Dear parents and caregivers

Yesterday we had the pleasure of a visit from Bishop Greg O’Kelly and Mrs Kathy McEvoy, Director of Catholic education for the Port Pirie Diocese, to share in celebrating the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist. Year 7-12 students participated in Mass together, followed by a tour for our visitors of the primary campuses. The students were reverent and hospitable; and tuned in well to the community spirit of the day.

It was a delight to witness the interaction between Bishop Greg and the students, with Receptions singing to him and sharing fishing stories; and the Year 7s asking insightful questions with courtesy and interest. It appears our Bishop made a significant impression on our Confirmation candidates with comments of “he’s cool” confirming such a positive encounter.

This week we have had the presence of conveyers on the Saint John’s site, as preliminaries for the building projects begin. Impact on students on all sites with regard to school improvement works is a significant feature of logistical planning, with some progress taking time as we plan around site usage. The programmed maintenance services is almost complete with the externals all painted in the campuses. This will be an annual event. Such practical things are the benefits of an amalgamated effort.

Reporting to our community regarding school milestones in the previous year, is an expectation of the Australian Government as part of the Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) Act. We are required to report in two modes, therefore we have reported to the Board and have posted a report on our website. If parents have any questions in relation to the report, please do not hesitate to inquire through info@samariatan.catholic.edu.au. In addition, we are constantly adding to the website as we develop materials for the College. You can now access the policies and numerous generic forms that students often lose in the depths of their school bags. As new curriculum is developed, we will begin to add in information about the New SACE and allied materials.

Terissa Shepherd
Co-Principal
PARISH NEWS

An Invitation to
Come and see ……

Do you………………
- wish to learn about the Catholic Faith?
- have thought of becoming a Catholic?
- wish to rediscover your faith?
- know someone interested in the Catholic Faith?

Come to an Inquiry Night at
Our Lady Help of Christians
Parish Room, Whyalla West
August 11 at 7:30pm

Or
St Teresa’s Parish Hall
August 25 at 7:30pm

For more Information ring either of the Parish Offices
St Teresa’s 8645 8023
OLHC 8649 3593

Sr Robyn Brady
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Teresa’s Church  Our Lady Help of Christians Church
Saturday  7:00pm  Sunday  10:30am
Sunday  8:30am  Sunday  5:30pm

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

MARY MACKILLOP'S FEAST DAY

On Saturday we celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Mary MacKillop. Mary has been described as ‘a woman of our time.’ Looking at the example she showed us, it’s easy to see why. She was Australian, resourceful, intelligent, poor, a teacher, a risk-taker, optimistic and kind. Mary remained faithful through many challenging times. From this brief description, I’m sure there is something we can all learn from her life. Let us continue to pray for her continued path to Sainthood and draw from her strength.

Most loving God,
We thank you for the example of Blessed Mary MacKillop who in her living of the Gospel witnessed to the human dignity of each person. She faced many challenges with faith and courage. We pray through her intercession for our needs.
May her holiness soon be acknowledged by the universal Church.
We make this prayer through Jesus the Lord.
Amen

God Bless

Eleni Vailas
REC - OLHCC

COLLEGE NEWS

PHOTOS

The photo order packs for Master Portraits were sent home last week. 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. Please enquire at your campus office for the times for family photos if siblings are coming from other campuses.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR FULL WINTER UNIFORM

(This includes the jumper for all and tie for Years 8-12.)
It is expected that all students adhere to normal grooming guidelines ie: hair tied back, single earring & no visible makeup.

Classes who will normally have Sports lessons on this day will need to be in their winter uniform. These children may bring a pair of sneakers to change into for sport on this occasion.

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

Confirmation Workshop

The first of two Confirmation workshops will be held tomorrow: August 7 at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus. The OLHC children attending the workshop come to school as normal. The St Teresa’s children attending the workshop need to be at OLHC church by 8:45am on this day. The children need to bring their home booklet, pencil case, recess, lunch and school hat on the day. The children may wear suitable casual clothes to the workshop. The children will be dismissed from the workshop at 3:10pm.

The second workshop will be held at St Teresa’s Church Hall on Friday, August 14 starting at 8:45am.

Bernie Meixner on behalf of the Sacramental Team

Presentation of Commitment Cards

This weekend the confirmation children are to come to any of the weekend Masses to be presented to the Parish community. This is an important time for the Confirmation candidates to bring their commitment cards which will be placed in each Church.

