Dear Parents/Caregivers,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.” Luke 1:46-48

The college celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary this week with Mass in each campus. The day is set aside as a Holy Day of Obligation indicating the significance of Mary as a model of living out the will of her Father in heaven. At Christmas we hear the younger children singing the song “Mary said Yes, Yes, Yes, my Lord, your way is best” as she was an obedient servant and lived her life in a humble and faithful manner. As Catholics we pray to Mary to intercede for us when we are in need.

This past weekend, the Catholic Education Office has advertised for the replacement Co-Principal position following the announcement of Chris Sloan's retirement. A panel of five will conduct the short listing, referee checks and interview, providing recommendation of the proposed successful applicant to Kathy McEvoy, Director, Port Pirie Diocese, and Bishop Greg O'Kelly who then make the final decision on the appointment, to begin next year. The process will take us through to the end of this term.

The Parent Community Committee, convenors of The Whyalla Show Stall, are grateful for the parents and friends who have signed onto the help roster this weekend. It promises to be a fun-filled community endeavour. We invite all of our college community to come by and purchase some lunch or tea and support us. In addition, the students have a great range of work on display in the pavilion and schools’ display shed, as they showcase their great work.

Following this report is an invitation for members of the college community to contribute to Terissa’s end of the first five years of principalship review. All parents are encouraged to provide online feedback, utilising the confidential survey monkey tool, which is collated by Catholic Education Office Principal's Consultant. The survey closes August 31.

Following the sad news of the death of Marie Van Niekerk's father, we ask that you keep the family in your prayers and pray for the safe journey of Marie back to South Africa.
Dear members of the Samaritan College Community,

Terissa Shepherd is undergoing a cumulative review of her work as Co-Principal of Samaritan College. Principals of Diocesan schools are required to undergo a review in their fifth year of tenure before being appointed for a further five years. The review panel is chaired by myself (Monica Conway, Principal Consultant) with Christine Sloan (Co-Principal, Samaritan College) and Neil McGoran (Co-Principal, Nazareth Catholic College).

As part of Terissa’s review, I am inviting you to complete an online survey so you can comment on Terissa’s work in the context in which you have observed it. The survey can be accessed via this link Terissa Shepherd Review 2012. While you will need to enter your name in order to respond, no individuals or their responses will be identified and only summary information will be shared with Terissa. The survey will close at 5pm on Friday, August 31, after which time it will not be possible to complete the survey online.

If you have any problems, please contact me on 8301 6193. Please be assured that the information you share will be treated in confidence. Thank you for assisting this review.

Regards

Monica Conway
Assistant Director
Catholic Education SA
Phone: 8301 6193 Fax: 8301 6840

Dear Students and Staff

Of all the Feasts of Our Lady that we celebrate as the Church, this is the oldest. It goes back more than one thousand, seven hundred years. It is the first of the Feasts of Mary that the Christian people began to celebrate. So today, as you gather as a school for the Mass, you are in the line of such a long tradition in our Christian community, praying to and thanking God for "the first of the saints", as Our Lady is described. At the Annunciation the angel greeted her, "Hail, Mary, full of grace". So you do too today as a school, in this Year of Grace.

Because it is an ancient Feast of such importance honouring the Mother of God, the Church calls this a Holy Day of Obligation, one when we must celebrate the Eucharist (unless work or age prevents this). That is why your Catholic school is assembling today for the Mass.

This Feast expresses the conviction of the early Christian people that at the end of her life Mary was taken bodily from this earth to know immediately what we will all know one day when all the deceased will rise from the dead when called by Christ at the end of time. Jesus has called Mary first.

God chooses to work through ordinary human beings like you and me. Mary trusted and said yes to the invitation of God to be the mother of Christ, so that the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us, as we say in the Angelus. On this Feast pray that all of us may like Mary be instruments of God’s peace and goodness for the world. Thank you.

Bishop Greg O’Kelly, SJ
Diocese of Port Pirie
South Australia

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The Third Campus of our college is named after St Therese of Lisieux.

