

Term 1 Week 3

15 February 2024

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16

- Little Stars, 9:00am - 10:30am at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus
- Leadership Assembly at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus, 2:45pm

MONDAY FEBRUARY 26

- Life Education presentation, Year 8

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27

- Life Education presentations for Years 7, 9, 10 & 11

MARCH 11

- Public holiday

MARCH 13 - 25

- NAPLAN

MARCH 18 - 20

- Year 12 Retreat
- Year 7 camp group 1

MARCH 20 - 22

- Year 7 camp group 2

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Uniform Shop

Toal Street, Whyalla Stuart
 Telephone (08) 8649 3168
 Wednesday 8:00 - 10:00am
 Thursday 1:00 - 4:30pm

Key Points

- Welcome to Father Sijo Joseph
- Secondary Sports Day Date Change
- Staff Formation Days
- 2024 School Card
- Student Leadership Assemblies
- Shrove Tuesday
- Soccer Clinics
- Parent Forms
- SEQTA Engage
- Start to the Year
- COVID
- Uniform
- Sports News
- School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)

Prepare us for tomorrow. Tasting the fullness of what we have today, let us experience some hunger tomorrow. May our fasting make us more alert and may it heighten our consciousness so that we might be ready to hear your Word and respond to your call. (this is an excerpt from Praying Lent by Andy Alexander, SJ, and Maureen McCann Waldron.)



Yesterday marked the start of Lent, when we commemorated Ash Wednesday. The phases of the moon determines when Easter is each year and then Ash Wednesday is 46 days before Easter (the 40 days of Lent is minus the Sundays). The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own mortality and calls us to repentance and is a time to take stock of our spiritual lives.

We are very proud of our college community for the way they 'embrace' Lent, whether it be the reverence shown at all Ash Wednesday Liturgies held across the three campuses or the donations for eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday; to the way the students take on the responsibility of helping those less fortunate than themselves through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion's work. The students also understand and act out their awareness that their work for Project Compassion is more than simply placing coins in a box. The teachable moments for promoting social action during Lent are quite significant.

Welcome to Father Sijo Joseph

Fr Sijo is replacing Fr Brian while Fr Brian is in the Vatican City for a conference and then on some well deserved leave. Fr Sijo comes from the St Mark's Cathedral

Damien
 Damien Judd

PRINCIPAL

Parish in Port Pirie where he is the Assistant Priest and he was also a school principal for quite a while in India. We were blessed to have Fr Sijo celebrate our Opening College Mass last week and he will be around for a few more weeks yet.

Secondary Sports Day Date Change

We have had to move our Secondary Sports Day from its original dates of March 14 and 15. We had 'missed' the fact that it coincided with NAPLAN. Stay tuned for the new dates!

Staff Formation Days

Each year the college commits to a range of staff formation/training days i.e. student free days. These are done in accordance with the Enterprise Agreement for staff which requires some training to be done in 'school' time. Some schools have regular early finishes i.e. every second Tuesday at 2pm and some, like us, utilise the whole day closure of the school.

These are our dates for 2024: Monday April 29 (first day of Term 2), Friday June 7 (June long weekend), Monday July 22 (first day of Term 3) and December 11-13 (last 3 days of Term 4). A reminder that our Staff Training Day on the first day of this term was a once-off.

Yesterday was also **Valentine's Day or Saint Valentine's Day**. Despite the strong link to romance, chocolates, hearts, roses etc, Saint Valentine was actually a true Saint who was a priest in the early days of Christianity when it was highly dangerous to be Christian and consequently, he was killed for his beliefs and actions. Although his feast day is not on the Catholic calendar anymore, he is not only the Patron Saint to couples but also to beekeepers and fainting. Quite an interesting combination!

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

The Samaritan Way

"For all Future Generations"

This week we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

Lent lasts for forty days beginning on Ash Wednesday and finishing on Holy Thursday. The ashes we receive on our foreheads at our Ash Wednesday Liturgies, reminds us to turn back to God who is full of tenderness and compassion.

As we begin our Lenten journey, we are called to reflect on our thoughts and actions. Christ invites us to renew ourselves through a transformation of our hearts.

During Lent we are asked to pray, fast, and give alms. The virtues of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are at the heart of our Lenten experience. Through prayer we are drawn closer to God so that we are better able to realise our baptismal promise to live justly as Jesus teaches us. Fasting joins us in solidarity with the poor who often have no choice but to live without basic essentials. Almsgiving or giving to others, is a sign of our commitment to justice as we are called to acts of service.

