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Holy God, at the dawn of time you fashioned the world and set it on its course. In the fullness of time your Son took flesh and sowed the seeds of a new order, and day by day your Spirit works to bring to birth your realm of mercy, justice and peace. We pray for the women and men who have offered themselves as candidates for public office. May those who are elected set their hearts always on honourable service and the common good. Bless all who are elected to serve the nation; may the wisdom and courage of the Holy Spirit guide them to govern for the good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Above are sections from a ‘Prayer for the Election’ from our Diocesan website. For the full prayer, please visit the link below. We have sent home in previous newsletters, information regarding the election and what the various parties intend to do if elected, especially in the realm of education. The National Catholic Education Commission has compiled much of this information for parents to view and discern: http://www.ncec.catholic.edu.au/news-events/media-releases.

I have also made the point that as a Catholic school it is more than simply voting for more money. The Catholic Bishops of Australia have released a statement called a Vote for the Voiceless. This can be found here: http://www.pp.catholic.org.au/news-events. This is far more than simply a statement about refugees. This includes the elderly, those with mental illness, the poor, addicts, those yet to be born and so on. Please allocate some time to read this statement.

Semester

Halfway through the school year already. I am not normally one to say things like ‘this year has gone so quickly’ or ‘it will be Christmas before you know it’, but I can see where people are coming from when they do make statements like those. We are formally in Semester 2 now. For primary students that means very little but for secondary students, all of them have at least one new subject and teacher. For Year 12s, however, the time is getting nigh. After the break, only one term left of formal lessons!
Patrons Day

We finally got to celebrate and acknowledge this special day today. Whilst some other important events were added to this celebration, we do take very seriously, in Catholic schools, any opportunity to acknowledge those saints and other committed people who did what they did that meant we now have a Catholic school here in Whyalla. It is so important we acknowledge and celebrate these patrons and not just use their name for teams on Sports Day.

Parents & Friends

An important date to note is July 4. Whilst our Parents & Friends Committee has always existed, it has taken on many forms in recent years. It still raises money, helps students and staff travelling to represent the college at religious events, purchased a wide range of items over the years including refrigerated drink fountains, shade sails, fridges and signs and provided opportunities for parents to interact socially whilst supporting the college at various events i.e. Whyalla Show stall. Monday evening will see the ‘new’ P&F form with the traditional format being reinvigorated. So if you can spare some time Monday night, we would love to see you. Please refer to the advert in this newsletter for more details.

School Performance Report

Every year, all Australian schools are required to report to their school community on a range of predetermined parameters. Our report is available here http://www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/__files/f/5931/Annual%20Report%202015.pdf or hard copies are available at any of our front offices.

Congratulations

Mrs Carly Murphy and her husband Zac welcomed their first child, a sweet little girl Ellie Kate, on Friday, June 24. We wish them all the best as they settle into life as a family of three.

Parish News

The last school newsletter for Term 2! Where has the time gone?

Last Saturday I attended the Youth Hope concert organised by the Filipino community. The items in the concert were presented by the Filipino Children Dancers, the band Santa Fe, as well as a couple of individual singers. The youth, and Bernadette and Rose, are to be congratulated for the planning and organisation of such a happy event. Proceeds from the concert will be distributed between St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast day celebrations and the Good Sam Inn. Well done everyone.

Fr Harold is now on annual leave visiting his family in the Philippines. His excitement level has been building as the time for his departure came closer. Fr Jim will be travelling to Manila next week to attend the Ordination into Priesthood of Ramel Morales. People may remember Ramel from his time on placement in Whyalla two years ago.

There are a couple of Parish events during the school holidays that people may like to attend. On Tuesday, July 5 the Parish Social lunch is being held at the Sundowner Hotel. The meals are very reasonably priced in comfortable surrounds, we adults do not have to prepare the meal and do dishes (bliss) and there are people to meet and talk to. Bring all your family and invite your friends. Please ring the Parish office (8645 8023) by Friday to let us know how many will be attending for booking purposes.

