NEWSletter

Term 3

Week 2

1 August 2024

THURSDAY AUGUST 1

 Current Year 12s -Futures Evening, SATAC information session

TUESDAY AUGUST 6

- Current Year 11s -Futures Evening (online)
- Current Year 12s -Futures Evening (online)

THURSDAY AUGUST 8

 Annual General Meeting (AGM), 7pm, St Teresa's Campus

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY AUGUST 13

 Year 9/10 & Open Girls Net

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6

 Primary Sports Day at Saint John's Campus

School Photos Tuesday September 3

 Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

Wednesday September 4

Saint John's Campus

Thursday September 5

· St Teresa's Campus

Thursday September 12

Catchup individual photos

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Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

Telephone (08) 8649 2077 Facsimile (08) 8649 1911

Saint John's Campus

Telephone (08) 8645 8568 Facsimile (08) 8645 8186

Uniform Shop

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

Key Points

- Annual General Meeting
- School Counselling Program
- Online safety
- Living Learning Leading Survey
- NAIDOC Week:7 14 July
- Hats
- Term 3 Events
- Staff Changes
- 2024 NAPLAN Results
- Year 12 SACE Results
- Future's Evening

Welcome to Term 3!

Sunday was the Catholic Church's World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The prayer below was written, in part, by Pope Francis for/about the elderly and our grandparents. I have included a section of the prayer below – what a great reflection of thanks on those family/ friends who came before us and provided so much to us:

I thank You, Lord,

for the comfort of Your presence:

even in times of loneliness,

You are my hope and my confidence,

You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family

and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,

for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Amen

Annual General Meeting

The college holds its AGM on Thursday August 8 at 7pm. It will be held in the Drama Room at St Teresa's Campus – enter from Cudmore Tce. Drinks and nibbles are provided. There is also room for 2-3 new parent reps on this important advisory board. This section of our website outlines what is and isn't involved in being a board member – it may be not what you think! https://www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/home/community/board-and-governance. To nominate simply email the college at





info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au or submit the form on the website. The AGM itself is a fairly short meeting but it does go through the college's financial position, the achievements of the past year and the challenges and opportunities facing the college in the coming years. Come along – you won't be 'dobbed' in for a job!

Murray Venture

Welcome back to our Year 10 campers after a week on the 'famous' Murray Venture. The Murray Venture is about as traditional as it gets at Samaritan and more particularly, Saint John's Campus. The messages I get from parents talking about how proud they are to be able to say they also went on the Murray Venture and now their child has done it as well, are very affirming. It has crossed several generations. Saying that, some students/families opt out. This is disappointing and something we hope changes again in the future.

Online safety

I strongly recommend these two sites. Both are from the eSafety Commissioner and give sound, practical advice to parents about the types of risks facing their children as they enter the world of being online – whether that be on social media or even something as 'harmless'(?) as YouTube. The guide also provides a quick reference guide for parents as to what each 'social media' app or site does and their associated risks. For example, if you have no idea what TikTok is or why are there some risks then this site will explain it all. Or your child may be talking about some app or website you have never heard of – chances are it is covered in the eSafety Guide. Parents | eSafety Commissioner

Living Learning Leading Survey

Early in Term 3 all staff, students and parents in Catholic Education SA schools will be surveyed around their engagement with the Living Learning Leading Framework. All Catholic Schools in SA complete these and there are also versions for our staff and students. For a reminder as to what all this is please visit: https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/about/living-learning-leading. The LLL Framework underpins everything we do, ensuring our students develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to thrive in a rapidly changing and complex world. You will receive the links for this survey in a separate parent email shortly. Each campus will have their own link.

