

Term 1 Week 4

February 21, 2013

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- Opening College Mass, 9:00am, SJC oval

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- Parents & Friends Meeting, SJC, 7:30pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- Making the most of home reading, primary campuses, 2pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 8 Gold Mass, St Teresa's Church, 8:45am for 9:00am

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Year 6/7 Keen Mass, OLHC Church, 9:00am

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

- Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival, Bennett Oval, SJC closed

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- Board AGM, 7:30pm, SJC, Lecture Theatre

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

- Year 4/5 Raymond assembly, OLHCC, 12:30pm Church
- R/1 Boundy assembly, 2:30pm, STC, shelter shed

*"Ask and you will receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door will be opened to you."
 Matthew 7: 7-12*

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers,

We have been blessed this week with some wonderful conversations with students, student leaders, current parents and enrolling families. The thrill for us as we take prospective families on tours is the very evident positive and productive atmosphere in our classrooms. The students and their teachers are actively engaged with a vibrancy and diversity of learning activities most evident to the onlooker. In our professional Learning Teams, staff have been fine tuning their planning programs and many are including the Australian Curriculum as the roll-out continues.

On Tuesday evening all staff gathered together for a commissioning Mass and social evening as a symbolic and practical acknowledgment of how we are called to our vocation to serve young people and their families. We are very grateful for The Lions Club for providing the BBQ tea.

We invite all families and friends to our College Opening Mass this Friday morning. An annual whole school celebration, the children are looking forward to engaging with their buddy classes, with much behind the scenes planning underway for a smooth day. We have organised extra shade this year, with everyone undercover. The SRC students will be honoured and blessed and some of the returning "Top 7" 2012 Year 12 students will be congratulated. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you still have any forms still outstanding it is vitally important that these are completed and returned immediately. Aside from the College not having important medical information about your child, it may be that we are missing parent contact information, permission for your child to attend nearby excursions or permission for their name or photo to be used in the newsletter. If you believe you may be missing some of these forms, which includes, the how-to-pay-fees form, please contact any campus office.

Passing of Christie Page

Many of our College community would remember Christie Page who was a long serving groundsman at OLHCC and husband of former Principal, Pat Page. Christie died yesterday in Adelaide. As many of you were aware Christie had been battling cancer for a long time. Our prayers and thoughts are with Pat, Jessica and their family.

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 DAMIEN JUDD
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Toal Street, Whyalla Stuart
 Telephone (08) 8649 3168
 Wednesday 8:00 - 10:00am
 Thursday 1:00 - 4:30pm

PARISH NEWS

Greetings as we experience the humidity and heat of these February days. A time that brings out the best and worst in us!

It is also the time when we hear God's Lenten call to repent and live the Good News of Jesus. We are called to a time of prayer, fasting and giving alms to the poor. As I've listened to the homilies at Mass, read the Bishops' Pastoral letter and reflected on these practices that we endeavour to undertake during Lent I found myself asking, "Why do I do this year after year?" In an article by Rev. Melissa Adzima, she says by devoting ourselves lovingly to these practices, "we refocus our lives on the true source of light and life - GOD."

It is a time to remember our great need of God and our need to trust that God is always with us encouraging and calling us to be people, who like Jesus in Sunday's Gospel choose to do what is for the greater good of our world and its people.

In their joint Pastoral letter Bishop Greg O'Kelly (Port Pirie Diocese) and Bishop Eugene Hurley (Darwin Diocese) are encouraging us in this Year of Grace to show this great need we have for God by prayer, reflective reading of the Gospel, fasting on Fridays and giving of alms to the poor through Project Compassion. The Bishops write "the spirit of these restrictions is to acknowledge voluntarily our complete dependence on God's goodness for everything we have by going without. Our discomfort has the effect of drawing our minds to being grateful for the abundance of God's gifts and to use these gifts by sharing them with others."

