Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3. We trust the children are well rested and return in readiness for a new start – great learning for the second half of the year. The mid-year vacation is an excellent opportunity for checking the reset button for individuals. For our senior students, we move into a term of intensity as awareness of time and tasks and a sense of finality loom closer.

Jesus said to his disciples; “Don’t take anything with you on your journey” Mark 6: 7-13.

The disciples spread the Word, carrying nothing with them but Grace. Grace is something we can witness in our every day interactions, if we are fully present to the moment and the person we are with, rather than fretting about past and future. The former, we can do nothing about and the next we know nothing of. This story reminds us, in this secular age of consumerism, of our problems with attachment – to goods and chattels. How much do we get caught up in the issues of ownership, the ‘security’ we attach to ‘having’, when simultaneously we might learn from those who suffer, whether in war torn countries, those who have become refugees, or even locally with a family who has suffered loss, that the most important ‘thing’ to tie ourselves to, exists within each of us. One’s spirit and the connecting to the spiritual, exists as part of relationship, with our families, friends, colleagues and community and in our hearts with God. We see this in our Nursing Homes; the resident might hark for their familiar home, but mostly yearns for engagement, relationship, communication and touch; the love of fellow human beings. In providing care for the ill; we might provide physical comfort but it is the loving and personalised care that will make all the difference. Just as infants need human nurturing beyond food and shelter in order to actually thrive, so too does the developing child. Our children are at the best and ‘ripest’ time for learning and flourishing as whole persons, and each day that we contribute to and share joy in their development with you, is a moment of Grace.

In celebrating the development of the whole person we strongly urge members of the community to nominate Graeme Jose Award candidates. In order to do so, nomination forms are available at the Saint John’s Campus front office. Closing date for nominations is upon us, with the forms due to Jane Hayward c/- Whyalla City Council or by email - jane.hayward@whyalla.sa.gov.au on July 20 (tomorrow). Please see the advertisement for details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Yours,

Teresa
TERISSA SHEPHERD  
CO-PRINCIPAL

Chris
CHRIS SLOAN  
CO-PRINCIPAL
Greetings and welcome back as a new term begins. I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We have had a few messages from Fr Jim since he left Whyalla. During the last few weeks he has been in England and this week he heads to Paris, visiting the Young Christian Workers International office. He is enjoying his time away: keep him in your prayers as he has this time of renewal.

During the last two weeks Joshua Scott and Sebastian Wai Keet Hew, Seminarians from the Good Shepherd Seminary in Sydney have been allocated to our parish. They are here to experience pastoral work in the parish and life in a country Diocese. Later this week we are arranging for them to meet the Year 7 students at Samaritan College.

This term some of the Year 7 students will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The letters have gone out to the families involved; inviting them to come to one of the Parish Masses this weekend to enrol and then to attend the Parent and Student evening next Wednesday at OLHC Church at 7pm. As a parish we look forward to welcoming Bishop Greg to Whyalla in September to confirm these students.

At the Diocesan Leaders Conference last month at Wallaroo, Fr Chris Gleeson SJ spoke to us in a very creative way on the Year of Grace. He said Grace is everywhere in the places where the goodness of God is made visible to us: it could be at home, at work or at school. Since that conference I have been trying to stop and reflect on the grace I see each day. In the next week maybe you could stop and reflect on a grace moment in your life.

Wishing you every Blessing as we start this new term and let each of us take time to see the good things that are happening around us.

God Bless,

Sr Cheryle Thomson
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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Welcome back to the new term. I trust our students were able to take the opportunity to renew their energy levels and spend some quality time with their family and friends.

On Monday the staff began their Professional Development day with a prayer about fidelity and unity of common purpose in our role as educators in a Catholic school.

Fidelity asks of us that we have a sense of who we are, that, through living observantly, we discover what our values are.

Those who work in Catholic schools have a strong sense of community among their fellow staff members and a bond with all others who work in Catholic schools as they go about their important mission.

