Dear parents and caregivers,

**ARTS APPRECIATION**

Our children across the College had the privilege of indulgence in the Arts this week. Last weekend, Years 10-12 Music students attended the Beethoven Festival in Adelaide, with students reporting they enjoyed the opportunity of a new experience. It seems that the request to learn a musical instrument has increased at home this week, with the primary children thoroughly enjoying the ‘Big Samba’ performances. Meanwhile, tomorrow Years 9-11 students will attend ‘The Yum-Yum Room’, a play which focuses on contemporary social issues and family relationships. These opportunities are a welcome addition to the curriculum, as often regional centres miss out on experiencing a diverse range of Arts experiences. Recently Samaritan College received $10 000 in ‘drought relief’ funding to cover excursions, camps, etc, from the Australian Government. Funds from this grant were used to pay for the above local performances, enabling our children free access to quality presentations.

**OUR BISHOP & DIRECTOR**

We have the pleasure of Bishop Greg O’Kelly and Director Mrs Kathy McEvoy joining our community next week to celebrate the Saint John’s Feast Day Mass. After Mass, they will visit both primary campuses, meeting children and spending time with staff during the recess and lunch breaks. Parents and parishioners are most welcome to join us at Mass, however, I would ask you contact the front office beforehand so that we may organise a seat for you.

**THE WHYALLA SHOW**

As we move closer to The Whyalla Show, we encourage families to lend a hand as part of the Samaritan community’s ‘outreach’. Being involved in the food stall is always great fun and an opportunity to meet others. Please consider completing the form included in this newsletter and return it ASAP as we need to develop the roster in readiness for the event which is only a fortnight away.

**PARENT COMMUNITY**

Cooking classes begin again next week with Italian on the menu on Monday evenings and ‘group choice’ on Monday mornings. If you want to learn to make pasta from scratch or new and interesting dishes for your family in a relaxed atmosphere, please ring Robyn on 8645 8568. You can sign up for selected nights rather than the whole package. Cost is $20 mornings and $30 evenings, which covers ingredients and chef’s expertise.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**THURSDAY, JULY 30**
- Board Meeting, 7:30pm at SJC

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**
- STC Yr 2/3 Reed/Iudd, Junior Campus Assembly, 9:30am

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3**
- Information Evening for Confirmation Families, 7:30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church

**COMING EVENTS**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**
- Year 11 (current) Parent Education Evening, 7:30pm at Central Whyalla Football Club

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**
- Saint John’s Day commences 9:30am

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**
- STC Year 4/5 Usher Liturgy at 9:30am

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**
- OLHCC Rec/Year 1 Rothe & Year 5/6 Fiedler Liturgy at 2:45pm

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11**
- Year 10 (current) Parent Education Evening, 7:30pm at Central Whyalla Football Club

**AUGUST 11-13**
- School photos - details on page 2

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**TERISSA SHEPHERD**

CO-PRINCIPAL
Last Sunday our Confirmation candidates and parents were at Mass for the enrolment of students for the sacrament of Confirmation, which takes place on August 28 & 29. Bishop Greg O’Kelly will confer the Sacrament on our candidates. Next Monday evening we have a parent and student evening at Our Lady Help of Christians Church at 7:30pm. This meeting is very important and all are asked to attend.

We are aware that there may be some families in the school who have not been Baptised. If you are interested and would like your child Baptised you are welcome to contact the parish offices and talk this over. If you have children at Saint John’s Campus and are interested in Baptism, a special programme could be organised at the parish for these students. If there is any adult who would like to find out more about the Catholic faith, a programme for them will commence in a few weeks; we will have more details about this next week.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Yesterday was the Feast Day of Saint Martha. Martha was the sister of Mary Magdalene and Lazarus. In Luke’s Gospel 10:38-42, we hear about a meal at which Jesus attends and is served by Martha. Martha is distracted from Jesus by her attention to her hospitality duties. The lesson we learn from this story is that often we can be distracted from the message of Jesus by the busyness of life. We need to pay attention to what is important – Jesus’ message of loving one another.

In John 12:1-9 all we hear of Martha are the words ‘Martha served’. She isn’t in the spotlight, she doesn’t do showy things, she doesn’t receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus.

Martha is an example to us to pay attention to Jesus in our lives whenever we encounter Him. She also shows us that in serving Jesus we show love for one another.

Saint Martha,
Pray for us that we may serve Jesus better.
Help us to overcome our distractions and worries and listen to his words and be present to Him this day.

Amen

Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy, prayers, cards and beautiful flowers that you sent following the unexpected passing of our beloved Bernadine. The Parish and College community’s kindness, support and thoughtfulness has been truly overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Bernadine would have been really honoured to know she had touched so many different lives. We wonder whether the beautiful rainbow that appeared at the end of the day was her way of smiling on us.

