Dear parents and caregivers

This weekend will see many of our community at The Whyalla Show. We have tried hard this year to encourage many of you to be a part of our ‘community outreach’ in the form of participating in the voluntary work of our Hot Food Stall. I want to take the time to acknowledge the generosity of spirit of our parent community helpers; many of whom are regular volunteers, as they understand the value of giving and the immense sense of fulfilment that can be derived from assisting in a team situation. If you are a ‘new’ helper, thank you very much for stepping forward, as often we can be a little unsure if we do not know people, or haven’t done this sort of thing before. Usually when we have new parents get involved in our various activities they exclaim how easy, friendly and ‘un-snobby’ we all are!

Term 3 has hit our College hard with illness. The endeavour and creativity of leadership in addressing staff shortage has been challenging but fulfilled admirably. We are grateful for some committed relievers who have taken on extra work at this time. We ask that parents be supportive of staff, and if you have any concerns, please direct them to campus leaders, coordinators or myself.

Term 3 also becomes a time for looking forward for many; as we welcome new receptions; secondary students chose their subjects; Year 12s consider university, TAFE or employment options; and schools begin to look at staffing for 2010. It has been pleasing to have so many parents at the education nights as we share in the educational partnership of your children.

Last week we were advised of a diagnosis of a senior student with swine flu, and as such, the student remains at home. The progression of protocols in dealing with swine flu has changed in the last few months, whereby now that it has been declared a pandemic, schools are not required to shut down year levels or whole campuses. The current guidelines from SA Health (since pandemic was declared) and which are on our website, are that a diagnosed individual is to remain home for a week, or until declared fit to return by their doctor. Anyone who has been in contact with a person diagnosed does not have to adopt quarantine measures nor routine tests:

“**People who have been in contact with anyone who has confirmed or suspected ‘swine flu’ will no longer be asked to stay in home isolation unless they themselves start to show flu-like symptoms.**”

Only if a person has flu like symptoms, (fever, muscular aches, vomiting, etc) should you consult your doctor. We remind everyone to practice positively discriminate hygiene procedures by disposing of tissues appropriately, using the alcohol rubs or frequently washing hands, and if children are sick, even with the common cold, it should be regular practice for them to have a few days’ convalescence at home. Thank you for your support in this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you are uncertain about any aspect of this health concern.

Terissa Shepherd
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| | Tuesday 4:00-5:00pm
| | Wednesday 2:30pm-4:00pm
| | Check your schedule for more detail

**TERISSA SHEPHERD**
**CO-PRINCIPAL**
**YOUR THUMBPRINT**

This week Father Tony Redden lent me a little book entitled “Mother Mary’s Circular Letters” — it’s all the letters Blessed Mary MacKillop wrote over the years to her Josephite Sisters.

Reading it, I’ve been struck by the energy and creativity of this remarkable woman and saint. Modern corporations talk of “continuous improvement” as if it were a recent invention; and yet, 100 years ago, Mary was breaking new ground at every step! Her approach to education of young people set a new standard, especially for country families like ours.

And yet she had the times when nothing seemed to go right, when the carping critics were getting stuck in to her and her congregation of sisters. During one tough time, she made a pilgrimage visit to the tombs of some Jesuit priests who were murdered in France. Mary wrote to her sisters back in Australia that she offered as her prayer intention not just Adelaide, but “all of Australia”, and then each situation, each person, each one connected to that person … until she was so filled with all the people she was praying for, that all she could do was sit in rapt silence in the presence of God who was listening so carefully to her prayer.

Last week Bishop Greg invited and challenged our young people to “make a difference” – to put their own personal thumbprint on the world as they move through life. In Mary MacKillop, we have a friend, a fellow Australian, a saint to rely on, to call on, to inspire us – can we too make that difference, as Jesus calls us to do?

Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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**RELIGIOUS DIMENSION**

During the Saint John’s Day celebration last week we listened to a song called ‘Voice of Truth’. Truth is the ideal that underpins everything. If we lie, ultimately we are cheating ourselves. From an early age we are encouraged to tell the truth. In law courts you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Our justice system is built upon the principle that truth needs to be unearthed and upheld. And yet there are many lies in the world and many liars.

We will probably spend the rest of our lives trying to find the truth about ourselves, who we are and where we fit in the world. In this journey of life we will hear many thoughts and observations about things and people who matter to us, from the world in which we live to the family and friends we cherish. Some of these words will be true, others will not, and it is an ongoing challenge to distinguish between the two.

