Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This week we have been focussing on the life of St Francis Xavier as the Christian community reveres the “1st Class Relic’ travelling to Whyalla. St Francis was known for his studies and travelling to spread the Word, largely through action, living simply with the people he met. He was open to the risks of travelling, to working with all peoples and in engaging in relationship and friendship to stand up for the rights of others. Let us walk lightly in relationship with one another.

Indigenous Students Dinner

“From Little things, big things grow”, was the theme adopted for a dinner for Indigenous students and their families which Samaritan College hosted last Thursday evening. Students and families attended from Caritas College, Port Augusta and our own community. The dinner was a celebration of the successes of students this year and their hopes and dreams for the future. A big thank you must go to Lou Gogoll, our Indigenous Focus Teacher, who was instrumental in making the dinner such a memorable occasion.

Class Placement Parent Meeting

On Monday evening we held a meeting for primary parents to look at the strengths of the students when making placements in classes ready for 2013. Cathy Sires from the Behaviour Education team in Adelaide led the discussion.

Cathy talked about not only wanting those educational ideals such as grasping academic excellence but if we ask parents what is desired for their child, the answer is: “We want our kids to be happy and be the best they can be”. It is about the overall well rounded student who has developed excellent social competencies through experiential learning. The teachers will be considering relationships, self awareness, decision making and social awareness when placing students in classes for 2013. A questionnaire will be distributed to you to identify the strengths of your child. Please return to the teachers as soon as possible to assist in the process.

Parent Help

Often we hear parents say that they would like to assist at school but don’t know where they can help. There are a number of ways of getting involved, from listening to reading in the early years, working in the canteen or library, or by signing up to events such as the upcoming International Night. To make this evening a success, we usually have about 60 volunteers. At this stage the responses have been rather slow, so we do ask that if you are considering assisting, the return slip comes back as soon as possible. A good way to sign up is with a friend; making it a fun experience together. It is always a great community night where families from R-12 and the parish come up to the piazza and celebrate the end of year, with great food and entertainment. We hope that you can be a part of it in some way.

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

This week we have been venerating the relic of St Francis Xavier, a famous saint of the sixteenth century. Francis was a person who embraced the Good News of Jesus Christ with all his considerable gifts and with all the energy he could muster. He is one of the patron saints of Australia, and we are under his patronage here at Samaritan College, as manifest in the Xavier Wing of the senior campus.

Also this week we commemorated a local saint, one of those “unsung” whose feast day is the November 1, the Feast of All Saints. His name is John Watson, a native of Iron Knob and Whyalla. He was born too early to have attended Samaritan College or its predecessors, but he was involved in all the working bees of the 1940s and 1950s that established the grounds of St Teresa’s campus.

John gave his working life to the needs of working people through the Trade Union movement, spending almost 50 years representing unskilled workers at the shipyard and steelworks and negotiating with management on their behalf. Many of our migrant grandparents remember him as their first Australian friend in their new country.

In retirement, John spent a further 20 years as a volunteer, assisting on committees at local, regional and state level, while spending his time supporting the vulnerable aged and sick in our aged care facilities and the Whyalla Hospital.

John made frequent use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, right up until his death. He thought of himself as a humble sinner, who needed God’s grace constantly for forgiveness, and to help him to live a life closer to Christ. Our Reconciliation candidates in Year 3 and their families would do well to imitate him.

For the rest of us, who still walk the pilgrim path of life on earth, let us ask John in our prayers to intercede for us, for our families, our working life, and our spiritual life. Be assured that his prayers will come to the throne of grace and be heard by God!

Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Zacchaeus was a tax collector. He was the chief tax collector and was very rich. Among the Jewish people of Jesus’ time tax collectors were hated and considered outcasts. They gained their wealth at the expense of others and worked for the Romans.

Despite this Zacchaeus wished to see Jesus and climbed a tree to see over the crowd. Jesus saw him and called out “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today. So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully” (Luke 19: 5-6)

Why would Jesus single Zacchaeus out for the honour of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God’s merciful love and in his meeting with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He had a change of heart and showed this by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half to pay back anybody he had cheated.

Zacchaeus was ‘lost’ and because of Jesus’ love and acceptance he repented and became ‘found’. Faith, love and acceptance brings Jesus to stay in Zacchaeus heart and the lost sheep back to the Shepherd.

