

Term 2 Week 9

27 June 2024

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY JULY 3

- Year 11 Dinner

THURSDAY JULY 4

- Youth meeting (secondary) 3:30pm-4pm

FRIDAY JULY 5

- 12:30pm dismissal for students, end of Term 2

JULY 21 - JULY 26

- Year 10 Murray Venture

MONDAY JULY 22

- Staff Formation Day (Pupil Free Day)

TUESDAY JULY 23

- Term 3 starts

JULY 23 - JULY 26

- Year 12 Trial Exams

TUESDAY JULY 30

- Current Year 10 - Futures Evening, Samaritan Hall, 6:30-7:30pm

THURSDAY AUGUST 1

- Current Year 12s - Futures Evening, SATAC information session

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Uniform Shop

Toal Street, Whyalla Stuart
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 Wednesday 8:00 - 10:00am
 Thursday 1:00 - 4:30pm

Key Points

- New Receptions
- 2025 enrolments
- End of term dismissal
- Staff Retreat Day
- Student Accident Insurance
- School Holidays
- Year 12 Trial Exams and Work Completions
- Year 10 Murray Venture
- Futures Evenings
- Year 11 Dinner
- Uniform and Grooming Reminders
- Staff News

We come together for the common good

We discover common ground

We share in common grace

We long to embrace unity with diversity

May the beats of many hearts create a beautiful symphony

As we pray for justice to roll like the waves of the oceans that surround these lands now called Australia.

Amen

(Excerpt from The Common Grace #ChangeTheHeart Prayer by Brooke Prentis)

In the coming weeks our nation commemorates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and NAIDOC Week. This year's theme is **'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud.'**

According to the National NAIDOC Committee, 'Keep the Fire Burning!' is a nod to the vitality and endurance of culture, and a nod to connection with Country and community, while 'Blak, Loud and Proud' represents an unapologetic celebration of identity. The Gospel reading on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Aboriginal, from Mark 6:1-6, tells the story of Jesus returning to His hometown, only to be met with scepticism and disbelief. Despite His teachings and miracles, those who knew Him best failed to recognise His divine wisdom and power.



New Receptions

We welcome just under 40 new students into our Reception classes as part of the Mid Year Reception Intake. Mid Year Reception enrolments pay no fees for 2024. A very exciting time for these youngest Samaritans! Welcome to those families who are also starting their Samaritan journey around this time.

2025 enrolments

2025 Enrolments are reaching unprecedented levels. Non Samaritan families seeking to enrol in certain grades at certain campuses, may be placed onto waiting lists for 2025. Please contact the College to discuss your child's 2025 enrolment. All Year 6 students at St Teresa's and Our Lady's have automatic positions at Saint John's Campus.

End of term dismissal

Students are dismissed from school at 12:30pm on Friday July 5.

Staff Retreat Day

All Catholic schools in SA are required to dedicate a day to a spiritual retreat (of some kind) for staff. This day, as it is most years, is on the first day back in Term 3, July 22. It is therefore a pupil free day that day and students do not attend school. Term 3 starts for students on July 23. Catholic School Principals are also required to attend a 3 day (or equivalent) spiritual retreat, once every three years. I attended one of these retreats last week together with 18 other Principals. It was led by a Priest from Melbourne who guided the group through the life of Jesus, as told by some of the world's most famous artists.

The Samaritan Way

Peace! Be Still!

Mark 4:39

Last Sunday's Gospel is about one of the great nature miracles of Jesus – the calming of the storm. The disciples are learning what it means to follow Jesus. They follow him into a storm and while in the storm learn some things about Jesus and themselves. We too can learn about ourselves, and reflect on the storms we face in life.

The Sea of Galilee is known for sudden and violent storms. The disciples were tossed about the sea by one of these powerful squalls. Does this sound familiar?

At times in life we may feel that we have lost control of our situation and we are being blown from one 'disaster' to the next, just like being blown about in a storm. Our sense of Jesus' love and presence can be drowned out by the storms that surround us every day.

At such times, we may find ourselves asking the question that the disciples asked of Jesus, 'Master, do you not care?'

Jesus' reply to the disciples of "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" suggests that, had they been calm and trusted in the slow work of God then they would have made it through the storm unharmed. At such times, for us, Jesus may be asleep in the boat but his love never leaves us, we can trust in God.

