



QUESTIONS

I asked God to take away my pain. God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. Her spirit was whole, her body was only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations. It isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others, as much as he loves me. God said... Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.
(Source Unknown)

As a parent there have been many occasions when I chose to say no to my children when they asked for things. As a child of God I know I have asked Him for many things that I thought I needed at the time. Some of those things I believed to be unselfish and for the right purpose. For whatever reasons, a lot of the time my Father God did not grant me my desire. As a parent I knew that much of what my children asked me for was not in their best interest and despite their protestations, sometimes very vocal and tearful, I held my ground.

On occasion I granted their wish just because I loved them and sometimes because it was the easy way out. I'm not a perfect parent, but God is. We may not understand why some prayers are answered and others not, but that's because we don't see the bigger picture.

There are different types of prayer of course. If we had the ability to record and categorize the many millions of prayers that are offered daily I would suggest that most of them would be prayers of supplication. In other words what can you do for me God? Instead, perhaps we could focus on other things other than our own plight and ourselves. *Ask not what your God can do for you ... but what can you do for God.* (A variation on a statement by John Kennedy.) At

the end of the day we can't really do anything for God that He can't do or hasn't done already. What we achieve through our prayerful efforts and desire is a change of our hearts.

I am not suggesting you stop asking God for things. I think it is perfectly okay to do so. What I am saying is we should be content no matter what the answer is. God is in control. He sees all, He knows all and He knows what's best.

I am sure that when I see God face to face there will be lots of answers to questions I don't understand. Until then I will trust Him and I invite you to do the same.

Andrew Clayton
Principal

College Captains 2011-12

I am delighted to announce that the College Captains for 2011-12 are Corinne Hamdorf and Joel Morley. Vice Captains will be Ester Odi, Courtney Kordahi, Bethany Hawkins and Christie-Ann Daly. Mr Clayton, Mr Stapleton, Mrs West and I were impressed and delighted by the calibre of these students as revealed in their applications and interviews. They are dedicated and faith-filled. I invite your prayers for this group as they step into these important student leadership roles at the end of this term, and then on into next year.

Ian Bartsch
Deputy Principal



L-R: Ester, Christie-Ann, Corinne, Joel, Bethany, Courtney

Last day of Term 3

Friday 30th September – early dismissal: 2pm

Term 4 – begins Monday 17th October

WE ARE HOLDING A CLOTHES SWAP!



Southern Vales Christian College has two teams involved with the **Cancer Council Relay for Life**. All money raised will aid the Cancer Council. This money goes towards research and support services for cancer patients and their families.

WHEN: Saturday, 24th September
1:00pm - 4:30pm

WHERE: SVCC Aldinga Campus
Gymnasium

WHO: Friends, family or anyone who has clothes they would like to swap

HOW IT WORKS: Bring along any unwanted clothing, shoes, bags, jewellery, etc. to donate (must be clean and in good repair).

Pay a \$5.00 admission fee to enter the gymnasium then place your items on the appropriate table.

Start your swapping! Your \$5.00 fee allows you to take home as many items as you have contributed. Additional items will cost you \$2.00 each when you exit, so bring your loose change.

Parents @ Prayer

Parents are invited to join the following prayer groups:

Aldinga

Wednesday 8:45 - 9:30

(See staff at front desk for location)

Contact: Helen Tyler - 0414 967 052

Morphett Vale

Fridays 8.45 - 9.15 OSHC Room (B2)

Contact: Robyn Hamdorf - 0417 084 561

'Uniform Store

The College Uniform Store is located at Morphett Vale Campus.

The present opening times are:

Mondays 9:00am to 11:00am;
2:30pm to 4:30pm

Thursdays 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Please refer to the College Website for the 2011 price list:
www.svcc.sa.edu.au/enrolment/uniform

Coles and Woolworths docketts

If you shop at **Coles** or **Woolworths**, keep your docketts and bring them into the front offices of either Campus. The College has registered for both programs – **Woolworths Earn and Learn** and **Coles Sports for Schools**.

Aldinga Assemblies

The following students received certificates at recent Aldinga assemblies:

Week 7

Trey Hofstee; Jacinta Fuss; Sean Dunn;
Chloe Smith; Keaton McGreevy;
Aimee McGreevy; Izzy McGreevy

Week 8

Chloe Smith; Kitty Upton;
Domenico Strangio

Bush Bash success!

The Bush Bash held on Saturday 17th Sept as a fundraising event for the students from Aldinga campus going on the Indonesian Mission and Cultural Awareness trip in March next year was a great night.

Thanks to all who came along to support the event and a big thank you to all those who helped with organising the night. It is a great encouragement to all those going on the Indonesian Trip to have the support of family, friends and school community.

Thank you

Onkaparinga Youth Services Aldinga Holiday activities

PLAY WITH CLAY

Come learn new skills and create a unique masterpiece with clay.