The story of Zacchaeus is one of the Gospel stories that the Year 3 children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation learn about. The children discover that Jesus is constantly searching us out, looking for us and calling out to us “I must stay at your house today.” Jesus wants to come into our hearts, minds and souls. We need to listen carefully and hear the Lord gently knocking, sometimes pounding on the door of our life. We must open the door and invite him in.

Please keep the Year 3 children in your prayers as they continue their journey towards the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Lord, come and stay with me.
Fill my home with your presence and fill my heart with your praise.
Help me to show kindness and mercy to all.
Amen

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS
(PRIMARY)
Yesterday the Relic of St Francis Xavier visited Samaritan College. St Francis Xavier is Patron of Australia and one of the greatest missionaries of the modern era. He spread the message of Jesus through India, Indonesia and Japan. He found learning new languages difficult, which made his mission even more challenging.

The Catholic community of Whyalla had the opportunity to venerate the relic at Mass at each church and in the Chapel of Emmaus at Saint John’s Campus.

When we honour a relic, we are honouring Jesus, through the work and life of the saint to which it belongs. We also celebrate the unity of our Christian community in its purpose and holiness. We give thanks to the example of St Francis Xavier who gave his name to St Francis Xavier School which was where the current St Teresa’s Church is now situated. There is also a building on the Saint John’s Campus named after him.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

Parenting Ideas
by Michael Grose:

*Getting on the same parenting page as your partner*

Parents who work together need to know when to compromise, when to keep out of the way and when to present a united front.

A couple approached me after a recent parenting presentation asking for my thoughts around kids and mealtimes. It seems they had different approaches.

One parent was focused on food and was concerned with the quantities kids ate. The other was focused more on behaviour and was more concerned with the quality of social interactions that mealtimes offered.

During our brief chat it seemed that both parents respected the other’s viewpoint, which was fantastic. But they clearly had some differences in their approach to parenting, that may not have been evident before the chat.

Differences are healthy, a sign of independent thinking, and can provide a sense of balance to family life. BUT different approaches can cause discomfort, stress and anxiety to one or both parents, particularly when communication and empathy levels are down.

In some cases, the differences can lead to inconsistent parenting where there is no agreement on rules and standards of behaviour and inconsistent follow-through when kids behave poorly.

Parents who work together need to know when to compromise, when to keep out of the way and when to present a united front. Knowing when to take each approach takes practice and depends on what the issues are, your parenting styles and your individual values.

The 3 levels of parenting together

*Getting on the same page as your partner takes work. It can be done whether you and your partner live together or not.*

The three levels of working together:

**LEVEL 1 - Managerial:** This is the day-to-day parenting level that focuses on aspects such as standards of behaviour, kids’ health, education and supervision. Usually one parent (mothers mostly) is the primary parent calling the shots, while the other takes a back seat as the secondary parent (dads mostly). The secondary parent usually follows the lead of the primary parent. Level 1 focuses on WHAT needs to be done to raise kids.

**LEVEL 2 - Child-rearing:** This is a tricky area as it covers approaches to kids’ behaviour, how to build confidence in kids, the processes parents put in place for communication and how kids treat others. My conversation with the young couple I mentioned above was around this level. Level 2 fundamentally concerns itself with **HOW kids are raised.**

**LEVEL 3 - Values and attitudes:** This is the BIG picture level. It looks at fundamental things you value such as developing independence, responsibility, tolerance, persistence and respect in kids. These are just a few -there are plenty of values and attitudes to develop. It really helps when partners are on the same wavelength when it comes to the things you value. This level concerns itself with **WHY you do the things you do as parents.** When you know the WHY then the HOW of parenting becomes easier.

From my experience you can get away with parental differences when kids are young, however it does become a big problem as kids move into adolescence. Some teenagers can become adept at driving a wedge between parents who are on different wavelengths. They generally go to the parent who will give them the answer they require when it comes to the tricky areas such as going out, access to alcohol and relationship issues.

It pays to start the conversation about parenting early on in kids’ lives. Conversations at the WHY level are more fundamental, leading to greater understanding of where the other person comes from and the likelihood of presenting a united front to kids. And getting on the same page as your partner is always in the best interests of your kids.

The funny thing is, most parents are so busy talking about Level 1 issues (what you are doing) that they rarely talk meaningfully about **Level 3 issues** (why you are doing things), which is the absolute guts of what you do unless you purposefully sit down and do so.
CHILDCReN’S WEEk – October 20-28
This week is ‘Children’s Week’. The theme for Children’s Week is: ‘Celebrating Children – Right of the child to play’, which reflects the Children's Week aims.