The other event is the Anointing Mass and luncheon for those people who cannot normally attend Mass due to infirmity. Again, this is a social occasion for those who tend to be housebound. If you know anyone who would like to attend, or if you are willing to help with the transportation, please let the Parish office know. This would be a wonderful opportunity for your child or children to be involved, enabling them to understand further the work of the parish in our community.

On behalf of the parish team may I wish all the students and teachers a relaxing holiday and safe travelling for those leaving Whyalla during this time.

Mrs Julie Andriessen
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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Religious Dimension

NAIDOC WEEK

July 3 this year is the beginning of NAIDOC Week. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. As a college we join with all Australians to celebrate the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

The theme of NAIDOC Week this year is ‘Songlines’. There is lots of literature about on songlines and their importance to Aboriginal people. Songlines help people to navigate vast distances and to find food and water. The songlines also have cultural meaning and help keep laws.

Traditional Aboriginal people regard all land as sacred, and the songs must be continually sung to keep the land ‘alive’.

Keeping the traditions of Aboriginal people ‘alive’ is a most important aspect of their culture. We must remember that Dreaming stories are not ‘parked’ in ancient history. The dreaming stories are living stories that give meaning and identity to indigenous people of today.

Each time we come together as a college community we recognise the importance of the land and traditions of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters with an Acknowledgement of Country. This statement has been developed with the help of Bungala Elders and we proudly use this statement to recognise the importance of the Aboriginal people of our area.

This is the Acknowledgement of Country used by our college.

Together as a community, we would like to acknowledge that this land we meet on today is the traditional lands of the Barngarla people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with the country. We also acknowledge the Barngarla people as the custodians of the Whyalla region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Barngarla people today.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

College News

The uniform shop sells stockings $5.00, thick trip tights $9.00, school scarves $7.00 and rain jackets $29.00 or larger sizes $35.00.

Parents & Friends Re-Launch

In line with the college’s strategic plan for 2015 to 2017 the Parents & Friends committee is looking to re-invigorate itself. Some of the core roles of the P&F Committee are:

• to gather together groups to assist in student events
• to be a forum where parents can air their views, concerns and ideas with other parents and the college leadership
• to raise funds to provide special material support for college developments
• to offer practical assistance to students and/or staff who excel in sporting, artistic, academic or community activities at district, regional, state, national and international level

We would love to have some new members join us: our first meeting will be on Monday, July 4 at 7:00pm in the Saint John’s Campus staff room. If you cannot attend this meeting but would love to be involved please let me know via email: maresa.lyons@samaritan.catholic.edu.au or by calling 8645 8568 during office hours.

June 30, 2016
It is hard to believe that we are half way through another school year. This semester has certainly flown by and I take this opportunity to congratulate the students on the efforts in all curriculum areas and for the positive choices they have made throughout both terms. I also thank our staff for their ongoing commitment in educating the students and supporting the development of them as individuals.

Mid-Year Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Tuesday, July 5. Whilst these reports are written for the parent they do provide lots of feedback and suggestions for the students too. I encourage you to talk with your child about their successes, challenges and areas of future growth.

Congratulations to the students who will receive a Principal’s Award for their academic achievement and/or consistent attendance. The efforts of students who received 4 or more A grades and/or who had 5 or less days absent will be recognised.

Primary Disco - Tonight

We are looking forward to seeing many students at the Primary Disco tonight from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Samaritan Hall at Saint John’s Campus.

Parents are welcome to come along and stay around as chaperones, particularly for the younger children. Parking on Norrie Avenue is preferred.

Parents are reminded to please come to the glass doors of the hall when collecting and dropping off children. Students will not be allowed to meet their family at the gate.

Nationally Consistent Collection Of Data On School Students With Disability (NCCD)

On our website in the newsletter section is a fact sheet for parents/carers provided by the Department of Education. If you require a printed copy of this insert please ask at one of our front offices.

This year our school will continue with the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Starting in 2015, all government and non-government schools in Australia were required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. The Data Collection will provide all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with nationally consistent information about the number of school students with disability and the level of adjustment being made to enable the students to access and participate on the same basis as their peers.

Students’ personal details will be de-identified in the data collection and aggregated information will be provided to Catholic Education SA who will further de-identify and aggregate the data before providing the data to the Department of Education. Data collected from schools in 2016 will not be made publically available.

Parents/carers can decide whether they want their child’s information to be included in the Data Collection. Please notify me (Principal: info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au) if this is your decision by Wednesday, July 6. There are no consequences for not participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data.

NAIDOC Week
In Week 10 all classes will celebrate their ATSI Ed learning journey so far this year by displaying students’ work in the library at each campus. Liturgies will also be held at each campus to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Year 6/7 Smith will lead the Liturgy at STC on Wednesday, July 6 at 9am. Year 2/3 Bell will lead the Liturgy on Thursday, Week 10, July 7 at 12:30pm. On the Monday of NAIDOC Week a group of ATSI students will represent Samaritan College at the NAIDOC Week walk and awards presentation. Families are encouraged to view the displays in the libraries and as always, welcome to attend the Liturgies.

The Narrabeen Man
By Paige Rowlands
Stabbing
Jabbing
Searching
Digging.
This was a big stabbing, jabbing crime.
Narrabeen man searching, digging time.

Ancient Narrabeen
By Maya Perone
As
Time flows
Land changes
Rock, sand and dirt
While water rises land disguises bones.
In the distance the sun shines while nothing
Is suspected,
The bones are
On the
Move.

SAPSASA Hockey
Congratulations to the Samaritan students representing Whyalla at SAPSASA Hockey last week. The Girls’ team worked together and proved to be a strong Division 1 side. Every game was highly competitive with close wins, losses and draws. The girls enjoyed an entertaining final game, played in muddy and wet conditions after a week of rain. We thank Mrs Kerri Smith for taking on the coaching role for the Girls’ team this year.

Congratulations also to the Boys’ team. They walked away from the wet and windy week undefeated and overall winners in Division 2. The boys dominated most of their games with their skilled play and teamwork.
SaPSASA Soccer

Congratulations to Maya Perone who last week represented the Lower Eyre Peninsula in the SAPSASA Girls Soccer competition in Adelaide. The team had a successful competition winning 3 games and losing 2. Maya is to be congratulated on scoring 12 goals over the week. Well done Maya!

Adidas Fun Run

Students are eagerly awaiting the fun run and a range of physical activities as a culmination of the Adidas Fun Run fundraiser in Week 10. The OLHC fun run will be held on Wednesday, July 6 and the STC Fun run will be held on Thursday, July 7. A note providing details has gone home with today's newsletter. We thank Mr Peter Usher for all his efforts in coordinating the event, and the primary House Captains who will assist on the day.

Families please be reminded that fundraising forms and orders need to be returned by Thursday, Week 10.

Lou Whitehouse
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PRIMARY)

Confirmation

Children who are preparing for Confirmation next term will receive a letter from the parish during the school holidays or early next term. If you have changed address recently please inform the parish so your letter is sent to the correct address.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday, September 16. You will receive a timeline soon which will have other important dates in the sacramental program.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

Guidera Cup Coloured Clothes Day

The Term 2 results are in! Many of our students have been earning points towards the Guidera Cup through their effort and participation. This term's winners will celebrate with a coloured clothes day on Tuesday of Week 10 (July 5).

Congratulations to ....Benedict! Well done Benedict, enjoy your coloured clothes day!

Rebecca Sinclair
RE/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

Community Outreach

During Term 2 Religious Education lessons, students in Year 6/7 classes have been learning about Global Citizenship and what it means to be a positive Global Citizen. As a culmination of the learning that has happened and to put what has been learnt into action, students in Year 6/7 Edwards and Year 6/7 Hall have worked in groups to come up with community outreach projects. Each group chose a different project in order to help a different part of the community.

On Thursday, July 7 (Week 10), some of these community projects will be put into action. Starting at 2:00pm, in the Arts Courtyard and bitumen areas at OLHCC, there will be a bake sale, where there will be baked goods and sweets for sale. Any donations of baked goods for the sale would be greatly appreciated. There will also be a free carwash for parents and community members who would like their car washed. Both of these initiatives are student organised and run, with teacher support. They will both conclude at 3:45pm.

Nikki Hall
**Primary Band**

On Wednesday, Week 10 (July 6) the Principiante and Advanzato Primary Bands will be holding their first concert of the year. It is at 5:30pm in the Vessey Unit at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus. Students are required to arrive at 5:00pm to help set up the stage area. All family and friends of the band members are welcome to attend to help celebrate their achievements. We hope to see you there!

*Julia Anttila*

MUSIC TEACHER

**Numeracy**

Numeracy in the primary classrooms at Samaritan College has a focus on engagement, increasing the fluency of students basic number facts, the development of problem solving skills, as well as building students ability to reason and explain their thinking through a range of hands-on, relevant inquiry based tasks.

Over the course of Semester 1, students from Reception to Year 7 have worked on a range of fun, engaging tasks, that not only build on their understanding of curriculum content and outcomes, but the development of skills that allow them to problem solve, reason and work collaboratively.

It is clear to see, through student responses to why they enjoy Maths, that not only is there rich learning happening in primary Maths lessons, but the students are highly engaged and enjoying what they are doing.

*Nikki Hall*

NUMERACY COORDINATOR R-7

“We enjoy Maths because it is fun to work with other people to solve problems. We also get to use lots of hands on equipment”

*Amali Kaesler and Maddy Boundy*

“I love Maths! Did you know Maths is everywhere in our day? ”

*Curtis (R/1 Harris/Judd)*

“I love Maths because once you learn something, you can always use it in your everyday life”

*Michael Kurniawan*

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**Deadly Australians**

Students on the primary campuses participated in the Deadly Australians interactive show last Friday. This educational program teaches children about the dangers of venomous wildlife that inhabit our backyards, beaches, bush and sea.

Six fun facts from the Year 4/5/6s in Foran and Free

1. Long neck turtles breathe through their bottoms.
2. The venom of one blue ring octopus can kill 10 people.
3. If you are bitten by a snake, bandage the area, apply ice and go to hospital.
4. The neck of a Long Neck Turtle is about 8-10 cm long.
5. It has been 64 years since a red back spider killed a person.
6. Dr Saul Wiener a refugee from Germany, developed the red back spider anti venom and has saved over 200,000 lives
School Sports
As a college we try to give students opportunities to be involved in school sports. The students really appreciate the chance to be involved in a sports carnival and we are always proud of the manner in which they conduct themselves. Volunteers are an important part of these sports carnivals and crucial if the college is to continue providing the variety to the students.

Pupil Free Days
The entire college staff will be involved in professional learning on Friday, July 8. As such the students will not be required to come to school making Thursday the last day of the term with a normal finishing time of 3:25pm.

Similarly on the first day of next term the staff are required to undertake further training, so the third term will only commence on Tuesday, July 26.

Year 12 Trial Exams and Work Completions
At the start of Term 3 the Year 12 students will sit their trial exams. These are a very important aspect of the year, as they provide information to both the student and teacher as to the individuals strengths and weaknesses. Students should use this information to form part of the discussion around their revision plan in preparation for the end of the year. Likewise teachers can gauge how well topics have been covered by the entire class and make accommodations in their planning. Examination schedules will be distributed to all students this week.

As examinations do not feature in all the subjects, others may require the students to attend school for a work completion. These are provided as an opportunity for individuals to discuss their assignment work with teachers, get feedback and seek to improve on the results.

Student attendance is compulsory at all examinations and work completions for their subjects. Attendance at school is not necessary outside of these times, however, students are welcome to remain at school to continue their studies.

Year 10 Work Experience and Murray Venture
As most parents of our Year 10 students should now be aware Term 3 has a number of different programs occurring in the first three weeks. The boys start the term with a week of Murray Venture whilst the girls are undertaking some work experience. Everyone returns to school in Week 2 and subjects continue as normal. Then in Week 3 the boys and girls repeat the program of Week 1 but do the opposite activity.

Both the Murray Venture and the Work Experience are excellent ways for the students to discover more about themselves. The Murray Venture tests their ability to cope in a physically stressful environment where they are required to work together as a team. The work experience puts them in an unfamiliar environment where they need to communicate with adults to complete different tasks as required.
Education Nights

It is during Term 3 that we start to plan what subjects we are going to be able to offer as electives to our students. There are two factors that influence what options we run, first and foremost the number of students who wish to undertake the subject and then whether we can find a teacher with the skill set to deliver the course. Our education evenings are important as it is here that parents and students will hear of the school and curriculum requirements for the next year. Please save the following dates if they are relevant to your child:

- Current Year 10s – Wednesday, August 3
- Current Year 11s – Wednesday, August 10
- Current Year 9s – Wednesday, August 17
- Current Year 8s – Wednesday, August 24

NAPLAN Online

The college has been asked to assist in the testing of a new platform that will deliver NAPLAN tests online. This trial will involve students from Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Whilst the data that is being collected during this trial is not aimed to assess the students ability, it is important that the students try their very best because the data will determine the suitability of the questions being asked for each year level.

Uniform

With the change of the semester and our timetables the days that your child may have been allowed to wear their PE uniform may also have changed. Students should only be wearing their PE uniform on the days where they have a double lesson and a previously arranged single lesson. Could you please review your child's timetable with them and discuss what days they should be wearing their PE uniform. If there is some uncertainty please contact the PE teachers through your child's diary. Your support is appreciated in this matter.

Reports

Secondary reports are scheduled to go out on Wednesday, July 6. Parents who have concerns regarding the progress of a child are encouraged to contact the teachers concerned and arrange an interview.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company Visits Samaritan College

On Friday, June 24, Samaritan Hall Gym was transformed into the streets of “Fair Verona” as the Year 9 and 10 English students and Year 12 English Studies students were treated to a performance of Romeo and Juliet by the Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company. The sixty minute abridged version of the play allowed students to fully comprehend the true meaning behind the famous lines. Mitchell Schwerdt was amazed at “how funny the first part of the play actually was”, while Olivia Andon appreciated the opportunity to ask the performers about their craft.

This event concludes a series of live performances organised by the English Faculty this semester as part of a broader focus on incorporating theatre into the curriculum. Please see page 10 for photos.

Natalie Maddern
ENGLISH COORDINATOR

Year 8 SRC

Last Tuesday the Year 8 SRC members ran a soccer competition for their year level. The game started and ended during lunch and all the students who played cooperated in getting the equipment and putting it away. They played fairly and accepted everyone. The famed kicked off with 8 Blue and 8 Gold, closely followed by another round including 8 Blue and 8 Red. Some of the star players included Bailey Biedenweg, Blessing Nyambi, Mikayla Herbert and Kaito Mills. The players not only played fairly but also enthusiastically and they were dedicated to their team. The game finished with a 3-nil win to 8 Gold.

Maria Alboino and Cailin Crowe

Year 11 Work Experience

This week most of our Year 11 students have been out in the community as part of our annual Work Experience program. This provides students with an opportunity to explore possible careers and to see what it is like to work “in the real world”. The feedback from the employers who generously agreed to take on students during this week was nothing but positive – comments like “shows initiative”, “asks the right questions” “polite and punctual” and “always does as he’s asked” were common and a delight to hear. Samaritan College is thankful to the various businesses and individuals who helped to provide this wonderful learning opportunity to our students. Please see page 10 for photos.

Year 11 Workplace Practices

As part of their Semester 1 students were required to attend weekly work experience. The boys initially found it a struggle to balance their work commitments with their school work, but they generally used their study time well to stay on top of their academic demands. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following local businesses for providing our boys with practical experiences in real-life work settings:

- See Us Maintenance Services
- Great Solutions Delivered
- Aquest Electrical
- Quantum Refrigeration and Airconditioning Services
- Steve White Builders
- RH Automotive
Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience forms were due back to caregroup teachers on Friday 24th June (last Friday). Students who are struggling to find suitable venues are urged to seek assistance from family, friend and of course their teachers as soon as possible so placements can be finalized before the school holidays.

Vocational Education Courses

This semester we have students beginning three vocational education courses – hairdressing, electrotechnology and Autodesk Maya Certified User. SAMARITAN College has always been a keen advocate of VET and currently have students doing Certificates II and III in a range of areas including Kitchen Operations, Carpentry, Child Studies and Aged Care. These courses can serve as appropriate entrees into further study at TAFE and, in some circumstances can contribute to a student’s university entrance score. We are presently examining other VET offerings for 2017, including Certificates I and II in Construction. More information regarding these possibilities will be given at the Term 3 Education Evenings.

Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
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."

Thinking about a career in health?

FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES BY PARTICIPATING IN A HEALTH ACADEMY

The University of South Australia Department of Rural Health and The University of Adelaide Rural Clinical School invite high school students interested in pursuing a career in health to participate in a free Health Academy. Students will visit local health agencies and talk to health professionals, participate in fun hands-on skills sessions and learn about health degrees from current students.

Health Academies will be offered in the following areas:

- Nursing (including midwifery)
- Mental Health (including psychology and social work)
- Medicine, Dentistry and Oral Health
- Movement (including physiotherapy and exercise physiology)
- Life (including occupational therapy, nutrition and speech pathology)

Free sessions will be held throughout July in Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Port Pirie and Whyalla.

Registration is essential. Register at unisa.edu.au/Health/Academy or phone Hayley Colyer on 8647 6055.

Southern Cross

The Southern Cross - June 2016

may now be viewed online at www.thesoutherncross.org.au

Political Agenda

The link below is to a document which has been developed in partnership between The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities and Catholic Education SA. It summarises what our sector is calling for at the Federal and State level.


If you would like to view this document but do not have internet access please ask at your campus front office.

A link to this document is on the Samaritan facebook page.
Police are asking for assistance from the Community to report suspicious activity, to keep homes and vehicles secure. There has been a spike in residential breakins. For further information please visit https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/community-programs/home-assist.

HOME SECURITY

To reduce the opportunity for thieves to gain entry into your home, consider the following crime prevention security tips:

- Ensure appropriate keyed locks are fitted to all doors and windows.
- Even when you are outside, be sure to lock all doors and windows.
- Lock gates, garages and sheds when not in use.
- House keys, car keys and garage remote controls should be kept in a safe location. Thieves may use them to gain entry to your home or to steal your car.
- Install and activate an alarm system.
- Keep trees and bushes in front of doors and windows trimmed to avoid being used as hiding places.
- Lock all garden tools and ladders away securely so they cannot be used to break into your home.
- Don’t leave valuables in obvious places. Thieves often target jewellery in jewellery boxes on bedroom dressers and other valuables in bedside drawers and cupboards.
- Break down packaging of expensive items and place it in your bin. Don’t leave it next to your bin on the street.
- Lock your meter box to prevent thieves interfering with your power supply (contact your local electricity provider for more information).

Mark Valuable Property

- Use an engraver, ultra violet (UV) pen or microdots to mark property.
- UV pens are best used for items that cannot be engraved e.g. ceramics, antiques etc.
- Mark your valuables with your driver’s licence number, prefixed by the letter ‘S’ for South Australia e.g. S123456.
- Photograph jewellery with a ruler beside it to give an indication of the actual size.
- Record all details on a property record and keep this in a safe.