Storms have a way of testing us. They have a way of revealing the truth about us. Storms are the tests and opportunities that demonstrate our trust in God. They can happen suddenly and like the disciples will test your faith. Storms may cause you to doubt.

But it is when we are in the middle of a storm that we can find Jesus' love and presence around us. We learn something about ourselves in the middle

of a storm. We learn where our faith really is. When we come out of the storm we will see Jesus and ourselves differently.

It is up to us to learn from our storms. God is teaching us something about Himself, about us, and about the storms of life.

*Lord, life's storms hit unexpectedly
and toss me into a sea of chaos, doubt and anxiety.
When the waves threaten to swamp my little boat,
make me aware that I have you
with me as my precious passenger.
Let me hear your voice saying: 'Peace! Be still!
Amen*

End of the Term

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and
I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28*

The end of the term approaches and we may be 'weary and burdened' and looking forward to 'rest' in the holidays but it is towards Jesus that we should still look to share our burden and lighten our spirit. He shows us how to 'let our light shine'

End of Term Prayer

*We thank you Lord, for this term. For our challenges,
our successes, and the mistakes from which we have
learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and
friends.*

*Keep us safe during the holidays; give us good rest
and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a
new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers,
parents and a community that cares for us.*

Amen

*Rebecca Sinclair
APRIM*

College News

Student Accident Insurance

All students attending Samaritan College that sustain any injuries as the result of an accident that occurs at school or on a school organised activity, are covered under the Catholic Education Student Accident insurance policy.

Insurance cover includes payments for medical services where that service is not already covered by Medicare. Depending on the type of injury, a lump sum payment may also be provided.

It is important to note that the policy only covers ACCIDENTS. If an ambulance is called for a health related issue (seizure, anaphylactic, diabetes etc), the ambulance is not covered under this policy. Families of children with pre-existing conditions should always be encouraged to hold their own ambulance insurance.

To make a claim you can access the claim form [here](#) and complete all sections up to Page 5. The forms can then be forwarded to your campus Administration with copies of relevant medical reports. The college will complete the remainder of the form and submit on your behalf.

Further details regarding the policy can be obtained from the insurance provider on (02) 8256 1770 or claims@csnet.com.au.

Terry Costello
BUSINESS MANAGER

Primary Campus News

Rec Davies/Judd

In Reception Davies/Judd we have been busy practicing our counting and recognising numerals up to 20. We are getting very good at it!



International 'day of play'

Monday of Week 7 was the inaugural International Day of Play! Our littlest Samaritans love play! So many learning opportunities inside + outside the classroom. Students in Reception Harris enjoying themselves during their 'hands on' play-based learning lessons!



Mud Day

Our littlest Samaritans at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus had an awesome time covered in mud on Wednesday of Week 8.

Nature play-based learning at its best!! Splashing and jumping in squelchy puddles, rescuing bugs and creating mud pies in the outdoor kitchen! Mud play is sooooo much fun.

What a fabulous multi-sensory learning experience, students filled with wonder, delight, joy and happiness! Check out their huge smiles (some hidden under splashes of mud).

Thanks To Mrs Molyneux and Mrs Warren for organizing the afternoon at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus.

Our St Teresa's Campus Receptions will have their Mud Day on Monday of Week 10!



End of Term

Thanks again to our school community for the continued faith in the work all of our staff continue to do with your children. 2024 has seen significant changes with our delivery of curriculum, particularly in the Literacy space which has been a huge commitment from our staff and students, who are reaping the benefits!

We wish all our families a safe holiday and look forward to introducing new receptions and other families into our community in Term 3.

Matt Quist and 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.

School Holidays

Many families will spend time interstate or overseas during the up-coming break. We pray for those who are travelling, that they stay safe in their journey and return to school, refreshed and reinvigorated for the new term on Tuesday July 23.

Year 12 Trial Exams and Work Completions

Our Year 12 students will sit their trial exams during the first week of next term. These are a very important aspect of the year, as they provide information to both students and teachers about the formers' strengths and weaknesses within their subject knowledge. Students should use this information to form part of the discussion around their revision plan in preparation for the end of year. Likewise, teachers can gauge how well topics have been covered by the entire class and make accommodations in their planning. As examinations do not feature in all the subjects, lessons will continue during this week. Student attendance is compulsory at all examinations and lessons.

