Dear families,

Today is the Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop. She took the name, St Mary of the Cross and is also the Patron of the Diocese of Port Pirie. Mary has a special link with the schools in our diocese and even though our schools were not founded by her order of Josephite Sisters, her influence and traditions are very strong at Samaritan. One of our House teams is named after Mary MacKillop.

One of her most well known statements was “never see a need without doing something about it”. This is so simple, so obvious, yet so profound. It covers much of what we attempt to do at Samaritan in regard to our work with the needy, the raising of funds for charity and the acts of giving by students in helping community groups and those less fortunate than ourselves. We are always very proud of how our students respond when confronted with a ‘need’.

Patrons’ Day at the secondary campus is an example of students doing something about a ‘need’. We again created another wonderful day of celebration, sacrifice, charity and fun. Thank you to all involved especially our teachers who coordinated and supervised the students’ stalls and activities. It is a long day for all involved but the funds and goods donated to our charities go a long way.

Each year we prepare an annual report as part of our compliance for the Australian Government which is placed on our website. We invite you to view the report of our College under the FAQs, Forms and Files section. If you are unable to access the report online, please contact us and you can be forwarded a hard copy. The data specifically refers to last year and follows a proforma outlined by the Australian Government.

Yesterday our Japanese students and teachers from Minakuchi High School were farewelled by their host families at the front of the school. It is always a sad farewell, but amidst the tears is a delight in the wonderful relationships forged so quickly between everyone. At our official farewell assembly, where our students were blessed with a visit from Mayor Jim Pollock, we applauded the students in their initiative – to make a difference and to make life interesting by bothering to step out of their comfort zones. We thank all the families for opening their hearts and homes to strangers. Such giving action is the true charism of our school – the Samaritan way. We would also like to thank the many staff who have taken extra lessons, attended excursions and who hosted teachers. Lastly, thank you to Mrs Kane, Van Niekerk, Smith and Daniels for teaching the ESL lessons and to Mr Josh Boden for coordinating the entire two weeks. Much time and effort goes into this extraordinary fortnight way before it is actualised.

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This week and next week the liturgy is rich with images of God’s power and fidelity, even in the face of evil and sin. Tuesday is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, with the readings evoking light and glory, as Jesus is revealed as the Son of God. How uplifting this is, for all of us who strive to live the call to follow him!

Today is the Feast of St Mary of the cross MacKillop, Patron Saint of our Diocese, the humble Sister of St Joseph who inspires us to understand education as one of God’s gifts to humankind.

Next week our students and staff will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of our Lady. They will be invited to contemplate the extraordinary concept of eternal life, through the lens of Mary’s experience. Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven, without suffering the pain of physical death. Jesus has used his mother’s amazing faith to teach us about the eternal destiny God has in mind for each of us.

On Tuesday and Friday of this week the school children of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will mark the 68th anniversary of the atomic bomb blasts which destroyed their cities in 1945. Every Japanese school student makes a visit to Hiroshima some time during their school years. They reflect upon the evil of war and suffering.

Friday this week, and Wednesday next week, mark the martyrs St Theresa Benedicta of the Cross (known in her earlier life as the Jewish philosopher Edith Stein), and St Maximilian Kolbe, who gave their lives for God and for their fellow human beings in the gas chambers of Nazi Germany. In their example we sense our responsibility to stand up against tyranny of any kind – whether on the world stage like Theresa and Maximilian, or in the playground at Samaritan College.

As St Peter reminds us, we have been given a message of life and hope:

“You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts (2 Peter 1:19).”

Fr Jim Monaghan
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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Holy God, source of all goodness, you show us in Mary MacKillop a woman of faith who lived by the power of the cross. Teach us to embrace what she pioneered: new ways of living the gospel that respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land. We make this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Today I will respect human dignity.

What issues would Saint Mary MacKillop act on relating to human dignity in our world today?

