CREATIVE SAFARI

It has been a wonderful week to celebrate the world of reading with Book Week. All three campus libraries have been transformed to celebrate the theme of ‘Book Safari’. The student and staff involvement with dressing up as favourite characters has been a delight for the community. It is a well known fact that the modeling of reading begins at home, from the very first book a baby chews, to the daily reading sessions between parent and child, grandparent and child. To witness parents reading within their own interests, whether it is the daily paper or novels, plays a very strong influence on a child’s reading habits. Reading widens vocabulary, word and subject confidence and world views. Reading is a gift to humanity that only the human animal can take advantage. What will you read this week?

Confidence  Integrity  Connection  Resilience  Aspiration

These words were presented recently as guiding values for leadership in school. On close reflection, they are the values we would wish for our children to indulge and live each day. Upon observing the excitement, preparation, hard work, enthusiastic and commitment of staff in the lead-up to this week, one can recognise such strong values in the student, staff and parent participation in Safari activities. It is also evident in last week’s successful Year 8 Retreat and in the SRC’s initiative with consultation on the naming of the new Multipurpose Hall. I thank people for their commitment and attitude, as attitude is the most crucial steering mechanism for one’s own social, emotional, intellectual, physical and psychological compass. Success comes from attitude which drives effort. May we celebrate the effort of everyone, no matter how small or large the gesture, everyday.

PARENT /TEACHER EVENINGS

The opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s progress is soon approaching. Parents of primary students will have the opportunity to meet in Weeks 9 and 10, and secondary occurs in Week 10 after the mid semester reports are distributed in Week 9. We encourage all parents to make the most of this opportunity, whether it is a quick catch-up to confirm all is well, or to discuss relevant concerns. We cannot urge strongly enough about the importance of developing familiar relationships with your child’s teachers; it creates a network for you, sends clear messages to the student that there is a supportive partnership in operation and thus encourages a commitment on the students’ part to do their best. Parents confering regularly with teachers assists both parties in enhancing understanding of your child’s learning styles, behaviours and attributes which in turn, informs staff on how best to cater to their needs. We look forward to seeing you on campus in the coming weeks.

STAFF MATTERS

We farewell Sarah and Nathan Wohling this week as they embark on a changed professional journey to the United Kingdom. We wish them a safe and fulfilling experience. Please keep James Baverstock in your prayers as he recovers from surgery. We would like to congratulate Carrianne and Gareth Molyneux on the birth of Keeley Avah Molyneux.

TERISSA SHEPHERD
CO-PRINCIPAL
This week we are looking forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Year 7 students. Our preparation began at the beginning of August, anticipating this event. The students have attended two workshops and three presentation Sundays with their families. The Parish Sacramental Team are extremely happy with the way the students conducted themselves during their time of preparation.

Bishop Greg O’Kelly will be in Whyalla on Friday morning for the opening of The Centacare Building and in the afternoon he will meet with the students at both primary campuses.

We welcome Bishop Greg and are very pleased that he has committed to attending Confirmation celebrations throughout the Diocese. For the past two years our priests have been the confirming celebrants.

Twenty seven candidates will be confirmed on Friday evening at Our Lady’s Church and twenty-six on Saturday evening at St. Teresa’s. Please continue to pray for these students that the Holy Spirit will be their guide in their day to day living.

Sr Robyn Brady
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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- December 3

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Do you own a rocking horse that you would be willing to loan to be used in Peter Pan - Crock Rock? It will not be ridden, but is needed for the Nursery Scene.

Please contact Corey Beinke-Heath on 0428 103 292
**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**Preparation for Confirmation**

After much preparation, the time for the Confirmation of over fifty candidates is almost upon us. There will be a rehearsal in the church for the children who are to be confirmed at Our Lady Help of Christians church on Friday, August 28 at 2:00pm. The rehearsal for the children to be confirmed at St Teresa’s occurred last Wednesday evening.