To celebrate this event we are showcasing some work samples from our Junior Primary classes presenting children’s learning.

Stories on the left came from reading a story called “Dragon in the Garden Shed” by Rodney McRae

Tractor by Ben

On Monday the tractor went pulling ooi
Mat a cow he food the milk in to the bucket
Then the cow in the tractor ran that west back to the
Then the milk went to the milk factory
The End

YEar 7 TO 8 TRANSITION SUMMARY 2012

DATEs TO REMEmBER:

ORIENTATION AFTERNOON - Friday October 26, 2012 – 1:45pm – 3:15pm
Good Samaritan Rotunda
- Tour of College
- Student information

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT – Friday November 16, 2012 – 6:00pm until late
Piazza de Cristo
- Community Event with food, refreshments and entertainment on offer

INVOLVEMENT DAY – Monday November 19 - Friday November 23 – 8:30am – 3:25pm
Good Samaritan Rotunda
- students 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 care-group time.

MONDAY November 19
STC – Usher & NAPS
TUESDAY November 20
OLHCC – Keen & Long St
WEDNESDAY November 21
STC – Gogoll & WTPS
THURSDAY November 22
OLHCC – Lancaster
FRIDAY November 23
Fisk St, MOPS, Sunrise & Hincks Ave

NEW ‘PARENTS’ INFORMATION EVENING - Tuesday November 20, 2012 - 7:30pm – 9:00pm
(PARENTS ONLY) Samaritan Hall
CAROLS / FAMILY NIGHT
We are giving prior notice for our Christmas celebrations for your calendars - please note they are in Week 9 of the term.

Carols Night – OLHCC Wednesday, December 5
Family Night – STC Friday, December 7

Yours in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion,
Eleni Vailas
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

MASSES AND LITURGIES
Year 1/2 Gallagher Mass
Year 1/2 Gallagher will celebrate Mass at OLHC Church on Thursday, November 1 at 9:00am.
Students need to be dropped at OLHC Church and meet at the church by 8:45am

R/Year 1 Cooper Liturgy
R/Year 1 Cooper will celebrate Liturgy of the Word on Thursday, November 1 at 12:30pm at OLHC Church. All Parents welcome.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

SAPSASA BASKETBALL
On Thursday of Week 9, Term 3, Year 6/7 students from Samaritan College travelled to Adelaide to compete in the SAPSASA Basketball State Championships. The team competed against schools from all over South Australia, in five round robin matches throughout the day. All of the girls played very well, and showed exceptional sportsmanship in all of the games. This is the first time students in Whyalla have been given the opportunity to compete in SAPSASA Basketball at this level, and some of the players have the opportunity to take part in try-outs for the SAPSASA State Team next year. Congratulations to all of the girls involved; Olivia Andon, Kelsi Eldridge, Madeline Foran, Madison Hoffmann, Kiarra Leopold, Alice Morgan, Katelin Morgan, Sophie Peden, Erin Salopek. A big thank you to the parents for giving up their time and helping out on the day.

Jenna Baulderstone
YEAR 5/6 TEACHER OLHCC

RECONCILIATION
Last weekend the children preparing for First Reconciliation presented their commitment cards at Mass. These cards indicate the commitment of the children and their families to the program and also allows the people of the parish to pray for the children by signing their names on the cards. During the next few weeks we will be reflecting upon our image of God and how we relate to God in our daily lives.

WORKSHOP
The program continues next week with the second workshop at OLHCC church on Thursday, November 1. The children need to meet at Our Lady’s Church by 8:45am. Lunch orders can be placed or the children can again bring their recess and lunch. Please make sure your child has their hat and drink bottle. Students may wear casual clothes on this day. Students from St Teresa’s Campus will be returned to school by bus.

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

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

CARTEEN ROSTERS
Monday, October 29 – Friday, November 2

ST TERESA’S CAMPUS

| Mon | Joanne Foubister | Nardia Hogan |
| Tue | Courtney Higgins | Maddie Utting |
| Wed | Nicole Higgins   |              |
| Thu | Nicole Carter    |              |
| Fri | Rebecca Coffey   | Fiona Andrew |

Annette Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS

| Mon | no help required |
| Tue | no help required |
| Wed | Lisbeth Fernandez |
| Thu | Dana Campion     |
| Fri | Sunny Chung      |

Rose Cassar
CANTEEN MANAGER

SAINT JOHN’S CAMPUS

| Mon | Judith Hill  | Rosslyn Cruse |
| Tue | Kerry Azzopardi  | Leanne Simpfendorfer |
| Wed | Melinda Coad  |              |
| Thu | Chrisoula Karssen |
| Fri | Leanne Setford |

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER
SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

UNIFORM REMINDER

There are too many students who are neglecting to follow the College expectations regarding jewellery. These were written in conjunction with parents, students and staff. The rule is clearly stated in both the Senior Planner, p133, and the School Diary, p131. To reiterate, “no more than one earring in each lobe only. Size is restricted to sleeper, stud or ‘huggy’ style only”, “Facial or visible body jewellery, ‘keepers’ or concealers are not permitted”.