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

Source GPBS.com
UNIFORM NEWS
For your convenience ties @15.00 and scarves @$7.00 are now for purchase at the SJC canteen, as well as socks and hats. Hats and Library bags are available from the front office at both primary campuses.

SOUTHERN CROSS
The Southern Cross - August, 2013 may now be viewed online at www.thesoutherncross.org.au

COLLEGE NEWS

PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

CROSS CAMPUS SCIENCE
This semester, we are again supporting the Year 7 Cross Campus Science Program, where the students will further their understanding of Chemistry through lessons taught by their class teacher at Saint John’s Campus Science Labs.

The program aims to not only transition our Year 7 students into the secondary setting, but to familiarise the students with the practical components of science, while using the Science labs and equipment. Please keep an eye out for further information from your child’s teacher if they are in Year 7.

OPEN NIGHT A SUCCESS
On Tuesday night this week both primary campuses held an Open Display Night. Parents had the opportunity to visit their child’s classroom and to wander through the entire school looking at and celebrating the learning displays throughout the school. It was also fabulous to have both our Principiante Primary Band and our Avanzto Primary Band play as the parents wandered through. Thank you to those parents who came along, the response was extremely positive. Please also remember that you are always welcome to share in your child’s learning at either campus.

CONFIRMATION
Thank you to all who attended the Confirmation Parent Information Evening last week, we were very pleased with the support received. It was a great opportunity for our parish and school team to meet the families and sponsors who are supporting our Confirmation candidates. I ask you all to keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers and support these students as they make their next step in their faith journey.

ASSEMBLY
This Friday our assemblies will be hosted by Miss Foran’s Yr 1/2 at Saint Teresa’s Campus and R/1 Leech at Our Lady Help of Christians 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

Grace and blessings,
Georga Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Book Week 2013
Read Across 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 Across 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.

CONFIRMATION
Please remember to bring your commitment cards to Mass this weekend. Bring both sets completed and signed to any mass over the weekend.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is available at both primary campuses. Both campuses are visited by Alliance One and Bank SA. Commonwealth is also available at OLHC Campus. Parents wishing to organise banking for their children are encouraged to contact their primary campus for further details.
School life is often busy, sometimes chaotic, but never dull – and these past few weeks are perfect examples of this!

**YEAR 10 EDUCATION NIGHT**

Information concerning Stage 1 (Year 11) subjects and college expectations was presented at our annual Year 10 Education Night at Centrals. The parent and student turnout was pleasing and indicates the interest parents take in their children’s education. Our Year 10 boys are on the Murray Venture this week and the girls are undertaking work experience, but we ask that students return their subject selection forms as soon as possible so teachers can begin the subject counselling process. Parents and students are encouraged to speak to relevant subject coordinators or teachers if they have any queries about particular subjects; likewise, Maresa Lyons is available should you have any questions about SACE.

**YEAR 11 EDUCATION NIGHT**

Our Year 11 students and their families attended a subject selection information session Tuesday evening. Like the Year 10 evening it was well patronised and a wealth of information was provided about completing the SACE and entry requirements for university and TAFE courses. Students and caregivers are reminded that subject information is available on the Samaritan website (http://www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/ → go to Learning → Curriculum & VET → Subject Selection Information Booklet). Hard copies are available upon request from the SJC reception.

**YEAR 11 RETREAT AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Next week our Year 11 students will be on Retreat and undertaking Community Outreach. Information to caregivers has been sent home, and students are reminded to return consent forms to their caregroup teachers ASAP if they haven’t already done so. Students who have not organised Community Outreach will be required to attend school and from here will venture into the local community to work on a number of environmental-based projects.

