Dear parents and caregivers

“Be clear minded and self controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift they received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:7-11

The gift of hospitality enables us to share with each other our homes, our lives, our time and our resources without the need of anything in return. A person who is gifted with hospitality has the quality to demonstrate a deep value for community and the ability to be truly present and focus attention on the guest whoever that may be.

“Hospitality in the Benedictine community was attention and presence to the needs of the other. Hospitality was a public ministry designed to nourish the other in body, soul, spirit and psyche. Welfare agencies give clothes; parishes collect food for the poor; flea markets provide rare goods at cheap prices. The problem is that too many of the handouts come with hardly a look and never a personal moment for the people they set out to serve. Benedictine spirituality sets a standard of comfort and care, conversation and respect – the things that make a human being human.”

(Chittister, J.  The Rule of Benedict  (1992) Crossroad, USA)

Each year Samaritan College commits a whole community effort to the Whyalla Show and in doing so, engages in hospitality and outreach to the Whyalla community. This year, we will commit to many areas of the show, through:

1. The Hot Food Stall
2. The Pavilion Marketing Display
3. School’s display pavilion
4. Individual students work display
5. Chef/student demonstrations.

As part of being a community of families, each year we call for assistance in Parent Community events, such as the Whyalla Show and Term 4 International Night. We understand that it is difficult for families to commit to regular parent community meetings and committees but do appreciate and value the increased surge of extra help for our major events.

Thus, we ask that you consider volunteering to assist on a shift on the food stall on the weekend of August 21 and 22. Helpers always have great fun and the stall provides a terrific ‘home base’ for children just expanding their independence wings at the show. It is a great way to meet other parents or for friends to be involved in something together, that ultimately helps the Whyalla community.

We hope you can lend a hand in this way. Please fill in the accompanying form in this Newsletter and return to any Campus office in the coming week.

Please find enclosed in this newsletter an important pastoral letter from Bishop Greg to our community. Families of primary children will have received this letter through the copy of Witness. It is provided here today, should you not have seen it in Witness. We ask that you keep all victims of abuse, their families and their communities, in your hearts and prayers.
**CHERISHED BY GOD AND THE CHURCH**

It was good last week to see students offering their support and comfort to a fellow student in his sadness at the loss of his Dad. In the demeanour of the boys concerned one could see the fine calibre of the men they are becoming.

In the Mission Statement of the College, we hear that students are “cherished by God and the Church”. The behaviour of these lads puts flesh and blood on this sentiment.

In a similar vein, the Monica Applewhite seminars held last week in Adelaide, on Sexual Abuse and Best Practice Standards for Prevention and Response, are aimed at making that belief a real experience for our children and young people. Catholic Education SA was well represented at the seminars, and there were six Whyalla people there too, including a College parent and Board members, and parish leaders.

I am grateful to those Whyalla people who gave up their time and convenience to attend these seminars. I see it as an investment in the safety, protection and wellbeing of our present-day children and young people, but also of the young ones of the future.

We also owe to those who have suffered abuse at the hands of Church personnel in the past our very best efforts in this whole area. We need to account to them, and to one another, and to God, for our stewardship of the young people entrusted to our care.

I commend to you the Pastoral Letter from Bishop Greg O’Kelly SJ, which is included in this College newsletter.

May God bless each of our families according to the needs of each member.

Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

**WALK FOR WATER**

Last Saturday a small group of dedicated people ‘Walked for Water’ along Forsyth Street and finished at the foreshore.

The walk was part of Caritas Australia’s ‘Be More’ weekend. We were walking to raise awareness of the situation in developing countries where the average person uses ten litres of water per day for drinking, washing and cooking. The average Australian uses 285 litres a day for the same purposes. Around the world many people including children have to walk up to 6 km and carry loads of up to 20 kg just for their daily water needs.

The weekend walk was in support of Caritas’ goal to raise awareness and support people who have to walk to collect water.

I was delighted to be one of the walkers as it was a simple and friendly way to show support for the needs of many of our brothers and sisters around the world.

We also shared a sausage sizzle at the end of the walk. It was pointed out by one of the younger walkers that people in developing countries don’t have a free cooked meal at the end of their daily chore. This was a sobering thought and one which reminds us to be grateful for what we have and to support those who go without.

For more information please visit [www.undp.org/mdg](http://www.undp.org/mdg).

Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Opening Hours**

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

Kerry Azzopardi  Sharron Waldron
Toal Street, Whyalla Stuart
Ph: 8649 3168

**LOST**

Reading glasses with thin black frames in a blue and black case. Lost before the holidays.

The glasses belong to Jonah Mislov at St Teresa's Campus. If found please hand them in to the front office.

**UNIFORM INFORMATION - SENIOR TRACKSUIT PANTS**

Due to a supply of incorrect fabric colour, the senior tracksuit pants are now at a discounted price of $35. Any previous purchases of the incorrect colour only can be brought back to the uniform shop for an approval of a $35 credit. Please ring the Uniform Shop for more information.
Samaritan College Restaurant
Located in the Dining Room at Saint John’s Campus
70 Gowrie Ave, Whyalla Playford
$45 per head
4 course set menu
7pm start
BYO Beverage

Future Dates for 2010
August 26  November 4
September 9  November 18
October 21  December 2
Bookings essential as places are limited.