Year 10 Murray Venture

As most parents of our Year 10 students should now be aware, the Murray Venture is almost here. Over the years this camp has impacted many students in a positive way. Students discover more about themselves on this camp than others as they are placed in new and challenging situations. Many families have gone camping but this time it is the student, not the parents, who is making decisions about what to take on the hike and what foods to eat. Usually, students return more appreciative of things that they have perhaps taken for granted. As with all camps it is recommended that expensive cameras and mobile devices be left at home. Students take these items at their own risk.

Futures Evenings

It is that time of the year again when Year 12s turn the attention to uni and TAFE applications, and our Year 10 and 11 students start to think about their subjects for 2025. To help with these decisions, various events are planned for next term. Please review the following dates and if you have a child in the year level, please save the date.

- Current Year 10s – Futures Evening Presentation (live) Tuesday July 30, 6:30 - 7:30pm, (Samaritan Hall).
- Current Year 11s – Futures Evening Presentation (online) Tuesday August 6 (link to be provide via SEQTA)
- Current Year 12s – Futures Evening Presentation (online) Tuesday August 6 (link to be provide via SEQTA)

Our Current Year 12s are also invited to attend a SATAC information session on Thursday August 1 (Week 2). Staff from SATAC will show students how to lodge their online applications for university and TAFE courses, and as such it is strongly recommended that they attend.

Year 11 Dinner

The Year 11 Formal Dinner will take place next Wednesday (July 3). This event allows students to dress up, socialise and celebrate making it through their first semester of the SACE. The event will be held at the Whyalla Golf Club, and I thank Mrs Ryan and her Year 11 helpers for the work they have done to ensure the night will be enjoyed by all.

Uniform and Grooming Reminders

As we approach the end of the term and the cooler weather settles in, it is worth reminding students about uniform expectations for term 3.

- Students are not permitted to 'mix and match' the summer and winter uniforms
- Students can only wear PE when they have double sport lessons (e.g. PE or Sport and Recreation)
- Collar-length hair needs to be tied back
- Ear buds are not permitted in class, (unless needed for educational purposes, such as a viewing online documentaries) or at recess or lunch
- Students need to conform to the College's jewellery policy
- Hats must be worn during breaks and outdoor lessons next term, in line with Cancer Council recommendations.

Families are asked to ensure their children have clean, serviceable hats for the start of the Term 3.

Staff News

The beginning of the new school semester on Monday saw changes to some Year 7 – 11 timetables. It also saw changes to some teaching roles. Ms Boyle, Ms Anderson and Mr Gill return to teaching duties, signalling the departure of Mrs Kelly as an almost full-time relief teacher. I thank Mrs Kelly for her efforts in this space for the last month and a half. Of course, Mrs Kelly will continue to serve the college as a relief teacher as the need arises. We also welcome Mr Aaron Huddleston and Ms Gail Carr on staff, teaching in Maths/Science and Performing Arts respectively.

Tanya Gibson
HEAD OF CAMPUS

Sports News

Congratulations to the students below who represented Whyalla at the recent State Country Championships in Adelaide for Hockey and Netball.

Whyalla Hockey - State Country Championships

Charlotte Hobba, Thomas Hobba, Charley O'Brien, Connor O'Brien, Riley Frick, Matthew Frick, Harper Matthews, William Travers, Nicholas Manisalis, Dylan Evans and Darcy Brougham.

Whyalla Netball – State Country Championships

Meadow Dinedios, Immogyn Spry, Ruby Main, Madi Puddy, Molly Main, Ruby Chambers, Mackenzie Owens, Mackenzie Huish, Lacey Smith and Alice Brokken.

Sean Sheedy
SPORT COORDINATOR

Youth Meeting

Recently our school hosted its first youth meeting, and we were thrilled to see so many students in attendance! The meeting was filled with a variety of fun activities, including basketball, soccer, board games, table tennis, and netball. Students had a fantastic time participating in these engaging games and forming new connections with their peers. In addition to the exciting activities, everyone enjoyed delicious hot food and snacks, which added to the lively atmosphere. We are already looking forward to the next gathering! We encourage all students to come along, make new friends, enjoy the company, and have fun. The youth meetings have plenty of exciting plans for the coming weeks, and we can't wait to see the positive impact they'll have on our school community!

