Pursuing Lifelong Education

A desirable aspect of our Vision Statement is to “cultivate a thirst for knowledge and a lifelong love of learning”. In observing the rehearsals of the College Musical this week, I felt that such a love of learning of being involved and contributing to community, was clearly evident in the passion and energy shared by staff, students and parent volunteers. To dedicate so much time and effort to extra-curricular learning is witness to the above vision goal. Congratulations to our cast and support personnel in achieving your goals. We are very close now to ‘bumping in’ at the Middleback Theatre and sharing such wonderful talent with our families and friends. The above example undoubtedly supports recent suggestions in the media that the teacher is the single most important factor that makes a difference in a child’s learning. On the face of it, this assertion may hold weight as positive relationships are the essential element, however, the presented ‘fact’ is too one dimensional. Without a doubt if family life is strong and supportive, with a child coming to school having enjoyed regular breakfast, a significant adult has provided shelter, nurturing, and facilitated even incidental home learning, then a really good teacher will add value to a child who is already ripe for learning, stretching them beyond capabilities. Without all of the essential basic needs in place, a really good teacher will still make a difference; they will be the positive influence in a needy existence, and may open doors to worlds a child would not otherwise know. Nonetheless, I will never underestimate the power of the supportive family in making a difference. I believe that the combined effort from family, parish and school of positive support and encouragement of inquiry throughout the individual’s developmental years will make all the difference.

It is at this time of the year that senior students are preparing for the end of their formal secondary schooling and each year level is considering their subject choices for the following year. Recent OECD data showed a strong payoff for students continuing their education and training beyond Year 12, with research revealing that “despite glimmers of economic rebirth, national unemployment is likely to remain high for some time”. Thus we encourage our young people to continue to seek and value lifelong learning as we are all endeavouring to grow and develop beyond where we are today.

Dear parents and caregivers

PURSUING LIFELONG EDUCATION

Yesterday, student and class photos were sent home; a fine momento of their school year.
PARISH NEWS

Last Sunday the children of our Parish enrolled in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Sunday Masses.

Last Monday evening, the parents and students attended an evening at St Teresa’s parish hall where some input was given on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We welcome with joy the families of the children preparing for the sacrament of life, hope and forgiveness, which we know as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or “going to confession”. Going to confession is a simple and profound mark of being a Catholic. Our church is a community of hope for sinners. In Reconciliation, we “go public” with our faith in God’s redeeming and renewing love. As adults, we pray for the grace to give good example to our children, by seeking out the sacrament, either on a regular basis, or whenever the spirit calls us. Let us pray for the children.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

The weather has been crazy lately, winter one week, summer the next. As a teacher I see the impact of the weather in my students and sudden change or out of place temperatures wreaks havoc with their ability to concentrate. It reminds me of that piece of Scripture “There is a time for everything” as now (in my view) is not a time for winter cold but the gentle warm embrace of spring, this is spring’s time to shine.

> For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to

lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Currently it seems to be a time for many things: for Year 12 exams, final assessment pieces for senior students, for Reconciliation, for future planning and for reflecting on the year thus far. These are some of the things whose time it is now. For our Year 12s it is a time to study hard and focus on successfully completing their studies and achieving goals. For our Receptions it is a time of new beginnings. For many of our Year 3 students it is a special time to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and make right ones relationship with God and the community. What is it your time for?

Angela Rogers
REC - SJC

COLLEGE NEWS

PROPS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR PETER PAN - CROC ROCK

The following props are urgently required to borrow for Peter Pan.

- 3 double/queen single quilts and covers. Covers need to be off white or old world looking.
- 6 Pillows with old world looking covers.
- 3 quilts/knitted/crochet throw rugs for the end of beds. 1800’s period.
- 3 single bed sheets - white/cream/ivory.
- 1 old style alarm clock with handle at the top (does not need to be functioning).

All due care will be taken of items but please do not lend your treasures.

If you could assist by loaning any of the above items please contact Corey on 0428 103 292.

Thank you for your generosity.

HAIR STYLISTS NEEDED

Confident, experienced hair stylists needed for Peter Pan. Please contact Tom Martin at SJC on 8645 8568.

If you could help out with an hour of your time for one or more of the below times - we would love to hear from you.

Thursday, October 29, 8:30 am
Friday, October 30, 8:30 am
Friday, October 30, 1:00 pm
Saturday, October 31, 6:30 pm

Thank you for your generosity.
Peter Pan –
The Croc Rock Musical

NEXT WEEK Samaritan College production of Peter Pan will be presented to our community!

Tickets for the Saturday night performance on October 31 are now on sale from the Middleback Theatre.

Children from OLHC Campus will see the production of Thursday, October 29 and children from St Teresa’s Campus will see the performance together on Friday, October 30. Year 8’s will see the performance on Friday, October 30.