I was also challenged and found plenty of food for thought and reflection when I read an article, 'Fasting From, Turn to Virtue' by Margaret Rose Realy which calls me to look at my values attitudes and to see if they reflect those of Jesus and where I can repent and live these values better.

- Fast from bitterness; turn to forgiveness*
- Fast from hatred; return good for evil*
- Fast from negativism; be positive*
- Fast from complaining; be grateful*
- Fast from pessimism; be an optimist*
- Fast from harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts*
- Fast from worry; trust in Divine Providence*
- Fast from discouragement; be full of hope*
- Fast from anger; be more patient*
- Fast from pettiness; be more mature*
- Fast from gloom; enjoy the beauty around you*
- Fast from jealousy; pray for trust*
- Fast from gossiping; control your thoughts*
- Fast from sin; turn to virtue*

Let us by our focus on our loving God and our need of God bring to our families, homes, workplaces and places of leisure, the Good New of Jesus' love for us and so make our world a better place.

Sister Helen Mills
FOR 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

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel Jesus spends forty days in the desert. He was "led by the spirit through the wilderness". It was a time of temptation and adversity for Jesus. In the Scriptures, the desert can be a place of great deprivation and hardship. We sometimes hear of people undergoing a difficult time or a 'desert experience'. It can be a time of testing. However, often these experiences lead to a new understanding of God.

Lent is also a time of testing for us, a time of fasting, prayer and giving and time when we can come to a new understanding. Lent should be a time when we look at our own lives to examine whether we are living a life that reflects our faith in Jesus. Are we looking out for everyone

in our community: the poor, the vulnerable, the sick and the lonely? Are we treating the people in our community and in our world with dignity and respect? Jesus ministered to the outcast and downtrodden. How can we do the same this Lent?

Caritas Australia works to bring justice, peace and hope to those in the world who are struggling and living in poverty. Jesus asks us to come into the light of his love. We can be someone who hears the cry of the poor by donating to Caritas Australia through Project Compassion this Lent.

Rebecca Sinclair
DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (PRIMARY)

COLLEGE NEWS

HATS, LIBRARY BAYS & SOCKS

St Teresa and OLHC campuses have hats and library bags available at front office.

Saint Johns canteen have socks, sport socks and hats available.

Kerry Azzopardi
UNIFORM SHOP MANAGER

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the school for being a part of OCC (Operation Christmas Child) and helping to bring the Whyalla total of christmas boxes to 346. You might be interested to know the total number of boxes from South Australia and Northern Territory was over 23,500 and the total number from Australia and New Zealand combined was well over 300,000. What an awesome total from so many generous people. These boxes are now being loved and enjoyed by the many children they were given to. Children in Cambodia, Vietnam, Fiji, New Guinea and Vanuatu.

Without you and the school this number would never have been reached, so thank you for your generosity, time and love. I am looking forward to doing it all again this year and I hope that you will be willing also.

Thank you again.

Noelen Armit
REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Thank you to all those staff and students from both the primary and secondary campuses who so generously and enthusiastically donated goods and boxes for this fantastic cause.

OPENING COLLEGE MASS

The opening College Mass will be celebrated at Saint John's Campus on the oval, Friday February 22. **Children from all campuses need to be at Saint John's Campus by 8:45am.** A letter has been sent out to primary campuses with more details. The Mass will begin as close to 9:00am as possible. Parents are most welcome to join us at Mass.

The theme of the Mass is 'WE ARE OUR STORY'. How will your family be part of our story this year at Samaritan College?

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

5 WAYS TO BULLY PROOF YOUR KID

(Kidshealth.org.au, 2011)

Talk about it. Try talking about bullying with your kids. It might also be helpful to ask other people (family members, family friends) to share their experiences and what they had learnt. If one of your children opens up about being bullied, praise them for being brave enough to discuss it and encourage them to continue talking by offering unconditional support. It is important to listen to your child and try not to pass judgments on them (it probably was really hard to bring this up with you in the first place).

Remove the bait. If it is lunch money or toys that the bully is after, you can help neutralise the situation by encouraging your child to pack a lunch or go to school without bringing the toys.

