Dear parents and caregivers

Last Sunday marked “Child Protection Week”. Child protection is the responsibility of all citizenship at anytime. For those who work with children, child protection has legal and ethical implications. Our responsibility and privilege will at times challenge professionals who work with children but the clear message is carried with us in our endeavours. It is our imperative that every child has the right: to grow and develop safely; to have a secure and confident sense of self and relationship with others; the freedom to learn and participate in educational opportunities equal to others; and to mature at the appropriate milestones, with dignity and self respect. So often my dealings with students centre around how we wish for them to be in this world; many of our guidelines and consequences are part of that shaping of the individual and the group and how they may function appropriately in society, contributing in a positive way as just citizens.

We are all partners in their development and as such it is important that your communication of concerns are voiced in the most productive of ways. If you ever have issues about the welfare of your children or their friends, please do not hesitate to contact us, even if it is just for direction to the appropriate agencies.

With Swine Flu peaking in Whyalla, we have been receiving regular reports of students afflicted, particularly in Year 9. It appears that different medical practitioners are giving varied advice regarding return to school timing, therefore the College will continue to regulate this with its own guidelines based on SA health recent advice, to rule out confusion and ensure a ‘safety margin’ and peace of mind for all students, families and staff. Therefore we will continue with the “week from confirmation” approach. Please inform the campus offices as soon as you become aware of suspected or confirmed swine flu.

The Whyalla Choir have done us proud! What a delight to listen to the beautiful voices of the children who were prepared so well by our very own Melinda Gray, Sarah Wohling and Helen Holland. We are truly blessed to have such talented children and staff amongst us. In keeping with celebration of talent and commitment, the Peter Pan cast have been very busy with dress rehearsals coming up. We are drawing very near to production early next term, thus the excitement is gaining momentum. So much behind the scenes work has occurred throughout the year, which will culminate in a terrific celebration.

This week we have welcomed new Receptions as they begin their years of formal education and the Year 12s have been finalising all course work and undertaking their trial exams as they prepare to end their secondary years. It has been pleasing to witness their commitment to study and the staff support through revision guides and extra tutorial time. May our new Receptions continue to experience the legacy of dedicated staff and shared community commitment to their holistic development.

TERISSA SHEPHERD
CO-PRINCIPAL
“For everything there is a time,” Ecclesiastes 3:1   Last Friday was an example of summer thumbing its nose at winter. Spring is well and truly here and nature is telling us to prepare for what is to come.

Now is also the time to realise that the third term is finishing and soon we will be preparing for 2010. Receptions will be looking forward to Year 1, Year 7s to high school and Year 12s to a new life outside of school. But the year isn’t ended and there is still time to prepare a good foundation for the next.

The important thing is for us to realise that God has planned for things to change and that change, no matter how difficult, can always be for the good. It would be nice to stay in the comfort zone of Reception or to avoid the complexities of Year 8. But anyone who has proceeded from Reception, Year 8 or Year 12 will tell you that they are glad they could grow through and past it.

Let us ask God to help every one of us who is experiencing change, to prepare for the future with wisdom and embrace with hope the challenges and joys which life inevitably brings.

Fr Arno Vermeeren
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Recently I purchased “A Pause and a Prayer” by Nick Fawcett and would like to share one of the prayers from this book.

The nightlight
It gave just a glow,
No more,
But it was enough to dispel the gloom
And, with it, the child’s fear,
Bringing a sense of security,
Welcome reassurance during the dark hours
of the night.

Help me Lord, to glimpse your light
Even when life is at its darkest.
Though the night of sorrow, fear, pain,
or doubt closes in,
Cold and forbidding,
May a glimmer of your love shine through –
A glimpse of your presence sufficient to sustain faith,
Nourish hope
And impart peace.
Amen.

May we all be ‘nightlights’ to someone today.

Angela Rogers
REC - SJC

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours
Wednesday 8:00-10:00am
Thursday 1:00-4:30pm

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

SMART PLAY UNIFORM

There have been some queries regarding the transition times of the uniform.

Smartplay is to be worn by Reception to Year 2 children. If your Year 1 or 2 child began school under the old system and has grown out of the old uniform and you need to replace, you could pursue either option:

OPTION A: Check with your campus office if there are any old uniforms at a heavily reduced discount, which your child could wear until ready to move into the formal uniform later in Year 3 or even later years, when growth determines further change.

OPTION B: Buy the Smartplay for Term 4 summer and allow them to wear it in Year 3, Term 1 summer. It could also be worn in Term 4, 2010, although it is presumed by end Year 3, beginning Year 4 significant growth would mean Smartplay is no longer needed.

