Dear Parents/Caregivers,

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone who eats this bread [they] will live forever” John 6:41-51

Although all schools deliver the formal curriculum according to government policy, the informal curriculum is the essence of whole person development. Much of the current activity around lessons is ongoing informal learning in many guises. Photo Day always sees our students go the extra step to have neat and tidy grooming and dress. The college aim to have everyone uniform has multiple underlying assumptions: that uniforms equalise people; ultimately, they cost less over time than the pressures of child and teen fashion; students learn about safety and work readiness; and for young people to take pride in their appearance and experience health and vitality as a blessing, protecting the ‘body as a temple’.

In terms of respecting one’s physical and also mental health, community awareness regarding the challenges around alcohol consumption, particularly in country towns, is ‘village business’. We have received a petition request letter from John Gardner, MP, who will be introducing a private member’s bill that gives parents the power to make decisions related to their own children’s alcohol non-consumption. Currently in WA and SA, other adults can still legally supply alcohol to minors in private residences. It is hoped that a change to our state law will provide some reassurance to parents and may reduce the burden of peer pressure and easy availability outside of their own homes. A petition will be placed in the front offices of our three campuses for parents to sign, should they wish to do so. We are placing it in every campus because even parents of primary children need to be aware that binge drinking activity can begin in the early teen years; so awareness raising, although somewhat alarming, is a necessary reality for families. Additional information will also be available for you to read. The new bill will be formally introduced to parliament late September, thus we encourage you to sign as soon as possible.

With such civic consciousness in mind we celebrate the hospitality and generosity of Samaritan students in the past week. The Year 7-12 Saint John’s Day celebrations proved a highly successful day with students raising $3832 towards their $10k yearly goal, with proceeds going to Saint Vincent De Paul, Catholic Missions, Edmund Rice Camps and cancer research. This week we fare-welled our Japanese guests at a
Greetings as the days are getting longer and there is a little more warmth in the sun! As we move into the Year of Grace we are being encouraged to find Jesus in our everyday life and to see the graces and blessings, that we often miss because of our busy-ness.

Last weekend we had a retreat in the Vessey Unit at Our Lady's Campus of Samaritan College and we experienced the hospitality, once again, of the staff and students in helping us to set up the room and providing the morning and afternoon tea. Signs to me of the presence of Jesus in our community.

At this retreat we were given this poem called, The Guest House.

This being human is a guest house Every morning a new arrival
A joy, a depression, a meanness, some momentary awareness comes as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all! Even if they are a crowd of sorrows, who violently sweep your house empty it of its furniture, still, treat each guest honourably He may be clearing you out for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice, meet them at the door laughing and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes, because each has been sent as a guide from beyond.

(Rumi – The Essential Rumi version by Coleman Barks)

Let’s reflect on this poem and remember that it is often in the most unexpected people, places and situations that we are graced. May you at the end of each day look back and ‘see yourself with the same delight, pride and expectation with which God sees you in every moment’. (John O’Donohue A Blessing of Solitude)

Sister Helen Mills
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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JUST FOR TODAY:
Say thank you to someone who is doing something on a voluntary basis eg. The organist, an altar server, someone sweeping up.

JUST FOR A WEEK
In the middle of your day, renew your trust in God.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.

Proverbs 3, 5-6
RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

PATRONS OF OUR COLLEGE

Last Friday we celebrated Patron’s Day at Saint John’s Campus. It was a day of prayer, service to others and celebration of our gifts and talents. We were happy to share the day with Sr Elizabeth Young who took the time to walk, talk and enjoy the day with our students. I was particularly impressed with the work of the SRC in organising the talent show on the day and the classes for organising their stalls which raised money and awareness for our charities. Congratulations to all involved on the day, particularly the students who rose to the occasion and demonstrated grace and good spirits in their involvement and conduct on the day.

As we celebrate our patrons I would like to share the following short article about Saint John the Evangelist for whom our secondary campus is named.