John, John Jr, Samuel, Barbara and Shaun
**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 expectancy 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

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Opening Hours
Wednesday 8:00-10:00am
Thursday 1:00-4:30pm

Kerry Azzopardi
Sharron Waldron
Ph: 8649 3168

Please note: as from next week we will be open from 1:00pm to allow for Uniform Shopping during lunch hour, in response to parent requests.

As all pieces of the uniform are in their first round of production we want to maintain quality control with the next order. If you are concerned about any perceived flaws, please bring it to the immediate attention of us at the Uniform Shop. We wish to “start as we intend to continue”.

**MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD PROGRAM**

The Made in the Image of God (MITIOG) Program is the new human sexuality program that has replaced Family Life Education for Catholic Schools in South Australia. The implementation of this program began this year with it being taught throughout the whole year, where it is integrated with other curriculum areas. However the Human Sexuality strand is being taught this term across the primary campuses.

A guest speaker, Cathy Loudoun, from Centacare (Pt Lincoln) will be assisting Year 4-7 teachers with teaching this topic.

- OLHC Campus: Monday & Tuesday, August 3 & 4
- St T’s Campus: Wednesday & Thursday, August 5 & 6

The students in Year 4 will remain as a mixed group, whereas the Year 5-7 students will be separated into boy and girl groups. The sessions will proceed for approximately an hour.

The program is an integrated course on human development taught through four key areas called Strands and they are; Being Human, Being Sexual, Being Connected and Being Moral. The basis of the program is that teachers work with parents to teach our children to lead happy, healthy Christian lives. It covers concepts taught in Physical Education and Health, Society and Environment, and complements our Religious Education program.

The MITIOG program encompasses the understandings, information and skills required by students as they develop beliefs, values and strategies to manage in our ever-changing society. Importantly, it does so in a Christian context.

If you have any questions or queries about the program please contact your child’s class teacher, Bernie Meixner or Eleni Vailas. We would be happy to help!

Eleni Vailas and Bernie Meixner
RECS/MITIOG COORDINATORS

**COLLEGE PHOTOS**

The photo order packs for Master Portraits will be sent home with this week’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

**PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS**

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**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

A reminder to all families involved in the Confirmation program this year that there is a parent information meeting on Monday, August 3 at 7:30pm at OLHC Church. The children being confirmed are also asked to come along. If you have decided on your sponsor you may also wish to invite them to the meeting.

Bernie Meixner and Eleni Vailas
ON BEHALF OF THE SACRAMENTAL TEAM
FOYER DISPLAY

Thank you to Year 3/4 Hart for the creative and colourful Foyer Display in the front office this fortnight about the Parable ‘God cares for the birds and the flowers’ (Matthew 6:25-34). Come along and read the lovely responses the children have written about the Parable.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

This term’s Liturgies will be commencing next week with a wonderful Liturgy presented by Rec/Year 1 Rothe and Year 5/6 Fiedler all about ‘Mary MacKillop’.

You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, August 6 at 2:45pm in the Church. We hope to see you there!

NATIONAL TREE DAY

National Tree Day is on Sunday, August 2, and we will be celebrating Schools Tree Day on Friday, July 31.

Schools Tree Day is an opportunity for students to take an active role in helping protect the environment, combat climate change and beautify their school grounds. The simple act of planting a tree helps inspire a love of nature and a determination to act on its behalf. It also creates great opportunities for hands-on learning to help achieve Science and SOSE outcomes.

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

ST TEREESA’S CAMPUS NEWS

Congratulations to Meg Bindi who successfully graded for her black belt in Karate. Meg travelled to Adelaide in the school holidays for her grading and did a wonderful job in gaining her black belt.

Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Congratulations to the students who have been elected by their peers to the student council for the 2nd Semester 2009.

R/Yr 1 Sanders Josch Muscio Asha Reed
R/Yr 1 Storr Ashley Brougham Dylan Stanton
Yr 1/2 Wohling Callan Boundy Richelle Kneebone
Yr 2/3 Reed/Judd Alice Morgan Antony Jobby

These children will be presented to the campus community and receive their SRC badge at the Junior Assembly to be held on Friday, July 31 at 9:30am.

The following students will receive their SRC badges at the upper assembly on Friday, August 7 at 9:30am.

Yr 3/4 Opie Holly Stainer Jack O’Halloran
Yr 4/5 Usher Joshua White Makaela Nolan
Yr 5/6 Bavерstок Ethan White Georgia McLeod
Yr 6/7 Turpin Benjamin Homes Sophie Gurnett
Yr 6/7 Gogoll Madison Kersten Hung Tran

Josie Sanders
SRC COORDINATOR

This week is the last round for Minkey and U9/11 teams. Don’t forget the Presentation Night on Friday, August 7 at 5:00pm for Minkey and U9/11 teams. Make sure you come along to be part of your team when you receive your trophy. Keep watch for U13 teams to see who will be playing off in the semi-finals. At this stage St Teresa’s are still on top of the ladder!

Our Lady’s parents are doing BBQ this week.

