Dear Parents/Caregivers,

“In the light of Grace I have received I want to urge each one among you not to exaggerate his real importance. .....Our gifts differ according to the Grace given us. If your gift is prophecy, then use it as your faith suggests; if administration, then use it for administration; if teaching, then use it for teaching. Let the preachers deliver sermons, the almsgivers give freely, the officials be diligent, and those who do works of mercy do them cheerfully.” Romans 12:3-13

PARENT COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF OUR STUDENTS

In the last few years the Parent Community Committee has developed a procedure for providing financial support, when requested, from young people who have been selected to represent the state or nation in spiritual, arts, sport or other community events, to assist with travel or additional expenses. Students seeking such support, are required to write a letter, addressed to “The Chairman, Samaritan Parent Community’ outlining their activity and what funding support agencies they have sought assistance with, along with their needs. The Parent Community Committee has a cap of funds and allocations each year. Any recipients of support are required to submit a small article for our Newsletter, following their achievements. Please see in the secondary section this week, a small report from Grace Taylor, following her hard work playing hockey for the Country Womens Hockey Championship in Bendigo.

With regard to such support, we also ask of parents, if they do not already support PC initiatives, that they are expected to volunteer their assistance in some way throughout the year, as the funds are only available due to the hard work of a limited number of families within our community.

Such an example of positive parent input was experienced this past weekend, with the Whyalla Show. We thank our parent volunteers for your fun, hard work and energy over the course of the weekend. In particular, we wish to thank Wayne Foran, Chairperson and Michelle Schoell for much of the background organisation, along with Tania Taylor and Karen McGinnis for managing the roster. The Parent Community Committee is also very grateful for the work of the college grounds and maintenance staff, led by Geoff Hawes, who set up and pack up the stall infrastructure each year, taking a huge load from what was once done by parents.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

On Friday night we had the privilege of attending the Graeme Jose Award presentations. What a thrill it was for Laura Shaw, her parents and the community to be awarded the winner for 2013. We also congratulate Lauren Goodwin as one of the runners up. Samaritan College was very well represented by our wonderful young people on the evening. The nominees for the 2012 Graeme Jose award from Samaritan College were; Jasmine Bridgman, Raghav Goel, Lauren Goodwin, Verity Kenny, Benjamin Schuh, Laura Shaw, Rianna Stringer, Grace Taylor and Lily Whitting.

ADVANCED NOTICE – PUPIL FREE DAY

Please be advised that the school will be closed for students all day on Friday, September 21, of this term. Students will therefore finish Term 3 at the usual end of day (3:20 and 3:25pm) on Thursday, September 20. This is to allow for staff development on the Friday, due to the availability of guest presenter, Monica Brown.

Monica will be also share her gifts with the parish community on Thursday and Friday evenings, September 20 and 21. Please endeavour to join in this experience.

RECEPTION ENROLMENTS

Another reminder about reception enrolments, if your child is due to start in Reception in 2013 could you please submit an enrolment form to the campus offices as we need this information to plan for 2013. If you are aware of anyone in the community who would like to attend Samaritan College please encourage them to make an appointment for an interview.

PARISH NEWS

As you may know, Fr Jim is currently travelling overseas, taking some well-earned sabbatical time. He has written a lively account of his travels. I thought you would be interested to read about his encounters with bus travel in Africa.

Hi Everyone,

‘I have made it to an internet cafe in Lusaka, Zambia. Just to let you know I am enjoying this journey of immersion in several different settings and cultures.

This morning, Saturday, at 3 am I arrived in Lusaka on a bus filled with Zimbabweans, mostly small business people returning from doing trade in East Africa. They have very good English, and were very gracious to me on the bus, especially as I was an unexpected customer and there were no spare seats. Most of these buses are also freighters - the underneath is filled up with trade goods; all the personal luggage goes in the aisle or under your feet, or behind the driver's cabin, where the crew are meant to sit.

This bus left the Tanzanian - Zambian border at 1:30pm Friday (departure time was given as 11, 12, 12.30, 1 and 2, by various authorities.) The bus which got me to the border from Morogoro, left at 10:30 Thurs, and arrived at the border at 10:45pm. Which is where I found out I and everyone else was to stay the night, as the immigration offices do not operate overnight. This change meant my welcoming contact with the immigration officer was at 10:45pm. I got a taxi to the border, and we were able to have a quick chat, as the immigration official was holding up the process. I then decided to walk across the border. Theicio, the immigration official, was kind enough to let me cross the border without processing me, as he was a Christian, and saw I was an Australian. The immigration official also left the border at the same time as I did.

