

Term 1 Week 9

28 March 2024

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY MARCH 28

- Holy Thursday, school finishes 12:30pm
- Offices close 1pm

TUESDAY APRIL 2

- Saint John's Centre, Official Opening and Blessing

THURSDAY APRIL 4

- Half day Sports Day at Saint John's Campus

FRIDAY APRIL 5

- Secondary Sports Day at Jubilee Park

FRIDAY APRIL 12

- Last day of term, normal end of day

MONDAY APRIL 29

- Staff Formation Day - Pupil Free Day

TUESDAY APRIL 30

- Students return for Term 2

Portals open for booking Parent/Teacher Interviews

Primary close today, March 28 at 5pm.

Secondary close Friday April 5 at 5pm.

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Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

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Saint John's Campus

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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

- Opening Ceremony
- 2025 Enrolments
- Project Compassion
- 2024-2026 Strategic Plan
- Good Sam Inn
- Chrism Mass – Port Pirie
- St Teresa's Campus Top Oval
- Adelaide Catholic Combined Schools Choir
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Uniform
- Traffic Awareness
- Mobile Phone Distractions
- Social Media
- Things that should just stay at home!

As we move through Holy Week and start the Easter Season, let us be reminded of the passion, suffering and emergent new life; a cycle of struggle we witness in nature and in humankind, over and over again.

Christ was amongst us to suffer with us in our humanity. Let us be with others too, in their suffering and in their joy as we work together to live life to the full.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24



We wish all our families a happy, holy and safe Easter.

Each campus has its own way of commemorating the events in Holy Week and in how they raise money for Project Compassion and the work of Caritas Australia. One of the messages we promote to staff and students, and now to you, is to ensure we don't get caught up with all the secular activities, gatherings, and celebrations that we miss out on the opportunity to experience the

Damien
 Damien Judd

PRINCIPAL

three days of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. For regular churchgoers these are the days which form the core of what we believe and affirm for us the extreme sacrifice by which Jesus shows the commitment of his love for us.

Easter is more than chocolate and extra days of football!!

Opening Ceremony

Once we return from the long weekend, we have the very special occasion of opening our new building at the Saint John's Campus. Whilst in use for many months now, its formal opening will take place at 10am on Easter Tuesday. A long list of special guests and previous staff of the college will attend including Bishop Karol and the Chair of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools, Mr John Neate. After the formalities of opening the building, Bishop Karol will move through the new building and bless each room and the crucifix that is in each room. There will be some parking 'challenges' that morning and all staff and students will be asked to park on the streets that morning.

2025 Enrolments

These are very much well underway with a steady stream, of families dropping in their enrolment packs and having their 'interview'. If you have friends or family thinking about joining Samaritan in 2025 (or even 2024) in any grade, please have them contact the Front Office of any campus as soon as possible. Even siblings of current students still must submit an enrolment form even though a 'spot' is reserved for your child. Current Samaritan Year 6s do not need to enrol to come to Year 7 at the Saint John's Campus – that is automatic.

Project Compassion

Thank you to those students, staff and families who donated Easter Eggs to our raffle, provided money for one of our Project Compassion fairs or simply donated privately to Caritas Australia – it is very much appreciated.

2024-2026 Strategic Plan

The Board approved Strategic Plan for 2024-2026 can be found here: <https://www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/our-college/strategic-plan> or simply ask your friendly Front Office to print you a copy.

The Samaritan Way

Lent is over and this week we celebrate Easter with the Easter Triduum.

The Easter Triduum lasting from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday evening is the highpoint of the Church's year, our most important week. The cross and the paschal candle are the central symbols of these three days. Death is conquered in new life. The darkness of the tomb is conquered by the light of Christ. Our celebration of the Easter Triduum leads us to the Resurrection of Jesus.

On Easter Sunday we hear of the women who visited the tomb of Jesus. These women had been present at the crucifixion and had observed the place where Jesus's body had been laid. It is early in the morning of a new day; they arrive to find the stone rolled away from the entrance and no one in the tomb. They are met by two men in dazzling clothes who comfort them, confirm the Resurrection, and call them to proclaim this message. These women of faith and courage then go and tell Peter and the disciples the news.

