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Dear families,

“For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 18: 9-14

Too often the world pays attention to those who declare their successes or insist on their righteousness, justifying actions through their own self belief. One would think that despite all evidence to the contrary, we expect to be living in a ‘perfect world’. In striving for a contrived western ideal, the popular press would have us focus on some of the most banal and even ridiculous ‘topics of interest’, when meanwhile the real work of humble people continues to happen and truly hold up society.

The ecologists would call it the reworking and maintaining of the undergrowth across the globe whilst the big guns remove the rainforest. Saint Teresa of Lisieux would call it “attending to the little things”. Saint Benedict would remind us that spirituality is “not about perfection but progression in life”, and that within a community, with people naturally flawed and who struggle to be at their best all the time, responsibility for one’s personal thus collective growth is a shared endeavour. At Samaritan College, at all times, whilst seeking truth, the respect of the dignity of the individual and the cohesion of community is paramount within our relationships with all of our stakeholders. We can all be supported by prayer as we seek to live humbly:

God, give us the humility which realises ignorance, admits mistakes, recognises its need, welcomes advice, accepts rebuke. Help us always to praise rather than criticise, to sympathise rather than discourage, to build rather than destroy, and to think of people at their best rather than their worst. This we ask in your name. Amen

This week we celebrate thirteen years of formal schooling with our Year 12 cohort. We say ‘formal’ as learning continues throughout life and the learning began with their primary educators – parents and caregivers. As the students prepare for examinations and finalise assessments, we pray that they channel their energies, emotions and attitudes towards completing their secondary schooling on a positive note of which they can be satisfied they have given it their best. We acknowledge the hard and most humble work of many of their teachers who have put in the ‘extra yards’ after school and throughout the holiday breaks, with scheduled extra tutorials and informal support.

Due to our building project we had to establish a portable toilet block in our Piazza. This brought challenges for a suitable venue for International Night.

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Parish News

An element of the faith formation seminars for the Year 12s is dealing with sickness and death from a Christian perspective. This week is a challenging one for the parish as we farewell three men who have made a significant contribution to the life of our community and, in particular, to the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Vin Jackson, Dave Watt and Tony Myers are well known in Whyalla for their generous spirits and deep faith. Their deaths remind us of the reality of life and the inevitability that, one day, we too will die.

But, our sadness is tempered with the celebration of the lives of these men. The memories of who they were and the contributions they made give inspiration to their families and the parish community. The conviction of their faith in Jesus and their lifelong participation in sacramental union with him meant that they saw their deaths as another element of life and an entrance into eternity. They were all welcomed into that next life through the Sacrament of Anointing whereby, as the Letter of St James says, “If anyone of you is ill, they should send for the priests of the church, and they must anoint them in the name of the Lord and pray over them. The prayer of faith will save the sick person and the Lord will raise them up again; and if they have committed any sin, their sins will be forgiven.” (James 5:14, 15) This final anointing provided Vin, Dave and Tony with the assurances that Christ would accompany them in their journey through death to new life.

On Wednesday another reality of life, in the form of sickness and infirmity, was recognised in the celebration of an Anointing Mass on Wednesday at St Teresa’s Church - combined with a Memorial Mass for Vin. The Anointing Mass has the purpose of recognising the powerful contribution the faith and forbearance of the sick contribute to the life of our community, the spiritual and physical healing which the sacrament offers and the assurance of the support of the community for their care and wellbeing. It is often moving to observe the effects which the sacrament has on those who receive it; the most significant of which is usually the sense of comfort, strength, forgiveness and peace of mind which the recipients experience.

The week has been a privileged time for us as a parish community as we recognise the realities of sickness, infirmity, physical and mental distress and death, knowing that these do not have to be life destroying but, through Jesus, positive and life building.

Fr Arno Vermeeren
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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Religious Dimension

With the Year 12s last day on Friday and with examinations coming in the following week, it is timely for the students, teachers and parents to reflect on school. School is more than lessons, textbooks and pencil cases. It is where friends and memories are made, fun is had and where young people do a lot of growing up. As teachers, we try to support them in all of these things, as well as assisting them to gain knowledge in a wide variety of disciplines that will hopefully guide them in their future. We wish them all the best with exams and their future aspirations.

Loving God,
Each day as I step further into my future,
Give me the courage, knowledge and patience that I need.
Remind me that you always journey with me
And that you will never lead me into anything
That you won't lead me through
Thank you for the gift of my life.
May the way I live be my gift back to you - with your love and guidance.

Amen.

