Dear Parents/Caregivers,

'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. In truth I tell you, anyone who does not welcome the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ Mark 10:1-52

“Community is made of the gentle concern that people show each other every day. It is made of small gestures of service and sacrifice which say ‘I care for you’, ‘I’m happy to be with you’.” Jean Vanier

On Sunday we were the host venue for the inaugural Bubblegum Markets. What a crowd and what an effort!! The spirit of community was alive and well – such a Grace moment shared by all. We congratulate the organising committee – Kimberley, Kristin, Tash, Lucy, (staff) Nikki Stanton and Bianca Huish (parents). Proceeds from site registration, door donations, raffle, BBQ and coffee will be kindly donated to a Whyalla family in need. Blessed by the weather and relaxed nature of Father’s Day, there was a wonderful young family atmosphere and sense of goodwill; all evidence of prayer in action. We thank our young students who assisted by giving their time, attention and effort: Michaela Micheluzzi, Alannah Bray (your gift of entertainment), Zachary Whitehouse, Jacob Smith, Ryan Adamson, Jake Clifton and John Daniels.

Child Protection Sunday – September 9, 2012. The National Office for Professional Standards promotes Child Protection Sunday each year. We constantly remind staff that child protection covers many aspects of our work. Often we associate it with the extremes such as abuse but even how we work to ensure a ‘safe’ and happy, calm environment in the home and in the classroom is part of child protection. Respecting the dignity of the individual and ensuring their peers do the same is child protection, as is acting as the responsible adult in terms of social networking and community commentary. Hence our protective stance about gossip, and about caring for the child without judgement.

**TERM 4 LEADERSHIP**

Next term, Tanya Gibson will be on Long Service Leave for the entire term and Damien Judd will be on Deputy’s Study Leave for six weeks. John Lyons will replace Damien as Acting Deputy and Maresa Lyons will provide some administration back up with various aspects of John’s previous leadership role. In the first week, Terissa will still be away with the Principals and Leaders study tour in Israel with Bishop Greg O’Kelly. Chris, John and Eleni will be available for any issues needing leadership attention in Week 1.

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Greetings as we begin the season of Spring and the days are longer and warmer except when the wind's around!

During the weekend our Parish had Bishop Greg O'Kelly here for the Sacrament of Confirmation. As the candidates processed in with their beautifully decorated garment and candles burning brightly, the Congregation was singing with much enthusiasm and joy.

Tell the Good News, Let it live in your heart
Live the Good News what you do, who you are.
Be the Good News, Be my voice, be my hands
My Good News is peace let it blossom throughout the land

Andrew Chinn

This set the scene for what these young people were about to do. They were committing themselves to do what their parents and godparents had promised for them at Baptism – to turn away from sin and evil and to bring Jesus' love to the world. Bishop Greg encouraged them to follow the example of the saint they had chosen and to pray often to them for guidance to live good lives out of love for Jesus.

A very moving part of the ceremony for me was the laying on of hands by the Bishop and Fathers Arno and Ben. As the Bishop laid hands on each of the candidates he asked the parents, sponsors and all the family to lay their hands on the shoulder of the person in front of them and to pray for the young person's future. This was a very sacred and prayerful time. The Bishop specially asked the parents, for whom this child was their most precious gift, to pray often for their child. We don't know what the future holds for them but what greater gift can we give to them than to place them in the hands of God who loves each of them with an everlasting love.

The young people participated fully with reverence and respect throughout the celebration and it was evident that they had entered wholeheartedly into preparing for this Sacrament. Their parents, grandparents and family have every reason to be very proud of them.

To the Parish Sacramental Team, the Teachers and Catechists and all those who helped to make the celebration of Confirmation such a joyful and happy occasion well done. Congratulations to all.

May we all be inspired by the commitment of these young people to Jesus and to the call of our Bishop to pray for one another that we may live out the Gospel values in our lives. If we all tried to do this each day what a wonderful witness to God it would be. In the words of the recessional hymn we would light a fire on the earth for all the world to see that we are seized by the love of God and want to be the hands and feet of Christ to all the world.

Sr Helen Mills
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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**UNIFORM**

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

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.

**SCHOOL FUNDING AGENDA**

We welcome the Prime Minister’s commitment in her speech that funding to all non-government schools will be increased but we are concerned that there are still no details about many of the settings of the funding model.

We understand that a key concern for you as parents is the impact of any funding model on the education of your child and the school fees that will be required to pay for that education. We welcome the commitment to extra funding for our schools but we need to know the details and facts on funding as a matter of urgency so that we have a firm basis for our school planning and development into the future.
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do. Corinthians 12: 4-6

Last Saturday and Sunday twenty nine Year Seven children celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, becoming ‘grown up’ in their Catholic faith, in the eyes of our Parish and their families. Bishop Greg made the occasion very memorable for each candidate as he took a personal interest in their chosen saint and their journey towards the day.

