Dear Parents/Caregivers,

“...When I’m stuck a day
That’s grey
And Lonely,
I just stick out my chin
And grin,
And say, Oh:
The sun’ll come out
Tomorrow
So you gotta hang on
’Til tomorrow
Come what may
Tomorrow! Tomorrow!
I love ya tomorrow!
You’re always a day away!”

"Tomorrow' from broadway musical ‘Annie’

“Living is a form of not being sure, not knowing what’s next or how. The moment you know how, you begin to die a little. The artist never entirely knows. We guess. We may be wrong, but we take leap after leap in the dark”

( Agnes de Mille, 1905 – 1993)

As we celebrate the week that has been and the many lead up months before it, we pause a moment to reflect on the beauty of team effort, of a collective people’s passion to do things well and the desire to stretch our children in the many varied forms of learning that have occurred with “Annie”. We have enjoyed the community comment throughout this week, with people moved they were by the children and their performance; and their appreciation of the effort and preparation behind the scenes throughout the year. We have much to be proud of at Samaritan College. It is this ‘raising of the bar’ that will always inspire our students and each other to create and take advantage of the best opportunities for all.

We wish to extend a huge thank you to Winnie Fitzgerald, whose vision and passion have led the team; to Kirsty Reed for her attention to detail with production; Pierre Visser and Julia Anttila for the music arrangement and preparing and leading the orchestra; Rebecca Sinclair, Bec McArthur and Jodie Goodwin for costumes and wigs; Melinda Gray for vocal leadership and numerous stand-in roles in rehearsals; Lisa Howard for coordinating the secondary students and Lisa Howard and Laura Shaw for the choreography; Jodie Hopkins and Lou Gogoll for art work and displays; plus Lou leading the makeup team with Stacey Raymond and Mia Fitzgerald; Peter Fitzgerald, Dean Shepherd, Bob Branson and Warren Brine for set design and construction; Corey Beinke-Heath for props and stage managing; Monica Cohen and Linda Plunkett for the fabulous program and backstage support; Zach and Riley for helping backstage; Di Hancock for her support and leadership with the wonderful canine actor in Duke; Rebecca Scharber for

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**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**
On Saturday evening I attended the wonderful performance of Annie; what a special evening of entertainment it was and many people have commented on the production. Over the last few days I have been reflecting on the giftedness of the students and staff of Samaritan College who were able to put on once again a wonderful evening of entertainment. In the Parish and school community it is so important to give thanks for the giftedness of many and to always be ready to get involved and help out when possible.

Last week and this week after school and in the evenings the children who are in Year 3 and preparing for First Reconciliation have been coming to one of the churches to receive the Sacrament. It has been a special time for them and their families to gather, pray and to receive the sacrament. The children have reflected on stories of forgiveness from the Scriptures and are aware of God’s love and forgiveness for us.

Next Tuesday evening at the 7.30 Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church we have a Mass of Remembrance for those who have died during the last year. Anyone who has lost a family member or friend during the last year you are most welcome to join us for this Liturgy.

In the coming weeks many end of year school liturgies and other celebrations are taking place. It is a good time to give thanks for the gifts many people share with us and to look at how we can use our gifts to build up the parish and school community in the future.

Sr Sonia Wagner
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. John15:13

Last Sunday was Remembrance Day. It is a day on which we honour the men and women who have served in the military. We also honour those who have died for the cause of freedom. It is a time for us to say 'Thank you' for the sacrifices they have made. It is a time to think about the freedoms we enjoy because they were willing to serve. It is a time to think about love -- the love they showed for their country and for their fellow human beings.

Lord,
Hold our troops in your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
We remember and honour those who have served to preserve and protect our freedom.
We also celebrate the Resurrection, because we have placed our faith and trust in you and know will live again.
Amen.

In Flanders Fields
In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae (1872–1918)

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)
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 mixer’s 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
UNIFORM SHOP

In preparation for 2013 the uniform shop will be open normal hours in the final week of term.

Wednesday, December 12 - 8:00am-10:30am
Thursday, December 13 - 1:00pm-4:30pm

In the new year the uniform shop will be open prior to school returning on the following dates.

Monday to Friday
January 21-25, 2013
8:30am-4:30pm
CLOSED Monday, January 28 (public holiday)
School resumes January 29

DONATIONS FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

‘For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’
Matthew 25: 35 - 36

Each year we are called to help spread the message of Advent and Christmas by supporting families in need within our community. The Samaritan College is calling for donations of unwrapped gifts or non perishable food items. These gifts will be donated to St Vincent de Paul to help those in need in our community at this time of year. Donations can be made to your child’s classroom at any campus.

BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Blessing of the crib is a special way to involve your family in preparing for Christmas during Advent

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 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 is welcome.

Blessing of the crib will be happening at any Mass on the weekend of December 8 and 9. Mass Times as advertised in the Parish News section of the newsletter.

PARENT COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

This week a raffle book will be sent home with the youngest family member. This is a Christmas raffle, that will be drawn at the next Bubblegum Market on Sunday, December 2. The prizes will be gift hampers for Christmas and will have an assortment of gift items and some wine. Tickets are 50c each ($5 for book). Ticket stubbs and money can be returned to campus offices by Monday, November 26, including the cover page of the raffle book with the student name and class written on it for recording as returned. Campus offices will have spare raffle books so if more are required for sale, please collect from the office.

Thank you for supporting this fundraising initiative for the Parent Community projects, to support student education.

The parent community would also appreciate offers of assistance with selling drinks at the Bubblegum Markets on December 2.

Tania Taylor
ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT COMMUNITY

International Night

Friday, November 16
TOMORROW!
The Piazza
(Saint John’s Campus)
from 6pm

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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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
- 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.

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

KATHY WALKER LEARNING PROGRAM

This year 5/6 Boots has been trialing the Year 3-6 Kathy Walker Learning Program “Engagement Matters”.

The Walker learning approach ensures that the curriculum content and skills are maintained and enhanced through teaching strategies that effectively engage, empower and provide greater ownership and choice for the students.

The focus on ‘engagement’ is reflected in children being truly interested and excited in what they are doing and that it is real, relevant and meaningful to them as unique individuals.

In the class study of ‘Health,’ students are demonstrating their understanding of the key curriculum learning intentions through an area of personal interest. This process is referred to as an Education Research Project (ERP). The ERP process culminates with an ‘Expo’ where children showcase their learning.

The students have enthusiastically embraced the Kathy Walker Learning Program as reflected by their comments.

“An ERP is using what I already know about Hip Hop and connecting it to the Health learning intentions. I like the ERP because I get to learn more about my interest, for example the safety precautions and the different cultures that do Hip Hop”

Kiarra L

“An ERP is a project to show your understanding of the learning intentions and the class Communication Board. I like ERP time because you can learn more about your interest”

Shane M

“An ERP is where you use your interest, like mine is basketball, to show your understanding of the learning intentions. ERP is good because I know lots about my interest and you can find out even more about it”

Tom Q

By Nicki Clifford (nee Boots) and Lou Whitehouse

VISIT TO YEAR 4/5 FREE BY NAVY OFFICER

Earlier this year we wrote ANZAC Day letters to a serving member of the Royal Australian Navy who was stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan. On Monday, November 12, we were lucky enough to be visited by the recipient of our letters - Petty Officer Kylie McGuinness. Kylie is originally from Whyalla, and has been serving in the Navy for over 8 years. She came in to share some of her experiences with us, and to answer questions that we had about the Defence Forces. Our class were very excited to meet her, and asked lots of great questions. Dewald asked, “What do you do on a daily basis in your job?” Amy asked, “What has been your favourite place that you have visited during your service?” Amelia asked, “What is the longest time that you have been at sea?”

We are very grateful to Kylie for sharing her experiences with us.

Natasha Free

November 15, 2012
SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

It was fantastic to see so many of our young students involved in the production of Annie Jr, and the professionalism with which they carried themselves on Saturday night. They are a credit to themselves, their families and the teachers who have spent many hours working with them to bring the show together.

I was also pleased with the feedback that teachers gave me on Friday after our Year 9 and 8 students went to see the matinee performances of the production. From all accounts they conducted themselves in a mature manner, showing respect to the performers and others who were watching the show. It is good to know that when presented with these opportunities the students rise to the occasion.

Graduation Night is Thursday, November 29. This will be the last evening that our Year 12 students will be together at a College function. By now all families of our Year 12 students should have purchased tickets for the ceremony, available through the Middleback Theatre. Any remaining tickets will go on sale to the general public from Friday November 16. Families who would like more tickets than those previously available, can purchase extras from this Friday.

The College is also preparing for Prize Night held at the Middleback Theatre on Monday December 3rd. This evening is our way of acknowledging the outstanding efforts of the students through their involvement in the College Curriculum and recognition of excellence that individuals have brought to the College community. Letters will be sent home shortly informing parents that their child will be receiving an award. The letter will outline details regarding the purchase of tickets, which is initially limited to the families of award recipients. The Theatre will have a list of award recipients so families just need to indicate the child’s name.

