Dear Parents/Caregivers,

“You need only one thing. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me” Mark 10: 17-30

This week we have been praying for vocations. To leave everything behind and work for humanity is a challenging concept in contemporary society, yet many do just that. As more and more lay personnel also devote their lives to the work of the church and its children; where we consider and act with moral purpose in our work, we move closer to God and our purpose.

As Terissa, Damien and twenty five other Diocesan leaders depart for our pilgrimage to the Holy Land, please keep us in your prayers for a safe and fulfilling journey of faith.

**JOB ADVERTISEMENTS**

As an annual occurrence, last Saturday we ran a job advertisement in the Saturday Advertiser with all manner of subject offerings – to see if there is any interest, however, at this stage no one has indicated they are leaving except either maternity leave (secondary) or reducing to part-time. In essence we have about two-thirds of a position available on the secondary campus. The secondary timetable is a complicated matrix and we need to tailor positions to fit based on student choices, which can suddenly see us needing, for example, to run two Year 12 Biology classes at the same time.

We needed to publish the advertisement now in order to be competitive in the recruitment drive which occurs at this time. If required, any short-listing or interviews would occur mid Term 4.

With regard to primary positions it is our business responsibility to advertise contracts (annually) and permanency, (if any arise) as in keeping with the reality that it is an employee’s right to have their permanent position held, whilst on leave. Once again, the advertisement does not mean that there are people leaving. In relative terms, the college has enjoyed considerable stability with staffing in the past few years.

**GETTING A BETTER FUNDING DEAL FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Please see below a further update regarding school funding as we await the government response to The Gonski Review:

Catholic schools are an important part of the community in some of Australia’s most disadvantaged areas. Like government schools, Catholic schools also cater for families with middle and high incomes. The Catholic school sector in South Australia receives about 30 per cent less government funding than government school students.

continued p2
There is also a major gap in funding for students with special needs in our sector. To make up the difference, parents at Catholic schools pay fees. Even when these fees are considered, Catholic schools still operate at around 90 per cent of the government sector.

As it stands, paying fees is not easy for many Catholic families now. The reality requires that there are annual increases due to the rising cost of living and therefore running schools, but if Catholic parents are forced to pay, in relative terms, even more in fees, it will put a lot of pressure on many families. We need to alleviate the pressure on families by making sure that Catholic schools receive a fair outcome from the funding negotiations currently underway in our nation.

**Canteen Foods Policy**

Following our regular policy updates, several interested Board members are keen to put together a committee whereby we review our canteen menus again now that “The Right Bite” program has been in place for a number of years. We are looking for a couple of interested parents who could assist with the work of the committee. You would need to have daytime available to you and the committee’s work would probably be short-term – ie: Terms 4 and possibly Term 1 of next year. If you are interested, please contact Karen McGinnis (Ph: 8645 8568) who will take your inquiry on behalf of Terissa, early next term.

**Uniform Committee**

At the end of this year we will have committee members retiring and as such are keen to have at least 2 new members to assist with ongoing decision making around uniform. It would be great to have equal representation from the three campuses and we encourage parents of younger children to join. Please contact Karen McGinnis as above.

**International Night**

Next term we run our Parent Community International Night, held on November 16. It is often the event that parents sign up to help with as their contribution to community life, and as such has been a huge success each year. Please begin to consider contributing in some way, whether it is developing a new stall or helping out on the existing ones. It is a family and community night so please also encourage others to be involved. Watch this newsletter next term for assistance forms.

**GOOD WISHES**

As we come to the end of the term we trust that students will take the opportunity to rest and rejuvenate. They sometimes show signs of needing the ‘down-time’, particularly the little ones who are called to sustain long days of which they might not be accustomed. We wish all students and staff the opportunity for replenishment, paced work (if required) and a chance to unwind, in readiness for the fast moving Term 4. The investment of time and energy is most precious for our Year 12s as they near the end of their official schooling.

---

**Parish News**

How much prayer is enough?

At the end of the movie Invictus, Francois Pienaar, captain of the South African Springboks Rugby Union side, asks Chester Williams, the sole black player in the side, to lead the team in a thanksgiving prayer.

