

Term 3 Week 4

15 August 2024

**COMING EVENTS**

AUGUST 17-18

- Samaritan College exhibit at Whyalla Show

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21

- Book Week Parade, 9am, both primary campuses

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28

- Patrons Day - whole college celebration

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

- School Photos: Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4

- School Photos: Saint John's Campus

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5

- School Photos: St Teresa's Campus

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6

- Primary Sports Day held on Saint John's Campus oval

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12

- Catchup individual photos

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**Saint John's Campus**

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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**

- 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

Today is the Feast of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Holy day marks the occasion of the Virgin Mary's bodily ascent to heaven at the end of her life. This special day is acknowledged across many Christian faiths not just by Catholics. Mary is very much an adored person in the Christian faith.

*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.*



**Big Events**

Much on the horizon for students and families to prepare for. In the coming weeks keep an eye out for the R-12 Patrons Day, R-6 Sports Day, R-12 Book Week Dress Up, Term 3 PULSE survey and more. There were also a range of Future Nights held recently where senior students select subjects for 2025 and coming soon are the elective choices for Year 9/10. And of course, keep an eye out for our section at the Schools Pavilion at the Whyalla Show. And..... College Photos are taken this term and our Head Boy and Girl will visit the Governor at Government House!

**Aquinas College**

Aquinas is Samaritan's preferred tertiary accommodation college in Adelaide. Aquinas staff work with our staff to ensure as smooth a transition to Uni and Adelaide life as

*Damien*  
 Damien Judd

PRINCIPAL

possible. Please visit <https://www.aquinas.edu.au>. Aquinas recently held their Open Day but will happily arrange tours anytime that will suit you. They are more than simply a place to stay and support students with their academic progress all whilst providing a safe, welcoming and convenient environment to live in.

## AGM

Thank you to those who attended the college's Annual General Meeting last week. Along with some interesting information presented, Ashlee Jaritz (parent from St Teresa's) was elected to the Advisory Board. Ashlee replaces Arun Samarasan who is stepping down after almost 5 years' service. The AGM returns to Term 1 in 2025 where some new members will also be elected.

## Surveys

At times, you and your child, may feel like we ask a lot of questions and do a lot of surveys. Sometimes these surveys are from us and others come from Catholic Education SA and some come from other organisations i.e. Mission Australia. We appreciate there can be a 'survey overload' at times, but we also appreciate the value in being asked and consulted about your and your child's opinions – they do make a difference. Imagine the flipside of not being asked at all for your opinion or feedback. And in most cases, not all, the surveys are very short and can even be done on your phone.

## Things that should just stay at home!

We do list a number of items in our Parent-Student Guide (on website) that are not OK to have at school i.e. aerosols and even pets shouldn't be brought into the yard. But obviously there are 1000s of items that common sense tells us should not be brought to school that we just can't keep listing in rule books. And, of course, it isn't always that easy for parents to know what has actually been brought to school by your child. 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 for pets, expensive jewellery, tools, 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 i.e. multi tools, fish hooks etc. 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.

You might be surprised what your child has been bringing to school!

# The Samaritan Way

*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.  
Matthew 5:16*

In a few weeks, on Wednesday August 28 (Week 6) our College will come together for a joyful celebration of our Patrons. Students and staff from all three campuses will come together in another exciting, fun-filled day.

The day will start with a Mass and Liturgies. We will 'Let our Light Shine' when on our 'Samarathon' walk we think about others and donate to the Vinnies Winter Appeal. At Saint John's Campus there will be delicious food stalls, buddy class activities, a teachers vs students game, and 'Samaritan's Got Talent'

We have many reasons to celebrate our Patrons. Each one can be an inspiration and guide to us.

Our House Patrons: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is an inspiration in her faithfulness and her care of the poor, St Benedict inspires us to make the most of our opportunities at school, and Blessed Edmund Rice encourages us to make the world a fairer place.

Our Campus Patrons: Mary, Help of Christians is an example of discipleship and trusting in God. St Therese of Lisieux shows us how to find joy in doing little things to the best of our ability and, St John shows us how to live the Good News by following Jesus

All information will sent home via SEQTA in the coming weeks.

