This weekend is a time of great discernment with the Federal Elections, as we look for the wisdom of Solomon to enable us to make the decision best for the governing of our country. Solomon asked God to:

“Give to your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this great people?” 1 Kings 3:9

As we draw close to this weekend, there are two important issues for Samaritan College; one’s success (our community food stall) requires immediate effort, the other (the election) requires considered decision making. When Catholic schools rely so heavily on Federal funding in order to operate with the increasing reality of funding tied to programs, the outcome of the federal election can and will impact on all aspects of schooling. It is not our role to persuade discernment, just to present the responses of all parties to the questions raised by the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) in their efforts to seek commitment from them on how our children and their families will be best served. The current level of funding enables us to keep fees to a minimum and even live out our mission of making Catholic education accessible to all families through our tiered system. Should it be reduced in the next commitment round, our ability to operate without adjusting costs to parents would prove challenging. Please take the time to read the CESA Community News insert provided for your deliberation. The Federation of Catholic school parent communities, a body formed to create community voice also supports the efforts of the NCEC with their mantra, “We are parents, and we vote……….let our voice be heard…. .”

Our other immediate concern is the need for parent and community helpers for the Whyalla Show We are still in need of volunteers to assist in a number of time slots. Another plea for help has been sent home this week, with the roster as it currently stands. For volunteers who have kindly offered time; you should receive a finalised roster and induction pack today. With regard to the few spaces left on the roster, we really need people to step forward; the fun and new interactions experienced by newcomers is always a pleasant surprise. The best way might be to sign up with a friend. If you can spare the time, please help us out. Please ring Karen McGinnis on ph: 86458568.

We look forward to seeing you all at the show!

Dear parents and caregivers

Term 3  Week 5  August 19, 2010

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20
• STC 3/4 Opie - Senior Campus Assembly

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21
• Whyalla Show Weekend

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24
• OHLCC Year 3/4 Tullio Mass, 9:00am

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25
• OHLCC Book Week Parade

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25
• Parish Celebration of Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates, families and sponsors, 7:30pm at St Teresa’s Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26
• STC Book Week Parade
• OHLCC Rec/Year 1 Cooper and Year 4/5 Fiedler Liturgy, 12:30pm in the Church
• Board Meeting, 7:30pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27
• Confirmation at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 7pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28
• Confirmation at St Teresa’s Church, 7pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
• Early Dismissal - Whole College 2:30pm Staff Development.
Our Confirmation Program is well underway. Our candidates have participated fully in our Workshops and are continuing their work at home. The parish team will be interviewing the candidates during the week to see how their preparation is going.

Next week will be a busy time for all and we need to keep checking our calendars to ensure that all activities are covered in time for the celebrations of the Sacraments. Here are some reminders of these events:

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25 – PARISH CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION FOR OUR CANDIDATES, FAMILIES AND SPONSORS IN PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION – 7:30pm at St Teresa’s Church** (the students were reminded that if they do not attend this, then they will need to ring Fr Jim to make an appointment for Individual Reconciliation)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 27 – PRACTICE IN THE CHURCH WHERE THE CANDIDATE IS RECEIVING CONFIRMATION – 11:30am**

Then in the afternoon possibly 2:00pm and 2:30pm meeting Bishop Greg. This will probably take place at both campuses. More information will come to hand after Fr Jim has spoken to Bishop Greg.

**AUGUST 27 – CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION at Our Lady Help Of Christians Church 7:00pm**

**AUGUST 28 – CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION at St Teresa’s Church 7:00pm**

Would you please bring a plate of goodies to share for supper after Mass.

We continue to remember all in prayer over the next few days

Sr Robyn Brady
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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**CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation stands with Baptism and the Eucharist as part of the Rites of Initiation. To understand the Sacraments of Initiation they need to be viewed together. The life and gift of God’s Holy Spirit is given and celebrated at Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Each Sacrament uses signs, words and symbolic actions. The visible signs of Confirmation are the laying of Hands and the Anointing with Chrism. Through prayer of the Laying on of hands we learn the implications of our new life in the Holy Spirit:

**REPRODUCTIVE DIMENSION**

All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
By water and the Holy Spirit  
You freed your sons and daughters from sin  
And gave them new life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.  
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The spirit of right judgement and courage,  
The spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.  
(Rite of Confirmation)

Eleni Vailas
REC - OLHCC

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Opening Hours**

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**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.

