubs in Whyalla after their experience. Congratulations to all the boys for the excellent spirit in which they played each game.

In the girls team representing Samaritan College were Julia Hoskins, Taylor Nolan and Linzi Appleyard. The girls’ team played wonderfully all week, remaining undefeated and going on to win the competition in their division.

Congratulations to all players in both teams for a wonderful week of great hockey.

Bernie Meixner
Welcome back to another busy term. I hope your holidays were both relaxing and restful, a chance to stop for a moment and spend quality time with your families.

BERNADINE MURRAY

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NATIONAL TREE DAY

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St Teresa’s Campus News

Welcome back to Term 3. We had a very settled start to the term and welcomed 5 new receptions to our campus. Mrs Sanders, Mrs Boundey, Doreen and the class have helped make their transition to school most enjoyable.

Some important events happening this term include Confirmation for the Year 7 children, the Whalla and Adelaide Choir, Peter Pan rehearsals, Year 5 Camp at Pichie Richie Park and Parent Teacher Interviews. The Whalla Show is coming very quickly and the Parent Community Group will be looking for helpers on the College food stall.

Please stay alert for notices and reminders sent home via your child over the coming weeks.

Bernie Meixner Lou Whitehouse

CAMPUS COORDINATORS

Congratulations to Jessyka Hanson who recently competed in the St John Ambulance Cadets State Competition. Jessyka successfully competed in team and individual events and won a number of medals and trophies for her excellent work as a St John Cadet.

SRC NEWS

Congratulations to all the children and staff who supported the coin toss on the last day of Term 2. We all enjoyed tossing the coins and we raised $278.85 for the Whyalla Blanket Appeal which was a fantastic result. Thank you all for supporting the Whyalla Community.

Josie Sanders
ON BEHALF OF THE SRC

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Schools Tree Day is a wonderful opportunity for our students to do something practical for our community. The Whyalla Council will be providing us with native shrubs and trees to plant in our school grounds, all classes will get to contribute in planting these native shrubs and trees on Friday. Mr Page will be preparing the holes and assisting the classes with the planting process.

God Bless

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR
SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS

A warm welcome back to all families! Semester beginnings are a great time to start all things new. Successful experiences are celebrated and encouragement is offered to students who perhaps did not achieve at the level they would have liked.

NEW STUDENTS

On behalf of the Samaritan College Community, I would like to welcome the following Year 9 students to the Saint John’s Campus - Kyall Hutchens and Raghav Goel.

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS FEAST DAY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

We are fortunate to have Bishop Greg O’Kelly join with our feast day celebrations this year. This has necessitated a change in the time we usually celebrate Mass, now at 10:00am in the College Piazza. Please note that owing to the later start time students are not required at school until 9:30am. Should this pose an inconvenience to families, students may arrive at 8:30am but will be asked to help set up for the Mass. Parishioners and community members alike are most welcome to celebrate Mass with us, however, I would ask you contact the front office beforehand so that we may organise a seat for you.

Following Mass, students will set off on the annual John-a-thon; our major fundraiser for the year. Students follow a designated route around the Whyalla community and must pass through a number of checkpoints before returning to the campus. Bicycles are not allowed. At approximately 12:15pm students then engage in a number of festive activities, food and drink stalls, competitions etc. We will conclude the day with a brief assembly and after clean up, students will be dismissed at approximately 3:20pm. We encourage students to wear casual, “sun-sensible” clothing; common sense would also suggest appropriate footwear is worn for the John-a-thon.

PARENT EDUCATION INFORMATION EVENINGS

As advertised in the last newsletter of Term 2, Parent Education Information Evenings for families with children in Years 10 and 11 will be conducted early this term. Education evenings are designed for families to access critical information about the expectations of the following year. This includes general expectations of the Year Level Coordinator, camp & retreat information, helpful tips and advice but most importantly, student’s subject selections for 2010. It is expected that all students and their parents/caregivers attend.

Students currently in Year 11 Parent Education Evening: Tuesday, August 4 at 7:30pm;

Students currently in Year 10 Parent Education Evening: Tuesday, August 11 at 7:30pm.

The venue is the Central Whyalla Football Club.

Should you have any additional questions concerning Saint John’s Day or the Parent Education Information Evenings, please do not hesitate to call.

With thanks,

Brett Czechowski
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

TAX FILE NUMBER APPLICATIONS - YEAR 9

Year 9 students must return their TFN application forms to school NOW so they can be processed by us here at school. If you are still waiting for details of your son/daughter’s birth certificate could you please write a note in your child’s diary, so I can make alternative arrangements for their TFN with the Australian Tax Office.

Thank you.

Christine Duffield
YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

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Annette Cameron  
CANTEEN MANAGER

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CANTENE MANAGER

FREE ART LESSONS
ART FOR SENIORS

Beginning: Thursday, July 30
Age: 50yrs or over
Where: Community House
34-36 Galpin St, Whyalla Stuart
12 Free sessions with local artist
3 field trips for inspiration

LIMITED PLACES:
Please contact Centacare ASAP on 8645 8233
**PARENT COMMUNITY WHYALLA SHOW STALL**  
**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 & 16 2009**

**URGENT – HELP REQUIRED.** The Whyalla Show Food Stall will be run as 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 hard work 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. However if you are very brave you may wish to work two shifts.

**Please consider your participation and fill out and return the slip immediately.**

Thanking your prompt attention, The Samaritan College Parent Community Show 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.

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