Dear parents and caregivers,

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians. 12:31 – 13:13

As our primary families have engaged in parent/teacher/student interviews these last few weeks and next week secondary families have the opportunity to reflect and gather feedback about their children’s learning, we are again reminded of the unconditional love and huge task we have in raising children to meet the challenges of life. Schools are very much entwined with the concept of “it takes a village to raise a child”, with parents the first and foremost primary caregiver, adviser, nurturer and teachers and support officers ‘significant others’ in young people’s lives. We hope that you are able to gain much from your conversations and from the reports, welcoming feedback about how we can improve the dialogue about your child success at school, in all aspects of learning from social interaction, faith life, academic, sporting and cultural education. We thank our teaching and leadership staff who have made themselves available in the afternoons and evenings to accommodate all families. In this week’s newsletter we have included an excerpt from Michael Grose on Reports.

Next week the children on all campuses will break at 12:30pm, Friday, September 24, and return to school on Tuesday, October 12. As is common practice, the uniform shop will be open all day on Monday, October 11, to enable summer purchases for Term 4. The students will be able to wear the winter uniform for the first two weeks should the weather still be on the cool side.

Last week we declared a return to the symbol sleuth competition, but you would have to be an incredible detective to enter (!!!), as it was inadvertently left off the publishing run. Thankfully, it is here in its tempting best for children to enter for the last time this term. We have some beautiful book prizes which will be presented at assemblies.
Another term is drawing to a close. We give thanks for the blessings of Term 3 – the celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Greg, Refugee and Migrant Sunday and the smaller ones that are part of our life. And we look forward in anticipation to those of Term 4.

Next term we will prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Year 3 Students across all schools. If you are aware of children in our state schools who need to be included please notify the parish offices and we will be in touch with them.

The celebrations of the Sacraments are very much part of who we are as Church. They pick up on very important stages of our faith journey at the beginning with Baptism, our need for food along the way with Eucharist. We all know full well the occasions we need forgiveness and healing with the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. We look forward to celebrating Reconciliation next term.

Just a reminder that this is your last chance to put your creative juices into action with dreaming up a parish logo.

Have a good week.

Sr Robyn Brady
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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The Intimate Absence

You
Who are the active stillness, The outer rim Yet inner hub Of all that is Or ever will be.

You
The intimate absence, The presence we know, Yet whose fullness Flows far outside Our understanding.

You
The Christmas extravagance, The love self-limited Within one human life, Yet embracing millions And transcending stars.

You
Who are the Easter folly, The God who dies alone, Yet whose abundant life Neither tomb nor hell confines Nor even heaven contains.

Glory in the highest!

[taken from Jesus Our Future by Bruce D Prewer]

COLLEGE NEWS

SYMBOL SLEUTHS
HOW MANY SYMBOLS CAN YOU FIND? ......

A prize will be awarded to a student from each campus. All answers need to be correct.

This week's question: Where is the Italian Bake Sale being held this Saturday?

Answer: .............................................
Name: .............................................
Parent Signature: ..................................
Class: .............................................
Campus: ............................................

Entries will only be accepted until Friday, September 17

Office Use ONLY
Time: .............................................
Initials: .............................................

Please Note: There are more spaces for answers than symbols to be found. Symbols are special characters that don't belong where they are placed. Punctuation characters are not symbols.
UNIFORM SHOP

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

Open ALL DAY on the pupil free day,

Monday, October 11 – 8:30am-4:30pm
Kerry Azzopardi Sharron Waldron
Toal Street, Whyalla Stuart
Ph: 8649 3168

SPECTACULAR DVDS
ARE WAITING FOR YOU!
Spectacular DVDs are available from all campus offices to those who have pre-ordered. DVDs are $10 each - to be paid on collection.

Thank you

From Michael Grose:
Reading your child’s report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people. Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities.

A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

Focus on strengths. Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

Take note of student self-assessment. Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.

