COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2
• SJc Patron’s Day
• Practise for Children’s Mass, 4-5pm, St Teresa’s church hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 5
• P&F Meeting cancelled

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6
• Primary Open Display Night, p3

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6
• SJc School Photos
• Current Year 11s Information Evening, 7:30pm, Central Whyalla Football Club

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
• OLHCC School Photos
• 9 Gold Mass, St Teresa’s Church, 8:45am
• R/1 Hancock/Rothe Liturgy, 12:20pm, OLHCC Church
• Current Year 12s Tertiary Information Evening, 7:30pm, Saint John’s Campus

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
• STC School Photos
• Confirmation Workshop p4

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
• R/1 Leech Assembly, 12:10pm, OLHCC Church
• 1/2 Foran Assembly, 2:30pm, STC shelter shed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
• Children’s Mass, 7pm, St Teresa’s Church (p5)

AUGUST 17 & 18
• Whyalla Show, helpers needed for our Hot Food Stall, please see flyer on p8

Dear families,

A range of college leadership staff are currently at the South Australian Catholic Education Conference in Adelaide. The theme is Ecological Conversion - a term first used by Pope John Paul II in 2001. It is a call for all of us to take our roles as stewards of the environment very seriously. Working in rural and mining communities, we are more conscious than most of the role the environment plays in our long term prosperity. Connecting young people to nature is also a very contemporary and invitational way we can call them to spirituality – we are innately connected to the earth and feel most at home when abiding in nature.

Such is the delightful way we observed our Year 10 girls’ exhilaration upon their return from the Murray Venture. They have endured extremely cold conditions, have generally risen and some succumbed to the challenges; and have enjoyed letting go of concerns about appearance, gender relations and body odour! The most thrilling aspect for we adults was hearing that some enjoyed the freedom (after a day or two of adjustment) of being ‘disconnected’ from their technological world. Last night we put out the challenge to the Year 10 cohort to try a ‘moratorium’ on screen time. The most effective approach would be to leave the smart-phone and laptop out of the bedroom and allowing a solid night’s sleep every night. No other generation has been caught in the whirlwind of technological change as our current school population. The social and emotional impact is yet to be fully measured. It is our shared task of implementing healthy guides to behaviour and to facilitate that through ‘house rules’, the easiest being having the ‘charging station’ in a central place away from the world of sleep.

A reminder of the upcoming ‘Open Night’ at both of our primary campuses from 4pm-6pm on Tuesday, August 6. All classrooms will be open with student work on display and teachers in attendance. This is a great chance to bring grandparents along or for new families to see our school. If you would like a guided tour that night, please contact either of the primary campuses.

Our Japanese guests are settling in well and have enjoyed a busy schedule both individually and with their host students and families. A trip to Mambray Creek on Monday hopefully revealed some wildlife, as it seems it is every visitor’s goal to spot a kangaroo or emu. It is wonderful to witness the hospitality and easy friendliness between our young people. One opinion of a parent who previously hosted was that “everyone should have at least one try at hosting an overseas student – it teaches us so much, it can be challenging, yet much more rewarding on all accounts”. Why not consider hosting next year?

Tomorrow is a very special day for the secondary campus. Patrons Day (Saint John’s Day) puts the students to work celebrating, worshipping, walking, serving and performing - all to raise money for the college charities. Our Japanese visitors and the Year 7s also attend and join in, making it a great community day. All students are expected to be in attendance on this very special day.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children. (Psalm 148)
On the weekend at the Parish Masses the students in Year 7 came with their parents to enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation and this Wednesday evening they will attend the Parent/Student evening at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. The coming weeks will be an important time as the students take part in workshops as they prepare to receive the Sacrament. Bishop Greg O’Kelly will administer this Sacrament on the weekend of September 14/15.

During July and August, we are embarking on a parish wide Stewardship Renewal. It’s about the life of our parish – our prayer life, ministry, outreach and on-going community development. All of this is in the context of our sense of giftedness and grace from God, and our readiness to give back to God in all areas of our lives.

Next Sunday, August 4, at the two morning Masses (8:30 and 10:30) we will explore and celebrate the many gifts and graces that we have been given, initiate some planning for the future of our Catholic community, and help prepare for our parish stewardship initiative. Following each Mass there will be a gathering, with a sumptuous morning tea at St Teresa’s, and a mouth-watering soup and rolls brunch at Our Lady’s. It would be great if you could make a special effort to attend one of these Masses and be part of the shaping of our future.

The Saturday 7pm Mass will be a low key celebration to cater for those who would have difficulty attending the Sunday morning Masses. The 5:30pm Mass will be the scheduled Youth Mass.

This Friday we look forward to celebrating Mass at 9:15am at Saint Johns Campus for the “Patrons Mass”. This is always a great day for the college.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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**RELIgIOUS DIMENSION**

One of the disciples said, “Lord teach us how to pray.”
He said to them, “Say this when you pray:

Father, may your name be held holy,
Your kingdom come;
Give us each day our daily bread
And forgive us our sins,
For we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us
And do not put us to the test.”