WHEN: Friday October 7th 10-12pm

WHERE: Aldinga "VOLT" Youth Centre
Aldinga Central Shopping Centre, Pridham Boulevard, Aldinga Beach

COST: \$10 per person

AGE: 8-14 year olds

For further information and to register call Aldinga VOLT Youth Centre on 8557 7555

FREE CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

Are you lacking inspiration? Have you always wanted to finish that story? This workshop will give you the confidence and motivation to put pen to paper and help you get one step closer to achieving your goal.

WHERE: Aldinga "VOLT" Youth Centre
Aldinga Central Shopping Centre,
Pridham Boulevard Aldinga Beach

WHEN: Wednesday 5th October 3-4pm

Suitable for young people 15-18 years.

For further information and to register your attendance call Aldinga VOLT Youth Centre on 8557 7555.

BEGINNER'S DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Learn to play the hand drum in a small group. Get the rhythm in a fun team situation.

WHERE: Aldinga VOLT Youth Centre
Aldinga Central Shopping Centre,
Pridham Boulevard, Aldinga Beach

WHEN: 1:30-3pm Wednesday October 12th 2011

For further information or to register your attendance call Aldinga VOLT Youth Centre on 8557 7555

**13-16 YEAR OLDS
\$10 PER PERSON**

Onkaparinga Youth Services Reynella Holiday activities

COME 'N' TRY ... DRAMA

Ever wondered what they do in Drama? Come along to our drama workshop, a taste test of all things drama. Designed for people aged 8—12, and facilitated by an experienced drama teacher.

What will we be trying?

- Games;
- team work;
- imagination
- Improvisation;
- voice;
- movement

WHERE: Onkaparinga Youth Services
Reynella
10 Main South Road, Reynella
(Fast Food Corner behind Dominoes)

WHEN: Monday 10th October
10am-12 noon

COST: \$5 per person.
Bookings essential.

For information or to register – please call Maggie on 8387 5577 or email: mgasiorek@southernjunction.org.au

Can:Do 4 Kids

Can:Do 4 Kids Speech Pathology service is running an information session for parents who are interested in learning more about **auditory processing disorder**. The session will cover the identification, assessment and treatment of APD and the impact APD has on student's ability to listen and learn in the classroom. The information session will be run at our Hove office and **bookings are essential**.

Where: Townsend House
28 King George Avenue Hove
Time: 4pm to 5.30pm
Date: Tuesday, October 11th
Cost: \$15 per family
(price includes a free APD resource booklet valued at \$20)

Contact: Genevieve on 8298 0901 or genevieve.white@cando4kids.com.au

Cooking for Cancer - Mini Chefs

(see story on Page 4)

A huge thank you to Sharon McGowan (mum of Lucy in Reception) for initiating and running this program (see back page). God bless you Sharon for giving up many hours in planning, seeking sponsors, developing the program and providing our junior students with a fun and educational extra-curricula activity this term. Our College thrives on volunteer commitments like this.

Also, a very special thank you goes to all the sponsors, who very generously donated goods and/or money for the program. Please support them if you have opportunity to do so.

MAJOR SPONSORS:

(who donated over \$100 of goods)
Superior Meats (Southgate Plaza);
Adelaide Fresh Fruiterers (Morphett Vale)

OTHER SPONSORS:

Mitre 10 Handy (Happy Valley);
Happy Valley Chopping Block;
Woodcroft Village Meats;
Ned's Emporium (Southgate Plaza);
Paragon Fitness (Happy Valley);
Baldock Earthmoving (Normanville)

Aldinga Father's Day Stall Thank you

A very big THANK YOU to all those who generously donated gifts to the Father's Day stall which was held on Friday 2nd. We had a great selection for the children to choose from! We trust that all the Fathers

had a lovely Father's Day and enjoyed the gift that was chosen for them.

We raised \$271.00 from the stall. Thank you also to all those who helped set up and run the stall.

Maths Website

A REALLY good website for when you are working with your child in Maths:
<http://amathsdictionaryforkids.com/dictionary.html>

Pedestrian Crossing on Morphett Vale campus

All drivers entering the Campus at Morphett Vale are asked to be aware of the pedestrian crossing near the Admin block from the College to the Church.

Although it is not signed, the roadway is very clearly marked and we ask that all pedestrians (adult or child) be given right of way. Thank you for driving safely.

Kid's Week

Aldinga Bay Baptist Church in conjunction with OAC Ministries is once again hosting Kid's Week during the holidays.