The Springboks had just defeated the New Zealand All Blacks in the 1995 World Cup, after 20 years of being banned from world rugby, due to the Apartheid system which imposed a racially based exclusion system on all aspects of life in South Africa.

Two weeks ago I saw a Springboks poster in a restaurant in Soweto, a huge township on the outskirts of Johannesburg. The poster was inviting people to come and watch the Boks training in Soweto, ahead of their tour to Australia.

Twenty years ago, the Boks were all white, and Soweto was all black. That the Boks, now picked from different ethnic groups, could now be training in Soweto, made me think that God heard the prayers of Chester and those other players in 1995, and many other people beside.

South Africa has a long way to go, but they have come an enormous distance and great credit is due to the people and their faith in God through prayer.

Here in Whyalla we don’t have any world class rugby players, but we do have some world class **PRAY-ERS.**

Our Catholic parish, and I’m sure the other churches in Whyalla, welcome any request for prayers, from anybody, for any worthwhile cause (yes, we can do the Crows).

You might occasionally like to have the parish family pray for you, or for someone in your family, or for some other burning issue.

Mr Bernie Meixner will soon be placing a special box in each campus front office. Into these boxes, made specially by Mr Matt Thursby, you will be able to place a request for prayers. You probably wouldn’t write much, and you probably won’t put any names or identifying details on your request. Whatever you write, it will be reverently brought to Mass, either Sunday Mass, or the next Class Mass or Liturgy, and people will be praying for your intention there.

There’ll be more info about this next term. In the meantime, let’s keep praying for one another. God hears all prayers, especially the type that you and I pray.

Fr Jim Monaghan

**ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WEEKEND MASS TIMES</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>St Teresa’s Church</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 7:00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday 8:30am</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Religious Dimension

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”  John 14: 27

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on the 21st September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples and to recognize the efforts of those who have worked hard to end conflict and promote peace. The International Day of Peace is also a day of ceasefire – personal or political.

With the flurry of activity that surrounds the end of term and the excitement of planning for the holidays please take a moment to come gently into the calming awareness of God’s presence and in the quietness of our own hearts and pray for those who are affected by conflict and war in all parts of the world.

Grant us peace, Your most precious gift, 
O Eternal Source of peace, 
and give us the will to proclaim its message 
to all the peoples of the earth.

Bless our country, that it may always be a stronghold of peace. 
May contentment reign within its borders, 
health and happiness within its homes. 
May the love of Your name 
hallow every name and every heart 
Blessed is the eternal God, the Source of Peace

Jewish peace prayer

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)

College News

Fees

Payments for 2012 outstanding fees are to be finalised by November 30 unless an agreed payment plan has been previously arranged with the College. Whilst many families do make regular fortnightly payments, it is possible that amounts currently paid will not be sufficient to pay your fees in a timely manner. We ask that you review your current payments and seek to adjust them if you don’t believe you will have them paid on time. If additional time is required and you have not made an arrangement with the College, please contact Cheryl Murfitt on 8649 2077 to discuss your current payments.

Terry Costello
BUSINESS MANAGER

Primary Campus News

It is hard to believe that it’s the end of another term. As we reflect on Term 3 we remember all that has happened and give thanks for the many people who made these events possible. In particular: Monica Brown Concert, Adelaide and Whyalla Choirs, Year 5 Camp; Jump Rope for Heart, Confirmation, Premier’s Reading Challenge and Sports Carnivals just to mention a few.

Due to the fantastic community spirit we have at Samaritan College these don’t just happen. Thank you to all those people, staff, students, parents and grandparents who have helped in any way this term. Your input and efforts are always much appreciated!

Adelaide Choir

We are wishing the students all the best for performing in the Catholic Schools Music Festival at the Festival Theatre this evening. I’m looking forward to an entertaining evening full of song, movement and theatrics!

I would like to congratulate Mrs Winnie Fitzgerald and Ms Melinda Gray who were responsible for training the two Choirs this year.