In Jesus’ time there were many teachers offering a spiritual path to their followers: a particular ‘way’. In last Sunday’s Gospel the disciples ask Jesus to teach them his ‘way’ to the Father. He teaches them how to pray and gives to them and to us one of the oldest and most cherished prayers, ‘The Lord’s Prayer’.

Through Jesus, the disciples are able to know God as a gracious and loving Father. The God who Jesus is talking about is like a loving parent who wants to be in a close and loving relationship with his children. Jesus is teaching the disciples how to pray to God as a loving Father. Jesus invites us to do the same.

Our challenge is to try to live out all aspects of the Our Father: honour God, give thanks for your daily bread, forgive others who wrong you. Ask God for what you need and not what you want.

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)

**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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Prices for Individual Photo Packs are on the envelopes.

**Prices for Family Packs**

- Deluxe Pack $35
- Value Pack $30
- Standard pack $25

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.

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

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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ASSEMbLY

Next week our assemblies will be hosted by Miss Foran’s Year 1/2 at Saint Teresa’s Campus and R/1 Leech at Our Lady Help of Christian’s Campus.

R/1 Leech Assembly - Friday, August 9 @ 12:10pm in the Church at OLHCC
1/2 Foran Assembly – Friday, August 9 @ 2:30pm under the shelter shed at STC

PHOTO dAy APPrOAChING

Please be mindful that school photos are fast approaching and you may wish to pencil in the following dates:

Tuesday, August 6 – Photos at SJC
Wednesday, August 7 – Photos at OLHCC
Thursday August 8 – Photos at STC

Those families wishing to have family photos can have these taken from 8:30am on either of the photo days for the primary campuses.

PRIMAry CAMPuS OPEN NIGhT/ PrINCIPAL’S TOurS

Next 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 your diaries 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 RESPONse POSITIve!

In the newsletter over the last few weeks Damien, Terissa and I have asked for volunteers to help with the Samaritan College Show Stall. We have had a positive response to this call for volunteers and I thank those of you who have offered your time. We still need a few more to fill all shifts.

The Whyalla Show falls on August 17 & 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. We have had a great response so far and wish to encourage any parents wanting to help out and be a part of this to contact their campus office and leave their contact details. Please see the altered advertisement on the back page of this newsletter.

Grace and Blessings,

Georga Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

LITURGY

R/1 Hancock/Rothe will present a Liturgy of the Word on Wednesday, August 7 at OLHC Church. The liturgy will begin at 12:20pm. Parents are most welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP

The first confirmation Workshop will be held on Thursday, August 8 at OLHC Campus. Students are to be dropped at OLHC campus by 8:45am and meet by the church doors in the school grounds.

The students may wear casual clothes and will need to bring recess, lunch and a drink. As we are at the OLHC campus lunch orders will be available if needed.

The students preparing for confirmation need to bring their pencil case, home booklet and a drink.

As a family please have a conversation about the person to be chosen as your child’s sponsor for the Sacrament. It will be helpful if your child knows this by August 8.

Please bring any outstanding paperwork to the workshop. Delayed paperwork makes organisation difficult. Thank you.

The students will be dismissed from OLHC at 3:10pm.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

CAR SAFETY REMINDER

A reminder to parents/caregivers dropping off and picking up students. Please be aware of students crossing roads, students walking in front of and around cars.

For STC community, please be patient when trying to get a park, double parking is extremely dangerous and illegal. Parking in the lane ways is not advised as the council officers will be monitoring this and may impose a fine.

For the OLHCC community students are not to be dropped off or picked up by car from the front office carpark before and after school for safety reasons. However, you are able to use this car park if you need to come into the front office during school hours.

The Dentist car park on Toal Street is not to be used by parents as this is a private car park and you can be fined.

Please be aware of students walking down the strip between car parks, especially when reversing in the rear OLHCC car park.

Thank you for keeping our students safe.

Ruth Donnellan
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 out now
Due date: Friday, August 2
Please bring orders to the OLHC library before and after school.

Helen Shepherd
National Literacy and Numeracy Week started on July 29. Here are free Literacy and Numeracy activities.

**Studyladder**
www.studyladder.com.au

To access the free resources during National Literacy and Numeracy Week simply go to the Studyladder homepage at www.studyladder.com.au and click on the ‘Literacy and Numeracy Week’ banner.

**ABC Starfall- new activities including songs and maths**
http://www.starfall.com/

**ABCYa**
http://www.abcya.com/

**EZSchool**
http://www.ezschool.com/Games/English.html

**KS1 Bitesize games**
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy/

**Crickweb – grammar, writing, reading**
http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html

**KS2 Bitesize games**
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/english/

Jenny Kondylas
COMPUTING TEACHER

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**Book Week 2013**

**Read around the Universe**

Primary Campuses Book Week Parades

Tuesday, August 27, 9:30am OLHC Campus

Wednesday, August 28, 9:30am St Teresa’s Campus

Children can come dressed as their favourite book, favourite character, or reflecting the “Read around the Universe” theme.

Need some ideas? Ask your child’s teacher or any of our library staff.

Come along and see all students and staff participate in the Parade.

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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!