CANONISATION CELEBRATIONS

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Next week students from both campuses will be travelling to Adelaide with their Choir teachers, Winnie Fitzgerald and Melinda Gray, for their final rehearsals and their performance at Festival Theatre on Thursday, September 23.

Mikayla Alberts  Joshua Angus  Hannah Bartel  Alana Bray
Levi Bartel  Nellie Cowan  Olivia Capone  Emma Dowling
Chelsea Clappis  Lexie Gill  Shaina Damon  Sarah Gurney
Georgia Davidson  Caroline Johnston  Tamika Jeffery  Haylee Maddigan
Angus MacDonald  Isaac Manisalis  Catie Parish  Molly McCarron
Jasmine Reif  Taylor Nolan  Cheyenne Smith  Hannah O’Reilly
Bonnie Taylor  Tayla Shaw  Candice W  Manuel Stuppos

We applaud all the members of the choir for their dedication during the year and best wishes for the performance.

Thank you to Melinda and Winnie for your dedication to the students during this year. How fortunate we are to have such superb choir teachers!

Pat Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

THANK YOU R/1 SANDERS LITURGY
I would like to extend a very big thank you to all the families who joined with us and prayed with us during our ‘Australia’ Liturgy today. It was great to see so many of you there supporting the children and making them feel so special.

Thank you.
Josie Sanders

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING
We are recycling newspapers to help our environment. Our school receives $100 per tonne for recycled newsprint. Please continue to support this venture.

To date we have made approximately $150 which will be donated to Catholic Missions.

That is nearly one and a half tones of newspaper!

LITURGY AND ASSEMBLY
On Friday, September 24, Saint Teresa’s Campus will be celebrating Mass at St Teresa’s Church at 9:30am. At Mass we will celebrate the feast day of our patron, St Therese. Parents are most welcome to join us at Mass.

An Upper Campus Assembly led by 6/7 Gogoll will be held in Week 10 on Tuesday, September 21. The assembly will begin at 9:30am and will be held in the library.

Bernie Meixner

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS
Photographs of the Confirmation Celebrations are available to be collected from the primary front offices at a cost of $5 per pack.

The pack of photographs include:
• individual shot of candidate prior celebration
• candidate with bishop receiving certificate
• candidate being confirmed by bishop
• family
• group

If extra photos are required please inform the office staff of the type of photo(s) that you require and extra copies will be made up and distributed as soon as possible for a cost.
OLHCC SRC

Thank you to everybody who had a guess in our lolly competitions or bought a raffle ticket during the last few days. The SRC have raised enough money to pay for the postage of our Operation Christmas Child gift boxes.

The winner of the Sherbet Bombs was Jenna from 6/7F

The winner of the Chupa Chups was Brendan from 5/6L

The winner of the Snakes was Heath from 2/3 H

The winner of the Raffle was Jessica from 4/5 S

Rebecca Sinclair
SRC COORDINATOR

On Friday, September 10 both primary campuses participated in the Jump Rope For Heart Program. The program focuses on developing students’ skipping skills whilst also educating them about the importance of having a healthy heart. There has been a whole term focus on skipping with all students learning different skipping skills as a part of their Physical Education lessons. The students have been busy raising money for the Heart Foundation, with a goal of $2000 hoping to be reached. One student worked extremely hard raising over $500 on their own. Throughout the day students participated in activities ranging from individual skipping, long rope activities, obstacle courses and various dance routines. The day coincided with National Footy Colours Day with the students encouraged to wear the attire of their favourite football team. All the students had a great day and are to be congratulated for the way they participated and raised money for such a worthy cause.

Gareth Molyneux
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART COORDINATOR
REPORTS
Reports for Years 8-11 go home tomorrow. These are progress reports and are designed to provide an indication of how the student is progressing and gives advice on how staff, student and parent can assist each other in achieving more in the remainder of the year. Included in the report envelope is a description sheet explaining what each grade means. It is important to use this sheet, also on our website, when discussing your child’s grade. It is a progress grade – their ‘final’ grade is determined at the end of each semester.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
This important evening takes place on Wednesday September 22 from 4pm-9pm. All students were given their booking sheets last week. Parents of Year 10 students may need to be aware that their child is on Work Experience next week and, therefore, it is preferable to arrange a time this week.