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Luke 24:5

Listening to the Gospel, we too, are witnesses to the events that happened at the tomb. We have been drawn into the early dawn hours of a new day. With the women, we have discovered the large stone has been rolled away. We have received the news to rejoice at the Resurrection of Jesus and to go and tell others. Finally, we understand the amazement of the women. Finally, we understand that what Jesus did on the cross for us was meant to take the unforgiveable and make it forgivable. Finally, we understand God's grace, God's love for us.

We, too, stand in awe of God's presence among us in the crucified and risen Lord who goes before us. We could also take a moment to pray that we are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we rejoice in the Good News of Christ's victory over death.

Easter blessings to all our Samaritan families.

Rebecca Sinclair
APRIM

Whyalla Parish Easter Liturgies

Samaritan families are warmly invited to celebrate in the Easter liturgies held at St Teresa's Church and Our Lady Help of Christians Church over the Easter weekend

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross on Saint John's Campus oval 11am

The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church

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Easter Saturday

Vigil Mass 7:00pm St Teresa's Church

Easter Sunday

St Teresa's Church 9am

Our Lady Help of Christians Church 10:30am

Primary Campus News

Good Sam Inn

We have had many volunteers support the St Vincent De Paul's Good Sam Inn service that runs every Monday night to support our community in need, however, this week, we had a Staff Team consisting of Sophie James, Tash Free, Dale Raymond, Karen McGinnis, Olivia Marschall, Daniel Marinkovich, Sarah Sheehan and Kirsty Connor who helped prepare and distribute 128 meals! This team is back in action on of May 6 if any community members wish to help!



Chrism Mass – Port Pirie

Year 6 students Evelyn, Hunter and Lucy travelled to Port Pirie Cathedral on Wednesday of Week 8 representing Samaritan College at the diocesan Mass of Chrism.



The Chrism Mass is a special celebration held at the Cathedral in Port Pirie where the Holy Oils that are used to anoint people at their Baptism, Confirmation, when becoming a Catholic and at an Anointing of the Sick are blessed and distributed to the Parishes in our Diocese.

This is a most significant celebration for our Parish community and is central to our Catholic identity. The Mass brings together community members from around the diocese uniting them in mission and faith.

Evelyn was selected as First reader, no easy task considering the Cathedral was full with parishioners and representatives from across our vast diocese, but did so with grace and aplomb.

St Teresa's Campus Top Oval

Our freshly laid lawn on the St Teresa's Campus top oval is ready for use! Thanks to our hardworking ground staff who have maintained this area post installation and have had it ready for our students in no time! St Teresa's Campus is looking great!



Year 5/6 Football

A couple of weeks ago, some of our Year 5 and 6 students from both primary campuses represented our school at the Upper Primary Football Carnival. We even managed to win each of our games and the entire carnival. Everybody played really well and had plenty of fun throughout the day. Well done everybody!

Daniel Marinkovich.
TEACHER



Adelaide Catholic Combined Schools Choir

In Week 8 our primary campuses had their first visit from Denise (CESA Choir Leader) to work through the Adelaide Catholic Combined Schools Choir songs for this year! She was very impressed by the work we have done so far! Looking forward to putting on a great show in September. Thanks for visiting Denise!



Kieren Noonan

It was a pleasure to tour former teacher and Deputy Principal Kieren Noonan around both primary campuses during Week 8. Kieren worked at St Teresa's School and Our Lady Help of Christians School in the late 90s and early 2000s. Kieren really enjoyed his walk down memory lane.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will run in Week 10 (next week) at both campuses. Please use the following information to book in your interview time, FYI - portal/ log-in details below.