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

The Whyalla Show
“Hot Food & Drinks Stall”
A great place to grab lunch, rendezvous with the kids and share in our community outreach.
Come along and enjoy an egg & bacon roll, hamburger, hot dog or steak sandwich.
Drinks also available.

Help Needed
August 21-22
Please complete the blue form with the newsletter.

This form is also available on the College website in the FAQs, FORMS AND FILES tab.

Sue Dengate
Fed Up with Children’s Behaviour

Sue will be presenting a seminar at
7:00pm on Wednesday September 8, 2010.
Bunyarra Centre, Whyalla Norrie
All welcome

$10 per person/family
Tickets available from Whyalla Schools, Kindergartens, Cath Wood 0419854714
Deb Bradley 0448546842 or Eyre & Western Regional Educational Office, Whyalla 86456568

SAMARITAN SPECTACULAR
DVD FOR SALE

The Samaritan Spectacular DVD is now for Sale!

Please place your orders at
Saint John’s Campus office by August 20

Contact: Mechelle Lew or Colleen Dowling
Ph: 8645 8568
Cost: $10 per DVD

Saint John’s Campus
70 Gowrie Ave
Whyalla, 5600
I would like to remind you about updating your child’s Health/Emergency Form, if necessary. These forms are crucial for the office staff. If you have changed house, have new phone numbers or your child’s medical conditions have changed, please inform the office staff of either campus office.

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Pat Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation candidates enjoyed their first Workshop last Friday. Our second Confirmation Workshop will be held this Friday August 13 from 8:45am to 3:10pm at St Teresa’s Church. This week we will be examining the gifts and the fruits of the Spirit. The candidates will need to bring their recess and lunch. They may wear coloured clothes with school hat being optional.

This weekend the Confirmation candidates will be affirming their Patron Saints to the parish community at one of the weekend Masses. The candidates will be asked to share to share who their saint is and the qualities of the saint which inspires them.

Thank you to everyone who is offering their prayers and support to these students as they make their next step in their faith journey.

Eleni Vailas  Bernie Meixner
REC – OLHC  REC - STC

LITURGY

You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday August 19 at 12:30pm in the Church. It will be presented by Year 1/2 Rothe. We hope to see you there!

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Karen Pudney
ON BEHALF OF THE JUNIOR HOCKEY COMMITTEE

Friday 13/8/10 5:00pm  Minkey Field 1A  Town/Fisk vs OLHC
Friday 13/8/10 6:40pm  U9/11 Field 1A  OLHC White vs MOPS
Friday 13/8/10 5:45pm  Minkey Field 1C  MOPS vs St Teresa’s 1
Friday 13/8/10 7:35pm  U9/11 Field 1C  OLHC Yellow vs NAPS/Long 2
Friday 13/8/10 5:45pm  Minkey Field 1D  St Teresa’s 2 vs St Teresa’s 3
Saturday 14/8/10 9:00am  U13  MOPS vs St Teresa’s

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FOyer DISPLAY

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Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR

WE WANT YOUR NEWSPAPERS!!!

Keep bringing in your old newspapers and place them in the special blue recycling bins at St Teresa’s Campus.

Anyone from Samaritan College is welcome to recycle their newspapers here.

LITURGY AND ASSEMBLY

On Thursday August 19 4/5 Usher will be having their Liturgy at St Teresa’s library. There will be morning tea in the staffroom afterwards. All parents and grandparents are most welcome to attend Liturgy and morning tea afterwards.

On Friday 20 August 3/ 4 Opie will lead a Senior Campus Assembly in the library.

Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATOR STC

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Careath Molyneux
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART COORDINATOR

SCHOOL VISIT

This week the students of 3/4 Opie and 3/4 Tullio were treated to a special visit from Australian Author and Illustrator Kim Michelle Toft and Tony Bramley from the Whyalla Diving Centre to talk about ocean life and cuttlefish.
The students learnt about the different creatures that live in the Great Barrier Reef as well as some interesting facts about the local cuttlefish. Kim Michelle also demonstrated her fantastic silk painting skills and explained how to create our own silk artwork. Thank you to Diana Jefferies for organising the visit as it was an enjoyable session for all involved.

Carla Opie and Amiee Tullio

STC SCIENCE AND BOOK WEEK

As part of our Book Week celebration St Teresa’s Campus we will be holding a parade on Thursday, August 26 at 9:00am. The theme for Book Week is “Across the Story Bridge” and students are encouraged to dress up according to the theme or as their favourite book/character.

During the day Reception-Year 2, Year 3-Year 5 and the Year 6/7s students will be participating in activities relating to the themes of Book Week and Science Week.

