Dear parents and caregivers,

This week, Sylvester Spigiel, Board Chair and myself attended a meeting of all school Principals and Board Chairpersons to discuss the pre-election strategy of South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS), The Association of Independent Schools (AISSA) and The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities. The aim is to work together to develop a consistent strategy and lobbying process to appeal to the State Government to address the inadequacies of State funding to our schools.

It was with great pleasure that I was able to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. What a wonderful atmosphere the presence of so many families created in our churches. I encourage all families and confirmed students to fulfil their promise and dedication to a growing faith journey.

Last week, some members of the leadership team attended a Catholic Education Conference, titled “Compass of the Soul”. It allowed us to pause in the busy-ness and reflect on our goals for our students and what we need to do to cultivate and nurture our students as capable, responsible, confident and spiritual young people.

In the next few weeks I strongly urge all parents and caregivers to take advantage of the opportunities to speak with your children’s teachers about their progress. Booking sheets for interviews will be coming home as a handout for primary students and with Reports for secondary students.

We continue to work towards organising staffing for the latter part of the year. This week we welcome Annecke Redelinghuys who will be teaching Year 5/6 Baverstock. Next term a new teacher will join Saint John’s Campus to replace Nathan Wohling. Currently his classes have been generously taken by present staff members.

This week “Intentions for 2010” will be sent home. Please complete this survey and return it as soon as possible. We have waiting lists for Year 9 2010, thus would appreciate knowing if you are leaving town.

Terissa

Terissa Shepherd
Co-Principal
“Pray deeply for your children …”

Wasn’t it great to have our Bishop here again on Friday and Saturday for Confirmation – and how he reminded all our parents of your sacred role in God’s plan. After the children had been confirmed, and we’d celebrated the Eucharist, Bishop Greg asked the Mums and Dads and Sponsors to turn towards the girls and boys. “Look at these children, so precious to you, and now ask God to bless them. Pray deeply for them, entrusted to you by God …”. You could have heard a pin drop, as all those men and women paused, and sensed their extraordinary dignity as parents – co-creators sharing in God’s own profound creative and generative love.

It’s a great gift, the gift of faith, and the gift of ministerial leadership such as God offers us in Bishop Greg, and the leaders of our other churches. May we always foster the growth of these gifts, in our prayers and actions in daily life.

Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Having recently attended the Catholic Education Conference ‘The Compass of the Soul’ in Adelaide where ‘For the Traveller’ by John O’Donohue underpinned, in an inspirational manner, many of the presentations. I thought I would include some reflections on the poem.

‘For the Traveller’ is essentially about the journey of life as one heads out from the comfort of home on an independent adventure, and much can be gained from reflecting on it in this context but perhaps, for today, the ‘travelling’ can be taken in a slightly different way.

Every time you leave home
Another road takes you
Into a world you were never in

What if leaving home is not our meander into adulthood, independence and responsibility, but when we leave our own life journey to travel alongside someone else along their road. When a teacher journeys with a student or a parent with a child or any of the numerous combinations that could eventuate within our community, journeying alongside another is like leaving home, leaving one’s own concerns and comforts to be a comfort to another’s amidst their concerns.

When you travel you find yourself
Alone in a different way
More attentive now
To the self you bring along

When we leave the familiarity of our own road to be there in a supportive role for another, perhaps to help read a map, or change a tyre, there is a strange aloneness in our companionship as our own goals and direction take a back seat as we take the time to journey alongside a friend, colleague, family member and yet it is such a rich opportunity to see aspects of ourselves (in the rear view mirror) that we can lose sight of, or simply not see, as we focus on the difficulties, delights and direction of our own journey.

‘A journey can become a sacred thing’ – sharing the journey is an aspect of our faith, transforming each other through our interactions, finding – or being – the gentle touch of God in times of trial and tribulation, sorrow and suffering, chaos and challenge.

The last stanza of the poem is a prayer which we offer today:

May you travel safely, arrive refreshed
And live your time away to its fullest
Return home, more enriched and free
To balance the gift of days which call you.

