All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16

Above is a verse from the second reading from last Sunday’s Mass. The whole passage from Timothy is almost a perfect speech to what we can share with our Year 12s at their Graduation Mass in the coming weeks.

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed. 2 Timothy 3:14

Year 12s

The time is nigh for our Year 12s. At this time they are getting ready to finalise assignments and major projects and for some, only some, they are studying for upcoming exams. There is no magical ‘final day’ for Year 12 students. It all just seems to come to a gradual end depending on what subjects they choose. For some students, they may be in full time work within the next few weeks, for others it will be preparing for the move away from home in 2017.

The 2016 Samaritan Year 12s have been a very special bunch. A large cohort that have shown great maturity, mateship, respect and love for their school, their teachers and their fellow classmates. They have been very self-motivating with little or no ‘push’ needed for most of them to study during their free lessons, support college events and act as fantastic role models for the rest of the college. We have already spoken to other year levels about using the 2016 Year 12s as a model to follow when they reach Year 12.
2017

As all good schools would do, Samaritan is always looking at progressive and contemporary ways to improve the school in a wide range of areas. Change is something to be embraced and not feared nor delayed just because something was going OK. We have already mentioned in previous newsletters that we intend to move to a House Caregroup system in 2017. Essentially it means that, for the 20 minute period before school students now have in their various grades i.e. Year 9 Blue, it will now be in House Groups with students from multiple year levels i.e. 25 Rice House students from Year 10-12 will be in a caregroup together. Subject lessons are still held in their normal year levels. We will outline all the benefits of this system, already used in many colleges, in coming newsletters but we are very excited about the flow on positive aspects from having students gather from various grades within their own House.

Power Outage

A very unusual time for everyone in SA in the last week of Term 3 but especially for those on the Eyre Peninsula who endured life without electricity a little longer than the rest of the state. I would like to thank all staff, students and parents who helped to make the last two days of the term as hassle-free as it could be given the circumstances. We announced what was happening on Facebook and our College App and we felt very confident that every family received that information, even if others had to ‘pass it on’. Whilst we also have text messaging facilities, some of that service was actually impacted by the power outage. The Deputy Principals will inform parents when the parent-teacher interviews that were postponed, will be rescheduled.

Give Thanks for all Creation

Where is your favourite place in Nature?

Is it at the beach? Does the Flinders Ranges draw you to its beauty? Perhaps sitting in your backyard?

All of creation is a gift from God. Many religious traditions praise creation. Many cultures use nature as a connection with the sacred.

Catholic teaching tells us there are two books of Scripture, the bible and creation. How do we read the messages that we receive from the earth?

One message we often read is how beautiful nature is, and we marvel at the majesty, awe and wonder of creation. This is how it should be. Sometimes we forget that nature is a gift and we misuse this wonderful work of creation.

Pope Francis has called us to care for ‘Our Common Home’. This call comes from scientific evidence related to the degradation of the environment and the human cost to the poor in the world. He also reminds us that all creation is a gift from God and at the same time, all creation praises God. I find this a profound statement. When I look at the moon on a beautiful night and think it is part of creation while at the same time the moon is giving praise to God by its very existence. This idea extends to all creation, the parts we enjoy and the parts we don’t.

Last Monday the Samaritan staff engaged in a Retreat Day as part of the requirements and expectations of a Catholic school. We spent the day reflecting on and learning from each other about how we can give praise to creation. We also considered what we can do to raise the awareness of this gift with our own community. This included what practices we can employ to protect the environment. What can you do each day to give thanks to creation?

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

Psalm 148 3 - 5

Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!
Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for the Lord commanded and they were created.
Parish News

Welcome back after the holiday break. I hope it was a restful and relaxing time for your family.