Students will also be participating in a bridge building competition where groups of students will design and make a bridge strong enough to hold a weight. After lunch each class’ strongest bridge will be presented and tested at an afternoon assembly.

Carla Opie and Lou Whitehouse

SECONDARY NEWS

INFORMATION NIGHTS

Thank you to those parents and students who attended the Year 10, 11 and 12 Information Evenings. If you could not make these nights please contact your child’s caregroup teacher for further information. Year 11 students should now have submitted their subject selections for 2011 and Year 10s have until August 20. It is very important that students select their subjects on time otherwise their choices may become a little more restricted. Caregroup teachers can also distribute the various booklets from the TAFEs and Universities to those who missed out.

SAINT JOHN’S DAY

The students deserve a massive vote of thanks for the effort they put into arranging this very busy day. The fact they do it all for charity adds to their good work. Some classes are still selling some left over items this week and a final fundraising amount will be announced soon.

CATCH UP FRIDAY

Tuesday August 17 will run as a Friday timetable.

MOBILE PHONE

A reminder that students caught using their mobile phone during school time will have it confiscated and the student can collect the phone from 3:45pm. Consistent offenders will be asked to attend the campus after hours. We appreciate that mobile phones are needed by many students but their use during school time is not needed nor allowed.

Damien Judd

SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

JAPANESE NEWS

It has been a busy few weeks for the Language and Cultural Exchange Program at Samaritan College. We have been lucky enough to continue the 8 year tradition between Samaritan College/Saint John’s College and Minakuchi High School in Japan, where we host students and teachers, and immerse them into Australian school life and culture.

This year, teachers Kazumi Toda and Yoshino Kinya both returned to our school with eleven senior high students in an endeavour to better their English language skills, to allow them to experience Australian school life and to fuel their passions for travel and cultural learning. After their arrival on the first Thursday of the term, our Japanese visitors were confronted by all sorts of challenges, ranging from language barriers, home-sickness, different lifestyles and strange, new food, all of which they took in their stride.

The excitement of this exchange was by no means limited to the Japanese. Rather, many of our students were able to share in this annual event, and the bonds that were made were clearly evident by the flood of tears from so many people as the Japanese drove off for the last time on Wednesday morning of Week 3. For our students, many were involved in the Japanese Cultural Immersion in their Physical Education, Home Economics, Art, Religion, Health and Personal Development and Community Studies classes, and throughout each day in the school yard. I would like to thank all of the teachers and students who were involved in these activities for volunteering their time and for making the program run so smoothly.

Some of the standout events that took place this year were trips to Neta Kranz Kindergarten, Amaroo Lodge, Stuart High School, Mount Laura Homestead, the Whyalla Foreshore, as well as excursions with their host students on a Gulf Getaways Champagne Gulf Cruise and an adventure through Alligator Gorge. In their farewell speeches, it became quite evident that one of the major highlights of this year’s exchange was the Aussie Night Social, run by our College’s SRC members. One of the Japanese students, Eri Teramoto said, “What I enjoyed most at Samaritan College was the Social. I really enjoyed myself,” and her thoughts were echoed by many of her peers.

I would also like to thank all of the families who volunteered to host a Japanese student and ‘grow’ their families by one for a few weeks. Without support from parents and students, these valuable cultural learning experiences would not happen, so thank you again to the Murphy, Theologou, Green, Davidson, Marshall, Mulconray, Mason-Moia, Payne, Edwards, Fay, Swinfield, Broadbent and Mathews families. Words cannot describe your importance, or my gratitude for your involvement in this program. Many of these families have already expressed interest to host again in the future, and I hope that next year we have many more volunteers become involved for the first time as well.

One of my hopes is that by this time next year, the
Japanese economy will have recovered significantly, so that when we run this Cultural Exchange again, we will have a few more international students and that they may be with us a little longer, and ideally, be here to partake in our Saint John’s Day celebrations.

On a slightly different note, I would also like to congratulate and welcome Matthew Hill, Micaela Fay and Lauren Casey, who will be joining us on our inaugural Japanese Trip at the end of the year. One of our hopes is to visit Minakuchi High School while we are in Japan so that we can return the favour and see what their school has to offer, while building our long-standing relationship with this special part of Japan.

Josh Boden
CULTURAL STUDIES COORDINATOR

MATHEMATICS IN YEAR 8 GOLD
This term we have been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages; with particular reference to converting from one format to the other with and without a calculator. We have also been focusing on everyday applications of this type of mathematics, such as how to calculate the percentage of discount of sale items when shopping. Students have also been busy working on their weekly Maths Mate homework sheets, and I encourage parents to continue supporting their child in their efforts.

Jade Vanzo
YEAR 8 MATHS TEACHER

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL.
Congratulations to Year 10 Boys team who won the regional carnival.
Samaritan College 29-11-185 def. Stuart High 4-4-28
Goals – Tyrone BURK 5, everyone else got at least 1.
All boys played with tremendous school spirit and represented the College fantastically.
Matt Quist
PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

CANTENE ROSTERS
Monday, August 16 – Friday, August 20

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