Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is with pleasure that we as a community announce that Damien Judd has been appointed Co-Principal of Samaritan College. This news was shared by Kathy McEvoy, Director, Port Pirie Diocese, with staff yesterday and our wider community today through her formal correspondence attached to this Newsletter. Damien is still absent on study leave, returning to work on November 19.

As continuing Co-Principal, Terissa looks forward to working with Damien in a R-12 partnership towards a dynamic and constantly changing future of the college. We will continue to keep the community informed, via this Newsletter of our 2013 leadership plans as they emerge.

Next week is ‘bump-in’ week for ‘Annie’ with all the hard work this year showing the practical signs of bearing fruit. It has also been an enduring and stressful time for them as the longevity of rehearsals, time and attention brings them to this point. Thus, it was lovely this week, to hear a parent’s perspective of how wonderful she felt ‘Annie’ had been for her child. She reflected on what the child has gained.... all the wide ranging skills, competencies and confidence developed from vocal and dance experiences; learning personal and group responsibility; teamwork and commitment; communication and the building of relationships between different age groups. As an audience we will enjoy a show of great creativity and entertainment. As a cast and crew, the experiences are manifold and will be firmly etched in their life learning journey.

**WE NEED YOU!**

**Parents R-12**

*Please sign up to assist at International Night.*

It is a fun event to get involved in and assists parents to get to know their community in a relaxed yet productive manner. International Night is staged at a most pleasant time of the year and all our community and extended families, R-12 are encouraged to be involved in some way, either by donating prepared food (costs covered), donating to the huge raffle prize, helping on a stall or coming along to share in the evening.
Greetings as we are experiencing very changeable weather – one day cold next day hot!

There is much going on in our Parish as we move towards Christmas and the many tasks and celebrations that happen at this time.

In this year of Grace we are inviting Catholics who for whatever reason are no longer involved with the Church to take a fresh look at our parish family. The sessions for Catholics wishing to renew their commitment to, and participation in, the life of the parish will commence on Thursday, November 1 at 7:30pm in St Teresas Hall. The team leaders are Patrick & Claire Jolly and Margaret Surguy. We welcome anyone who would like to participate.

November is the month that we as Catholics pray very specially for our loved ones who have died.

There is a Book of Remembrance in each of our Churches where you can place their names. On Sunday, November 4 at 4pm we will gather at the Cemetery where we will pray for our deceased relatives and friends. We will then have the opportunity to bless and pray at individual graves. All are most welcome.

**RELIGIOUS DIMENSION**

**ALL SAINTS’ DAY**

Every day in the Church calendar has a saint day, but the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1) is when the Church honors all saints, known and unknown. This is similar to ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, two special days when many people are honored on one specific day. While we have information about many saints, and we honor them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honored. On ‘All Saints’ Day’, we celebrate these saints of the Lord, and ask for their prayers and intercessions.

The whole concept of All Saints’ Day is tied in with the concept of the Communion of Saints. This is the belief that all of God’s people, on heaven, earth, and in the state of purification are connected in a communion. In other words, Catholic and Orthodox Christians believe that the saints of God are just as alive as you and I in heaven, and are constantly interceding on our behalf.

The saints are not divine, nor omnipresent or omniscient. However, because of our common communion with and through Jesus Christ, our prayers are joined with the heavenly community of Christians.

There are thousands of canonized saints, that is those individuals officially recognized by the Church as holy men and women worthy of imitation. Because miracles have been associated with these people, and their lives have been fully examined and found holy by the Church, we can be assured they are prime examples of holiness, and powerful intercessors before God on our behalf. There are also many patron saints, guardians or protectors of different areas and states of life. For instance, St. Vitus is the patron saint against oversleeping, and St Joseph of Cupertino is the patron saint of air travelers. It may sound crazy to have a patron saint against oversleeping, but keep in mind the Church has something meaningful for every area of our human lives. All of these saints are celebrated throughout the year, as many have their own feast days.

**ALL SOULS DAY**

All Souls’ Day is traditionally a time for the Christian community to remember deceased family members and friends. Some churches invite the congregation to write the names of deceased friends or family members in a special book that would be placed on the altar at each mass or service during November.

Catholics see the faithful dead as members of the Church, alive in Christ, and by praying for them and asking their prayers for us always we remember them and pray that they are at peace in heaven.

**The Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

*Bernie Meixner*

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION
TO THE COMMUNITY OF SAMARITAN COLLEGE, WHYALLA

Dear Community Members

I am writing to let you know that the process to select the new Co-Principal for Samaritan College has now been completed and I am pleased to announce that Mr Damien Judd has been appointed. Damien will take up his new position on 29 January 2013.

You would all know Damien in his current role as Deputy Principal at Samaritan College. Damien is an experienced teacher having taught at Sr. Joseph’s School Port Lincoln and at both Our Lady Help of Christians and St. John’s Campus of Samaritan College. He has many years of experience in leadership positions including acting in the Co-principal role at Samaritan and 3 years as Principal of the Australian Technical College.

Damien has a demonstrated commitment to Catholic education and an enthusiasm for excellence in teaching and learning in a Catholic school setting. I know that he is very much looking forward to taking up this role in partnership with Terissa Shepherd as Co- Principals in the leadership of Samaritan College. They will together continue the work of leadership with the staff, students and parents of Samaritan College, and the parish community and the broader community of Whyalla.

I know you will join with me in congratulating Damien and wishing him all the best as he undertakes this important role in your community.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

KATHY MCEVOY
DIRECTOR

31 October 2012
Overdue Student Information Form 2013

Please return the Student Information form that was sent home earlier this term, this information is essential to planning for next year and must be returned by MONDAY, November 5.

