### COMING EVENTS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28**
- Board Meeting, 7:30pm

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**
- First Reconciliation Workshop at St Teresa’s Church, 8:45am-1pm
- STC Year 6/7 Gogoll Mass at St Teresa’s Church, 8:45am

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**
- STC R/1 Sanders Junior Assembly, 9:30am, library

**OCTOBER 30/31**
- Presentation of commitment cards for First Reconciliation at all Masses (Mass Times p2)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**
- Parent Community Melbourne Cup lunch

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**
- STC Year 3/4 Opie Mass, 8:45am at St Teresa’s Church

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4**
- OLHCC Year 4/5 Seals & Year 5/6 Lobo Liturgy, 12:30pm
- OLHCC Year 6/7 Fahey/Daniels & Year 6/7 Gill Mass, 9:00am

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5**
- STC Year 4/5 Usher Junior Assembly, 9:30am in the library
- Yr 7 Transition Tours at Saint John’s Campus

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**Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” – this is the first commandment with a promise: so that it may be well with you and you may live long on earth. And [parents], do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:1-4**

Dear parents and caregivers

The above passage, which is part of Wednesday’s daily reading, speaks to us about love and compassion, about the role of parents to be firm in our boundaries in order to invoke respect from our children, but also to engage with them without anger and reprisal. This is a tough call for any parent or persons entrusted to care for young people, but it is the vision and reality for which we must strive. So much about nurturing children in a productive and positive life is caught up in the subtle nuances of action, words, with the emphasis on the how. Tone of voice; gentle yet firm reminders; the “Mum look”; are examples of such subtleties of language that children learn from their families and teachers. At times, because we are human, we can get it wrong. Perhaps we never learnt them in our own development, or the stresses of the day throw subtlety out the window. We have intentionally invested in Michael Grose’s articles which have become a feature of this Newsletter as we strive to assist parents in dealing with the complex but rewarding privilege of raising children. We hope you can take the time to read them and draw from them what you may need.

This week our primary choir treated the residents of Annie Lockwood to a presentation of their beautiful voices. Bringing posies and song to the lives of the elderly is one small way that our student learn and engage in living a life of looking after others in our community. It is marvellous to see the natural way they engage and their generosity of spirit. Thank you to Winnie Fitzgerald and Melinda Gray for your dedication to the growth and development of these remarkable young people.

With last night’s Education Evening for Year 8s behind us we focus on the Year 7 visits in the coming weeks. Please watch the newsletter for reminders and information with regard to drop off and pick up times. The transition program has been a successful method of creating a seamless move for Year 7s from various schools in Whyalla, and the addition of Year 7 involvement in the secondary Sports Day last year just value-added to their involvement opportunities.

This Friday is World Teacher’s Day. This year’s theme, ‘Quality Teachers; the key to effective learning’ holds true for us all. The College endeavours in many strategic and pastoral ways to recruit and retain quality personnel. The support of the community to keep young professionals in Whyalla for many fields that assist families is crucial for nurturing the education, health and well-being of our future citizens.
This is a busy week parish wise. Priests, Religious and parish staff attended a 3 hour update on child safe environments yesterday afternoon.

Fr Kevin Taylor and Mrs Sue Rivett from the Marriage Tribunal are visiting our parish and assisting any Catholic person who is divorced, or involved with someone who is divorced with accurate and up-to-date information.

Families and Children preparing for Reconciliation

This Friday we will have our first workshop for children preparing for Reconciliation. It will be conducted at St Teresa’s Church from 9:00am – 1pm. Then on the weekend the children will be presenting their commitment cards at any one of the parish Masses. If any family is unable to attend we recommend that the children be presented on any of the Masses during the week.

Weekday Masses

St Teresa’s: Wednesday and Fridays 9:00am
OLHC: Tuesday 7:00pm or Thursday 9:00am

This Sunday, October 31 there will be prayers and blessings of the graves at the Whyalla cemetery at 4pm. As a parish community during November we remember all our departed brothers and sisters.

