Dear Parents/Caregivers,

“Everyone in community should take turns serving in the kitchen and at table........... because serving each other in this way has the great value of fostering charity.”

RB 80 the Rule of St Benedict in English.

International night was a great example of serving each other in community.

“We may think we are a community or assume we are a family but if we do not serve one another we are, at best, a collection of people who live alone together.”

Joan Chittister, The Rule of Benedict: Insights for the Ages

The evening was a huge success with many people attending. The entertainment under the watchful eye of Julia Antilla was a draw card, once again our students and community had the opportunity to show their talent. A big thank you to those who sang, danced and performed to add zest to the night.

The volunteers who assisted with cooking, serving and donating certainly ensured our evening was filled with plenty of opportunities and choices to eat and drink. Thank you to those who cooked, donated and served food and drink. Without your assistance the night would have not been such a success.

It was exceptional to see the involvement of the students, staff and families of our college working together. Thanks must go to everyone involved, too many to name, but with thank you.

As the coming weeks are full of events it would wise to ensure you have the dates of interest marked on your calendar.

Two upcoming events that once again bring out the best in our community are the Carols Night at OLHCC on Wednesday, December 5 and Family Night at STC which is on Friday, December 7. Both events promise to be full of fun and entertainment.

Samaritan College

TERISSA SHEPHERD
CO-PRINCIPAL

CHRIS SLOAN
CO-PRINCIPAL
This weekend at the Parish Masses the children who have made their First Reconciliation will receive their Certificates and the commitment card with the names of the many people on it who have been praying for them over the last few weeks. As the pace of life quickens for many of us leading up to the end of the school year it is important to make time for prayer and reflection.

Next week there are many End of Year School Masses and Liturgies for Samaritan College. We give thanks for the Year 12 students who will attend Mass at St. Teresa’s Church on Wednesday evening and then on Thursday they have their graduation ceremony. We do give thanks for the years they have attended Samaritan College and wish them every blessing as they move on.

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King. This feast brings the Church year to a close. It could be a good time for us to review in our homes how the year has been for each of us especially as we attend the various school and parish celebrations in the coming weeks.

Last evening we had a Mass of Remembrance at Our Lady Help of Christians Church which was an opportunity to remember our loved ones who had died during the last year and many people expressed after the Mass how helpful it was for them to come together in prayer. During the Mass each person who attended came forward and placed a sprig of rosemary in a cross representing the person whom they were remembering.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

| WEEKEND MASS TIMES |  
|--------------------|------------------|
| **St Teresa’s Church** | **Our Lady Help of Christians Church** |
| Saturday 7:00pm | Sunday 10:30am |
| Sunday 8:30am | Sunday 5:30pm |

**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.

**RELIGIOUS DIMENSION**

As we plough on through this term we look at the calendar and wonder where we get the time, energy and commitment to get everything done. For many of our college families a lot of what we do revolves around our children. Sporting commitments, end of year dance concerts, preparations for exams, rehearsals for the college musical and the day to day effort required to go to work or school to support the very people we love.

Let us not forget that our families are at the centre of what we do. Let us also not forget that at Samaritan College we are part of a larger family in the church. We need time to address our family needs and make sure all aspects of family life are met. Where do we get the determination and resolve to address all these needs?

In this Year of Grace we are reminded that the love we have for our families is modeled by the love Jesus has for us. The love that Jesus has for us helps us to be the best we can be and appreciate the wonderful families of which we are a part.

Families are complicated, precious, unique, frustrating, beautiful, connected and much more. Let us celebrate each day the good things families bring us.

We also pray for those families that are in turmoil and ask God’s blessings to be with them to search for solutions to bring peace to their homes.

**A Family Prayer**

Lord we thank you for our family. For the talents and the good things you have given each of us. Please guide us, protect us and equip us, this day and every day as we grow together in your love.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM
**College News**

**Positions Vacant**

**Education Support Officer**

**Student Services**

Part-time contract  
Base 20 hours per week  
Hours may increase due to student needs

The successful applicant will exhibit initiative and relational skills in working with students through ‘in-class support’ and classroom withdrawal. The position is based at Saint John’s Campus. Experience is ideal but not essential.

All applications are subject to Catholic Education SA screening procedures.

**Position Commences:** Wednesday, January 23, 2013

**Enquiries:** For role clarification contact Co-Principals’ Assistant: Karen McGinnis.

**Applications close Monday, November 30, 2012**

Forward to:  
The Co-Principals  
Samaritan College  
PO Box 351  
Whyalla SA 5600  
Telephone (08) 8645 8568  
Email info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

**Indigenous Education Worker**

15 hours per week contract

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**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.