POSITION 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 OFFICER

Uniform Shop Assistant

6.5 hours per week

Position Commences: January 21, 2013
Training Days in December 2012
Enquiries: For role clarification contact Co- Principals’ Assistant: Karen McGinnis.
Applications close November 8, 2010
Forward to:
The Co-Principals
Samaritan College
PO Box 351
Whyalla SA 5600
Telephone (08) 8645 8568
Email info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

CANTEEN ROSTERS

Monday, November 5 – Friday, November 9

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Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER

PRIMAR Y CAMPUS NEWS

‘ANNIE’ PRODUCTION

The ‘Annie’ rehearsals are in full swing this term! Everyone involved in the production is busily preparing and rehearsing for the final showcase taking place next week. The college community is looking forward to this grand occasion!!

The campuses will be attending the matinee sessions of the ‘Annie’ production on Friday, November 9, which will be taking place at the Middleback Theatre. There will be two matinee performances on this day. Please note that each primary campus will be closed due to attending the performance, no office staff will be in the school offices. A letter will be sent out by the end of the week outlining specific details.

• 10 am Matinee - St Teresa’s Campus (whole campus)
• 1 pm Matinee - OLHC Campus (whole campus)

Only)

CAROLS / FAMILY NIGHT

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

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

The last stage in the preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation occurs this weekend.

The students need to come to any Mass this weekend and renew their Baptismal promises.

This is an important part of the process so please contact Sr Cheryle at the parish if you are unable to attend this weekend. (8645 8023)

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Bernie Meixner
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ROAD MONITORS – SAINT TERESA’S CAMPUS

Saint Teresa’s Campus has the joint responsibility with Whyalla Town Primary School to provide road monitors to assist in the safe use of the road crossing. Students who are currently in Year 4 are eligible to be trained as road monitors for 2013. If your child is interested in being trained as a Road Monitor for 2013 please inform Mr Baverstock at Saint Teresa’s Campus. The training is provided at St Teresa’s Campus during school time.

At this stage the training is scheduled for November 4.

NO ASSEMBLIES OR LITURGIES NEXT WEEK

Due to Annie there are no liturgies or assemblies next week at either primary campus.

Bernie Meixner
It is very pleasing to see that the Year 11 representatives on the Student Council have taken charge and are continuing to provide opportunities where the students might have something different in their day. I must acknowledge the work that both Verity Kenny and Lee McCann have done in preparing these young people to take over from them.

The casual clothes day held earlier this term was their first event and it was planned to coincide with presentations regarding youth mental health. Next on their agenda is a Hotdog Day. This could really challenge the students if the whole school supports the initiative and I look forward to working with them to help reach their objective.

Students are taking orders and payment for hotdogs this week and next Monday during caregroup time. This reduces the amount of waste for greater profit. The prices range from $3.00, for a basic hotdog with sauce up to $5.00 for one with the lot. Extra toppings include ham, cheese, onion and mustard. All profits from this fundraiser go to the College’s nominated charities.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

This term there are a number of events still scheduled that could involve your children. Next week the third and final group of students will undertake the Murray Venture. Exams are continuing for Year 12’s, the performances of Annie Junior, cricket for junior secondary students, International Night, an outdoor education camp and Year 10 and 11 Exams to mention a few.

All of these events and more can be seen on the new electronic calendar available on the College website. Parents are encouraged to bookmark the calendar and adjust the settings to suit their own family requirements. This can be done through the dropdown list at the top right of the calendar. Parents can provide feedback on the calendar by emailing info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au and making the subject “calendar”.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES

Please note that tickets for the Graduation Ceremony at the Middleback Theatre are going on sale on Tuesday, November 6 for Year 12 families. This is an alteration of the previous advertised date due to the Middleback Theatre’s opening hours. From Tuesday, tickets can be purchased through the Middleback Theatre box-office. Tickets for the ceremony are $10.

A reminder that tickets for the Graduation Dinner are already on sale at the Westlands Hotel. Tickets for the two-course meal are $37 and can be purchased through the Westlands Hotel reception.

Trent Keiper
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

FROM THE ACTING SACE COORDINATOR

This week has seen our Year 12 students starting their external exams and the rest of the cohort adding those final touches to their assessment pieces for final moderation. Please see the table below for moderation information.

Stage 2 Round B Final Moderation (collection date Thursday, November 15)

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Noel Fairweather Scholarship, valued at $2000, is awarded to students living in rural areas who are completing their secondary education (thus Yr 12s). The scholarship is not necessarily awarded for ‘academic brilliance’ but is aimed at helping those who might not otherwise be able to pursue further education. Students who will be travelling away from home to pursue their tertiary education are encouraged to apply. Application forms are available from Mrs Lyons and need to be returned to The Freemasons Foundation by the beginning of February. For more information please visit www.masonic-foundation.asn.au under Scholarships.

COMMUNITY-DEVELOPED PROGRAMS AND THE SACE

There are numerous extra-curricular activities for example AMEB, Australian Air Force Cadets Royal Life Saving Society etc….that students might be involved in that can be counted towards their SACE. For a full list of these programs and the credits awarded please see the College website (FAQs, forms & files/secondary campus forms/students). If you believe that your son/daughter qualifies for SACE credits please contact me at the College to complete the necessary paperwork.

Maresa Lyons
ACTING SACE COORDINATOR

MASSES

On Wednesday, November 7 students from 9 Blue and 9 Red will attend Mass at St Teresa’s Church at 9:00am. Students need to be at the church by 8:45am. Morning tea will follow Mass so the students are asked to bring something to share. Following Mass and Morning tea the students will walk back to Saint John’s Campus.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM
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: ___________________________