Dear Parents/Caregivers,

"You are that which you are seeking." - Saint Francis

When we adopt a ‘theology of plenty’ and focus on all the blessings we have before us, the opportunities and world privileges, there can be nothing to complain about. When we look at the gifts students bring to their classroom, and adopt the strengths based approach to planning, whether it be for creating the new year’s classes, or positions of responsibility and new tenure leadership teams, discernment becomes more comfortable.

Strengths based thinking acknowledges the reality that there is no such thing as ‘perfect’. What it celebrates is the room still available for growth and the opportunity to build upon existing strengths and belief in the capabilities of individuals for lifelong learning. No one and nothing is fixed; this is not a rose coloured glasses approach, but rather an insistence that we cannot shrug and make excuses or blame something else, but rather take a personal responsibility to be a pro-active participant in good work practices and positive change, whether we are students, parents or education workers, or whether it is in our personal lives or professional domains.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It is with regret that we share the news that Ms Eleni Vailas will be taking leave and relocating to Adelaide for family reasons in 2013. Eleni has served our community for 17 dedicated years. We are currently seeking assistance with Catholic Education SA for an interim Acting Deputy for next year.

NEW COUNSELLOR

We are pleased to share that Cassandra Ward has been employed by Centacare as our new primary/secondary counsellor. Cass is an old scholar and has also worked at EJHS, in her counselling role. She began on November 5. We welcome Cass to the Samaritan community. Our counsellors are available for appointment via each campus reception.

10 YEAR REUNION

On the weekend we hosted the reunion of 2002 graduates. It was great to see so many old scholars return to school and the reminiscing was a fond and familiar tale of mixed experiences. As always the archived photos were poured over and the delight in re-discovering themselves and old peers made me smile. Every person, now and before us who has participated in an active way in school life, performed in a video, taken a photo, written text for annuals, filmed prize night, stored evidence of an era, contributes in shared responsibility to the legacy of our story at Samaritan College.

ANNEE!!

We are finally at ‘Bump-in’!! We wish Winnie, Melinda, Kirsty, Lisa, Rebecca, Rebecca, Di, Duke, Pierre, Julia, Lou G, and the crew and cast – the students all the best for this week as you reach the crescendo!!

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

We are slowly receiving responses to assist with this great R-12 community event. It is not too late to offer. We also run the great Christmas raffle at this time of year. Donations of raffle prizes for the baskets are welcome at any campus office. Ticket books will be coming home next week for each family to sell. All proceeds go to Parent Community generated student projects.
Our church, school, community and family calendars are filled with special years, weeks and days. This year is quite exceptional for the Church. We celebrate two overlapping years of significance – the Year of Grace and The Year of Faith. At Pentecost on May 27, the Australian Bishops called a Year of Grace, inviting us to deepen our relationship to Christ within the Church. On October 11, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of Vatican II, Pope Benedict began a Year of Faith which calls for a deepening of faith within the Church. There is an overlap between the Year of Grace and the Year of Faith. Both focus on making Christ more real in our lives and so our faith more active.

The Year of Faith is our opportunity to discover again the words by which the Christian faith is known, and with them, to paint with our lives living pictures of Christ. The Year of Grace is about recognising the place where we stand, learning to be thankful and recognising the small places and people where God is to be found. And where do we look for these words, places and people? I suggest that we look to the changes that are taking place around us.

Term 4 has a strong focus on preparing our students to deal well with all kinds of change. The Year 12s face examinations, celebrate endings and prepare for the next vital steps beyond school to new beginnings in work or further study. The Year 11s have been preparing for the challenge of Year 12 and Leadership. The Year 7s excitedly prepare to make the transition to the secondary campus and Year 3s have been preparing with great energy and enthusiasm to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of God’s forgiving and healing love. Staff, too, are swept up in tidal waves of change – making preparations for next year while bringing the current year to a close.

Let us pray for one another that change will be gracious and energising and that we can truly identify the words, places and people that speak to us of God, grace and faith.

Sr Sonia Wagner
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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I found this email recently and have printed excerpts from it. It was submitted by a young person who had experienced great personal tragedy.

“The paradox of our time in history is that we have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences but less time; we have more degrees but less sense; more knowledge but less judgement; more experts but more problems; more medicine but less wellness. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too often. We’ve learnt how to make a living, but not a life; we’ve added years to life, not life to years. We’ve been all the way to the moon and back, but we have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour.”