Buddy up for safety. Two or more friends standing at their bags/lockers are less likely to be picked on than a child who is all alone. Remind your child to use the buddy up when on the school bus, in the bathroom, or wherever bullies may lurk.

Keep calm and carry on. If a bully strikes, a child's best defense may be to remain calm, ignore hurtful remarks, tell the bully to stop, and simply walk away. This is something that will have to be trialed and often better if the child responds in a way they feel comfortable. Bullies can thrive on hurting others or getting a reaction. A child who is not easily ruffled has a better chance of staying off a bully's radar. Remember bullies want a reaction!

Don't try to fight the battle yourself. Sometimes talking to a bully's parents can be constructive; however it is beneficial for children to learn how to deal with bullies themselves. After all bullying does not just stop in the school yard, it and dealing with it can be a valuable life lesson for your child. If you feel there is a need to address the bullying with another parent it may be helpful to do this with a staff member, someone who may be neutral and can mediate the conversation.

If you have concerns about bullying or want some more tips on how to help your children respond to bullies, please contact us! We have loads of resources to share.

From the school counsellors! ☺



PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

PARKING TICKETS ON THE HORIZON

We are all aware of what a busy time of day 'home time' is and how convenient a good park can be. In a bid to claim the perfect park we can often forget that we are parking over the driveway of neighbouring properties and parking in places that are specifically signed for various reasons.

Parking inspectors have recently noted some of our parents from our Our Lady Help of Christians Campus have been parking in the car park of the dentist adjacent to the school. Please refrain from doing so as this car park is for dental patients only and their staff.

STAFF COMMISSIONING MASS

On Tuesday night the combined college staff celebrated Mass and were commissioned at the Our Lady Help of Christians Church. It was fabulous to gather as a staff and celebrate Eucharist and also renew our commitments before each other and the parishioners.

OPENING COLLEGE MASS

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the Mass is 'WE ARE OUR STORY'. Tomorrow we will also acknowledge our student leaders before the school and Parish community.

THANK YOU FOR SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday was a great day and the children certainly enjoyed the pancakes. A big thank you to the staff and parents who helped out on the day. Your efforts were very much appreciated.

Grace and blessings.

Georga Tyson
ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YEAR 6/7 KEEN CLASS MASS

Year 6/7 Keen will celebrate Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church at 9:00am on Thursday, February 28. Parents are welcome to attend.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

NO LUNCH ORDERS - FEBRUARY 22

No canteen orders for the primary campuses for recess and lunch on Friday, February 22.

Making the most of

Home Reading

Practical ideas to make Home Reading fun and easy for Early Readers.

Who: Parents of Early Readers

When: Tuesday, February 26 at 2:00pm

Where: In both primary campus libraries



Please fill out the form below indicating which campus you will be attending and return the note to the front office.

The Primary Literacy Team

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I _____ will be attending the 'Making the most of Home Reading' workshop at 2.00pm,
on Tuesday February, 26 at the OLHC Campus Library / STC Campus Library.

✂ ----- ✂



Right:
Mr Baverstock to the
rescue at Saint Teresa's
Campus



Left:
Mrs Healey and Mrs
Donnellan serving up a
storm at Our Lady Help
of Christians Campus

COMPUTER CORNER

This week your primary students should bring home a password to access "Studyladder" at home. It is an R-6 web based program based on the curriculum which includes Mathematics, Literacy and eight other subjects. It can help reinforce what the child learns at school and is fun. It does not allow student access to social networking.

To access Studyladder at home go to www.studyladder.com.au. Your child can use the same user name and password as at school. Parents have the option to sign up for a free home account. For any queries email support@studyladder.com.au.

Jenny Kondylas
ICT COORDINATOR



SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

It was really pleasing last week to get a call from Mr Thursby, who wanted me to see the excellent work that a group of Year 8 students were doing. They were working as a team to put the finishing touches to a bench and seats that are to be used in their area.

