COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
• 9 Red Mass, 8:45am, St Teresa’s Church

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
• Year 9 Retreat

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22
• Samaritan Spectacular, 7:00pm, tickets on sale at the Middleback Theatre

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
• Italian Fundraiser BBQ, Harvey Norman, 11am-2pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27
• Book Week Parade, OLHCC, p3
• Current Year 9 Information Evening, Central Whyalla Football Club, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28
• Book Week Parade, STC, p3

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
• Current Year 8 Information Evening, Central Whyalla Football Club, 7:30pm

Dear families,

It is said that Jesus was with us so that we may have ‘fullness of life’. It is our mantra at Samaritan College that to be fully alive we need to be fully awake to opportunity, to dare to get involved and to come to the realisation that one’s effort and initiative will make all the difference to the experience. It’s about having an exhilarating, rather than the oft bemoaned ‘boring’ life. And so our trekkers returned to school from the Year 10 Murray Venture this week, our Year 5s have enjoyed the challenges of the High Ropes at Errappa and the Year 11s are on Retreat and doing their community service hours this week.

We thank all the parents who have attended the senior school education nights in the past weeks. Years 8 and 9 follow at the end of this term. School attendance has been the hot topic of conversation, with us discouraging the enabling parent response of allowing too many days off for children to ‘catch-up’ as it inevitably puts them further behind. There was a lesson to learn from our ‘mean mothers’ – their insistence that if we were sick we were to stay in bed and without TV; pretty much got us back to school the next day. We ask that parents practise such tough love to avoid the rut students can easily dig themselves into, which just exacerbates the problem. We do, however, acknowledge the challenges that many of our young people face and are sympathetic to the very real concerns of the minority. If your children are struggling with health or personal welfare, we encourage regular contact and the opportunity to meet to assist in any way we can.

Next week we celebrate the gifts and talents of our young people with the staging of the ‘Samaritan Spectacular’, an R-12 showcase of performances. With only one evening show, we strongly encourage you to secure tickets now.

It’s not too late to offer assistance for the Whyalla Show Stall, with about four spots left to fill on Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon. Please ring Tania Taylor on 8645 8381 or Terissa Shepherd on 8645 8568. Please come along and purchase breakfast, lunch or dinner at our value for money, family friendly stall.

School bags often get a mention every now and then as to how heavy they appear to be. We ask parents to check that their child is not attempting to carry a heavy bag and if they are, please ask them what they really need to have in the bag. The college does not require students to be taking all books and textbooks home each evening. Secondary students, in particular, sometimes choose to keep everything in their bags instead of their lockers; a practice we strongly discourage.

A case of whooping cough has been reported on the secondary site in the past week. If parents have even a remote concern that a cough is developing into something worse, please consult your doctor. Students do need to remain home with plenty of bed rest should they have a whooping cough diagnosis and families need to notify the school. Thank you for your shared support.

DAMIAN JUDD
CO-PRINCIPAL

TERISSA SHEPHERD
CO-PRINCIPAL
Greetings as we are experiencing winter leaving us and lovely sunny days.

This weekend we have been invited through the Stewardship Renewal in our Parish to become disciples of Jesus and participate in our parish life together. We all have busy lives and especially in our families. Here are just a few suggestions from the take home sheet that could help us to do this

*Give thanks each day for God's goodness to us.
*Affirm a gift or talent you appreciate in another person.
*Participate in some project with the poor.

I have seen these in action at the College when I was invited to a class who wished to help the poor through St Vincent de Paul. They did this by coming early to school to make hot chocolate to sell and make money. It was also very evident on Patron's Day when we heard of all the ways the students and families support the chosen charities. Another occasion was at the Children's Mass on Saturday night when the children and their families came to celebrate and give thanks. It was just wonderful to see the children joining in reading and singing with great enthusiasm. One song they sang expressed gratitude for all the gifts we have. It said if I were a butterfly, I'd thank you God for my fine wings...

...but I just thank you God for making me.”

So let's keep on encouraging one another to see the gifts and talents God has given to each of us and acknowledge the time and effort of the people who help in preparing the children.

Perhaps in our families we could take just a little time before the evening meal or just before the children go to bed, to give thanks for the day, and also to be aware when there is a Children's or Youth Mass and bring the family. We are so blessed in our country with the freedom we enjoy so let's come with our families to give thanks and praise to God.

This coming weekend is the Whyalla Show - an opportunity to participate in a community event. We hope we'll see you at the Samaritan Food Stall. There is always delicious food!!

May our loving God bless each of us with grateful hearts.

Sister Helen Mills
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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RElIGIoUS DIMENSION

Today is the Assumption of Mary, a holy day of obligation. It observes the Christian belief that when the Virgin Mary died, she was “assumed” into heaven. As Bishop O’Kelly has said, this day is a means for us expressing our devotion to Mary, about whom the Magnificat says, “all generations will call me blessed”. Masses and Liturgies were held at each campus to observe this day.