College News

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,

Crystelle

St Teresa's Campus
Thursday and Friday
9am-2:30pm
Crystelle.Garcia@samaritan.
catholic.edu.au

Teegan

Our Lady Help of Christians Campus Monday and Wednesday 9am-2:30pm

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<u>Teegan.Asperti@samaritan.catholic.edu.au</u>

Jayde and Rachel*

Saint John's Campus Monday - Friday 9am-3:30pm <u>SamaritanCollegeSJC@cccsa.org.au</u>

*Rachel is away this term to complete her placement, during this time Cass and Kirsty will be supporting at Saint John's Campus.

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, Mr Damien Judd

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Character through community

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Thursday, August 8 7pm St Teresa's Campus

(enter from Cudmore Terrace)

Nibbles and drinks provided

We are also seeking members of our parent community to join our Board.

We have 2-3 vacancies available.

Please visit https://www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/home/community/board-and-governance for information on being a Board Member and how to nominate.

Or simply email <u>info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au</u> to nominate yourself or to ask questions about joining. Nominations close 4pm Monday August 5.

FAITH
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The Samaritan Way

Let your Light Shine - The journey of the Lantern

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5: 13-16

Across the Port Pirie Diocese our schools and communities have heard about the Diocesan Theme for 2024; Let Your Light Shine, and in doing so embrace God's mission of love.

As a symbol of our theme the Diocesan Lantern will be welcomed into each of our 14 Catholic Schools during the 2024 school year. Last Friday we welcomed the Lantern to Samaritan College, St Teresa's Campus.

The Lantern has already been welcomed into

St Joseph's School, Port Lincoln, St Joseph's School, Barmera, Our Lady of the River School, Berri, St Francis of Assisi College at Renmark, and St Joseph's School, Renmark,

And now it is our turn.

In recognition of the journey of the Lantern so far, the senior SRC representatives from St Teresa's Campus and Mrs Sinclair signed the register which accompanies the lantern around the Port Pirie Diocese. The next school the Lantern will be visiting is Caritas College in Port Augusta. We send the Lantern on its way with our prayers and good wishes for the next school community

Prayers of Light

You are light when you embrace the loveliness and nobility of your own being

...when you trust your own goodness

...when you believe in your own worth

You are light when you smile hello to another

...when you take time to notice

...when you remember

You are light when you reach out in reassurance

...when you speak a word of encouragement

...when you listen

You are light when you keep on believing

...when you trust and expect

...when you speak your truth in love

You are light when you dry tears

...when you laugh

...when you are present...

Rebecca Sinclair APRIM







Primary Campus News

National Tree Day

Friday Week 1 was National Tree Day for Schools.

We explored the trees at St Teresa's Campus.

Here are the reasons we came up with as to why we love trees.

- · They give us shade
- They are beautiful
- · They give us wood to build houses
- · They give us oxygen
- · They give us homes for animals
- They grow fruit and flowers
- They help the bees for honey

NAIDOC Week: 7 - 14 July

The theme of NAIDOC Week this year was "Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud", chosen by the National NAIDOC Committee.

This theme recognises the strength and vitality of First Nations culture – with a fire symbol of connection to Country, to each other, and the traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

During Week 10 at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus students engaged in many activities that helped them explore Aboriginal culture and learn about the history of Australia's First Nations people as a part of our NAIDOC Week Celebrations.

On Monday, Mrs Warren set up a campfire in the library and many students came to sit by the campfire and read stories written by First Nations Authors. Some of our favourites were Ceremony by Adam Goodes and Ellie Laing, Respect by Aunty Fay Muir and Sue Lawson, and My Kind by Eddie Betts.



On Tuesday, Mrs Warren worked with the Mullu Mullu Gullya students. We sat around the campfire and created some weaved rainbow serpents using colourful wool wrapped around cardboard.

On Wednesday, the House Captains ran an activity in which each house team read the story of the Rainbow Serpent and then worked together to create a collaborative art piece which included a colourful Rainbow Serpent.













Peaceful Kids

At Our Lady Help of Christians Campus Mrs Warren runs the Peaceful Kids Program.