The bus from Moro turned out to be going to the Congo, and I guess I got fitted in to fill a vacancy. It proved a good chance to practise my poor French, which is rather better than my Swahili. A Salesian brother travelling with his mother was incredibly helpful to me at the border, with his experience of what appears to a westerner as complete chaos. Due to warnings from the conductor and several passengers of the risk of violent theft in the overnight accommodation at the border, I "slept" on the bus, with several others.

I am sure you will remember to pray for safe travel for Fr Jim who assures us that he is keeping all of us in his prayers. He is looking forward to hearing some nice, flat, nasal, understated Australian accents again in a few weeks' time!

Sr Sonia Wagner

ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

During the last few weeks in the Gospel stories we have heard Jesus’ messages about the things that matter if we really want this world of ours to be a happy and peaceful place, where there is justice for everyone. Jesus lived the kind of life for us to aspire to - by being of service to others. To some degree many of those in our college community did just that on the weekend as we worked on the various community stalls at the annual Whyalla Show. It is at community events like this that we have the opportunity to be of service to others.

Recently our Year 11 cohort has also been working towards being of service to others. As they go about finalising their Community Outreach hours they have, in a variety of ways, had the opportunity to be of service to others.

Working in the community has given many of them a chance to live the kind of life Jesus intended for them - to be of service to others.

Jesus says, “The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life”. These words that Jesus spoke are only helpful to us, and to the creation of a happy and peaceful world, if we embody them, if Jesus’ become part of our humanity. What ways can we find to live out the words of Jesus where we are, in all the things we do every day, so our lives can be for the life of the world?

Sourced from: http://www.vincentians.org.au

Christine Duffield
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (SECONDARY)
MUSICAL REHEARSALS

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UNIFORM CARPARK

The carpark by the uniform shop is being changed to accommodate staff cars and we ask that parents do not park in it unless they are going to the uniform shop.

Ruth Donnellan

CANTEEN ROSTERS

Monday, August 27 – Friday, August 31

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PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

PATRON’S DAY CELEBRATION

Tomorrow, the primary campuses will celebrate Patron’s Day to recognise our unity as Samaritan College. 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.

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

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. We look forward to this wonderful day of celebration!

YEAR 5 PICHI RICHI CAMP

In Week 9, students from both campuses will be attending the Year 5 Pichi Richi Camp in the Flinders Rangers. This is an opportunity to build community through faith and to develop skills of independence and self reliance.

The students from the St Teresa’s Campus will be attending the Camp from Monday to Wednesday, September 10-12.

And the students from the OLHC Campus will be attending the Camp from Wednesday to Friday, September 12-14.

Attending Camp helps the students to become more independent and to build relationships with each other, their teachers, the instructors and host adults.

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 8 and 9 of this term. Please take this opportunity to ensure that you make a time to speak with your child’s teacher(s). These conversations are a valuable way of strengthening the partnership between home and school as well as keeping up to date with your child’s whole school experience.

ABSENCES/LATE ARRIVALS

The Education Department requires us to have a reason for every absence and late arrival. Please tell us why your child is away or late that morning or the next day via a phone call or a note to your child’s class teacher. It is hard for us to contact parents when a reason is not given but we must do this as unexplained absences are required to be followed up. Common reasons are: illness (with details of illness) or family.

Don’t Be Late! It is extremely important that children are at school by at least 8:35am every day, as classrooms are open at 8:45am. This is the time when they get organised, find their friends, read to the teacher, change reading books and organise their equipment. Just being 5 minutes late causes your child to begin the day disorganised and feeling stressed. Please support your child by getting them up that little bit earlier and hurrying them along. Please try hard not to be the reason why your child is late.
WOOLWORTHS / COLES COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Thank you for all the final Coles vouchers and Woolworths sticker cards that came through last week, we definitely had an outstanding response from the College community collecting the vouchers and dockets throughout this term in order to acquire equipment and resources for the students.