St Therese of Lisieux was a young French woman who had a desire from a very early age to give her life to God. She became a cloistered Carmelite nun at the age of 14, but only after much persuasion of church authorities. She never went on pilgrimages, she never started an order or did any other great works of reform. Her inspiration to us is she did little things well. Whatever task she was given, she completed it with love and as a prayer to God. She wrote that with faith and love there is nothing that cannot be achieved. So as we carry out our daily activities we can pray to St Therese to help us make our tasks a prayer as we complete them faithfully and lovingly.

St Therese loved flowers and saw herself as the “little flower of Jesus," who gave glory to God by just being her beautiful little self among all the other flowers in God's garden. Because of this beautiful analogy, the title "little flower" remained with St Therese.

Somewhere through translation you may have noticed the spelling of her name has change. Our campus and Church are spelt Teresa but certainly named after St Therese of Lisieux.

St Therese is also known as St Therese of the Child Jesus.

The following is a beautiful prayer written by St Therese of Lisieux:

May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13

Last week the Year 7 confirmation candidates took another step along the path to the Sacrament of Confirmation when they attended their first workshop at St Teresa’s Church.

We spent time discussing the saints that the children had chosen. Choosing a saint’s name is an essential part of Confirmation and it is an acknowledgement that the Holy Spirit will change you through the grace of this Sacrament. We see in Scripture that Jesus changed the name of some of his disciples to signify that their role had been changed and that they were becoming, in a sense, a new person. For example, Simon became Peter (Matthew 16:18).

One of the saints that we discussed was Saint Damien of Molokai. Saint Damien came to Hawaii in 1864 and in 1873 dedicated himself to the Hansen's disease (leprosy) patients who had been quarantined for life in Kalawao on the island of Molokai. These people had nothing and no one to care for them. Through his great love for God and his abandoned brothers and sisters, Saint Damien transformed Kalawao into a community of respect and dignity bringing compassion and hope to all there. He spent much of his time and many hours of hard work building houses, farming the land and ministering to the sick and dying. After some years Saint Damien became ill and he died among his people, of Hansen’s disease, in 1889.

We pray that Saint Damien will inspire us to reach out to those most in need, to make a difference in their lives and to serve them with the love of Christ.

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)
**EARLY MORNING DROP OFF**

Just a reminder that early morning duty does not start in the primary campuses until 8:30am, therefore we would appreciate students not being dropped off prior to this time. Currently we have a number of students who are arriving very early; some even before 8 o’clock which means that they will not have the required supervision. At OLHCC we have early morning Out of School Hours Care available and would urge you to use this facility if you start work early rather than leaving your children unsupervised. We thank you for your cooperation.

**TOYS AT SCHOOL**

Another timely reminder, children are asked to keep their toys at home and not to bring personal items to school. This would be especially important following the Whyalla show. We ask that these items remain at home to avoid heartache when they go missing or get broken. Thanks for your assistance.

*Chris Sloan*

CO-PRINCIPAL

**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! Apologies to Meg for the misprint last week.

*Yours in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion,*

*Chris Sloan*

CO-PRINCIPAL

**SAPSA SA STATE U12’S HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Congratulations to Cadell Herbert, Mirella Marino and Austin Wilson who represented South Australia in the 2012 SAPSA State U12’s Hockey Championships held in Adelaide from August 5-10. The girls came 7th and the boys came 6th overall.

It was a great experience and the children had lots of fun and made lots of new friends.

*Eleni Vailas*

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**CONFIRMATION**

The Confirmation Workshop went very well last week at St Teresa’s Church. The children now should have chosen their Saint and their sponsor. The next workshop is on Thursday 23rd August at OLHC Church. The arrangements are the same with students being dropped of at 8:45am at OLHC and collected at 3:10pm in front of the Church. The students need to bring their lunch, recess and a drink. Students may wear casual clothes for the workshop.