Each term, a group of 6-8 students get to participate in this 8-week program, during which time they learn to identify and describe their emotions, explore the ways their body responds to different situations, and learn coping strategies that will help them to manage stress and anxiety more effectively and meditations that will help them to nourish their mind and body.

This term, a group of Year 3-6 students engaged with the program.

Some of the activities that they participated in include:

Planting a Flower which they were asked to water a little each time that they meditate at home. The flower is a metaphor to remind them that they need to nourish their mind and body with mindfulness and meditation, just as they nourish the plant with sunlight and water.

Creating playdough models of brains to demonstrate what they'd learnt about the different parts of their brain including the thinking brain (prefrontal cortex) and the emotional brain (amygdala and hippocampus). This learning helped them to better understand why it's harder for them to make good decisions when they're stressed, anxious or angry, and their "lid is flipped" meaning that their emotional brain takes over and their thinking brain isn't working effectively.

Creating "Shaky Brain Bottles" that can be used as a mindfulness tool but also act as a model of how the messages in our brain get all mixed up when we're experiencing big emotions (like the glitter and sand in the bottle does when we shake it) and how we can settle our minds using mindfulness and meditation (like how the glitter and sand settles once we stop shaking the bottle).

Students also learnt a range of meditations that support them to focus on their breathing and being more mindful and present in the moment. In the final session, they created mindfulness bracelets using wool and three beads that will help them to practice the "Three Great Things" meditation that was learnt and practiced many times throughout the term.



Hockey Carnival

An awesome effort from our Samaritan students at today's Primary Hockey Carnival. Considering most of the players had not played hockey before, their skills by the end of the day were impressive! They played as a team with a positive attitude, despite some tough opponents. You should all be very proud of your efforts! Thanks also to our senior girls for their expertise in coaching and umpiring.

Kerri Smith.



STEM at St Teresa's Campus

We have had an amazing time in STEM in Term 2 exploring Earth and Space Sciences. Our mini scientists finished the term making and launching their very own rockets. Year 3/4

classes investigated soils, rocks and minerals, made a rain cloud to demonstrate the water cycle and designed rain droplet comics. Year 5/6 classes had the opportunity to explore new coding technology, which involved making a mini robot car. We finished the term using our bodies to represent the movement of the sun, Earth and moon. We cannot wait to see what new discoveries term 3 will bring!

Kathryn Perry STEM TEACHER











Chess Club

Some of our Year 5 and 6 Chess enthusiasts have shown the initiative to start a Chess Club at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus every Wednesday at lunchtime!

Students have organised resources and have taken on teaching roles, introducing their peers the strategy of chess.

Well done on a great initiative!



Guidera Cup

Congratulations to the Term 2 Guidera Cup house point winners - Rice!

Students in Rice earned almost 2,000 points this term for making great choices around our school and doing things like looking out for others and making sure they have friends to play with, helping people they see hurt, putting in lots of effort with their school work, and picking up rubbish to keep our school yard tidy.

They got to celebrate their win with a movie and popcorn hour in the Vessey Unit. Well done Rice!



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Mud Day - St Teresa's Campus

Our littlest Samaritans at St Teresa's Campus celebrated International Mud Day on Monday!

Nature play-based learning at its best! Splashing and jumping in squelchy puddles!! Creating nature potions

with leaves and petals! Creating mud soup, mud stew and mud pies in the outdoor kitchen! We can confirm no dinosaurs were harmed during mud play!

Mud play is sooooo much fun.

Check out their huge smiles! You can almost 'feel' their joy and excitement!

Shout out to our Reception Teachers and extra helpers on the day! Thank you very much!





Hats

As we welcome back some nice sunny weather, our Term 3 Sun Safety policy becomes more important, students are expected to;

Be responsible for following the 'no hat, no play' rule during all outdoor lessons and activities, including retreats, camps and excursions, as well as during lunch and recess breaks during terms 1, 3 and 4, and at any other time the UV Index Level reaches 3 and above;

Please speak to your child's classroom teacher if you need assistance in obtaining a new hat for your child.

