Dear families,

We often tell our students, “you only get out what you put in”. In a study or lesson context, this statement is obvious, but perhaps in terms of how we live our lives we need to keep voicing this message in order to be counter-cultural, and to not see it just as an individualist attitude. If we ‘give without counting the cost’, open our hearts to ideas and ways of being towards one another, we will reap the consequence even if that is not our altruistic aim. As we welcome our Japanese guests this week, we thank our 16 host families who will open their homes and hearts to our visitors. This is always a time in our community of tremendous growth; of endearing humanity and hospitality; and an enhancement of global awareness.

We trust all students have enjoyed their break and have come back refreshed. ‘Refreshing’, or even ‘bracing’ might be the word we use for these coldest weeks. We remind families that students need to be wearing their long PE pants at this time, considering comfort and warmth as priorities before trend.

We welcome 5 new students to the secondary campus and 17 students to our primary campuses, some of whom are new to town. We also welcome a new staff member, Stephanie Babiak to the secondary campus, who replaces Madeline Osborn, who has moved to the UK to live and teach.

We welcome back Melinda Gray and Helen Holland from Long Service Leave and Jise Sanderson who has returned from compassionate leave overseas. Mrs Winnie Fitzgerald and Mrs Cathy Brown are still on Long Service Leave for the first part of this term. We are also very sad to lose the services of Mrs Cassandra Holland from OLC. We thank her for work with the college and wish her well with her new employment. An advertisement seeking a replacement for Cass is in this Newsletter and also in this week’s and next week’s Whyalla News.

Events

A quick glance at the calendar tells us there is plenty happening this term. For example: Japanese visit, SJC Patrons Day, Samaritan Spectacular, Year 5 camps, Photos, Confirmation, Primary & Secondary Sports Days, Outdoor Education Camps, Sports Carnivals, Education Nights, Tertiary Info Sessions, Whyalla Show, Year 10 Work Experience, Murray Venture, Retreats, Catholic Schools Music Festival, Stage Band, Open Nights at primary campuses – just to name a few. These events are all wonderful demonstrations of the extra-curricular activities we have for students and community involvement. Please avail yourself of some time to be a part of them either as participant or spectator. One particular event that we are still seeking volunteers for is to assist with a shift on the Whyalla Show Hot Food & Drinks Stall. Please complete the form on the back of this Newsletter and return ASAP.

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Primary Open Display Night

On Tuesday, August 5 we are re-introducing our Open Display Nights for the primary campuses. Each campus will be ‘open’ from 4-6pm and every classroom will be open for parents, grandparents, friends and students to pop in and see the students’ work on display. For people wishing to have a guided tour of each campus, please contact the relevant front office and book a place on the tours either at 4:15pm or 5:15pm.

Car Park Speed Limits

A reminder that our speed limits for the Saint John’s and OLHCC car park is only 10kmh. This is very slow. Unfortunately, we are finding that there are very few cases of any vehicle actually travelling that slow when driving within our grounds. The OLHCC car park recently had its potholes filled but it is very important to keep to speed limit regardless of the condition of the car park. There is no parent car parking at all within the St Teresa’s Campus.

Parish News

Tuesday night was a time of celebration for the parish. We are presently renewing our parish pastoral stewardship – in other words we are looking at the ways each of us, as members of the parish, offer our services for the many aspects of parish life which contribute to our love of God and our neighbour (family, friends, fellow parishioners, local community, strangers and fellow citizens of the world.)

On Tuesday night we held our Annual General Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council. It was an open invitation to review the past year and to elect new council members for the future. The celebration was in the realisation that so many of our parishioners volunteered for so many roles that so much was done. Approximately 270 different positions of service were generously fulfilled out of a total of about 450 Mass-going parishioners.

We know very well how the success of Samaritan College community depends not just on a work to rule contribution of the paid staff. Without the generosity of the paid staff to far exceed minimal requirements the school would not be the excellent learning community that it is. Without the support of so many volunteers it could not offer the services it does. And last, and most essential, is the generous spirit of cooperation, service and support each individual student contributes to the mix.

Parish life is much the same in that it depends most importantly on the contribution of each and every member of the parish family. The various reports showed how they did so, according to their abilities and time commitments.

The parish has a well organised and effective regime which has successfully implemented church recommendations to ensure that the parish environment is a welcoming place for children to safely and happily live out their faith. Parish volunteers visit the bereaved so that people who have experienced the loss of someone they loved will find a supportive shoulder to lean on. Volunteers reach out to refugees and prisoners to show them that someone cares enough to offer their support and prayers. The St Vincent De Paul Society recently experienced a challenging time when the Moran St Centre was closed. The members are parishioners. Their spiritual strength, determination and commitment - together with the support of the parish in general - mean that the local conference will continue to effectively serve the poor.

