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DAMiEN JUDD
CO-PRINCIPAL

TERISSA SHEPHERD
CO-PRINCIPAL
Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Greg O’Kelly in our Parish on the weekend. During the Confirmation Mass Bishop Greg spoke with the students about the Saint’s name they had chosen. It is always interesting to hear why they chose a particular saint to inspire them in their lives. The saints were people… It is a good time for us to reflect on what Confirmation means for us in our life.

In recent weeks in the parish, we have been looking at how we can use our gifts and many people have responded by being a reader or special minister, helping in the garden and catering or other groups within the parish. As a parish we all need each other to keep the parish reaching out and supporting others in their time of need like Harold, a 6 year old Fillipino boy, who attends the 8.30 Mass with his family. A few weeks ago was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

You will see a note in the newsletter of a novena and of a fundraiser. We are inviting parishioners and the school community to support Harold and the Garcia family by donating spare books. We are hoping that as many people as possible will make this a priority as it will show, in a practical way, our care for them at this difficult time. Books can be brought to school at any time and they will be passed on to the parish. (Please see below.)

We hope you are keeping the weekend of November 1-3 in your diary as those days will be a weekend of thanks and farewell for the Sisters of the Good Samaritan who will be leaving Whyalla after 71 years. The Sisters started Catholic Education in Whyalla. Sr Helen has been with us the last 3 years and Sr Sonia was in Whyalla until the end of last year, when she moved to Port Pirie to work in the diocesan office. We have much to be grateful to the Sisters for in the parish and school community of Whyalla and they will be missed. A number of sisters who have worked in Whyalla over the years will be returning that weekend. More information can be obtained from the Parish/Churches.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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**BRING A BOOK – BUY A BOOK**

Harold Garcia is a six year old member of our parish community who has recently had a serious operation and is now undergoing extensive chemotherapy and radiotherapy in Adelaide. He is a bright, very lively, brave boy. Parishioners are offering a novena prayer for Harold. To support his family with the significant expenses involved, we will be holding a book sale in the parish.

We would be very grateful if you and your family could look over your bookshelves and see if you have one or more books to donate. They could be children’s books, novels, cook books or any others which you think someone would like to buy. The sale will be held after the Masses on the weekend of September 28 and 29 – all books will be $2.00 each. Come along and bag a bargain!

If you can help just bring them to school before the end of term as the school has kindly offered to bring them to the parish. Thank you for the many ways you support children such as Harold in the Whyalla community.

**RELIGIOUS DIMENSION**

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do. Corinthians 12: 4-6

Last Saturday and Sunday the Year 7 children celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, becoming ‘grown up’ in their Catholic faith, in the eyes of our Parish and their families. Bishop Greg made the occasion very memorable for each candidate as he took a personal interest in their chosen saint and their journey towards the day.

Bishop Greg spoke in his homily of the moment when after the candidate is anointed with chrism he ‘hits’ them on the cheek representing that it is not an easy thing to be a Christian. He explained that sometimes it is difficult to stand up for others in the playground or make the choice that you know is right.

We pray that the Gifts of wisdom, understanding, wonder and awe, right judgement, knowledge, courage, and reverence are with us and our newly confirmed Year 7s as we all try to live out the call of our Baptism to be true followers of Jesus in everything that we do.

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)
CONFIRMATION

Last weekend the confirmation group received this sacrament in a ceremony conferred by Bishop O’Kelly. We offer these children and their parents our prayers and blessings as they continue their life as a confirmed Catholic. As Bishop Greg said in the Mass, we pray that these children ‘know no harm and cause no harm’ as they venture out into the world.

In this ceremony the children stood on their own feet and confirmed the promises made by their parents at their Baptism to love Jesus and follow in His way.

Again we congratulate and pray for these newly confirmed children.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

In Term 4, preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will begin. The college and the Catholic Parish of Whyalla will share information and send details to those families who are registered as Catholic. If you do not receive the information regarding the program please contact Sr Cheryle at the Parish on 8645 8023.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Friday students from Samaritan College competed in the annual Inter-School Athletics carnival at Jubilee Park. Nine schools from across Whyalla competed in great spirits.

The carnival was a great success and saw children participate in a range of events including sprints, marathons, relays, shot put, long jump and high jump.

The Saint Teresa’s team received first place and Our Lady Help of Christians team received third place. Congratulations to all of the students from Samaritan for their fantastic attitude and participation on the day.

Cassie Lewis
TEACHER

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 9 and 10 of this term. Please take this opportunity to ensure that you make a time to speak with your child’s teacher(s). These conversations are a valuable way of strengthening the partnership between home and school as well as keeping up to date with your child’s whole school experience.