Saint John the Evangelist

The Apostle John is the author of five New Testament books: the gospel of John, the three short epistles that also bear his name (1, 2, and 3 John) and the book of Revelation. John was part of Jesus’ “inner circle” and, along with Peter and James, John was given the privilege of witnessing Jesus’ conversation with Moses and Elijah on the mount of the transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9). His importance in the twelve grew as he matured, and after the crucifixion, he became a “pillar” in the Jerusalem church (Galatians 2:9), ministered with Peter (Acts 3:1, 4:13, 8:14), and finally was exiled to the island of Patmos by the Romans, where he received from God the majestic visions that comprise the book of Revelation.

Not to be confused with John the Baptist, the Apostle John is the brother of James, another of the twelve disciples of Jesus. Together, they were called by Jesus “Boanerges,” which means “sons of thunder,” and therein we find a key to John’s personality. Both brothers were characterized by zeal, passion and ambition. In his early days with Jesus, at times John acted rashly, recklessly, impetuously, and aggressively. John’s is the only gospel that records Jesus washing the disciples’ feet (John 13:4-16). Jesus’ simple act of servanthood must have impacted John greatly. By the time of the crucifixion, Jesus had enough confidence in the young man to turn the care of His mother over to him, a charge John took very seriously.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

MASSES AND LITURGIES

Next week at St Teresa’s Campus:
R/Year 1 Kuchel/Davies will Celebrate Liturgy at St Teresa’s Campus on Thursday, August 16 at 9:30am.

Next week at OLHC Campus:
Year 5/6 Baulderstone will celebrate Liturgy at 12:30pm in the church on Thursday, August 16.

Next Week at all campuses will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. This is an important feast day as we celebrate Mary as the mother of all when the dying Jesus proclaimed to John the Apostle at Calvary ‘Behold Your Mother’. This is significant in our college as we have one campus named after Mary and another named after Saint John.

ASSEMBLIES

Next week at St Teresa’s Campus:
No Assembly

Next week at OLHC Campus:
Year 1/ 2 Lange will host a Whole Campus Assembly at 12:30 pm on Friday, August 17.

CONFIRMATION

This Friday is the first workshop for students preparing for Confirmation. The students need to be at St Teresa’s Church by 8:45am on Friday, August 10.

Don’t forget that this weekend is Commitment Card weekend. Students need to bring their completed commitment cards to any Mass over the weekend.

POWER POINT OPERATOR

Thank you to Amber Clapp in Year 3 who operated the power point at Mass last Sunday for the first time. This ministry is very important for the parish as it means there can be music at the Mass which adds to the celebration. If there are any other students who would like to help in this way contact Mr Meixner, Sr Cheryle or Sr Sonia.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM
PATRON’S DAY CELEBRATION

The primary campuses will celebrate Patron’s Day on Friday, August 24. This day will recognise the patrons we have in our College and Diocese, including Our Lady Help of Christians, St Therese of Lisieux, Saint John the Evangelist and Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Last year the primary campuses celebrated our patrons together on the same day to recognise our unity as Samaritan College.

This year the primary campuses will celebrate Patron’s Day and 70 Years of Catholic Education all together on the OLHC Campus. The day will begin with a Mass followed by a full day of activities – including Book Week and Sports Day activities (as the Sports Day was rained out last term).

Due to this combined celebration day there will be NO Book Week Parade this year. The students across the primary campuses will be involved in Book Week buddy class activities between recess and lunch. After lunch all classes will be involved in sports activities.

The students from the St Teresa’s Campus will be required to be dropped off and picked up from the OLHC Campus on this day. More information leading up to this celebration day will be featured in the newsletter and notes will go home closer to the event.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations to two of our students – Zandri Steinmann (OLHCC) and Meg Sheasby (STC), who auditioned for solo parts in the Catholic Schools Music Festival earlier this week. Zandri and Meg have successfully achieved their goal of having a solo in the 2012 Performance, which will be taking place on Thursday, September 20 at the Festival Theatre. We wish them all the best for this special opportunity!

Yours in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion,
Eleni Vailas
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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Do you think feet first?

Being active is important for everyone’s health, especially kids.

Walking, riding or scooting to school is a great way for kids to start the day, and parents can enjoy the benefits too.

Studies around the world show that active children are healthier, happier and more socially connected.