*Rebecca Sinclair*  
APRIM

*Creator God  
 You call us to community  
 You challenge us to be people of compassion  
 You ask us to care for our world  
 Guide us to listen with the ears of our hearts  
 Help us live in community with You and one another  
 Give us wisdom to see You in all things  
 May we always be grateful for Your many blessings.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord*

*St Benedict – Pray for us*

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us*

*Blessed Edmund Rice – Pray for us*

*Amen*

## Deputy News

### From the Resilience Project Desk – Gratitude

Some benefits of practising gratitude are:

- After 21 days, you start to scan the world for positives.
- After 42 days you become:
  - More optimistic, energised & focused.
  - Less likely to get sick.
- You will sleep better.
- Anxiety and depression decreases.

A few quick and simple ways to practise being grateful are:

- Journaling; each night write down 3 things that went well for you that day or purchase a gratitude journal with gratitude prompts.
- Write a gratitude letter to someone special, telling them why you are grateful they are in your life.

- Have a family discussion on the way home from school or around the dinner table about the things that went well that day or made you smile.

Over the last two years, Samaritan College has chosen to partner with Resilient Youth Australia who survey more than 900,000 Australian school students aged 12-18. The survey is completely voluntary and anonymous, and no individual student can be identified. The survey tool collects the self-reported resilience, mental health, and wellbeing of students and provides us with valuable information to support key strengths and address challenges.

In coming newsletters, I will present data from each year level. The data can generate important table conversations around wellbeing and mental health. The intention here is not to point the finger or cast judgement, but simply to acknowledge the many issues and complexities our young people are voicing when completing the survey.

### Year 7

Focus Question	Female (%)	Male (%)
I have love and support from my family	90	96
I have an adult in my life who I can talk to	60	96
I feel safe at home	90	100
I get at least 8 hours of sleep most nights	53	85
I am not using a device between 10pm and 6am	47	74
I can forgive others who are mean to me	57	52
I do not vape	100	100
I am not playing excessive online games	80	59

*Brett Czechowski*  
 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

# MacKillop Feast Day



“Never see a need without doing something about it.”

On August 8, all three of our campuses came together to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop! Students from Saint John’s Campus visited St Teresa’s and Our Lady Help of Christians campuses to participate in a special Mary MacKillop-themed liturgy. Working in buddy classes, they engaged in a variety of activities that honoured the life and legacy of Australia’s first Saint.

Seeing our students embody the spirit of Mary MacKillop, building cross-campus relationships, and working together with such enthusiasm made all of our staff extremely proud. These events are made possible with the support of many wonderful people. I want to extend an extra special thank you to Rebecca Sinclair, Matt Quist, Gareth Molyneux, the MacKillop House Captains, and the Head Students for all of their support and leadership in planning and facilitating the event. I’d also like to thank the primary staff and the Saint John’s Campus team for all of their efforts in helping the afternoon run smoothly. This is hopefully the beginning to many more cross-campus activities.

*Caitlin Davidson*  
MACKILLOP HOUSE LEADER



# Primary Campus News

## Student Leadership Assemblies

We would like to acknowledge the following students who have been elected as members of the Student Representative Council for Semester 2.

Student Representative Council			
St Teresa's Campus		Our Lady Help of Christians Campus	
Student	Class	Student	Class
Daisy Fiebig	Rec Davies/Judd	Colby Dix	Rec Molyneux
Jai Heysen	Rec Davies/Judd	Everly Ward	Rec Molyneux
Parker Skepper	Rec Harris	Indianna-Rose Storic Yeend	Rec Warren
Gabriella Asperti	Rec Harris	Layne Dunn	Rec Warren
Billi Tonkin	Rec Raymond/Judd	Jerimiah Lindsay	1/2 Connor
Chase Robertson	Rec Raymond/Judd	Amber Beinke	1/2 Connor
Willow Murphy	1/2 Fechner	Tayte Gill	1/2 Marschall
Dayne Liddle	1/2 Fechner	Alice Bastian	1/2 Marschall
Leo O'Neil	1/2 McArthur	Michael Paul	3/4 Mayne
Olivia Izzard	1/2 McArthur	Amber Mackenzie	3/4 Mayne
Ellie Murphy	1/2 Murray	Stephan Aran	3/4 Shiell
Beau Arundell	1/2 Murray	Elizabeth Carr	3/4 Shiell
Will Bennie	3/4 Foran	Shaine Shaw	5/6 Arcobelli/James
Ava Malcolm	3/4 Foran	Malakai Marich	5/6 Arcobelli/James
Archie Raymond	3/4 Gould	Charlotte Paul	5/6 Marinkovich
Isla Perry	3/4 Gould	Braxton Hood	5/6 Marinkovich
Alfie Kroll	5/6 Foran		
Abbie O'Brien	5/6 Foran		
Maddy Watt	5/6 Ness		
Marko Marijanovic	5/6 Ness		

S Squad - St Teresa's Campus			
Student	Class	Student	Class
Bodhi Ward	Rec Davies/Judd	Jensen Cosgrove	3/4 Foran
Hezal Patel	Rec Davies/Judd	Sam Maxwell	3/4 Foran
Mackenzie May	Rec Harris	Cody Faulds	3/4 Gould
Dane Smith	Rec Harris	Elliott Gallego	3/4 Gould
Myla Tonkin	Rec Raymond/Judd	Fletcher Izzard	3/4 Gould
Vincent Trezise	Rec Raymond/Judd	Beau Maitland	3/4 Gould
Charlotte Baker	1/2 Fechner	Ronan Schuppan	3/4 Gould
Maddison Hackshaw	1/2 Fechner	Eleanor Thompson-Mager	3/4 Gould
Godwin Abakah-Odoom	1/2 McArthur	Reef Yeates	3/4 Gould
Arthur Hocking	1/2 McArthur	Janice Abakah-Odoom	5/6 Foran
Darcy Rodda	1/2 McArthur	Aubree Golding	5/6 Foran
Archie Schwark	1/2 Murray	Brax Brewer	5/6 Foran
Blake Seeley	1/2 Murray	Indiah Perry	5/6 Ness
Ryan Caldwell	3/4 Foran	Joseph Rosa	5/6 Ness

Matt Quist and Gareth Molyneux  
HEAD OF PRIMARY CAMPUSES

## Tennis Carnival

On Monday of Week 3, the Year 3/4 students from Our Lady Help of Christians Campus had the opportunity to participate in a Tennis Carnival. The students got to learn new skills and represent our school in a team environment. The students got to watch demonstrations from experienced tennis players, before playing against other schools in Whyalla. It was a great day enjoyed by all! Thanks to Miss Mayne, Jo and Charlice for supporting the students.



## Year 5/6 Foran Sustainability Project

*Year 5/6 Foran participated in a community project with the Whyalla City Council.*

*We made our way down to the Whyalla Foreshore and worked in collaboration with the Whyalla City Council to plant tube stock. In total, we planted over 400 plants along the Whyalla Foreshore.*

*"The experience was really enjoyable. It was great to be involved in a project at our beach. We look forward to looking at our plants each time we visit the Whyalla Foreshore for years to come. We would like to thank the Whyalla City Council for the experience".*

### Students from 5/6 Foran



## The Arts at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

Lots has been happening this past term in the arts. Both the Catholic and Whyalla choirs have been practicing hard for their performances at the end of this term. We have been creating art works in all year levels that will be showcased at events such as the Whyalla Show and the Samaritan Shines. We have been working on show stopping pieces that will feature in the Samaritan Spectacular early in Term 4.

Sophie James  
TEACHER



## 100 Days of School for our Receptions

During Week 1, we celebrated our littlest Samaritan's having been at school for 100 days, and our very newest receptions celebrated their super start to school, with a "100 Super Days of School" dress up and celebration.



# 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 Games: Judging, organising children, giving out ribbons, helping score etc.
  - R-Year 1/2 classes
  - Year 3/4-6 classes
  
- Time: 11:30am-12:45pm**  
Sprints/Relays: Giving out place cards, guiding students to scorer's tent.
  
- Time: 1:15pm-2:15pm**  
Team Games: helping with set up of games, judging games, giving out ribbons to winning teams, organising teams
  - R-Year 1/2 classes
  - Year 3/4-6 classes

Child's name: .....

Class: .....

Name: .....

Contact No: .....

### 5/6 Girls Basketball Carnival

We had an amazing day at the basketball carnival, filled with excitement, teamwork and sportsmanship! Both our teams played incredibly well, showcasing their skills and determination on the court.

Our Division A team put up a fantastic fight throughout the day, with some great passing and teamwork on display. They narrowly went down in the grand final to a strong opposition.

The Division B team had some tough opponents throughout the day, but didn't give up. With some inexperienced players they should hold their heads high knowing that they gave their all on the court and showed great spirit as a team.

A big thank you to all the players, coaches and supporters for making the day a huge success.

*Dale Raymond*  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION





## 1/2 Fechner

Year 1/2 Fechner have got into the Olympic Spirit and have pretended they are an Olympic Athlete. They have each chosen the Country they belong to, the event they are competing in and how they would celebrate when they win.



## Secondary Campus News

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

### Staff News

Last week we welcomed Brooke Nolan back to our Inclusive Ed team. She will work with students across various year levels. After five weeks observing senior staff in the classroom, Aaron Huddleston 'took the reigns' of his own classes on Monday. Aaron will teach in the Maths and Science faculties.

### Senior Subject Selections

By now, all Year 10 and 11 students should have collected their 2025 subject selection information, including the codes they need to enter their 2025 subject preferences online. The formal cut-off dates to access this portal is September 12, but with some subjects like Food and Hospitality, Champion Code and Physical Education proving popular students are encouraged to log on and complete this task sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment. Printed preference forms need to be returned to Ms Hopkins or the Front Office by the end of Week 8 (September 13) to ensure equal consideration.

### VET

Vocational Education and Training (VET) is a popular SACE option for students, particularly those hoping to go to trades when they leave school. VET courses

can attract additional entry requirements, such as passing an online literacy and numeracy assessment and completing work experience, and often attract additional costs. To make informed decisions, both students and their parents are encouraged to meet with me as soon as possible so I can explain these entry requirements and the application process. Entry limits apply to face-to-face courses, such as those undertaken at TAFE, so students are encouraged not to leave this to the last minute. Completed VETRO application forms and supporting documentation need to be returned to Miss Gibson by the end of Week 5 (August 23) so online literacy and numeracy tests can be booked and undertaken.

### School Photos

By now students would have received information about upcoming school photos, which will be held on this campus on Wednesday September 4 (Week 7). It is an expectation that all students will be appropriately dressed and groomed – i.e. formal uniform (not P.E.), clean-shaven, long hair tied back and discrete jewellery.

## Parent-Teacher Meetings

It was lovely to see so many families Monday and Tuesday night. All parents and caregivers are reminded that they can contact their children's teachers at any time during the school day to discuss teaching or pastoral care matters (or to arrange meetings). Please bear in mind that staff often have professional commitments after school so might take a day or two to reply to phone calls or emails.

*Tanya Gibson*  
HEAD OF CAMPUS

## Netball Carnival

This week we had 2x Year 9/10 Girls and 2x Open Girls team represent the College in the annual Regional Netball Carnival in Port Augusta.

Our Year 9/10 Girls team 2 was coached by Mrs Kate Kimberley. The girls battled hard all day playing 5 games and winning 1. Their attitudes were always positive and they never gave up.

The Open Girls team 2 was coached by Ms Bianca Christian. This team played 4 games, winning 1, however showing huge improvement throughout the whole day.

9/10 Girls team 1 played consistently all day, winning their Grand Final against PASS in a one sided encounter 24-9. Congratulations to coach Mrs Karen Smith and the girls on their win.

Open Girls 1 coached by Mr Sean Sheedy, were a dominant force all day winning the carnival undefeated, and defeating Caritas in the Grand Final 21-18.

All our players should be commended on their sportsmanship and team work on the day. They represented the College with pride demonstrating our school values at all times.

A big thank you also to Ms Jodie Hopkins, Mrs Julie Sheedy, Talia Hines and student helpers Chloe Andrew, Katie Smith and Charli Stainer for scoring and umpiring on the day.

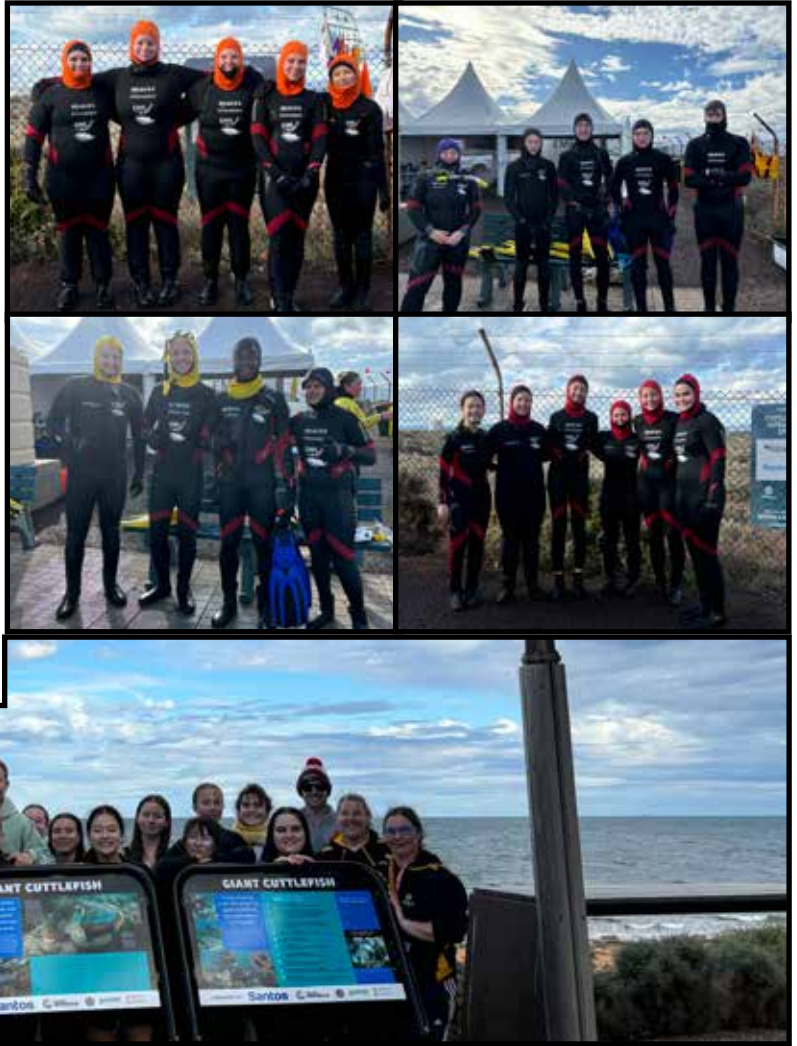
*Sean Sheedy*  
SPORT COORDINATOR



## Cuttlefish excursion

On July 4 our Marine Biology and Aquaculture class had the opportunity to go snorkelling with the Giant Cuttlefish at Stony Point. During this experience we were educated about our surroundings, marine life and the significance of our local area for the Giant Cuttlefish, especially during breeding season. The EMS team were very knowledgeable and assisted us throughout the experience. When in the water we saw cuttlefish in lots of different colours, sizes and textures. Along with cuttlefish we also observed other marine fauna such as jellyfish and a variety of other native species. Our favourite part was seeing the Giant Cuttlefish up close and observing how they change colours and dance to attract a mating partner.

By Sophie, Demi and Phoebe



## 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](mailto:claims@csnet.com.au).

*Terry Costello*  
BUSINESS MANAGER

# 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."



## MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS ROUND

**AUGUST 23 & 24**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 23**

**SOUTH  
WHYALLA**

**VS**

**WEST  
WHYALLA**

**BENNETT OVAL**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 24**

**WEEROONA  
BAY**

**VS**

**ROOPENA**

**BENNETT OVAL**

**NORTH  
WHYALLA**

**VS**

**CENTRAL  
WHYALLA**

**MEMORIAL OVAL**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 23**

**FROM 4PM AT BENNETT OVAL**

**AFL PLAYERS MEET AND GREET  
AND FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES**



**GUEST STARS**

**FORMER AFL PLAYERS  
RORY SLOANE & JAMES PODSIADLY**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 24**

**FROM 12.30PM AT BENNETT OVAL**

**FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES  
AND STALLS**

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