WHYALLA CHOIR

The children involved in the Whyalla Choir have shown commitment and persistence as they have prepared for their performances. We congratulate them and Choir Trainers, Melinda Gray and Kerri Smith on their polished performance on Wednesday night and wish them success for Thursday’s performance.

ADELAIDE CHOIR

We are wishing the students all the best for performing in the Catholic Schools Music Festival at the Festival Theatre on Thursday, September 26. Congratulations go to Mrs Winnie Fitzgerald and Ms Melinda Gray who are responsible for training the students this year.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Get out your footy socks or your favourite sporting colours to support the Footy Colours Day on Tuesday, September 24 (Week 10). A gold coin donation can be made to support our Samaritan College charities. A sausage sizzle is also available on the day for those who have pre ordered.

All families should have already received an order form for the sausage sizzle. This is optional and students can bring a normal lunch or buy from the canteen if they don’t want a sausage. Money from both the sausage sizzle and the Coloured Clothes Day will go to the college charities. Families who have 2 or more children at the primary campuses need only to pay for sausages for 2 of their children and the rest can be covered by that amount. Please indicate this on the form to be returned. Sausage money is brought in before Tuesday.

SCHOOL BAGS

We ask for parents’ help in encouraging their children to ensure their school bags are zipped up at school. Most bags are being left wide open on our bag hooks with gear falling out and some are attracting the attention of insects. It also becomes very tempting for some students to ‘have a look’ at what is in other students’ bags. Staff will zip up any wide open bags but your assistance is appreciated.

Lou Whitehouse
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING
Student Engagement

Recently some primary staff attended professional learning on aspects of student engagement. These opportunities confirmed the many existing practices we undertake to engage students in their learning and provided new understandings for further development.

Lou Whitehouse
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

“Engagement represents children being truly interested and excited about what they are learning” Engagement Matters, (2011)

“Engagement is learning that is real, relevant and meaningful to children as unique individuals” Engagement Matters, (2011)

LEFT: "We used the information to solve the problem for ourselves, no one told us exactly what it was"

RIGHT: "my learning intention is to put finger spaces in my writing. I got this spacer to help me."

ABOVE: "We learnt about Indigenous Shelters. It was great learning because I could be outside the class room and I had to plan and make my shelter myself. Mine passed the wind, water and weight test."
**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
Next Tuesday and Wednesday, September 24 & 25, the secondary campus will hold parent teacher interviews. Teachers will be available from 3:30pm – 6:30pm on both days, however, if a teacher has no appointments they may leave earlier. A time sheet for you to assist with scheduling interviews with their teachers will accompany the reports coming home tomorrow. To ensure that the teachers have remained behind to see you please use the sheet and ask that your child confirms the appointment times with each teacher that you would like to see.

**HATS**
It is time for the students to ensure that they know the location of their hat in readiness for next term. The Cancer Council of South Australia recommends that people wear sun protection whenever the maximum UV radiation level is above 3. This is usually from the start of September through to the end of April. Teachers have been asked to encourage students to start wearing their hats immediately, however, it is mandatory that they wear them whenever outside in Term 4. All hats need to be clean and in good condition, or replaced accordingly.

**CHANGES TO THE TIMETABLE**
As mentioned in the newsletter last week the last day of term is shortened, to allow for families going away, however, the college still continues to deliver lessons based around the curriculum for each subject. It is important that students are at school to ensure that they are not falling behind in their studies. This term the lessons that are going to be conducted will be lessons 1, 2 before recess and lessons 6 and 7 after. Again I encourage students to attend and ensure they are prepared for the correct lessons.

**START OF TERM 4**
Monday, October 14, is a staff day so students will not be required to attend school on this day. Their return to school will be on the Tuesday. Students will be provided with new timetables as there has been some small changes to staffing, however, the timing of practical lessons such as Physical Education, Electives and Science should not have changes.

There has been a slight change to the timetable in the first week back. To accommodate for so many of the Monday lessons being missed throughout the year Wednesday, October 16, will be a Monday B timetable. Students will be reminded of this on the first day back at school next term.

*John Lyons*  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

**8 RED CLASS MASS**
On Wednesday, September 25, 8 Red will celebrate Mass at Saint Teresa’s Church. The students need to meet at the church by 8:45 am and will walk back to school at the end of Mass and morning tea.

*Bernie Meixner*  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

**YEAR 10 RETREAT DAY**
Next week the Year 10s will be having a 'Beach Day' at Pt Lowly on Wednesday. A letter has been sent home with your child and all students are expected to participate.

*James Keating*  
YEAR 10 COORDINATOR

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### **CA Trade 35 400**

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THE SISTERS OF GOOD SAMARITAN ARE LEAVING WHYALLA

After 71 years of faithful, caring, service to the people of Whyalla, the Sisters of the Good Samaritans are leaving Whyalla at the end of the year. Originally, the sisters came in 1942 to teach at the newly built St Teresa's School, living in the convent behind the school. As Whyalla's population expanded, they also taught at St Francis Xavier's School and eventually at Our Lady Help of Christians School and Saint John's College. As well as having a teaching role, the Sisters of the Good Samaritans undertook a pastoral role especially in Whyalla West.

To thank the Sisters of the Good Samaritans and celebrate the blessings that they have bestowed on us over the years, the Catholic Parish of Whyalla are inviting people to a weekend of thanksgiving and farewell on November 1, 2 & 3, 2013.

Friday, November 1: 7pm Mass followed by supper. Venue: St Teresa's
Saturday, November 2: 9am Morning prayer followed by brunch. Venue: OLHC Church
Saturday, November 2: 6pm Dinner, $25 followed by a social evening, 7:30pm. Venue: Central Whyalla Football Clubrooms
Sunday, November 3: 11am Mass followed by a picnic on the oval. Venue; Samaritan Hall, Saint John's Campus.
Sunday, November 3: 4pm prayers for the deceased. Venue; Whyalla Cemetery.
Sunday, November 3: 6:30pm ritual of leave taking and farewell. Please bring a plate of food to share for dinner Venue: SGS Convent, Nicolson Ave, Whyalla.

Invitations are at the back of both churches and the Parish Office, Cnr Nicolson Ave and Wilsdon St, Whyalla

ENTERTAINERS NEEDED

Students or members of the community who are interested in showing us their talents by busking on the oval at Samaritan College, Saint John's Campus, after the thanksgiving and farewell Mass for the Good Samaritan nuns. This celebration will be held on November 3. Please contact Gai Travers on 8649 3154 if you are interested or would like more information.

Mid North Christian College

Aviation Studies

Dreamt of piloting/flying or restoring a plane?
Have an interest in the aviation industry?

The Aviation Studies program is just about the most exciting school course a student could ever do at school. The students, under expert tuition, are learning to fly, restoring a plane and are able to apply for a Student Pilot Certificate.

This program is available to any student who has a desire to enter the Aviation Industry. It is a course conducted over 2 years completing 40 SACE credits in Years 10 and 11. Students attend MNCC 1 week per term (4 visits per year). We currently have students billeted with families from all over the state.

Applications for the 2014-2015 program close on Friday 27th September 2013. For more details please phone the College on 86324240 or email Natalie on natalie.farinola@midnorthcc.sa.edu.au

TOUCH FOOTBALL

"The Whyalla Touch Football Association is seeking new members for the 2013/2014 season and is holding an Open Night on Wednesday October 2, from 6.30pm. The Oval behind Central Whyalla Football clubroom will host the Come and Try night to allow new players to get some practice and learn the rules. Existing players are also welcome. Entry is free.

Touch Football is a minimal contact sport for all ages and abilities. It's a great way to get active in a social environment.

Players looking to join a team will be placed in sides that need extra numbers.

The season starts on Wednesday, October 9.

For more information, please contact Craig on 0417 879 663.
“LITTLE ATHLETICS”

It’s Fun
Children like fun. More than that, children need fun. Weekly competition can provide fun through participation with friends. The emphasis is always on improvement, not on winning. The events you can participate can include Running, Walking, Hurdles, Long, High and Triple Jump, Shot-put, Discus and Javelin. (Actual events will depend on the age of the athlete)

It’s Fitness
Not only is Little Athletics a whole lot of fun, it’s a great way of keeping fit. Let’s face it, a healthy body means an alert mind and resistance to many physical ailments. Also a child who learns how to keep fit in youth is more likely to stay fit for life.

It’s For the Family
Little Athletics is more than fun & fitness. It’s a family movement that promotes family participation. It’s a real chance for mum, dad and the family to do things together regularly. Parents/ carers are involved as volunteer helpers and officials at athletic events, and the Association sponsors seminars and other social activities.

Who’s Eligible to Register?
Any boy or girl who is 3 to 16 years old on the 1st October 2013 can compete in the 2013/2014 season from September to March.

When & Where
Come ‘n’ Try 22nd September 2013
At: 9.00 am, Jubilee Park
Early Registration 22nd September 2013
At: 10.00 am $55 per child, $110 for 2 children + $5 per additional child (per family)
Day registration cost of $3 per athlete to cover insurance requirement.
Sausage Sizzle and canteen available

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