**PATRONS’ DAY**

We were truly blessed with great weather and fantastic community spirit with Friday’s Patrons’ Day (formally Saint John’s Day). The secondary students were joined by Year 7 students from Saint Teresa’s and Our Lady’s and everyone seemed to enjoy the morning walk and afternoon stalls, which included games, face paintings, food and drink. A big thank-you to all involved, especially those who contributed to the Saint Vincent de Paul’s can drive and who helped raise over $5000 for various local charities.
MINAKUCHI EXCHANGE
It is with some sadness that we bid farewell to our guests from Japan this week. The 13 students and two teachers from our Japanese sister-school were only here for a short time but were readily embraced by the College and wider communities and thoroughly enjoyed their time here. This annual cultural exchange is one of the highlights of the Saint John’s calendar and is a rich and rewarding learning experience for all involved. Thank you to Josh Boden for coordinating this valuable event, for Samaritan families for generously opening their homes, and students who willingly volunteered to host a Japanese guest, for teachers for giving up their free lessons to run activities with the students, and for those in the community who made our visitors feel so welcome.

SAMARITAN SPECTACULAR
Rehearsals are in full-swing as our talented youngsters prepare for the Samaritan Spectacular to be held in less than two weeks. Stay tuned for more information regarding performance times and ticket sales.

ATTENDANCE
Much was said at our education evenings regarding attendance and just how important it is for students to minimise absences. Whilst some are legitimate due to illness or family events, teachers often lament just how many students (particularly in the senior year levels) take days off to finish assignments, catch up on sleep after big weekends or because they ‘only have a few subjects today’. Any time away from school means students miss valuable instructional time and can further add to stress levels. We therefore encourage parents to practice ‘tough love’ by insisting their children attend school when they would rather stay home. I also take this opportunity to remind students who are absent when assessment tasks are due or tests held that they must provide a doctor’s certificate to verify illness; and that failure to do so may mean they cannot submit the assignment or sit the test at a later date.

Miss Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

WORLD YOUTH DAY
We welcome back Miss Heath from her pilgrimage to World Youth Day and look forward to sharing with her about the experience.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

STAGE 2 RESEARCH PROJECT
Congratulations to the Year 11 students and teachers on another successful round of Research Project results. Special congratulations must go to those students who received grades in the A band:

- Aneen van Niekerk
- James Basbas
- Sophie Gurnett

Students are reminded that all Stage 1 first semester results and the Stage 2 Research Project results are available online via the SACE website through the ‘connect’ tab. A hard copy has also been sent home in the form of a blue Record of Achievement.

Maresa Lyons
SACE COORDINATOR

ANDREW MCLEOD CHALLENGE 2013
On Wednesday, July 31, four Samaritan Year 8/9 Indigenous students were invited to complete the Andrew McLeod Challenge which was facilitated by The Adelaide Football Club. Former AFC champion Andrew McLeod and his wife, Rachael McLeod, were in attendance, much to the pleasure of our attendees, Myles McNamara, Nellie Cowan, Amylee Dunn and Tricia Taylor. The day consisted of games of 9-a-side Football, a cultural awareness session run by local Whyalla icon, Colin Weetra and a Health seminar run by Opal. The Samaritan students combined forces with our Pt Augusta neighbours, Caritas under the guidance of Old Scholar, Nick Callary and competed throughout the day with pride. During the cultural awareness session, Colin encouraged the students to make sure they were aware of their native language and were proud of their land and heritage, and highlighting the advantages of being Indigenous Australia’s. Overall the day fulfilled its purpose of integrated the community and allowing the students to make connections and friends with other children in the Upper North Region.

Matt Quist
PE/SPORT COORDINATOR

MASS
9 Red will celebrate Mass on Friday, August 16 at Saint Teresa’s Church. Mass will begin at 9:00am so students need to be at the church by 8:45am.

Mass for the Assumption of the Virgin Mary will be held at each campus on Thursday, August 15.

YEAR 11 RETREAT
Year 11 students will be taking time out of their normal routines next week to reflect on the presence of God and other important people in their lives. They are taking time to be present to each other and the environment. We wish the Year 11 students and their teachers a rewarding time next week.