Antoinette Daniels
TEACHER

Student Reflections

The youth group was a great opportunity for the younger grades to become more familiar with other faces from their school. The turnout was great, and there was lots of food to go around.

Tom Abdelmalek

Youth group was really fun and was a great way to interact with students from other year levels and get to know everyone. I enjoyed eating the snacks and playing Uno. We went in a circle and reflected on what we were grateful for which was a great way to end the day!

Nyasha Mativenga

I had a fantastic time at the youth group, meeting new friends and enjoying a lively game of Uno with an amazing group of people. Youth Group gave Tom and I the opportunity to get to know more of Samaritan's students in a laid back setting.

Matilda Smith



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."

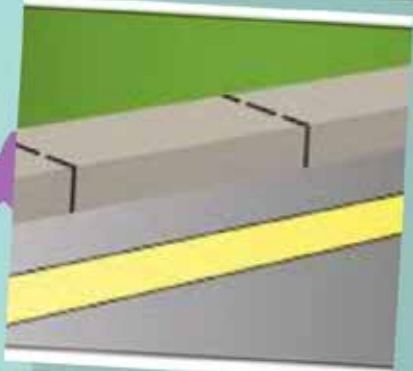
PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS

POOR AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING CLOSE TO SCHOOLS PLACE CHILDREN AT RISK

MOST ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CHILDREN OUTSIDE SCHOOLS OCCUR WHEN A CHILD HAS THEIR SIGHT OBSCURED BY PARKED CARS

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

- Do not park on zig zag lines or KEEP CLEAR markings.
- Do not park across driveways.
- Do not park on footpaths or verges.
- do not drop kids off in the centre of the road.
- do not park where there is a no stopping sign or continuous yellow line.
- adhere to the speed limit of 25kph while children are present.



STRONGER FAMILIES: A POSITIVE PARENTING CONFERENCE

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OUR SPEAKERS



MAGGIE DENT

HELP ME
HELP MY TEEN



PAUL DILLON

TEENS, PARTIES,
ALCOHOL AND VAPES.
WHAT DO PARENTS
NEED TO KNOW?



**MADHAVI
NAWANA PARKER**

BEING CALM IN
THE EYE OF A
PARENTING STORM

**THE SANCTUARY
ADELAIDE ZOO**
1 PLANE TREE DRIVE

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 31**

**9AM
REGISTRATION**
9.30AM TO 3PM

\$25 + Booking Fee per person. Light lunch included

Tickets available at Humanitix

www.events.humanitix.com/stronger-families-conference

cspsa.catholic.edu.au/events



Come & try JUDO!

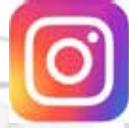
First 3 lessons are free
Sports Voucher Approved

WHERE: Jubilee Park Showgrounds

WHEN: Tuesdays & Thursdays

WHO: Kids (5-12): 6pm - 7pm,

Teens & Adults: 7pm - 8:30pm



email: Whyallajudoclub@gmail.com



REGISTER NOW FOR THE WHYALLA CROWS FOOTBALL COMMUNITY CLINIC

Date // Tuesday 2 July

Location // Whyalla Memorial Oval

Time // 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Ages // 5-15 Years

Registrants will be able to participate in a fun filled Crows Community football clinic, featuring appearances from AFLW players Niamh Kelly and Eloise Jones.

Please note that this clinic will be capped at 200 participants so register quick.



JOIN NOW!



WILD DOG

MOUNTAIN BIKING MAYHEM WHYALLA SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Cross country mountain bike race on Eyre Peninsula's best hand groomed trails located in the Mount Laura Reserve

Racing from 10am and presentations at 2pm
Random prizes, lunch and crazy fun included

How many laps can you do in the 3hr time limit?

wilddogenduro.weebly.com



HOWLING DOG

AFTER DARK TRAIL RUN

Come and run under the stars in the Mt Laura Reserve on the beautiful Eyre Peninsula!

SATURDAY NIGHT
13 JULY 2024

7km, 11km or 22km

REGISTRATION 5:30PM
MAD FUN STARTS 6:00PM

Head torch and hidden disco dancing mandatory!

ENTER ONLINE

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