## COMING EVENTS

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
- Preparation workshop for Children's Mass, 4pm, St Teresa's Church

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
- Children's Mass, 7pm, St Teresa's Church

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
- 10 Blue Mass, 9:00am, St Teresa's Church

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
- 3/4 Raymond Liturgy, 12:20pm, OLHC Church

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15
- 1/2 Foran Mass, 9:00am, St Teresa's Church, please arrive by 8:45am

### NOVEMBER 18-22
- Involvement Day Information for Year 7s please see p3

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
- Current Year 7s All Parents' Information Evening, Gallery, Samaritan Hall, 7:30pm

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22
- "Not the International Night Twilight Picnic", 6pm, Samaritan Hall Courtyard

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**Dear families,**

“As we progress in this way of life and in faith, we shall run on the path of God’s commandments, our hearts overflowing with the inexpressible delight of love.”

*(Rule of Benedict Prologue 49)*

“All humility should be shown in addressing guests on arrival and or departure.”

*(Rule of Benedict 53:6)*

This past weekend has been one of bitter-sweet celebration, as we heralded the 71 years of service of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan to Whyalla, and prepared for the sad farewell. What struck a chord as we listened to the many tributes was the humble way in which the sisters placed themselves as the ones who were on ‘the side of the road’, and we, the people of Whyalla, were the Samaritans who provided hospitality and comfort to them. Whereas, from our point of view, it was in fact the sisters who so selflessly gave to this community, in the early ‘40s in its struggling infancy during austere times, to this current day when many are still in great need, yet perhaps in different ways.

As we rapidly approach the midway mark to the middle of Term 4, we are seeking assistance for the much scaled down end of year event for the SJC Campus, with the “Not the International Night Twilight Picnic”. Any helpers to cook a BBQ, sell drinks or serve desserts would be most appreciated. We will also need bar staff for the STC Family Night. In addition, at this time of year we collect donations for the Samaritan Christmas raffle. There will be baskets positioned at each campus reception desk for you to contribute. The raffle will be drawn on November 22 at the Twilight Picnic. Please refer to the help return slip on p2 of this Newsletter.

Next week marks Remembrance Day. This is the time to remember those men and women who served our country and dedicated their lives to ensure our security and peace. Each campus will hold a simple service commemorating Remembrance Day, including one minute’s silence.

*You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me;*  
*You welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim.*  
*I know that Your goodness and love will be with me all my life;*  
*and Your house will be my home as long as I live.*  

*(Psalm 23)*

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**Signature**

DAMIAN JUDD  
CO-PRINCIPAL

TERISSA SHEPHERD  
CO-PRINCIPAL
Greetings as we move into November and the very changeable weather of hot one day and windy and cold the next.

We, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan have just participated in the most wonderful weekend of celebration and leave taking of our Good Samaritan Home in Nicolson Avenue. How do we begin to say “THANK YOU” to each of you for the love, support and generosity we have experienced in these days. Nothing was spared to say to us, we value who you have been to us and for your presence in our lives over 71 years. It was indeed a united effort on the part of you all and so I say......

THANK YOU

to our priests, sisters, parishioners, committee, past pupils all college staff, parents and grandparents, the children and young people and the people of Whyalla for celebrating the Eucharist on Friday night and Sunday morning in prayer, dance and song; for joining us in morning prayer and at the cemetery praying for our beloved dead providing us with fine food and wine; entertaining us with music song, and dance, especially from our children and young people, our Filippino ladies and our mad mums then coming to our home to honour the space that has nurtured so many of us and to grieve and give thanks as we move forward in gratitude for all that has been and hope for all that will be.

In the words of our Good Samaritan Song I encourage you to:

Go be people of thanksgiving
And to God with gladness sing
For the multitude of blessings
Heaped upon us from above
Give us hearts that show compassion
To our neighbours on their way.
May we so serve God in all things.
That our God be glorified.