The Gospel this Sunday contrasts the ostentatious behaviour of the greedy and ambitious scribes with the action of a poor widow who is full of faith and humility. Jesus’ criticism of the scribes ‘race for honours and advantages’ is in direct contrast with his praise of the poor widow. It’s easy to imagine the various feelings of those who brought their offerings to the temple. The pride and self-sufficiency of the rich who had no intention of hiding their generosity, which in fact didn’t affect their wealth and position one little bit; the discretion and humility of the poor widow who dropped two small coins into the treasury, drawing from her own wants/needs. She might have given only one coin, but no, she gave all she had. (sourced from http://www.vincentians.org.au/)

The challenge for us is to find ways to give all we have of ourselves at times when it is very difficult to do so.

Christine Duffield
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS
SILENT AUCTION

A brand new ‘ferrari red’ Kitchen Aid mixer with premium accessories is available for silent auction. The mixer was won by the College through a subscription to a Home Economics magazine. The best price that these mixers can be found is $650. All parents, staff and friends are invited to submit a silent bid to terry.costello@samaritan.catholic.edu.au. The highest bid will win the mixer and the proceeds will go towards the purchase of student equipment in Home Economics. Closing date for bids is November 16. Inspections of the mixer are welcome!

Terry Costello
BUSINESS MANAGER

COLLEGE NEWS

SILENT AUCTION

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING

The big blue bins situated in the breezeway at St Teresa’s Campus are for recycling newspapers. Parents are welcome to use these bins to recycle their newspapers.

PRIMARY 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 this 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 was sent out last week outlining specific details.

• 10 am Matinee - St Teresa’s Campus (whole campus)
  - Saint John’s Campus (Yr 9s)
• 1 pm Matinee - OLHC Campus (whole campus)
  - Saint John’s Campus (Yr 8s)

CAROLS / FAMILY NIGHT

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

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

MASS AND LITURGIES

Year 6/7 Gogoll will celebrate Liturgy of the Word on Thursday, November 15 at 9:30am in the library at Saint Teresa’s Campus. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Year 1/2 Lange and Year 6/7 Keen will celebrate Mass on Thursday, November 15 at 9 am at OLHC Church. Parents are most welcome to attend.

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. Training is scheduled for December 4.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

RECONCILIATION

The children who have prepared for reconciliation will celebrate the sacrament either this week or next. Parents have been given their time for Reconciliation. Any queries need to be directed to the Parish office on 8645 8023.

Our prayers are with these children and their families at this special time.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

November 8, 2012
YEAR 7 TO 8 TRANSITION SUMMARY 2012

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

INvolVEMENT DAY – Monday November 19 - Friday November 23 – 8:30am – 3:25pm
• Students Meet at the Good Samaritan Rotunda at Saint John’s Campus
• Students wear school uniform including hat

Language Perfect @ Samaritan College - Hall of Fame 2012

Gold Certificate: 3,000 points (and gift voucher) Cailin C.
Silver Certificate: 2,000 points Cailin C.
Bronze Certificate: 1,000 points Cailin C, Eugene V.N.
Credit Certificate: 500 points Gem N, Joefer B, Jenna P, Richelle K, Cailin C 3500*, Madison H & Eugene V.N.

Year Level Leaders

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Congratulations to all Language Perfect Participants

Keep up the good work! Language Perfect challenge ends in December © Signora Baverstock

Canteen Rosters

Monday, November 12 – Friday, November 16

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Annette Cameron
Canteen Manager

November 8, 2012
Next week is Physical Education week and the faculty is arranging a number of activities to run throughout the week. Students are asked to sign-up for the activity and will be allowed to wear their PE uniform on the days where they will participate in an activity.

**COMMUNICATION**

As the year draws to a close it is often harder for parents of the senior students to keep informed of events at the College. For some of the Year 11 parents there are only a few more weeks where your child will bring home the newsletter. There is, however, always important information to pass on that may affect your child even though the year has finished for them and we remind parents that the newsletter is available online through our website.

**SUPERVISION**

A reminder that the supervision of students in the Campus grounds does not commence until 8:20am each morning. Staff also supervise the front and side gate after school until approximately 3:40pm. If you feel that you do not want your child waiting after school alone to be picked up, they are welcome to sit and wait in our front office.

**SENIOR SRC**

Next Tuesday morning our Year 11 students will meet in the lecture theatres to hear presentations about being leaders within the school. They will then formally nominate their peers as Senior Representatives on the Student Council for next year, 2013. Following on from the leadership morning the Year 11 students will celebrate Mass at St Teresa’s Church. Students will need to meet their teachers there and then walk back to the College. Students who usually drive to school should leave their cars at the College and walk to the church for the 9:00am Mass.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

**SACE MATTERS**

**Scholarships**

The University of South Australia Rural Reconnect Relocation Scholarship assists high-achieving students with the cost of moving to the city to pursue full-time undergraduate study. The scholarship is valued at $6000 and is designed to encourage greater participation, retention and achievement of rural and remote students in higher education. For further information visit www.unisa.edu.au/ruralreconnect and application forms are available from me. The closing date is January 2, 2013.