Bernie Meixner
ON BEHALF OF THE SACRAMENTAL TEAM
**ASSEMBLY & LITURGY WEEK 3/4**

There will be no campus assembly this week.

1/2 Wohling will be celebrating Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, August 12.

Children need to be dropped at the church by 8:45am. Parents are most welcome to attend Mass with the class.

Bernie Meixner  
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

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If you have any queries regarding the challenge please contact myself or your child’s teacher.

Lou Whitehouse  
CAMPUS/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

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**THE BIG SAMBA**

On Monday, July 27 & 28, the primary campuses enjoyed taking part in The Big Samba with musician Steve Schulz. Steve taught us how to play basic rhythms on a variety of percussion instruments. Everyone got to play something and we all had a fantastic time!

Melinda Gray and Winnie Fitzgerald  
ARTS COORDINATORS

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**JUNIOR HOCKEY**

Minkey and U9/11 Trophy Presentation night – this Friday night August 7, at the Hockey grounds at 5:00pm. A shared tea will follow. Girls, please bring a plate of savoury food to share, and boys a plate of sweet food. Feel free to stay after the presentation to watch a Division 1 women’s match, followed by Division 1 Men. Good Luck to all teams for the finals!!

Tania Taylor  
JUNIOR HOCKEY COORDINATOR

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**ST TERESA’S CAMPUS NEWS**

The ladder at the end of Minor Rounds:

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Lou Whitehouse  
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WHAT’S HAPPENING IN R/1 STORR?

On Friday we made masks of the animals from the story “the Little Red Hen”. This week we have read and acted out the story.

Matthew Bern and Luke Spry

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS NEWS

LITURGY OF THE WORD

You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, August 13 at 2:45pm in the church. It will be presented by Year 2/3 Sinclair and Year 7 Fahney. We hope to see you there!

NATIONAL TREE DAY

Last week we celebrated School’s Tree Day. All the classes across the school had the opportunity to plant a tree or shrub within our school grounds. A special thank you to Mr Page for preparing the holes for these shrubs and trees!

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

AUSKICK

Included in this newsletter is an AUSKICK registration form for all Rec – Year 2 students. AUSKICK is a program we have participated in for a number of years and it promotes AFL skills and team participation. As in previous years, AUSKICK packs are available for purchase at $45 each. This money, as well as the completed form can be returned to the front office if you are interested in buying one. Students do NOT need to purchase a pack in order to participate in AUSKICK. It is hoped that all forms are returned by the end of Week 6, even if you do not intend on purchasing a pack. The reason we try to register as many students as possible is because it allows our school to receive a range of resources from the AFL. It is hoped, that AUSKICK clinics will be scheduled for Rec – Year 2 students later in the term. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask.

Gareth Molyneux

BOOKWEEK PARADE

Yes, it’s that time of the year again, the long awaited bookweek parade. So get your creative juices flowing as you have just 3 weeks!

The parade will be held (weather permitting) on the basketball courts, Thursday, August 27 at 9:15am.

WHAT DO I WEAR? (I hear you ask…)
You have two choices, each with very wide parameters.

Firstly, you could dress up interpreting the book week theme. This year’s theme is “BOOK SAFARI”.

Secondly, you can come dressed as one of the characters from the shortlisted books. These books are on display in the library. The following classes have had exposure to these books in their library lessons. There is nothing stopping the older children from dressing up as one of the younger classes characters, they will need to familiarise themselves with the book first.

R – 2 (Early Childhood Books)
• Puffling
• Applesauce and the Christmas Miracle
• Leaf
• How to Heal a Broken Wing
• Tom Tom
• Special Kev

2 – 4 (Picture Books)
• Sunday Chutney
• Collecting Colour
• Home and Away
• Nobody Owns the Moon
• Captain Congo & the Crocodile King
• The Big Little Book of Happy Sadness

4 – 7 (Information Books)
• The Word Spy
• Simpson & His Donkey
• Alive in the Death Zone: Mount Everest Survival
• Chicken: The Story of Chicken in Australia
• Tuart Dwellers
• Every Picture tells a Story: Adventures in Australian Art

Should you wish to log onto the Children’s Book Council of Australia website for inspiration, here is the website:

If you choose to dress as a book character, a helpful sign on your back to indicate which character or book would make judging much easier please.

It certainly is a joy every year to see the amazing creativity that is evident. See you in week 6!

