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Samaritan College

Term 3 Week 10 September 24, 2009

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
• St Teresa’s Feast Day Mass, 9:30am at St Teresa’s Church
• All students dismissed at 12:30pm
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
• Students return
OCTOBER 17/18
• Enrolment Evening for Sacrament of Reconciliation at all Masses

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
• Parent Information Evening for Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7:30pm at St Teresa’s Hall
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
• Board Meeting, 7:30pm at SJC

PETER PAN REHEARSALS

Week 1, Term 4
Monday 2:00-3:20pm
Tuesday 2:30-4:30pm
Wednesday 4:00pm–5:00pm
Mon & Wed at St Teresa’s
Tues at South’s
Check your schedule for more detail

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TERISSA SHEPHERD
CO-PRINCIPAL
Here we are again and it is the last week of the School term. Life is busy and it seems to make the time go quickly. During the term the parish concentrated on the preparation and celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Greg O’Kelly and we continue to remember our candidates in prayer that this experience will be more lasting than only a term.

For the present the Parish Team are experiencing some refreshment with retreats and time out for Fr Jim, Sisters Robyn and Cheryle. Fr Arno has been at the helm during these days.

Next term we begin almost immediately with preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Year 3 students in all of the schools in Whyalla. Letters about the program will be sent out on the first week as Enrolment Sunday for the Sacrament will be on the weekend of October 17/18. This will be followed by the PARENT INFORMATION EVENING on MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 19 in St Teresa’s Hall at 7:30pm.

We wish all – staff, children and families a happy and a safe holiday and we look forward to working together in Term 4.

God Bless
Sr Robyn Brady
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WE WEEKEND MASS TIMES
St Teresa’s Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church
Saturday 7:00pm Sunday 10:30am
Sunday 8:30am Sunday 5:30pm

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

For information and bookings please ring Alison 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.

Due to the Feast Day of St Thérèse of Lisieux being on October 1 we celebrated her feast day this week. Generations of Catholics have admired this young saint, called the ‘Little Flower’. She is one of the Patrons of Australia along with Our Lady Help of Christians and St Francis Xavier.

St Thérèse died when she was 24, after having lived as a cloistered Carmelite for less than ten years. She never went on missions, never founded a religious order, never performed great works. The only book of hers, published after her death, was a brief edited version of her journal called “Story of a Soul.” (Collections of her letters and restored versions of her journals have been published recently.) But within 28 years of her death, the public demand was so great that she was canonised.

St Thérèse touched many lives over the past 100 years with her “shower of roses.” She continually leads us to discover God’s love in our lives. This is why we try to imitate her “little way” each day and spread her devotion. Wouldn’t our world be such a better place if all of us did the ordinary things with a bit more love and attention to others? God’s loving presence would be experienced so much more!

We read in St Thérèse’s writings on prayer:

‘For prayer is an inspiration of the heart,
It is a simple glance directed to heaven,
It is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial
As well as joy. Finally, it is something great and supernatural,
which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus.’

( Ms. C, 25vo )

Eleni Vailas
REC - OLHCC

UNIFORM SHOP AND NEWS
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 8:30am-4:30pm 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
WORKING?
CHILDREN BORED?
OR
WANTING YOUR CHILD TO HAVE SOME FUN AND MEET NEW FRIENDS
BOOK NOW FOR VACATION CARE

Samaritan College OSHC
67 McRitchie Cres
0427 712 260

ADELAIDE AND WHYALLA SCHOOL CHOIRS
Congratulations to the students who will be performing in the Catholic Schools Music Festival at the Festival Theatre this evening.

Congratulations to the students who performed in the annual Whyalla Combined Schools’ Choir Performance at the Middleback Theatre last Wednesday and Thursday evenings. These evenings were a great production, full of song, dance and theatrics. We thoroughly enjoyed the performances. They were very entertaining evenings!

