Sunday’s Gospel told of the time when Thomas simply did not believe it was Jesus in the locked room i.e. he doubted. In modern times, anytime anyone who has appeared to not believe or trust when everyone else has, we have called a ‘doubting Thomas’. Yet in many cases now, we would say Thomas was being discerning, that he waited before making a big decision, that he needed proof or more data or evidence, as we might say in a school sense. In many ways we congratulate people who refuse to believe straight away. Thomas had every right to query things even though everyone else needed no convincing. Knowing something then believing something is different to finally trusting something. Students in modern schools are being taught exactly that – to be discerning, to respectfully question and to learn to know when to not simply ‘follow the others’ and to decide for themselves.

2017 Fee Structure

The College Board is very excited to have finalised the 2017 Fee Structure many months ahead of time – normally announced early Term 4. The reason for the early announcement is that at the beginning of Term 2 we are enrolling students for our very first cohort of Year 7s within the secondary campus. We needed to have in place now, what the fees will be for those families whose child will be in Year 7 at Saint John’s Campus. For some it was a question of would the Year 7 fee be the same as normal even though the students now have access to the SJC facilities or will the fee be the same for 8-12s, which has been traditionally significantly more than R-7. The exciting bit of all this, if fees can be exciting, is that there will be a new fee structure with different
levels for R-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Yes, the Year 7 fee will increase slightly from the regular Year 7 fee, but the Year 8-9 fee (including Year 7) will drop from the previous Year 8-9 fee. This means a child starting school in Year 7 or 8 with us, will pay less over their first two or three years at the secondary campus than they would have under the old fee structure. The jump from fees from primary to secondary has also now been reduced.

Fee Remissions
We continue to remind families that if paying fees becomes an issue for you in any way, regardless of your employment situation, to please contact the college or complete the Financial Assistance Application on our website. We are more than happy to assist with any situation and parents need only to ask about what help is available rather than to assume that we can’t or won’t help.

Diocesan Youth Assembly
As mentioned in this newsletter, our college welcomes the youth from across the diocese this weekend. Many people from Year 10 to 25 years of age will gather at Saint John’s Campus. Bishop Greg O’Kelly will attend and it is an exciting time for the youth of the diocese and we are very proud to host this event.

**Parish News**

**In our hour of need**
This week we are experiencing a profound vulnerability. Everyone has felt shaken and worried, as the financial news about Arrium, our main employer, has been so negative. It’s such a contradiction of the joy of the Season of Easter, when we are entitled to feel full of hope and trust, because Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Yesterday at the March for Whyalla, the point was made that we are in this together. This was not just a consoling statement, but the reality. Workers and working families, small business owners and their employees and families, old people and young, the service sector, and every school, including our own Samaritan College, potentially face a very different world, if things keep going the way they are.

In our hour of need, we gather like the terrified disciples of Jesus in the upper room. Unlike them, we gather with faith in the consoling and healing power of our Risen Lord. Jesus himself has been through the catastrophe of death itself, and emerged on the other side, new, changed, more fully alive than before.

With Jesus to help us, we call to mind that we too can come through this time of shock and loss, this dying to Whyalla’s former way of life, and the rising to a new way of being the community of Whyalla. As we enter the future, God’s gift of new life and hope makes us ready to face every challenge.

Whatever your religious background, I invite you to spend time in prayer these next few days – yes, for yourself and your family – but just as importantly, for one another – for the whole community of Whyalla.

Ask God to show you how you can contribute in your own way to lifting the spirits of your neighbours, workmates and friends. God will provide plenty of opportunities for you.

**Prayer to St. Joseph for Employment**

Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Mary and Jesus. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me to find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God.

Amen.

Fr Jim Monaghan
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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**In the meantime, here is a prayer useful for anyone who has lost or may lose your job. St Joseph is the Patron Saint of Workers.**

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Religious Dimension

In this Sunday’s Gospel we hear another story about Jesus appearing to the disciples. It is sometime after the events of Easter. The disciples are unsure of what is going to happen next and have returned to their former profession of fishermen.

After fishing all night they have not caught anything. They are frustrated, tired and just want to go home. That is when they see Jesus on the shore. Even though they don’t recognize him at first, he instructs them to try their nets again and they are rewarded with a large catch of fish. The disciples have breakfast with the man they now recognize as Jesus. It is at this meal that they are reminded of who they are and what they are called to be. The disciples are challenged to ‘get back into the boat and try again’ – in more ways than one.

These men were discouraged, disheartened and didn’t know what to do after the death of Jesus. They went back to their life of fishing out of despair and uncertainty. Having met with Jesus one more time they are reminded of their true purpose – to be fishers of men and to follow the call of Jesus to proclaim the Good News to all.