We aim to be flexible, therefore, Year 3 as the year for moving into the formal uniform is not a rigid rule but a grey year of transition. This may affect our current Year 1s as well. If they began under the old system, they would be better off (economically at least) to stay in the older uniform taking advantage of hand-me-ons or discounts, until the Year 3 transition or longer when parents are ready to move them into the next size.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the Uniform Shop, or Terissa Shepherd to avoid mixed perceptions.
**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:

- October 22
- November 5 & 19
- December 3

*Bookings are essential as places are limited.*

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**PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS**

**NAPLAN**

In May 2009, National Literacy and Numeracy assessments were administered to students in Years 3, 5 and 7 and 9 throughout Australia.

This report shows your child’s achievement in those assessments.

The information contained in this report should be considered together with school-based assessments and reports.

The students will bring home the reports on Friday, September 18.

Patricia Page

PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

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**2009 ANNUAL SAMARITAN COLLEGE PRIMARY CAMPUSES**

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- **Help make the publication even better (more colour pages)**
- **Receive a FREE COPY**

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ST TERESE’S CAMPUS NEWS

ST THERESE FEAST DAY MASS
There will be a campus Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Friday, September 25 at 9:30am. The Mass is to celebrate the feast day of our campus patron, St Therese of Lisieux. Children are to come to school as normal on this day. The children will be transported to and from Mass by bus.

Parents are most welcome to attend Mass.

Following Mass to continue the celebrations of our feast day, the children will be walking to Ada Ryan Gardens for activities with their class and an ice block.
Bernie Meixner
REC

ASSEMBLY AND LITURGY WEEK 9/10
This week R/Year 1 Storr will be leading the Junior Campus Assembly on Friday, September 18 at 9:30am in the library.

ST TERESE’S CAMPUS LIBRARY NEWS
All children’s library books need to be returned by this Friday, September 18 to assist with the end of term stocktake.

LOST PROPERTY CUPBOARD
Please come to check the lost property cupboard. It is over-flowing!

Anything named is returned to the owner. Everything else is piling up in the cupboard! There are also lots of lunch boxes next to the cupboard. If you’ve lost anything please come to the cupboard to check. The cupboard will be cleaned out at the end of the term.
Lou Whitehouse
CAMPUS LEADER

Student Reflections

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Over the last few weeks the Year 6/7 classes have been generously donating their lunch times to run various sporting clinics and craft sessions on campus. There have been netball clinics, soccer clinics, cricket clinics, painting activities and drawing time in the library to name a few. The Year 6/7 children have been running these clinics to offer other students in the campus an activity that is organised with an instructor at lunch times this term. There has been no shortage of participants and the interaction between the senior children and the juniors in the campus has been genuine and cooperative. I would like to thank Jodie Turpin, Lou Gogoll and the Year 6/7s for their commitment and hard work necessary to make this initiative work.
Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS LEADER

As a Year 6/7 class we have been involved in a school community outreach project. We needed to complete 5 hours of community outreach for the school by running a themed activity. My group chose art and craft. Children can come to painting, beading, and learning about magnets. We have had a lot of fun and we hope the students did as well.

Lauren Schwerdt

This term both Year 6/7 classes have been working really hard by running activities for the younger members in the school. One of the activities was running a ‘Shake and Bake’ stall. We raised a lot of money that will go to Caritas Australia and the Heart Foundation. We are recording a journal which shows how much work we have done. We have been having a lot of fun. We thank the school community for supporting these projects.

Madison Kersten, Sophie Gurnett and Tyson Schoell

This term we have been holding activities at recess and lunch. First we had to write to the teachers saying what we were doing. Then we chose the time, place and date we would run the activity.

We would like to thank everyone who participated and the students who organised the activities. Their efforts were great.

Isabella Tilbrook and Sarah Quirk

The two Year 6/7 classes have been running Community Outreach Services such as netball clinics, art and craft clinics and loads more. The clinics have been run at lunch time and all children are involved from Reception to Year 7. It has been lots of fun.

Olivia Chinnery
SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS

REPORTING & NAPLAN
This Friday, September 18, progress report cards will be distributed to students in Years 8-11. Progress reports are an indication of how your son/daughter is progressing in their chosen elective and core subject fields. As this is a progress report only, the report should not be shown to employers nor should it be used for any official certification of student achievement; end of semester reports would better suit that purpose. In addition, Year 9 families will receive results from NAPLAN tests conducted earlier in the year. A greater analysis of these results will be provided in due course, however parents are welcome to contact the College to discuss any aspect of either report.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Next Wednesday evening, September 23, we will be conducting Parent Teacher night. This is an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss progress and needs of students and to address any concerns together. Staff make themselves available from 4:00pm until 9:00pm with a tea break from 6:10 to 7:00pm. Please take the opportunity to see them. Booking slips will be sent home with your child’s report on Friday. Please nominate possible times on the booking slip, the students then see their teacher in class to confirm those times or make alterations to fit their schedule, and the student should return the booking slip to you. Feel free to begin the process now - take the opportunity to meet your children’s teachers regardless of what the report might prompt. Be mindful that 10 minutes are allocated to interview times and it would be very difficult for many of our staff to schedule interviews on the night.