Sr Helen Mills
from Good Sam Sisters
who have served in Whyalla

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**RELIGIOUS DIMENSION**

Zacchaeus was a tax collector. He was the chief tax collector and was very rich. Among the Jewish people of Jesus’ time tax collectors were hated and considered outcasts. They gained their wealth at the expense of others and worked for the Romans.

Despite this Zacchaeus wished to see Jesus and climbed a tree to see over the crowd. Jesus saw him and called out “Zacchaeus make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today. So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully” (Luke 19: 5-6)

Why would Jesus single Zacchaeus out for the honor of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God’s merciful love and in his meeting with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He had a change of heart and showed this by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half to pay back anybody he had cheated.

Zacchaeus was ‘lost’ and because of Jesus’ love and acceptance he repented and became ‘found’. Faith, love and acceptance bring Jesus to stay in Zacchaeus heart and the lost sheep back to the shepherd.

The story of Zacchaeus is one of the Gospel stories that the Year 3 children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation learn about. The children discover that Jesus is constantly searching us out, looking for us and calling out to us “I must stay at your house today.” Jesus wants to come into our hearts, minds and souls. We need to listen carefully and hear the Lord gently knocking, sometimes pounding on the door of our life. We must open the door and invite him in.

Please keep the Year 3 children in your prayers as they continue their journey towards the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**PLEASE HELP**

"Not the International Night Twilight Picnic"

Friday, November 22

I can help with:

- cooking bbq
- selling drinks
- serving dessert

Name: ........................................

Contact No: ....................................

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS – PRIMARY
CLASS PLACEMENTS
As was mentioned in last week’s newsletter at this time of year we commence the thorough process of structuring classes and looking at placement of students. Our teachers have an innate understanding of the students in their care and so are very well informed as to student needs and this is certainly taken into consideration. The process of class placement is not one that requires community consultation, however, if you have any educational information that may be new to the school or we are unaware of please make time to see one of our primary campus Leadership team members to share this information. They will then further discuss this with Damien and myself. We do not consider requests asking for a particular teacher as this does not fit the criteria with which we place children.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL
Last Thursday the SRCs from both primary campuses coordinated a coloured clothes day to raise money for the NSW Bushfire Appeal. Students were encouraged to wear a touch of green as a symbol of new life and growth. As part of the appeal Woolworths agreed to match what we had raised dollar for dollar. We are extremely grateful to our local Woolworths for supporting this initiative. Both campuses, with the Woolworths contribution, were able to raise $1347.00. Thank you to all students and families that supported this SRC initiative.

GOOD SAMS FAREWELLED
For the past few weeks I have been promoting events designed to farewell the Sisters of the Good Samaritan from our school and Parish. Last weekend was a fabulous celebration and emotional farewell to the Sisters. Another thank you to all staff and community members who played a part in farewelling the Sisters of the Good Samaritan over the weekend.

A heartfelt thank you to those parents who supported this weekend by ensuring that their child was able to contribute, some students even contributed on all 3 days. It really was fabulous to see many of you at mass Friday night and also have our liturgical dancers lead us in reflection after Eucharist. Saturday night’s dinner at Central’s was also a fabulous experience. The Sisters shared a meal and were treated to some genuine Samaritan College hospitality with some of our Samaritan students providing much laughter and entertainment. Sunday was equally special with the Parish coming together in the Samaritan Hall to celebrate Mass. A highlight for me being the emotion and faces of the Sisters as the Parish sang them an Irish blessing.

It was so important that we honoured the past and contributed significantly to the weekend. We are now called to action to ensure the hard work of the Sisters resonates in some way in what we do as community at Samaritan College.

Grace and blessings,
Georga Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CHILDREN’S MASS
Children’s Mass at St Teresa’s church on Saturday November 9 at 7pm. A preparation workshop will be held at St Teresa’s church on Friday, November 8 at 4:00pm.
Lou Whitehouse
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MASS
Year 1/2 Foran will celebrate Mass at Saint Teresa’s Church on Friday, November 15 at 9:00am. Students will need to be dropped at Saint Teresa’s Church by 8:45am. We will have morning tea following Mass so please bring something to share. The children will return to school by bus following the celebration.