Diana Jeffery
BOOKWEEK COORDINATOR
NATIONAL TREE DAY

The Saint John’s Campus SRC did their bit to reduce the College’s carbon footprint by planting 50 small shrubs and trees around the senior campus last Friday. Conducted as part of National Tree Day, the event also enabled students to play a part in beautifying their surroundings and providing (future) homes for native birds and insects. The staff and students of SJC thank the SRC and the following staff members for their efforts in helping to make the campus a more attractive and eco-friendly pace to work and learn:

- Mr Gerry Lanyon and Mr Rob Pudney for collecting the trees and shrubs, preparing the planting sites and assisting the students with the planting.
- Mrs Angela Rogers for organising Samaritan College’s involvement in the Australia-wide event.

We also thank the Whylla City Council for supplying the trees and shrubs.

Tanya Gibson
SRC MENTOR

LIBRARY NEWS

World book Online Encyclopedia

A reminder that under the terms of our subscription to World Book Online Encyclopedia, Samaritan College families are able to access this valuable study resource free of charge. To log on to the website visit www.worldbookonline.com and enter the user name; samaritan and the password; whyalla. World Book Encyclopedia is a reputable, recognised publication that is far more reliable than other online resources (such as Wikipedia) which do not have the same quality controls. We highly recommend that students chose World book Online Encyclopedia over free online encyclopedia alternatives when completing school work.

Periodicals

The Saint John’s Campus Library subscribes to a number of periodical publications to provide students with up-to-date, subject specific information and general interest reading. Two of these publications are now unavailable and we are interested in the Samaritan community’s opinion about which alternative publications should replace them. The periodicals chosen need to fit with the ethos of the school and be appropriate for use by our students. Please fill out the small survey below to have your say about which periodical should be purchased. Library staff have suggested the following options. If you would like to offer another suggestion please indicate the title below:

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SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS
BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL 2009

Our senior music students attended the Beethoven Festival in Adelaide on July 25 & 26. This two-year project (organised and staged with international guest artists), has now come to an end and we are fortunate that many of our students have been able to attend both years.

This year students in Years 10, 11 and 12 witnessed the Australian Youth Orchestra perform Beethoven’s Symphony No. 8 in F major, as well as, Symphony No. 9 in D minor (more commonly known for its popular theme ‘Ode to Joy’).

The festival was a fantastic opportunity to experience professional musicians performing arguably some of the best and most passionate music-ever written. As well as this, students were provided the opportunity to delve into and learn from a cultural experience that cannot always be achieved within the normal classroom.

I would like to thank Mr Brett Czechowski for giving up his time to also attend the festival with us and for providing the students access to a wealth of musical and cultural wisdom over the weekend. A special thanks also to the students, who maintained a strong sense of enthusiasm throughout the weekend.

Alexandra Pfeiffer
SENIOR MUSIC TEACHER

COMMUNITY NEWS

WILSON PEE WEE TENNIS

Australia’s #1 modified tennis coaching program.
Developed specially for children ages 5-7.
Make your child a tennis star!

When: Sunday, August 9
Time: 1:30-2:30pm
Where: Racketeers Social Tennis Club
McBryde Tce

To book or for more information contact:
Adam Olsen
0402 457 541 / 8644 3370
Olly’s Straight Set Tennis

ST TERESA’S CAMPUS

Mon Sophie Gurnett Grace Hullah
Tue Rachel Fitzgerald Georgina Stewart
Wed Sarah Gurney Isabella Tilbrook
Thu Karla O’Neill
Fri Heera Thanigaivel Mikayla Spence
Annette Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS

Help needed
Dana Campion Sunny Chung
Help needed
Carmel Rosalia

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS

Sue Clements Chris Barsby
Helen Butt Help needed
Anneli Hardman Bev Carlson
Julie Rotherham Help needed
Julia McMahon Deb Drobnjak

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER

CANTEEN ROSTERS

Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31

YEAR 10 EDUCATION NIGHT

DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
TIME: 7:30pm
VENUE: CENTRALS FOOTBALL CLUB

All Year 10 students must attend with at least one parent/caregiver.

AGENDA:
• Subject selection forms
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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.
☆ Name

FRIDAY AUGUST 14

2:30pm – 5:30pm

5:30pm – 8:30pm

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

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 16

10:00am – 12:00pm

12:00pm – 2:00pm

2:00pm – 4:00pm

3:00pm – 4:00pm

(Dismantle stall & transporting equipment)