Carly Higgins
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR (SECONDARY)
PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

STAFF CONGRATULATIONS

You may have noticed a few of our primary campus staff having leave before or after the holidays. We extend our congratulations to Miss Jenna Baulderstone and Miss Kylie Rothe who were both married before or during the holiday break. Miss Rothe will now be known as Mrs Fechner and Miss Baulderstone will keep her maiden name until next year when she will be known as Mrs Edwards. We wish them and their husbands much happiness and good health.

FAREWELL TO THE SISTERS OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

In a few weeks time on the weekend commencing November 1, the Whyalla Parish and Samaritan College community will farewell the Sisters of the Good Samaritan after 71 years of care and service to the Whyalla Community. This will be a wonderful opportunity to honor and thank them for their service and dedication to our community.

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder regarding lost property, the containers on each campus are over-flowing with school uniforms and personal items belonging to students. Please check these containers regularly for any items that may have gone missing over the year. Any items that haven’t been collected will be donated to St Vincent de Paul. If you haven’t labelled your child’s school jumpers, hats and personal items, please do so, as this will assist the office staff in returning lost items to the rightful owner.

YEAR 7 TRANSITION AFTERNOON

A reminder to Year 7 parents that this week you would have received a letter informing you of a Year 7 transition afternoon at our secondary campus next Friday, November 1. This transition afternoon will be the initial process for our Year 7s and will be followed by a day at the campus later in the term. If you have not received this letter already, please chat with your child or seek a second copy from your child’s teacher.

STAFF CAR PARK A DANGER FOR STUDENTS

In recent weeks I have noticed a number of parents parking in the staff car parks at both campuses and even riding bikes through the car parks with their children. Can you please utilise the campus entries, some of our staff work between campuses and cars are frequently travelling in and out. Your child is best protected and better prepared if you utilise the staffed gates, particularly in the afternoons.

PARENT WORKSHOP NEXT FRIDAY

Next Friday, November 1 is the free parent session with Mark Le Messurier. Mark is the author of ‘Raising Tough Kids’ and the soon to be released ‘Raising Beaut Kids’. I encourage you to take up the opportunity to hear Mark speak. It is rare to have access to opportunities like this in the country and the session is free. The session is on Friday, November 1 from 6-7:30pm at the Gabmididi Manoo Children and Family Centre on the corner of Hinks Avenue and Clutterbuck St, Whyalla Norrie. To RSVP ring the DECD Whyalla regional office on 8645 6568.

Grace and blessings,

Georga Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

LITURGY

Year 1/2 Raymond will host Liturgy of the Word next week on Thursday, October 31 at 12:20pm in the Our Lady Help of Christians Church. Parents are most welcome to come and celebrate with their children and the rest of the campus.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

PARENT DIRECT AND CHALK CATALOGUES

Please remember to find these catalogues that were sent home at the end of last term, and check out the great educational toys in them.

If you wish to place an order for Christmas/Birthday gifts etc, you have until the end of Week 4 this term, so we can be sure they will be sent back to us in time for the end of term.

Orders can be left at your Campus Office. Your support of this fundraiser helps us to purchase extra resources for students. If you can’t find your catalogues, or would like to share with a friend, there are spares at the primary campus offices.

Thank you for you help,

Tania Taylor
FOR PARENT COMMUNITY

HOOKEDIN2HOCKEY

This program is being run again this year with the support of Arrium/Onesteel for Junior hockey players, and any students who want to have a go at hockey.

All equipment is supplied and the program is free of charge. There are experienced coaches who have had Police Checks and Play By The Rules training to start to teach the basics of hockey to any students aged 8 yrs to 13 yrs.

U11 students will be on Monday nights 5 – 6pm, and 11 – 13 yrs will be on Wednesday nights at 5 – 6pm, at the Whyalla Hockey and Sporting Community Club grounds on Searle Street.

The program runs for 6 weeks, and all students are invited to attend as many sessions as they wish. A consent form will need to be signed before the child can take part. These are available at the training sessions on the night.

For any further information please contact Tania Taylor at St Teresa’s Campus, or on 0412 953 770.
We congratulate Lexie Gill who won the Minister for Education and Child Development Award, for outstanding achievement, due to her work with volunteering with The Smith Family. Only 2 students in SA are eligible and our local girl was one of them. It is such quietly humble work that individuals do that truly makes a difference.

