

Term 2 Week 2

9 May 2024

### COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY MAY 10

- Mother's Day Stall at both primary campuses

MAY 13-19

- Catholic Education Week

TUESDAY MAY 14

- University of Adelaide Workshops
- Year 7/8 Girls Netball

MAY 15 & 16

- Flinders University Workshops

FRIDAY MAY 17

- National Walk to School Day, primary

TUESDAY MAY 21

- Open Boys Football

WEDNESDAY MAY 22

- National Simultaneous Storytime

THURSDAY MAY 23

- Rural Doctors presentation

MAY 29-31

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

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#### Uniform Shop

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 Thursday 1:00 - 4:30pm

### Key Points

- Fee help
- Whyalla Gift Foundation
- From the Resilience Project Desk - Mindfulness
- Hats
- 2025 intentions
- Mother's Day
- Catholic Education Week
- School Counselling Program at Samaritan College
- 2024 School Card
- National Walk to School Day
- Staff changes
- Breakfast Club
- Uniform and Grooming
- End of Semester 1
- School Sport Calendar of Events - secondary

Sunday was the feast day of Blessed Edmund Rice. Edmund welcomed people from many countries into the port city of Waterford. He extended the hand of friendship and helped people find work so they could start a new life. give thanks for his vision and mission, the raising up of the poor and the oppressed to be pillars of Christ's presence in our world. Edmund set up schools in Ireland and eventually his Christian Brothers set up schools all over the world and of course here in Whyalla in 1963.

#### Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer

*O God, we thank you for the life of Blessed Edmund Rice. He opened his heart to Christ present in those who are poor and treated unfairly. May we follow his example of faith and kindness. Grant us the courage and care of Blessed Edmund as we seek to live our lives showing love and helping others.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



### Fee help

We remind our families that there is always help available with the payment of school fees. Whilst we are aware of the challenges at the steelworks at the moment and the flow on to suppliers and contractors, anytime that the payments of fees become a concern for you or your family, we ask that you speak to us. The process to do this is available on our website and is very confidential.

### Whyalla Gift Foundation

In 1991, the Lions Club of Whyalla Mount Laura established the Whyalla Gift Foundation to assist persons financially when they are selected to represent Whyalla, South Australia or Australia in their chosen sport or

*Damien*  
 Damien Judd

PRINCIPAL

competitive activity. Whilst these 'gifts' only partially cover the cost of competing they are nevertheless something in reducing the financial burden for country competitors. Visit here for more information and application form: [Whyalla Gift Foundation application | Whyalla City Council](#)

## Hats

Term 2 is the term when hats are not mandatory except for extended periods outside i.e. camps, whole day sports carnivals etc. It is pleasing to see, however, the number of students who continue to choose to wear hats at recess/lunch even if the UV rating is low. We strongly encourage students to wear hats outside at anytime of the year.

## 2025 intentions

As places in the college fill up for 2025, we ask that families let us know as soon as you know if you won't be returning to Samaritan in 2025. You don't need to tell us if you are staying but tell us if you know your child will be leaving. We will also assume, unless there is a discussion during the year, that all our Year 12s will finish at the end of the year. And all Samaritan Year 6s do not need to enrol for Year 7 at Saint John's Campus.



Happy Mother's Day to all our mums and maternal figures in our lives. We also pray for those 'mums' who are now no longer with us and where this Sunday can be a time of sadness and remembrance.

# Deputy News

## From the Resilience Project Desk - Mindfulness

Working on mindfulness gives us opportunities to develop our ability to pay attention to the present moment and our thoughts. Practicing mindfulness daily can help us stay focused on set tasks and reduce stress and anxiety.

### Whole Family Activity

#### Mindful Walk

- As a family, go on a walk outside in nature. This might be around your local walking track, at your local park or just around your streets
- While walking, tune into your senses and observe what you can see, hear and feel. Or you might choose to focus on one of the senses. Eg: Hear: what are all the noises you can hear on your walk?
- On your way home or when you return home, share what each person saw, heard or felt.

### Family Habit Builder

Each night at dinner, ask everyone to take one mouthful of food more mindfully than the rest and think about the flavours they can taste and how it makes them feel. (They can also thank the chef!).

### Being a Good Digital Citizen

Digital Literacy has long been embedded into the teaching and learning curriculum, however, it is a landscape that is constantly evolving. It also requires a community response to help students engage media in a safe, ethical and respectful way.