Students also have a strong bond amongst their community members and each day we give thanks for the life and enthusiasm they bring to each school day. We pray that through loving guidance we can help our students develop a sense of who they are as individuals and be true to their beliefs and family values. The constant bombardment of our students with conflicting views of who they should be, how they should behave and what trends are the latest ‘must haves’ makes the lives of our students and children a difficult road to navigate.

In undertaking this sacred work we are called to honour the ministry of each other as parents, carers and teachers to help our children become the people they are meant to be. In this celebratory year of our college we have honoured those from the past and still to come who will have given their heart and soul to do this work.

So as we continue through the year we give thanks for the wonderful gift we have of being with the young and inquiring minds who bring us joy as we strive to help each child be true to themselves and become the people of fidelity.

A Prayer for Fidelity

As we go about our day, O God;
As we strive to walk with Jesus as people of Fidelity,
Remind us that we do not work alone;
We are part of a company of travellers.
May your grace, mercy and peace,
Bless us, keep us and transform us all,
This day, now and forever.
Amen

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

Congratulations to James and Heather as they return to school - Mr and Mrs Baverstock
Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose:

Do you compare and compete with other parents?

Comparing your child with others is a stress-inducing and, ultimately, useless activity.

Do you ever compare your child's behaviour or progress with other children of the same age? If so, you are causing stress for yourself and your child.

1. Kids develop at different rates.

There are early developers, slow bloomers and steady-as-you-go kids in every group so comparing your child's results or performance can be completely unrealistic.

What this means for you: Focus on your child's improvement and effort and use your child's results as the benchmark for his or her progress and development.

“You spelling is better today than it was a month ago.”

2. Kids have different talents, interests and strengths.

Okay, your eight-year-old may not be able to hit a tennis ball like Raphael Nadal, even though your neighbour's child can. Avoid comparing the two as your child may not care about tennis anyway.

What this means for you: Help your child identify his or her own talents and interests. Recognise that strengths and interests may be completely different than those of his or her peers and siblings.

3. Parents can have unrealistic expectations for their kids.

We all have hopes and dreams for our kids but they may not be in line with their interests and talents.

What this means for you: Help your child identify his or her own talents and interests. Recognise that strengths and interests may be completely different than those of his or her peers and siblings.

Parents rightfully should take pride in their children's performance at school, in sport or their leisure activities. You should also celebrate their achievements and milestones such as, taking their first steps, getting their first goal in a game or getting great marks at school.

However, you shouldn't have too much personal stake in your children's success or in their milestones, as this close association makes it hard to separate yourself from your kids. It also causes you to play the “compare & compete game” – i.e. by comparing kids you can put pressure on yourself and them to perform for the wrong reasons.

And certainly, your self-esteem as a parent should not be explicitly linked to your children's behaviour or developmental levels.

“You are not your child” is a challenging but essential parental concept to live by. Doing so takes real maturity and altruism, but it is the absolute foundation of that powerful thing known as ‘unconditional love'.

For more ideas, support and advice for all your parenting challenges visit: www.parentingideas.com.au

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Primary Campus News

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope your holidays were both relaxing and restful, and you had a chance to stop for a moment and spend quality time with your family.

We welcome the new Reception children and their families to Samaritan College.

We also welcome Laura P (Year 1) to Year 1/2 Raymond class on the OLHC Campus.

Policy for Students Leaving the Campuses during School Times

Please be reminded of the College’s policy for students leaving during school hours. All students who have appointments during school hours must bring a signed note from home for their teacher. Students will then be sent to the front office by their teacher at the appropriate time to await pick-up by the person named in the note. Parents / caregivers will need to sign a student release form before the student can leave the school grounds.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe at all times.

Yours in faith, wisdom & compassion,

Eleni Vailas
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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LITURGIES AND ASSEMBLIES
Next week at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus.
R/Year 1 Hancock will celebrate Liturgy at 12:30pm in the Church on Thursday, July 26.
Next week at St Teresa’s Campus.
Year 6/7 Gogoll will host an Upper Assembly at 2:30pm in the library on Friday, July 27.
Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

ASSISTANCE NEEDED AT STC LIBRARY
St Teresa’s Campus library is in need of a couple of parent volunteers who are able to cover some new books. We have recently purchased new resources and library books that require covering before they can be made available for the students to enjoy. All materials will be provided.

Please come into the STC library and see Tania or Tracey to collect some books for covering. This would be a huge help and time saver for library staff.

Many thanks,
Tania Taylor and Tracey McLean

LUNCH BOX SUGGESTIONS
As this term begins parents may be thinking about what to pack in their child’s lunch box, check out this video:
http://www.nutritionaustralia.org/national/packing-school-lunchbox

PRIMARY CAMPUSES LIBRARIES
Just a few start of term reminders about the library:
• find out when your child’s library day is
• make sure they have a waterproof library bag
• library bags are available for purchase at the uniform shop and the front office of both primary campuses for $10 (strong, durable, waterproof, velcro shut)
• please make sure your child’s name is written clearly on the outside of the library bag (on the paper insert)
• encourage your child to borrow regularly - at least once a week, but can be done daily if wished!
• if your child needs longer than a week to read their book, no problem; ask them to bring their book in for an extension
• it is NEVER too late to bring a book back (even if it has been at home for 5 years!)
• at the end of each term all books are always due back (this includes readers)
• invoices will be mailed to families with outstanding books asking for payment to replace the book if it cannot be found at the end of term (monies will be reimbursed though if the book is found at a later date)

Tips on how to avoid lost or damaged books:
• help your child decide on a set place to keep their library bag when not using it (ie school bag, at school in their tray, in a drawer in their bedroom)
• when your child has finished reading the book, keep it in the library bag (preventing younger siblings scribbling or ripping, pet damage, spillages, misplacing etc.)
• make library borrowing a regular habit and let your child be responsible for it entirely on their own (more likely to remember where their library bag is!)
• take time to read the book with your child and make it a fun, special time
• in the event of a damaged book, please return the book to the library asap as most times we can fix it (we have special materials for this purpose)

We appreciate your cooperation, and look forward to seeing your child regularly
Tracey McLean, Tania Taylor, Diana Jeffery, Helen Shepherd and Ruth Gardiner
CONFIRMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins this weekend with the enrolment process. Bring your completed enrolment form to any Mass on the weekend and collect the extra paperwork that will be distributed then. If you do not have an enrolment form yet you can collect and complete one at Mass.

There will be a Parent and Candidate information evening next week on Wednesday, July 25 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church.

Also if you know any other families not from Samaritan College who has a child in Year 7 interested in participating in this Sacrament, please let them know about the enrolment weekend and the information evening.

Bernie Meixner - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

Welcome back and a special welcome to Jessica Furfari and Fabiann Robazza who begin teaching roles at this campus. Jessica and Fabiann are essentially covering the classes left by Miss Agar and Miss Gould and Ms Furfari will be in 8 Blue and Ms Robazza in 8 Gold. Please make them feel welcome. Traditionally this is the term where a lot of information is distributed for Year 10s and 11s moving into their final years and where Year 12s find out about leaving school and the options available to them. This information is provided at a range of Information Evenings on July 31 for our current Year 11s, August 8 for our current Year 12s and August 7 for the Year 10s. More details about each session will be provided in the coming weeks.

NEW ROLES

Trent Keiper has been appointed Year Level Coordinator for both Year 11 and 12 and Matt Quist is now responsible for the Faculty of Society and the Environment for the remainder of the year.

SAINT JOHN’S DAY

This special day is on Friday August 3. It celebrates the naming saint of our campus and the students have a day that includes a whole campus Mass, a walkathon, stalls and entertainment. Students help prepare and run the stalls on the day. This day raises vital funds for Catholic Missions, Edmund Rice Camps, the Whyalla Branch of St Vincent de Paul and the annual charity nominated by the SRC. More information will follow.

GRADABLES

Hopefully all parents have received their child’s Semester Report last term. An explanation sheet of what all the grades mean, including why Year 11 and 12 subjects have some different grades is found on our website or ring the College to ask for the sheet to be sent home with your child.

CAREERS

This website is highly recommended: http://www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au It is the online version of the perennial Job Guide. Hard copies are available at school but this site has loads of information about study, training, apprenticeships, finance etc. It also has lots of links to other relevant sites. There is also a special version of this site for access from mobile phones.