36ERS
You may be aware that the Adelaide 36ers are in Whyalla this week and may have also noticed the television commercial promoting their visit and their game on Friday night. What you may not know is that the actual commercial was made, produced and directed by Jacob Castle in Year 9. Well done to Jacob on not only a very technical production but also a very creative advertisement. No doubt a career in this field awaits.

ONESTEEL
Year 10-12 students recently heard a presentation from a range of OneSteel Engineering Cadets. These cadets promoted the wonderful opportunities that exist for students to become an engineer with OneSteel and stay in Whyalla and be paid to study. Aside from a huge range of other benefits, one advantage stressed was the fact that the cadets have no debt at the completion of their training and that students do not necessarily need to be studying Physics or high level Mathematics to apply. Please visit here for more information: [http://careers.onesteel.com](http://careers.onesteel.com).

Damien Judd
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

Thursday, October 28 9 Gold
leave school at 8:30am and arrive back at 6:30pm

Friday, October 29 9 Red
leave school at 7:30am and arrive back at 5:30pm

Parents are asked to ensure that the consent and health care forms are filled in and returned to your child’s caregroup teacher before the end of term please.
Christine Duffield
YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

ITALIAN BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER
As part of the fundraising for our upcoming Italian Trip we will be holding a Bake Sale at the Whyalla Garden Centre on McBryde Tce on Saturday, September 18 from 10am – 2pm. We hope that you can come along and buy some cakes and support our trip!

Lisa Howard
CULTURAL STUDIES COORDINATOR

FROM THE MATHEMATICS FACULTY
Being a teacher is not just a job, it is a vocation and that is why Samaritan College’s Mathematics Faculty is committed to provide the best possible educational outcomes for our students. This year, with the support of two wonderful consultants from Catholic Education Office (Adelaide), namely Christelle Plummer and Katrina Mattson, two Year 9 teachers have been taking part in a Middle Years Numeracy Project. The main goal of our project is to look for different ways to engage the students by recognising that every student is an individual and that they learn in a variety of different ways. Activities have been developed to cater for different learning styles and pedagogies.

The project will greatly benefit our students and enhance their performances in standardised tests such as NAPLAN. It is hoped that this program will help them to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills. The benefits of this project will not only be evident this year but should also contribute to greater success in their senior years.

Cristina Torres
YEAR 9 MATHEMATICS TEACHER

YEAR 9 EXCURSIONS
Yesterday the Year 9 students were given details about their upcoming excursion to the Port Augusta Aquatics camp in Week 3 of next term. Camp dates and departure/arrival times are as follows:

Monday, October 25 9 White
leave school at 8:30am and arrive back at 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 26 9 Blue
leave school at 8:30am and arrive back at 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 27 9 Silver
leave school at 8:30am and arrive back at 6:30pm
SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Learning to live with change, loss and grief.

Change, loss and grief are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Samaritan College we recognise that life can be difficult for a considerable time when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances. We are therefore offering a very successful program called Seasons for Growth. This program is an opportunity for you to learn with a small group of peers who have experienced similar issues. The program will help you learn new skills to cope effectively with change, loss and grief. It focuses on developing strengths in areas such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision-making, communication and building support networks. Seasons for Growth is not counselling. It is an education program that uses a wide range of creative activities to help you learn how to manage well in times of change. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

We are pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. If you require further information please contact the school.

Pamela Hulsman
STUDENT COUNSELLOR & SEASONS FOR GROWTH FACILITATOR

WHO AM I AND WHAT DO I WANT TO BECOME?

Year 10 Mock Interviews and the PLP

The Personal Learning Plan (PLP) helps students plan for their future by helping 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 10, 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.

Mock interviews were arranged with panel members selected from the workforce and appointment times were arranged for 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 panel members was very positive, reinforcing the value of this experience to students. Individual feedback will be provided to each student via their assessment sheet which also details areas for improvement.

