

Term 1 Week 11

11 April 2024

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY APRIL 12

- Last day of term, 12:30pm finish

THURSDAY APRIL 25

- ANZAC Day march, 10:15am

MONDAY APRIL 29

- Staff Formation Day - Pupil Free Day

TUESDAY APRIL 30

- Students return for Term 2

MAY 7-9

- Year 11 Outdoor Education camp

MAY 13-19

- Catholic Education Week

WEDNESDAY MAY 22

- National Simultaneous Storytime

MAY 29-31

- Year 6 camp
- Stage 1 & 2 Champion Code camp

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 Wednesday 8:00 - 10:00am
 Thursday 1:00 - 4:30pm

Key Points

- ANZAC Day
- Opening Ceremony of the Saint John's Centre
- Staff Formation Day
- Reports
- Easter at Primaries!
- Term 1 Reflection
- Senior SRC
- Mobile Phones
- Indigenous Perspectives and Pride
- Sports Day Results

Monday was the Annunciation of the Lord. The Annunciation of the Lord refers to the time when the angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of the saviour. Mary was the first to hear and believe that God would do what he promised the world. This date is normally on March 25 (9 months before Christmas Day- of course). But when March 25 falls in the Easter/Holy Week time, it is moved.

*Hail Mary,
 Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.
 Amen.*

ANZAC Day

As is our tradition, students from Samaritan who serve on the SRC (plus any student who would like to) are invited to march with me and some other staff at 10:30am on ANZAC Day (second week of the term break). Meet me at 10:15am opposite the RSL building on Essington Lewis Avenue in summer/winter uniform (as per the weather on the day) to march to the cenotaph at Memorial Oval.

Opening Ceremony of the Saint John's Centre

What a grand occasion this was. Such a fine array of special guests in attendance and the return of some previous staff members and Priests and other Religious was a highlight of the morning. The reverence and respect shown by the students during the ceremony was exceptional. Please visit our Facebook page for photos.

Damien
 Damien Judd

PRINCIPAL

Staff Formation Day

A reminder that students return on Tuesday April 30. Staff will be having training on April 29 with our Learning Support Staff undergoing specialised training in the Playberry suite of Literacy programs.

Reports

For those families expecting a Mid Semester Report at this time, we remind all that our reporting system is now online and “as-we-go” reporting. This means if you visit your SEQTA page, you will see a range of entries from your child’s teachers as to their progress which should include progress grades and comments. A ‘final’ grade for each subject is produced at the end of the semester. If there is nothing provided for some subjects or classes, please contact the relevant teacher.

Have an enjoyable and safe term break.

The Samaritan Way

"Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart to recognize your presence with me and to understand the truth of your saving word. Nourish me with your life-giving word and with the bread of life." St Augustine

We have celebrated the Risen Jesus at Easter Sunday. But Easter is not over. The liturgical season of Easter lasts for fifty days ending at the feast of Pentecost. During that time, we hear about the appearances of Jesus to the disciples.

In Luke’s Gospel we find the story of the journey to Emmaus of two of Jesus’ disciples. It’s about what happened on the road or on the way or on the journey, the place where many of us spend a lot of time.

The two disciples are on a journey that took them away from Jerusalem and the events that happened there. They are moving away from the salvation that was won by Jesus at his death. All they can see is the confusion and disappointment of their failed hopes and expectations. They thought Jesus was the Messiah, the one they had waited so long for, but he died on the cross.

They did not realise that Jesus would not abandon them. They did not realise that He walked with them, alongside them explaining the scriptures to the companions. As they continued their journey the two disciples felt their hearts burn within them, they became open to hearing the truth and their doubts about Jesus became less.

The most uplifting part of the story is the meal in Emmaus where the two disciples finally come to recognize that Jesus is present with them in the blessing and breaking of the bread.

Why was it so difficult for the disciples to recognize Jesus? Jesus’ death scared the disciples and they lost their hopes and dreams. They did not understand that Jesus had risen and was with them until he actually appeared to them and gave them understanding.

Have there been times in your life when you have failed to recognize a truth or just couldn’t see something clearly? What or who helped you to open your eyes? What was your response when things became clear?

The two companions walking along the road are us. Jesus walks with us. Have your eyes been opened to who He is and what He has done for you? Can you feel His presence in your life?

We know that at Easter Jesus rose from the dead but the story of the journey to Emmaus invites us to open our eyes, recognize Jesus in unexpected moments, and experience the joy of His resurrection knowing that Jesus walks with us now and always.

Rebecca Sinclair
APRIM

Deputy News

From the Resilience Project Desk - Empathy

Working on empathy helps us to identify, understand and feel what another person is feeling. When we show empathy or we do something kind for someone else our brain releases oxytocin. This leads to increasing our self-esteem/confidence, energy levels, positivity and overall happiness.

Whole Family Activity:

Neighbourhood Kindness Challenge

As a family, choose an act of kindness from the list below that you would like to do for a neighbour or family friend. Each family member can select one to commit to, or you can choose to do one together.

- Cook them something delicious like a cake, hotbread, or cookies.
- Write a note to put in their letter box thanking them for being a great neighbour or friend.
- Design them a Thank You card.
- Pick or buy some flowers to deliver to them.
- Choose a little plant from your garden to give them.
- Make them a gift from things around your house.

- Offer to do a job for them, like wash their car or water their garden.
- Offer to take their pets for a walk.
- Invite them over for afternoon tea.
- Invite them on a walk.
- Recommend one of your favourite books to borrow and read.
- Ask them if they need anything from the shops next time you buy groceries.
- Say hello next time you see them, and ask them how their day is going.
- Feel free to do more than one and spread the kindness even further!
- Report back to each other in one week and share how your acts of kindness were received, and how doing them made you feel..

Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person thank another family member for something they've done or said today, or give another family member a compliment.

Brett Czechowski
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Primary Campus News

Year 3/4 Shiehl - Inquiry

In Inquiry Year 3/4 Shiehl have been learning about ANZAC Day and the importance of it. We read 2 stories about ANZAC soldiers. We have looked at significant symbols, particularly the poppy. We then created poppy wreaths in class.



2024 SACPSSA Swimming Carnival

On Friday March 22, Hareish and Sarveesh represented Samaritan College at the annual South Australian Catholic Primary Schools Sports Association (SACPSSA) Swimming Carnival in Clare.

Both students exemplified the spirit of sportsmanship and competed in their chosen races very well. They participated in Year 3 and Year 5 categories in freestyle, backstroke and breast stroke against other catholic primary school students from around the Mid North and Yorke Peninsula areas.

We congratulate Hareish and Sarveesh on their races and thank their parents for taking them to the carnival. We look forward to building the swimming team in 2025.



Easter at Primaries!

Reception Raymond/Judd have been participating in many different activities based around Holy Week and Easter. We learnt about the importance of Holy Week, while making palm leaves for Palm Sunday and decorating the bread and wine for Holy Thursday, the Last Supper. We learnt about Project Compassion and giving to those in need. We also had fun using our imagination and thought of different things we would do as Easter bunny.



Year 1/2 Marschall were surprised by the Easter Bunny!

The Easter Bunny had heard the good news about Room 1 and wanted to reward them...

The students went on a scavenger hunt, working on their team work!

They were lucky enough to find a basket full of eggs, books and more!



Stations of the Cross

Across both primary campuses our Year 5/6 students delivered a powerful rendition of the Stations of the Cross, sharing the Easter story with our students. We thank teachers who supported the students in delivering the liturgical event and the reverence the participants showed during their performance.



Project Compassion Fair

The Project Compassion Fair was a huge success at both campuses! A great example of our school community coming together to have fun and raise funds for Caritas Australia.



Buona Pasqua! (Happy Easter!)

This week all primary classes have been learning about the way Easter is celebrated in Italy. The 1/2 classes at the Our Lady Help of Christians Campus made 'Happy Easter' cards for important people in their lives. The cards have a picture of Uova di Pasqua - Easter Eggs.

Natasha Free

PRIMARY ITALIAN TEACHER.



Term 1 Reflection

As we move into the Term 1 holidays, we would like to thank the parent and school community for their continued support and faith that you put in our staff every day. We continue to work collaboratively to improve the environment for the students to achieve success in a range of areas.

The break is as important for staff as it is for students to rest and reflect, ready to embrace next term.

We wish families all the best for the break and encourage students to have a safe holiday period.

Matt Quist & Gareth Molyneux

HEAD OF PRIMARY CAMPUSES

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.

Senior SRC

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, the Saint John's Centre was officially opened last week. Our senior SRC contributed to the smooth running of this event by welcoming parents and special guests, escorting them to their seats and conducting tours of the building. Our deputy heads also participated in the liturgical procession, and Nyasha sang two hymns. In the words of Deputy Principal Brett Czechowski, these young men and women did themselves and the college proud.



Mobile Phones

- In recent weeks there has been an increase in students reporting lost or damaged mobile phones. Ideally such items should not be brought on site for these reasons, but we acknowledge that students may need to have their mobile phones at school. In these circumstances it is expected that students adhere to the following:
- Mobile phones must be switched off and out of sight (i.e. not used) during school hours
- Parents and students are discouraged from contacting each other via mobile phone during the day (this can be done via the Front Office)
- Students report to the Front Office if they are unwell, and staff will contact parents/caregivers (i.e. a student must not use their mobile to make personal arrangements to be picked up from school)

Failure to adhere to these rules can result in phones being confiscated for the day. Moreover, the school

cannot be held liable for any damage to mobile phones or other items that should not be brought to school

Further information about this matter can be found on the College's website at https://www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/files/d/12348/Secondary_Uniform_Procedures_and_Expectations.pdf

Indigenous Perspectives and Pride

Last week Rachael Anderson and I met with a small but passionate group of indigenous parents to discuss ways our campus can better acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Some of the ideas that were suggested included the creation of a garden featuring indigenous vegetation, mentoring programs and indigenous artwork. It is anticipated that several of the suggestions will be put in place in the coming months, although others will take longer to plan and implement.

Tanya Gibson
HEAD OF CAMPUS

Sports News

Jarren has had an amazing tennis season this summer with his Junior State League Tier 2 Team and Junior Div 1 teams won the finals in March with his Senior Div 2 team going down in the semi.

He has also made the Eyre Peninsula's Foundation Cup Team who will compete in Berry later this year against all other SA regions, followed by the Country State team tournament tryouts.

He will continue to play in Adelaide teams over winter as well.

Sean Sheedy
SPORT COORDINATOR



Sports Day Results

New Records

Student Name	House	Age Group and Event	New Record
Abhay Brar	MacKillop	Under 13 Boys Discus	23.60m
Abhay Brar	MacKillop	Under 13 Boys High Jump	1.42m
Kaitlyn To	MacKillop	Under 13 Girls High Jump	1.35m
Kaitlyn To	MacKillop	Under 13 Girls Triple Jump	7.30m
Patrick Kelly	MacKillop	Under 13 Boys 800m	2m 39.62 sec
Patrick Kelly	MacKillop	Under 13 Boys Triple Jump	9.00m
Patrick Kelly	MacKillop	Under 13 Boys 1500m	5m 47.34 sec
Jacqueline To	MacKillop	Under 16 Girls Triple Jump	9.46m

Age Champions

Age Group	Student Name	House
Under 13 Girls	Kaitlyn To	MacKillop
Under 13 Boys	Mason Shaw	Benedict
Under 14 Girls	Katie Smith	Rice
Under 14 Boys	Prince Alex Nirmal Raj	Benedict
Under 15 Girls	Keeley Molyneux	Benedict
Under 15 Boys	Dylan Matsapa	Rice
Under 16 Girls	Demi Kellaway	MacKillop
Under 16 Boys	Hayden Coathupe	Benedict
Open Girls	Ruby Main	MacKillop
Open Boys	Connor Lipczyk	Rice
Overall Girls Champion	Kaitlyn To	MacKillop
Overall Boys Champion (Joint)	Hayden Coathupe	Benedict
Overall Boys Champion (Joint)	Connor Lipczyk	Rice

Spirit of Samaritan Award Winners

Female Spirit of Samaritan Award Winner	Alicia Kellaway	MacKillop
Male Spirit of Samaritan Award Winner	Etienne Simpson	Rice

Overall Results

Athletics Shields Overall Results		
1 st	MacKillop	1893
2 nd	Rice	1872
3 rd	Benedict	1692

March Past Results	
1 st	Rice
2 nd	Benedict
3 rd	MacKillop

Sports Day Debrief

All our students at Samaritan College should be commended on their athleticism, behaviour, commitment and enthusiasm demonstrated on Sports Day. Our day started with the traditional March Past – Benedict Ballers, Rice's Around the World and MacKillops Major Hits. Our school captains and student leaders worked tirelessly to ensure their dances were choreographed and prepared and all 3 groups definitely didn't disappoint. Congratulations to Rice who won the March Past Trophy. Many thanks to our judges: Tonia Munday, Damien Judd, Fr Brian and Karen McGinnis.

In recognition of our school values – Faith, Wisdom and Compassion and participating in the day with high level of sportsmanship and positively assisting however they can, we recognise students who go above and beyond on the day and congratulations to Etienne Simpson and Alicia Kellaway who won our Spirit of Samaritan Medals.

Congratulations to all our students who attended the day and to those who competed in events. Particular mention to those students who broke records, some of which were standing for many years.

A sincere thank you to the staff who helped support the running of Sports Day, House Leaders and Captains in preparation for the March Past, Whyalla Little Athletics Club for use of equipment and the oval, Whyalla City Council for use of the facilities, Blended Coffee and Whyalla Norrie Rotary Club.

Sean Sheedy
SPORT COORDINATOR