Bishop Greg spoke in his homily of the moment when after the candidate is anointed with chrism he ‘hits’ them on the cheek representing that it is not an easy thing to be a Christian. He explained that sometimes it is difficult to stand up for others in the playground or make the choice that you know is right.

We pray that the Gifts of wisdom, understanding, wonder and awe, right judgement, knowledge, courage, and reverence are with us and our newly confirmed Year 7s as we all try to live out the call of our Baptism to be true followers of Jesus in everything that we do.

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)

**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 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 other adults.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Both Campuses of Samaritan College competed in the Inter-School Athletics Carnival, held last Friday at Jubilee Park. It was great to see so many parents and families supporting the children. Special thanks to the parent helpers who assisted at both the Long Jump and High Jump.

All children from Samaritan College competed to the best of their ability and displayed great sporting behavior throughout the day. Children from both campuses encouraged each other, and many were heard to support their friends from other schools.

It was a close result in the end, with the OLHC Campus finishing in first place and the St Teresa’s Campus coming in second place.

Yours in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion,

Eleni Vailas
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**MASSES AND LITURGIES**

**OLHC Campus:**

Year 3/4 Scott will celebrate a Whole Campus liturgy at OLHC Church at 12:30pm on Thursday, September 13.

**Saint Teresa’s Campus:**

R/Year 1 Boundy will celebrate Liturgy at St Teresa’s Campus on Thursday, September 13 at 9:30am in Saint Teresa’s Library.

**CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES**

A reminder to all Confirmation candidates to attend any Mass this weekend to be presented with your certificate.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM
**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.

*Ruth Donnellan*

**TERM 3 2012 ITALIAN**

Each term, we share the learning activities of two year levels at the primary campuses.

In Year 2/3, we are discovering that Italians compete in many Olympic sports. We have surveyed each class to find out which sport is our favourite. We made a pictograph in Italian to show our information visually.

Perhaps you can practise some phrases with your child:

- *la pallacanestro* basketball
- *il calcio* soccer
- *il nuoto* swimming
- *il tiro con l’arco* archery

In Year 6/7, we are making athlete profiles for Olympians. We have read a profile together to predict new vocabulary and to use context as we read more widely in Italian.

Perhaps you can practise some phrases with your child:

- *Lo mio sport olimpico è il nuoto.* My favourite Olympic sport is swimming.
- *Lei si chiama Stephanie.* Her name is Stephanie.
- *Lei si piace il nuoto.* She likes to swim.
- *Lei è nata il 17 giugno 1988.* She was born on 17 June 1988.
- *Lei ha vinto una medaglia d’oro a Pechino in 2008.* She won a gold medal at Beijing 2008.
- *Lei fa il nuoto a Londra a 2012.* She is competing at London 2012.

*Heather Baverstock*

ITALIAN TEACHER - PRIMARY

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

A final reminder that all fundraising money for Jump Rope for Heart is due tomorrow. Please ensure that all money is returned to your child’s class teacher or the front office. Students are able to wear their PE uniform on Friday as they will be taking part in our “Jump Off” Day. Thank you for your support throughout the program.

*Gareth Molyneux*

PRIMARY PE COORDINATOR

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**HOCKEY**

*Friday, September 7*

- **4:30pm** Minkey and U11 Trophy Presentation Night at hockey clubroom. All players to attend please. If fees have not been paid, no trophy will be given.
- **5:40pm**
  - U13 1st - OLHC vs 4th MOPS - on turf
- **6:45pm**
  - U/13 2nd - STC vs 3rd Town/Long/Naps - on turf

The winners of each Preliminary Final will play in the Grand Final on Friday, September 14 at 6:45pm.

For interest:

- **7:50pm** U18 Steel City vs Stuart in Preliminary Final

All juniors are invited to stay to watch the U13 Preliminary Finals and then also the U18 Preliminary Final.

*Tania Taylor*

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**SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS**

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

This important event takes place on Tuesday September 18 and Wednesday September 19, from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Students will be bringing home booking sheets shortly. Whilst we are aware many parents meet with staff already, these two evenings are when all staff are available to meet with you to discuss any aspect of your child’s education.

**ABSENTEEISM**

It is always concerning how many students miss days of school and in most cases with the full permission of parents. Some students are having one or more days away from school every week and with parental permission. Over the period of the five years of secondary schooling we have some cases where students have missed close to three quarters of a year of school.