A number of students feel that it is acceptable to cover a facial piercing with a small plaster. Unfortunately this is still in breach of the College rule. As it takes some time for piercings to heal it is best practice not to get new ones done during the school year. When questioned by staff it is expected that students will respectfully comply with the College’s expectation.

2013 INTENTION FORMS

Staff are still chasing up forms that state what your child is intending to do in 2013: either return to Samaritan, leave or undecided. If you have not yet returned the form, please do so as soon as possible.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YEAR 12 UPCOMING EVENTS

The end of year events for Year 12s is summarised below.

• Graduation Mass: Wednesday, November 28. This year the Mass will be held at Saint Teresa’s Church at 7:00pm. It is expected that all students will attend this event. Parents and other family members are warmly invited to help the school community celebrate.

• Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Dinner: Thursday, November 29. The Ceremony, to be held at the Middleback Theatre, will begin at 6:00pm and conclude at approximately 7:30pm. The price of tickets is $10. Year 12s do not need to purchase a ticket for themselves and a limit of 5 tickets per family has been allocated until Friday, November 16. After this date tickets will be open to all with unlimited seats.

• Tickets for the Graduation Ceremony go on sale from the Middleback Theatre on Tuesday, November 6 as the Middleback Theatre is not open on Mondays. In preparation for the big event, students will need to attend a ceremony rehearsal on Thursday, November 29 at the Middleback Theatre from 9am to 12:00pm. It is expected that all students will attend the Thursday rehearsal so that they are familiar with the format on the night. They will also receive their tickets at this time.

• This year’s Graduation Dinner will be held at the Westland Hotel. Tickets for the two-course meal cost $37 and are to be purchased prior to the dinner from the Westland Hotel Reception. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday October 17 until Tuesday, November 27. Each student is able to invite three family members to the dinner plus themselves.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming events, please do not hesitate to contact Trent Keiper on 8645 8568 or at trent.keiper@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

Trent Keiper
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

FROM THE ACTING SACE COORDINATOR

Stage 2 Round A Final Moderation (collection date Thursday, November 8)

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Stage 2 External Examinations

Examinations commence on Monday, October 29 with English Studies and conclude on Wednesday, November 14 with Musicianship. Students should arrive at least 10 minutes before the commencement of reading time, ie: for a 9:00am start, students will be allowed in the room at 8:50am. Students should be in summer uniform and appropriately groomed. Please notify me of any potential issues arising during the examination period which could potentially prevent a student from completing their examination. We wish these students (and their subject teachers!!) all the best.

Meresa Lyons
ACTING SACE COORDINATOR

9 GOLD MASS

9 Gold will celebrate Mass on Wednesday, October 31 at 9:00am at the Saint John’s Chapel. Students go to caregroup as normal then move to the Chapel of Emmaus for a 9:00am start.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

HOT DOGS

The SRC will be selling hot dogs at lunchtime, Wednesday, Week 5 (November 7). $3.00 for hot dog, 50c for each additional topping (onion, mustard, tomato sauce, ham or cheese). SRC will be taking orders and payment during Week 3 and 4. All proceeds go to helping our five charities.

Thanks,
SRC
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 from 6:00pm

A wonderful and busy community event, the International Night has been running successfully for 15 years because of the extended parent community contribution and support.

This is an early call for people to convene, cook, serve or help in any other ways for a period of time on the night, or in preparation during the day.

Many parents offer their services for this event, as their ‘one-off’ contribution in a busy family schedule. There is something there for everyone! We also encourage community groups to have a stall as their own fundraiser, with 10% going to the Samaritan College Community.

Please fill in the coupon below to indicate your early offer of help. This terrific night only happens because of your help!! Why not ask a friend to help out and make it a fun night.

We will contact you midway through Term 4 as we develop the roster.

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.................................
Cultural savoury dish: .............................................
I CAN HELP PREPARE DURING THE DAY: ☐ 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: ___________________________