On the weekend of October 2 the Parish celebrated the Feast Day of St Lorenzo Ruiz who was a Filipino martyr. This special occasion began with a procession around the College oval and then at 10:30am Mass was celebrated in the Hall by Bishop Greg and our Priests. During the Mass we were treated to wonderful music sung in English and Filipino. Prayers and some of the parts of the Mass were said in different dialects, it was very joyful. After the Mass we were treated to a delicious meal of many special dishes prepared by our Filipino parishioners. While we enjoyed lunch we were entertained with some lovely singing and dancing. It was a day of faith, fellowship and fun and a wonderful exchange of cultures. We give thanks to all who prepared the day and look forward to the 2017 Celebration.

During the holidays letters were sent out to families who have children in Year 3 inviting them to come to one of the Parish Masses this weekend to enrol for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation which will take place in November. If you did not get a letter please contact Sr Cheryle at the Parish Office 8645 8023 if you wish to enrol.

On Monday evenings we continue to serve meals at Good Sam Inn to people of all ages at the Convent next to OLHC Campus. Our numbers have grown. If you wish to join a team or help in some way please contact the parish.

We continue to pray for the people of Whyalla as there is still uncertainty in the local community as to the future of our city.

As we begin this new term let us pray for the Year 12 students who will be finishing school soon and for all students that they will make the most of the opportunities that will come their way.

May God bless your family.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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College News

Operation Christmas Child, by Samaritan's Purse.

As many of you know Samaritan College has been supporting this project for a number of years now, by filling special shoe boxes with gifts, and postage donations for needy children in countries where Christmas is something that doesn't happen for them. Most of these children have never received a Christmas gift, and never will - UNLESS someone caring from across the world gives it to them.

The caring community of Samaritan College has this year donated 76 Operation Christmas Child boxes for needy children. Last year we supplied 43, so this year's effort has been a truly outstanding and generous effort by so many. We had secondary campus classes take on the project as part of their community outreach, and junior classes who after watching a DVD of children receiving a Christmas gift for the very first time decided that they are so lucky they should give as many gifts as they can, and filled 19 boxes. And so many more.

When I took all our boxes to the collection point at the Life Unlimited Church, our stack was the biggest from all the other churches that had participated!

Thank you very much to the students, teachers and families who have helped 76 children receive a Christmas gift this year. You have made a difference in a child's life, by sharing God's love and yours.

Sincerely, thank you all.

Tania Taylor

Overdue: 2017 Student Information Forms. If you have not returned this form yet please do so promptly. Replacement forms are available on the web (forms for families), or at any campus office.
Unfortunately, accidents involving students happen. To assist parents with costs associated with accidents, we have SchoolCare insurance provided by Catholic Church Insurance Limited (CCI). SchoolCare is a student accident insurance policy, providing protection to all students attending our school.

The 24 Hours Cover includes cover for school camps, organised sporting events (including sports out of school hours organised by the school), work experience, travelling to and from school or school activities. It also includes any activity organised or authorised by the school. This includes before and after school care if organised by the school.

If you have any queries regarding this cover, please contact the CCI SchoolCare Helpline: 1300 138 498 or visit the dedicated website, www.ccinsurance.org.au/schoolcare

SCHOOL CARE ACCIDENT POLICY DETAILS
SAMARITAN COLLEGE, WHYALLA SA
POLICY NUMBER: 05 PAE 0134741

MAKE A CLAIM – You can print a claim form and the policy wording from www.ccinsurance.org.au. Your child’s school will need to endorse the claim form prior to it being submitted. You will need a Doctor or Dentist’s Certificate and copies of accounts or invoices for any claimable expenses.

CCI School Care cannot pay for any Medicare service including the Medicare Gap.

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Positions Vacant

Samaritan College offers Catholic education in a community environment for Reception to Year 12 students. Incorporating three campuses, Samaritan College endeavours to educate the whole person in faith, wisdom and compassion.

TEACHING POSITIONS

Year 11-12 ICT
With Mathematics/Science preferred.