Term 3 Events

All terms in a school are busy, however, Term 3 is a wonderful time where we have a lot of special events packed into our calendar! Please keep an eye out for things happening at both campuses through the Newsletter, Facebook and our Website.

Notable events coming up are Patrons Day, Sports Day, Book Week and School Photo Days. As always with events and excursions, we love having parent involvement and help! If you would like to help out in a range of volunteer capacities, please contact Vicki at St Teresa;s Campus Front Office to organise or confirm a Working with Children Check.

Staff Changes

A number of staff changes at both campuses, we farewelled Chloe Robinson at the end of Term 2 who has taken up an opportunity back in Adelaide closer to her family. We also had Shanae Luxton starting maternity leave after giving birth to a little boy, Jed, in the holidays – congratulations to Shanae and Aiden!

Charlize Head has started in the Learning Support Team at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus and Steph Paul and Suzi Karl have taken over Library duties at both campuses now that Rebecca McArthur has stepped back into the Year 1/2 class at St Teresa's Campus.

Matt Quist and Gareth Molyneux HEAD OF PRIMARY CAMPUSES

2024 NAPLAN Results

Our 2024 NAPLAN results have arrived at each of our campuses. The Teaching and Learning team alongside of campus leadership and classroom teachers will be using the information to ensure supports are in place for students, and also to adjust teaching programs to cover concepts that need consolidation. On Friday of Week 3, students in Year 3 and Year 5 will receive their NAPLAN results for 2024. These will be distributed by their classroom teachers at the end of the day. Extra copies of the report are available via your child's front office. If you have any questions about your child's results, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or a member of the Teaching and Learning team. If your child is absent on the day, please collect their results from the front office.

Jenna Edwards

R- 12 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL TEACHING AND LEARNING

Primary Sports Day Friday, September 6 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Will be held at Saint John's Campus

Our combined Primary Sports Day will be held on Friday, September 6 at Saint John's Campus Oval. Volunteers are a crucial part of the day running smoothly and students love seeing their family being involved. If you would like to volunteer throughout the day, please indicate suitable times on the slip below and pass on to your child's front office or SEQTA DM Mr Dale Raymond with your suitable times.

	Time: 9:45am-10:55am		
	Morning Ga	mes: Judging, organising children, giving out ribbons, helping score etc.	
	□ R-Yea	r 1/2 classes	
	□ Year 3	3/4-6 classes	
	Time: 11:30am-12:45pm		
	Sprints/Rela	ys: Giving out place cards, guiding students to scorer's tent.	
	Time: 1:15p	e: 1:15pm-2:15pm m Games: helping with set up of games, judging games, giving out ribbons to ning teams, organising teams	
	□ R-Yea	□ R-Year 1/2 classes	
	☐ Year 3/4-6 classes		
Child's name:			
Class:			
Name:			
Contact No:			

Secondary Campus News

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

Staff News

Recently we welcomed new colleagues to the senior campus – Gail Carr and Aaron Huddleston. Both are settling in well and developing positive relationships with their students. Ms Carr teaches junior Performing Arts and Mr Huddleston is undertaking a teaching placement before he teaches junior Maths and Science in two weeks.

Murray Venture

A sincere 'thank you' to Bec Clark, Jill Turnbull, Alicia Bugden, Amber Young, Sam Custance and Nick Schulz for their efforts on the Murray Venture. This camp is a Samaritan institution that seeks to build resilience and teamwork, but without staff who very kindly forgo their valuable family time, it would not continue. It is a big responsibility to be in charge of young people at any time, but on a camp that is as physical and isolated as the Murray Venture this responsibility is amplified. I also wish to acknowledge Kim Ryan's effort in organising this event.