**FLINDERS UNIVERSITY**

For those in Adelaide during the break, there will be a Lunch Time Session on Thursday 27 September from 12:00pm-1:00pm at Flinders University, Victoria Square, 182 Victoria Square, Adelaide, SA, 5000. The lunch time session is designed to provide parents and families with helpful, practical tips on supporting students in Years 10, 11, and 12 with a particular focus on providing support.
during end of year examinations and the application and selection process. We will also cover how to get the most out of an ATAR score, with emphasis on Science and Engineering courses. To reserve your place please visit: http://www.flinders.edu.au/events/show/event/science-engineering-parents-information-lunch-time-session and complete the online application form or call 08 7221 8661.

**DAMAGE**

On rare occasions we do have some instances where students have damaged school property. This can range from sporting equipment to lockers to laptops and computers. Students and/or their parents are expected to meet the costs of any damage caused where the student is directly responsible. We do acknowledge that some damage is accidental.

**BOOK WEEK**

Really encouraging to see the excitement on so many of our students faces with many of the activities on offer during Book Week last week. The online interests of our youth can sometimes see a decline in reading and interest in all things literal so it was really great to see how the students involved themselves in the activities arranged by Miss Pollard and her team.

**MEDAL WIN**

Congratulations to Kyle Crompton, 8 White, on winning the Whyalla Football League Medal for the Best & Fairest player in Under 14. In perhaps something of a rarity in any sporting competition, Kyle was awarded best on ground in all but two of his matches and in the two remaining games, he was second best on ground. Well done to Myles McNamara, 8 White, who was runner up.

**YEAR 12**

With less than five weeks of face-to-face teaching time left at school, our Year 12 students are busy finishing off assignments and starting to get ready for their October/November exams. The first two weeks of Term 4 will be particularly busy as many teachers hold after school revision sessions to assist students prepare for their final exams. Parents (and students) are encouraged to meet with teachers if they have any questions or concerns about assignments (especially the externally-assessed Investigations, which are worth 30% of a student’s final grade) or exams (also worth 30% of a student’s final grade) – you do not have to wait until the ‘normal’ parent-teacher meetings scheduled for Week 10. These last few weeks can have an enormous impact on a student’s final grade, so it is important that all students remain focused, motivated and seek additional assistance when necessary to help them meet their academic goals.

**YEAR 11**

The Year 11 students have nearly completed their first Stage 2 (Year 12) subject – the Research Project. Students must get a C- or better to get their SACE, and this subject can also count towards a student’s university entrance score (ATAR). All students should now be working on their Evaluation, an externally-marked assessment task worth 30% of their final grade. Unfortunately, there are still some students who are yet to complete their Folio and/or Outcome – they only have until the end of this term to get all five assignments up to standard and handed in to their teachers. Students will receive official notification of their final grade for this subject from the SACE Board in December (when all Year 12 results are sent to students), and those who do not pass will be required to undertake the Research Project next year in their own time (ie: in their Study lessons) and must investigate a new topic – they cannot simply resubmit an amended version of their current topic. Parents/caregivers who have any questions or concerns about the Research Project are encouraged to contact their child’s teacher or me.

Information regarding Knights of the Southern Cross scholarships (worth $1500) was disseminated in the Newsletter and morning notices a few weeks ago. To my knowledge, no Year 11 students from Samaritan have nominated, but there is still time – they don’t close until September 30. Applications are open to any Year 11 student who is an active participant in Catholic parish life and application forms can be collected from my office.

Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

**8 RED MASS**

8 Red will celebrate Mass at Saint Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, September 12 at 9:00am. 8 Red students need to be at St Teresa’s Church at 8:45am on Wednesday September 12.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

**YOUTH MASS**

The Year 11 Liturgical Religion class will be holding a Youth Mass this Saturday at Saint Teresa’s church at 7:00pm. We warmly invite all families to come along to participate in the mass and have a look at what the students have prepared.

Lisa Howard
LITURGICAL RE TEACHER

**BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

Last week, the Saint John’s Campus celebrated this year’s Book Week theme of Champions Read. Each student participated in an English class Spelling Bee, with the class winners competing in the Semi-Final on Wednesday at lunch time. The winners then competed in front of the whole school on Friday afternoon in the Samaritan College’s Book Week Spelling Bee. The students who represented their year levels were: Nikhil Gautam (Year 8), Chelsea Lawson (Year 9), James Basbas (Year 10), Zach Whitehouse (Year 11) and Benjamin Lifner (Year 12).

Each students’ words were appropriate for their age group and it was a very close final. Congratulations to Nikhil for winning the Spelling Bee Gold Medal and being ‘crowned’ Samaritan College’s Best Speller!

