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TERISSA SHEPHERD  CO-PRINCIPAL
Parish News

Last Sunday the Confirmation candidates shared with the Parish about the Saints name they have chosen and why. A lot of thought went into this and it was good to hear each of them share very confidently. We have enjoyed working with the students over the weeks and some good friendships have formed across the campuses and other schools in Whyalla. It is only just over a week before Bishop Greg O’Kelly will be in Whyalla to Confirm the candidates.

Next Tuesday evening, August 25 we have another Inquiry Evening about the Catholic faith. If you would like to find out more about the Catholic faith you are invited to St Teresa’s Church Hall at 7:30pm.

We are mindful of the priests of the dioceses who are on Retreat at Seven Hill this week and keep them in our prayers.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

Religious Dimension

Blessed Is She Who Believed

Last weekend we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, remembering Mary’s miraculous entrance into heaven. The term ‘assumed’ means that she entered ‘body and soul.’ The story, of fourth century origins, is that several apostles who were present at Mary’s death went away for a short time and returned to find her tomb empty. On this day we pray that we may follow Mary’s example of holiness and live with hope in our hearts.

In Sunday’s Gospel reading we hear Elizabeth proclaim that Mary was blessed because she believed with deep trust that the promise made to her by God would come about. It is a reminder to each of us to put our trust in God who promises to be with us as we journey through life. We are called to make room for God in our lives and so become fully human and alive; more deeply the person God has called us.

Mary is Mother of God and Mother of the Church
Mary’s life was full of faith, hope and love
Mary’s Assumption is a sign of hope for all Christians

God Bless
Eleni Vailas
REC - OLHCC

College News

Samaritan College Restaurant

$50 per head
4 course set menu
BYO drinks
7:00pm start

For information and bookings please ring Robyn at Saint John’s Campus on 8645 8568.
www.info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

Future Dates:
September 10 & 24
October 22
November 5 & 19
December 3

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Menu for August 27
(subject to change)

Soup: Gourmet roasted capsicum soup
Entree: Lamb shank ravioli with rich red wine reduction and pea mousseline
Main: Pan roasted duck breast with a beef jus’, seasonal vegetables and gourmet mash potatoes
Dessert: Poached pears with a chocolate sauce, brandy snaps and a mellow cinnamon and vanilla ice-cream
Congratulations to Kay and Ryan Baker on the arrival of Chloe Mia on July 21; a sister for Tyson!

In our prayers at this time are Fran Mason and James Baverstock, who are recovering from ill health. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Patricia Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

BOOK WEEK PARADES

Next week (Week 6) is the week for both campuses book week parades. Parents, you are invited to come along and watch!

- **When:** Thursday, August 27
- **Time:** 9:15am start
- **Venue:** basketball courts (OLHCC) & area near front office (STC)

**Please ensure your child is at school on time this day so that teachers can have classes at designated spots before this time. Thank you.**

We look forward to seeing you all there for a fun time. Hopefully we’ll be able to recognise the amazing characters!!

Lou Whitehouse & Diana Jeffery
BOOK WEEK PARADE COORDINATORS

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Congratulations to the St Teresa’s U13 team for winning the Grand Final last Saturday against MOPS. It was a hard game that could have gone either way as it went into extra time. The players all put in their best effort, and came out on top as the Premiers for 2009. Well Done! Mrs Page was impressed with how the children played and the spirit of the game.

We hope to see you all out again next year for the 2010 season. If you are going to high school next year but are still eligible for the Under 13 age group (under 13 at 1/1/2010), please do stay on to play next season. Your experience will be a huge benefit to the new U13 players and you can help teach them the differences in the game from U9/11 to U13. You are a vital part of the competition and even though you might feel you don’t want to play with primary students, you can pass on the skills you have learnt over the years to the next group of players. You are important and we don’t want to lose you from the U13 competition. Keep a look out for your registration form in the mail late February to early March next year.

Thanks for a great 2009 season and congratulations again to St Teresa’s U13 Premiers.

Tania Taylor
JUNIOR HOCKEY COORDINATOR

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Preparation for Confirmation

The Confirmation candidates have now completed both workshops in their preparation to receive the Sacrament. The children’s participation in the workshops was wonderful and helped them get the most out of the experience.

The preparation continues with the Parish Celebration of Reconciliation, followed by a practice for Confirmation at St Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:30pm. This practice is only for those being confirmed at St Teresa’s church.

The children being confirmed at OLHC church will have their practice on Friday, August 28 at 1:45pm.

The celebration of Reconciliation is a most important step in preparing for Confirmation. If your family is unable to attend then you will need to make an alternative arrangement with Father Jim to receive Reconciliation.

Confirmation Supper

Following Confirmation on August 28 & 29 families are asked to bring a plate of food to share for supper.

Bernie Meixner
ON BEHALF OF THE SACRAMENTAL TEAM
**YEAR 5 CAMP**
The camp for Year 5 children from St Teresa’s Campus will take place on Wednesday, September 2 until Friday, September 4. The camp this year will be held at Pichi Richi Park which is just north of Port Augusta. The camp will include activities such as bush walking, orienteering and bush craft skills. All this will take place in the wonderful surroundings of the Flinders Ranges.

The teachers going on camp are Mr Usher, Miss Opie and Mrs Shepherd.