**Bonus Points**

Samaritan College students qualify for The University of Adelaide’s Fairway Access Scheme as a regional or remote school. The Fairway scheme offers 6 bonus points that are automatically calculated and added to students’ University Aggregate to generate a revised ATAR for entry to University of Adelaide programs.

Bonus points are also available for students passing Stage 2 Specialist Mathematics, and/or a language other than English.

For more information visit http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/admission

**Final Moderation**

Final Moderation for Stage 2 subjects commences this week and will take place over three rounds. Teachers have been busily preparing the student samples to be sent away to Adelaide. For more information on which subjects are due in which round please visit the SACE website at www.sace.sa.edu.au

**Year 12 Results release date**

The provisional date for the release of the results for Stage 2 subjects is Wednesday, December 19. Year 12 students have been given a leaflet on how to access their results through the Internet.

Maresa Lyons
ACTING SACE COORDINATOR

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Parents and caregivers are reminded that tickets for this year’s graduation dinner (Thursday, November 29) is currently on sale from the Westland Hotel. Tickets cost $37 per person for a two course alternate drop menu and tables of 10 will be set for the night. Tickets are limited to 4 per family to accommodate all our Year 12 students, families, staff and honored guests.

The College is aiming to draw up a seating plan for the night and would appreciate feedback from parents about how many tickets have been bought and any preferred seating arrangements. This information can either be supplied by contacting the College via the front office or sending an email to maresa.lyons@samaritan.catholic.edu.au. Families need to be aware that once the capacity of the venue is reached (380) no more tickets can be sold. This is really a case of ‘first in best dressed’…..if you leave it too late there may be no tickets available which means that you will not be able to celebrate this auspicious occasion with us.
**YEAR 11 MASS**

Next Week the Year 11 Students will attend their final Mass for the year. During this Mass the students will nominate their choices for the senior council in 2013.

Students will come to school as normal then walk as a group to the church. At the completion of Mass the students will walk back to school.

_Bernie Meixner_

APRIM

**LOST PROPERTY**

The following pieces of uniform have been handed in to lost property - located in the Canteen. **If these items are not collected by the end of Week 7 (November 23) they will be given to the Uniform Shop to be sold as second hand.**

All of the following items have not been marked with a name. **Please ensure uniform items are marked as it hastens the return of lost property.**

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Thank you.

_Marg Coad_

CANTEEN MANAGER

**PE WEEK**

Next week (Week 6) we will be celebrating PE week by running different Physical Activities for students to participate in at recess and lunch. Students have been asked to sign up for a session that they would like to participate in. Nationally, PE week was celebrated in Week 5, however due to the timing of the rescheduled Murray Venture we will be holding these events a week later. Below are the events that will be run:

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Students who choose to participate in these events, and have signed up, are permitted to wear their College sports uniform on this day.

_Kirby Howell_

PE/SPORTS COORDINATOR

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**COMMUNITY News**

Change your future.
Change your career.

**Study at UniSA's Whyalla campus in 2013.**

Visit the University of South Australia's Whyalla campus to discover your local study options for next year.

Find out about our range of programs, flexible pathways and see how we can help with your career aspirations.

Find out more information at our information evening on:

**Wednesday, November 14**

**From 5:30-7pm on campus**

Whyalla Campus, 111 Nicolson Avenue

For more information phone 1800 808 957

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**Whyalla Academy of Gym Sports with special guests presents:**

**GYMNASIA**

...A Night At The Movies

An exciting and delightful showcase of local talented gymnasts from ages 2 and up performing gymnastic routines inspired by popular movies.

"It's gymnastics...with a twist"

At the Middleback Theatre

December 11

6pm

Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for concession and children available at Middleback Theatre
Blessing of the Crib

A special way to involve your family in preparing for Christmas during Advent

Bring a piece of your existing Nativity scene

Bring a piece of your nativity scene from home to have it blessed at Mass. Bring the blessings of the church back into your home as your family prepares for Christmas.

Make your own Nativity scene

Make a Nativity scene as a family activity out of recyclable materials. Decorate it and discuss its meaning as a family. Bring your home made nativity scene to Mass and have it blessed before returning it to your home.

~ Everyone welcome ~

Blessing of the Crib ~ any Mass on the weekend of December 8 and 9
See the college newsletter for Mass times
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: ___________________________