FACEBOOK AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA

The Advertiser recently ran an article outlining how some students are using social networks to perpetrate acts of bullying toward other members of their school. Unfortunately some of the students at Samaritan College also use electronic media to post abusive or spiteful comments about other students and staff. It is important that we educate our young people to use social networks in ways that show respect toward each other. I would also prefer to see people distance themselves from those who post spiteful messages about others. As Dr Barbara Spears, from the University of South Australia, says in the article “liking” nasty Facebook posts was the new face of schoolyard bullying. Parents are encouraged to monitor what their child is doing on Social Networks. Anyone who has evidence of this form of bullying is encouraged to bring it to the attention of their parents and the school.

RETURNING TEXTBOOKS

Currently there are a lot of text books that have been loaned out to Year 12 students which need to be returned to the Library. Now that the last exam has been completed can all Year 12 students please look around their rooms, homes for text books that need to be returned to the College. A collection box will be made available, just in the chapel, which shall be emptied each day in the library. Year 12 students will therefore be exempt from putting their full uniform on to return books. Students who wish to meet with teachers are asked to respect the College’s expectation of wearing the full uniform. Accounts will be generated for any books that a student hasn’t returned and given to the student at the practise for graduation night.

John Lyons
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

SACE MATTERS

Stage 2 Visual Art Moderation

The practical component of Stage 2 Visual Art was moderated on Tuesday 13 November and the students’ work over the course of the year was showcased at an evening exhibition. Congratulations to Ms Hopkins and her students for their hard work and diligence in creating such beautiful pieces of art.

Stage 2 Examinations

The exam window for Stage 2 examinable subjects has now come to a close for another year with the last exam, Musicianship, completed on 14 November. Students are
reminded that they can access their final SACE results by using the SACE website or of course checking the mailbox on the release date (at this stage 19 December).

SATAC Critical dates

Now that Year 12 students have finished their exams, attentions turn to their plans for next year. If students are applying for university entry then they should be aware of some critical due dates in relation to this aspect. More information regarding SATAC can be found on their website at www.satac.edu.au

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**YEAR 11 NEWS**

This week has seen a number of important events for the Year 11s as the semester draws to a close, and students begin to make some preliminary preparations for their final year of schooling in 2013.

On Tuesday morning students engaged in leadership activities, and heard talks from Mrs Shepherd and Mr Meixner, along with our current Head Boy and Head Girl, Lee McCann and Verity Kenny, outlining the important roles fulfilled by Year 12 students in the SRC.

On Wednesday morning Year 11 students celebrated Mass together at St Teresa’s Church.

**Week 7 Examinations**

Year 11 Exams will begin Monday of Week 7 (19th November) and continue to Friday of Week 7 (23rd November). Your child has been given a copy of the exam timetable. Please take note of some of the following information to assist you in supporting your child throughout this somewhat stressful experience.

- Students only need to attend school when they have a timetabled exam or work completion.
- Students are required to wear their formal school uniform for all exams, but also if they attend school to meet with a teacher or study in the library.
- The library will be made available to any student wishing to study.
- This week can also be a useful ‘catch-up’ time for any students who still have assignment/class-work that is outstanding.
- Please contact Mr Trent Keiper at the school via the front office if your child is unable to attend an exam (depending on circumstance a medical certificate is usually expected).

Trent Keiper
YEAR 11 COORDINATOR

**CANTENE ROSTERS**

Monday, November 19 – Friday, November 23

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Annette Cameron  Rose Cassar  Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER  CANTEEN MANAGER  CANTEEN MANAGER
The Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie welcomes the news of a Royal Commission to investigate incidents of sexual abuse against children and young people alleged to have occurred in institutions conducted by Churches, sporting and recreational clubs, youth organisations, Government and Non-government institutions.

For several years now the Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie has urged victims to come forward. Victims have been consistently encouraged to report their matter to the police. Victims have also been invited to engage the Church’s “Towards Healing” process. Church notice boards carry the Professional Standards office phone number (1800 139 020). The diocese has nothing to conceal and if called upon will cooperate fully and openly with the Commission.

Bishop O’Kelly said he welcomed the Royal Commission to help clear the atmosphere in regard to all accusations.

The Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie places the highest priority on the care, well-being and protection of children and young people, and has vigorous screening and training procedures in place. We pray that this Royal Commission will help strengthen the protection of the young, the abuse of whom is a heinous crime.

Bishop Gregory O’Kelly SJ