Congratulations to the Following Year 6 and 7 Students

Olivia Andon  Connor Damiani
Shelley Bartel  Romy Foote
Lauren Carter  Alex Giumell
Kaitlin Coulson  Jordan Grillet
Tiffany Hood  Samantha Shaw
Angus Judd  Meg Sheasby
Abbie Knights  Zandri Steinmann
Mikayla Lorenz  Caitlyn Utting
Deegan Manuel  Jessica Van Der Tuuk
Brianna Monaghan  Eugene Van-Niekerk
Alice Morgan  Sophie Ward
Sophie Peden  Stephanie Westerman
Jasmine Samu  Emma Whelan
Mitchell Schwerdt

House Points - OlhC

This is the all-important time to announce the winner of the Attitude Points for Term 3.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>House</th>
<th>Points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mackillop</td>
<td>1595</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rice</td>
<td>1467</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Benedict</td>
<td>1252</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Congratulations to the MacKillop House for achieving the most Attitude Points throughout Term 3. They had their Casual Clothes Day today.

Best wishes for the holidays! Wishing you a relaxing and restful break. Take care if travelling on the roads!

Yours in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion,

Eleni Vailas
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

YEAR 12S
It all comes to an end for our Year 12s shortly after Term 4 resumes. Two more weeks of lessons and then finishing of assignments and exams. As is now the norm, there is no ‘muck up day’ for the Year 12s. Friday October 19 is their last formal day of lessons and this is a normal school day. More information will come home in Term 4 but it is very important that the students are responsible in their celebrating of the end of their schooling.

SCIENCE WEEK
Congratulations to all involved with the Science Week activities and to Mrs Ernesti and her team.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thank you to those parents who came to our Parent Teacher Interviews. If that time was not suitable for you, please contact the College and a new time will be made for you to meet with your child’s teachers.

COMPUTER ACCESS
Recently we have seen an increase in the number of students ‘banned’ from our computer network. Often these are low level incidents of students attempting to change the desktop image but can range to students attempting to access parts of our network that are for staff only. Students have to ‘agree’ to our conditions each time they log on and are aware of the consequences. Serious breaches of these conditions will result in more than the students losing network access for a few weeks.

MY STUDY LEAVE
Aside from myself and Terissa visiting the Holy Lands with Bishop O’Kelly, I will also be visiting a range of schools in the UK and then finishing my trip by visiting the four key sites of Edmund Rice in Ireland: Waterford, Dublin, Callan and Cork. Edmund Rice is a Patron of our College and 2012 is the 250th anniversary of his birth.

John Lyons will assume all of my duties in my absence with Mr Dale Raymond teaching my Year 8 ICT class.

Damien Judd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

FAREWELL EXCHANGE STUDENT
Farewell Maike Moeck Year 10 who has been with us for the term as a Southern Cross Cultural Exchange student from Germany. Your friendliness and positive spirit was valued by all.

Terissa Shepherd
CO-PRINCIPAL

YEAR 12 MATTERS
As Year 12 students head into their final few weeks at school, they are reminded that they should be making effective use of their homework time, by working on their final assignments or revising for exams. Key Dates for Term 4 are as follows:

- Year 12s Final Day – Friday, October 19
  (End of Week 2)

This will be a normal school day that will conclude at the normal time. Students should maximise their efforts to effectively utilise this class time to seek teacher clarification in examination preparation, and to finish off assignments.

Tania Taylor

HOCKEY
OLHC vs STC Grand Final was played last Friday night in cold and frosty conditions. The younger STC team had trouble keeping up with the older and faster OLHC team, who were the winners in the end. Things could change next year though as the STC team stay together and get stronger and the OLHC team lose some of the older players who move up to a higher grade.

The game was played with great sportsmanship from both teams, and OLHC have won their third Premiership in a row. Well done to all players and coaches on a great season. Thank you to staff members Jenny Kondylas, Eleni Vailas and Ruth Donnellan, who braved the cold night air to come and support the Samaritan students.

We hope to see all players, families and hopefully lots of new players next season to play on our brand new artificial pitch.

Tania Taylor
• **Swot Vac – Monday October 22 – Friday October 28**  
  (Week 3)

Students have this week off school to continue preparing for their exams or finish their final assignments. Students are able to come to school to meet with teachers or to use the library, but they must be in full summer uniform (not PE). Students wishing to meet with their subject teachers must ring beforehand to make an appointment, as staff are still teaching during this time and might not be free.