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**Canteen Rosters**

**Monday, November 26 – Friday, November 30**

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Annette Cameron  
**Canteen Manager**

Rose Cassar  
**Canteen Manager**

Marg Coad  
**Canteen Manager**

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November 22, 2012
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

SECOND HAND

SAMARITAN UNIFORMS FOR SALE

Various Sizes
Primary & Secondary
Good Condition
Boys/Girls
Summer/Winter/Sports Uniforms
All Prices Negotiable

Contact Leanne
0488 937 393

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 Bubbegum 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
END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Monday, November 26
Reception to Year 3 end of year Liturgy
9:30am at OLHC Church.

Tuesday, November 27
Year 4 – 7 Mass/Primary Years Celebration
9:45am - St Teresa’s Church
Year 7 Celebration of Primary Years Dinner / Disco
Whyalla South’s Football Club
6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 5
OLHC Campus Carols Night
6:00pm - OLHC Campus

Friday, December 7
St Teresa’s Family Night
6:00pm St T’s Campus

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTIONS

As we approach Advent and the school term draws near to its end, we spare a thought for those families that will go without this Christmas. As a Catholic community we ask for your help to make a difference in the lives of many families by donating to the St Vinnie’s Christmas Appeal. Please donate non-perishable food items or toys for children of any age. Donations can be made to your child’s class. The primary campuses will participate in this initiative.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

The end of year Reports will be sent home on Monday, December 10, as will the information regarding which class your child will be in next year.

2013 CLASSES

On Tuesday, December 11 at 9am, the students will be placed in their 2013 class and will spend the morning with their new teacher.

Each year we receive calls regarding changing the placement of students because they are disappointed about not being with friends or having to change teacher. Changing student placements are not as simple as moving one child from one class to another. A great amount of consultation with parents and teachers has already taken place, therefore placements are final. Be positive and be supportive of students in this transition from one year to the next.

Yours in Faith, Wisdom & Compassion

Eleni Vailas
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

MASSES AND LITURGIES

Reception to Year 3 Liturgy - November 26
On Monday, November 26 at 9:30am the Reception to Year 3/4 classes will celebrate the end of Year Liturgy at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. Students from Saint Teresa’s Campus need to be dropped at OLHC Campus by 8:45 am where they will meet their teachers on the oval.

The students will be transported by bus back to their campus at the end of the celebration.

St Teresa’s children will not be able to order their lunch on this day.

Parents are welcome to join us for prayer.

Year 4 – 7 Mass - November 27
On Tuesday, November 27 the students from Year 4/5 to Year 7 will celebrate the end of Year Mass at Saint Teresa’s Church at 9:30am. Students need to be at the church by 8:45am and meet their teachers on the church grounds. The students will be transported back to their campus at the end of the celebration. At this Mass we will also be celebrating the end of primary schooling for the Year 7 students.

Students in Years 4/5 to Year 7 will not be able to order their lunch on either primary campus.

Parents are welcome to join us for prayer.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

As you may recall all primary students took part in the Jump Rope for Heart Program during Term 3. Many students raised money through sponsorship and are eligible to receive prizes based on the amount raised. Recently I have received a few questions about when these prizes are arriving. I have spoken with the Heart Foundation and they are hopeful that all prizes will be delivered before the end of the school year. The Jump Rope for Heart Program is a nation wide event and therefore it would be a massive job to organise prizes for students across the entire country. Thank you for your ongoing patience and support of this program.

Gareth Molyneux
PRIMARY PE COORDINATOR
SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

It is nice to be back at ‘home’ after seven weeks of Study Leave. So much was packed into my time overseas although it was great to finish my leave by spending time at the significant sites of Edmund Rice in Ireland. Blessed Edmund Rice founded the Christian Brothers who went on to establish Saint John’s College in 1963, which is now the secondary campus of Samaritan College. The picture below is at the birth place of Edmund Rice in a small town called Callan in Ireland. We were fortunate to be shown around the property by a genuine old fashioned Irish Christian Brother who was very excited to have someone from so far away visit the site. We have quite a few symbols and references to Edmund at the secondary campus including two versions of the famous ‘icon’. The icon is a large pictorial history of Edmund and his work. One is on display in our Chapel.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to be State Country representatives for Basketball.

Under 18 representatives
Jasmine Bridgman
Nikeisha McNamara
Bianca Clements
Josh Waugh

Under 16 representatives
Grace Smitheram
Ivy Corbett

Nellie Cowan is selected as a Reserve for U15

These students will travel to Albury/Wodonga to represent SA Country in January 2013.