Year 8-12

Year 11/12 English

Selection Criteria available via email and College website. Applications with names and contact details of three referees close at 4pm on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. All applications are subject to Catholic Education SA screening procedures.

Employment Duration: February 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018

Forward to:
The Principal
Samaritan College
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Email info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au
Welcome Back
A warm welcome back to all students and families from the holiday break. Term 4 is no different to any other term in that it is jam packed with creative curriculum and learning opportunities. As always please keep the communication lines open with your child’s teacher to ensure a successful final term for our students. Similarly please regularly check the newsletter, school calendar and notes for information on the many events happening this term.

To assist with forward planning I would like to bring the following dates to your attention.

OLHCC Carols Night, Wednesday, December 7
STC Family Night, Friday, December 9
Year 6 and Year 7 Activity Day Friday, December 9
Year 6 End of Primary Years dinner Monday, December 12
Year 7 End of Primary Years dinner Tuesday, December 13

Holiday Works
Wow what a difference the new asphalt makes! Over the holidays the asphalt at St Teresa’s was replaced. In the coming weeks the 2 and 4 square courts will be repainted and ready for student use. The children at St Teresa’s are also loving the upgraded basketball/netball court and are enthusiastically and respectfully enjoying the new space.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Due to the storms and resulting black out at the end of last term, many Parent/Teacher Interviews were cancelled. Information regarding the rescheduling of meetings has gone home. If you are not aware of your interview time please speak with your child’s class teacher.

Summer Uniform Transition
This term students return to their full summer uniform and of course the ‘no hat no play’ policy that has been affirmed by staff and students from the first day back. Please encourage your child to ensure their named hat is packed on a daily basis as it is a duty of care for our staff to ensure they sit out in the shade if their hat is not on hand.

Adelaide Catholic Schools Choir
It was with great disappointment that we received the news of the cancellation of the Adelaide Catholic Schools Choir performance at the end of last term. We acknowledge the commitment and dedication of the students who participated in weekly practices in preparation for the performance. Thank you to Melinda Peat and Winnie Fitzgerald for their efforts throughout the year in preparing the students and during the difficult weather conditions in Adelaide.

Bachelor of Business (Whyalla)
The University of South Australia is pleased to announce a new Bachelor of Business (Whyalla) Program based at our Whyalla Campus commencing in March 2017. Offering a range of flexible study options with both online and on-campus study options, students can choose two of the following specialisations:

- Tourism and Events
- Sport and Recreation
- Logistics and Supply Chain
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Applications to the Bachelor of Business (Whyalla) program are administered through SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre). SATAC code for this program is 464151.

For more information on how to apply visit unisa.edu.au/apply or contact our Future Student Enquiries on 8302 2376.

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."

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Congratulations to the following Catholic Schools Choir members for 2016:

Macy Brougham
Kyla Smith
Lily Murray
Amy Custance
Tom Higgins
Ellise Hill
Sequoia Munday
Lily Sims
Finlay Watson
Trisha Aquino

Hannah Boehm-Wilson
Destinee Connors
Jaylee Daniels
Trinitie Fazah
Eloise Fisher
Layna Gill
Jemma Ross
Georgia Stamoulis
Stefeni Braid

Class Placements

We will soon commence the thorough process of structuring classes and looking at placement of students. Our teachers have an innate understanding of the students in their care and so are very well informed as to student needs and this is certainly taken into consideration.

The process of class placement is not one that requires community consultation, however, if you have any educational information that may be new to the school or which we are unaware of, please make time to see one of our primary campus leadership team members to share this information. They will then further discuss this with Damien and myself. We do not consider requests asking for a particular teacher, as this does not fit the criteria with which we place children.

Year 6 and Year 7 Transition Orientation afternoon

Year 6 and 7 Orientation afternoon will take place at our secondary campus on Friday, November 11. This Orientation afternoon will be followed by a day at the campus later in the term. Please note students will be transported to Saint John’s Campus by bus for the Transition Orientation afternoon and dismissed from there at the end of the day.

