Dear parents and caregivers

This last fortnight we have run the primary Open Nights, where the children and staff showcased their school. The items on display provided excellent insight into the depth of work that is happening in classrooms. Active displays of literacy circles, student groups utilising the interactive whiteboards, science demonstration and choir performances made for a positive exposé of the curriculum alive and well at Samaritan College. It was wonderful to see the students so eager to show off their school and to participate in any way they could to share their learning experiences. In addition, the pride the teachers show in their students’ outcomes speaks volumes about their dedication and input into providing diverse educational experiences. Thank you to the families who came along to see the work of your children; we will have Open Nights annually and hope that they grow as great celebratory events.

It is a busy time of year with more family events on the way with International Night and the respective family nights and Prize and Graduation Nights. With regard to International Night, we thank the many offers of assistance to help on stalls. We are very much in need of entertainment items, and would particularly appreciate any musicians/singers indulging us with a ‘set’ if possible. Please ring Terissa Shepherd or Tom Martin if you can oblige.

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Donations Needed!

Please donate “Christmassy” items for the Christmas Hamper Raffle at any campus office. Tickets sold and drawn at International Night.

The plans for the gymnasium and refurbished science centre are on display in the Saint John’s Campus reception. The work will begin in the holidays and will continue into next year. All contingencies are considered in regard to site management and safety as well as how we adapt the daily running of the school in terms of timetable, classrooms and movement.

From time to time we hear ‘rumblings’ about action not satisfactorily taken about a matter of concern. Unfortunately, it is through hearsay rather than a parent directly approaching someone who can do something about it. Issues between students or between students and teachers are never straightforward, often needing time, careful consideration and wisdom to be resolved. We urge parents to contact us if you have worries or feel uncomfortable about a situation, and at all times to respect the dignity of all individuals in terms of avoiding hurtful gossip and rumour extension. We have and do, maintain an open door policy at all times.

Terissa Shepherd
Chris Sloan
Co-Principals
PARISH NEWS

Your family in the Season of Advent

Our Bishop, Greg O’Kelly SJ, has asked all of our families to mark the holy Season of Advent in two special ways.

The first relates to the International Year for the Priest. Each of us, parents, students and staff, is encouraged to write a letter of appreciation to the priest who baptised us (or to the minister, if it was in another of the Christian Churches). And then, on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, to spend time in prayer, with a candle lit, for the intentions of that priest.

The second is an activity for families, especially with younger children. Bishop Greg asks that the parents assist the children to make a small, simple Christmas crib, say for example, out of a shoebox, with all the nativity scene characters. Then, on Sunday, November 29, for the family to bring the crib to Mass to be blessed. The crib is then taken home and used as a focus for family prayer through the Advent weeks leading up to Christmas. Can your family have a go at this?

Some of our primary classes may also get involved in this activity, and we thank any teachers, at this busy time, who can encourage their students with these spiritual initiatives.

God bless you,
Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Teresa’s Church
Saturday 7:00pm
Sunday 8:30am

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
Sunday 10:30am
Sunday 5:30pm

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

At 5am on November 11, 1918, Germany accepted the Armistice terms presented to them by the allies. The armistice became effective at 11am the same day, and as the guns fell silent on the Western Front in France and Belgium, four years of hostilities ended.

The cease-fire was made permanent the following year when members of the Commonwealth and the League of Nations signed the Treaty of Versailles. People across the world celebrated the war’s end - celebrations tempered by thoughts of the enormous suffering and loss of life resulting from the War.

In Australia November 11 became known as Armistice Day - a day to remember those who died in World War I. After World War II the Australian Government agreed to the United Kingdom’s proposal that Armistice Day be renamed Remembrance Day to commemorate those who were killed in both World Wars. Yesterday the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts was commemorated on Remembrance Day.

One might ask - why do we go to war? We go to war to defend and protect. Around the world, and within our own society, people have different opinions on the necessity of war. It still remains, however, that in the past Australia has gone to war to protect those who cannot protect themselves and to ensure that we remain a free country, enjoying the civil liberties outlined in the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights. Article one of this charter states: All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

It is for this belief that our ancestors fought, even to the death, so that in our society today in Whyalla in 2009 each of us is born free and equal in rights and dignity.

Yesterday at the ceremony at Saint John’s Campus we heard the poem, For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon. The words often focused on are:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Angela Rogers
REC - SJC

College News

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

Final for 2009: December 3

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Menu for November 19
(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
**Class Placements 2010**

Thank you to the parents who have met with me over requests for their child’s placement in 2010. In collaboration with the staff, the Leadership team will endeavour to meet your requests, if it is in the best interests of your child (and it is possible).

**Premier’s Be Active Challenge**

Congratulations to the Primary Campuses, who were selected out of the fifty achieving schools in this year’s Premier’s Be Active Challenge.

Over 27,000 students in South Australia completed the Challenge this year.

We have received a certificate of congratulations from Premier Mike Rann. The award acknowledges our contribution to supporting participants to complete 10 weeks of the Challenge.

