Dear Parents/Caregivers,

“Many of his followers heard this and said, “This teaching is too hard. Who can listen to it?” ....He said to them, “Does this make you want to give up?”  John 6:60-69

We are all invited to follow our true purpose, to be our true selves, yet it is easier and safer to clothe ourselves in the offerings of secular life, getting caught up in material things and matters of image and progress. If too much attention is placed on these gratuitous aspects of modern western society, the person fails to develop fully. They are not necessarily able to name what is missing but do not feel whole. Matters of the inner spirit, of moral purpose and positive, loving relationship, help to build that strong sense of self and none of these gifts have anything to do with the latest trend of shoe, hairstyle or hobby. The words of Jesus, “Faith, hope and love” bring us all things, for without them we would be empty shells, constructs of ego formed by shallow consumer wants, but nothing lasting and whole or purposeful. Moments of Grace bring us closer to this sense of wholeness; we look forward to celebrating such Grace with our confirmation candidates and their families this weekend.

Such is the nature of what we keep endeavouring to create in the work we do with young people, whether it is individual counselling and support with new Reception children who struggle to adapt with change; or an adolescent, brimming with nervous energy and wilfulness as developmental changes overwhelm their ability to grapple with order and propriety. The Samaritan goal of supporting ‘other’, challenges us to be mindful that life is never ‘perfect’ if one’s concept of perfect is everything ordered and smooth, all of the time, because life simply is not like that. Life is a series of constant changes, highs and lows, the act of the seed dying in order to emerge into life as the budding plant. And as such the learning can be hard. But giving in to the learning rather than giving up is the first lesson. Being open to change and its constant invitation to learn new things should certainly be something that young people develop in the world of education, as education is all about change.

As communities now well in the focus of Australian Government reform we are on the precipice of many change challenges as well as opportunities.

One functional reality of these challenges is the ever-present element of economics. Parents may be aware of the Gonski Review and the much anticipated government response, due in the coming weeks. As a system and a school, now is the time not to
give up, but to share a voice as a united body of parents who want the right to have choice. With government funding providing much of the service we offer to families, we encourage our parent body to become aware of the issues at hand. Below is information provided to all Catholic Education SA families:

You may have seen recent media articles highlighting South Australian schools at risk under the new model of funding from the Australian Government. It is important to be aware that the Government has not yet released its school funding model in response to the Gonski Report. The figures quoted in the media are based on presumptions of what the Government may possibly implement. Catholic Education SA (CESA) would like every school community to know that until the Government presents a funding model, we will not know what the implications are for our schools. Upon release of this model CESA’s response will be informed by the impact of the model on our schools.

The Prime Minister has said that the Governments new funding plan “will lift school standards, not school fees.” As Catholic schools operate on average, with approximately 90% of the average funding available to government schools, this is vital to the future of our schools. It is vital that students in Catholic schools are treated fairly in the new funding system and we will be providing you with further information about the Government’s plans for school funding as they are announced in the coming weeks.

### Parish News

On Sunday I went to Tumby Bay to celebrate the Centenary of St Leo’s Church. I was mindful of the early Priests and Parishioners who built and opened the lovely Church that is still in use today; some of the relatives of those early families who made various sacraments in this church were at the Mass and the celebrations that followed.

This weekend in Whyalla we welcome Bishop Greg O’Kelly to the Parish. He will confirm students from the Parish at St Teresa’s Church at the 7pm Mass Saturday evening and at the 10:30am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians on the Sunday morning. These students have been preparing for this Sacrament over the last few weeks. I have enjoyed working with the students and staff as they have prepared for this special occasion. Our Parish looks forward to the visit of the Bishop and hope many families and friends will join the students who will be confirmed. Let us keep these students in our prayers in the next few days.

Next Tuesday, September 4 at 7:30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church we have an enquiry evening for anyone who may be interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith. If you would like to find out more about this evening you can phone Sister Cheryle at the Parish Office 8645 8023 or just come along.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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### Religious Dimension

This weekend 29 candidates from the Catholic Parish of Whyalla will be confirmed by Bishop Greg O’Kelly. It is a wonderful thing for our parish that these young people are receiving the Holy Spirit through the anointing with Chrism Oil. They will be confirmed as followers of Christ and a part of the loving church.

No doubt this is a very exciting time for the candidates and their families. It is also an exciting time for the parishioners as the candidates are becoming full members of their church bringing life and hope.

Once confirmed the candidates will return to their everyday lives. They will return to caring families, the Catholic community of their parish and school, possibly a sporting community. Whichever community they are a part, they will carry with them the support of the church to which they belong. They also take with them the example of Christ to help live in community with others, make choices, solve disputes and live with grace and integrity as they make their way in the world.

What an example these young people are to us that they openly declare their faith and belief. It would be a valuable exercise for us to think about what it is we believe. The courage to stand up before our peers and declare their faith is also a wonderful example for us.

The candidates are supported by their immediate family and their church family. The church family this weekend will be made even more complete by the presence of the Bishop.