Terissa Shepherd  
co-PRINCIPAL

This is the last week of formal lessons that our Year 12 students will undertake. It is the culmination of 13 years of schooling for them. Since the term started they have been honing skills and practising for the end of year exams, for which we wish them the very best of luck. Dates for those exams are:

- 25/10 Italian Oral
- 4/11 English Studies
- 5/11 Italian (continuers)
- 6/11 Physical Education
- 7/11 Mathematical Applications and Mathematical Studies
- 8/11 Psychology
- 11/11 Biology and Information Technology
- 12/11 Physics
- 13/11 Modern History and Accounting
- 14/11 Chemistry
- 15/11 Specialist Mathematics
- 18/11 Japanese (continuers)
- 19/11 Legal Studies

All students have been given an official SACE Board copy of their timetable which indicates the starting time, duration of each exam and the general conduct expected for these examinations. This document must be presented as a student’s ‘boarding pass’ and be read thoroughly so that students are aware of the rules and what they are allowed to bring into the examination room. Whilst there are no formal lessons from next week, teachers would be happy to assist students with their revision, or completion of final assessments during the next few weeks. When coming back onto the school grounds we ask that students wear their uniform in accordance with the expectation for all students.

Other dates that Year 12 students should keep in mind are their Graduation Mass and Night, on December 4 and 5 respectively. It is also anticipated that the Year 12 results will be released on December 19. Any changes to previously submitted Satarc applications would need to be completed and submitted by January 7, 2014 to maintain equal consideration.
SOCIAL MEDIA

Unfortunately there is a need to again raise the topic of social media. Whilst some people use this medium in a positive way, sharing their thoughts and raising awareness of issues that they are passionate about, others create situations which put people down or generate such frustration that individuals are placed at risk. It is disappointing that some of our teenagers subscribe to this negativity and do not think about the possible distress that their comments might bring. Social media sites that allow for people to post anonymously to one another should be avoided at all costs. Having children access computers or phones in visible areas of the home might help to deter such behaviour. It was mentioned at both the Year 8 and 9 Education Nights, in regard to children getting a sufficient nights sleep, mobile phones should be kept out of the bedrooms.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

10 WHITE AND 10 RED MASS

On Wednesday, October 30, 10 White and 10 Red will celebrate Mass together at St Teresa’s Church at 9:00am. Students need to be at the church by 8:45am and will walk back to school at the end of the celebration. Students are asked to bring something to share for morning tea following Mass. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

JUNIOR HISTORY

The Year 8s have enjoyed the transition between Studies of Society and the Environment, to the separate subjects of History, Geography, Business and Enterprise and Civics and Citizenship. During the Civics and Citizenship unit they have been researching the role of a citizen and the Australian Political System. During one of these lessons they were making ‘Citizenship Pyramids’ that outlined which levels of citizenship they experienced (Country, State, City, School, Home) and what their rights/responsibilities were within each level. They had to fill in each section of their pyramids using what we’d learned about citizenship so far, then decorate and display them as 3D pyramids that we hung from the ceiling.

Hollie Whitlock and Kimberley Ryan
STUDIES OF SOCIETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT TEACHER AND SOSE COORDINATOR
THE SISTERS OF GOOD SAMARITAN ARE LEAVING WHYALLA

After 71 years of faithful, caring, service to the people of Whyalla, the Sisters of the Good Samaritans are leaving Whyalla at the end of the year. Originally, the sisters came in 1942 to teach at the newly built St Teresa's School, living in the convent behind the school. As Whyalla's population expanded, they also taught at St Francis Xavier's School and eventually at Our Lady Help of Christians School and Saint John's College. As well as having a teaching role, the Sisters of the Good SamaritanSS undertook a pastoral role especially in Whyalla West.

To thank the Sisters of the Good Samaritans and celebrate the blessings that they have bestowed on us over the years, the Catholic Parish of Whyalla are inviting people to a weekend of thanksgiving and farewell on November 1, 2 & 3, 2013.

Friday, November 1: 7pm Mass followed by supper. Venue: St Teresa's
Saturday, November 2: 9am Morning prayer followed by brunch. Venue: OLHC Church
Saturday, November 2: 6pm Dinner, $25 followed by a social evening, 7:30pm. Venue: Central Whyalla Football Clubrooms
Sunday, November 3: 11am Mass followed by a picnic on the oval. Venue; Samaritan Hall, Saint John's Campus.
Sunday, November 3: 6:30pm ritual of leave taking and farewell. Please bring a plate of food to share for dinner Venue: SGS Convent, Nicolson Ave, Whyalla.

Invitations are at the back of both churches and the Parish Office, Cnr Nicolson Ave and Wilsdon St, Whyalla

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Whyalla Schools ~ Music Showcase ~

31st October 2013 ~ 7:00 pm
Middleback Theatre

Adult ~ $14
Concession ~ $12
Children under 12 ~ $8

Whyalla Schools Stage Band
Advanced Band
Beginner Band
High School Class bands
Wind Ensemble
Brass Ensemble
Teacher Quartets