Dear families,

How pleasing to read in the Sunday papers that the people of the Philippines saw the face of God in how people were helping one another in a great time of need, rather than blaming any imagined will of God for the natural destruction, as the journalists were trying to provoke in vacuous questioning. In similar spirit of seeing the good in times of trouble, last Friday the secondary students gathered in the Piazza for community prayer offerings for the people of the Philippines. Teammed with sporting games and many written prayer offerings pasted along a great wall banner, the students’ spontaneity and openness was a delight to witness. Our students who have family and friends in the region have endured a week of angst, therefore, took some comfort in this shared spirit. We encourage families to dedicate monetary contributions, where possible, through Caritas Australia to assist with meeting even the most basic of needs of the population in crisis.

If you would like to make a donation to the Typhoon Haiyan Appeal you can visit: http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response

Alternatively you can make a donation through the parish. To donate through the parish simply place your donation in an envelope marked ‘Philippines’ and take to the parish office on Nicolson Ave or drop at any campus office. If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, include your name and address.

Family Nights and Community Gatherings

As we near the end of the term, we look forward to seeing all families at our various celebration events, beginning with tomorrow evening with the Twilight Picnic, held outside the Samaritan Hall, where students will showcase their musical talents. Please either BYO picnic or avail yourself of the BBQ, desserts and drinks stalls.

Staffing

At the primary campus there will be very little change in staffing with no new faces in 2014. Kirsty Reed will be on leave for 2014 but will be replaced by staff returning from leave. Louise Gogoll and Tiffany Brown will not be returning from leave in 2014. Genevieve Foran, Rudell Helmers, Kirsty Howard and Frances Wren all have contracts again with us in 2014. The exact class structure for 2014 will be announced in the coming weeks. Thank you to those parents who have met with us about their child’s need in regard to class placement.

We are also pleased that we will have only two departures from the secondary campus next year. We will farewell Mrs Beck Kane who returns to Adelaide with her husband Allan. Tariro Ndoro will be taking one year’s leave for further study in Adelaide. We are currently in the process of applications and planning interviews for replacement staff.

God of renewing love, sustain those who continue to suffer and rebuild in the aftermath of this disaster. Bring hope in the midst of despair. Grant patience and endurance to those who bring aid and assistance. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

DAMIENT JUDD
CO-PRINCIPAL

TERISSA SHEPHERD
CO-PRINCIPAL
Parish News

Last week in our Parish was a special time for our First Reconciliation children who came to the Parish Churches to make their First Reconciliation with their parents and other family members. After some weeks of preparation they were ready to receive this important sacrament of forgiveness and it was a pleasure working with this enthusiastic group of children. This weekend at the Parish Masses we will give out their certificates and the prayer support cards that have been on the church walls the last month.

We have all been aware of the terrible devastation that Typhoon Haiyan caused in the Philippines. Last Sunday at our Parish Masses a special collection was taken up and parishioners gave very generously. Caritas Australia, in partnership with Caritas USA and Caritas Philippines, has already pledged $1 million to the relief effort in Leyte and Samar. If you wish to make a donation it can be given to the Parish Office.

This week we have two seminarians Mr Tho Tran and Mr Anil Roshan Mascarenhas, who are seminarians at Melbourne Seminary studying for Melbourne Archdiocese coming to spend some weeks with us leading up to Christmas. They are here for a country experience, I am sure you will make them welcome.

This Sunday at the Parish Masses we will be distributing the Christmas Crib Kits to the children which they can work on at home and then bring back for a blessing to a Sunday Mass on the weekend 7th or 8th December. This is a special activity you can encourage our children to be involved with at home.

Sr. Cheryle Thomson
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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Religious Dimension

This Sunday at Mass we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. The romantic image of a king is someone who leads powerful armies and has military might and enjoys the fruits of his court. Jesus was not interested in such a kingdom but preached about the Kingdom of God and avoided attempts by some to make him a king in the earthly sense. Jesus was not interested in power, glory or military might. The kingship of Jesus lies in the authority of his teachings and the recognition that Jesus is God among us.

At Jesus’ crucifixion the soldiers placed a sign with the letters INRI. These are the Latin letters for Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum which means Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. These are the words that Pilate had written on the cross above Jesus. Again it was a misunderstanding of what Jesus meant when he was referring to the kingdom. Jesus was referring to the Kingdom of God. He used many parables to teach about the Kingdom of God such as the parable of the mustard seed (Mt 13:31 – 32) and the parable of the sower (Mt 13:1 – 21).

As we pray this week look at the cross and pray this simple prayer.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Blessing of the Crib – Family Activity

As we approach the season of Advent we begin to think about preparations for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. It is important we do think about what Christmas is all about before the inevitable rush and activity take over and leave us exhausted.