Following the call of Jesus means putting your nets back into the sea even though you are tired and had no success, it means opening our hearts to receive his word even though we may be tired, frustrated or busy with our own lives. We are reminded of what Jesus has done for us and we are called to follow in his ways.

Rebecca Sinclair
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR (PRIMARY)

College News

ANZAC Day March

Once again students from all campuses are invited to represent the college in the ANZAC Day March held this year in the school holidays. ANZAC Day falls on the Monday of the second week in the upcoming school holidays.

All students are welcome to join us in this memorial event. Students that participate are asked to wear their school uniform. We will let the forecast temperature decide if it is to be the summer or winter uniform and ask parents to use your own judgement here. Please remember to bring your hat if you intend to join us. After the march there will be a liturgy and donations are collected for the RSL. Having a few coins will help if you wish to donate something.

You do not need to notify anyone if you wish to be part of the Samaritan contingent. Simply meet outside the Tandoori Guru on Essington Lewis Avenue at 9:50am for a 10:15am start.

Parents will be responsible for their children, especially if they are younger, and please attend to their collection immediately after the March and liturgy which concludes at the Memorial Oval gates of remembrance.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

Uniform Shop

Please see below for extended trading hours for winter outfitting:

Thursday, April 14:
1 pm-7pm

Monday, May 2:
8:30am – 6pm

Thursday, May 5:
1pm – 7pm

Thursday, May 12:
1pm – 7 pm

April 7, 2016
Mid-Year Reception Intake 2016

We pride ourselves in nurturing young people to strive for their personal best in a supportive, learning-focused community of faith, wisdom and compassion.

As a result of a planned review, the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) has adopted the review recommendations of two Reception intakes per year. At Samaritan College, this change to Reception enrolments will take place from 2016.

- The criteria for starting Reception on the first day of school in Term 3 is that the child will have attained the age of 5 on or before October 31 in that year.
- Children starting in Reception in Term 3 will have 6 terms in Reception.
- Children whose birthday falls between November 1 and December 31 are not eligible to commence school before the following year.

Therefore, if you would like your child to begin Reception in July 2016, please begin the enrolment inquiry process now as enrolments will close soon and available spaces are limited. An enrolment pack can be collected from any campus office or downloaded from our website: www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au

For more information please phone:
- St Teresa's Campus on 8645 8381 or
- Our Lady Help of Christians on 8649 2077

Parent Teacher Interviews: Parent Information

Helpful hints on how to get the most out of a parent teacher interview have been put together by the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities. These guides are available on our website at www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au.

Recognition of Staff

On many occasions we receive positive affirmation from families regarding our supportive, hardworking, professional staff. Whilst not the motivation for what we do, it is nice to receive this feedback. Recently two members of our primary staff were nominated by parents for the ‘A Day Made Better’ award. Congratulations and thank you to all our staff for their commitment to our children’s wellbeing and learning.

SRC Sausage Sizzle

On Wednesday, April 13 both primary campus SRC will be holding a sausage sizzle, where students can order their lunch. Cans of soft drink and bottled water will also be available for purchase on the day. All money raised will go to Project Compassion.

A note including a student order form and a request for parent assistance has gone home. Please return forms by Monday, April 11.

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.”
Assembly Change of Time

As of Term 2 the St Teresa’s Campus Friday afternoon assembly will begin at 2:45pm. This change in time will maximise classroom learning opportunities in the afternoon, whilst providing adequate time for assemblies.

Change of Uniform

Just a reminder to families that the winter uniform is to be worn in Term 2 and 3. In saying this, please be aware that there is a two week grace period for students if the weather is unseasonably warm. Please note the extended opening hours at the uniform shop to assist families with the purchase of uniforms. In accordance with our Sun Smart policy, hats are not required to be worn in Terms 2 and 3. We recommend hats are kept in bags, therefore available for unseasonably warm weather or particular class/school events.

First Eucharist Dates

First Eucharist will be celebrated on the weekend of May 28 and 29 this year. Letters will be sent to families with details in the school holidays.

If you do not receive a letter by the end of the first week back at school next term, please ring the parish office on 8645 8023.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

Girls Basketball Carnival

Last Friday our Year 6 and 7 girls competed in the Whyalla primary schools girls basketball carnival. Congratulations to the girls on their excellent attitude and participation on the day.

Thanks to Mrs Smith and Mrs Edwards for coaching on the day.

Good luck to the boys who will be competing in the boys basketball carnival tomorrow.

Lou Whitehouse
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PRIMARY)

Hockey

Friday, April 8: Round 1

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Junior hockey is back in full swing! Any new players are still encouraged to come out for a game, and join a team. Come and have a go at Hockey… the game for everyone!

Tania Taylor
FOR JUNIOR HOCKEY COMMITTEE

The Guidera Cup

I wonder which House team will have the most house points at the end of this term. Will it be Benedict, MacKillop or Rice?

This term students in the Primary Campuses have been successfully gaining points for their House teams in support of the Guidera cup. Over the course of the year students’ participation and service is recognised culminating in one House team being presented with the Guidera cup at the Opening School Mass. Some older students have volunteered to help put the chairs back in the church, other students keep our environment tidy by picking up rubbish and other students have worked hard at trying new things.

It has been inspiring to see our students be a positive part of our Samaritan community and to have their efforts acknowledged in such a positive way with house points towards their team.

Next week, on the last day of term, the winning team will have a ‘coloured clothes’ day to recognise their efforts in gaining points for their team. This will be an event to look forward to at the end of each term.

Keep an eye out in next week’s newsletter for the announcement of the winning team.

Rebecca Sinclair
RE/ CURRICULUM COORDINATOR
Student Surveys
At times, students may need to survey other students as part of a particular assignment or task. This is more common for our Year 12s and their Research Project. Provided students have followed the correct protocol, please be assured that any time your child has been asked to complete a survey at school that all data remains confidential, the questions have been checked for appropriateness and the results of such surveys are only utilised within the college and in most cases, only for that particular assignment. If you ever feel your child has been asked to respond to a survey when any of the above conditions have not been met, please let us know.

Damien Judd
CO-PRINCIPAL

Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to the athletes who took part in the Spencer Gulf athletics carnival held last week in Port Lincoln. The team finished third overall but there were numerous individuals who took home first, second and third places on the day. Of particular note was Joshua Anderson who set a new record of 1.84m for the Under 15 Boys High Jump and Leigh Hoffman who came home as the Under 16 Boys Champion.

Finishing Term 1 and starting Term 2
Next Friday, April 15, is the last day of the term. Whilst an early finish, 12:30pm, has been scheduled there will still be four lessons in the morning that students are expected to attend.

Change of Uniform
As we move into the colder months some students might find that the winter uniform is more comfortable than the summer one. We try and cater to as many individual requirements as possible by allowing a grace period as we transition from warmer to cooler seasons. This means that for the next three weeks of school, that is the last week of Term 1 and the first two weeks of Term 2 students can wear either their summer or winter uniform depending on their individual preference.

Now is the time to check the suitability of the Winter Uniform and schedule any replacement items if necessary. It is not appropriate for a student to nominate to wear their Physical Education uniform, during this grace period, if they find a problem with the winter uniform. In these circumstances we would expect that the child continues to wear the summer uniform and arrange for the purchase of necessary items.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Reports & Parent Teacher Interviews
We are on schedule for the first round of reports to go home with the students tomorrow, Friday April 8. The grades that have been provided give a snapshot of the progress of a child in that subject. As a parent I would also review the indicators as this can give some indication of what students can work on for further improvement. The teachers are also available at our Parent / Teacher nights the following week to provide more information if required.

In case you have missed the change we are not using paper to book interviews, but have decided to use an electronic booking process for this round of parent teacher interviews. The uptake from parents has been extremely pleasing with many teachers nearly booked out already. If you have not received information regarding accessing the system or are unable to access it from home please contact Maresa Lyons at the College. We welcome parent feedback that might help to improve the experience for the future, please direct any suggestions to maresa.lyons@samaritan.catholic.edu.au.

Vinnies Winter Blanket Appeal – Wool Donations
Staff and Students on the Saint John’s Campus are again asking friends of the college to donate wool for our annual Blanket Appeal. Your donations will be used to knit squares that will be sewn together to make blankets for Vinnies to distribute to needy families and individuals in Whyalla. All donations will be appreciated and can be made to the front office (70 Gowrie Ave).

Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
Students from Year 10 and up and young adults up to the age of 25 who are interested in attending the Diocesan Youth Assembly are invited to register for this event online at http://www.pp.catholic.org.au/

The Assembly is a gathering of young people to share their faith, interests and stories in a welcoming and supported environment. The theme of the Assembly is ‘Live and Show Mercy’.

There will be guest speakers, outreach experiences and fun activities. The venue is Samaritan College Saint John’s Campus. Participants who cannot stay the whole time are welcome to come and go or be part of one of the two days.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code and follow these simple instructions:

1. Enter your details
2. Select the teachers you wish to see
3. Select the appointment times that best suit your family

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately please check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews until bookings close on **Tuesday 12 April at 12pm**. If you have any questions or concerns, have feedback about the process or wish to change interview times after the closing date please contact **Maresa Lyons on (08) 8645 8568** during office hours or via email maresa.lyons@samaritan.catholic.edu.au.

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**Canteen Rosters**

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Annette Cameron  
CANTEEN MANAGER

Rose Cassar  
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Carolyn Goldsworthy  
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