PHOTOS

Please note that our campus Photo Day is August 7.

Kind regards,

Damien Judd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YEAR 11 BLUE AND GOLD MASS

Year 11 Blue and Year 11 Gold will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, July 25 at 9:00am.

YEAR 11 RETREAT 2012

At the end of last term the Year 11 students went to Pichi Richi Park to participate in their annual Retreat. The theme of the retreat was the Year of Grace and the students took the opportunity to look at their lives and recognise the gifts they receive from God. The students looked at what grace is, what scripture tells us about grace and where we can look to find examples of grace. The students looked at their own lives, their family and wider social connections to recognise grace filled moments and people in their lives.

The venue, food and participation of the students was excellent. The maturity shown by the students and their willingness to participate and offer input into discussions made the experience most meaningful.

I would like to extend my thanks to the staff for their input and passion to make this a rewarding experience for the Year 11 students.

YEAR 9 RETREAT 2012

The Year 9 Students also participated in their annual Retreat in the last week of Term 2. The Year 9 students went to South's Football Club and spent time looking at their image of God, the gifts and talents they have and how they can work together to build a strong community. Again the students participated with grace and dignity, participating in activities with a desire for self growth. I thank the Year 9 teachers for their efforts on the day and offer my thanks to the Year 9 students for the wonderful day.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION
ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

There will be a social at South's Football Club on Thursday, August 2 (Week 3). It is a fluro-themed night, tickets can be bought from SRC reps or at the door. Tickets will be $4 each or 3 for $10. (If bought at the door, they will be $5.) We hope you can glow!

There will be a raffle drawn for the talent contest on Saint John's Day (August 3), there is a boys' and a girls' raffle. Tickets can be bought from your SRC representatives for 20 cents each or 6 for $1.

The SRC also require donations of ribbon, cellophane and baskets for the talent contest's raffle, these donations would be greatly appreciated and can be given to any SRC representatives.

SRC REPRESENTATIVES

MUSICAL REHEARSALS

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COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Come and support a local family affected by Leukaemia
Family Fun Day
Crazy Hair Disco
Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall
Face Painting
$5 entry including bouncy castle
Bring your gold coins for some other great activities!

Sunday July 22, 11am - 1pm
South Whyalla football club (near the beach)

If people would like to help out we will not turn down donations of cakes, bread, sausages etc or just spreading the word to get as many people as possible to come down!!

Thankyou
Kate Kroll
8645 0404 or 0408 849 698

CANTEEN ROSTERS

Monday, July 23 – Friday, July 27

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Annette Cameron  Rose Cassar  Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER  CANTEEN MANAGER  CANTEEN MANAGER
July 19, 2012
The Whyalla Show Food Stall will be run as a Samaritan College Parent Community Event. The show stall is a wonderful way to contribute to the wider Whyalla Community. In order to provide efficient service we will need approximately 40 people to work the various shifts.

Working in the stall is great fun, although hard work at times. There are jobs for all talents - cooking, making up steak sandwiches or selling from the front of the counter. Please Note! If you are not able to work a whole shift you may wish to share your shift with your spouse or a friend. However, if you are very brave you may wish to work two shifts.

Please consider your participation and fill out and return the slip by Friday, August 10.
Thank you for your prompt attention, The Samaritan College Parent Community Show Committee

SHOWSTALL ROSTER RESPONSE

FAMILY NAME  __________________________________________________ (please print)

☆ Please write the christian name of the parent/staff member or senior student available to work next to the time.

☆ Name

FRIDAY AUGUST 17

2:30pm – 5:30pm

5:30pm – 8:30pm

SATURDAY AUGUST 18

10:00am – 12:00pm

12:00pm – 2:00pm

2:00pm – 4:00pm

4:00pm – 6:00pm

6:00pm – 8:00pm

8:00pm – 10:00pm CLEANING UP

SUNDAY AUGUST 19

10:00am – 12:00pm

12:00pm – 2:00pm

2:00pm – 4:00pm

3:00pm – 4:00pm

(Dismantle stall & transporting equipment)