This is the third year of the Challenge so some students will have earned gold medals, while those who began last year will receive a silver medal, and those who recorded their activity for the first time in 2009 will receive a bronze medal.

Samaritan College has received $1,000 of physical activity equipment as a reward, so that our students will enjoy the use of the equipment and that it will play a part in supporting the students to be more active more often.

Congratulations to all those who were part of this programme.

Patricia Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

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**Uniform Shop**

**Opening Hours**

- Wednesday 8:00-10:00am
- Thursday 1:00-4:30pm

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.

Opening hours for next year before school starts will be:

- Wednesday, January 20-Monday, January 25
- 8:30am-4:30pm

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

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Right: Just some of the proud recipients of the Premier’s Be Active Challenge Medal
**LITURGY AND ASSEMBLY IN WEEK 5**

Next week R/1 Owens will celebrate Liturgy in the library at school on Thursday, November 19 at 9:30am. Parents are most welcome to attend Liturgy and stay for morning tea afterwards.

Year 2/3 Reed Judd will lead the Junior Assembly on Friday, November 20 at 9:30am in the library.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Every year we collect non-perishable foods and gifts for families less fortunate than ours at Christmas time. At our end of year Mass and Liturgy, these offerings are presented at the altar and given to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

A box to collect these goods will be in each classroom. Any donations for non-perishable foods (eg. cans, pasta, sweets etc), toys (new) or any suitable gift items can be left in these boxes. Please leave toys and gift items unwrapped so the St Vincent de Paul volunteers can determine which age group they will be suitable for.

God Bless

Eleni Vailas

CAMPUS COORDINATOR

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**LOST**

A new Samaritan College named winter jumper belonging to Ben Schreiner is missing. Please check if you have the correct one at home.

Bernie Meixner

CAMPUS COORDINATOR

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**YEAR 5/6 R SCIENCE FOSSILS**

Year 5/6 Redelinghuys have been exploring fossils and palaeontology this term in Science. The students have been busy sorting real fossils into groups, exploring how fossils are created, and even tried their hand at being a palaeontologist for a day! They particularly enjoyed the problem solving activities on Scootle which involved measuring and categorising fossils. The class would like to thank Denise Rule for providing us with a collection of fossils for the unit.

Carla Opie

Last Thursday we dug for fossils. To dig for fossils you need to follow these steps:

1. Choose a grid area.
2. Drag the shovel across the area carefully feeling for hard objects.
3. Once you find an object, dig around it. If it is a fossil use the brush to clean any access dirt carefully. Lift it out with the shovel.
4. Measure the fossil and identify what it is.

Tips for being a successful Palaeontologist!
- Be careful where you step!
- Dig across and not down!
- Measure accurately!

*Ethan White and Ben Sires*

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

You are most welcome to join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, November 19 at 2:45pm in the Church. It will be presented by the Year 3 Gray and Winkler. It will be a celebration for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. We hope to see you there!
BE ACTIVE PE WEEK LAUNCH

On Monday, students from OLHC Campus participated in a whole school launch to begin the Be Active PE Week. The students were split up into 14 groups which had students from Reception to Year 7 working out together. It was a great way to start the week, and students were very enthusiastic despite the warm weather.

Jo Arcobelli & Bec Fahey
EWBA COORDINATORS

The parachute game was fun and my favourite part was trying to get the highest score.

Sarah Jones 2/3 Gray

We had never tried elastics before, we found it challenging but lots of fun because it kept getting harder the higher the elastics got.

Georgia Thursby & Shakira James 3/4 Winkler

I participated in Body Combat and I thought it was fun to learn self defence and to know how to protect yourself.

Surrè van Niekerk 5/6 Thiele

It was great to have all of the different age groups participating together, because it made it more fun.

Devon Milton – Hutchison 7 Arcobelli

I liked running really fast and jumping at the Long Jump Activity. I can run really fast in my shoes.

Kiezer Wood R/1 Hancock
EARLY CLOSURE #2
STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

On Tuesday, all Saint John’s Campus teaching staff were once again engaged in professional learning surrounding elements of the new SACE. On this occasion, we looked at how to write a Stage 1 Assessment Plan under the watchful eye of our implementation officer, Mr John Smith. Topics included becoming familiar with the new Subject Outline of each subject and making connections between the content and each classes learning requirements, assessment types, assessment design criteria and performance standards. Working in teams, some staff were able to design reliable and valid assessment tasks whilst others found the time invaluable to review existing tasks using specific features of the assessment design criteria. The vernacular of the new SACE is an ongoing challenge for all and we look forward to sharing the “results” of our professional learning sessions with the parent community at Information and Education Evenings next year.