Where? Aldinga Community Centre, Stewart Ave, Aldinga Beach
When? 4th - 7th October
Time? 9.30-am -12.00pm
Who? Children ages 4-12yrs
Cost? Free

For more information please contact the church office 8856 5570 or www.aldingabaybaptist.org.au

Calendar Dates



Week 10

Sep 26	8.55am MV R-12 Assembly - College Captain and Vice-Captain induction
Sep 28	8:55am MV Middle Sc. Assembly
Sep 28	MV Yr 9 Science Exc'n
Sep 28	Yr 11 Hospitality visits to eating places
Sep 29-30	Year 2 Camp
Sep 30	9:00am Aldinga Assembly

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Term 4 - Week 1

Oct 18	ALD Yr 9-10 Home Ec visit to sewing sanctuary
Oct 20	M/VALE Yr 8 Vaccinations
Oct 21	9:00am Aldinga Assembly
Oct 21	M/VALE Spanish Fiesta Day
Oct 21	2:45pm M/Vale Primary Assembly

Family members are welcome to attend our assemblies and times of worship

SVCC @ Prayer

- For a **safe and refreshing holiday break** for all staff, students and their families.
- **Thank you Lord for Emily**, for who she was, and for the gift she has been to us.
- **Emily's Dad, Mum, Grandparents** and their families as they mourn.
- The drought crisis in **East Africa**
- **Brian Barker** (Wendy Slape's dad) - suffering with terminal brain cancer - his wife Sylvia and their family.
- The **Horton family** - following the sudden death of their mother.
- **Andy and Sharon** Clayton as they prepare to move to Canberra; Andy as he finishes at SVCC.
- **MVBC and SVCC Boards** as they begin the search for a replacement for Andy.

- **John Jansen** - recovering from surgery; and John's wife Cathryn, and their boys James, Michael and David.
- **Sandra Scott** in her new role with Christian Schools Australia.
- **Skye Whitfield** (parent) – having radiotherapy and chemotherapy.
- **Jenny Holmes** (parent) – having radiotherapy and chemotherapy.
- **All those in the community who are suffering in any way.**
- Those people in **our nation** still reeling from the effects of floods and fires.
- The Nation and people of **Japan**.
- The people of the **Middle East** in the midst of political turmoil.
- The people of **New Zealand** - affected again by earthquake



This term a program for 'budding MINI CHEFS' was held at the Morphet Vale campus as a fundraiser for the Cancer Council. Groups of R-2 students were involved in learning to cook various recipes with healthy ingredients. They had the opportunity to



explore kitchen delights they may not ordinarily come across. They made sweet and savoury dukkah, churned cream into butter, smelled and tasted a range of fresh herbs and spices, and learned to identify a range of nuts by taste and sight.

Thank you also to the parents and family members who assisted with the cooking each week, as well as several Year 9 and 10 students. Without your help this program could not have happened. Thank you also to Penny Hayman who helped get this program off the ground with all of the logistics necessary for such a big venture!

All in all it was a hugely successful and fun program, with about \$1000 being raised for the Cancer Council. There was lots of positive feedback from both the kids and their parents. Some of the children are pictured above in their custom printed 'Cooking 4 Cancer: MINICHEF' aprons!

Year 10 PLP Survival Camp

Early on Monday morning 29th August, 53 students from both campuses, 3 staff and 8 volunteers travelled to Kangaroo Island via coach and ferry for the Year 10 PLP Survival Camp. The campsite was located in the heart of the island, near Parndana, on a 270 acre property.

All students were responsible for arranging their own 'accommodation' – either tents or swags. Food was prepared by Mrs Virginia Dolphin and her trustee helpers, while the students enjoyed cooked breakfasts, lunches, sumptuous evening meals including a full roast dinner. I have never known a camp where students have been



fed to such a high standard.

Each day work groups were allocated tasks, such as fire wood collection, food preparation and dishes.

We spent the 5 days living as a community, enjoying each other's company around the camp fire and visiting the main attractions on Kangaroo Island: Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch, Vivonne Bay, Little Sahara and Stokes Bay. Other activities included surfing & fishing, sand boarding/dune jumping, swimming and climbing, bushwalking, whittling sticks, or honing their survival skills by learning to build shelters and fight fires.

Each student participated in an overnight solo. This involved building a shelter in the bush using several tarps and string and spending the night out on their own a good distance away from the nearest person. Many students were apprehensive about this activity, but took up the challenge and discovered it to be very rewarding and a good time of reflection.

The camp is about students learning to get out of their comfort zones, persevering when times are difficult, and doing things that they wouldn't normally do (like not wash for a week!).

Each evening was spent around the camp fire with devotions led by Pastor Andrew Downes of Aldinga Bay Baptist Church. The theme for the week came from Genesis 1-3: God's creation and the fall. Students listened attentively and were challenged and encouraged in their faith. These were great times of discussion, prayer and personal evaluation. Each night concluded with a night walk or games and then some more time round the fire (and marshmallows).

We were blessed with great weather, which helped to make the camp a great success. Students behaved well and worked really well together, forming good relationships. They were a credit to themselves and the College.

Special mention must go to the volunteers. Without them the camp could not have functioned – their experience and individual skills were invaluable. Thanks Greg, Jim, Kath, Greg, Andrew, Steph, Stewart, Peno (the bus driver)! And last but not least thank you to Gerry Worden, who makes it all happen.

Steve Proctor – Outdoor Ed Faculty