**MASSES AND LITURGIES**

Next week at St Teresa’s Campus:

Year 4/5 Free will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, August 22 at 9:00am. Students need to be dropped at St Teresa’s Church by 8:45 am.

Next week at OLHC Campus:

Year 3/4 Scott will celebrate Liturgy at 12:30pm in the church on Thursday, August 23.

**ASSEMBLIES**

Next week in Week 6 there will be no assemblies due to our Patron’s Day Celebrations on Friday, August 24.

*Bernie Meixner*

APRIM

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

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Due Date Friday, August 24

You can bring your orders to the library before and after school. I look forward to seeing you all.

*Helen Shepherd*

OLHC LIBRARY

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**HOCKEY**

**Friday, August 17**

5pm Minkey:
Naps/Long vs STC2
MOPS vs OLHC
MOPS 2 vs STC1

5:45pm: U/11
MOPS vs OLHC
Naps/Long1 vs STC1
Naps/Long2 vs STC2

6:40pm U/13
STC vs MOPS
Naps/Long/Town vs OLHC

*Tania Taylor*

**FOUND**

There has been a 2012 SAPSA jumper (size 12) found on Town School oval. It can be collected from Town School Office.

*Eleni Vailas*

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
**SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS**

**YEAR 12 WORK**

The time is getting closer for the end of formal Year 12 lessons and for work to be finalised. Some students falling behind with due dates may find they need to attend after school catch up sessions. This includes any overdue Religious Education work. All this forms part of their SACE and we make no apologies for doing what is needed in order to maximise your child’s success in completing their SACE and/or gaining a higher ATAR. Students who do not complete the required work, including RE, may not be eligible for Graduation in November.

**CYBERSAFETY**

As part of our ongoing education process with cybersafety for our students, the SA Police will be running some short sessions this week and next with our Year 9s regarding the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones with special attention to the type of images posted online.

The College recommends families look at this website: http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/. It is helps parents and children to understand the types of dangers that are out there and also explains terminology in a parent-friendly manner. Many families have protection and rules regarding the use of the computer at home but have little control over what is accessed on a child’s mobile phone given its portability and size.

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**CANTERBURY**

**Monday, August 20 – Friday, August 24**

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*Annette Cameron  
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*Marg Coad  
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2013 ITALIAN TRIP

As advertised to students in our morning notices, I am currently seeking expressions of interest for our 2013 overseas trip to Italy. The trip will take place in late November/early December next year and is open for any student currently in years 9 – 11 to apply. Students choosing to attend the Italian Trip must study a full year of Italian next year, so students will need to consider this when choosing elective options for 2013. The price and dates of the trip will be determined once student numbers and quotes have been finalised. If you have any questions about the trip please don’t hesitate to contact me at the college or ask your child to see me. Students wishing to apply must let me know as soon as possible as there will be limited places available. Grazie!

Lisa Howard
ITALIAN TEACHER

SAINT JOHN’S DAY

ROCK THE SCHOOLS

On July 27, every student at SJC was able to attend and take part in a live rock concert, held by Rock the Schools. The Australian rock band “Feeding Edgar” entertained the school for 50 minutes in the new Samaritan Hall. Senior music students participated in several workshops throughout the day held by the crew, including Set Up, Live Sound and an introduction to Pro Tools Master. The afternoon finished with two more workshops, open to any student who wanted to attend, about careers in the Music Industry and a “Band Q and A”. It was a fantastic day and a great opportunity for many students to attend their first rock concert in a safe environment.