We would like to congratulate Ms Melinda Gray who has been responsible for training the two Choirs this year. She was also outstanding as joint conductor in last week’s Whyalla Combined Schools’ Choir Performances. We would also like to thank Sarah Wohling and Helen Holland who also coached the students. In addition we thank Winnie Fitzgerald and Melinda Gray for their support of the Adelaide Choir.

Eleni Vailas    Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATORS

Adelaide Choir Participants
Aneen Van Niekerk
Caitlyn Davidson
Christina Ervine
Connor Sinclair
Dayna Clifton
Ethan Burke
Georgia Looyestyn
Grace Hullah
Hannah LeBon
Hannah Spirat
Holly Phillis
James Utting
Jasmine Broadbent
Jasmine Heron
Jayde Burk
Jennifer Manfield
Justine Chalmers
Kahlia Jeffery
Kaitlyn Green
Lauren Schwerdt
Lexi Gill
Madison Kersten
Meg Bindi
Millicent Fisher
Olivia Chinnery
Ryan Edwards
Shae Azzopardi
Tanisha McLeod
Tegan Wood

Whalla Choir Participants
Ben Inglis
Chelsea Clappis
Christiaan
Labuschange
Christopher Megaritis
Declan Sheey
Elea Warren
Eliza Smith
Emily Mudge
Eric Brereton
Eva Hurst
Georgia McLeod
Hannah Bartel
Jasmine Reif
Jenna Daniels
Jessyka Hanson
Jyrese Heke
Kara Moore
Liam McIlduff
Lucy Meixner
Maddie Whitehouse
Madison Rosewarne
Melissa Ndoro
Mikayla Alberts
Rylie Fischer
Sam Bolton
Sean Kelly
Shaina Damon
Shane Greenwood
Stacey Adee
Stuart Murray
Tamika Jeffery
Tapiwa Mativenga
Teanna Klicek-Sloan
Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that it’s the end of another term. As we reflect on Term 3 we remember all that has happened and give thanks for the many people who made these events possible. In particular: Confirmation, Literacy and Numeracy Week, Book Week, Premier’s Reading Challenge, Adelaide and Whyalla Choirs and Sports Carnivals just to mention a few.

These events don’t just happen, they are due to the fantastic community spirit we have at the College. Thank you to all those people, staff, students, parents and grandparents who have helped in any way this term. Your input and efforts are always much appreciated!

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.

FOYER DISPLAY

Please venture into the office this week to view the fantastic Foyer Display presented by Yr 5/6 Molyneux all about ‘Our Role Models’.

ST THERESE’S CAMPUS NEWS

Thank you to Mrs Liz Llwelyn for being with us this term. Liz filled in for Mr Baverstock for five weeks and finished the term teaching Year 1/2 Wohling. Liz’s contribution to the smooth running of this term has been very much appreciated.

We welcome Alex Tullio to the campus. Alex has been appointed to teach Year 1/2 Wohling for the remainder of the term. We wish Alex an enjoyable and fruitful term with us.

We also thank Tania Taylor for her contribution in the front office this term. Tania has become an integral member of the staff team and now returns to her one day a week position.

Congratulations to Kimberley Storr and Blair Owens who will be married during the school holidays. We wish Kimberley and Blair all the best for their special day.

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Bernie Meixner
REC

COMMUNITY NEWS

After 30 years ... it is time!

St Dominic’s Priory College Reunion
Year 8 in 1975 - Year 12 in 1979

The 30 Year Reunion is being held on Saturday, October 31, 2009 in the Hall at St Dominic’s, from 2:00-5:00pm.

It will be a fun event and a terrific time to catch up with your classmates and teachers over a glass of wine or coffee and finger food. To cover the cost of the catering there will be a charge of $25.

Please let us know whether you will be able to join us by emailing Catherine McGuire at cate.mcguire@oomiak.com.au or by ringing Catherine during office hours on 8345 9900 by Monday, October 19, 2009.

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OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT WHYALLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Bookings are essential!
Alex Ramsay Library 8649 3000
Civic Library 8645 7891

Please note: Children 5 years and under need adult supervision.