Yours in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion,

Eleni Vailas
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

MASSES AND LITURGIES

Next week at St Teresa’s Campus:

Year 2/3 Reed/Judd will Celebrate Liturgy at St Teresa’s Campus on Thursday, August 30 at 9:30am in the library.

Next week at OLHC Campus:

R/Year 1 Cooper will celebrate Liturgy at 12:30pm in the Church on Thursday, August 30.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

HOCKEY

Friday, August 24

5pm Minkey:
STC2 vs STC1
Naps/Long1 vs OLHC

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

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

STC parents are on Canteen duty, 5pm – 7pm.

My apologies for not including last week that OLHC parents were on canteen duty. Thank you to the parents who stepped in to help.

This is the second to last week of rounds for junior hockey before Prelim finals for U13. Parents please keep an eye out for a note about junior Presentation nights coming up. While Minkey and U11 teams don’t play finals the U13 finals should be very interesting. It is looking like a OLHC vs STC Grand Final at this stage of rounds.

I know it’s cold these Friday nights, but it would be great to see Samaritan families staying out a bit later to watch and support the OLHC and STC teams in the lead up to finals. Hope to see you there!

Tania Taylor

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Renewal of Baptismal promises and Affirmation of Saints.

This weekend (August 25-26) the Confirmation candidates and the families are asked to attend Mass to renew their Baptismal promises and share with the parish the Saint they have chosen. We want this to be a happy experience for the children so they can prepare something to read or take someone with them for support as they share with the Parish their chosen Saint. It doesn’t need to be long, it is simply a brief reason why they chose their saint and any other information they wish to share.

PARISH RITE OF RECONCILIATION

On Wednesday, August 29 there will be a Parish Rite of Reconciliation which is an important and necessary step in preparing for Confirmation. The Confirmation candidates are required to be at St Teresa’s Church at 7:30pm on August 29.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

Start walking and keep talking!

Walking, riding or scooting to school is not just healthy it’s also a great way for families and friends to connect with each other.

On the way to school, kids can talk to their parents or friends about what’s coming up for the day and what they’re excited about.

On the walk home, kids can talk about what they learned at school and who they spent time with.

It’s also fun to walk in a group so why not ask families who live nearby to join you on your daily walk to school.

It’s time to get your shoes on and start walking and talking!

Remember – Think Feet First!

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

You may recall that one of Australia’s recent Olympic Gold Medallists visited our College last year and ran a leadership session with our senior students. No doubt the visit was critical to her overall preparation to win gold!

STUDENTS & CARS

As the year progresses, more students qualify to be able to drive a vehicle. A reminder that should a student wish to drive to school and use our carpark, he or she must first seek permission from the College and provide details of their vehicle and licence. The form to do this is available on our website. Should a student wish to transport other students to and from school, a separate permission form needs to be completed, including permission from the parents of the students travelling in the car.

FLU

There have been some cases of students contracting the Influenza A virus. Unlike the situation several years ago when students contracted Influenza A, students who are in the same class as the infected student do not need to remain home. But we remind parents that if their child is suffering from any flu type symptoms to have them remain at home until better and to limit the spread of germs by washing hands regularly, disinfecting surfaces and to cover the mouth when coughing or sneezing.

BIKES

It is great to see our bike racks almost full. The next step is to have students lock their bikes. Please ensure your child owns a lock and converse with them about using it.

Damien Judd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CAREER INFORMATION SESSIONS

Throughout this term, Samaritan College has hosted several employers who have been keen to discuss their staffing needs with our Year 11 and 12 students. Employers such as SANTOS, OneSteel and Arrium Mining have all displayed a keen interest in recruiting local youth for 2013. There will be more presentations from employers throughout the term, so keep your eyes and ears open for dates and times. If you or your son/daughter has any questions in relation to the mentioned presentations or a desire to find a career, please call or come and see me.

Ryan Baker
CAREERS

2011 SECONDARY ANNUAL

The secondary annual for 2011 was distributed over the last week to the students. If you know someone who was in Year 12 last year who does not have siblings at the secondary campus, would you please pass the word that the 2011 annuals are available for collection or ask them to contact the College on 8645 8568 with a current address if they are no longer living in Whyalla.