Middleback Theatre: 8644 7300

Ticket prices

- Adults $16
- Concession $11
- Children under 12 $11
- Family - 2 adults & 2 children $45

International Night

Friday, November 20
(Week 6)
In The Piazza
(Saint John’s Campus)
from 6pm

Please!

Help make the evening a success by completing the form with this week’s newsletter.

Come along with your families for a great night of International food and entertainment

Prices reasonable and children's foods are available
Bar facilities provided

Any clubs or service groups who wish to organise a stall for their own fundraising purposes, with only a small donation to Samaritan College, please contact Terissa Shepherd on 8645 8568.

Come along and experience our International community
ST TERESA’S CAMPUS NEWS

PETER PAN PERFORMANCE
The children from St Teresa’s Campus will be attending the performance of Peter Pan on Friday, October 30. All children will need to be at school by 8:45am to catch the bus to the theatre. The performance begins at 9:30am. There will be no need to take food or drink to the theatre. The children will return to school for recess at the completion of the performance. A permission note needs to be completed for each child and these will be distributed with this newsletter.

We wish all the organisers, performers and helpers a wonderful time and experience in presenting Peter Pan to the Samaritan and Whyalla communities.

CONGRATULATIONS
We would like to congratulate the children with the way they are coping with the changes in the yard brought about by the work happening on the top oval. The children are cooperative and considerate of others given the restricted play areas they have.

Lou Whitehouse
Bernie Meixner
CAMPUS COORDINATORS

FIRST RECONCILIATION
Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Information Evening, it was an opportunity to meet the families who are supporting our Reconciliation candidates. The students are very enthusiastic. Thank you to all who are offering their prayers and support to these students as they make the next step in their faith journey.

The first Reconciliation Workshop will be held this Friday, October 23 from 9:00am–1:00pm, at St Teresa’s Church. The students will need to bring their recess; they may wear coloured clothes along with their school hat.

Eleni Vailas
Bernie Meixner
REC - OLHCC
REC - STC

MOBI’S ULTIMATE RECYCLING PROGRAM (M.U.R.P.)
Did you know that there are about 18 million old mobile phones kept in households around Australia which are destined for landfill and severely damage our environment? Are you one of these people? Year 4/5 Usher is running a Used Mobile Phone Campaign. Help us make a difference to our local environment and raise funds for Spastic Council of South Australia (SCOSA).

Each old phone raises $3 - $4 dollars for The Spastic Centre of South Australia. There is NO better time than now.

Bring your old Mobile phone into any Samaritan College campus and place it in the specially marked bins from the October 26 to November 9.

Don’t forget to take your Sim Cards out!
What a busy term it has already been already!

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**FOYER DISPLAY**

Thank you to Year 5/6 Thiele for the creative and colourful display which focuses on ‘Prayers thanking God for all the wonderful people that help us in our lives’.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

This term’s Liturgies commenced this week with a wonderful Liturgy presented by Rec/Year 1 Hancock all about ‘World Mission Day’.

You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Friday, October 29 at 2:45pm in the Church. It will be presented by Year 5/6 Molyneux. We hope to see you there!

God Bless

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

**EARLY CLOSURE DAYS - SJC ONLY**

During the course of Term 4, it has become necessary for Saint John’s Campus to look at scheduling two early closure days to facilitate staff training and development around key aspects of the newSACE. Ordinarily, training would occur in sessions after school or staff might travel to Adelaide for subject specific workshops. Unfortunately, these options are not viable when looking at the Research Project and the re-structuring of Assessment Plans for all Stage 1 subjects; significant developments in 2010. Early closures will commence at 2pm with staff involved in training and development until 5pm.

Early Closures are planned for the following days -
- Wednesday, November 4 – 2pm
- Tuesday, November 9 – 2pm

Should this present any inconvenience, students are invited to remain in the school library under supervised study until 3:25pm. Please advise your child’s caregroup teacher if you would like to use this service.

**YEAR 12 EXAMINATIONS**

We wish Year 12s every success as they enter their final examinations and work completions. Swot Vac occurs next week with many students returning to school for additional tutorials, studying sessions and final checking of work. English Studies kicks off the examination season on Monday, November 2 and we finish with Studies of Religion on Friday, November 20. Although no date has been set for the release of results, history would suggest the week prior Christmas i.e. on or around Thursday, December 17.

With best wishes,

Brett Czechowski
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASS**

The Year 12s of 2009 will celebrate a Graduation Mass on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00pm at St Teresa’s Church. Students should arrive by 6:50pm in neat attire. We encourage parents to join their children in this celebration. During this Mass we will offer thanks for the many blessings of this cohort: both the blessings they have received and the blessings they have been to our community. Following Communion the students will make the Act of Dedication as they prepare to venture onto new paths. May God’s Spirit in our world awaken them to hear and respond to his call in the quiet of their hearts, in the ordinariness of daily living, and in the voice of all those whose lives they touch.