Feast of All Saints – November 1 Monday – Masses – 9:00am – St Teresa’s and 7:00pm at OLHC.

Feast of All Souls – November 2 Tuesday – Masses – 9:00am – St Teresa’s and 7:00pm at OLHC.

Have a good week.

God Bless

Sr Robyn Brady
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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Scientifically a rainbow is the diffraction of light through water particles dispersing white light into a coloured spectrum we see as different colours.

In the bible, the rainbow is a symbol of God’s covenant to us. But what does it mean?

Spiritually what can we understand from the humble rainbow? When Andrew Chinn visited he gave us food for thought for when we see the next rainbow.

Red reminds us that we may no longer be overcome by greed and anger, and God helps us to recognise each person as a brother or sister and open our hearts to them in peace.

Orange is a prayer for the world to be free from the threat of war and proclaim the gospel of peace.

Yellow is a prayer for children to grow in the light of love, free from hunger, fear and exploitation.

Green so the earth may be saved from our destruction and continue to sustain all living things and teach us to dance to the rhythm of creation.

Blue is a prayer for all who are suffering or in prison to find true freedom and to give us the wisdom to choose the things that make for peace.

Indigo so all have work that is valued fairly and rewarded justly, we will try to use things well and share what we have.

Violet so that all may be free to use their talents for the good of all, we will respect the dignity of every human life.

God, the rainbow speaks to us of your promise of a world where peace will reign: where difference is celebrated, where every person can achieve the fullness of life and live in harmony and unity. May we respond to your promise and commit ourselves to work for peace today and every day.

Amen

Adapted by Ann Kelly and Christi Birmingham.

Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

College News

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

As you travel along Norrie Avenue, no doubt the interest will begin to grow as the ‘footprint’ of the new hall is now most evident. Meanwhile the Science refurbishment is moving to schedule. We anticipate an end of January completion of Science and a May completion of the Hall. Students and staff have been very flexible and accommodating of some of the changes we have made whilst we are without three classrooms. The Hall and Science Facility will be utilised by Reception to 12 students in various ways.
**Positions Vacant**

Samaritan College offers Catholic education in a community environment for Reception to Year 12 students. Incorporating three campuses, Samaritan College endeavours to educate the whole person in faith, wisdom and compassion.

**EDUCATION SUPPORT OFFICERS**

**Uniform Shop Assistant**  
6 hours per week

**Administration Officers**  
2 Permanent positions  
minimum 35 hours per week

**Student Support (Special Education)**  
2 Replacement positions  
30 hours per week  
Secondary Campus

**Positions Commence:**  
Uniform Shop: January 17, 2011  
Administration: January 17, 2011  
Student Support: January 20, 2011

**Enquiries:** For role clarification contact Co-Principals’ Assistant: Karen McGinnis.  
**Applications close November 8, 2010**

**Forward to:**  
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PO Box 351  
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**UNIFORM SHOP**

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

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

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**International Night**

**Friday, November 19**  
(Week 6)  
The Piazza  
(Saint John’s Campus)  
from 6pm

**Please!**

Help make the evening a success by completing the form with this week’s newsletter. Also available from our website under the community tab.

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**

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**ICT**

**EDUCATION SUPPORT OFFICER**  
Full-time permanent

**Enquiries:** For an application package including Position Information Document contact Co-Principals’ Assistant: Karen McGinnis.  
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Parents Ideas
by Michael Grose:

Kids shine with tough love parenting

Children with parents that use a tough love parenting approach are best prepared to do well in life, according to a recent British study.

Kids that experience a mix of discipline and warmth are more likely to develop important character traits, such as self-regulation, empathy and application by the age of five than parents that use permissive, authoritarian or disengaged styles.

The Millennium Cohort Study involving 9,000 UK households, found that while family structure and parent income levels impacted on children’s development, it was parenting style that had the greatest influence on outcomes for kids.

An analysis of school results is revealing. One quarter of kids with authoritative parents were in the top 20 per cent at school. Next came permissive parenting with 18 per cent, 15 for authoritarian and 11 per cent of this top cohort going to kids of disengaged parents.