MOBILE TELEPHONES

The perennial issue of students using mobile phones during school time has once again raised its head. College policy acknowledges that students may need access to a mobile telephone before and/or after school for safety, security and/or organisational purposes. However, the use of mobile telephones, MP3 players and other similar electronic and communications equipment at school can be disruptive to learning and poses risks of theft and may invade the rights of privacy and safety of individuals. Similarly, the use of mobile phones and other electronic communication technologies at school may increase the risk to students of receiving unwanted/unsolicited bullying, pornographic or other offensive material. The expectation of students is that mobile telephones are to be switched off during school time and stored in either the student’s bag or locker. The reality is far different from the expectation: a significant proportion of students carry their mobile on their person and engage in text messaging and the like at will throughout the day. There are significant risks associated with this behaviour. As a direct result of this concern, the College has revised the way in which we will monitor our policy. Currently, students caught using their phone during school hours have their phone confiscated where it can be collected at the front office at the end of the school day. Effective from Monday next week, phones can only be collected from the front office by a parent or guardian. I appreciate there is an inconvenience associated with this, however, our desire is to dramatically reduce the repeat offenders flagrantly disregarding a policy designed to protect all students from the intentional misuse of this technology.

With thanks,

Brett Czechowski
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

YEAR 11 – AMENDMENT TO TIMETABLE

In last week’s newsletter, a timetable was published, detailing the events taking place for Year 11 students over the next few weeks. A couple of changes have been made to the timetable and an amended copy has been sent home with your child. The amended timetable is detailed below:

**Week 6**

Mon-Fri

Examinations and Work Completions

**Week 7**

Mon

Lessons 1-4 Normal Timetable
Lessons 5 Sports Day Heats – Javelin
Lunch Sports Day Heats - Javelin
Lesson 6-7 Sports Day Heats – Track & Field

Tues

Lessons 1-5 Year 12 Transition Lessons
Lunch Sports Day Heats - 1500m
Lesson 6-7 Year 12 Transition Lessons

Wed

Lessons 1-7 Year 12 Transition Lessons

**Thursday**

FINAL DAY

Lesson 1-2 Assembly, Cleanup, Clearance Forms
Lesson 3-4 Final Liturgy & Farewell’s
12:30pm Early Dismissal

**Friday**

SPORTS DAY

**Week 9**

Monday Prize Night

Tuesday Students can collect reports 9am - 12pm

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the College.

Jade Vanzo
YEAR 11 COORDINATOR

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as house captains

MacKillop
Captains Hayley Stone
Jason Oliver
Vice Captains Tegan Crocker
Chad McLean
Rice
Captains Josh Ackland
Jackie Spiegel
Vice Captains Tumelo Hurst
Amelia Marshall
Benedict
Captains Elliot Hall
Megan Smith
Vice Captains Nathan Covino
Alison Leech
YEAR 8 BASKETBALL

On Wednesday of last week a team of Year 8 boys and girls attended the State Championship titles for pool B in Adelaide. We spent Wednesday night dining at Café Primo, Ten Pin Bowling and staying at the YHA hostel in the middle of the Sandy Creek Conservation Park.

On Thursday each team had to play four games which included one final.

The girls began with a loss in their first game then came back strongly winning the next two. In the Grand Final the girls were up against the team they lost to in round 1, Glossop High. To the girls credit they fought hard and only went down by four points.

The boys were flawless all day remaining undefeated, beating Kapunda High in the grand final, making the boys State Champions for pool B.

The teams had to be adjusted at the last minute to accommodate for Zoo Trip. A huge thank you to all the students who attended the carnival as they were extremely well behaved and wore our College logo with pride. Finally, thank you also to Mr Prokopec who was a replacement coach at the last minute and now has a 4 and 0 record.

The students involved were:

**BOYS**
Ryan Capone
Jacob Smith
Ethan Schmit
Dale Dunn
Brandon Dix
Sam Venning
Lourens Victor
Jake Clifton
Ben Mortimer
Bailey McEwan
Kate Nolan

**GIRLS**
Rhianna Stringer
Zoe Crocker
Kate Inglis
Hayley Rogers
Angelka Deligiacco
Kirstie Setford
Lauren McManus
Gabrielle Perez
Jasmin Frusch
Emma Fox

SPORTS COORDINATOR

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2009 Samaritan College Art Show

Monday 16th November, 6pm
The Dining Room, Saint John’s Campus
All welcome!
Drinks & nibbles provided

‘Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.’
Pablo Picasso

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CANTEEN ROSTERS

Mon  Hannah Lebon  Sunny Chung
Tue  Janice Stewart  Georgina Stewart  HELP NEEDED
Wed Sarah Gurney  Dana Campion
Thu  Karla O’Neill  Chris Ernesti
Fri  Mikayla Spence  Isabella Tilbrook  Carmel Rosalia
      Heeraa Thanigaivel

ST TERESA’S CAMPUS  OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS  SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS

Annette Cameron  Rose Cassar  Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER  CANTEEN MANAGER  CANTEEN MANAGER

Leanne Freymark  Melinda Coad
Marlene Kenny

Anita Graham  Marlene Kenny
Yvie Painter
Judith Hill  Rosslyn Cruse
We apologise to the cast members of Peter Pan whose names were inadvertently omitted due to a word processing error. Thus we celebrate again this week the contribution of all.

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