Angela Rogers
REC

**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

Edmund Rice Camps provide holidays, recreational activities and on-going support for young people and families who are disadvantaged. To keep these vital camps running we need your help. Volunteer today!

Working with disadvantaged children and families will provide you with an opportunity to have an enriching experience and gain valuable training skills.

Why should these children miss out because of unfortunate situations? Give these children a chance to escape and the chance to reach their full potential. Get involved in our rewarding program. Help a child develop self-esteem and confidence, cooperation and team building skills.

REGISTER TODAY

Ph: (08) 8234 2937, or

**YEAR 12 STUDIES OF SOCIETIES CLASS**
Canteen Rosters
Monday, October 26 – Friday, October 30

St Teresa’s Campus

Mon: Marina Schwerdt, Belinda Chinnery
Tue: Kerri Azzopardi, Shae Azzopardi
Wed: Nicole Higgins
Thu: Justine Chalmers, Holly Phillips
Fri: Robert and Jean McCarril

Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

Diana Moia
Yvette Balkwill
Dana Campion
Yvette Miaco

Saint John’s Campus

Bev Smith
Deb Drobnjak
Allyson Noble
Vicki Schmitt

HELP NEEDED
Amelia Cooper
Julia McMahon

Please note: Berri juices have increased in price to $2.30 for 300ml and $1.70 for 150ml.

Annette Cameron
Rose Cassar
Marg Coad

Canteen Manager
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Community News

Tried & True Family Recipes
As part of our fundraising efforts for Relay for Life, we have almost finished creating a ‘Beat It! – Tried & True Family Recipes’ cook book that has a collection of recipes provided by our team members. { Alexandra Pfeiffer; Alison Battersby; Ben Sharp; Christine Duffield; Denise Rule; Emma Hart; Jemma Chapman; Joann Budrys; Joshua Boden; Kelly Cook; Marie Van Niekerk; Mark Westlake; Matt Thursby; Matt Quist; Melissa Boden; Rachel Gould; Terissa Shepherd; Yvette Agars & myself}

The recipes vary from exquisite, but quick, mid-week meals to simple salads that have that ‘wow factor’ to impress family & friends at your next BBQ!!.

Please contact Karen McGinnis on 8645 8568 or by emailing info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au The cook book is $15 - funds raised will go to Relay for Life - Cancer Council. Orders and payments (cash only) must be received by end of business on Friday, October 30, as all fundraising must be banked by the following week.

Karen McGinnis

Lawn Bowls
Come along to play lawn bowls Tuesday night, October 27. Get together a team of 4. Book team with Colleen Dowling on 8645 8568. Beer @ 1972 prices! $40 per team, which includes BBQ hamburger or sausage.

Funds raised go to The Cancer Council.

Saint John’s Uniforms
If students finishing Yr 12 have any uniform items in good condition and wish to donate to the College, please drop them off to Marg Coad at Saint John’s Campus.

As old uniform stocks are low, this will enable some current Yr 9, 10 & 11 students to remain in the old Saint John’s uniform a little longer.
INTERNATIONAL NIGHT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 from 6.00pm

A Parents Community initiative, International Night has always been a great opportunity to gather as a community before Christmas and enjoy a friendly evening of food, wine and entertainment, for new families to meet and greet and departing families to say farewell.

For the evening to be a success, it will need to be a true community event, whereby, “many hands make light work”. Please consider helping out, even in some small way.

- Preparing a dish (reimbursement is available)
- Assisting with food preparation at the College during the day
- Donating ingredients
- Having a shift on a stall (perhaps gather a team of friends to help you – ITS FUN!!)
- Convening a stall
- Providing some entertainment - music, song, comedy, dance
- Helping with set up or pack up
- Providing equipment eg: bain marie, hot dog machine, etc (we can collect it)

If you are active in a community club and would like to run a stall independently for your club’s fundraising purposes, whereby just a small donation is made to the evening, please contact us at the College to discuss your thoughts. Our main aim is for variety and great atmosphere, so the more, the merrier. Please tear off the return slip below and return to school through your child’s care group teacher.

Thank you, in eager anticipation.

Mrs Terissa Shepherd  Mrs Christine Sloan
Co-Principals

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT – RETURN SLIP
We will need help with the following:

I CAN HELP WITH SERVING: □ I CAN PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT: □
I CAN ORGANISE A STALL □ Please specify: ________________________________
I CAN HELP ON A STALL □ I CAN DONATE A DISH: □
I CAN HELP ON THE BAR □ eg: dessert item………………………………………
I CAN HELP PREPARE DURING THE DAY: □ Cultural savoury dish: ……………………

Comment: ………………………………………………………………………

My community club ____________________________ would like to convene a stall independently.
Please contact me on Phone: ____________________________ to discuss details.

YOUR NAME: ____________________________ CHILD(ren’s) NAME(s): ____________________________
CLASS: ____________________________ CAMPUS(es): ____________________________
HOME: ____________________________ WORK: ____________________________ MOBILE: ____________________________