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Terissa Shepherd
Chris Sloan
CO-PRINCIPALS
PARISH NEWS

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and this brings to an end the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Our Liturgical calendar is different from our normal calendar, so we end our Church’s year this Sunday and begin our Season of Advent on the following Sunday.

Advent is a time of waiting and hoping and preparing our minds and hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas and making us mindful of Christ’s coming at the end of time.

The world around us can sometimes miss this important time. It should really be a time of slowing down and thinking about the important things in life – our gift of life, our family and our friends, but instead we are in a frenetic state fitting in as much in the day as possible and feeling rather stressed and jaded. (I include myself in all of this.)

I made a promise to myself as I write this to slow the days down in order to be alert to Christ’s coming in the great and small events of the day. Some of the Advent words that spring to mind are stay awake, be alert, stand firm, live in hope. Yet how can I stay awake if I am too tired?

Let’s make a try at slowing down. Have a great day.

God Bless
Sr Robyn Brady
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

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

This Sunday will be the Feast of Christ the King – the end of the Church Year. As the year draws to an end, we turn our thoughts to the time when Christ will return as king as it sets the tone for Advent – the birth of the King and is also appropriate when combined with thankfulness for what God has given to us.

In the Gospel reading for this significant day Jesus tells us that we belong to his kingdom, a kingdom built on truth, justice, love, peace and kindness.

King of justice and compassion,
Show us your face when we look at the people around us.
Open our eyes to the needs of others.
Fill us with your grace,
so that our works and our words may be signs of your coming.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

We begin another Year of following the Jesus story on November 29 with the 1st Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time for preparing, waiting, hoping for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

So in a sense we are always in the process of ending and beginning. This is not only a ‘Church’ thing, but we have only to think of the cycle of the seasons. So as we move through the change of the seasons we can also think of the Church’s cycle of the seasons.

God Bless
Eleni Vailas
REC - OLHCC

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.

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
**PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

This week many of the Year 3 students are celebrating the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. This is a very special event for these children. The Sacramental Team would like to congratulate the children for the way in which they have prepared. They have been very thoughtful and reverent. The children receive their certificates at the Masses during the weekend.

**St Teresa’s Church**
Saturday, November 21 – 7:00pm
Sunday, November 22 - 8:30am

**OLHC Church**
Sunday, November 22 – 10:30am and 5:30pm

God Bless
Eleni Vailas
ON BEHALF OF THE SACRAMENTAL TEAM

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**CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS**

We are most fortunate to have available for sale at International Night, puddings made by Pudding Lane. These hand made puddings have won many awards including Australian Food Challenge Award in 2007 and a Gold Award in the London’s Great Taste Awards in 2008.

Come along and taste the product before you buy!

- Macadamia & Brandy 1kg $28.00
- Choc Rum & Raisin 1kg $28.00
- Triple Choc 1kg $28.00
- Choc Orange Log 1kg $28.00
- Christmas Pudding 500g $20.00

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Tomorrow! Friday, November 20
In The Piazza
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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

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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 suit.

FOYER DISPLAY

Please venture into the Church this fortnight to view the fantastic Foyer Display presented by Rec/Year 1 Hancock featuring ‘Advent’.

BE ACTIVE-A-THON

Due to the hot weather we’ve been experiencing we’ve had to postpone the ‘Be Active-a-thon’ and the ‘Disco’ which were scheduled for this week. These two events will now take place in Week 8:

- ‘Be Active-a-thon’ Tuesday, December 1
- ‘Disco’ Friday, December 4

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Next week’s Liturgy of the Word will be a special one, as it will be the final Liturgy for the year presented by the Year 7s Arcobelli and Fahey.

You are most welcome to join us next Thursday, November 26 at 12:00pm in the Church. Please note the time change. We hope to see you there!

God Bless

Eleni Vailas
CAMPUS COORDINATOR

BE ACTIVE WEEK AT SAINT TERESA’S

Last Week the children at St Teresa’s Campus participated in Be Active Week. We began the week with a whole school launch. The students were split into nine groups with children from Reception to Year 7 exercising together. We enjoyed a healthy lunch together on Wednesday and participated in a disco and casual clothes day on Friday. The Casual clothes day helped raise money for Catholic Missions. Some activities were cancelled due to the heat but in all it was a fun week.