On the evening of your child’s Confirmation please be at the church by 6:40pm at the latest to be sure everyone in organised and in the correct place for the start of the ceremony.

Families are asked to bring a plate of food to share for supper following Confirmation.

Bernie Meixner
ON BEHALF OF THE SACRAMENTAL TEAM

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**BOOK WEEK SAFARI**

The St Teresa’s Library has been transformed into a colourful and exciting jungle. Come in and lose yourself for a few minutes in the creative corners of deepest, darkest St Teresa’s.

Lou Whitehouse

**ASSEMBLY AND LITURGY WEEK 6/7**

Due to the Book Week parade there will be no assembly in week 6.

R/Year 1 Sanders will be celebrating Liturgy at St Teresa’s Campus on Thursday, September 3.

Liturgy will be at 9:30am in the library. Parents are most welcome to attend Liturgy and stay for a cuppa afterwards.

**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 bushwalking, orienteering and bush craft skills. All this will take place in the wonderful surroundings of the Flinders Ranges.

Each Year 5 student has brought home a camp note. Please complete the relevant sections and return them to your child’s teacher.

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

Bernie Meixner

**SRC NEWS**

On Wednesday, September 2, you are invited to dress up in your favourite sports teams colours. A gold coin donation will help fight cancer and change lives. Dress up, have fun and support young people living with cancer.

Josie Sanders
ON BEHALF OF THE SRC

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**BOOK WEEK**

Today we held our annual Book Week Parade. Thank you to all the children who went to the effort to dress up in the theme of ‘Book Safari’. Thank you to Mrs Jeffery for organising this wonderful event for our Campus.

Thank you to all the staff – Ann Wilson, Heather G, Di Hancock, Abby Thiele, Cheryl Murfitt, Jenny Kondylas, Bernie Healey and Rebecca McArthur, who contributed in the setup and judging for this year’s Book Week Parade.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, September 3 at 2:45pm in the Church. It will be presented by Year 7 Arcobelli and Fahey on the ‘Sacrament of Confirmation’. We hope to see you there!

God Bless
Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

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**CLASS MASS**

Year 4/5 Fiedler and Year 5/6 Thiele will celebrate their Class Mass next Thursday, September 3 at 9:00am. You are most welcome to join them.

God Bless
Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

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Please bring orders to the OLHC Library before school and after school.

Make sure you have your teacher’s name on top.

Last day for orders is FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Thank you
Ann Wilson
BOOK CLUB 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.

Brett Czechowski
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

YEAR 9 DRUG/ALCOHOL INFORMATION EVENING

On Tuesday, September 22 the Year 9 cohort will be presenting information they have learned as part of this term’s work in Human Development lessons on drugs/alcohol. The evening will begin at 7:30pm and run for about an hour. Please come along and support the Year 9s and listen to what they have to say as they present the information they have learned.

Christine Duffield
YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

MATTOPANCETTA PERFORM COMMEDIA DEL ARTE

Last Thursday the Year 8 students of Italian, Year 10 Drama students and a small group of senior Drama students attended a live performance of Commedia Del Arte by Mattopancetta a performing duo from Victoria. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to experience a part of Italian culture and a Dramatic style of theatre that has endured for hundreds of years and from all accounts our students appreciated the humour and lively acrobatic nature of the performance.

Year 10 students are continuing their learning about Commedia dell Arte in Drama by creating their own masks which they will then use in performance later in the term. Some of the famous characters that they will be interpreting include Pulchinella, Capitano, Arlecchino, Pantelone and Brighella. These characters have influenced comedy since the fifteenth century and can be seen today in many of the comic characters in films, television sitcoms and animated series.