The Magnificat, taken from Luke’s Gospel (1:46-55)
My soul magnifies the Lord
And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
Because he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaid;
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;
Because he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;

And his mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear him.
He has showed might with his arm,
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful of his mercy
Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever.

Carly Higgins
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR (SECONDARY)

CANTEEN ROSTERS
Monday, August 19 - Friday, August 23

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The tri-yearly ‘Samaritan Spectacular’ will be held at the Middleback Theatre next week. We have a large range of students from across all three campuses busily preparing and rehearsing a variety of acts ready to perform. Tickets are currently on sale to the public from the Middleback Theatre for the Thursday, August 22, 7:00pm evening performance, as well as the Wednesday, August 21, 12:30pm matinee.

All students involved in the Spectacular should have been issued a note this week explaining when they are required at the theatre, if you haven’t received this yet, you can contact the front office at any of the campuses to obtain one.

Students across Years 3 – 9 are lucky enough to view the ‘Samaritan Spectacular’ for free at a matinee performance next week. Years 3 -7 students will view the performance on the Wednesday, and Years 8 & 9 students will view the performance on the Thursday. You should have also received a note this week explaining this.

The Spectacular promises to be a fun and entertaining show for both the audience and our cast members.

To all of our talented performers… Break a leg!

Lisa Howard
CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

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**Primary Campus News**

**Children’s Mass**

Last Saturday night the Children’s Mass was held at Saint Teresa’s Church at 7:00pm. I sat with one of the Parishioners who has been attending for years and he asked me if I would convey his congratulations to the children parents and staff involved. Thank you to all of the children that read, sang, danced and processed during the Mass. It was fabulous to have you there and to see that you are taking up the call to be active in your faith. Well done!

**Whyalla Show**

This weekend is the much loved Whyalla Show. Please call past and have a look at the Samaritan College display in the School’s pavilion and of course when you’re hungry or thirsty come and grab a bite to eat from the Samaritan College food stall.

**Another Samaritan Teacher Nominated!**

You may recall last term I shared the great news that Mrs Kristin Murray had been nominated by a community member for a National Teaching Award through NEITA. I’m thrilled to let you know that Mrs Amy Boundy has also been nominated for a National Teaching Award. This is great news for all staff at Samaritan College as their hard work as teachers is being acknowledged. Well done Amy!

**Spectacular Coming Together**

Next week will see months of preparation come together in the form of the Samaritan ‘Spectacular’. The ‘Spectacular’ is part of our three year rotational commitment to The Arts and is an opportunity for students to showcase Samaritan talent to the wider Whyalla community. The other performances included in this three year rotation are the very popular Musicals and, of course, next year will be the Instrumental Concert. Please contact the Middleback Theatre for tickets to the evening performance.

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**Book Week Creeping Up On Us**

Book Week begins the week commencing August 26 and the theme this year is Read Across the Universe. During this week students from both primary campuses will be involved in reading activities with buddy classes, using the ‘space photo booth’ and a Book Week parade of costumes. Please encourage your child to dress up for the parade. It would be fabulous to have all students participate in some way. Please see flyer below for details.

Grace and blessings,

Georga Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Primary Campus
Open Display Night
SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

Secondary attendance hotline: 0488 626 818 - text messages only, otherwise please phone 8645 8568.

EDUCATION NIGHTS

The Year 8 and 9 Education Nights are coming up in the next few weeks. August 27 is the evening for our current Year 9 students and parents, with the Year 8 night being held a week later on September 3. We would like to see all students in attendance accompanied by at least one parent, so that what is discussed on the night might form ongoing conversations within individual households.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

As there have been new students and families join our community it is probably timely to remind parents that most of the events affecting students at the College can be found on the calendar within the website. When opening the calendar parents will be confronted by a variety of colours each representing the different activities at the three campuses.

Families are encouraged to nominate only the campuses that affect their children. This is done through a dropdown menu located at the top right corner of the calendar, where individuals can remove ticks from the sections that are not required.

SPORTING ENDEAVOURS

A number of girls will be heading off to compete in different sporting finals in Adelaide in the next few days. We wish the girls all the best in their endeavours, and safe travels.

FLINDERS UNI

Next Friday a representative from Flinders University will address all of our Year 12 students during their study lesson to discuss the Uni Test. This will provide students with another means of gaining access to courses at Flinders Uni as well as their ATAR.

WHEEL CHAIR SPORTS

On Tuesday, August 20 the College is hosting a group of young people who will be presenting information to our Year 10 students around spinal injuries and then joining with a class to run a lesson of wheelchair sport.

To accommodate this event it was necessary to move some of the lessons around in the day. Whilst the timing of lessons hasn't changed the order has and will now be:

- Lesson 5
- Lesson 4
- Recess
- Lesson 3
- Lesson 2
- Lesson 1
- Lunch
- Lesson 6
- Lesson 7

The Year 10’s will have their presentation after recess, in lesson 3.

COMPUTER CORNER

Primary students may find the following sites handy for National Science Week (August 10-18) activities:

- National Science Week
  http://www.scienceweek.net.au/

- Circuits and conducting
  The blobz guide to electrical circuits
  http://www.andythelwell.com/blobz/

- BBC School – Science Clips-Circuits and conducting
  http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/8_9/
circuits_conductors_fs.shtml

- Electricity
  http://www.kathimitchell.com/elect.htm

- Woodlands Electricity
  http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/
Science/electricity.htm

- BBC KS2 Bitesize Games – Science- Changing circuits
  http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science/
physical_processes/changing_circuits/play.shtml

- Biodiversity
  Oleg – biodiversity for young students
  http://www.amnh.org/ology/?channel=biodiversity

- Recycle Roundup – National Geographic for kids
  http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Games/ActionGames/
Recycle-roundup

- Kids Zone
  http://www.agclassroom.org/kids/index.htm

- Eek! Environment Education
  http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/eek/

- Energy Kids
  http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/kids/

- Sustainable schools
biodiversity#student

- Smokey Bear
  http://www.smokeybear.com/kids/default.asp?js=1

- Kid’s Planet
  http://www.kidsplanet.org/

- The EPA Global Warming Kid’s Site
  http://epa.gov/climatechange/kids/index.html

- Science site on the internet (insects etc)
  http://kids.discovery.com/

Jenny Kondylas
COMPUTING TEACHER
The SACE Board is committed to providing all students with opportunities for success in completing the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). The Board recognises that individual students, in certain circumstances, may need special provisions in order to access the learning and assessment requirements in subjects, and so has in place the Special Provisions in Curriculum and Assessment Policy. Special Provisions are special arrangements for a student who may be in a situation where an illness, impairment, learning difficulty or an unforeseen incident impacts on the student’s ability to participate in the assessment. Special provisions may be needed for short term difficulties, e.g. illness on the day of an examination, or to assist with the impact of a pre-existing, long term condition. Decisions regarding special provisions for school assessments for Stage 1 (Year 11) and Stage 2 (Year 12) subjects (e.g. tests, assignments and practicals) are the responsibility of the school. Decisions regarding special provisions for the external assessments, such as the final Year 12 examinations are the responsibility of the SACE Board. Both the SACE Board and the school make decisions about special provisions in accordance with the Special Provisions in Curriculum and Assessment Policy. Eligibility for special provisions is based on evidence. The evidence required for each student to submit may vary but in all instances the school supports the student in providing information regarding the impact of the illness, impairment, or personal circumstances, on their capacity to access the requirements of an assessment. The Special Provisions in Curriculum and Assessment Policy has been in place since 2007, and is reviewed regularly. Minor amendments were made to the policy after the previous review. As part of the SACE Board’s ongoing commitment to quality outcomes for students, a further review is being carried out during 2013. The SACE Board is seeking feedback from students and their families regarding awareness and clarity of the policy and the associated procedures that enable eligible students access to special provisions. This survey, along with the Special Provisions in Curriculum and Assessment Policy document and other relevant information, can be accessed on the SACE Board website via the following link http://www.sace.sa.edu.au/about/consultation/consultation/specialprovisions-policy-review and will be available on-line until 19 August 2013.

**YEAR 9 RETREAT**

Tuesday, August 20 will also be the day that our Year 9 students participate in their day retreat. It is often necessary to take time away from the rigours of the classroom and to spend time reflecting on other aspects of life. The retreat allows students the opportunity to change their focus for the day, often returning to school with an improved sense of self and others. The retreat is a compulsory event, as such it is expected that all students attend.

**CHANGE OF ELECTIVE - YEAR 8**

We have almost covered two thirds of the calendar year so it is timely to point out to Year 8 students and their parents that on Monday, August 26 they will be changing their electives. New timetables will be distributed to students to reduce any confusion as to which elective classes they are to attend. It might be necessary for some students to use their free time to complete the work requirements from their current two electives.

*John Lyons*  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

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**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.

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**Whyalla Show**  
**Help Still Needed**

Dear parents & caregivers. We are very grateful for the volunteers who have offered their time and good spirit. There are still spaces needing to be filled. Please ring Terissa Shepherd (8645 8568) or Tania Taylor (8645 8381) on Friday *(tomorrow)*. Even if you can only give an hour we encourage you to ring.

**Saturday 8-10pm**  
3 helpers needed

**Sunday 2-4pm**  
2 helpers needed