Angela Rogers
REC - SJC

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours
Wednesday 8:00-10:00am
Thursday 1:00-4:30pm
Kerry Azzopardi
Ph: 8649 3168
Sharron Waldron
Ph: 8649 3168
Last Thursday the primary campuses were transported to the savannas of Africa as students, staff and families celebrated Book Week with the traditional parade. The student and staff involvement with dressing up as a favourite safari animal/worker or nominated book character was a delight to see.

Congratulations to the Book Week parade participants and the lucky winners on the day.

Diana Jeffery and Lou Whitehouse

BOOK WEEK PARADE COORDINATORS
Welcome
The Saint Teresa's Campus community welcomes Annecke Redelinghuys. Annecke is replacing James Baverstock through his convalescence. We would like to thank Liz Llewelyn for teaching 5/6 Baverstock for much of this term. Please keep James in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Year 5 Camp
We wish the campers well this week in their time at Pichi Richi Park. A reminder that the children will return to Whyalla at approximately 3:00pm and need to be collected from St Teresa's Campus.

Assembly and Liturgy Week 7/8
There is no assembly this week.
R/1 Storr will be celebrating Liturgy at St Teresa's Campus on Thursday, September 10.
Liturgy will be at 9:30am in the library. Parents are most welcome to attend Liturgy and stay for a cuppa afterwards.

Congratulations
We extend our congratulations to Tayla Shaw for being selected in the Whyalla District SAPSASA Golf team. Good luck in your upcoming competition.
Lou Whitehouse and Bernie Meixner
Campus Coordinators

Shake ‘N’ Bake
As part of our Community Outreach Project for this term, 6/7 Turpin and 6/7 Gogoll will be holding a Shake ‘n’ Bake on Tuesday 8th September. We will be selling milkshakes (chocolate and strawberry) and a variety of baked goods. All money raised will be donated to the Heart Foundation (in memory of Bernadine Murray) and Caritas Australia. All children will be accommodated, with non-dairy shakes and appropriate baked goods. The cost will be as follows;

- Shake only $1.50
- Shake and 1 baked good - $2.00
- Shake and 3 baked goods - $2.50

If you are able to assist with a donation of baked goods please see either of the undersigned.
Jodie Turpin and Lou Gogoll

Our Lady Help of Christians Campus News

National Literacy and Numeracy Week
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lou Whitehouse and Diana Jeffery for coordinating and organising the Literacy and Numeracy Week activities for 2009.
A very big thank you to the Primary Staff, Fr Jim, guest speakers and the senior students from the secondary campus for their support and involvement in this week’s activities, which involved everyone having an enjoyable time!

Congratulations Everyone!

Foyer Display
This week the Front Office is ablaze with a colourful Foyer Display from Year 7 Fahey and Arcobelli about the ‘Sacrament of Confirmation’.
Thank you to the Confirmation candidates and teachers for the time and effort that was put into the wonderful Saints Projects that were on display in the Church during last weekend’s Confirmation Celebrations.

Liturgy of the Word
You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, September 10 at 2:45pm in the Church. It will be presented by Year 5/6 Seals. We hope to see you there!

Class Mass
The Year 5/6 Classes Seals and Molyneux will celebrate their Class Mass next Thursday, September 10 at 9:00am. You are most welcome to join them!

God Bless
Eleni Vailas
Campus Coordinator

Swimming Carnival
Last Friday children from both Samaritan College Primary Campuses competed in the annual Interschool Swimming Carnival. The children competed as one Samaritan College team. Six schools in total competed and Samaritan College were successful in winning the Division 1 shield. I would like to congratulate all swimmers for the wonderful way they participated and cheered each other.

Bernie Meixner
Campus Coordinator - STC
YEAR 8 RETREAT
Recently all Year 8 students and their caregroup teachers took a day out of their busy schedules at school and attended Retreat at St Teresa’s Church. The day is intended as a respite from day-to-day lessons and directs student’s attention to reflect on their role in the world, community and school.