Parenting style is not necessarily fixed. It changes over time according to children’s needs, our well-being and their ages. Common sense suggests parents need to be stricter with some children than with others and there will be times when parents need to adopt a more permissive approach.

Certainly parental mood and well-being contributes to how parents respond to kids. But most parents will default to one style. Recent research suggests that if parents want kids to develop the characteristics to succeed, then they should default to authoritative or tough love parenting.

Here are 10 tough love parenting strategies to use in your family:

1. Set limits and boundaries that expand as kids get older and become more capable. Boundaries make kids feel secure and teach them how to behave well.
2. Use a negotiable style with children according to their age and stage of development. Parents also need to realise that not everything is up for negotiation. There are times when the word ‘no’ needs to be heard as parents act in the best interest of their kids.
3. Use consequences and other tools to teach kids to behave well and develop a sense of personal responsibility. Resist the temptation to let kids off the hook when they do the wrong thing. Firm, but fair, is the key here.
4. Put family rituals, such as shared mealtimes, in place to make sure you interact regularly with your kids.
5. Praise kids for improvement, effort and contribution rather than their ability at school, in sport and other areas of their lives. Focus your positive comments on their participation rather than the results of what they do so kids learn that trying and persistence are important.
6. Recognise cooperative behaviours with positive attention such as praise, physical touch and rewards and minimise negative behaviours through a range of measures such as ignoring and using consequences.
7. Teach kids the skills needed for independence from an early age so they learn to look after themselves. Avoid regularly doing things for kids that they can do for themselves.
8. Adopt an open communication style in your family where kids learn that there’s nothing so bad that they can’t talk about it.
9. Encourage a sense of empathy in children by recognising their emotions and giving them permission and assistance to talk about their feelings.
10. Encourage generosity and kindness in your kids. They do this by sharing toys and other items, helping others and doing chores that benefit their family. This sense of community that authoritative parenting promotes is the real strength of the style.

At a time when a parent’s voice can be drowned out by the din of modern life, this research is a great reminder that it’s effective parenting not media, celebrities or peers that have the greatest impact on future outcomes for kids.
Samaritan College Restaurant
Located in the Dining Room at Saint John’s Campus
70 Gowrie Ave, Whyalla Playford

$45 per head
4 course set menu
7pm start

Menu for November 4
Green Pea Broth, Soft Poached Egg, Croutons
South Australian King Prawn ‘Cocktail’
Rack of Lamb, Pumpkin Gnocci, Peas a la Bonne Femme, Sauce Madeira
Dark Chocolate Mud Cake, Glace Fruit Parfait, Toffee

For information and bookings please ring Mechelle at Saint John’s Campus on 8645 8568.
www.info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

Future Dates for 2010
November 18
December 2

Bookings essential as places are limited.

PARENT COMMUNITY

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH
All parents and friends of Samaritan College are invited to attend the Melbourne Cup Lunch on Tuesday, November 2 at the Westlands Hotel. If you would like to attend a form will be available at the Office at OLHCC to fill in your name and the number attending.

The cost will be $32.00 per person for a Smorgasbord lunch. The fun begins at 12 o’clock. Dress up in your best outfit and be in the running for a prize.

The final numbers are needed on Friday, October 29.
Sheree Cleary

PRIMARY NEWS

International Night is on Friday, November 19 at Saint John’s Campus. It is a great opportunity for parents and friends of Samaritan College to gather together for an entertaining evening.

We need the help of people to make it a success.

There are various ways in which you can help. As well as attending the International Night some of the things that you could do are:

| + assist with food preparation during the day | + help with setting up or packing up |
| + donate ingredients | + prepare a dish or |
| + help on a stall | + convene a stall. |

Please complete the help needed insert in this newsletter and return to any campus.

It is always an evening not to miss!

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2011

You are invited to make an appointment with me regarding your child’s placement for 2011, 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.