LAST DAY TERM 3
Term 3 school closure for all students is next Friday, September 25 @ 12:30pm. Students return on Tuesday, October 13 in the summer uniform.

Brett Czechowski
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE – WEEK 10
Work Experience for Year 10 students is taking place next week. Over the past month students have been busily organising their work placements and I am happy to say almost every student is prepared and ready to go!

Students have arranged work experience locally, through the hospital, through OneSteel and a number of other local businesses, with some students venturing further afield as far as Angaston to enjoy their time in the workplace.

A big thank you to the families of our Year 10 students for their assistance in helping arrange work placements, and to the accommodating attitude of the many local businesses that have agreed to take on students for the week.

I wish all Year 10 students a busy, industrious and enjoyable week out in the workplace.

Trent Keiper
YEAR 10 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.

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**Blokes, Behaviour and Brains**

Are you a 16-40 year old male?

No history of serious head injury, current psychiatric illness or intellectual impairment?

If so, you are invited to take part in this research project

About the health, Behaviour and cognition of young adult men

We need about 2 hours of your time to complete some questions about your health and to complete tasks that assess your thinking

You will receive $20 for your participation + chance to win Xbox/Wii

This study has been approved by the UniSA Human Research Ethics Committee

Please contact Elena Rudnik by text, email or phone

elena.rudnik@unisa.edu.au
044 880 9061
86 47 8173

Recruiting now

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**THE WHYALLA FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.**

The Historical Society of the South Australian Police will be in Whyalla to give a presentation on the history of the first Woman Police Officer.

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Monday, September 28
1:00pm
Central’s Football Club
McDouall Stuart Ave

Please RSVP to
Jessie Bremmer on 8645 9477 or
Bill Redford on 8645 1147

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**CANTEEN ROSTERS**

Monday, September 21 – Friday, September 25

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**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS**

- Leanne Freymark
- Melinda Coad
- Rosslyn Cruse
- Pauline Higgins
- Yvie Paintner
- Marita Ferreira

**SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS**

- Annette Cameron
- Rose Cassar
- Marg Coad

NO HELP REQUIRED - 12:30PM FINISH - NO LUNCHES

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**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 Teresa’s Church Hall, Cnr Nicolson Ave and Wilsdon St on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:30pm. Supper provided. All Welcome.
INTERNATIONAL NIGHT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 from 6.00pm

A Parents Community initiative, International Night has always been a great opportunity to gather as a community before Christmas and enjoy a friendly evening of food, wine and entertainment, for new families to meet and greet and departing families to say farewell.
For the evening to be a success, it will need to be a true community event, whereby, “many hands make light work”. Please consider helping out, even in some small way.

- Preparing a dish (reimbursement is available)
- Assisting with food preparation at the College during the day
- Donating ingredients
- Having a shift on a stall (perhaps gather a team of friends to help you – ITS FUN!!)
- Convening a stall
- Providing some entertainment – music, song, comedy, dance
- Helping with set up or pack up
- Providing equipment eg: bain marie, hot dog machine, etc (we can collect it)

If you are active in a community club and would like to run a stall independently for your club’s fundraising purposes, whereby just a small donation is made to the evening, please contact me at the College to discuss your thoughts. Our main aim is for variety and great atmosphere, so the more, the merrier. Please tear off the return slip below and return to school through your child’s care group teacher.
Thank you, in eager anticipation.

Mrs Terissa Shepherd
Mrs Christine Sloan
Co-Principals

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT – RETURN SLIP
We will need help with the following:

I CAN HELP WITH SERVING: ☐
I CAN PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT: ☐
I CAN ORGANISE A STALL: ☐
Please specify: ........................................
I CAN HELP ON A STALL: ☐
I CAN DONATE A DISH: ☐
I CAN HELP ON THE BAR: ☐
eg: dessert item........................................
Cultural savoury dish: ........................................
I CAN HELP PREPARE DURING THE DAY: ☐
Comment: ........................................

My community club ____________________________________________________________________ would like to convene a stall independently.
Please contact me on Phone: ____________________________________________________________________ to discuss details...

YOUR NAME: _________________________ CHILD(ren’s) NAME(s): _________________________
CLASS: _________________________ CAMPUS(es): _________________________
HOME: _________________________ WORK: _________________________ MOBILE: _________________________