• **Exams – Weeks 4 to 6**

Students have been given an exam timetable, a copy is on display on the Year 12 notice-board, and exam times can also be accessed on the SACE website: http://www.sace.sa.edu.au/. It is up to students to ensure that they are aware of when their exams will be held. Students are reminded to be at school at least 20 minutes prior to the start of their exams.

Students who miss an exam are not given an opportunity to sit it at a later date.

Students must be in full summer uniform when undertaking an examination.

• **Graduation Mass – Wednesday, November 28**

Staff, students, their families and friends of the College community are warmly invited to celebrate with the Class of 2012 at our traditional Graduation Mass, this year to be held at Saint Teresa’s Church from 7:00pm.

• **Graduation Night – Thursday, November 29**

The Graduation ceremony will be held at the Middleback Theatre from 6pm. More information will be forthcoming regarding this important event early next term.

Mr Trent Keiper  
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

---

**YEAR 10 BASKETBALL CARNIVAL**

On Wednesday, September 12, seventeen Year 10 girls and boys travelled to Port Augusta to participate in the Basketball Carnival. The students played well in their respective teams and, throughout the day, all students demonstrated developed skills. The boys had a fairly successful day, finishing 2nd in Division A after a nail biting last game that resulted in a draw. The girl’s team managed to remain undefeated throughout the whole day and finished 1st in Division A.

A special mention is made to Dayna Aspin who umpired most of our students’ games without much of a break and to Bianca Clements who, in the girl’s final game to secure their top place, shot four 3-pointers within 10 minutes! Joshua Waugh also played exceptionally well and scored many of the team’s goals despite being targeted by some strong opponents.

*Beck Pollard and Josh Boden*  
YEAR 10 BASKETBALL CARNIVAL COACHES
COMMUNITY NEWS

Australian Volunteers for International Development are everyday people making an extraordinary contribution to tackling poverty in developing countries throughout the world.

Come along to a Volunteer Stories event in a regional town or capital city near you as these volunteers share the experience of living and working in an overseas community.

Whether you are interested in applying to become an Australian Volunteer, or would just like to be entertained by tales of adventure and achievement, make sure you register to attend an event.

Refreshments will be provided and guests will have an opportunity to network with returned volunteer speakers following the presentations.

We look forward to sharing our Volunteer Stories with you.

City: Whyalla, SA
Date: Wednesday, 26 September, 2012
Time: 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm
Location: Red Garter Room, The New Whyalla Hotel, 10 Gowrie Ave, Whyalla SA 5600

Click here to register for this event

Any queries can be directed to alumni@austraining.com.au

This event is hosted by Austraining International, a core partner in the Australian Volunteers for International Development program, an Australian Government, AusAID initiative.

CANTEEN ROSTERS
Monday, October 8 – Friday, October 12

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>ST TERESA’S CAMPUS</th>
<th>OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS</th>
<th>SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PUPIL FREE DAY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tue</td>
<td>Judi Kneebone</td>
<td>no help required</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed</td>
<td>Donna Clark</td>
<td>Antonetta Rogers</td>
<td>Mark Plunkett</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thu</td>
<td>Nicole Carter</td>
<td>Help Needed</td>
<td>Monica Pennimpede</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri</td>
<td>Donna Sheasby</td>
<td>Sunny Chung</td>
<td>Roseanna Wragg</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Annette Cameron
CANTENE MANAGER

Rose Cassar
CANTENE MANAGER

Marg Coad
CANTENE MANAGER

LITTLE ATHLETICS
It’s Fun, It’s Fitness, It’s for the Family
Who is Eligible to Register?
Any boy or girl who is 5 to 16 years on October 1, 2012 can compete in the 2012/2013 season from October to March.
Registration Day-3rd October 2012
5 – 6:30pm Jubilee Park
Come and Try – 7th October 9:15 am Jubilee Park
First Competition Day – 14th October 9:15am Jubilee Park
Cost of $55.00 per Athlete or $110.00 + $5 per athlete for a family with three or more athletes.
Shirts, Socks & Hats available for purchase
WHYALLA LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE INC.
PO Box 2342,
Whyalla Norrie 5608
Contacts:
Tracey Asperti 0407 794 455
Or Joanne Kovacic 0447 002 617