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

**COLLEGE NEWS**

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

If you are aware of incidences involving sexual or other abuse by Church personnel, you are encouraged to contact the South Australian Police on 8207 5127 (Sex Crimes Investigation Branch). If you prefer to talk to someone from within the Church, you could speak with Ms Sue Cain, Director of the Church Professional Standards Office in Adelaide. Her office number is 8223 5890 and her email is sue.cain@adelaide.catholic.org.au. Any contact is most welcome and confidential. If you are a volunteer in the parish, and you have a serious concern about child abuse of any kind, by any person, you must phone the Child Abuse Report Line on 131 478. If you would like to read the Towards Healing document, you can obtain a copy from the parish.
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

Menu for August 26
Seafood Bisque
Chicken Tenderloin in Prosciutto, Parmesan Risotto, Racket
Tenderloin of Beef, Potato Roesti, Lardons, Peas, Jus Soubise
Orange and Chocolate Fondant, Prune and Armagnac Icecream

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

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

SCHOOL FEES

Statements of School Fees were posted out recently. I would ask you to check your statements and contact me if you feel they are not correct. Payments have been received through netbank that we are unable to identify. If these are yours can you please contact me.
As we are now past the half-way mark of the year all school fees should be paid in full unless paying by agreed instalments. If paying by instalments you must have your fees paid by November 2010. If your payments do not meet either of these criteria then you will be contacted shortly, alternatively you may like to make an appointment with me to discuss any issue you have in paying your fees.

Cheryl Murfitt
ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE

PETER PAN DVD

Now is your chance to order the DVD of Samaritan College’s Peter Pan the Croc Rock Musical!
If you would like to own your own copy, please send in the order form and $10 to any of the campuses before Tuesday, August 24.

PRIMARY NEWS

This week twenty-eight of our primary students, along with our Music teachers, Melinda Gray and Winnie Fitzgerald, are travelling to Adelaide for the Combined Rehearsal at Mary MacKillop College for the Catholic Schools Music Festival, which will occur in September at Festival Theatre.

Our students have worked extremely hard to learn the repertoire of the songs and to remember the accompanying choreography. They are all looking forward to singing together with the students from other Catholic schools.

Our students will be performing at Festival Theatre on Thursday, September 23.

Pat Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER
OLHCC BOOK WEEK PARADE
"Across the Story Bridge"

The Book Week Parade for this year will be held on Wednesday, August 25, on Our Lady’s Basketball Courts at 9am.

The theme for this year is “Across the Story Bridge”.

Students are encouraged to use their imagination to create a costume which fits in with this theme. They could come dressed as characters from stories with bridges; as bridges themselves (after researching different types of bridges); as civil engineers carrying their plans or models—the list is endless.

Students may also interpret the Short-Listed books which have been read or introduced to them over the past term and a half, in the library and classrooms. The titles of these books are as follows:

EARLY CHILDHOOD (R-2)
Fearless; The Terrible Plop; Clancy and Millie and the very fine house; Bear and Chook go to sea; Kip; The Wrong Book

PICTURE BOOKS (2-5)
Isabella’s Garden; Schumann the Shoemaker; To the Top End (Our trip across Australia); Mr Chicken goes to Paris; Fox and Fine Feathers; The Hero of Little Street

INFORMATION BOOKS (5-7)
Prehistoric Giants—The Mega Fauna of Australia; M is for Mates (Animals in Wartime); Australian Backyard Explorer; Polar Eyes: A journey to Antarctica; Lost: A true tale from the bush; Maralinga; The Anunga Story

YOUNGER READERS (4-7)
Matty Forever; Darius Bell and the Glitter Pool; Running with the horses; The Whisperer; Pearl versus the World; Tensy Farlow and the home for mislaid children

We look forward to seeing everyone, especially parents and relatives at the Book Week Parade and to see the wonderful costumes we know our children are capable of creating.

Feel free to come to the Library and talk to Fran, Diana or Ann if you would like to have a look at the relevant Short-Listed books.

STC BOOK WEEK 2010

The theme for Children’s Book Week 2010 is Across the Story Bridge. Our campus will celebrate Book Week in numerous ways from August 16 to September 3.

BOOK WEEK COLOURING IN COMPETITION

The colouring in competition started yesterday and will run until Wednesday of Week 6. Students could be in the running to win one of the Book Week books.

- R-1 The Terrible Plop
- 2-4 Schumann the Shoemaker
- 5-7 Darius Bell and the Glitter Pool

Entry forms are available from the Library. The R-1, 2-4 and 5-7 winners will be announced at the Book Week parade on Thursday.

STC BOOK WEEK PARADE

The Book Week parade will be on Thursday, August 26 at 9:00am with the theme Across the Story Bridge.

Students can come dressed in any way that reflects the theme or they may like to come as their favourite author, character, fiction or non fiction book.