The Australia Parenting Website called, Raising Children has published an excellent article on supporting children and young people to become responsible digital citizens. Having regular, relaxed and respectful conversations with your child is the best way to help your child make good decisions about online behaviour. At the end of the article, there are also links adjacent topics such as social media, cyberbully, sexting and avoiding online pornography.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/entertainment-technology/digital-life/digital-citizenship>

*Brett Czechowski*  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

# The Samaritan Way

## Celebrating Mother's Day

As Mother's Day approaches, we are reminded of the deep and loving impact that mothers have on our lives. Whether they are our biological mothers, adoptive mothers, grandmothers, or mother figures, these women play a crucial role in shaping who we are and nurturing us with their love and care.

We also look to Mary, the mother of Jesus, as a source of inspiration and guidance. Mary's love for her son and her unwavering faith serve as a model for all mothers. In the Gospel of Luke, we read about Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, who greets her with the words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" (Luke 1:42). Mary's response, known as the Magnificat, is a beautiful expression of her faith and humility, proclaiming, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:46-47).

On Mother's Day, we honour not only our mothers but also Mary, the mother of Jesus. We reflect on the love, strength, and guidance that mothers provide, and we give thanks for their presence in our lives.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we also remember those who may find this day difficult, those who have lost their mothers, those who are unable to be with their children, and those who long to be mothers. Let us offer them our prayers and support, knowing that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is with them, comforting them with her love and compassion.

Happy Mother's Day to all! May this Mother's Day be a time of joy and gratitude for all mothers, and may we continue to be inspired by the love and faith of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

## Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week is being celebrated in Catholic schools throughout South Australia from Monday May 13 to Sunday May 19.

This week is an opportunity to reflect on and share all the things that we love about Samaritan College and what makes our community special.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024 is - Raising Hearts and Minds to the wonder and awe of God's creation.

Has God's creation inspired wonder and awe for you?

How can we Raise our Hearts and Minds to the wonder and awe of God's creation?

Through ecology and stewardship can you see the mystery of God's presence in creation?

What is our call to action to be caretakers of each other and God's world?

### *Raising Hearts and Minds Prayer*

*Loving God,  
Guide us to know life in its fullness,  
to raise our hearts and minds to know God's love.*

*Raise our hearts and minds to be inspired by Jesus,  
the Catholic faith and tradition.*

*Raise our hearts to be loving,  
compassionate and respectful.*

*Raise our minds to be inquisitive,  
capable and seek truth*

*May we be aware of listening  
to the stirring of our hearts to prompt action.*

*Guide us to respond  
to the needs of others and all of God's creation.*

*In all our thoughts, words and actions,  
help us raise our hearts and minds  
in creating the world you desire.*

*Loving God hear our prayer*

*Amen*

Rebecca Sinclair  
APRIM

# College News

## 2024 School Card

Families are encouraged to apply online by using the QR code or via website link. Eligible families must apply each year, if you have not yet done so please apply online as soon as possible.

<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



## School Counselling Program at Samaritan College

At Samaritan College, Centacare Catholic Country SA offer therapeutic counselling onsite across all campuses. School Counsellors are qualified counsellors and social workers and are trained in therapeutic interventions. Students may seek counselling for a wide range of issues such as anxiety, stress, lack of motivation, sadness, anger, conflict with others (including friends, teachers and family), grief and loss, study load, bullying, self-esteem, relationship issues, family separation or concern for a friend. School counselling is a confidential service, and counsellors are not permitted to repeat content of sessions to anyone without permission, unless there is risk to a person's safety.

Students, staff and caregivers can all refer to the service. At each campus we have a referral box with Student Counselling Referral and Intake forms placed next to these. These can be filled out and placed in the boxes which are checked regularly. This form is also on the college website, it can be filled out electronically and emailed to the relevant school counsellors

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us,

<b>Crystelle</b> St Teresa's Campus Thursday and Friday 9am-2.30pm <a href="mailto:Crystelle.Garcia@samaritan.catholic.edu.au">Crystelle.Garcia@samaritan.catholic.edu.au</a>	<b>Teegan</b> Our Lady Help of Christians Campus Monday and Wednesday 9am-2.30pm <a href="mailto:Teegan.Asperti@samaritan.catholic.edu.au">Teegan.Asperti@samaritan.catholic.edu.au</a>	<b>Jayde and Rachel</b> Saint John's Campus Monday - Friday 9am-3.30pm <a href="mailto:SamaritanCollegeSJC@cccsa.org.au">SamaritanCollegeSJC@cccsa.org.au</a>
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We hope everyone has a great Term 2.