Assemblies

Tomorrow we will celebrate the learning that is taking place in R/1 DeTullio at our Our Lady Help of Christians and in Year 3/4 Murray at St Teresa’s Campus. Please feel free to come and celebrate the learning that these classes will be sharing.

R/1 De Tullio 12:30pm Friday, October 21, OLHCC in the Church
Year 3/4 Murray 2:45pm Friday, October 21, STC under the Shelter Shed

World Teacher’s Day

On Friday, October 28 Australia celebrates World Teacher’s Day. This is an opportunity to recognise the efforts of educators.

Take this opportunity to thank our teaching and support staff for their ongoing commitment to education. Not only do they work tirelessly in class, your children are often their last thought at night and first thought in the morning.

Liturgies

On Thursday, October 27 Year 3/4 Baverstock will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word in the Library at 9:00am. The children are invited to bring something to share for morning tea after. Parents are most welcome to come and pray with us at this liturgy.

Year 1/2 Smith will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word on Thursday, October 27 in the OLHC Church. This liturgy will begin at 12:30pm. Parents are most welcome to come and pray with us at this liturgy.

Lou Whitehouse
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PRIMARY)

STC Used Library Book Sale

We have had a tidy up in the STC Library and have many books no longer suitable for Library use, but that will make great additions to a home Library.

There are fiction, non-fiction and readers available.

All books – any size – 50 cents each.
Proceeds to local charity.

Please come for a browse next week on Tuesday, October 25, Wednesday, October 26, including lunch time and after school, and lunch time Thursday, October 27.

Tania Taylor
STC LIBRARY MANAGER
It is good to be back for the final term for 2016. As teachers we encourage our students to strive to achieve their best in what they do at school. For some students their best doesn't translate to an ‘A’ grade in their report but as teachers if we have seen marked improvement in the work that each child is producing we appreciate the effort that they have continued to make.

Assembly
Today we held an assembly to recognise some of the works that students have been involved in around the College. For a number of weeks last term a group of devoted individuals have been assisting with the landscaping around the newly installed cricket nets. Our thanks to Jarrod Cust, Byron Todd, Andrew Turnbull, James Lockwood, Declan Lyon, Connor McQuarrie, Mikayla Herbert and Kieran Traum for devoting time to the completion of the project.

Prize Night
At the end of this term we publicly acknowledge students, at our prize night, who have achieved excellence within their subjects, or class, as well as those who have continually striven to achieve their best in everything that they have done. I encourage all of our students to continue applying themselves to every task set before them and to seek ways to improve themselves.

Staff Retreat
On Monday the staff gathered at the Whyalla Golf Course to reflect on the impact that we, mankind, are having on the environment. It was an excellent opportunity for individuals to share aspects of themselves and how their experiences have impacted upon their classroom practices. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to listen to and talk with staff from both the primary and secondary campuses.

Uniform transition
Students may continue to wear the winter uniform, if they choose, during Weeks 1 and 2 of this term after which it is anticipated that the temperature variations will be less severe and everyone will then wear the summer uniform. Any further changes to this will be communicated via either the College Facebook page or the Skoolbag app.

Hats
Students have been reminded that they must bring their hats to school this term. Parents are asked to help support the College in providing a SunSmart education for their children through the provision of a school hat. Hats which have been lost, have no name, are often placed in the canteen or library. Students without a hat should see if theirs is in either of these locations.

Year 12 Final Mass
Next Thursday, October 27 at 9:00, we are celebrating our Final Mass for the Year 12 students in Samaritan Hall. This will be an opportunity for the rest of the school to farewell the seniors and wish them the very best of luck for their final assessments. Parents are most welcome to attend.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

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No help required at OLHCC. Thank you for your assistance.
Annette Cameron, Rose Cassar and Carolyn Goldsworthy
CANTENE MANAGERS