As long and detailed lists can be distractive, these are just a few examples of what makes our parish function so well. The Catholic Parish of Whyalla Directory lists 34 various ministries of services offered by volunteers. The parish pastoral stewardship renewal’s goal is to get even more people involved in ministries so that we can build on our strengths and be an even better witness of service to God and each other. Finally, our thanks to all those in our parish and school who so generously give of them of themselves in service.

Fr Arno Vermeeren
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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College Photos

The photo order packs for Master Portraits are enclosed. All students must bring their envelope, with the correct money (WE DO NOT PROVIDE CHANGE) on the day.

Each student should receive their own envelope for the ordering of individual and group photos. Each student requiring photos must return an envelope, even if payment is enclosed in a brother’s or sister’s envelope.

Family photo order envelopes are also available. Those wishing to have a family photo must collect a family envelope from any campus office.

If you know in advance that you will be away on the day of your campus photos you may arrange for your child to have their photo taken at one of the other campuses.

Spare envelopes are available at the front office of each campus if you did not receive an envelope for any reason.

Full formal winter uniform must be worn for photos.

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Please Note: As the Year 10 students will be absent during this week the photographers will return later in the year to complete their class and individual photographs.
**Reception Enrolments are invited for 2014...**

*If your child turns 5 before May 1, 2014 he/she starts first day of Term 1, 2014.*
New rules apply.

Please contact info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au, visit any campus for an enrolment information pack or phone Karen McGinnis on 8645 8568 to make an appointment to discuss your child’s schooling with the Co-Principals.

Families on low incomes are encouraged to apply each year for assistance.

School Tours can be arranged by appointment.

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**Have you moved?**

**Changed Jobs?**

**Changed your phone number?**

*If your address or phone details have changed for any reason can you please contact a campus office and update your information. It is important that we have your current details in the event we need to contact you.*

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**Primary Campus Open Display Night**

*Tuesday, August 6*
*4-6pm*

Guided Tours available at both campuses at 4:15 and 5:15pm.

Please book at each campus office.

St Teresa’s Campus: 8645 8381
Our Lady Help of Christians Campus: 8649 2077
**RELIGIOUS DIMENSION**

**PATRON’S DAY**

Next week on Friday 2nd August, Saint John’s Campus will celebrate their Patrons in a day of prayer, action and service. The students will be involved in a walk-a-thon and activities to raise money for the College’s nominated charities. Through these actions the students are honouring the spirit of our patrons and looking for opportunities to serve God by helping their brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need.

The College’s patrons are Our Lady Help of Christians who is Jesus’ mother; Saint John the Evangelist who was at the cross when Jesus died; St Therese of Lisieux, whose name has been anglicized and is known to us in Whyalla and one of the primary campuses as Teresa; and Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop, the first Australian saint, patron of our diocese, who has a college house team named after her.

More information about our patrons can be found in the college diary.

Our college patrons and all the saints are examples to us of how we can live our lives to bring the message of Jesus to the world. By following the example of the saints we try to live out our baptismal vocation to be the face of Christ to all we meet.

So when we celebrate Patron’s Day on Friday, we remember our patrons and that our school is a place where we strive to follow their example in all we do.

In lieu of collecting sponsorship for the Johnathon, we ask that students bring five dollars with them to give to their caregroup teachers to go toward the charities. We will start with a Mass lead by Father Jim and prepared by the Year 11 Liturgical Religion class, students will then set off on the annual Johnathon. Students follow a designated route around the college surrounds and must pass through a number of checkpoints before returning to the campus. We encourage students to wear casual, “sun-sensible” clothing. Common sense would also suggest appropriate footwear is worn for the Johnathon. Once students have returned, the piazza will be full of food and drink stalls and various activities and games, as organised by each caregroup. A whole school ‘Talking About Your Year Level’ event will be run afterwards, with an assembly closing the day. Dismissal will be at the usual time of 3:25pm.

Happy Patron’s Day for the 2nd.

_A Prayer to our Patrons_

_O Heavenly Patrons, in whose names we pray, intercede ever to God for me: strengthen me in my faith; establish me in virtue; guard me in conflict; that I may rise above all trials and attain to glory everlasting._

_Amen_

Bernie Meixner and Carly Higgins

**WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back to all staff, students and their families. No doubt you thoroughly enjoyed your holiday break and the time was well spent with sleep overs, movies and road trips. I particularly welcome the new receptions at both campuses and again this term we welcome a range of new students across other year levels.

**AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

In Week 10 of last term the ‘After School Football Competition’ concluded with a grand final and teams playing off for various places. The team from STC played in the grand final against NAPS and narrowly lost in the last minute or two of the game. Our OLHCC played a hard game against Long Street and battled gallantly in the freezing weather. Thank you to those staff and community members who rugged up and supported both teams for the final game. A special thanks to Gareth Molyneux for his hard work in supporting this initiative and also to the 6/7 teachers Pete Usher, Nikki Lancaster and Maddy Keen for their extra hours and ensuring our students have the opportunity to participate.

**BOXES/ CONTAINERS FOR CONSTRUCTION @ OLHCC**

At our OLHCC we require small boxes, egg cartons, yoghurt containers etc for an activity based learning program. Can you please send these in a shopping bag with your child to the office if you have any to donate? They would much appreciated.

**PRIMARY CAMPUS SPORTS DAY**

The primary campus sports day is booked for Friday, September 6 and will be held at Jubilee Park.

**PRIMARY CAMPUS OPEN NIGHT/ PRINCIPAL’S TOURS**

On Tuesday, August 6 both primary campuses will be hosting an ‘Open Night’ to celebrate the learning and successes taking place within our college. Both campuses will be open from 4pm-6pm to allow for parents work hours. Damien and myself will also be offering tours for recently enrolled or prospective parents in the school. Please pencil this date in as this will be a fabulous opportunity to take in the successes of students across your campus. Students will not be required to stay for this but are certainly more than welcome to tour their families through on the night.

**WHYALLA SHOW**

Hopefully you have seen the posters around the college calling for volunteers for the Whyalla Show. The Whyalla show falls on August 17 and 18 and is a great community event. Each year the Samaritan College stall sells hot food and drinks and is well supported by the community. The
stall itself requires volunteers to set up, serve customers and cook. If you are willing to offer a few hours on this weekend please leave your contact details with the front office staff at your campus. Above all the stall is great fun and a top way to give back to the school and wider community.

SCHOOL SCARVES
It is great to see that our primary students are rugging up with scarves and gloves in a bid to keep warm in this chilly winter weather. There are many different colored scarves being worn at the moment, which are not part of the uniform. We encourage parents to purchase the plain black scarf and gloves available through our uniform shop for $7.00 each.

PRIMARY ANNUAL
The much anticipated 2012 Samaritan College Primary Annual has arrived and our staff are currently preparing these to head home with the youngest in the family late next week. You may notice that towards the back of the annual the print quality has been compromised. We are well aware of this and are following it up with the company; those students directly affected will be contacted. Regardless of this the 2012 Samaritan College Primary Annual looks fabulous and reflects the many hours and hard work invested by our staff. It is a valuable keep sake for students and families. Keep an eye out late next week for your copy.

Grace and blessings,

Georgia Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT WEEKEND
This weekend the families that are to prepare for Confirmation need to come to any Mass to complete the enrolment form for this Sacrament. A letter has been sent from the parish with a timeline and other information. If you did not receive this letter and would like your child to be part of the program extra information will be available at each Mass.

The enrolment forms will be available at the Mass of your choice this weekend. (July 27 & 28)

YEAR 7 STUDENTS AT PATRON’S DAY
As part of the Year 7 Transition from the primary school to the secondary school, the Year 7 students at Samaritan College will be invited to attend the celebrations of Parton’s Day at Saint John’s Campus on Friday, August 2. The students will meet their teachers at the Rotunda and spend the day at the senior campus. The day begins with Mass, followed by a 5 km walk/ run then back to the campus for stalls, games and entertainment. The Year 7 students may like to bring some money so they can participate in the stalls. A drink bottle and some snacks would also be advisable.

As we will be outside for extended periods of time, hats will need to be worn.

A letter will come home via your child’s teacher with more information.

MASS AND LITURGY
OLHC
Year 2/3 Francis will celebrate Mass at OLHC Church on Thursday, August 1 at 9:00am.
Parents are welcome to attend.

STC
Year 4/5 Baverstock will celebrate Liturgy of the Word at Saint Teresa’s Campus on Thursday, August 1. Liturgy will begin at 9:30 am and parents are welcome to attend.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Congratulations to the following students who have made the South Australian SAPSASA Hockey team who will play in the national carnival in Canberra from August 19–24.
Josh Byrne –St Teresa’s Campus
Cadell Herbert – St Teresa’s Campus
Austin Wilson – OLHC Campus

Well done boys, we know you will represent the College community with pride!

Matt Quist
PE/SPORT COORDINATOR (SECONDARY)

COMPUTER CORNER
Children in the Early Years at school prepare for reading through alphabet recognition. Below are a few of the many alphabet games available.