This year several themes were addressed following the homily of Bishop O’Kelly from our last school Mass. Groups explored leadership and teamwork, wrote prayers, reflected on the images of grapes and vines in scripture and how that relates to them, identified personal strengths and skills that they could shine out to the world and made decisions on what small aspects of their lives they might change to enrich the community.

Parents should be extremely proud of the way their children engaged with the activities on the day as their maturity, reverence and willingness to participate were on display from when we first joined parishioners at Communion to the student’s group dance performance at end the day.

James Keating
YEAR 8 COORDINATOR

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

SENIOR DRAMA STUDENT’S MODERATION
Last Monday, Year 12 Drama Studies students, Rebecca Shaw and Ashley Stanton, performed the play ‘Smoke Scenes’ by Nick Zagone, in front of the SACE Drama moderator and an audience of their peers and parents. The play was a challenging text that explored the ups and downs of an adult relationship between two young actors.

Whilst their results cannot be broadcast until all SACE assessments and examinations are completed at the end of the year, Ashley and Rebecca can be proud of their performance and the many months of rehearsals it took to achieve it. A big thank you goes to staff, students and parents who were part of the audience. Your support is appreciated by the students and me.

Mrs Joann Budrys
SENIOR DRAMA TEACHER
**YR12 KITCHEN OPERATIONS**

**Adelaide Food Appreciation Trip**

Last Friday morning the Yr 12 Kitchen Operations class embarked on a culinary tour of some of Adelaide’s premier dining establishments. The bus trip to Adelaide was for the most uneventful with truckstop fare being the first culinary experience.

Students arrived at Summertown to a Gourmet Game Barbecue which comprised of crocodile, quail, kangaroo, buffalo, goat and venison which was well received. A quick tour of Hahndorf followed and students were exposed to German style hospitality with the authentic sweet shops, beestings and ‘b’ burner chilli sticks being a hit.

Friday night was a trip to the TAFE Training Restaurant to experience what apprentices in Adelaide are learning and also to compare how we as a training facility are faring. The overall consensus was that we are definitely equal if not producing products of a higher standard. Students got to talk to lecturers and apprentices gaining useful information about career pathways.

Early Saturday morning was tough getting to the Adelaide Central Markets but students were exposed to the best produce markets in the southern hemisphere. Game producers, Asian grocers, Italian wholesalers, mushroom shops, springwater shops, organic bakeries, seafood outlets, fruit and vegetable shops and chocolate shops were all experienced. The Smelly Cheese Shop arranged a tasting platter of cheeses from Italy, France and Australia in ascending order of smell and students all partook, some unwillingly, to the ‘udder delight’ of fine cheeses.

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**NEW TEAM SPORTS UNIFORM**

It has been a long time coming but I can say that they have finally arrived. At Saint John’s campus we are lucky enough to have new team sports uniforms for our extra-curricular sporting events. We now have Samaritan singlets, polo shirts, football guernseys and netball uniforms. Below are Rhianna, Dimitri and Zoe proudly modelling our new uniforms. If you would like to view these in full colour they can be seen on the website edition of the newsletter. Finally a big thank you to Katrina Kelly who initiated the process and for her creative designs.

Kate Nolan
SPORTS COORDINATOR
From the markets it was time for Yum Cha, which is a traditional Chinese brunch experience. Students were treated to an array of steamed dumplings, braised pork buns, tripe, salt and pepper squid and of course the famous fried chicken feet.

Saturday night was Japanese night at one of Adelaide’s finest restaurants, Wasai. The students experienced sushi, sashimi, tempura, teriyaki, fried bean curd and soba noodle salads with some students being inexperienced consumers of raw fish. A quick trip to Cibo for the finest gelati outside Italy wrapped up the evening.