Saint John the Evangelist listened to the ultimate voice of truth, God. In his gospel he tells us about the life and ministry of Jesus, but also gives us a glimpse at a deeper level, at the Jesus who is the Word, who has always been the Word and always will be. In the bedlam and chaos of life, in the midst of all the noise, Saint John tells us to listen to the voice of Jesus, for he is the voice of truth, he is the voice that will nurture and encourage those who are fearful and cannot see their full potential. The voice of truth encourages us to be the best we can be.

Last weekend Father Jim spoke about Mary MacKillop and her courageous life. She accepted God’s challenge to be the best she could be. Our Year 7 students who presented their commitment cards at Mass are an example of how our students courageously walk down the path of life, trying to make a positive difference in the world.

So, for reflection, I am including the chorus of the song ‘Voice of Truth’.

**But the Voice of truth tells me a different story**
**the Voice of truth says “do not be afraid!”**
**and the Voice of truth says “this is for My glory”**
**Out of all the voices calling out to me I will choose to listen and believe the Voice of truth.**

Angela Rogers
REC - SJC
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BOOK WEEK 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!

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 short listed 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, please have a helpful sign on your back to indicate which character or book. This will make judging much easier.

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

Diana Jeffery & Lou Whitehouse
BOOK WEEK COORDINATORS

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NATIONAL TREE DAY

This year, both primary campuses were involved in National Tree Day. Each campus was allocated a number of native trees which were planted around various areas of the school.

The children participated enthusiastically in groups to plant, water and mulch their tree. The activity proved to be a great way for students to get outdoors and do their part to help our environment.

Lou Gogoll
**BOOK WEEK PARADE**

The Book Week Parade in Week 6 will be held on Thursday, August 27 at 9:15am. This event was previously advertised as being on Wednesday, August 26. The date has changed due to class Mass on Wednesday, August 26. Please see Primary Campus News in this week’s newsletter for ideas about costumes.

**ASSEMBLY AND LITURGY WEEK 4/5**

This week there is no Campus Assembly. Year 3/4 Opie will be celebrating Liturgy at St Teresa’s Campus on Thursday, August 20.

Liturgy will be at 9.30am in the library. Parents are most welcome to attend Liturgy and stay for a cuppa after.

Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

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**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS NEWS**

**FOYER DISPLAY**

Please venture into the front office this week to view the fantastic Foyer Display presented by Year 5/6 Seals all about ‘Mary MacKillop’ and the many wonderful personal qualities she displayed. Come in and read what the children have written about people whom, to each of them, show a true quality which they share with Mary MacKillop.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, August 20 at 2:45pm in the Church. It will be presented by Year 1/2 Hearne. We hope to see you there!

God Bless

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

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**ST TERESA’S CAMPUS NEWS**

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**SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS**

**INFORMATION EVENINGS**

Over the past two weeks Parent Education Information Evenings have been conducted for families and students currently enrolled in Years 10 and 11. Whilst this process remained relatively unchanged for Year 11 students, there have been considerable changes for students in Year 10 especially with the arrival of the new SACE. Year 10 families are encouraged to make a time to meet with subject counsellors should you wish to discuss the information presented in the Subject Selection Form in more detail. Please feel free to call me at Saint John’s Campus to make an appointment.

With thanks,

Brett Czechowski
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

**YEAR 8 RETREAT**

The Year 8 Retreat is on next week, Wednesday, August 19. Students will walk together with their teachers to the St Teresa’s Church Hall. The retreat experience is very much valued at Samaritan College through our desire to educate the whole person. As such, all students are expected to attend. Students may wear their physical education uniform.

James Keating
YEAR 8 COORDINATOR

**SCIENCE WEEK**

**Explosions!!!! Explosions!!!!!**

It’s Science Week at Saint John’s Campus.

Throughout Week 5 there will be demonstrations (explosions) to celebrate the wonderful world of Science.

Mr Steel will be raiding the chemical store room and performing exciting, possibly “dangerous” experiments during recess or lunchtime.

*Will be survive the week without injury??*

There will also be a daily quiz and prizes will be awarded to the caregroup containing the Nerdiest Science Geeks.

Further information will be in the daily notices

Denise Rule & Nathan Wohling
SCIENCE COORDINATORS

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**ST CATHS VARSITY NEWS**

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Annette Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

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Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER
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