As with any family when everyone comes together for a special occasion, there is often a great celebration. This is also the case with receiving a Sacrament. As a community we will celebrate and give thanks for the candidates who are being confirmed. There will be much joy in the presence of Jesus Christ through the Sacrament and in the love and celebration of this special time.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION
COLLEGE NEWS

MUSICAL REHEARSALS - WEEK 8

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PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

CONFIRMATION

We are in the final stages of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. A great deal of thought, prayer, time and effort has been spent in preparing for the Sacrament, from workshops to choosing a Saint’s name, working with sponsors to community service projects.

As a College and Parish community, we wish these Candidates all the best, for this weekend, but also as the Holy Spirit guides them through their lives.

We especially thank their fellow class members who have been supporting and praying for these candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament. It would be great if many of the supporting class members could attend the Confirmation Masses over the weekend. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for the students and their families during this special time.

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.

Student participation in Parent Teacher Interviews is strongly encouraged, as the inclusion of students as part of the interviews has resulted from the work undertaken by the teachers in the classroom. Many teachers have asked students to assess their own development in relation to the Essential Learnings prior to the interview. This information is then shared with parents along with the teacher assessment at the interview.

Strengths, concerns and discrepancies are then discussed. However, without the child present questions remain unanswered, strengths are not shared and future goals cannot be set. With students taking an active role in the interview a more informative and productive discussion can take place.

YEAR 5 PICI RICHI CAMP

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

The students from the Saint 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 other adults.

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

MASSES AND LITURGIES

Next week at St Teresa’s Campus:
R/Year 1 Harman/ Daniels will celebrate liturgy at Saint Teresa’s Campus on Thursday, September 6 at 9:30am in the library. The children are asked to bring something to share for morning tea following liturgy.

Next week at OLHC Campus:
Year 3/4 Reeves will celebrate Mass in the Church on Thursday, September 6. Mass will begin at 9:00am. The students are invited to bring something for morning tea to share with each other and parishioners. Parents are most welcome to attend.

ASSEMBLIES

Year 1/2 Gallagher will host a Junior Assembly on Friday, September 7 at 2:30pm in the library at Saint Teresa’s Campus.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Both primary campuses have been very busy participating in the Jump Rope for Heart Program. Students have been skipping as a part of their Physical Education lessons and also practising their skills during class daily activity. The Jump Rope for Heart Program will conclude next week with all classes participating in our “Jump Off” Day (Friday September 7). A few weeks ago students were issued with a sponsorship form which allowed them to seek fundraising for this worthy cause. We do, however, discourage children from participating in unsupervised doorknocking as a child protective practice. A reminder that all money collected needs to be dropped into the school office or given to your child’s class teacher by Friday, September 7 at the latest. Thank you for supporting your child throughout this program.

Gareth Molyneux
PRIMARY PE COORDINATOR

UNIFORM

OLHC and STC have hats and library bags available at the front office.

Kerry Azzopardi
**HOCKEY**

**Friday, August 24**

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This week is the last round for Minkey and U11 teams. They will have a Presentation Night next week, Friday, September 7 at the hockey grounds at 4:30pm, and are then invited to stay to watch the preliminary finals for the U13 teams.

The Presentation Night for U13 will be on Friday, September 14, at 5pm, along with the Junior Umpires, right before the U13 Grand Final at 6:45pm. Teams will have notes handed out very soon regarding the Presentation Nights. Also a reminder: any families involved with senior hockey, the Seniors Presentation Dinner is this Saturday, September 1, at the clubrooms. Tickets for dinner and Presentation night are available through your clubs this week.

Tania Taylor

**CONFIRMATION**

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred this weekend at 7:00pm at St Teresa’s Church on Saturday, September 1 and at 10:30am at OLHC Church on Sunday, September 2. The Confirmation candidates need to be at the church half an hour before hand to make sure everything is ready and photos can be taken. If families would like to bring something to share for supper or morning tea you are most welcome.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

**SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS**

**FLINDERS UNI ENTRY TEST**

Like last year, Samaritan College will host a sitting of the uniTest. This test can be taken into consideration if students fail to get into their preferred course at Flinders. It does not guarantee entry into any course but it cannot do any harm by sitting it. There is no cost for the test and is done online at school. We are seeking to run this test on Monday September 17 from 3-5.30pm. Please inform me ASAP if interested. More information here: www.flinders.edu.au/unitest

**DEODORANT**

A reminder that students should not be using spray deodorant at school. It does create issues for our asthmatics and students with other respiratory ailments.

**MURRAY VENTURE**

Year 10s will be bringing home a note this week to outline the plan for the Murray Venture in Term 4. As the note says, we always reserve the right to cancel the camp at short notice if we feel there is any danger to students and staff.