The interviews will run in a shorter, 10 minute format and you should have received information via SEQTA engage, email and a note sent home.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code>

Campus	CODE
Our Lady Help of Christians Campus	cycj9
St Teresa's Campus	jhj5

These portals close on March 28 at 5pm.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

"We started our afternoon with a 'Harmony Walk' where we all walked around the oval together, listening to some music and chasing / popping bubbles. After our walk, we broke off into our House Teams and went back to some classrooms to create some handprint artworks which will be used to create a whole-school art display which is contributed to by every student in our school. We can't wait to see the final artwork when it's complete!"

Reception Raymond/Judd and Year 5/6 Foran celebrated Harmony Day.

"We listened to the story 'I'm Australian Too' by Mem Fox with our buddies and spoke about the many cultures that are a part of Australia. We also made artworks with our buddies to celebrate Harmony Day and show that everyone belongs at Samaritan College".

Matt Quist & Gareth Molyneux
HEAD OF PRIMARY CAMPUSES



St Teresa's Campus - ARTS

"Exploring the Arts with Mrs Fitz"



Visual Art Fun painting and creating our own "Sunflowers" Changing of the seasons chat!

Responding and moving to Music and how it makes us feel.

Working Together to create and share their moving Pictures!

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.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held at the Saint John's Campus on Monday April 8 and Tuesday April 9. To facilitate this process, we will use the 'schoolinterviews' platform again. This can be accessed at <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> code. Parents need to enter the code 9haj2 to book suitable times to speak with staff. The portal is now open. The portal will close April 5 at 5:00pm.

Uniform

Term 2 has traditionally been the time students transition into their winter uniform; however, last year we allowed students to wear their summer or winter uniform at any time of the year. This change also means students can wear short-sleeve shirts with long pants. If they choose to wear a jumper, however, students must wear a long-sleeve shirt and a tie.

Traffic Awareness

As many of you can attest, traffic outside the school gets busy at the start and end of the school day. This congestion, inattentive and/ or impatient students and sometimes obscured lines of vision can make for a hazardous environment. I therefore urge everyone - parents/caregivers and students - to please pay attention to their surroundings and take care.

Mobile Phone Distractions

As a school we understand that some of our students need to have a mobile phone in the classroom – but not all of them. Does your child need to have a mobile device on them all day? Teachers can confiscate phones when they are seen, but that often creates conflict and time lost when the teacher could have been providing support to another student. In the time that it takes a teacher to secure a confiscated mobile phone at the office, usually at the end of a lesson, there have been numerous pop-up banners appear for 'Messages', 'Snap-Chat', 'House-Party', and other social media apps that students use. Consider the impact on your child's learning with all these distractions! And consider the improvement to their learning outcomes if they do not lose time in class checking and sending messages or scrolling through social media feeds. Please support us to maximise your children's learning by getting them to leave their phones at home; or, if they must bring them to school, ask them to leave their phones in their lockers.

Social Media

There is no doubt that social media can be effective communication and education tools; however, they can also be used to bully and harass, and when that happens at school, or the consequences are felt at school, teachers and the campus leadership will act. Parents can assist by alerting staff to instances of online bullying and harassment and limiting or blocking their children's access to apps that can be used to intimate. It is difficult, however, for schools to act when the bullying and harassment occurs outside of school. In such instances it could be appropriate for parents to contact the police.

Things that should just stay at home!

We list a number of items in our Parent-Student Guide (on the website) that are not permitted on campus, such as i.e. aerosols, vapes and cigarettes. But there are thousands of items that common sense tells us should not be brought to school – we cannot list them all. That said, we recognise that isn't that easy for parents to know what their children have brought to school. Some items are not illegal but just do not need to come to school. Items we have seen over the years that probably should have stayed at home include rope, pepper spray, expensive jewellery, expensive toys, valuable books, family photos, spare phones and so on. And of course anything that can be considered dangerous even if that isn't why it is in the school bag, such as Stanley knives (for after school jobs) and fish hooks. Medicines are required to be stored in the front office. Anything that can be sprayed, even if not an aerosol, can pose a risk to staff/students with breathing issues i.e. asthma.

Tanya Gibson
HEAD OF CAMPUS

Rock and Water

We are thrilled to announce that our first Focus Rock and Water group has successfully completed the course. These dedicated participants have embarked on a transformative journey, embracing the Rock and Water principles of self-awareness, self-confidence, and self-control.

Through a series of physical and mental exercises, our participants have learned valuable lessons in communication, boundary-setting, and emotional resilience. They have discovered the power of the Rock mindset (steady, strong, and calm) and the

Water mindset (adaptive, flexible, and yielding) in navigating life's challenges.

We couldn't be more proud of our graduates for their commitment and achievements throughout the program. Congratulations to all the participants – you've taken a significant step in your personal development, and we can't wait to see how you apply these lessons in your daily lives.

A big thank you to Mr Shulz who has provided instructions, support, guidance and encouragement. Your dedication to the Rock and Water philosophy has been integral to the success of this program.

Stay tuned for updates on future Rock and Water focus groups.



Kimberley Ryan
DIRECTOR OF SENIOR STUDENTS

360

Our Year 11 Essential English students enjoyed an excursion to see 360 Allstars, an urban circus extravaganza that seamlessly combines street culture, entertainment, and high-energy physical performance. This outing was an integral part of their SACE assignment.

The 360 Allstars show delivered an unforgettable experience featuring an impressive line-up of athletes, performers, and musicians. This captivating production not only provided entertainment but also valuable insights into the world of urban art, culture, and performance – a perfect opportunity for our students to broaden their horizons and enrich their studies.

We hope that our students enjoyed this unique urban circus experience and gained valuable perspectives that they can apply to their Essential English studies.

Kimberley Ryan and Jessica McKay
SENIOR ENGLISH TEACHERS



Sports News

Ben, Kane and Libby were selected to represent South Australia for track cycling from their previous results at the State Title events held over several weekends in Adelaide.

They competed at Anna Meares Velodrome at Nationals in Brisbane from 13 to 17 March 2024. The three students travelled and stayed with the SA team gaining life experiences.

Ben, Kane and Libby showed great team spirit, encouraging and supporting team mates, giving 100% in all their races and gaining lots of experience racing at this level.

Libby and Kane got PB's in all individual timed events. Ben won a Silver medal in the Team Pursuit which is a fantastic accomplishment.

Ben
<i>Silver Team Pursuit (breaking state record)</i>
<i>7th Team sprint</i>
<i>8th Individual Pursuit PB</i>
<i>Points score Final 14th</i>
<i>Scratch race 12th qualifying</i>

Kane
<i>8th Keirin</i>
<i>7th Scratch race final</i>
<i>10th Points race</i>
<i>15th 500 meter Time Trial</i>
<i>15th Sprint race</i>

Libby
<i>5th Team Sprint</i>
<i>11th Sprint race (winning the repechage race off)</i>
<i>19th 500 Time Trial</i>
<i>16th Keirin</i>
<i>competed in the 50 lap points race and 20 lap scratch race for group ride experience</i>



Congratulaitons Hayden

Hayden has just returned from the 2024 DTL National Carnival in Wagga Wagga. Finishing 10th out of 44 junior shooters in the Junior Highgun with a score of 675/725. Making the Mackintosh Junior team and shooting a score of 724/750 to finish 5th out of 67 juniors to be 2nd reserve for the Junior Australian team to compete at World Championships in Wales.

Congratulations Hayden on a massive achievement, well done!

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."

Dental Care for all children up to 18 years of age.

Your Dental Care provides a high level of specialised dental services to the pre-school and primary/high school children of Whyalla.

Kerri Morgan is the clinical Dental Therapist with 30+ years experience. She is now working full-time at Your Dental Care.

Your child may be eligible for a free dental checkup and clean under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme under Medicare. Treatment is also covered under this funding.

Private health providers are also most welcome.

For any queries or to make an appointment, please contact our friendly staff on 8649 3511.



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SATURDAY, 20TH APRIL
SWANDEL PARK
AGES 5-9, 10-16
9:30AM - 1:00PM
\$50.00