Patricia Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER
Children involved in the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be involved in the first of two Workshops on Friday, October 29. This workshop will be held at St Teresa’s Church. The children involved are to be dropped at St Teresa’s Church by 8:45am where they will be met by their teacher. The workshop will go until 1:00pm at which point the children will be bused back to their campus. The children may wear casual clothes on the workshop days but need to wear their school hat. The children also need to bring their recess and lunch for the day. As they are going straight to the church they will not be able to have a lunch order.

Children also need to bring their Home Booklet as we may get to work on these or answer questions the children may have about the booklet.

The second workshop will be at OLHC Church on Friday, November 5. Children need to be dropped at OLHC church by 8:45am on this day. The St Teresa’s Campus students will be returned to their campus at 1:00pm by bus.

Commitment cards need to be brought to any Mass on the weekend of October 30 and 31. It is very important that the commitment cards are brought to Mass on the weekend stated as it will give parishioners time to pray for the First Reconciliation children and their families.

Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

STC

Class Mass

On Wednesday, November 3, Year 3/4 Opie will celebrate Mass at the Church. Children need to be dropped at the church by 8:45am where they will be met by Ms Opie. Families are most welcome to join us for Mass and morning tea afterwards. The children will return to school by bus at 10:15am.

Assembly

Year 4/5 Usher will present the Junior Assembly at 9:30am on Friday, November 5 in the Library.

Bernie Meixner

OLHCC

Liturgy Of The Word

Please join us for Liturgy of the Word next Thursday, November 4 at 12:30pm in the Church. It will be presented by Year 4/5 Seals and 5/6 Lobo. We hope to see you there to celebrate with the students!

Class Mass

Year 6/7 Fahey/Daniels & 6/7 Gill will be leading the Parish Mass on Thursday, November 4 at OLHC Church. You are most welcome to join them at 9:00am.

Bec Fahey

LITURGIES AND ASSEMBLIES

Reconciliation Comes Alive

Students in Years 3 have begun class and home preparation for Reconciliation. As a part of our learning about this Sacrament we have been looking at the four Gospel stories about forgiveness such as The Lost Sheep, Zacchaeus, The Ten Lepers and The Forgiving Father. These stories demonstrate Jesus’ message to forgive and follow God’s path.

The children are participating in a range of activities including Godly play, Echo Mimes, Art and Craft and singing songs such as “Come back Zac.”

Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as they journey together in this Sacrament.

Lou Whitehouse & Amiee Tullio

I love the chorus of Come Back Zac because I love the clapping and the words.

Vinnie

The “Echo Mime” has great actions and the Reconciliation songs are good songs to sing.

Claudia

The song “Come Back Zac” has a good chorus and a great ending. I love the actions.

Callan

Bernie Meixner

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OLHCC LOST/FOUND BASKET

We have an overflowing lost/found basket. Could parents please check their children’s clothing? Any unclaimed items will be washed and sent to St Vinnies at the end of next week.

YEAR 5 TAG RUGBY CARNIVAL

On Monday children in Year 5 attended a Tag Rugby carnival at Bennett Oval. The Australian Rugby League, South Australian development squad ran the carnival. There was a great spirit amongst the 12 teams competing. Congratulations to the St Teresa’s Team that came runner up to Hinks Avenue Primary School in both the boys and girls division. Our Lady Help of Christians Campus girls and boys team both played off for third position. The boys won third position and the Our Lady’s girls placed fourth.

It was a great day and the children learnt lots about a new sport.

Thanks to Nicola Seals, Kay Baker and Peter Usher for helping the children on the day.

Bernie Meixner

Last term, students took part in a skills building session and on Monday the students were able to put these skills into action. As the day progressed, it was great to see the students confidence and skills improve and they represented our school with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. All participants had a fun experience as did the teachers.

Kay Baker and Nicola Seals

Children’s Comments

On Monday, 4/5 Usher represented St Teresa’s in an Interschool Rugby Carnival. It was a brilliant day. St Teresa’s came 2nd at the prize giving, but all the schools played well. Thanks to Mr Molyneux for entering us.