Internet: Alphabet Games

ABC Interactive Games
http://www.mikids.com/K/ABC.html

UEN K-2 ABC Interactives
http://www.uen.org/k-2interactives/abc.shtml

ABC Starfall – sounds, phonic blends and short stories
http://www.starfall.com/

ABCYA –Educational games
http://www.abcya.com/

PYE Games- games for pre-school to K
http://www.ezschool.com/Games/PreK-G2.html

PBS Kids-Alphabet Games
http://pbskids.org/games/alphabet.html

iPad Apps: from iTunes
ABC Magnetic Alphabet FREE or $1.99(full version) –drag magnetic letters on board
Redfish Alphabet 4 Kids FREE–interactive alphabet
Chicktionary FREE-Unscramble letters to create words

Jenny Kondylas
COMPUTING TEACHER
Whilst the third term has just started our returning students have continued with the same subjects that commenced two weeks prior to the holiday break. We do, however, welcome five new students to our community: Patrick and Edward who have started in Year 8, Imogen and Sophie have joined us in Year 10 and Marko is in Year 11.

It might seem a little early to state but the journey for Year 12 students is almost at an end. There are effectively eleven weeks of formal schooling left for them to complete all their course work. All students in the cohort should be using this time to complete major projects or to review course content in preparation for their end of year examinations.

During the term all students in Year 8 – 12 are invited to attend information evenings with their parents. These evenings start the process for determining what choices are being made by and for the students in looking forward to 2014. The dates are outlined on the website calendar but to summarise:

- current Year 10s – 7:30pm Tuesday, July 30 at Central Whyalla Football Club
- current Year 11s – 7:30pm Tuesday, August 6 at Central Whyalla Football Club
- current Year 12s – 7:30pm Wednesday, August 7 at Samaritan College, Saint John’s Campus
- current Year 9s – 7:30pm Tuesday, August 27 at Central Whyalla Football Club
- current Year 8s – 7:30pm Tuesday, September 3 at Central Whyalla Football Club

We look forward to seeing representatives of all our families at these evenings.

At the end of next week, Friday, August 2, the College will celebrate Patrons Day. This is a relaxing day of fun where we also raise awareness and much needed funds to support our charities. Students would come to school in casual clothes, wearing appropriate footwear for an approximate 5km walk. Students are also asked to make an initial monetary donation of $5.00 at the start of the day which will go towards our charities.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

9 BLue MASS
9 Blue will attend Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, July 31 at 9:00am.

The students need to be at the church by 8:45am. A note will come home from their class teacher with more details. Parents are welcome to attend.

YOUTH MASS
On Sunday, August 4 at 5:30pm a Youth Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. This is an opportunity for young people to get together and celebrate their gifts and talents with others in the parish. Bring a friend and enjoy the company of others.

Any musicians or singers who would like to join an established little group, please make yourself known to Mr Meixner or Miss Heath to find out when rehearsals are happening. Readers, commentators, offertory and collection helpers are also needed.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

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Whyalla Catholic Parish Children’s Mass
All children and families are welcome!

On Saturday, August 10, the 7:00pm Mass at St Teresa’s Church will be a children’s Mass.

Any interested children are invited to a preparation meeting on Friday, August 2 from 4pm-5pm in the St Teresa’s church hall. Children can choose to be involved in reading, dance or art activities in preparation for the celebration.

Please indicate below if your child/children will be attending the preparation meeting and return to your campus front office.

For further information please contact Tash Free or Lou Whitehouse.

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SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS
Secondary attendance hotline: 0488 626 818

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SCHOOL CHARITIES
Every year our school supports the needy!

As part of our Patron’s Day (Saint John’s Day) celebrations, a huge donation of non-perishable foods are usually handed over to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society to feed local families who are struggling. The smallest gesture can mean so much!

Canteen Rosters
Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2

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Annette Cameron  Rose Cassar  Marg Coad
Canteen Manager  Canteen Manager  Canteen Manager

Community News

“The services and events contained in this section are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.”

Whyalla Gift Foundation

Are you aware that if your child represents Whyalla, South Australia or Australia in any competition that he or she may be eligible to apply for financial assistance towards the costs of participating in that event, courtesy of the Whyalla Gift Foundation?

The Whyalla Show Food Stall is a Samaritan College Parent Community Event. The show stall is a wonderful way to contribute to the wider Whyalla community. In order to provide efficient service we will need approximately 40 people to work the various shifts.

Working in the stall is great fun, although hectic at times. There are jobs for all talents - cooking, making up steak sandwiches or selling from the front of the counter. Please Note! If you are not able to work a whole shift you may wish to share your shift with your spouse or a friend. Or, why not gather a group of friends together and share a shift?? We look forward to joining you on this great community initiative.

**Please consider your participation and fill out and return the slip by Friday, August 9.**

Thank you for your prompt attention,
Parents and Friends Committee

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**SHOWSTALL ROSTER RESPONSE**

**FAMILY NAME**

(please print)

**Please write the christian name of the parent/staff member or senior student available to work next to the time.**

**Name**

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