Active travel can also help kids develop their coordination, balance and flexibility.

It takes time for active travel to become a habit but you can start by going part of the way once a week. Increase your activity from there until it becomes a part of the daily routine for your family.

If you want to be healthier and happier, It’s time to Think Feet First!

For more ideas on how to Think Feet First, visit opal.sa.gov.au

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MUSICAL REHEARSALS

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HOCKEY

Friday, August 10

5pm Minkey: MOPS vs OLHC
OLHC vs STC1
STC2 Minkeys have a BYE

5:45pm:U/11
OLHC vs STC1
Naps/Long1 vs STC2

6:40pm U/13

Junior Committee are holding a cake stall as a fundraiser.

Tania Taylor
Last Thursday evening in Westlands Shopping Centre, students across the College participated in the 5th Annual ‘Jamm for Genes Concert’, organised by Stormfront Music Tutoring – Alison Hams and Mark Tempany. It is an initiative to encourage musicians and their love of music to sponsor the Children’s Medical Research Institute, which is committed to unlocking the mysteries of genetic diseases in children. This event raised $747.60, which brings the event’s total raised since 2007 to over $2000 for this wonderful charity.

A total of 38 of our students (2 former students) were part of the ‘Jamm for Genes’ cast, performing and entertaining the Whyalla community for 135 minutes, showcasing their musical talents, featuring a wide range of pop, rock and country music as instrumental, solo and group performances. Congratulations to these students for their involved in this community event!

Hayley Afford
Maria Alboino
Jordie Arbuckle
Brianna Bolitho
Alana Bray
Daniella Brito-Fernandez
Blake Brougham
Jaylee Daniels
Jenna Daniels
Georgia Davidson
Lauren Dempsey
Madeleine Denny
Trinitie Fazah
Rebecca Foulkes
Sophie Harris
Ellise Hill
Jahred Ibbotson
Amali Kaesler
Alyssa Leopold
Kiarra Leopold
Muskaan Monteiro
Zali Munday
Erin O’Halloran
Jack O’Halloran
Felicity Porteous
Asha Reed
Halle Shaw
Tayla Shaw
Meg Sheasby
Gracie Smallacombe
Matilda Sweeney
Natasha Taylor
Sophie Tonkin
Maddie Utting
Abigail Van Niekerk
Georgina Wilson
Former Students
Alison Hams
Emma Taylor
YEAR 11-12 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of the Southern Cross (a Catholic society) annually awards 2 x $1500 scholarships to students currently in Year 11 at a SA Catholic School and who intend to complete Year 12 in 2013. It is expected the winners would be active participants in Catholic life. Full details and applications forms are available for students to download from Mr Judd’s Pick Up folder on the Student Share drive at school. This school has had winners in the past.

INFORMATION EVENINGS

Year 10 and 12 sessions were held this week. The next two evenings are Year 9 Students and parents on August 21 and Year 8 on August 28. Both at 7:30pm and at Central Whyalla Football Club.

YEAR 12 CONTACT DETAILS

Part of the evening last night saw the parents of the Year 12 students provide us with a current email address. As the year moves on, especially in Term 4, the students spend less time at school and yet often this is the time we receive important information that families and students of Year 12 need to receive. Aside from providing information on the Year 12 Information Wall, we would like to be able to email it to families. If you haven’t already done so, please leave a current email address at the front office or email info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

LOCKS

It is still very odd to see how many bikes and lockers are left unlocked. It is very important that students lock their bikes and use a lock on their locker. Their caregroup teacher can assist with the latter.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all for the wonderful day that was Saint John’s/Patrons Day. Great weather, great spirit, great fundraising, great fun and great initiative by the students and staff. Thank you to the Year 7s for attending and to Laura Shaw (Year 12) and her team for the Samaritan’s Got Talent show to conclude the day.

SOCIAL

An excellent social arranged by the SRC last week. Very well attended and the Japanese students really enjoyed it.

Damien Judd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ROCK THE SCHOOLS
PISA is coming to our school!

Our school has been chosen to represent Australia for the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) which is taking place between July 30 and September 7, 2012. A random sample of 15-year-old students will be part of a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent Australia in education!