LITERACY WEEK AT SAMARITAN COLLEGE

National Literacy week, which will be conducted next week, will be celebrated through a range of activities across all the campuses of Samaritan College. The ‘Safari hunt’ theme, of this week’s Book Week, will carry over into Literacy week, as Mrs Korossy’s Year 11 Child Studies class conduct a Safari Animal Hunt with students from Reception to Year 2 at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus and Saint Teresa’s campus. This activity is being done in conjunction with the reading of the picture book ‘Tom Tom’. Students should enjoy the change of location as the safaris will be held in the Ada Ryan Gardens and Civic Park respectively.

On Tuesday Mrs Budrys’ Year 11 English class will conduct a giant ‘String and Hooksticks’ game with students at both the primary schools. This activity is based on the picture book ‘Collecting Colour’.

At Saint John’s campus we will celebrate Literacy on Wednesday in the Piazza with poetry readings and excerpts from short stories conducted by teachers and students. The highlight of this day will be student’s reading of their own poems. There will also be an English quiz testing the general knowledge of each caregroup.

As Literacy week is upon us it is timely to remind ourselves that the best way we can encourage our children to read is for them to see us reading. I encourage everyone, parent and teacher alike to aim to read something for pleasure or information during Literacy week and share it with a young person. Let us also remember that ‘literacy’ is a broad term and that when it comes to new technologies our children are often more literate than we are. Is there something your child could teach you in Literacy week?

Joann Budrys
ENGLISH & LITERACY COORDINATOR

Tom Tom is the story of a day in the life of a small Aboriginal boy in the imaginary Aboriginal community of Lemonade Springs, in the Northern Territory.

It provides a vivid and authentic illustration of life in an Aboriginal community, and of the ambience of those long, free days of childhood, when Aboriginal children roam from place to place, visiting various relatives, climbing trees, chasing lizards, kicking footballs or playing in the mud.

It is a book about freedom and the interconnectedness of family and place.
MATHEMATICS

During the last few weeks students from Years 8-12 have competed in 2 different Mathematics Competitions. The Australian Mathematics Trust Competition, was open to Years 8-12 with three age based papers being sat by the students. The second competition, International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is conducted by Educational Assessment Australia, UNSW, had specific papers for each year level. Students were nominated by their Mathematics teachers to participate based on the potential that the teachers have seen within each individual.

Both competitions have challenging problems which encourage the participants to think mathematically rather than applying a standard “rule” to solve the problem. One such problem, which was in all age groups of the Australian Mathematics Trust Competition is posed below. See how you go?

It was encouraging that many of the students applied themselves to these competitions and we hope that their efforts will be suitably rewarded. Any participant who would like their question booklet from the Australian Mathematics Trust Competition is invited to approach Mr Lyons, in his office, during the school day. Unfortunately the ICAS question booklets remain the property of Educational Assessment Australia and cannot be distributed.

More when the results have come in.

Problem:
I brought a map of Australia, unfolded it and marked eight places I wanted to visit.

I then refolded the map and placed it back on the table as it was.

**In what order are my marks stacked from top to bottom?**

John Lyons
MATHEMATICS COORDINATOR
2009 SAMARITAN COLLEGE PRIMARY CAMPUS ANNUAL

The staff of Samaritan College is preparing the combined Samaritan Primary Campus Annual. The Annual provides families with a special way of remembering their children’s time at Primary School. Each class will have a 2 page spread which includes a photograph of, and work from each child. The three Sacraments also have a double page spread each. The rest of the Annual will showcase campus and college-based activities throughout the year, incorporated in the many colour pages which we are able to present due to the advertisements also included within.

We invite parents and friends of the Samaritan College community who are interested in having their business, product or service advertised in this special edition of the Annual to fill in the relevant form below and return it to us as soon as possible.
You may also like to sponsor a page for an extra $10. This feature is especially popular with business owners who have a personal relationship with a student or teacher at the College, as they can ask to sponsor a particular class page.

The cost of the Annual is $20, payment of which was included in your fee structure. Those who advertise in the publication can also receive a free copy. Please send the form below, plus payment, to the address at the bottom of the form. by Thursday, September 24.

Diana Jeffrey (OLHC)
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