Kimberley Owens
EWBA COORDINATOR
UPCOMING EVENTS – FAMILY NIGHT

St Teresa’s Campus Family Night will be held on Friday, December 4 from 6:00pm. A timetable of class performances will be published in the newsletter closer to the event. If your family is not attending Family night please let classroom teachers know as soon as possible.

Children of Saint Teresa’s Campus will receive a free sausage for tea. Adults and siblings will be able to purchase sausages or steak sandwiches on the night. Refreshments will also be available for purchase.

Family night is a wonderful way to celebrate the year so come along and enjoy.

ROAD MONITOR TRAINING

Last Tuesday the new brigade of Road Crossing monitors were trained. Constable Michael Lord came and inducted the new recruits who will now be able to monitor the crossing next year. Children who have had the training in previous years will be able to continue in this role.

LITURGY AND ASSEMBLY IN WEEK 6

Next week 1/2 Tullio will celebrate Liturgy in the library at school on Thursday, November 26 at 9:30am. Parents are most welcome to attend Liturgy and stay for morning tea afterwards.

5/6 Redelinghuys will lead the Campus Assembly on Friday, November 27 at 9:30am in the library.

LOST PROPERTY CUPBOARD

The Lost Property Cupboard is overflowing. Please come and check the cupboard for any lost items. The cupboard will be cleaned out at the end of the term.

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
SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS NEWS

YEAR 10 EXAMINATIONS
MONDAY & TUESDAY – WEEK 7

Year 10 students are currently preparing for their examinations which are taking place Monday and Tuesday of Week 7. Students will need to check the timetables that are on display in their caregroups so that they are aware of when their particular exams are taking place and also ensure that they allow some time in the lead-up to revise their work in preparation for these examinations.

Just a reminder that students will need to be in full school uniform on the exam days.

YEAR 10 RETREAT
WEDNESDAY – WEEK 7

The Year 10 Retreat is taking place next Wednesday at Central’s Football Club. I, along with the Year 10 caregroup teachers, are looking forward to one of our final opportunities to build community with this cohort of students as they prepare to move into senior school, or move onto other endeavours next year.

Details for the day are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, November 25
Venue: Central’s Football Club
Clothing: PE uniform plus hat
Students Arrive: Students arrive at 8:30am
Students Dismissed: The day will conclude at 3:00pm
What to bring: Water, packed lunch, pencil case, snacks for morning tea, sunscreen

Trent Keiper
YEAR 10 COORDINATOR

CANTEEN ROSTERS

Monday, November 23 – Friday, November 27

ST TERESA’S CAMPUS

| Mon         | Marina Schwerdt       | Belinda Chinnery |
| Tue        | Kerry Azzopardi        | Shae Azzopardi    |
| Wed        | Nicole Higgins         |                 |
| Thu        | Justine Chalmers       | Holly Phillis    |
| Fri        | Jean and Robert McCarroll |               |

Annette Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS

| Mon         | Antoneta Rogers        | Diana Moia       |
| Tue        | Yvette Balkwill        |                 |
| Wed        | Dana Campion           | Kylie Hoffmann   |
| Thu        | Yvette Miaco           |                 |
| Fri        | Amanda Salopek         |                 |

Rose Cassar
CANTEEN MANAGER

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS

| Mon         | Bev Smith              |                 |
| Tue        | Deb Drobnjak           | Michelle Harman |
| Wed        | Allyson Noble          | Vicki schmitt   |
| Thu        | Marlene Kenny          |                 |
| Fri        | Amelia Cooper          | Marlene Kenny   |

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER

Centenary Swim & Survive
Water Safety Program

14th – 18th December 2009

$20 4yr old for 5 x ½ Lessons

$25 Level 1 - 7 Swim & Survive and Rescue Awards for 5 x 1hr lessons

$30 Bronze & Higher Awards For 5 x 1 ½ hr lessons

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