Kirby Howell
PE/SPORT COORDINATOR

OUTDOOR LIVING

No doubt the families affected would know this but we had to cancel our Year 9 Outdoor Living Camp due the bushfire near Coffin Bay. New laws prevent any camp from occurring when there is a Catastrophic Fire warning issued regardless of whether this is a fire or not, which was the case the day before the camp was due to leave. Once the fire started, however, it meant we had to make the very easy decision to cancel the camp. Unlike most other camps at the College, parents do pay extra for this camp and as such will be credited their costs. It is not possible to reschedule another camp in the remaining time but the Outdoor Living staff have arranged some extra activities to do in Whyalla including kayaking. The residents of Coffin Bay have been very welcoming to our students for many years and we keep them in our prayers.

Damien Judd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YEAR 10 PLP DISPLAY

The Year 10 cohort will be presenting a ‘Civics Expo’ on December 6 from 7:30-8:30pm in the CBC area (the Year 11/12 area) of the college. The expo will be a chance for the Year 10s to showcase what they have learnt as part of their research into community organisations for the Civics component of their Personal Learning Plan (PLP). All Year 10s will need to be at school on the 6th to help their group with its display. They are required to be in full summer uniform (unless an alternative has been arranged with their PLP teacher).

All parents/caregivers/extended family members are welcome to attend.

Christine Duffield
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS

YEAR 11’S FINAL WEEK – WEEK 8

As the Year 11s near the end of their exam week, our attention turns to their final week.

Following are the arrangements for Week 8:

Monday through to Wednesday will be normal lessons. This will give students a chance to discuss their examination results with their teachers, and to complete any last minute assignment work.

Thursday will be a Year 12 Transition day. Students will have the opportunity to attend a lesson of their chosen Stage 2 subjects. This program offers valuable information, expectations, requirements and insights about the various subjects on offer in 2013.

Friday is the Year 11 student’s final day. The day will begin with a BBQ breakfast at 8:45am, followed by a clean-up, liturgy and an early dismissal at 1pm.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

Trent Keiper
YEAR 11 COORDINATOR
YEAR 12 GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal will be on Thursday at 9am at the Middleback Theatre.

Next Thursday evening marks the final completion of formal secondary schooling for the Year 12 class of 2013, with our Graduation Night taking place at the Middleback Theatre, followed by dinner at the Westland Hotel.

Students are reminded about the rehearsal taking place at Middleback Theatre at 9am on Thursday, running through to 12pm.

*It is imperative that all students attend this rehearsal to familiarise themselves with the format of the night.*

Trent Keiper
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASS

Year 12 Graduation Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm on Wednesday November 28 at Saint Teresa’s Church.

*Attendance is compulsory for all Year 12 students.*

Please meet at Saint Teresa’s Church at 6:30pm.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

YEAR 10 EXAMS

Year 10s will sit their Semester 2 exams Thursday and Friday Week 8. These will take place in their normal classrooms. On Thursday students will have Language/Study, Maths and Physical Education. Friday will be Science, English and SOSE. It is expected that all students will partake in the exams. If your child is absent please supply a note to their caregroup teacher and we will arrange an alternate time for the exam to be sat.

Kate Nolan
YEAR 10 COORDINATOR

SACE MATTERS

With Year 12 Final Moderation coming to a close this week, the focus shifts to resulting our Stage 1 students. All Year 11 students and Year 10 PLP candidates will have results entered for their subject towards the end of November. Year 11 students, in particular, need to be mindful of the need to acquire a C grade for the compulsory Literacy, Numeracy and Research Project components in order to be in line to complete their SACE at the end of next year. Should students not achieve these standards this year they would need to repeat the required units in Year 12 which would leave them at a disadvantage.

Year 11 students can access their Stage 2 Research Project result, scheduled to be released on the 19th of December, and check on their progress in the SACE through the SACE website. Information on how to ‘quick access’ results are available on the College website through the ‘Students’ link.

Stage 1 Examinations

This week Year 11 students have had their opportunity to display the skills acquired and the knowledge gained this semester through their final examinations for the year. The purpose of these examinations is three-fold: It can provide evidence that can be used towards the students final result for the year, it can be an early indicator of the level students may achieve at Stage 2 and it gives students the opportunity to fine tune their examination techniques in preparation for examinable Stage 2 subjects. As such this is an important time for the Year 11 cohort to consolidate their results and submit final assessment pieces to ensure a successful first year of the SACE.

SATAC TAFE Critical dates

Now that Yr 12 students have finished their exams, attentions turn to their plans for next year. If students are applying for TAFE 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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Maresa Lyons
ACTING SACE COORDINATOR
'Samaritan workers' at the rock symbolising the story of the Good Samaritan

Two Pirie Diocese school leaders praying in the Garden of Gethsemane

Memorial to the site of Moses' death on Mt Nebo in Jordan

Mass at the Church in Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle

Bishop O'Kelly at the birth site of Jesus Christ

Looking back from Bethlehem to Jerusalem