All aspects of this bench have come from within the College. Most of the timber used was recycled after the demolition of the old Xavier wing. The construction was overseen by staff and carried out by the senior students to give them hands on practice while their own projects are still being designed. The sanding was undertaken by students in Year 10, and the Year 8s put the final finishes to the product. It was fantastic to see the students working together and taking ownership of the bench.

Well done to Mr Thursby and Lawrence Boyle for their commitment to working with the students on a project that benefits an entire year level and many others to come.



SPENCER GULF ATHLETICS

On Friday March 1, Samaritan College will be hosting and competing against the other Catholic Secondary Schools in the Port Pirie Diocese. Miss Howell and Mr Quist have been responsible for getting the team and venue organised for the day. Saint John's Campus will be closed on the day. Students are encouraged to attend and support their friends, however, as is the case with any College event, inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.

YEAR 8 CAMPS

This week our Year 8 students have had a couple of days at Trinity Haven. It is unfortunate that the airconditioning on the bus wasn't working when they left on Monday. Aside from this the camps seem to have run very smoothly. Congratulations to Mrs Beck Kane and the staff who have helped to put the camp together and run the activities.

John Lyons

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

YEAR 12 JUMPERS

As part of the Year 12 experience students are able to purchase a commemorative jumper. The cost of the jumper is \$90. As it is not compulsory for all students to purchase one, this cost has not been incorporated into your child's school fees. If your child wishes to order a jumper, the cost will be added to your account and appear on your next invoice from the College.

Students are permitted to wear this jumper with their winter uniform and PE uniform.

The jumper is nearing the end of the design phase, with students being involved in each step of the design process.

Students will be given the opportunity to order a jumper in the coming days.

If you have any queries regarding the Year 12 jumpers please contact me at the College.

Trent Keiper

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SCHOOL

8 GOLD MASS

8 Gold will celebrate Mass at St Teresa's Church on Wilsdon St at 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 27.

Students need to meet Miss Taylor and Mr Meixner at the church by 8:45am.

After Mass the students will walk back to Saint John's Campus with their teacher.

Bernie Meixner

APRIM

FROM THE SACE COORDINATOR

This week the focus is on the Research Project, a compulsory aspect of the SACE that is undertaken by the Year 11 cohort in Semester 1. Although students only need to achieve a minimum C- grade to pass it is very important to strive for high grades as this subject can be used to contribute towards a student's ATAR. The first step in the process is the proposal where students present their idea

or topic for their Research Project. Topic choice is of the utmost importance as it can allow students to achieve to the highest levels or restrict a student's performance.

The types of topics that allow students to achieve at the highest levels tend to:

- be framed as a question, which helps define the research and assist students in writing their outcome by providing a focus and frame for exploring the key ideas investigated
- ask 'Why?', which invites the exploration of perspectives or viewpoints rather than just fact-finding
- have personal relevance to the student, which seems to extend the research scope and outcome
- be derived either from political, social, or environmental issues, or from genuine scientific, practical, or technical challenges, which provides a greater capacity for real research to be undertaken, inviting the consideration of different perspectives, and facilitating the provision of more in-depth insight in all assessment types
- be manageable and researchable
- involve the discovery of 'new knowledge' or 'proof'

The types of topics that limit students' capacity to achieve at the highest levels generally are:

- self-evident, for example, 'How to become a ____' or 'What are the different types of ____?'
- too broad, which leads to brief coverage of many areas
- too simple, which hinders in-depth research
- confirmation of students' prior knowledge and/or existing perceptions
- phrased as a subject (e.g. Epilepsy), which leads to an 'all you can find out' research project

Some topics are not ethically appropriate, mainly due to safety and legal issues or because they deal with offensive material. It is recommended that topics should reflect the values of the College and be appropriate for a SACE Stage 2 subject.