The Retreat will be run in two halves, with Group 1 attending from Monday to Wednesday (August 12-14), and Group 2 attending from Wednesday to Friday (August 14-16). On the two days that students are not in Retreat, they will be undertaking two days of Community Outreach.
What is Self Esteem?

Everyone has Self Esteem

It is what we think about our own abilities, and how we see ourselves as a person

Children and young people are developing their own self esteem all the time. As they spend most of their time at school, sometimes things that happen at school can affect their self esteem. If they have healthy self esteem, they will cope with challenges better. If they have low self esteem, their coping skills will be low – this affects their self esteem even more.

- Ensure they feel loved and appreciated
- Praise them for their successes
- Listen to what they have to say and respond with positive messages
- Help them to focus on what they are good at
- Encourage them to have supportive friends

For more information you and your child can email the school counsellors at:
cassandra.ward@samaritan.catholic.edu.au
michelle.gerblich@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

The students at Saint Johns Campus will be invited to attend a Self Esteem Workshop commencing in Week 4. It will go for 4 weeks, during one lesson per week.

From the College counsellors! 😊
**Canteen Rosters**

Monday, August 12 - Friday, August 16

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Annette Cameron
Canteen Manager

Rose Cassar
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**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.”

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**Ski Trip**

In the second week of the school holidays, Mr Tom Gillian, Mrs Beck Kane and Mr Allan Kane accompanied 20 enthusiastic Year 11s and 12s to Mt Buller for a ski trip. The journey began from Welland carpark in Adelaide at midnight on Saturday, July 13 and after a 16 hour bus ride, we arrived at Mt Buller.

Our ski lodge was fantastic – containing numerous dorms and several shared areas where we could lounge at night and watch DVDs or cricket games after a hard day’s work on the slopes. Most of the students were “beginners” at skiing and snowboarding but, within hours, many were taking on the intermediate hills.

Unfortunately, we were only granted three days on the slopes. With minimum natural snow and terrible rain, the ski fields were washed out. In good spirits, everyone managed to fill their time by drinking hot chocolates, talking about their skiing adventures and participating in a competitive quiz.

A huge thank you to Mr Tom Gilligan for organising the ski trip. After months of planning, we were able to enjoy a great week away, injury free!

Beck Kane
Year 8 Coordinator
The Whyalla Show

**“Hot Food & Drinks Stall”**

A great place to grab lunch, rendezvous with the kids and share in our community outreach.

Come along and enjoy an egg & bacon roll, hamburger, hot dog or steak sandwich.

Drinks also available.

**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:** ...........................................................

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**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 2-4pm**

1 helper needed

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**Australian Red Cross Blood Service Mobile Unit Visiting Soon**

**Whyalla can make a difference**

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service mobile unit is visiting Whyalla at the Westland Hotel from Tuesday 13 August until Friday 16 August.

We still have appointments available:

- **Thursday between 1.45pm and 8.00pm**
- **Friday between 8.15am and 11.45am**

If you haven’t already made an appointment to give blood, you can make an appointment online or call us on 13 14 95. 1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Australian Red Cross Blood Service

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**Queries or RSVP by Monday 12th August to Beau at cure-for-shore@hotmail.com or facebook SA Ambulance Adventure Racing**

**EUISMOD**

The SA Ambulance Service Adventure Racing Team is raising money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

So come out for a run/walk 2km or 5km or just join us for breakfast @ 10am -12pm or Donate at http://give.everydayhero.com/au/EvanXPD, if you can’t be there.

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**The Whyalla Show**

“Hot Food & Drinks Stall”

- Whyalla Foreshore Motel & grassed area. 8.45am onwards
- Optional run / walk with the Harriers, followed by a delicious family friendly breakfast
- $10 per adult, $5 for under 12’s. This includes the run / walk registration, breakfast, coffee and bouncy castle