Canteen Rosters
Monday, September 21 – Friday, September 25

Thank you to all volunteers who help in our College canteens. Your helping hands and smiling faces are always a pleasure to see. We hope you enjoy your holidays and look forward to seeing you again next term.

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Saint John’s Campus News

Uniform Matters

Boys are reminded that if you have the new uniform you must wear the shorts and shirt ensemble in Term 4. You cannot mix trousers with summer shirt. Older boys in the SJC uniform are encouraged to purchase the shorts for summer in the interest of your health and well being. Sometimes we have rules to rescue you from yourselves!

Terissa Shepherd
CO-PRINCIPAL
WHO AM I AND WHAT DO I WANT TO BECOME?

Year 10 Work Experience and the PLP

The Personal Learning Plan (PLP) helps students plan for their future by assisting them to make informed decisions about:

• the subjects they will study in Years 11 and 12, and any course outside of school
• possible career choices and ideas for community service
• how best to prepare for their career options and other goals.

In preparation for work experience during Week 9 PLP staff were keen to engage students in activities to prepare them for their future interaction with the work force and to develop their capabilities of communication, learning, personal development and work.

Sally Taylor from Gateways for Youth visited the College and presented Year 10s with an induction for work program covering occupational health and safety issues in the workplace. Mock interviews were also arranged with panel members selected from the workforce and appointment times provided to every Year 10 student during the times 9am – 1pm. To make this a realistic learning experience panel members were selected from industry and business to ensure that there were no unfair advantages. Students were required to come prepared. They needed to write a cover letter for a position of their choice, research that position in depth, bring their resume and prepare their response to a number of mock interview questions.

It was pleasing to see how well our students presented themselves even though the nervous tension pervading the reception area was palpable. Feedback from the panel members was very useful and is certainly very important to students. Individual feedback will be provided to each student via their assessment sheet which also details areas for improvement. Panel members have agreed to debrief with students when they return next term.

Our gratitude is extended to those who gave up their time to support the personal learning of our youth during life’s journey so that they might make connections in their learning with a wide range of contexts. Russell Keneally – Regional Industry Career Adviser, John Phillips (West Farmers Insurance), Geoff Cooke (Samaritan College), Rob Shaughnessy (business expertise), Ann Bateman (Target Recruitment), Martin Nunn (Whyalla Police Department), Karen Skinner (Whyalla Economic Development Board), Russell Keneally (RICA), Brett Czechowski (Secondary Campus Leader), Kevin Rogan and Charlie Agett (Career employment), Leslie Jones (Centracare), Joann Budrys (Coordinator/Samaritan College), Tanya Gibson (Leadership Samaritan College) Christine Duffield and Heidi Korossy.

Heidi Korossy
HPD COORDINATOR AND PLP STAFF

YEAR 9 DRUG AND ALCOHOL INFORMATION EVENING

On Tuesday evening the Year 9 drug/alcohol unit was drawn to a close when students were given an opportunity to showcase their knowledge. Students and staff did a great job to show the parents/caregivers how harmful some drugs are.

I’d also like to thank SAPOL and SA Ambulance Service for coming in and talking to the Year 9s last week about some of the practical things that can be done to keep ourselves and our friends safe.

Christine Duffield
YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

On Tuesday Night, the Year 9s held a drug and alcohol information night so parents could come and see what their child has been learning about in Human Development classes. It was a successful night with the students getting involved in everything and informing parents on what has been happening and what they’ve been learning.

Michael and Emily

On Tuesday the Year 9s participated in a drug and alcohol night for the parents to come and see what the Year 9s have been working on. All of the classes had different displays that showed what they have been learning about. Many parents came and saw the work that students have been doing and participated in the activities that were set up. The play at the end of the night was funny but displayed how easy it is to get addicted to drugs and/or alcohol.

Lori and Jarryd

On Tuesday the Year 9s held a drug and alcohol information night. It was a wonderful evening where the students got to show their parents their knowledge on drugs and alcohol. Each caregroup had their own displays. 9 Blue put on a play which showed how easy drugs and alcohol can take over your life. Over all the night was a great achievement.

Michelle and Courtney