We also ran a Teachers’ Spelling Bee and had Mrs Melissa Boden, Miss Kirby Heath, Mr Damien Judd, Mrs Teressa Shepherd and Mr Tony Hall compete. Mr Judd managed to wow us with his spelling skills and take out the gold
medal. Well done Mr Judd!

Also on Friday, nearly 70 students competed in the “Olympic Race”

**Gold Medal Winners** - Tori Ferguson and Kahli Jeffery

**Silver Medal Winners** - Adam Delcano and Dale Dunn

**Bronze Medal Winners** - Shae Azzopardi and Dayna Clifton

4th place – Jasmine Heron and Hannah Lebon
5th place – Han-Mari C and Tayla Shaw
6th place – Aleeya Heke and Sarah Rose-Knights
7th place – Kirstie Setford and Emma Fox
8th place – Tamika Jeffery and Mikayla Alberts
9th place – Eliza Smith and Lucy Meixner
10th place – Alexandra Wilson and Joeulla Coulthard

Thank you to Mr James Keating and Mrs Kimberley Ryan for offering your time to run English events during your lunch time. Thank you to all the students who participated in the week’s events, the Year 12 English Studies students who ran the Spelling Bee Grand Final and to the teachers for making sure the celebrations ran smoothly.

Beck Pollard
ENGLISH FACULTY COORDINATOR

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**BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

THANK YOU!!!

The Bubblegum Markets Team thank you all so very much for your support with our first Bubblegum Markets. We were so overwhelmed by the generosity of the people within our community for such a special family within our school family. Thank you to the hundreds of people that attended the day and to the many businesses in Whyalla for the generous donations for our raffles. The attendance and donations exceeded expectations by a long mile and for that we are truly grateful!

We must not forget a big thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers including Samaritan College staff, parents, extended family members and many students as well as all the stallholders that made the day possible - without you, the market would not have been possible. A special mention goes to Terissa Shepherd who went above and beyond with assisting us to make this market possible, working tirelessly to assist us with anything we needed and volunteered her time for the whole day to assist in fundraising. Thank you Terissa! Samaritan College provided us with the perfect venue to hold the event.

Stay posted! Another market may not be too far away.

*From the Bubblegum Markets Team - Kimberley Owens, Kristin Davies, Nikk Stanton and Bianca Huish*

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**CANTEEN ROSTERS**

Monday, September 10 – Friday, September 14

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Annette Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

Rose Cassar
CANTEEN MANAGER

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER
Father's Day 2012

Dear Parishioners, School Families and Benefactors of the Diocese of Port Pirie

The first Sunday of September each year is dedicated to honouring and expressing our gratitude to our earthly fathers and grandfathers. For most of us they are a rich blessing in our lives and we express our gratitude for their love and for the sacrifices they have made for us in tangible ways and especially by our prayers for them.

In our Port Pirie Diocesan Family today has also become a day to express our gratitude and to pray especially for our spiritual fathers – for the bishops, priests and deacons who have and continue to nurture the precious gift of our Catholic faith.

They have been there in all the significant sacramental moments of your faith journeys. They have led you to appreciate the depth of God’s love, walked with you in times of grief, been welcomed into your homes, inspired you with their homilies, visited you in hospital and officiated at the funerals of your loved ones. Our priests are present in your children and grandchildren’s Catholic Schools, celebrating the Sacraments and leading them to recognize Jesus as a trusted friend.

Your lives have been enriched by their presence, prayers and example.

In turn we are inspired by your prayerfulness, your generosity, your loyalty and by the many ways you make Christ present in our Parish communities.

We are also incredibly grateful for your generous support of the First Collection at Mass on Sundays. It enables our Diocese to provide for the material needs of Bishop O’Kelly, Deacon Gary and the priests (both active and retired) of the Diocese. These include a modest salary (for those priests not in receipt of the pension), a food, housekeeping and personal expense allowance, the priests’ motor vehicle expenses, health insurance cover and a small contribution to superannuation.

In the past twelve months there have been some new challenges. Giving to the First Collection has fallen as our congregations reduce, parishioners’ age and move into care and economic conditions impact on people’s capacity to give. At the same time we have welcomed three new priests into our Diocesan family, who need to be supported financially from the income of the First Collection.

We commend Bishop Greg, Deacon Gary and all our priests to your continuing prayers and generosity. Envelopes are available at the Church and School Office should you wish to make a financial contribution to their care.

May our Lord richly bless your families and our Diocesan Family in this Year of Grace.

Yours in Christ,

On behalf of the Priests’ Sustentation Fund Board
Bishop Gregory O’Kelly SJ, Mons. Paul Quirk VG, Frs. Paul Crotty, Adrian Noonan, Kevin Matthews, Chris O’Neil, Steve Ardill and Mr. Peter Quirk.