Dear parents and caregivers

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the tragic passing of Caroline Wedding, wife of Bruce, Mother of Ebony and Jacob. With Ebony having attended both primary campuses and now in Year 8 and Jacob in Reception, the Samaritan family will offer support and care, keeping the Wedding family in our thoughts, actions and prayers.

Such times can challenge young people and adults in how we deal with the many facets of loss and grief. It is best to be open with communications of feeling and allow children to be inquisitive and desirous of answers, which often need to be straightforward and uncomplicated. Should you need assistance the College has a few resources or can direct you to them.

Increasingly the sense of family and community is evident with communication and indulgence in the “in between spaces” of schooling. The privilege of spending time with Year 5s on camp at Pichi Pichi Park last week allowed me time to get to know students and teachers in a relaxed and fun setting. I thank our staff for their high commitment and provision of personal time to the many extra-curricular activities provided to our students.

Again this week I report three separate instances of swine flu with one at OLHC Campus (Year 3) and two at Saint John’s Campus (Year 9). Students have been kept at home for the quarantined week after diagnosis. Please refer to the website www.health.sa.gov.au for any public health guidelines and clarification. I do emphasise that if there is any suspicion of swine flu and a student has undergone tests, please keep children home until confirmation of results.

Please find accompanying this newsletter, a reproduction of “Federation News” special edition which contains information about how our schools are funded and the inequities that exist for families. There is also an article of interest about our very own Jlse Sanderson who is a member of the Federation Council.

If your child is in Year 7 and is currently enrolled at Samaritan College at either St Teresa’s Campus or Our Lady Help of Christians Campus your child is confirmed of a placement at Saint John’s Campus next year. No letter of placement will follow. Please include their name and Year level on the 2010 Student Information form that accompanied last week’s newsletter. We ask that all families return these forms ASAP.

The student commencement date for the beginning of next year is Wednesday, January 27. Term 1 next year for the first time in memory will be a 10 week term and Term 2 will be 11 weeks. This is due to Easter being early in April in 2010.

TERISSA SHEPHERD

CO-PRINCIPAL
PARISH NEWS
This Sunday is Child Protection Sunday and the Theme for this year is - Promoting Safety for all in our Parish. The aim is to ensure that all communities and organisations within the Church are safe and enriching environments for people of all ages, with special concern for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

I include a prayer that will be available at our churches this weekend.

Lord, You asked that the little children be allowed to come to you; for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith. Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic communities provide a safe environment for each child.

We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood. Give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection.

God Bless. Have a good week

Sr Robyn Brady
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

A Springtime Prayer

Blessed sweet spirit of Spring,
Thank you for new beginnings,
For health, wholeness, happiness and love,
Abundance and prosperity in all things.

Thank you Lord for new opportunities
At this time of year,
To be aligned in Your sweet love and light,
Your gifts of perfect timing always.

When we look deep within we see
Possible and present
Our highest and best
And for that vision we give thanks!

Thank you God!

May all blessings be!

Amen

Source: Anon

Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

COLLEGE NEWS

Samaritan College Restaurant

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

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

Open on the following Thursdays:
September 24
October 22
November 5 & 19
December 3

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours

Wednesday  8:00–10:00am
Thursday    1:30–4:30pm

The uniform shop will be closed during the school holidays. It will be open from 8:30–4:30 on the pupil free day: Monday, October 12.

With the uniform changeover to summer nearing in Term 4, we do have a grace period (last 2 weeks of Term 3 and first 2 weeks of Term 4) for summer or winter uniform to be worn, to allow for seasonal fluctuations.

Kerry Azzopardi  Sharron Waldron
Ph: 8649 3168
WHY – PEN – IT

Congratulations to Tamika Jeffrey (winner of the Whyalla News Poetry Shield), Dayna Clifton (winner of the Whyalla News Short Story Shield), Caitlyn Morgan (Short Story), Alice Morgan (Short Story) and Samuel Murray (Short Story) who received awards from Mayor Jim Pollock for their entries in the Why-Pen-It Short Story and Poetry Competition.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

I’M BACK!!! Just letting everyone know that I’m back working at OSHC. A year has flown by and I can’t believe that it is nearly the September school holidays. We have a lot of fun activities organised. The program will be sent home with this week’s newsletter from the primary campuses. It is also available on the Samaritan Website. Book now to ensure that you have a booking as places are limited. For bookings give me a call on 8649 3530 or 0427 712 260.

Carly Sloan
OSH C DIRECTOR

COMPUTER CORNER

An extract from Faith Family, a Christian resource for families produced by the Australian Child in Our Hands partners.