*Centacare School Counselling Team*

Please note: ***If parents or caregivers do not wish for their children to utilise the counselling service at the school, please let the school know in writing addressed to Principal, Damien Judd***

# Primary Campus News

## 2024 Anzac Day March

Students and staff representing the College with pride, respect and honour, this morning at the Anzac Day March.

Mr Judd was joined by Mr Molyneux, Mrs Sinclair and Fr Brian.

Great to see some of our Reception students marching side by side with our senior student leaders to show their respect and gratitude on this important day.

We also acknowledge the Samaritan students who marched with other local community groups including the Guides and Scouts as well as the Army and Naval Cadets.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them. Lest we forget.*



## Anzac Day liturgies

Year 5/6 Foran and Year 3/4 Mayne led the Anzac Day liturgical events at our primary campuses, both were very reverent and paid tribute to our fallen ANZAC soldiers and service men and women. The students were particularly well behaved when participating in the liturgies.



## Guidera Cup

Last term, students from MacKillop at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus had a water play afternoon as a reward for being the House Team who earned the most Guidera Cup Points in Term 1.

The Guidera cup is a way of encouraging positive engagement in community life. It is named to honour the spirit of Brother Pat Guidera who was principal of Saint John's from 1974-1979, and worked in our community as a teacher, counsellor and volunteer from 1994-2002.

Well done MacKillop!



## Reception Harris

Did you know Week 11 was Nature Play Week???

Reception Harris certainly did not want to miss this and made the most of our outside time....

During Week 11 we have:

- In Maths we made patterns with nature
- Enjoyed some time in our Nature Play area
- In Literacy we made some of our focus sounds/letters with wood pieces
- In HASS we explored how First Nations people made ochre paint for their ceremonies by using rocks to get powder on the oval.



## National Walk to School Day

Samaritan primary campuses will be undertaking National Walk to School Day on Friday May 17. St Teresa's students will start their walk from Wilson Park on McBryde Terrace and Our Lady Help of Christians students will gather at Parfitt Street Reserve and walk down Nicholson Avenue.

Please read information which will be distributed from the Head's of Campus for the finer details of each walk. SAPOL will provide support on the morning including a road safety talk.

## Staff changes

We thank Brooke Nolan and Alex Walker (St Teresa's Campus) and Jasmine Pacini (Our Lady Help of Christians Campus) for their work in Learning Support at the primary campuses, we wish all three ladies all the best in their future endeavours and thank them for their contributions to our college.

At the end of this term, Chloe Robinson will be relocating to Adelaide to continue her career. Chloe has been an enthusiastic and vibrant member of our staff who has worked hard to support student learning and social and emotional development in 2024. An announcement regarding a replacement for Chloe will be communicated in due course.

## Mullu Mullu Gulya

Last term, students who are a part of Our Lady Help of Christian Campus' Mullu Mullu Gulya met to play an Indigenous game called "Bettendi" which means "to throw a spear" in the Kurna language. This game was selected by Russell who is one of the groups leaders. The aim of this distance and accuracy game is to throw a tennis ball and try to hit the targets which represent commonly hunted animals like kangaroos. In this case students were awarded 5 points if their throw hit one of their 3 target cones, and 1 point if their ball landed in between the target cones.

Congratulations to the Year 3/4 team who were the winners of this game!

*Jenna Warren*  
LEADER OF WELLBEING & STUDENT AGENCY.

## Mother's Day

Samaritan College Parents & Friends Mother's Day Stall will be held Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10 at both primary campuses!

We wish all the special women in our lives a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday May 12!

## Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that Breakfast Club is still available at both campuses in the parish building (Our Lady's) and HQ (St Teresa's) from 8:30-8:45am everyday. Staff will be available to make children breakfast if needed or to provide a soft landing to start the day.

## Uniform

As the weather starts to cool down please be mindful of what students are wearing to school. The rugby top, spray jacket and Year 6 Commemorative Jumper (when it arrives) are the only options. We will never let children 'go cold' if they present in alternative clothing, however, please contact the front office if you have misplaced items or students have outgrown items and we can support families to get these pieces of clothing.

*Matt Quist & Gareth Molyneux*  
HEAD OF PRIMARY CAMPUSES



## Year 5/6 Interschool Table Tennis Carnival

Students from St Teresa's Campus and Our Lady Help of Christians Campus recently competed in the annual interschool table tennis carnival.

In what was a jam-packed day full of table tennis, students competed in singles and doubles matches throughout the day. All students had fun and participated incredibly well demonstrating good sportsmanship with their team mates and opponents.