Tania Taylor
JUNIOR HOCKEY COORDINATOR

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Friday 31/7/09 5:00pm
Minkey Field 1A NAPS/Long 2 vs NAPS/Long 1
Minkey Field 1B St Teresa’s 2 vs St Teresa’s 1
Minkey Field 1C OLHC vs Town/Fisk

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U9/11 Field 1A OLHC B vs Town/Fisk 2
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Saturday 1/8/09 9:00am
U13 OLHC vs NAPS/Long

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U13 St Teresa’s vs MOPS

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**JUNIOR SCIENCE HELP**

Science Help for students in *Years 8-10 will be held on Wednesday afternoons 3:30-4:30pm in the library.* Science Help is an opportunity for students to complete homework and assignments in an environment where a member of the Science Faculty will be on hand to assist with any queries.

Throughout the year students may be asked by their Science teacher to attend a Wednesday session to catch-up on work missed through absence or to assist in understanding the concepts covered in class. If this occurs a letter will be sent home informing caregivers of the details.

Assistance for Stage 1 and 2 Science subjects will be organised by individual teachers.

Denise Rule & Nathan Wohling

SCIENCE COORDINATORS

**SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS**

When I first came into the classroom this term I was amazed by Danielle the diver, the sharks, the water scene and how it was set up.

Jordan

When I walked into the classroom on the first day back at school my eyes were amazed because the classroom looked so cool. There are crayfish, crab nets, turtles, dolphins, Danielle the diver and allsorts!

Olivia

**YEAR 2/3 REED/JUDD**

Water, Water everywhere.

Can you guess what the theme for 2/3 Judd’s class is this term? Our class has been changed into a wonderful underwater environment. We will be learning about the sea and some of the creatures there. Come in and test the water in Year 2/3 Reed/Judd.

This term I would like to learn about squid because they are my favourite food to eat.

Joshua

I like our classroom because we can look at the sea shells and because it is very creative.

Vinnie

This term I would like to learn about sea creatures so that I can know everything about them.

Alicia

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**USB FLASH DRIVES**

A reminder to students that USB flash drives should not be used as your only source for storing assignments and other important documents. USB drives are becoming very popular and very affordable but as with most technology these days, they are not 100% reliable. Students should always keep a regular backup of their work in case their USB drive does fail. The College provides a My Documents folder where your work can be kept which gets backed up on a nightly basis.

Regards

Josh Miller

IT MANAGER
During the July holidays, once again seventeen Year 11 & 12 students travelled to the snowfields of Mount Buller in Victoria, 250 km north of Melbourne.

It was truly amazing how confidently some of the students took to the slopes, picking up the various snowboarding and skiing skills and techniques with great style. Students displayed a pleasing standard of behaviour and respect throughout the week and once again represented the College well.

Some student testimonies back up the positive spirit and experiences of the week:

“"The Ski Trip this year was an enjoyable experience with seventeen students and two teachers from Samaritan attending. All who attended quickly picked up the basics of skiing and/or snowboarding and enjoyed every minute on the slopes and also in the lodge. The long bus ride was definitely worth it and everybody got their money’s worth out of the equipment”.

Shaun McCann

“Ski Trip 2009, was very enjoyable and eventful, everyone seemed to have fun, snowboarding is a great experience and to become good at it by the end of the week was a good feeling. The weather wasn’t all that great the first two days, one night we had some great snowfall then the sun came out for the rest of the week. Aside from the bumps and bruises, cold weather and ‘that’s what she said’ we all had a good time”.

Joshua Berkett

“Ski Trip 09 was an experience that I will never forget. For most of us it would be the last time we could experience a Samaritan College ski trip. On the trip we saw the teachers, Mr Keiper and Ms Nolan, in a completely different light. Instead of giving directions in the classroom they were cruising the slopes with us. The addition of an awesome snow season made for some epic boarding with everyone competently skiing or boarding by the end of the week. I would like to thank Mr Keiper and Ms Nolan for all the work and effort in making the 2009 Ski Trip such a success and I recommend this trip to anyone next year, it will be your best schooling experience.”

Aaron Hardman

Students who attended were: Kaitlin Heron, Daisy Keating, Aaron Hardman, Megan McKellar, Sarah Borlace, Shaun McCann, Sarah Girvan, Matthew Vlachoulis, Zach Day, Joshua Berkett, Ami O’Sullivan, Luke Raymond, Glen Shepherd, Sam Fischer, Joel Howard-Bristow, Ashley Stanton and Brianna Baulderstone.

A big thank you to Miss Kate Nolan for your energy and resilience throughout the week, without your assistance such trips couldn’t become a reality.

Trent Keiper

SKII TRIP COORDINATOR - 2009
ANIMALS NEEDED FOR NURSERY

Whyalla Show 2009

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- pony - Shetland of Miniature
- ducklings
- goats
- any other suitable animals, except for native species such as kangaroos, lizards etc.

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Fiona Rhind: 8645 8727 (Convener)
Show Office: 8649 1800

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COMMUNITY NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE WHYALLA CITY OF COUNCIL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Did you miss your school vaccinations?

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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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