For families with young children (and older children) the parish is presenting an opportunity for you to prepare for Christmas with your children. At Mass this weekend a Nativity activity will be distributed for you to complete as a family. The activity will provide an opportunity to spend time together as a family and discuss the meaning of Christmas.

In the second week of Advent you can bring your completed nativity scene to the Parish to be blessed at the annual Blessing of the Crib.

Anyone is welcome to collect an activity pack at Mass this weekend.
YR 7 TRANSITION VISITS A SUCCESS

This week our Year 7 students from both campuses have had their transition days at our Secondary Campus and had an opportunity to experience life at high school. The feedback from the students has been very promising. Parents too had an opportunity to hear about the transition to Yr 8 and expectations of their child at the Yr 8 Information Night that was held on Tuesday night.

The Year 7s also have the opportunity to come to the Year 7/8 Social on Wednesday Nov 27 (see ad). This is the night immediately following the Year 7 Graduation Dinner and Disco.

Students are not obliged to attend the Social on Wednesday but are encouraged to come. If sporting competitions cross over the start and finish time, a parent can bring his/her child to the door to be ‘let it in’ late.

PICNIC NIGHT THIS FRIDAY

Tomorrow night is our ‘Not the International Night Picnic’ and it is being held at Samaritan Hall, Saint John’s Campus at 6pm. The night will be quite informal and is being offered as an alternative to the International Night due to building works at the Secondary Campus. This will be an opportunity for families to gather and enjoy student performances and share a family night together. All families are welcome and encouraged to BYO picnic meal or alternatively purchase from the BBQ. Soft drinks, dessert and coffee will be sold on the night. Everyone is welcome.

SAMARITAN HAS LOTS OF TALENT!

I’m sure your children have been sharing the excitement around next week’s Samaritan’s Got Talent Final. Over the past few weeks our Specialist Arts Teachers Winnie Fitzgerald and Melinda Gray have been auditioning students and have selected four acts from each campus to perform in the Samaritan’s Got Talent final. The final will take place next Monday November 25 and both Primary Campuses will be attending. A note came home with your child late last week. Students will be collected at dismissal time from outside of Samaritan Hall. Due to the attendance of both primary campuses and a large cohort from the Secondary Campus this will not be attended by the parent community. It really is a fabulous way to culminate another highly successful year of The Arts at Samaritan College.

CAROLS NIGHT / FAMILY NIGHT

Carols night at OLHCC

Carols night will be held on Wednesday the December 4 and will commence at 6:45pm. Families can begin arriving from 6:00pm.

Family Night at STC

Family Night will be held on Friday, December 6 and will commence at 6:45pm. This will allow families time to head home and have a meal before returning for the performances, as well as consider the risk of possible heat. As was the case last year there will be a disco following the last performance.

Christmas Raffle prizes needed

At both Carols Night and Family Night there will be a raffle basket drawn. We welcome donations of prizes for these raffles. Please send them in to your Campus Office and they will be gratefully received.

Georga Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the children and their families who celebrated their first Reconciliation last week. This has been a special time for the children and their families. Over the weekend the children can come to any Mass to receive their Reconciliation certificate. As this is a Parish celebration we encourage all families to be present at one Mass over the weekend to receive the certificate with the parishioners.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

PRAYER

In R/1 Lewis we have been discussing how we are all unique and Made in the Image of God. As a class, we came up with these prayers

A Prayer for Girls.
Dear God,
Thank you for girls.
Girls are special because they are different from boys.
Girls are part of our family.
Girls are always helping each other.
Amen.

A Prayer for Boys.
Dear God,
Thank you for boys.
Boys are special because they are part of our family.
Boys are thoughtful.
Boys are very special because they are nice to everyone.
Amen.

R/1 LEWIS CLASS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 8 out now

Due date: Friday, November 22

Please bring orders to the OLHC library before and after school. I look forward to seeing you all.

Helen Shepherd
OLHC Library
### YEAR 7 & 8 SOCIAL
There will be a social held for Year 7 & 8 to raise money to help the people in the Philippines who have been affected by the recent natural disaster.
- Samaritan Hall
- Wednesday, Week 7
- November 27
- 6:30-9:30pm
- Fluro Theme
- BBQ & soft drinks available for purchase.
- Year 8 SRC

### UNIFORM SHOP - OPENING TIMES
**Uniform shop will be closed**
on Wednesday December 11 for BELS Course and final day Thursday December 12.

**January opening hours:**
Monday 20 – Friday 24 8:30am - 4:30pm each day.
Open Tuesday January 28 8.00 - 10.30 am for late arrivals.