Caritas Australia, brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity. Each Lent, Caritas launches its Project Compassion appeal - a practical way of bringing to life our campaign of Christian service. Here at Samaritan, we have a beautiful tradition of donating to Project Compassion, showing empathy for those who do not have what we have.

This year's theme 'For All Future Generations' reminds us that the good that we do today will impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and for the future.

Project Compassion 2024 Prayer

*God of all hope,
We pray for our World with all its beauty and need.
We thank you for the love in our lives that is
A mirror of your unending love.*

*May all creation know your compassion this Lent
And may we take courage to share it, especially with
those who don't have what they need.*

*In our time, we hear the words you spoke to Moses:
'I will be with you', when you ask us to do courageous
things.*

*Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving,
Move us to act in the company of your Spirit,
Showing compassion and acting for justice
To renew the face of the Earth,
Now and for all future generations*

*We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.*

*Rebecca Sinclair
APRIM*

Deputy News

The LifeSkillsGO curriculum is well underway at our **primary** campuses. The focus this term is on identifying, communicating and managing emotions, beginning with Calm/Nervous and Happy/Angry.

Other lessons include practicing mindfulness in the classroom which has benefits such as relaxing the body and mind, reducing worries and stress, building resilience, and helping children to focus on the present moment.

At **secondary** we have again chosen to partner with Resilient Youth Australia who have surveyed more than 350,000 Australian school students aged 8-18 over recent years.

We will administer the 2024 Youth Survey this year online in class time in early April. Students typically take 20-25 minutes to complete the survey.

The data from the survey will be reported in aggregate descriptive form only, by year level and gender, and no individual student responses can be identified.

The Resilient Youth Survey is completely voluntary and anonymous. It collects the self-reported resilience and wellbeing of students and will provide valuable information to assist us to create and maintain the best culture of wellbeing and resilience that we can. The resulting data is invaluable to us as leaders and educators.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation in this survey project, please contact me at the college.

Brett Czechowski
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

College News

2024 School Card

Families are encouraged to apply online by using the QR code or via website link

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

Paper copies are still available in the Front Office at each campus if required.

- ✓ Apply online
- ✓ family income less than \$70,994 (one child) to \$74,798 (four children)
- ✓ families eligible for 75% fee remission



<https://www.facebook.com/samcolwhyalla/>

Primary Campus News

Student Leadership Assemblies

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected into leadership positions at our Primary campuses!

The St Teresa's Campus Assembly was held on Tuesday morning and the Our Lady Help of Christians Campus Assembly will be held on Friday afternoon at 2:45pm.

St Teresa's Campus Representatives	
Rec Davies/Judd	Carter Buhlmann Poppy Jaritz
Rec Raymond/Judd	Sonny Golding Marlie Atkinson
Rec Harris	Densey Cosgrove Connor Spikin
1/2 Fechner	Bonnie Brown Tobin Smith
1/2 Murray	Rinn Owens Cooper Hewett
1/2 Robinson	Griffin Quist Chloe Laube
3/4 Foran	Brax Smith Zara Hook-Phillis
3/4 Gould	Olli Morgan Scarlett Brewer
5/6 Foran	Lara Giddings Fletcher Travers
5/6 Ness	Hareish Arun Evelyn Watson
Mullu Mullu Gulya Leaders	
Joe Richards-Cowan	Kailem Miller
Lily Weetra	

Our Lady Help of Christians Campus Representatives	
Rec Molyneux	LaDanian Jackson Keira Mobbs
Rec Warren	Curtis Calgaret Savannah Calverley
1/2 Connor	Zavier Robertson Ysabella Almoete
1/2 Marschall	Milan Stoilkovic Evie Leech
3/4 Mayne	Madden Usher Tara Mackenzie
3/4 Shiell	Hugo Wiercinski Raezzielle Williams
5/6 Arcobelli/James	Russell Abdulla Haleigh Giumelli-Brown
5/6 Marinkovich	Liam Patel Taylor McInerney
Mullu Mullu Gulya Leaders	
Nataliah Benbolt	Russell Abdulla

S-Squad - St Teresa's Campus			
Imogen-Lee Warren	Emmett Hocking	Xander Robson	Amelia Harris
Laci Harradine	Parker Skepper	Lacey Boston	Darcey Young
Aleira Newiss	Kai Looyestyn	Arthur Hocking	Naya Baulderstone
Jasper Perry	Lily Watt	Layla Hocking	Jude Mayes
Jensen Cosgrove	Grace Carter	Braxton Jeromin	Fletcher Owens
Tristan Knight	Indiah Perry		

HOUSE LEADERS				
	St Teresa's Campus		Our Lady Help of Christians Campus	
BENEDICT	Millah Molyneux	Braxton Brewer	Tate Oberthur	Raennielle Williams
MACKILLOP	Harry Morton	Fletcher Travers	Hunter Roberts	Addison Pedley
RICE	Taylor Hewett	Fletcher Owens	Lucy Thiele	Saije Coleman

Shrove Tuesday

Pancakes and smiles on a Tuesday can only mean one thing.....Shrove Tuesday!

Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day is traditionally a day we prepare for the season of Lent. Lent is a time of fasting and reflection in the lead up to Easter.

Huge thank you to our helpers – especially our ESO staff and House Captains!

Soccer Clinics

Thanks to Luke Marinkovich from the FFSA who ran clinics with students from both campuses over the last week. Luke handed out a form for coaching clinics and camps which should be in your child's schoolbag. Please bring these back if you are interested in your child participating in these activities.

Parent Forms

Just a gentle reminder to return any outstanding medical or consent forms that would have been handed out at the beginning of the year – please also remember to contact the front office if you have changed any contact information recently.

SEQTA Engage

SEQTA engage is now live, this will be the main platform for all communication regarding events and assessments, and reporting. If you have had trouble accessing SEQTA engage, please contact your child's teacher.

Matt Quist & Gareth Molyneux
HEAD OF PRIMARY CAMPUSES

Shrove Tuesday



Secondary Campus News

Secondary attendance hotline: 0473 989 587 - TEXT messages only, *otherwise please phone 8645 8568.*

Please follow up phone calls with a note to the caregroup teacher.

Start to the Year

Our first two weeks of the academic year have been busy, to say the least, but such is the nature of Samaritan that there always seems to be something on. As I mentioned in our first newsletter, our Achievement Assembly was held in week one, and last week our campus had the pleasure of hosting our Opening School Mass. It is an amazing sight to see every Samaritan student assembled on the grandstand and oval, and it always amazes me how smoothly things run - as you can appreciate, having 800 or so staff and students receive communion or a blessing has the potential to go awry! I was particularly struck this year by the number of parents and caregivers who attended, and their presence was greatly appreciated.

This week we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, which also heralded the start of our major fundraiser for the year - Project Compassion. The previous day our senior SRC coordinated Shrove Tuesday activities which included egg and spoon races on the oval. Tuesday also saw our Year 8s attend workshops run by the Sammy D Foundation which aims to educate young people about the consequences of violence and encourages them to work towards a violence-free future. In Week 5 our students will attend Life Education presentations on a variety of age-appropriate topics such as cyber-safety and smoking (including vaping).

COVID

Recently I have had queries from staff and parents about COVID, in particular whether staff or students who test positive can come on site. The short answer is . . . it depends. A person who has symptoms, such as a sore throat, coughing or sneezing, should remain at home until they test negative or symptoms cease. A person who has no symptoms is permitted on campus but should wear a mask to prevent inadvertently infecting others. I respectfully ask families and students (and staff, for that matter!) to adhere to these expectations to minimise the risk to other members of the school community.

Uniform

As the weather starts to warm up and temperature hit the mid thirties and beyond, I am often asked by students and staff whether students can wear their PE uniform as part of our 'hot weather policy'. The short answer is no. Students are permitted to wear

their PE uniform when they have double PE lessons and expected to wear their formal uniform on other days. The reason for this is simple - all classrooms, including Home Ec, the Library, Tech Studies, Art and the computer room - are air conditioned, so there is no benefit to be derived by wearing PE clothes.

The Library is always open during recess and lunch and on days deemed too hot to allow students on the oval and basketball courts additional classrooms are opened to provide respite from the heat. We appreciate parent and caregiver support in this regard.

Tanya Gibson
HEAD OF CAMPUS

Sports News

Samaritan College students continue to perform well in their chosen sports. Please see below names of students who have been selected for teams and/or have won awards at recent events.

Congratulations to Sophie McGregor and Xavier Wright who have been selected to represent Eyre Peninsula in the EP and Upper Northern Secondary Schools Swimming Team.

The students below recently competed for Whyalla Steelers at the Annual McLeod Toyota Whyalla Basketball Carnival and won the following awards:

Nate Jonker - Carnival MVP
Sienna Phillips - Carnival MVP
Harper Anderson - Grand Final MVP
Ryder MacDonald - Carnival MVP
Ruben Wescombe - Grand Final MVP

Well done to Libby Smith, Kane Azzopardi, Ben Kade and Reuben Pickering who competed at the State Titles for Cycling. See below for results:

Libby Smith

- Silver Points Race
- Bronze (Kerrin)

Kane Azzopardi

- Bronze (Kerrin)

Ben Kade

- Bronze (Kerrin)

Hayden Phillips recently won 3 state shooting titles in Adelaide. He has also qualified to represent South Australia junior team at the National Carnival in Wagga Wagga later in the year.