Sunday morning was a trip to Adelaide’s premier five star establishment, The Hilton Hotel. Students experienced a full buffet breakfast consisting of everything imaginable and more with the service being of outstanding quality which, closer to home, is somewhat lacking. The Executive Chef then took students on a full tour of the amazing facilities of this establishment and really put into perspective the size of the operation. The Chef, Nathan then welcomed any Kitchen Operations student to work experience at the Hilton with two apprenticeships on offer to the right dedicated students.

**YEAR 11 DANCE CAMP**

Last Thursday and Friday a group of 4 Year 11 Dance students accompanied me to Adelaide to watch the Australian Dance Theatre’s production of ‘G’, a modern adaptation of the ballet Giselle. The performance was fantastic, incorporating many different dance techniques and styles. All of the students commented on the skill of the dancers involved and of the originality of the choreography.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our students as it gave them the chance to see an esteemed professional dance company and witness the experience of watching a live dance show in a prestigious theatre. Students were also invited to remain for the forum after the show and ask questions of the dancers and the choreographer. After the Adelaide season of ‘G’ closes this weekend the show will travel to London and France.

We wish the Year 11 students luck as they now write their performance analysis of the show.

Lisa Howard
DANCE TEACHER

A big thank you goes out to Liz and Kym Sharp who kindly accommodated the students and to Miss Cook for dedicating her weekend to help out with supervision. Last but not least I would like to thank the students who were impeccable in their behaviour and are a real credit to themselves and Samaritan College. Well done!

Ben Sharp
HOSPITALITY (VET) TEACHER

**Canteen Rosters**

**Monday, September 7 – Friday, September 11**

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**Sports Stars Among Us**

During the last semester break we had two students compete at state level in their respective sports: Jasmin Frusch (Year 8) in netball and Rhianna Stringer (Year 8) in Basketball. The girls were selected from a large number of hopefuls and should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Jasmin travelled to NSW to compete and her team ended up third overall and Rhianna travelled to Tasmania were she returned with a silver medal.

We wish the girls all the very best with their future endeavours.

Kate Nolan
SPORTS COORDINATOR
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We rejoice that through the Sacrament of Confirmation these candidates have been fully initiated into our Christian community.

FRIDAY EVENING

Natasha BALKWILL, Daniel BORLACE, Scarlett BRAY, Jayde BVRK, Thomas CALLANDER, Lacey CARLSON, Mary CORTES, Cyril CRENTSIL, Caitlin DAVIDSON, Murray EDWARDS, Skye ELLIOTT, Milliecenc FISHER, Mikayla FRENCH, Antonio GAUDIO, Kajllyn GREEN, Shane GREENWOOD, Jasmine HERON, Mitchell HISCOCK, Teanna KLIEFK-SLOAN, Alex McEWAN, Tanisha McLEOD, Georgia LOOYESTYN, Hannah PHYLAND, Unika SPADA VECCHIA and Elea WARREN.

SATURDAY EVENING

Shae AZZOPARDI, Jake BAALMANN, Justine CHAL MERS, Olivia CHIN NERY, Bradley COULSON, Mackenzie DVORAK, Rachel FITZGERALD, Sophie GURNETT, Joseph GURNEY, Benjamin HOMES, Grace HULLAH, Julia HOSKINS, Madison KERSTEN, Abrianne KLOBUCAR, Peter KWAW, Hannah LEBON, Paul LYNCH, Lewis MCLAUCHLAN, Callum MITCHELL, Sarah QUIRK, Matthew RYAN, Lauren SCHWERDT, Connor SINCLAIR, Mikayla SPENCE, Georgina STEWART, Hung TRAN and Michael WENDLAND.

A very sincere thank you to the members of the Sacramental Team – Fr Jim Monaghan, Fr Arno Vermeenen, Sr Robyn Brady, Sr Cheryl Thomson, Eleni Vallas, Bernie Meixner, Gai Travers, Jo Arcobelli, Rebecca Fahey, Jodie Turpin and Louise Gogoll,

for preparing the children.

We thank all those who helped in any way to make this a memorable occasion,
Church cleaning, flower arranging, Parish Choir and photographers.