Hours from then on as usual.

### CANTEEN ROSTERS
**Monday, November 25 – Friday, November 29**

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*Annette Cameron
CANTENE MANAGER*

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CANTENE MANAGER*

*Marg Coad
CANTENE MANAGER*

### COMMUNITY NEWS
“The services and events contained in this section are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.”

### Children living in two homes
**Are you a separated parent of a primary school child living in shared care?**

If you are, please contact me. My name is Luisa Matacin and I am a PhD candidate at the University of South Australia in Whyalla. You can contact me on my mobile 0431 290 771 or by email luisa.matacin@mymail.unisa.edu.au if you are interested in a confidential interview or want any further information about the project.

*‘Shared Care’ and Primary Schooling: What is going on for Children, their Parents and Teachers?*

I am currently researching how primary school children living between 2 households (at least 4 nights per fortnight) experience their schooling and how parents and children’s teachers manage and respond to these arrangements. By sharing your experiences (confidentially) you will contribute to an improved understanding of children’s experiences of living in two households and attending school, an opportunity to discuss issues of concern around this topic and the potential identification of ways to improve children’s experiences.

This project has been approved by the University of South Australia's Human Research Ethics Committee, DECD and Catholic Education SA.
During the year, secondary students are required to attend Masses at the Saint Teresa’s church. The Mass usually starts around 9:00am and students are asked to meet there in the morning. In the interest of safety, when parents are dropping children off we request that they use the pedestrian entrance on Pratt street. Any parent or guardian who is joining the group for mass is welcome to park in the carpark, and walk with their child to the entrance. Students should report to teachers to check attendance.

It is pleasing to be able to acknowledge the accomplishments of an individual student. This year Dayna Clifton applied for and won a position for the National Summer Art Scholarship 2014. This opportunity was available to all Australian citizens studying Year 11 in 2013 who have an interest in the visual arts. From the applicants, two winners are chosen from each state. They receive a paid return flight to Canberra, 6-nights accommodation in a 4 star hotel, all meals and the opportunity to work with and learn from arts professionals and artists. To be selected Dayna had to present both a visual and written response to the image “A small town at the turn of the century no 5 1999-2000” by Simryn Gill. Congratulations Dayna and may you flourish from this experience.

Next week the Year 10 students will sit their end of year examinations. Throughout the subject selection counseling process for 2014, one of the questions asked is how well the student copes with examinations in an attempt to understand the best style of learning for the individual. Completing these exams should also enable each student to reflect on their style of preparation and make necessary changes for 2014 and beyond. Performance in these exams may also give clear indication that a student does not want to continue with a subject that they had previously nominated. Students should discuss any subject changes with me as soon as they start having the doubts.

Mr John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

YEAR 11 END OF YEAR MASS

Year 11 students will be celebrating their end of year Mass on Friday November 29 at 9.15 am at Saint Teresa’s Church. Students are to come to school as normal and will walk together from Saint John’s Campus.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

YEAR 10 EXAMS

The format of this semester’s Year 10 SOSE exam for students in 10 Blue and 10 Red will be slightly different from the norm. The exam will be in two parts – the first will be a traditional “pen and paper” format, but the second will require students to access and analyse an on-line music video. The questions in this part of the exam are analytical and, as such, the answers cannot be “Googled”; concerns about cheating/plagiarism are therefore nullified. It should also be made clear that whilst the format and questions differ, all Year 10 SOSE exams will be assessed according to the same criteria. Students will be graded on their knowledge and understanding of popular culture and global wellbeing, and their analytical, evaluative and communication skills. Parents or caregivers who have any questions or concerns about this exam model are urged to contact the relevant SOSE teachers – Kim Ryan (10 Blue) or Tanya Gibson (10 Red).

Mrs Kimberley Ryan
SOSE CO-ORDINATOR

PEACE AND SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION – PRAYING FOR THOSE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Many students and families in our school community have been affected by the natural disaster of Typhoon Haiyan that has recently occurred in the Philippines. To show our support and that our thoughts are with those who are suffering, many of our students created a Prayer Mural in the Piazza last Friday. Some Year 8 and Year 11 students assisted in the creation of the mural and then during lunchtime, many students from all year levels wrote prayers and messages of well-wishes to demonstrate their feelings of empathy for those who have experienced this tragedy.

Thank you to all of the students and staff who assisted in our Peace and Support Demonstration.

Beck Kane
YEAR 8 COORDINATOR
Prayer Mural created by Saint John Campus students

WE CARE

Stay Strong

Ipagdasal natin ang Pilipinas

Be strong we are praying and thinking of you

Recovered Soon