Well done teams!

*Dale Raymond*  
SPORT COORDINATOR.



  
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PARENTS & FRIENDS

# Mother's Day Stall

*Held at both Primary Campuses on...*

## Thursday, May 9 + Friday, May 10

**Nothing over \$8**



# 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.

## Upcoming Campus Events

Tuesday	May 14	University of Adelaide Workshops and Year 7/8 Girls Netball
Wednesday & Thursday	May 15 & 16	Flinders University Workshops
Tuesday	May 21	Open Boys Football
Thursday	May 23	Rural Doctors presentation

### Welcome Back

It is hard to believe we are already in May and almost two weeks into Term 2 - goodness how the year is flying by! The general 'vibe' around campus is positive and it is great to witness staff and students enjoying each other's company. We have several new families join the Samaritan Community, to whom I extend a special welcome.

### Uniform and Grooming

As part of students' return staff are reinforcing college expectations around uniforms and grooming. It is pleasing to note that most students generally do the right thing, and when gentle reminders are issued, most students respond in the appropriate manner. There are times, however, when students choose not to follow the college policies, in which case parents may be contacted. In these instances, we value and appreciate parental support as we try to instil in our young people attitudes and values that will stand them in good stead in 'the real world'.

### End of Semester 1

It might seem odd talking about the end of the semester when the term has just begun but time flies and the new semester will be here before we know it. In fact, there are just over seven weeks before students move into their new elective classes and, for our Year 11s, before their semester one results are sent to the SACE Board. Given this, students should be preparing for their final assessments and, for students in Years 10 and 11, preparing for exams. What does this mean? Well, it includes things like making sure they are up-to-date and catching up with teachers if they have missed work or do not

understand something that was taught in class. Leaving things until a week or two before exams or final due dates could be too late.

### Anzac Day

At the end of the holidays, members of the school community marched in the Whyalla Anzac Day parade as a sign of respect for current and past residents who have served our country. As a campus we held an Anzac Day commemoration liturgy last Friday. This was led by Mrs Daniels and her Religious Education class. The young people involved did a magnificent job, especially those who spoke confidently before their peers.

### Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp

This week Mr Daw's Year 11 Outdoor Ed class went on camp, spending three days and two nights in the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park. I thank Mr Daw, Mr Gill and Miss Alicia Bugden for attending this camp – without their willingness it would not have been able to occur.

### Poster Competitions

Family Violence Services (Aboriginal Corporation SA) are running two colouring competitions, one for Reconciliation Week and one for NAIDOC week. Students who are interested in taking part in either or both can collect their entries from Front Office. FVLSAC staff will collect the completed posters in Week 7 and winners will be announced on June 14. Gift vouchers will be awarded to students whose designs are judged to be the most creative.

*Tanya Gibson*  
HEAD OF CAMPUS

## Sports News

Congratulations to Noah Brokken and Zander Hunter (Year 10 students) who recently competed in a Mountain Bike event at Fox Creek. Noah rode approximately 45kms and Zander rode 50km in the allocated timeframe. The boys together were in a team, which came 3rd.



Congratulations to Taleya Huish (Year 12) who was selected in the Senior Combined team to represent Whyalla at the Netball State Country Championships in June down in Adelaide.

Well done to Jake Hogan (Year 11) who was selected in the North Adelaide Under 17 Youth Intrastate Football carnival.



Congratulations Keeley Molyneux (Year 9) who has been selected in the U16 Nationals team for SA Country Basketball. Keeley will play in Bendigo from July 7-14.



A reminder to any parents/caregivers and students to please share any positive sport stories so I can include in our Newsletter.

*Sean Sheedy*  
SPORT COORDINATOR



Congratulations to Jacqueline To who has been selected to represent South Australia at the Border Challenge in Caloundra in Queensland for Gymnastics. Jacqueline will compete from June 25 – 27.

### School Sport Calendar of Events

Please see below for school sport events that are happening in Term 2.

Year Level	Sport	Date	Location
Year 7/8 Girls	Netball	Tuesday, May 14	Port Augusta
Open Boys	Football	Tuesday May 21	Port Pirie
Year 7/8 Girls	Basketball	Friday June 7	Adelaide
Year 7/8 Girls	Football	Thursday June 13	Whyalla (WSC)
Year 7/8 Boys	Football	Thursday, June 20	Whyalla (WSC)

Any questions please speak with Mr Sheedy.

# 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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