Samaritan College students are joining the digital revolution this year with access to a Wikispace for the first time. This space can be accessed from any device at any time through the internet and contains additional information and resources that students may use in their Research Project. For more information on this initiative and how to gain access, please see individual subject teachers or Mr Tony Hall, who is the driving force behind this site.

The SACE website mini site for the Research Project contains valuable research advice, inspiring student stories, FAQs and support materials for students and families. Well worth your browsing time!

Maresa Lyons

SACE COORDINATOR

SPENCER GULF ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013

This year Samaritan College is host school to the Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival. For those of you that keep track of the 4 year cycle we are hosting a year early due to construction work on Port Augusta's main oval. The carnival will be held on **Friday, March 1** at Bennett Oval. Students who are selected in the team have been given a consent form to take home and are asked to be at Bennett Oval by 9:15am. Those students who are not participating in the carnival do not have to attend school on this day; however, the front office will still be open for administrative purposes. I encourage any parents/caregiver to attend the day if possible and support the students as they compete against Caritas College of Port Augusta, Saint Marks of Port Pirie and Saint Josephs of Port Lincoln.

Kirby Howell

SCIENCE FUN FACT

The oceans contain enough salt to cover all the continents to a depth of nearly 160 metres.

Tony Hall
SCIENCE COORDINATOR

CANTEEN ROSTERS

Monday, February 25 – Friday, March 1

ST TERESA'S CAMPUS	
Mon	Rita Marinkovich
Tue	Courtney, Maddie & Sophie
Wed	Michelle Bolitho
Thu	Mandy Smallacombe
Fri	Mitchell, Sam & Henco

Annette Cameron
CANTEEN MANAGER

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CAMPUS	
Mon	NO HELP REQUIRED
Tue	NO HELP REQUIRED
Wed	HELP PLEASE
Thu	HELP PLEASE
Fri	Fiona Wilson

Rose Cassar
CANTEEN MANAGER

SAINT JOHN'S CAMPUS	
Mon	Donna Ward
Tue	HELP PLEASE
Wed	Tracey Murray
Thu	Monica Pennimpede
Fri	Roseanna Wragg

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER

CANTEEN HELP

We need your help in the canteen. If you can spare half an hour, for recess or lunch I would love to hear from you. Come and get to know your child's school and have some fun. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Marg Coad
CANTEEN MANAGER

NAME: _____

CONTACT DETAILS: _____

I would be able to help on Canteen at Saint John's Campus

- at lunch
- at recess
- both lunch and recess

I am available on the following day(s)

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

Samaritan Hall available for hire



Samaritan Hall is now available for hire.* Facilities include netball, basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball, badminton. Details can be accessed on our website under the forms section or http://web.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/content/forms/samaritanhall_hire.pdf

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*Public Liability Insurance required for hire of hall.





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 7 - 7:30 PM

IN THE LECTURE THEATRE – SAINT JOHN'S CAMPUS

*All parents and caregivers are invited to the Annual General Meeting.
It is an ideal time to gain an insight into the administrative dimension of the College.*

Duration: Approximately 1 hour - supper provided

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

COLLEGE BOARD: There are potentially **2-3** positions available on the College Board for a 2 year term. *(with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms)*

The responsibilities of parents elected to any of the above positions are considerable. Membership of either the Board or Parent Community executive involves commitment in terms of time, energy and enthusiasm. At the same time the College values highly the efforts of such people and their involvement also brings its own rewards. No particular experience or skill is necessary. It is a great way to learn about your College.

We warmly welcome nominations from anyone who believes they have the enthusiasm and time. Parents should feel free to nominate others or themselves. If nominating another person please have them sign the form as an acceptance of their nomination.

Elections are held at the AGM. Please return all nomination forms to Ms Karen McGinnis, College Board Secretary, at Saint John's Campus by Friday, March 1.

Damien Judd & Terissa Shepherd
CO-PRINCIPALS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NOMINATION FORM

Name:
(insert person you wish to nominate)

Parent of:

Signature:

Date:

I nominate to be a member of the Board.

I accept the above nomination.

Signature:

Date: