Easter – yes it is still Easter.

Last Sunday’s Gospel sees Jesus preparing His disciples for life without him. He reminds us that he will remain with us through the Holy Spirit. The true sign of a genuine leader are those leaders who are still followed or worshipped long after they have left this world – these are called transformational leaders. They have made such an impact on others that even though they can’t be there to preach or give instructions, people still follow their lead.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. John 14:27

Welcome back. After a ‘late’ start to the year and an eleven week term, it can feel more like the middle of the year rather than the start of Term 2. Saying that, it isn’t the first time we commemorated ANZAC Day in the holiday break. As always we are very proud of the students who chose to march and represent the college as well as those who supported by either coming to the Dawn Service or stand roadside for the march.

Catholic Education Week

In a few week’s time we celebrate Catholic Education Week. This is a statewide event to celebrate everything great about our schools. For our college it is a very busy and celebratory week. Both primary campuses will have their Open Nights, the senior campus hold their annual Patrons Day (Mass + walk + stalls + fun), we say Happy 50th Birthday to OLHCC, we formally open our four refurbished Good Samaritan classrooms at SJC and we ‘switch off’ our lights and power for a few hours. And then because we can’t fit it all in one week, the primary campuses will hold their Patrons Day the following week and the senior campus will have their Open Night a few weeks later.

Newsletter

For those who read the newsletter carefully, you will know that from today, the newsletter will only be printed fortnightly. At this stage the newsletter will remain in paper form each
Welcome back after the holidays. I hope your family had a refreshing and relaxing break. Over the last few weeks we have heard much in the media regarding the work situation in Whyalla with many job losses. This morning as I write this, Mr Jay Weatherill our state Premier is arriving in Whyalla for meetings with Arrium, Business and Community Leaders. We continue to pray for an outcome that will benefit our Whyalla community in the years ahead.

In recent weeks many people’s lives have been affected by the loss of work in the community. One positive way of supporting and helping people will take place on Friday, May 13 at Uni SA Campus, Nicolson Avenue from 9:30 to 12:30 & 2pm to 5pm. This will take the form of “A COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXPO” for people made recently redundant, those worried about being made redundant or those wanting to know what help is available. Many of our local agencies have made themselves available. During the day there will be Free Financial Resilience Information Sessions, a session on Loss & Grief and another on Building Personal Resilience. These sessions are being offered in the morning and afternoon. We thank the many agencies who are supporting and involved in this important day.

This term I look forward to working with the families of children who will be preparing for their First Eucharist. On Sunday the families attend one of the Parish Masses to enrol in this Sacrament. On Tuesday evening May 10 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church at 7pm the Parents and Students attend an information session and the student workbooks are given out so that families can support the children at home. We ask you to pray for these children and their families this month as they prepare for First Eucharist that will take place on the weekend of May 28 & 29 at the Parish Mass of their choice. May this be a special time for the children and their families.

After the 7pm and 8:30am Masses this weekend at St Teresa’s Church we have a Mother’s Day fundraiser for Good Samaritan Inn – Come along as you may like to purchase a cake, biscuits, slices, chutney, flowers, pot plants etc. – if you wish to donate something towards the stall that would be also appreciated. There are many lovely prizes to be won in the raffle.

This Saturday at the Hospital grounds at 2pm the Palliative Care Memorial Service will take place. This is an opportunity for families to pray for and remember loved ones who have died during the last year and to share afternoon tea.

Let us pray and give thanks for our Mothers this Sunday for the special place they have in our homes.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
FOR THE PARISH TEAM
Religious Dimension

Christ is truly human and truly God.
In his human nature Christ is not now on earth;
but in his divinity, majesty grace, and Spirit
he is not absent from us for a moment.

Ascension of the Lord
On Good Friday we commemorate the death of Christ
which was followed on Easter Sunday with the resurrection
of Jesus. This great feast celebrates the triumph of light
over dark, of life over death and of good over evil. These
are all dramatic images that give us hope and faith in our
own lives. The message of Easter invites us to live with
love and peace in our hearts and bring about life affirming
change.

The story of the Resurrection continues this week with
the Ascension of Jesus. Jesus didn’t rise from the dead
simply to be with his disciples and friends. He returned
for everyone, so things had to change. Jesus left his friends
to be with God and this is what we know as the ascension.

Jesus came for all people in every place and at every time.
His gift to us as Jesus ascends into heaven is the Gift of the
Holy Spirit.

The ascension of Jesus forms a central part of our faith as
Catholics and this is reflected in the Apostles Creed which
is prayed each week at Mass.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven
and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose
again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in
the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion
of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

College News

Good Samaritan Inn Fundraisers
The Good Samaritan Inn has been operating out of
the old Good Sam convent since September 2015,
and provides a nutritious and hot meal for families
and individuals every Monday evening. To help fund
this important venture we are holding two fundraisers
in the next week:

1. A number of mother’s day stalls (cakes, relishes,
jams, plants) this Saturday evening and Sunday
morning at St Teresa’s church (May 7 and 8).
Donations of cakes, biscuits, crafts, plants,
flowers etc. will be greatly appreciated. These
can be dropped off to St Teresa’s (8 Nicolson
Avenue).

2. A Mother’s Day raffle – 5 hampers to be won.
Tickets are on sale at the stalls and from the front
office of Saint John’s Campus. The raffle will be
drawn after this Sunday’s morning Mass (May 8).

Winter Blanket Appeal
Donations of wool and blankets have been coming
in and our resident knitters are slowly but surely
amassing squares that will be sewn together into
blankets for Vinnies. Please continue to drop off
your donations to the front office of Saint John’s
Campus.

Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES (SECONDARY)
ANZAC Day

As ANZAC Day fell in the recent school holidays we now take this opportunity as a college community to pray for the fallen and for a future of peace. We commemorate this special event so we remember the sacrifices of the past in the hope we do not forget them and endure the same sacrifices in the future. ‘Lest we forget’.

The primary campuses gathered today to celebrate those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their fellow human beings, in all wars and especially at Gallipoli. Saint John’s Campus will do the same on Monday, May 9.

Interest in ANZAC Day has been renewed in our youngest Australians as they endeavour to understand the greatest giving of oneself. This is certainly the case at Samaritan College with the reverence of students at these assemblies and their participation in the Whyalla ANZAC Day march. Thank you to those students who represented the college with such pride on this special day. The secondary campus will gather next Monday to commemorate ANZAC Day.

Patrons Day

Patrons Day is a celebration of our Catholic Identity and a celebration of who we are as a Catholic School in Whyalla. On this day we offer prayers to our Patrons who are; Our Lady Help of Christians, Saint Therese (Teresa) of Lisieux, Saint John the Evangelist and Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. In the Catholic Tradition, we celebrate the Saints because they are examples of how Christ calls us to live. When we pray to the Saints, in their humanity, they offer us hope, inspiration and help when we are in need.

Both the primary and secondary campuses will celebrate Patrons Day in the coming weeks.

The secondary campus will celebrate Patrons Day on Friday, May 20 at Saint John’s Campus.

This year the Year 6 and 7 students will attend the Secondary Patrons Day as part of their transition for 2017.

The Primary Campus will celebrate Patrons Day on Thursday, May 26 at OLHC Campus.

Bernie Meixner
APRIM

Primary Campus News

OLHCC: Our Lady Help of Christians Campus
STC: St Teresa’s Campus

Welcome to Samaritan

Welcome back everyone! I especially welcome any new students and their families to our Samaritan College community. This term we will see a few staff changes at St Teresa’s campus. This week we farewell Mrs Kristy O Keefe who begins maternity leave. We thank Kristy for her contribution to our Samaritan College community and for the positive influence she has had on many of our students and families. We wish Kristy and Justin all the best as they prepare for the birth of their first child.

We welcome back Kristin Davies who will teach the Reception/Year 1 class with Mrs Kimberly Owens. We also welcome Mrs Kylie Fechner who will take on the Digital Technologies role and Mrs Stacey Raymond who will cover the reading support role whilst Ruth Donnellan is on long service leave this term.

Samaritan College

Primary Campus Open Night

Tuesday, May 17
4-6pm

Come and have a casual look around the school!
All classrooms open to see.
Enrolment information available.
Sausage Sizzle and drinks available for purchase.

FAITH
WISDOM
COMPASSION
NAPLAN

As NAPLAN approach it is important to keep the testing in perspective. These literacy and numeracy tests are designed to reflect the everyday curriculum taught in the classroom so no specific study is required in the lead-up to the tests. We understand that the best way to prepare our students for NAPLAN is to maintain quality teaching and learning programs as well as providing time for familiarisation with the test format.

This may look like practising multiple choice questions or writing silently for forty five minutes. Our Year 3 students, who will be experiencing NAPLAN for the first time, may have brought home practice questions. Please be assured that the purpose of this is to further support the familiarisation process.

I encourage you to maintain a calm, low key approach at home. It is a good idea to talk about the tests with your children explaining that they are ‘to see how they are going in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy’ and that they are not a ‘pass fail test.’ With school and home working together, children should have a healthy interest in the tests without feeling overly concerned about them.

If you would like your child to be exempt from one or more parts of the test please contact the front office at either campus for an exemption form. This form must be completed, signed and returned to the office by Week 2. Children who are absent on a test day will have the opportunity to complete the missed test on the Friday.

Before and After School Care

Towards the end of last term there had been a significant increase in the number of students arriving at school before 8:30am. Please be reminded that children are supervised in the yard from 8:30am. Students arriving before this time are required to remain at the gates at OLHCC or sit outside the office area at STC.

For the safety of all our students I urge you to consider what time your child/children are dropped off. Similarly for those children who walk or ride to school please be mindful of what time they are leaving home.

For your information staff are on duty after school until 3:30pm. Children still in the school grounds without parent supervision after this time, will be directed to the front office. Your cooperation regarding this matter is appreciated.

Primary Campuses Open Night

As part of Catholic Education Week celebrations, both primary campuses will be hosting an “Open Night” on Tuesday, May 17 to celebrate the learning taking place in our College. Both campuses will be open from 4pm-6pm to accommodate parents’ work hours. This is a fabulous opportunity for all to see first-hand the successes of students across your campus. Students are not required to stay for this event but are encouraged to accompany their families and act as tour guides on the night. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available on the night.

Class Mass

On Thursday, May 19 (Week 3) Year 1/2 Helmers and 1/2 Smith will be celebrating Mass at OLHC Church at 9:00am. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend Mass and the morning tea after.

Secondary Patrons Day

This year students in both Years 6 and 7 will also celebrate our patrons on Friday, May 20 at the secondary campus Patrons Day. Information regarding this day will be sent home in the coming weeks.

After School Footy

Parents, families and friends are welcome to the 2016 “Samariclash” where the Year 6 and Year 7 students from our respective campuses will play off in the opening round of the After School Footy competition. Come along to the Town School oval on Wednesday, May 18 at 4:00pm to witness the battle of the campuses. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for purchase.

SRC Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

On the last Thursday of Term 1, the SRC students with the assistance of Dale Raymond, Jenna Edwards and Rudell Helmers held a Sausage Sizzle to raise money for Project Compassion. Thank you to our families for supporting this event and to the numerous parent helpers who gave up their time to assist in the cooking and serving on the day. It was great to see our school community working in partnership to assist those in need.
Crows Visit

At the end of last term we were fortunate to have the Adelaide Crows community team visit and present the “Growing with Gratitude” program. With strong links to the Australian Health and Physical Education curriculum, this program aims to improve the mental health, thoughts and habits of children by promoting kindness, mindfulness, and happiness.

The program focuses on the “5 habits of happiness” which are:
- An Attitude of Gratitude
- Random Acts of kindness
- Positive Reflection
- Being a Wellbeing Warrior
- Operation Home service

The children thoroughly enjoyed the presentation, enthusiastically participating and encouraging all participants.

Lou Whitehouse
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PRIMARY)

Book Sale.....Book Sale.....Book Sale

What: OLHC Easy Fiction (Picture Book) Book Sale
When: Tuesday, May 17, 4-6pm (Open Night) and Wednesday, May 18, 8:30am – 4pm, Week 3 - Catholic Education Week
Where: OLHC Library
Cost: 50c a book

100’s of culled library books. All money raised will go to Samaritan College Charities.

All Welcome, hope to see you there!

Diana Jeffery, Helen Shepherd, Ruth Gardiner
OLHCC LIBRARY

Week 3 – STC Library Monster Bookfair!

From Tuesday to Thursday, May 17 to 19, the STC Library will be open before school, at recess, lunch and after school for families and students to come to the Library and have a look at the MONSTER Book Fair. We will also be open during the Open Night Tuesday, May 17 for parents to have a look at the whole school, and spend more time looking at the Book Fair.

During the week there will be great crafty lunch time activities, photo opportunities in the Monster’s Mouth, and lots of excitement!

Last year’s Book Fair was so well supported and successful we raised a total of $1400 in Scholastic rewards. The Rewards dollars were used to purchase Readers and Resources for students.

Please support our MONSTER BOOK FAIR in Week 3, and join the fun!! Everyone welcome.

Tania Taylor
LIBRARY MANAGER

Andrew Chinn

Singer and songwriter Andrew Chinn visited the primary campuses on Monday, May 2 and performed many of his songs with our students. Many of Andrew’s songs are used in class liturgies and at Mass. His interaction with the children made his performance engaging and captured the imagination of everyone who attended. His songs remind us of the love which God has for everyone and creation and that we are called to show love and care for everyone.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION
Welcome Back

If is fantastic to be back at school and to see so many young people engaging in their learning in a positive and vibrant manner. Term 2 is traditionally the time when the secondary campus has its principal tours and opens the doors for perspective families. This year we are taking a different approach to the Open Night, returning to a practice whereby parents of existing students can come to the school and see the work that has been done throughout the different subjects. We truly hope that, on June 9, parents and family member are able to come in and celebrate our student’s successes.

Change to timetables

With the pressure of SACE, face-to-face instruction time is crucial to our senior students. Throughout an academic year time is lost due to long weekends and other whole school events. At Samaritan we try and balance out the lost time for each of our individual classes by holding catch-up days. Next Wednesday, May 11, we will have our first catch-up Friday A. If your child usually has a double PE lesson on Friday then they will need to wear their PE uniforms on Wednesday. Those students who would normally have PE on Wednesday would not be wearing their PE uniforms. Parent support in helping children adhere to the Uniform Policy is greatly appreciated.

Patrons Day

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It has come to my attention that there are a number of students who are driving to and from school who have yet to officially notify the College of their intentions to drive. In accordance with the College policy on Student Drivers, only those who have sought permission will be able to use their vehicles for the purpose of attending school excursions. I encourage all students currently driving to school to ensure that they have completed the necessary permission forms, available from our website.

Year 9 Integrated Salt Marsh Study

During the next few weeks the Year 9 students are going to be engaged in a study of the unique Salt Marsh that is part of the Whyalla environment. This week the students will have a presentation from Greg Kerr who is a specialist in saltmarsh ecology. Then after the NAPLAN there is to be a field trip to a site where students will study the unique ecological system within this environment. The concept has been driven by Mrs Lydia Line who has encouraged all of the core faculties to create different tasks that will supplement this project.

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John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Work Experience Information Evening

Tuesday May 10

Year 10 and 11 parents are warmly invited to attend a Work Experience Information Evening in the Lecture Theatres starting at 6:00pm. Topics covered include:
• Work Experience dates for 2016
• Changes to the Work Experience Guidelines for 2016
• Risk management processes
• Workplace Agreement forms

Please come to find out how your son or daughter can get the most out of their week of Work Experience.

Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Baked Potatoes

Baked Potatoes will be available by lunch order only every Thursday during Terms 2 and 3. Baked Potatoes are $5.00 which includes 3 toppings of your choice. Extra toppings can be ordered for 20 cents each. Toppings include sour cream, coleslaw, cheese, chicken, beetroot, ham and pineapple.

Carolyn Goldsworthy
CANTEEN MANAGER
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.

Community News

“Want to Know What is Available To Help?"

"Worried About Being Made Redundant?"

"Recently redundant?"

Community Information Expo

Bought to you by

Beyond Bank

Come to the marquee in front of AROMA Cafe and get your Free Cappuccino, Hot Chocolate or Latte!

Come and ask us any question

Friday 13th May 2016

Uni SA Campus, Nicolson Avenue

9.30am to 12.30pm & 2pm to 5pm

Career Employment Group

Country & Outback Health

Housing SA

Centrelink

Beyond Bank

Centacare Country SA

TAFE SA

University of South Australia

Free Financial Resilience Information Session
10.30am to 11.00am
2.00pm to 2.30pm
No Bookings Required

Free Loss & Grief Information Session
9.45am to 10.15 am
3.45pm to 4.15pm
No Bookings Required

Free Building Personal Resilience Information Session
11.15am to 11.45am
3.00pm to 3.30pm
No Bookings Required

No help required at OLHCC. Thank you for your assistance.