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THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
A TIME TO REMEMBER

The month of November in the Catholic Church has traditionally been a time to remember the deceased members of our families and of our parish family. One of the ways we do this is to have a Book of Remembrance in our parish churches. In this book families are invited to list the deceased members of their families who now see God face to face in eternity.

On Sunday afternoon at 4pm we will celebrate Evening Prayer in the Catholic section of the Whyalla cemetery and water will be blessed which parishioners then take to sprinkle the graves of those who have gone before us.

These rituals allow us to take the time to remember our loved ones who are no longer physically present with us. It is a time to say thanks to God for their presence in our lives, and to live out in our earthly life the part of our creed that acknowledges we believe in the Communion of saints, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Let us remember in prayer those of our loved ones who have died this year.

God Bless
Sr Robyn Brady
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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God of Wisdom,
on this day of celebration for all teachers
we give thanks for all who teach.

Hold them close to your heart and give them guidance and strength in their daily work.

Bless them abundantly for their dedication and service to your children.

We pray this in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

God Bless
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COLLEGE NEWS

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.
Samaritan College Restaurant

$50 per head
4 course set menu
BYO drinks
7pm start
For information and bookings please ring Alison at Saint John’s Campus on 8645 8568.
www.info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au
Future Dates:
November 19
December 3

Primary Campus News

Class Placements 2010

You are invited to make an appointment with me regarding your child’s placement for 2010, if you have any concerns regarding family matters, friendship groups or anything that you believe to be relevant.

This is not an opportunity to request placement with a particular teacher.

If there has been an ongoing problem of some sort and you have met with me previously, I would appreciate that you would meet with me again.

Pat Page
Primary Campus Leader

First Reconciliation

Last week the Year 3 students began their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Over the next few weeks we will be reflecting upon our image of God and how we relate to God in our daily lives.

The second half-day Reconciliation Workshop will take place on Friday, November 6 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please drop your child off at Our Lady Help of Christians Church by 9:00am. Students from St Teresa’s Campus will be returned to school by bus.

Students may wear coloured clothes, but must remember to wear their school hat for their recess break.

Please pray for these students and their families as they prepare to celebrate this Sacrament.

Eleni Vailas
REC - OLHCC
Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

Parent Community

Melbourne Cup

We have managed to organise a late booking at the Westlands Hotel for Melbourne Cup. I believe we all had a fabulous time last year and there were some great outfits.

Our table even managed to win the best dressed and several others came away with prizes for their efforts. The cost is $32.00 per head which includes a smorgasboard of entrée, mains, dessert and a complimentary drink on arrival. The day starts at 12 noon, arrive around 11:30am to settle in and organise your races etc. Please let the staff at any campus office know if you wish to attend. Numbers need to be finalised by the end of school on Monday, November 2 as numbers are limited.

Member of Parent Community

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

In Week 9 the uniform shop will still be open normal hours to cater for those going on holidays who wish to finalise next year’s uniform before they go away.

Monday, January 25
8:00-10:00am
Thursday
1:00-4:30pm

Openings for next year before school starts will be:
Wednesday, January 20
8:00am-4:30pm

Kerry Azzopardi
Sharron Waldron
Toal Street,
Whyalla Stuart
Ph: 8649 3168

Menu for November 5
(subject to change)
Prawn and Scallop
Cocktail, Wasabi
Mayonnaise, Avocado, Mango
Rack of Spring Lamb, Pepperonata, Herb Gnocchi, Peas
Orange and Basil Sorbet
Orange and Almond Torte, Yoghurt Icecream, Macadamia Praline

Bookings are essential as places are limited.
**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Please join us for our Liturgy of the Word tomorrow at 2:45pm in the Church. Year 5/6 Molyneux will be leading this week’s Liturgy. We hope to see you there!

You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, November 5 at 2:45pm in the church. It will be presented by Year 1/2 Hearne and 4/5 Fiedler. We hope to see you there!

God Bless

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR
YEAR 12’S FINAL DAY

Last Friday, the Year 12’s celebrated their final day with their ‘muck-up’ decorations of loo paper, chalk signage and water pistols. This is a negotiated activity each year which is generally honoured by those involved and cleaned up by 9:30am to allow for the Big Brother Big Sister farewell, Mass, senior centre clean out and fun photo.

Last week this event was marred by an early visit of vandals who ruined the tone and significance of the day for their peers. Natural consequence has followed for the offenders. Unfortunately rumour and further extrapolation of the facts has just added to the disappointment of senseless behaviour.

Terissa Shepherd
CO-PRINCIPAL

CANTEEN ROSTERS

Monday, November 2 – Friday, November 6

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TRIED & TRUE FAMILY RECIPES - BE QUICK - LIMITED COPIES LEFT

As part of our fundraising efforts for Relay for Life, we have created a ‘Tried & True Family Recipes’ cook book that has a collection of recipes provided by our team members. 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
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 stall (perhaps 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: __________________