Keeping in touch

• Encourage children to be sure they know who they are communicating with in cyberspace and to be extra diligent about any message they send and how it may be received.

• Place the computer that your child uses at home in a communal space like the lounge room rather than a more isolated space like the bedroom. This allows you to observe what sites they are viewing and their reactions to any messages they receive. You can then talk with your child about what they are doing.

• Specify a time in the evening when mobile phone use stops for everyone in the household. Perhaps you could set aside a place in your home where all mobile phones can be placed at 9pm, charged and left unanswered until morning. This provides respite from the constant barrage 24/7 of sometime idle chatter.

Jenny Kondylas
ICT TEACHER

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LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK ON LOCATION

National Literacy and Numeracy Week was celebrated through a range of activities involving students working collaboratively across the three campuses of Samaritan College last week.

Diana Jeffery, Jo Budrys  Lou Whitehouse

“The Safari Hunt was awesome because we went on a hunt for animals. We got information about them. Then we followed clues and our maps to find the next animal. Some of us got a bit lost. One of our guides had a giraffe face (painted). It made us feel great, but worn out from walking so much!”

(R – 2 students from OLHCC   -  CIVIC PARK)

On our African Safari we saw elephants, lions, flamingos, giraffes and chimpanzees. The Saint John’s girls were our safari guides. They helped us find the hidden animals and told us information about each animal. Thank you to the safari girls for keeping us safe and helping us to have a really fun time.

R/1 Storr  (STC)

“The talk Father Jim gave us about Woomera Detention Centre was very interesting because we never knew there was something like that. It was really intense to find out that people had been imprisoned just because they wanted a better life away from their own country. It made us feel sad to know that there were people locked up somewhere and treated in that way. It also made us feel angry that the government thought it was the right thing to do. After listening to Father Jim we produced some artwork about this.”

(Year 4 – 7 students from OLHCC)
The String and Hooksticks game was fun because it was a bigger version of Snakes and Ladders. It made us feel small because the game was so big and we were the pieces! We enjoyed playing it with the other students (classmates and Saint John’s students) and getting to know them better.

(Year 2 – 4 students from OLHCC)

We played Hook sticks and Strings (snakes and ladders) with the help of the Saint John’s Year 11 students. We had to place the hook sticks and the strings on the giant game sheets. Then we sorted the story cards from the Book Week book “Collecting Colour” and put them on the sheet. Finally we got to play the games. It was really fun and we would like to do it again. The Saint John students were excellent because they helped us set up and play the games.

Amy, Gerald, Jordan, Sophie
2/3 Reed/Judd (STC)

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(Year 2 – 4 students from OLHCC)

The Book Week book ‘Home and Away’ was read by the Year 5 to 7 students. It tells the story of a young boy going through life changing experiences as his home country breaks out in a war. He and his family then become refugees and travel to a new country. They have great hope for a safe and happy life in their new country, however all was not safe and happy.

We also had 2 guest speakers, Rosemary and Rita, come and talk to us about their experiences with people who had fled their home countries, travelled to Australia and had been detained at Woomera or Baxter Detention Centres.

Ryan Edwards and Sophie Gurnett (STC)

My art piece reflects my home and what it would be like if war broke out and my family and I became refugees. This book made me feel sad because the things the boy had to go through to escape the war and find a new ‘home’ is something no child should ever have to do.

Sophie Gurnett (STC)
YEAR 5 CAMP
St Teresa’s campus

Last Wednesday the Year 5 children from St Teresa’s Campus travelled to Pichi Richi Park for camp. Pichi Richi Park is located in the Pichi Richi Pass between Port Augusta and Quorn nestled in the southern Flinders Ranges.

The campers were spoilt with great weather, yummy food and a range of interesting, challenging and fun activities. The highlights were bushwalking along part of the Heysen Trail, orienteering and planting trees. It was also wonderful to be away in such a beautiful setting.

Thank you to Miss Opie and Mr Usher for helping prepare and run the camp. Thank you also to Kylie Tiver, Elliot’s aunty, who came and helped with all aspects of the camp. Her care for the children and the way she interacted with everyone was wonderful.

Thank you also to Mrs Shepherd for coming along and showing us how to cook damper sticks and being part of the team.

Finally, thank you to the children for making the camp so successful. The manners and participation of the students made the camp a truly rewarding experience.

Camp Reflections.

We went to the Aquatics Centre on Wednesday because it was looking like it would rain. Matt showed us what to take on a bushwalk to be safe. We also played a game where your partner was blindfolded and you had to guide them across an obstacle course.