Year 12 SACE Results

Congratulations to our Year 12 students and their Activating Identities and Futures (AIF) teachers, Caitlin Davidson and Lauren Shivvaan, for their work in this subject. The AIF is a compulsory SACE subject (replaces the Research Project) and most of our students achieved in the A and B bands.

Future's Evening

Tuesday night's Year 10 Futures Evening introduced students and their parents to the wide variety of mainstream subjects and VET subjects that can be studied in Year 11. Our Year 10s now have until week 5 to submit their VETRO forms (for those who wish to undertake VET courses next year) and week 8 to submit their subject selection forms. Futures information for the Year 11s and 12s will be available on the College website next week. The Year 11s will have until September 22 (Week 9) to lodge their subject selection forms.

Congratulations

I am very proud to announce that Samaritan students who took part in the 2024 Makers' Empire competition won second place. Supported by Mr Baverstock, students designed and made a product to solve a real-world problem, in this case a jig to help tradies cut grooves in door frames for hinges.

I am also excited to share with you that Saint John's Campus has received a grant for over \$6,000 from the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board for a native garden and meeting place. Miss Anderson and I will work with our indigenous students over the coming months to design and create a space that meets their needs whilst at the same time educating the wider community about native flora.

Tanya Gibson HEAD OF CAMPUS

Makers Empire

In 2023 Samaritan Year 7 students won the Makers Empire Showcase in Adelaide with their Little Sheet Lifter (a 3D printed tool for the Doorways 2 Construction students). In 2024 we were invited back to participate again. Some year 8 students volunteered their time during lunch and after school to design, prototype and create a tool for the Doorways students again this year.

The Hinge Ninja is a 3D printed tool to help the students cut the grooves for hinges in the side of doors. They made a pitch video that demonstrated the need for the tool and the design process. They identified a problem and considered the people the problem affected (the D2C students). They generated a variety of ideas to solve the problem and then prototyped a solution. After testing and revisions the Hinge Ninja (and dust extraction port) were made in their final form.

At the 2024 Showcase the Samaritan College group did the college proud again taking away the Runner Up prize out of approximately 25 schools across the state.

Congratulations to Unathi Dube, Curtis Rodgers, Emily Faulds, Liam Brown and Cooper Arcobelli on your amazing achievement and hard work.

James Baverstock
TEACHER

Youth Group

In Term 2, Week 10, our Youth Group had the privilege of hosting the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters for an inspiring and enjoyable visit. This special visit was filled with various activities designed to deepen our students' connection with their faith.

The afternoon kicked off with an engaging prayer session, where students gathered in a circle and participated in reflective and heartfelt prayers.

Following the prayer session, students enthusiastically took part in role-plays. These role-plays were not only fun but also educational, allowing students to

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explore different aspects of their faith in a dynamic and interactive way. The Sisters guided them through scenarios that highlighted the importance of compassion, empathy, and living out Christian values in everyday life.

Games were also a big hit! From team-building exercises to light-hearted competitions, the students had a blast while reinforcing the themes of teamwork and fellowship.

To end everyone enjoyed some delicious pizza which provided a wonderful opportunity for students and Sisters to share stories, experiences, and reflections.

Overall, the visit from the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters was a memorable and enriching experience for our Youth Group. It fostered a sense of unity, spirituality, and joy among our students, marking a beautiful end to the term. We look forward to more such inspiring visits in the future!

Antoinette Daniels TEACHER









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Jenna Edwards

R- 12 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL TEACHING AND LEARNING

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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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

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When: Friday 20th September, 6:30pm to Saturday 21st Sept 8:30am Where: Ada Ryan Gardens (Court Area)



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Learn about the issues faced by young people experiencing homelessness in Whyalla



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[Pt Augusta Junior Open is on the following day: Sunday 18th August 2024]

EKEE Howlog Lunch!





For more information on this event or for an application form, please ring Gray Stanton on 0455 558 958 or visit the club website at whyallagolf.org.au