Our gratitude goes out to those who gave up their time in support of the Personal Learning Program that we have developed for our students so that they might improve their confidence and make connections in their learning with a wide range of contexts. Many thanks to all who contributed including:


Heidi Korossy
HPD COORDINATOR AND PLP STAFF
SPORTS NEWS

9-10 BASKETBALL CARNIVAL – PORT AUGUSTA

On Tuesday, September 14, Miss Rachel Gould and I took 18 players and 3 officials to Port Augusta to take part in the Regional Basketball Tournament for 2010. The girls had a successful day, earning their place in the grand final after winning their three qualifying matches in a convincing fashion against Stuart High, Port Lincoln and Caritas. The final was their first loss of the day, falling just short of their opposition in Roxby Downs by four points.

After a slow start against Stuart High, the boys team won close matches against the Port Lincoln Sharks and Caritas College, which put them through to the final on points-aggregate. The final was a thrilling match against Roxby Downs, where the boys played courageously as a team. The scores were locked at 42 a piece at the final siren, forcing us to extra time. However, after an extra five minutes, the scores remained locked away at 47/47, earning our boys an equal first for their day’s work.

All of our students put in fantastic effort and demonstrated impressive sportsmanship, while representing our College with pride. I would like to congratulate all of our players and officials, and hope we can go one better next year.

Josh Boden

Thank you to Josh Boden and Rachel Gould for their efforts in coaching these two successful teams.

Our school has a long list of talented sports people, which has now become more evident as the season for all winter sports wind up. Congratulations to all teams and individuals who received rewards for their hard work.

HOCKEY

Division 1 Women Team of the Year - Grace Taylor and Kaitlin Wallace
Division 1 Men Team of the Year - Dylan Wood
Division 2 Women Team of the Year - Rhiannon B, Rebecca Crowhurst

NETBALL

A Grade Women Team of the Year - Alicia Sawford (WD)
Hayley S - Most Consistent A1 Div. 1
Daisy Keating = Lyn Shroeder Award

Under 15 Div. 1 - Maddy Rademaker, Best and Fairest, Nikiesha McNamara, Runner Up, Best and Fairest and Natasha Lawson, Most Consistent.

Under 15 Div. 2 - Emelia Manisalis, Best and Fairest, Shae Azzopardi, Runner Up Best and Fairest and Sophie Gunn, Most Consistent.

A2 - Amy P Runner Up Best and Fairest and Brittany White
Best and Fairest and most junior votes by any player.

BASKETBALL

A Grade Women - Emily Clements, Best and Fairest and Samantha V, Runner up
F Grade Women- Malik Carter, Best and Fairest
U16 Boy- Jacob Smith Runner, Up, Best and Fairest

FOOTBALL

U 17 Dylan Manuel- Runner Up Best and Fairest

CYCLING

Jai Sutton, for being selected in the South Australian cycling team.

Kate Nolan
PE AND SPORT COORDINATOR

CANTEEN ROSTERS

Monday, September 20 ★ Friday, September 24

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Annette Cameron
CACTEEN MANAGER

Rose Cassar
CACTEEN MANAGER

Marg Coad
CACTEEN MANAGER

8 of 8
A wonderful and busy community event, the International Night has been running successfully for 13 years because of the extended parent community contribution and support.

This is an early call for people to convene, cook, serve or help in any other ways for a period of time on the night, or in preparation during the day.

Many parents offer their services for this event, as their ‘one-off’ contribution in a busy family schedule. There is something there for everyone! We also encourage community groups to have a stall as their own fundraiser, with 10% going to the Samaritan College Community.

Please fill in the coupon below to indicate your early offer of help. This terrific night only happens because of your help!! Why not ask a friend to help out and make it a fun night.

We will contact you midway through Term 4 as we develop the roster.

**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: □
- eg: dessert item...................................
- I CAN HELP ON THE BAR □
- 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:** ____________________________