**CYBERSAFETY TALKS**

The SA Police have recently presented to the Year 9s some advice on being safe on the internet. What is often overlooked by students and parents is the huge variety of places where young people have access to the internet and potential predators. Facebook and Twitter are the two most obvious examples but students often engage in online conversations with unknown ‘friends’ on the Xbox, Youtube, and a range of ‘new’ apps on smartphones such as Kik. These sites are all free and basically act as an alternative to Facebook. They all allow unknown people to befriend your child using a username. A 2009 study found that 77% of Australian children had received an online message from someone they did not know. If you are concerned about your child’s online presence, then far more than Facebook needs to be monitored.

**HATS**

Yes it is almost time for hats to be worn! For many secondary students the ability to locate items of clothing in their bedroom diminishes with age. So now is a good time to see where that school hat is!

Damien Judd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**ADELAIDE NETBALL**

Last week the Samaritan Year 8 netball team represented the school in the Adelaide Finals. The Year 8 team had won the regional carnival in Whyalla to progress to the finals. Overall we ended up 5th on the day. A big congratulations to these Year 8 students who not only played with great sportsmanship and maturity but also represented the college proudly. Our Samaritan ‘diamonds’ comprised of:

- Lucy Meixner
- Sure van Niekerk
- Grace Smitheram
- Eliza Smith
- Yolande Manuel
- Kirby Howell

PE/SPORT COORDINATOR
UNDER 16S SCHOOL BOYS STATE HOCKEY

I was lucky enough to be selected as a goalie in the Under 16s Schoolboys Sate Hockey team that played in Tasmania in August, where we played against all states and territories. Our team consisted of mostly players from Adelaide schools, a boy from Moonta and myself.

The facilities in Hobart are one of the best in Australia having 3 water based turfs of international standard. The quality of hockey was really strong, dominated by NSW and WA who played off for the finals and who have both won the title for a number of years. South Australian Boys finished 5th and the Girls team came in 3rd. A national team was selected for both boys and girls to tour internationally in 2013 (Girls will play in New Zealand and Argentina and the Boys tour is yet to be confirmed). I really enjoyed the experience and made a lot of new friends as part of the team. I would like to thank the Parent Community Committee for assisting in my involvement via a requested donation. Every little bit helped.

Oscar Keating

8 BLUE MASS

8 Blue will celebrate Mass at 9am on Wednesday, September 5 at 9:00am at St Teresa’s Church. The students are asked to bring something to share for morning tea following Mass. The students are to meet at the church and will walk back to Saint John’s at the conclusion of the celebration.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

UNIFORM

SJC have available all (senior) socks and hats, in the canteen for purchase. Please come towards the end of Recess or Lunch when the canteen is not as busy.

Kerri Azzopardi
UNIFORM SHOP

FAMILIES OF SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS

The SRC are selling Hot Chips on Thursday Week 9. This week is the last week to make orders and we strongly encourage you to allow your children to indulge in this privilege. All proceeds go to our school charities. Your generosity is much appreciated.

$4.00 for chips with gravy
$3.50 for hot chips

thanks,
your friendly SRC

COMMUNITY NEWS
COMMUNITY NEWS

“Moments of Grace happen in our lives all of the time. Perhaps they are most obvious when we recognise need. This can be said of the wonderful ‘Mobilastion of Mums’ that has occurred with the inaugural Bubblegum Markets. The stallholders are bringing their gifts and talents and business initiative to a worthwhile cause. All stall rental, raffle proceeds and customer entry coinage will be donated to a special family in our community. We encourage people to come along after confirmation and Father’s Day lunches to be a part of the day. The weather promises to be kind to us, so we look forward to seeing you there.” The College acknowledges the work of Kimberley Owens and Kristen Davies in coordinating this very worthwhile community event.

Terissa Shepherd
CO-PRINCIPAL

Participating Stalls

Miss Mack Design – Kimberley Owens
Mini Mee Designs – Nikk Stanton
Sport 4 Life – Sam Frick
Maple Tree Candles – Danielle Juett
Over the Rainbow – Donna Kirkwood
Impressionable Kids - Kim Collings
Trazza’s Craft Studio (Kaszazz) - Tracy Gowan
Cust’EmBeads and The Knotty PomPom – Emma Wake
Star Wedding Decorations – Tara Sims
Bo Peep – Rebecca Strugnell
Sugar and Spice Boutique – Carrie Rowlands
Jo Al’s Jewellery - Ali Aylliffe and Jo Usher
Summa Milligan – Summa’s Sweets
Nature Direct – Kerri Smith
Face Painting - Antoinette Daniel
Three Precious Beads - Adi Marshall
ReGeneration – Paul Beatty
Heartfelt Cards - Michele Martin
Chocolate Flower Bouquets – Trudy James
Trewel Natural – Kath Priess
Gingerbread and Cupcake Creations – Diane Feder
Rebecca Scharber Photography – Rebecca Scharber
Rainy Dayz – Yvette Knight and Cherie Hubner
My Sweet Safari – Judieanne Williams
Whyalla Quilters Guild – Ruth Blackwell
Divinely Guided Therapies – Julie Abraham
Bella Makeup Artistry – Sheena Watt
UNISA – Bachelor of Education stall

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