We were also taught how to make a stretcher out of sticks and ropes in case someone injured themselves on a bushwalk.

Jack Siwek

I had fun going bushwalking and orienteering. Bushwalking because we climbed a rocky hill and we were taught about saddles and spurs on a hill. Coming down the hill was a bit challenging.

Orienteering was fun, we had to go to lots of spots and were taught how to use a compass. My group found all the orienteering checkpoints.

Makaela Nolan

My favourite part of camp was when we decorated our cabin for Tapiwa’s birthday. We decorated the cabin while Tapiwa was asleep. When she woke she was amazed to see colourful streamers across the room.

On the last day I had lots of fun orienteering.

Rabee Mislov

On Camp my favourite thing to do was bushwalking along part of the Heysen Trail. We saw lots of kangaroos. On Friday we went orienteering. To find the markers we had to climb hills and read a map. Some markers were hard to find, some were easy. The food was nice and there was lots of it.

Joshua White
**St Teresa’s Campus News**

**ASSEMBLY AND LITURGY WEEK 8/9**

This week Year 6/7 Gogoll will be leading the Upper Campus Assembly on Friday, September 11 at 9:30am in the library.

Year 2/3 Reed/Judd will be celebrating Liturgy at St Teresa’s Campus on Thursday, September 17.

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

**SRC NEWS**

Last Wednesday we supported the Cancer Council, and young people living with cancer, by dressing up in our favourite sports teams colours. It was fantastic to see so many students and teachers get into the spirit of the day.

Although we had students away on camp we were still able to raise over $200 which was a superb effort. Thank you everyone.

Josie Sanders
ON BEHALF OF THE SRC

**THANK YOU – R/1 SANDERS LITURGY**

I would like to extend a very big thank you to all the families who joined with us in thanking God for the gift of our Fathers and Grandfathers at our Father’s Day Liturgy last week.

It really was a beautiful celebration of our Fathers and Grandfathers, and I hope it made you all feel very special!

Thank you also to everyone who provided food for our shared morning tea.

Josie Sanders

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**Our Lady Help Of Christians Campus News**

**CONFIRMATION**

Photographs of the Confirmation Celebrations are currently on display in the Front Office. These are available for sale at a cost of $1 per print payable when you order. The last day to order will be Friday, September 25. Delivery will be early next term.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, September 17 at 2:45pm in the Church. It will be presented by Year 4/5 Fiedler. We hope to see you there.

**FOYER DISPLAY**

Please venture into the front office this week to view the fantastic Foyer Display presented by Year 1/2 Hearne all about ‘Celebrating Our Fathers’. Come in and read what the children have written about their Fathers.

**CLASS MASS**

The Year 7 Classes Arcobelli and Fahey will celebrate their Class Mass next Thursday, September 17 at 9:00am. You are most welcome to join them!

God Bless

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

**Saint John’s Campus News**

**TRIP TO ROXBYS DOWNS**

Last Tuesday I had the pleasure of escorting a small group of students to Roxby Downs to look at careers associated with the mining and allied mining industries. We were accompanied by students from Edward John Eyre High School and Caritas College and Sally Taylor from Gateways for Youth, who organised the trip. Students were taken on a guided tour of Olympic Dam and met with key personnel who discussed issues relating to employment, scholarships, safety, and the current expansion proposal lodged with the State Government. It was a fascinating look at a highly professional and well-equipped international mining operation of some 34,000 employees of which 3,000 are based at Olympic Dam. There were plenty of opportunities to mix with other students, ask questions and explore possible career pathways. Thanks to Sally for looking after us so well; for the snacks and breaking up a very long bus trip!
UNIFORM CHANGE
With spring blossoms indicating a change of season is underway, parents are reminded that starting from next week, students may wear the summer uniform when they feel it is warm enough to do so. The winter uniform can also be worn up until the end of Term 3. A reminder is extended to all students that black lace up shoes are to be worn on all days except PE days, and for sport, appropriate running shoes are to be worn. I ask that parents support the College uniform and grooming policy, as detailed in the College diary, by ensuring your child has the right attire and that it is worn appropriately.

SHAVING
A number of our boys in Years 11 and 12 are starting to come to school looking a little “scruffy”. When approached about their general hair length or unsightly facial hair, students are quick to acknowledge the problem but are often not so quick about actually fixing it. Please offer to assist the College by making haircut appointments promptly on behalf of your child. All Year Level Coordinators have “barber shop” supplies and these have had quite a workout recently!