**ASSEMBLY AND LITURGY WEEK 5/6**
This week’s assembly will be an Upper Campus Assembly led by Year 4/5 Usher on Friday, August 21 at 9:30am.

Year 5/6 Baverstock will be celebrating Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, August 26.

Mass will be at 9:00am and children will need to be dropped at the church by 8:45am. Parents are most welcome to attend Mass and stay for a cuppa after.

Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

**LITERACY AND NUMERACY**
Over the next three weeks the Year 6/7 students will be implementing Literacy and Numeracy activities in the library at lunchtimes.

As part of their Community Outreach the students had to plan, make and implement activities incorporating the Book Week theme ‘Book Safari’.

This week some of the activities children have participated in are; building pattern block animals, listening to stories and creating crazy safari animals. The Year 6/7 students are displaying great problem solving, time management and communication skills to ensure they are organised for their activity.

Congratulations on a job well done. Keep up the effort and enthusiasm.

Lou Whitehouse
LITERACY COORDINATOR

**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 27 at 2:45pm in the Church. It will be presented by Year 5/6 Thiele. We hope to see you there!

God Bless
Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

During the first and third terms, a day is set aside for the writing of comments for each student’s progress report card. **Students are not required at school on Friday, September 4, (Week 7).** ‘Report writing day’ will enable teachers to get this important means of feedback underway. Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, September 23.

**EDUCATION & INFORMATION EVENINGS**

It has been very encouraging to see so many students and parents attending the Parent Information Evenings held over past last two weeks.

Year 11 students should have returned their forms last Tuesday, August 11, however, Year 10s have until this Friday, August 21. Forms received after this date cannot be guaranteed equal consideration. It is also very important that all the correct signatures are on the forms - for Year 11s this also means the signatures of all the teachers who teach the subjects you have chosen for 2010.

If there is some reason why your form cannot be returned by the due date, please contact your child’s Year Level Coordinator as soon as possible.

With thanks,

Brett Czechowski
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE**

It is time for your son/daughter to consider where they will be going for Work Experience this year and to start canvassing potential employers in order to secure a placement. The designated week for **Year 10 Work Experience is Week 10 Term 3**, from September 21 through to September 25. Employers who are unable to take a student during this week may be able to take them in either week 1 or 2 of the holidays, so please keep this in mind.

Although it is expected that all students will arrange their own placements, those who would like a placement at either OneSteel or the Whyalla Hospital should register their interest with myself, by the end of Week 6 (August 28). These organisations prefer to deal with coordinators in the first instance. There will be only limited places at both organisations.

Due to recent legislation students who would like to work at a Child Care Centre may need to undergo a police check. I suggest that the student discuss this with the employer when negotiating the Work Experience.

A Work Experience legal agreement form was sent home with students last week. When a work placement has been agreed upon, the form must be completed and signed by the student, a parent/guardian and the business proprietor. The form should then be returned to the student’s care group teacher. One purpose of Work Experience is to help students to broaden their horizons with a view to making decisions about future careers. It is recommended that the placement is not at a student’s place of part-time employment nor with family. The student must not receive any payment for the work. A week with a new employer may help students decide whether their initial career choices are still appropriate for them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries about Work Experience.

Trent Keiper
YEAR 10 COORDINATOR

**SCIENCE WEEK**

**Oliphant Photographic Competition**

As part of Science Week students in Years 8 to 10 were asked to tell a scientific story through photography. A number of creative and thoughtful images were submitted by students demonstrating their knowledge of Science and the Environment. Photos were then selected to be sent to Adelaide to compete with the rest of South Australia in the annual Oliphant Science Awards.

Congratulations to the following students whose entries have been chosen to compete in the Awards.

**Year 10**
Stacy Larcombe
Kristina Kotsomitis
Kristy Mulconray
Oliver Sanderson & Mark Robinson
Megan Larcombe
Ebony Drake & Emma MacDonald

**Year 9**
Agape Makwakwami & Sarah Main

**Year 8**
Velia Macdonald & Christine Berry
Taylor Simpson & Lauren Goodwin
Natasha Shami
Bailey McEwan
Kosta Kotsomitis & Tyler Callaghan
Nicki Cohen
Patrick Marshall & Jessica Mulconray

A special mention to the following students: Stacy Larcombe, Agape Makwakwami & Sarah Main and Taylor Simpson & Lauren Goodwin for their excellent entries. They will be receiving Samaritan College Prizes for their excellent and imaginative efforts.

Please see over the page for the winning competition entries.

Denise Rule
SCIENCE COORDINATOR
WHYALLA SHOW

Congratulations to the Rec/Year 1 Sanders students who entered their 23 pigs, straw and brick house and the big bad wolf in the Whyalla Show. The children won 1st Prize, a Most Outstanding Exhibit certificate and a trophy recognising their efforts. It was pleasing to see their entry supporting the local community and the children are donating their prize money to local charity.

Well done boys and girls.

Bernie Meixner

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS

Our mobile blood collection service will be in Whyalla on the dates below.

Monday: August 31 1:00-8:00pm
Tuesday: September 1 1:00-8:00pm
Wednesday: September 2 10:30am-6:00pm

Before you give blood eat a healthy snack, drink 3-4 glass of water and bring photo ID.

*Please ring 131495 to book an appointment.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCIENCE COMPETITION - WINNING ENTRIES

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