Julia Anttila
MUSIC TEACHER
MOONTA

Last Wednesday, the Year 10 Great Australian Crimes and Trials class spent the day in Moonta to gain some background information on one of South Australia’s most interesting criminal events. In 1873, 25 year-old Elizabeth Woolcock was convicted of, and later executed for, the murder of her husband, Thomas. Despite strong circumstantial evidence of her guilt, many remain unconvinced of her guilt and have called on the state government to issue Elizabeth with a posthumous pardon. So was she a cold-blooded and calculating killer as the Prosecution made out, or was she a victim of an over-zealous legal system? Did Thomas, a miner and drunk, die of natural causes, or was he poisoned? And if the latter, how was the poison administered – was it found naturally in the mines, or did the ‘medicines’ of the various doctors who treated him combine to create a toxic substance? Or was the poison administered by a person or persons unknown – maybe Elizabeth, Thomas’ young son, or one of the three doctors who attended Thomas. We will never know the truth, of course, but with so many possibilities our young detectives spent the day exploring Moonta – the cemetery, museum, miner’s cottage, and disused mines – for clues to support their preferred theory. The gloomy weather created just the right atmosphere for our quest, and a stop at the local lolly shop helped boost flagging energy levels. Thank you to Mr Quist for helping us with our investigations and a bigger thank you to the students for engaging in the activity in such an enthusiastic and mature fashion.

Tanya Gibson

“I had a great time in Moonta. It was an amazing learning experience to learn about the copper mine and the lives of the people the mines changed.”

Lacey Carlson, 10 Red

“I really enjoyed going to Moonta, being able to see how they lived back when Woolcock was killed and to learn a lot about how dangerous it was to be a miner. It was also great to be able to see Woolcock’s grave.”

Ben Inglis

“The trip was fun and very worthwhile as the destinations and learning points gave me a good insight into the living conditions of the copper miners and their families. This information has given my view of the Woolcock case different insight and leads me to a more realistic perspective.”

Hayden Campbell

“I found the train very interesting. We were told heaps of information about the mine, how things worked and how the miners lived in those days. I was surprised by how long the men worked for only minimum wage.”

Elea Warren, 10 White

“The Moonta trip was a very good opportunity to find out what it would have been like for the residents of Moonta in the 1800s. I really enjoyed the trip to the cemetery looking at the life expectancy of the people who passed away. It was also good looking at Thomas Woolcock’s grave stone.”

Lace Carlson, 10 Red

“I found the train very interesting. We learnt about the history of the Moonta mines and also visited the Moonta museum. It was good opportunity and experience.”

Maddy Whitting 10 Red

“I really enjoyed the excursion. While visiting the cemetery I learnt that in the 19th century miners’ life expectancy was only about 28 years. I really enjoyed the museum and learning about Moonta’s history.”

Lily Whitting, 10 White

Natasha Lawson

August 16, 2012
GEOFF GOODFELLOW’S VISIT TO SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS

On Monday, we were privileged to have the famous Australian poet, Geoff Goodfellow, give a presentation to our Year 10, 11 and 12 students. The students were captivated with his honest and open account of his recent battle with cancer and were given an intimate and comprehensive preview of his latest anthology, Waltzing with Jack Dancer. His engaging presentation of his “working class” poetry enabled the students to step into his teenage and young adult experiences. Geoff also talked about the methods he used to create his poetry and provided insight into the sometimes difficult task of writing emotive poetry.

Beck Pollard
ENGLISH COORDINATOR

An example of Geoff’s work from Waltzing with Jack Dancer:

Finding Myself
At fifty plus the morning shave
was invariably something
i did from a distance
standing in the shower alcove
three metres across the bathroom
from the mirror
to squint at a rough
reflection of my father
confident that i knew the contours
of my face & neck
always careful to avoid
the sebaceous cyst below
my right earlobe
the one that always proved
a mountain could be made
out of a molehill if i passed
over it with the triple blade
a touch too heavy
always having to make sure
the tiny bump of a scar
below my lip didn’t get too
close and turn the shaving cream
red
& cause me to snarl & swear

but not at fifty-eight with a
major neck dissection
done two weeks ago
the left side of my neck
muscle removed
the thirty metal staples gone –
the scar starting to heal
i find myself frosting the
mirror with my own breath
my cheeks now sallow & slack
after surgery
still too tentative
(even with my glasses on)
to sweep away the morning
stubble
& once again i’m a young boy
my strokes deliberate & planned
while in the mirror
my father’s blue eyes squint –
& watch every move.

- Geoff Goodfellow