Year 3/4 Raymond will celebrate Liturgy of the Word on Thursday, November 14 at 12:20pm in the church at OLHC.

Parents are welcome to attend.

RECONCILIATION
The children preparing for First Reconciliation have participated fully in the two workshops we have held. The enthusiasm amongst the students has been delightful. We hope that, just as the Forgiving Father celebrated when his lost son returned, there will be much celebrating when these students receive this Sacrament. We pray for the children and their families as they come to be with Jesus in this wonderful Sacrament of healing and forgiveness.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

RECONCILIATION

YEAR 7 TRANSITION
INVolVEMENT DAY - Good Samaritan Rotunda
{8:30am – 3:25pm}
MONDAY 18/11 - STC - Pete Usher
TUESDAY 19/11 – OLHCC - Maddy Keen
WEDNESDAY 20/11 – OLHCC - Nikki Lancaster
THURSDAY 21/11 – Sunrise, MOPS & Long Street PS
FRIDAY 22/11 – NAPS, Stuart PS, WTPS & Hincks Ave PS

PARENTS’ INFORMATION EVENING - Gallery – Samaritan Hall
Tuesday November 19, 2013 {7:30pm – 9:00pm}
This morning the Year 11 students discussed leadership and looked at different attributes of leadership. They then put forward names of people who they feel would be good leaders for the student body in 2014. Over the next few weeks these students will be asked to engage in different college activities and to discuss their vision for the college in 2014 and beyond. The students who make up the senior contingent of the SRC will be presented to the community on Prize Night, December 9, where the Head Boy and Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Girl will be announced.

On Monday the College will celebrate Remembrance Day with a short service near the basketball courts. Our newly elected members of the SRC will play a part in the service. The secondary campus will run a timetable according to the Order of Time B, however, the event will start at 10:40am, immediately after recess.

Year 11 students should be gearing up for their end of year exams. They have been provided with an examination timetable, and with two weeks to go, should now be allocating time each night to revise material that was taught at the start of the semester, over 18 weeks ago. Performance in these examinations could, for some students, sway teacher concerns regarding subjects that have been chosen for Year 12. During the week of examinations students will only be required at school for their exams, however, students are welcome to come to school to complete work or seek teacher’s assistance with their subjects. It is an expectation that students who are coming to school will be in their formal summer uniform, not PE and be appropriately groomed.

The College is currently looking at the calendar for 2014 and planning events that are going to take place. This year we have been trialling an online calendar, in the website, for family use, enabling new or changed information to be provided and readily accessible. With any new undertaking there should be opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback for consideration into the future. Parents and students are encouraged to send an email to me, john.lyons@samaritan.catholic.edu.au, with suggestions or constructive criticism regarding the online calendar.

Over the last few weeks I have observed more and more students reverting back to poor habits regarding their appearance at school. Firstly my sincere thanks to the many parents who continue to support the College’s expectation that students wear the appropriate uniform and adhere to the jewellery policy. I dare say it is not easy, especially with mounting pressure from teenagers. The uniform symbolises belonging and aims to instil pride in identity. Teachers have been reminded of their roles in accordance with the policy, available on the college website under FAQs, and are asked to remind students of which days they can and cannot wear their PE uniform. If necessary, consequences will be given to students who regularly fail to follow the guidelines on appearance.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

MASS
10 Blue will celebrate Mass at Saint Teresa’s Church on Wednesday, November 13 at 9:00am. Students need to be at the church by 8:45am where they will meet their teacher. Please bring something for morning tea to share with the parishioners after Mass. Parents are most welcome to attend.

The students will walk back to school after the celebration.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

LOST PROPERTY
There are an astounding number of PE Rugby tops and school jumpers in the lost property box, located in the canteen.

All unclaimed items will be sent to St Vincent de Paul or the Uniform Shop for resale as second hand uniforms at the end of term.

Marg Coad
CANTENE MANAGER

CANTENE ROSTERS
Monday, November 11 – Friday, November 15

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HELP NEEDED

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CANTENE MANAGER

Rose Cassar
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