Samaritan College is so proud of all our students and their achievements.

If students have recently been awarded something or have been selected into a higher level sporting team, please let us know about it and email Sport Coordinator Mr Sheedy – sean.sheedy@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

Sean Sheedy
SPORT COORDINATOR

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."

School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)

No NBN at your House?

To boost education opportunities and narrow the digital divide, up to 30,000 eligible families without home internet can apply to access a free National Broadband Network (NBN) service. A family can nominate to receive a free service up to 31 December 2024. This free service will continue until 31 December 2025 for all existing and new families. Families can directly contact the National Referral Centre to have the eligibility assessed or be referred by a participating nominating organisation.

To be eligible, a family must:

- Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school.
- Have no active broadband service over the NBN network.
- Live in a premise where they can access a standard NBN service.
- Not have had an active NBN service during the previous 14 days.

To check eligibility, follow these simple steps.

- Contact the National Referral Centre, operated by Anglicare Victoria, on 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT), www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet
- The National Referral Centre team will help assess eligibility for the SSBI, by checking applicants' details including applicants residential address and current financial situation.
- If eligible, a voucher will be issued to be redeemed at any of the participating SSBI retail service providers. The National Referral Centre will also be available to assist with contacting your SSBI retail service provider of choice and providing follow-up support.
- If you believe you have a student/s who may benefit from this initiative, you will find additional information at www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI.



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A FREE PARENT/CARERS EDUCATION COURSE AT

ON Gabmididi Manoo Children and Family Centre (corner Clutterbuck Street & Hincks Avenue, Whyalla Norrie South Australia 5608)

Thursday's March 28th, April 4th & April 11th

AT 12:00pm - 2:00pm

PARENTS/CARERS WILL LEARN

- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- Choosing strategies - the 3 choices model
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- Strategies for encouraging good behaviour

PARENTS/CARERS RECEIVE

- A workbook to apply the concepts learnt to their families
- A certificate of completion

This course is being facilitated by a Parentshop licensed practitioner | www.parentshop.com.au

WHO IS RUNNING THE COURSE?

The course facilitators are:

Kirsty & Wenona

OTHER DETAILS

Light refreshments will be provided

(please advise of any dietary requirements before hand)

TO REGISTER

For any queries or to register please contact the Mission Australia Whyalla Office via:

Phone: (08) 8645 6900

Email: adminwhyalla@missionaustralia.com.au



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**SUNDAY 25
FEBRUARY, 2024
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North Adelaide Football Club
FOOTY CLINIC
AT PT AUGUSTA



Thanks to

Beyond Bank
AUSTRALIA

Our Senior Players are returning to Pt Augusta to run a full squad community clinic!

Venue: Central Oval – 10 Augusta Tce, Pt Augusta, 5700

Date: Sunday 25th February, 2024 | Time: 9:30am start

Ages: 5 - 13

*PLEASE REGISTER VIA
THE QR CODE TO
SECURE YOUR SPOT*





Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2024 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to notify you that we have requested for your child's school to provide residential address and other information.

Under the Australian Education Regulations 2023, the school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- names and residential addresses of the student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- student residential address (**excluding student names**)
- whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

The school collects the above information by generating a **unique and unidentifiable** student reference number (SRN) for each student record. The school only uses the SRN for this collection. **The SRN cannot be used for any other purpose.** The number only indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected is used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data to calculate a non-government school community's anticipated capacity to contribute to schooling costs.

In 2020, the department introduced a new measure of capacity to contribute: the Direct Measure of Income (DMI). The DMI is based on the median income of non-government school students' parents or guardians using the collection data. For more information see [Direct Measure of Income \(DMI\) Methodology](#).

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (the Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with the Privacy Act, the *Australian Education Act 2013* and Australian Education Regulations 2023.

Your personal information provided to the department through the collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Find more information about MADIP on the ABS website [MADIP page](#)
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may audit a school's collection submission. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the student enrolment information. The contracted auditor will not use the information for any other purpose

- disclosed to our service providers for the purpose of providing the department with information and communications technology support
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

Find the department's privacy policy on the [Department of Education](#) website which includes information on:

- how individuals can access and modify personal information held by the department
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The current version is available on the [2018 Student Residential Address Collection: Additional Required information Privacy Impact Assessment web page](#).

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the department with the requested details; however, you can contact the school to update your family's details.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).