PISA is an international assessment, occurring every three years, which measures skills in mathematics, science, reading, problem solving and financial literacy at a point when students have almost finished their compulsory schooling. PISA helps to inform policy makers involved with education on how well schools are succeeding in helping students to acquire the skills and knowledge they will need to meet challenges beyond school. Since the first PISA assessment in 2000, the survey has continued to raise interest amongst educators and policy-makers worldwide. In 2012, Australia will be one of almost 70 countries participating in PISA. More than 800 schools and over 15000 students will represent our country in this important project. PISA is part of the National Assessment Program in Australia. Participation in these sample assessments is an obligation for government schools under the National Education Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories, and an obligation for non-government schools under Commonwealth schools funding legislation and funding agreements for 2009-2012.

What will PISA mean for our school?

Twenty-seven students who are randomly selected from our school will be sampled to complete a two-hour paper-based assessment consisting of mathematics, science, financial literacy and reading questions. These students will also be asked to complete a questionnaire. After the paper-based assessment and questionnaire, a sub-sample of 20 students who participated in the paper-based assessment will also participate in a computer-based assessment of problem solving, mathematical literacy and reading literacy.

Date of Assessment: Friday 10 August 2012
PISA School Coordinator: Ms Tanya Gibson
PISA IT Coordinator: Mr John Lyons
ACER- PISA Project Information Line: 1800 280 625

Every participating school and student has an important role in showing the rest of the world what Australia can do.

ACER will provide your school and participating students with a certificate, recognising their contribution, and students will receive results from PISA. Each student will also receive a small gift in appreciation of their participation.

MINAKUCHI EXCHANGE

In what seems like a flash, we have already said farewell for another year to our guests from Minakuchi High School, and the early steps planning next year’s exchange is already underway. This year’s program saw us hosting the largest group of students since the College’s amalgamation, and next year is looking like it may be even bigger. Thank you again, to everybody involved in the program, and I look forward to hearing from many excited host families, both new and old, next year.

The second half of our annual exchange contained many highlights. Some of which were the Year 10 language classes’ trip with our Japanese guests to the Whyalla foreshore for an afternoon of Australian culture; snags on the BBQ, kangaroo steaks, a stroll along the beach, some lessons kicking a footy and visiting the animals in Ada Ryan Gardens. The Japanese students also got their hands dirty painting the new mural near the canteen stairs with Mr Keating and Miss Gibson, which is definitely something worth checking out. The SRC Fluro Social on Thursday night lived up to the hype, with our guests and our students dancing the night away to DJ Holly Phillis’ beats.

Our annual Patrons’ Day, Saint John’s Day, was another chance for the Minakuchi students to socialise and experience what makes our community great, while a trip to Our Lady Help of Christians Campus showed that age and culture really are not that wide a difference, bringing smiles to the faces of everyone involved.

Their departure on Wednesday morning was predictably characterised by tears amongst new friends, proving once again the value of our relationship with Minakuchi High School. Hopefully for many of this year’s hosts, the farewells were not, ‘good bye and good luck,’ but rather, a meaningful, ‘catch ya later!’

Sayōnara!

Josh Boden

A huge thank you to Mr Boden and staff, parents and students for your tireless efforts this last fortnight.

Terissa Shepherd

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August 9, 2012
Careers and Community

Mid North Christian College Aviation Studies

Dreamt of piloting/flying or restoring a plane?
Have an interest in the aviation industry?

The Aviation Studies program is just about the most exciting school course a student could ever do at school. The students, under expert tuition, are learning to fly, restoring a plane and are able to apply for a Student Pilot Certificate.

This program is available to any student who has a desire to enter the Aviation Industry. It is a course conducted over 2 years completing 40 SACE credits in Years 10 and 11.
Students attend MNCC 1 week per term (4 visits per year). We currently have students billeted with families from all over the state and even one from Tasmania and New South Wales.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2013-2014 program. For more details please phone the College on 86324240 or email Natalie on natalie.farimola@midnorthcchc.sa.edu.au
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 urgently.

Thank you for your prompt attention, The Samaritan College Parent Community Show Committee

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