We have seen the generosity of students and families so often and in keeping with our school tradition we are calling for support again.

The following message comes from the Senior SRC

**Can you donate?**

Are you able to bring in some non-perishable foods (cans, spaghetti, noodles...) and/or blankets to donate to St Vincent de Paul? In doing so you won’t just get the satisfaction of doing something self-less and helping others but also you’ll get House points that go towards the Glory of Guidera Cup awarded at the end of the year.

**Can you donate?**

As part of our Patrons’ 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!
SPORTING SUCCESS

We have been quite successful in our sporting endeavours this term. Teams have made it to the finals in Netball for each of the different age groups and the Open Girls Basketball team has also made the finals to be held in Adelaide. I congratulate the girls and the teachers for their efforts and achievements so far.

Teachers are now planning for the finals which, to give the girls the best opportunity to showcase their talents, involves an overnight stay in Adelaide. Some parents have volunteered their time to chaperone the girls in Adelaide which makes it possible for us to continue providing these opportunities.

It has also been rewarding seeing how our young people have embraced the Japanese students as they settle into our community. I have overheard several students mention that they would like to host a Japanese student next year. I encourage parents and children to discuss future hosting possibility and to give real consideration to how it might work in your own homes.

All of these sorts of opportunities, sporting and student exchange program, can really only continue with the ongoing support of our Samaritan community. I encourage parents to consider the possibility of volunteering some time to assist the College in maintaining these experiences for your children. In most situations a Catholic Police Clearance is required, ensuring the protection of all children in the College, but there might be a one off event where you, as a parent, can support teachers.

The Secondary Sports Day is one such event. There might be some parents who are available on August 30, and prepared to work with the teachers to help facilitate the day. I’m sure that Mr Quist would appreciate hearing from you.

EDUCATION NIGHTS

The College held its first Course Information Evening last Tuesday. There was a pleasing turnout of Year 10 students with their parents to hear information regarding Year 11, SACE and the process required for determining subjects. Whilst there was a lot of information given in such a short time parents have indicated that they felt it was a worthwhile evening.

This coming Tuesday we hold our Year 11 evening at Central Whyalla Football Club with the Year 12 evening on Wednesday night in the Lecture Theatre at the Saint John’s Campus.

ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of Mr Hall we are looking to enter some Year 9 students into an Engineering Challenge. Unfortunately the number of places is limited meaning that a fair process needs to be put in place when selecting the students. As a college we are hoping that this challenge becomes an annual event, enabling students to demonstrate and develop their capacity in problem solving.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)
PATRONS’ DAY

Tomorrow the senior campus will celebrate its patron in a day of prayer, social action and celebration. In the spirit of our Patrons who provide excellent examples of how to live as Jesus asks, the students will celebrate Mass, make a 5 km pilgrimage through Whyalla then celebrate with stalls and entertainment to raise money for the college’s nominated charities. Students have also been asked to donate non perishable food items to help families in Whyalla.

YOUTH MASS

On Sunday, August 4 there will be a Youth Mass at 5:30pm at OLHC Church. If you have been looking for a way to reconnect with the church, this may be a simple way to be involved by attending and supporting the youth of our parish. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate as a parish family.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

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Annette Cameron
CAANTEEN MANAGER

Rose Cassar
CAANTEEN MANAGER

Marg Coad
CAANTEEN 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."

My name is Bryden Atkinson. I’m fourteen years old and have recently suffered the loss of a great family friend to suicide. In my efforts to understand why he did this, I began to search the internet and found it very difficult to find information on male suicide and how we can try to see the symptoms of depression which may lead to suicide.

Suicide is a well-known public health concern, over the past five years the average number of suicide deaths per year is 2320. In 2011, 1727 males died by suicide, which equates to an average of 5 deaths by suicide in Australia each day. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, the suicide rate is 2.5 times higher in men.

The loss of my family friend really affected my family. He was 42 years old, a man loved by his children, his family, his friends and his community. He volunteered countless number of hours to different organisations around Whyalla. He was one of the kindest people I’ve ever met. He was like an uncle to me.

On 14th September 2013 I am organising a fun run/walk to help raise money and make more people aware of suicide in our community, your help would be greatly appreciated.

The Run/walk will start at Civic Park at 12pm and will finish at West Whyalla Football Club with a sausage sizzle and presentation.

Hopefully with your help as a sponsor we together can Lend A Hand to shine a light on male suicide prevention.

All money raised will go to Beyond Blue Limited and Australia Suicide Prevention Foundation.

Please have a look for posters around town on how to donate.

Trent Keiper
YEAR 11 & 12 COORDINATOR
Whyalla Show
Help Still Needed

We still have a few spots to fill.
We still need at least 17 more helpers.

Saturday 8-10pm
4 helpers needed

Sunday 7-10am
4 helpers needed

Sunday 12-2pm
4 helpers needed

Sunday 12-2pm
4 helpers needed

Sunday 2-4pm
1 helper needed

Please contact Tania Taylor on 8645 8381 or complete the return slip below and leave at any campus office.

Name: ...................................................................................

Contact Number: .................................................................

I can help on: ...........................................................................