DRIVING TO SCHOOL
Whilst on after-school duty recently, I note a number of students with permission to drive to school are accepting passengers without the school or parent’s consent. There is no issue with student drivers taking other students home so long as they have permission to do so. We have a duty of care to ensure all student passengers have consent to travel with a driver other than an adult guardian. Students caught breaking their contractual agreement will be issued with a warning. Subsequent breeches may result in student driver permission being suspended or withdrawn.

STUDY & EXAMS
With trial examinations just around the corner for our Year 12s, I came across some helpful tips from Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, Adolescent Psychologist. A renowned publisher, Dr Carr-Gregg also has a terrific website full of practical advice, anecdotes and useful links. I highly recommend a visit! Ten Top hints (Examinations):

1. Establish a routine - set aside a particular time each day for study and revision and stick to it;
2. Create a study environment;
3. Set a timetable - with a timetable you can plan to cover all your subjects in an organised way allotting the appropriate time for each without becoming overwhelmed;
4. Look after yourself - drink and eat right. Get enough sleep each night. Regular physical exercise makes you feel great, boosts your energy and helps you relax. So try to keep up regular sporting activities or at least fit in some regular exercise;
5. Reward yourself for studying. Watch your favourite television program, spend time with your friends, walk to the park, play sport;
6. Have variety in your study program - study different subjects each day. Do different types of work and revision in each study session;
7. Avoid interrupting your concentration. Have all the appropriate materials with you before you start a session of study to minimise distractions;
8. Test yourself on what you have studied - ask your parents or family members to quiz you on what you have learnt, use draft questions from books, past assessments or major exam papers;
9. Don’t panic at exam time;

Ask your teachers for guidance.


With thanks,
Brett Czechowski
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

YEAR 12 FINAL TRIAL EXAMINATIONS
Beginning next Monday, September 14 all Year 12 students will be involved in a week of final Trial examinations and work completions. Each of our senior students should be currently working to an organised study plan in preparation for these. The feedback from the exams will help form the basis of the final weeks of classroom teaching. This is certainly a stressful time for not only students in Year 12 but also for their families.

Last week each Year 12 was given a final copy of the examination timetable and I am encouraging students to display them in a prominent place at home to help with their week’s planning.

It is expected that students will complete all of the set assessments/examinations throughout the week. If for any reason, a student is unable to be present, please contact the College on the morning of the exam at the latest.

While students are not involved in examinations, they should continue with private study at home. The library will also be made available. Students have been informed that they are expected to be at school at least 10 minutes before an examination/work completion commences.

Once finished, students are requested not to wander aimlessly around the school, as all other year levels will be still running normal daily classes. I am also encouraging students to remember that when they are in uniform in public places throughout these days, they will be recognised as a student of the Samaritan College community and appropriate behaviour is expected.

Any students on the school grounds throughout the examination week for meeting a teacher, printing or handing in assignments must be in full school uniform. Teachers have been informed of this and students will be sent home to change unless they are dressed appropriately.

If you have any further questions or concerns about the examination information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.
SATAC APPLICATIONS

Just a reminder to parents of Year 12 students that SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre) applications via Uniweb must be lodged by Wednesday, September 30. Preferences for most courses can be changed, as many times as required right up to Wednesday, January 6, 2010, however, it is important to make the initial application before the deadline so as to avoid a late fee. Applications for TAFE courses (also via Uniweb) must be lodged by Friday, October 30.

Yvette Agars
YEAR 12 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

WHYALLA LITTLE ATHLETICS

2009/2010 Season

Little Athletics is a fun and friendly environment for children of all ages to come and participate in athletics. If your child likes running, jumping and keeping fit, why not give athletics a go?

There will be a ‘Come and Try’ event at the Jubilee Park athletics track on Sunday, September 20 at 9:30am.

Contact Bernie Meixner for more information.

A NUN’S NEW HABIT

A Documentary of Love, Compassion and Refugees by Robyn Hughan

“A Nun’s New Habit follows the story of Sister Carmel Wauchope, a sister of the Good Samaritans who resides in the outback town of Whyalla, not far from the recently closed Baxter Detention Centre. Sister Carmel kicked off her habit some 20 years ago. However, her current habit, the plight of the refugees who have been detained in the detention centre and the ongoing psychological damage and trauma suffered after their release is arguably just as profound.”

Screening at St Therese’s Church Hall, Cnr Nicolson Ave and Wilsdon St on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:30pm. Supper provided. All Welcome.

CANTEEN ROSTERS

Monday, September 14 – Friday, September 18

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Annette Cameron  CANTEEN MANAGER

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