Lorraine Ackling
PUBLICATIONS OFFICER

STUDENT REPORT

In February this year I was selected into the South Australian Country Women’s hockey team, to compete in the 2012 Australian Country Championships held in Bendigo, Victoria. This was my first time being selected into the team and was definitely a highlight of my senior year. As the team consisted of players who came from all over SA it was hard to be able to arrange trainings together leading up to the tournament; because of this, we all had individual training programs to work on and had to report to the coach weekly with our results. Also, we travelled to Bendigo a week before the competition to have a week long training camp. Most of our days consisted of a 6am wake up, morning walk, training sessions, ice baths and then some free time in the afternoon which was generally used for sleeping. The competition week was very tough and unfortunately we only had one win for the tournament against Victoria, that left us in 6th place. Although our final ranking was not good, we played some great hockey and went down fighting. This was such an amazing experience for me and I will definitely be striving to continue to be a part of this team. I would like to thank all of my Year 12 teachers who have supported me during this experience and have helped me with catching up on all of my work. I would also like to thank the Samaritan College Parent Community Committee for their generous financial support.

Grace Taylor
**Parenting Ideas**

by Michael Grose:

10 ways children draw parents into sibling conflict

Sibling fighting is common but not inevitable. Parents can become embroiled in sibling fighting by responding to some of the games children play.

Sometimes parents get drawn into sibling disputes when they don’t involve them. Parents become embroiled in the conflict and help create the problem rather than solve it.

Children usually become quite adept at drawing their parents into disputes between siblings. Parents need to be aware of the following ten common ways children involve parents in their sibling disputes:

1. **Beware the teller of tales because they can draw you into disputes you don’t need to be in.**
   “Tell Tale children” tend to involve parents in fights and disputes when they don’t need to be. Tales also invite parents to take sides, which may mean a fight stops momentarily. However it will begin again at another time as there may be lingering resentment about you taking sides.

2. **Beware the blame gamers for it is never, ever their fault!**
   Some children will blame other siblings for wrong-doing but will rarely see their side in a dispute. It usually takes two or three to tango so make sure you point out their place in the dispute.

3. **Beware the tantrum-throwers as they divert attention away from themselves.**
   Kids who throw a ‘wobbly’ when a sibling even looks at them in the wrong way have discovered a great way to keep mum or dad busy with them.

4. **Beware of children’s tears as they can make us feel pity rather than look at the whole story.**
   A child who comes to you with tears in her eyes and a tale of woe sure knows how to get their parents onside. Tears usually gain sympathy but sometimes the person who cries the loudest is the child who caused the dispute in the first place.

5. **Beware of children who say that they couldn’t help hitting, hurting or misbehaving.**
   Children always have a choice. They just choose the easy way or a way that suits them a lot of the time.

6. **Beware the child who is always, always the victim. Sometimes they revel in this role.**
   Some children, particularly youngest kids, love to play the victim in fights and arguments with their siblings. “He always picks on me” is their catchcry. Don’t give these children too much attention and give them some options about how they can keep away from their siblings if things look likely to ‘cut up rough’.

7. **Beware the child who acts like the deputy sheriff, always giving orders and bossing others around. They can make life unpleasant at home.**
   First born boys can sometimes act like a parent’s deputy and believe it is their job to keep peace on the ‘family range’. They often use methods more akin to the ‘wild west’ than those they would learn in a negotiation skills workshop. Aggression and power is their preferred methodology. Keep a firm eye on these kids and don’t put them in charge of the ‘family range’ too often.

8. **Beware the donkey who whines and whinges about his siblings – “Hee Hawways picks on me!”**
   Give them some ideas about how to deal with their siblings and refuse to be drawn by incessant whining. Like water torture, whining wears a person down after a while.

9. **Beware children who bring home poor attitudes and behaviours that they learned at school or pre school.**
   You can tell sometimes what is happening in the schoolyard as children can bring home poor conflict resolution skills that they see in the schoolyard. ‘We treat each other well in this family’ is the message!

10. **Beware of the home environment that uses power to resolve disputes and conflict.**
    Children will often reflect the ways that the significant adults in their family resolve conflict so make sure you use the same methods to sort out issues and disagreements with your partner that you want your children to adopt. Children tend to live what they see so make sure they see conciliation and compromise rather than bullying and power. It helps if they see assertiveness rather than aggression. And make sure they see you looking at both sides of the picture rather than your side all the time in disputes.