These ideas may help.

What about designing your own bridge?

What sea creatures might you see if you fell off the story bridge?

Can you come representing the building of bridges for Social Justice?

Can you come representing some of the mechanisms that make bridges pulley, levers or gears?

The parade is at 9:00am in the courtyard outside the office. Parents are most welcome.

Lou Whitehouse
LITERACY COORDINATOR

WE WANT YOUR NEWSPAPERS!!!

Keep bringing in your old newspapers and place them in the special blue recycling bins.

Anyone from Samaritan College is welcome to recycle their newspapers at St Teresa's Campus.

Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

STC - LITURGY AND ASSEMBLY

There will be no Liturgy or assembly next week due to the Book Week activities.

CONFIRMATION

We are in the final weeks of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. A great deal of thought, prayer, time and effort has been spent in preparing for the Sacrament, from workshops to choosing a Saint’s name, working with sponsors to community service projects.
As a College and Parish community, we wish these Candidates all the best, not only on Confirmation Night, but also as the Holy Spirit guides them through their lives.

We especially thank their fellow class members who have been supporting and praying for them as they prepare to receive the Sacrament. It would be great if many of the supporting class members could attend the Confirmation Masses. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for the students and their families during this special time.

Please refer to the Parish News section of this newsletter for all the dates and times for Confirmation.

Karen Pudney
ON BEHALF OF THE JUNIOR HOCKEY COMMITTEE

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Karen Pudney
ON BEHALF OF THE JUNIOR HOCKEY COMMITTEE

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART DEMONSTRATION TEAM

As part of the Schools preparation for our Jump Rope For Heart “Jump Off” Day on September 10. We were fortunate enough to have a special performance. The performance was from Junior Primary students from Nicolson Ave Primary School. The Jump Rope special team provided a great visual demonstration which incorporated some amazing techniques. Many of our students were inspired to have a go at some new tricks. Remember to sponsor us and help us raise money for the heart foundation.

Mr Usher/Simon

As part of our Jump Rope For Heart Jump Off Day we were lucky enough to have a visit from the Nicolson Ave Junior Primary School. They showed us lots of cool tricks to try in the yard. We were very surprised to see that the reception to year two could do double dutch, while other people can’t. They were here to inspire us to do our best at the Jump Off day on September 10.

Ben

It was an excellent way of starting our Jump Rope for Heart. As it was well prepared and practised. It has inspired us to start thinking about Jump Rope for Heart and improving our skills. We are now looking forward to learning jump rope skills and learning new tricks. The special jump rope team was really good by providing amazing tricks. I hope the jump rope special team has inspired many more students to start jumping rope and helping with the heart rope foundation.

4/5 Usher Girls

LITURGY OF THE WORD

You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, August 26 at 12:30pm in the Church. It will be presented by Rec/Year 1 Cooper and Year 4/5 Fiedler. We hope to see you there!

CLASS MASSES

As of next week we began the first of our Class Masses for this term. Year 3/4 Tullio will celebrate their Class Mass next Tuesday, August 24 at 9:00am. You are most welcome to join them!

Eleni Vailas
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Annette Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

Rose Cassar
CANTEEN MANAGER

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER
SECONDARY NEWS

HOMEWORK AND ASSESSMENT TASKS
Whenever your child is asked to complete a task for assessment, it should be common practice on our behalf that the task is accompanied by clear instructions from us that tells you and your child what is required, when it is due, how it is to be presented and how it is to be marked. It should also give some indication of the minimum and maximum amount of work required. This is already common practice at Year 11 and 12 but if you find that your Year 8-10 subject teacher has not provided clear, written information, please let them know. This also includes making it clear when your child has been asked to complete work at home that they didn’t complete during class time.

YEAR 10 AND UNISA
All of Year 10s will be visiting the local campus of the University of SA on Friday morning, August 20. Students will walk with staff to and from the Uni and be run through a range of activities. The session will highlight a range of post-school options for the students, not just those on offer at UniSA.

Damien Judd
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

CAREERSHOP
Your online career partner
An essential online tool for anyone considering their career direction.
Let us introduce you to CareerShop – an exclusive and innovative online space for anyone thinking about their future. It’s free to join, and you’ll receive news and updates to get you thinking about your perfect career. No other university in Australia offers such a tailored, personalised website.

As a CareerShop member you get:
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• Invites to events and the latest news
• Work experience opportunities
• Career quizzes and personality tests to assess your strengths
• Access to the bonus points calculator
• Competitions and opportunities money can’t buy

Sign up at unisa.edu.au/careershop

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.