Romy

We had heaps of fun in Rugby and St T’s only had two injuries. We loved playing against different schools!!

Shannon O

The Rugby Carnival on Monday was really fun! We played lots of games against different schools. By the end of the day we were very tired. We had loads of fun!

Meg

On Monday a group of Year 5 Boys and Girls from OLHCC went to a Rugby Carnival at Bennett Oval. We played against Nicolson, Saint T’s, Hincks, Stuart and Fisk. Our school had one boys team and one girls team. Overall our boys and girls team both finished 3rd. It was a rip tag carnival which means we all had to wear two tags with 1 on each side of our hip. There was no tackling allowed. The best part of the day was playing a sport we don’t usually get to play in Whyalla. We would like to thank Dave Cohen from Rugby SA, everyone who participated, the umpires, and Mrs Baker and Ms Seals for taking us. Everyone had a fantastic day.

Jared Inglis and Emma Whelan

YEAR 7 TRANSITION INFORMATION

Afternoon Visit

Year 7 students undertake their first independent transition visit to Saint John’s Campus this Friday, November 6. Students are to meet Mr Keating at the Rotunda near the administration entrance to the school promptly at 1:45pm. Tour groups, led by Year 11 students, will begin at the end of lunch time and students will be dismissed at the end of the day (3:25pm).

Involvement Day

Meet at the Rotunda at 8:30am on the day allocated. Students will be dismissed at Saint John’s Campus normal finishing time of 3:25pm.

Students are to:

• wear school uniform including hat
• bring pencil case and writing pad or exercise book
• bring packed lunch and recess. alternatively, orders may be placed at the canteen during caregroup time

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James Keating

YEAR 8 COORDINATOR
SECONDARY NEWS

RIDING TO SCHOOL
Unfortunately we have been receiving calls from concerned motorists about some of our students riding to and from school whilst wearing earphones and listening to music. There has been some very close calls where cyclists have been unaware that a car is nearby, due to the earphones, and pulled out only to have the car narrowly miss them. This is a dangerous practice and we strongly discourage the use of headphones whilst cycling to and from school.

YEAR 8 AND 9 SUBJECT SELECTION
These Information Sessions are behind us and all students in the College should now have returned their subject requests for 2011 (Year 8s have a few more days).

EXAMS
Whilst the focus is on Year 12, the Year 10s and 11s also have upcoming exams. These require careful planning to ensure the semester’s work is properly revised.

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS SPORTS DAY
CANTEEN
Friday Week 7, November 26 is our annual campus sports day. I am writing to see if any parents or caregivers are interested in donating some time to help with the canteen. This year we are making the move out to Jubilee Park to use the Little Athletics facilities. They have kindly donated their canteen but I am looking for people to help run it. If you can spare the whole day or even an hour two please contact me (details below).

FIRST AID
Unfortunately Saint Johns First Aid ambulance is not available for our Sports day this year on the November 26. So I am seeking parents with a minimum of senior first aid to volunteer their time to assist with any minor injuries which may occur on the day. You will be required from 9:00am till 2:00pm. If you can be of assistance please contact me (details below).

Thank you.

katenolan@samaritan.catholic.edu.au or ☎ 8645 8568
Kate Nolan
PE AND SPORTS COORDINATOR

2011 INTENTION FORMS
Staff are still chasing up forms that state what your child is intending to do in 2011: either return to Samaritan, leave or undecided. If you have not yet returned this form, please do so as soon as possible.

UNIFORM
Students should now be in full summer uniform. This means shorts for boys. Boys should not be in long pants for the remainder of the term unless they are wearing the old uniform which did allow for long pants and short sleeved shirts. Students still wearing the old Saint John’s uniform and who are in need of new items may find that their size is no longer available should now be purchasing the new Samaritan uniform.

Damien Judd
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

CANTEEN ROSTERS
Monday, November 1 - Friday, November 5

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Small 350ml bottles of Mount Franklin water are now $1.00

Annette Cameron
CANTENE MANAGER

Rose Cassar
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