### COMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1**
- Year 5/6 Edwards Assembly, 12:30pm, OLHCC
- Year 3/4 Baverstock Assembly, 2:30pm, STC
- Children’s Mass practise, 4pm, St Teresa’s Church

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2**
- Children’s Mass, St Teresa’s Church, 7pm

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**
- SJC Reports distributed

**APRIL 4-8**
- Year 7 Aquatics Camp, p4

**APRIL 9-10**
- 2016 Youth Assembly, Port Pirie Diocese, p8

**APRIL 12 & APRIL 13**
- SJC Parent/Teacher Evening, 3:30-6:30pm, by appointment

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13**
- SRC (primary campuses) sausage sizzle fundraiser

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15**
- Final day of Term 1, 12:30pm

**MONDAY, MAY 2**
- School resumes

**MAY 12-14**
- NAPLAN

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**They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? Luke 24:5**

So much of what is focused on, especially in schools, at Easter is around the death and suffering of Christ. It is understandable for some children to almost have a morbid intrigue around the torture and form of execution that Jesus endured. But in his Gospel from Saturday, Luke is keen to assert that Jesus is alive. That the real message for us at Easter is about Jesus’ life, death and importantly, his resurrection.

It was certainly a packed Holy Week at Samaritan College. The effort and reverence that goes into the multitude of liturgies and services across all three campuses is incredible. From some simple messages to the younger students to the more abstract and creative performances for the secondary students. All with the same purpose - to reinforce the message of Lent and Holy Week.

The staff and students can be incredibly proud of the way they combine the religious events of Holy Week with the excitement of an Easter break combined with chocolate plus the enormous amount of fundraising that occurs in our college for Project Compassion.

I thank all the parents, friends, staff and students for the incredible work and effort that goes into the fundraising during Lent. Aside from the Easter Egg raffles with its usual 150+ prizes, the variety and simplicity of the activities to raise so much money for Caritas Australia is something that does set us aside from many other schools.

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**Board**

The 2016 Board meets for the first time tonight since the AGM. One important yet regular item on the agenda is the new primary campus. Again we have no new update until final council approval has been given. There are still some car parking designs we are working through. Once approval is given, the crucial financial decisions then come into play around borrowing $6 million.

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Religious Dimension

Happy Easter

We have all returned from the Easter weekend renewed after four days of rest. Last Thursday the church celebrated Holy Thursday with Jesus’ call towards discipleship through the washing of the disciple’s feet and the establishment of the Eucharist in the breaking of bread and sharing of wine.

On Friday Catholic communities around the world commemorated the ‘Stations of the Cross’. This meditation on Christ’s Passion and death is prayed in context with our own struggles and needs and gives us strength and courage to face injustices and hardships in our world.

Saturday evening saw the Easter Vigil service in which we prepare for the Light of Christ to enter the world. Internationally at this celebration people who have completed their preparation are received into the church through the completion of the Sacraments of belonging. These are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Here in our own Catholic Parish of Whyalla, Ryan was Baptised and Christine and Megan completed their initiation into the church. We offer our congratulations to them and all people who were received into the church this past weekend.

Then on Sunday we celebrated the Joy of the Risen Christ. This day is a most Joyous celebration as we give praise and blessing to the risen Jesus who comes to live in our hearts.

The Easter season, however, is not over. The church celebrates Easter for 50 days. We also celebrate and pray that the joy of the Risen Christ can be with us in all aspects of our lives. We pray that we can bring life to our communities, friends and families. We pray that with the help of the Risen Christ we can bring about justice, peace and hope in our world. These may sound like lofty goals but we are asked only to do our small part where we can.

One message of Easter is to live the season of Easter with new eyes.

Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes “all things new.” (Rev. 21:5) The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been broken or taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes - God’s eyes.

Think about how you can live Easter.

Halleluia!
Jesus is risen!
He is risen indeed!

May this declaration
resound not only in these walls
but touch the lives
of all we meet
and forever be
the truth of which we speak.
Your love,

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

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Parent Teacher Interviews

If you haven't already, please book a time with the teachers you need to speak to. We encourage you to meet with all relevant teachers and not just those who you think teach the "important" subjects or where your child is having concerns.

Halleluia!
Jesus is risen!
He is risen indeed!

once sown within a garden,
tended for your own people,
neglected and rejected,
now spreads its sweet perfume
in this place
and wherever it is shown.

Halleluia!
Jesus is risen!
He is risen indeed!

http://www.loyolapress.com/living-the-spirit-of-easter.htm

http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Easter.htm#ixzz44FTKhwHh
Parish News

What a wonderful Easter weekend we had in our Parish. It commenced with the Holy Thursday Mass at St Teresa’s Church with the focus being on the last supper Jesus had with his disciples and the washing of their feet. Fr Jim and Fr Harold washed the feet of twelve parishioners who represented different aspects of the parish. A good turn-out attended the ecumenical Stations of the Cross held on Saint John Campus’ oval on Good Friday morning with people of different ages and churches taking part in the readings. The Passion of the Lord liturgies on Friday afternoon at both churches were very moving and reverent as we remembered Christ’s death on a cross.

The Easter Vigil on Saturday night was a joyous occasion, demonstrated by the congregation’s involvement and their singing. A child and his mother were baptised and two adults received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. It was a very special time being able to share this occasion with them.

On Sunday, many out of town visitors attended our church services. We hope they received a warm welcome to Whyalla and enjoyed the Masses and community spirit.

Now we enter the season of Easter. During the next seven weeks we follow the various visitations of Jesus to his disciples and his messages of love and peace to each other. These weeks will culminate with his ascension into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit onto the disciples, providing them with the strength to go out and preach the message of Jesus throughout the world. So Easter is not “over” but a continuing journey.

Julie Andriessen
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

College News

ANZAC Day March

Once again students from all campuses are invited to represent the college in the ANZAC Day March held this year in the school holidays. ANZAC Day falls on the Monday of the second week in the upcoming school holidays.

All students are welcome to join us in this memorial event. Students that participate are asked to wear their school uniform. We will let the forecast temperature decide if it is to be the summer or winter uniform and ask parents to use your own judgement here. Please remember to bring your hat if you intend to join us.

After the march there will be a liturgy and donations are collected for the RSL. Having a few coins will help if you wish to donate something.

You do not need to notify anyone if you wish to be part of the Samaritan contingent. Simply meet outside the Tandoori Guru on Essington Lewis Avenue at 9:50am for a 10:15am start.

Parents will be responsible for their children, especially if they are younger and please attend to their collection immediately after the March and liturgy which concludes at the Memorial Oval gates of remembrance.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

Year 11 Students Visit OLHC Campus

In Week 7, students from Miss Hannon and Mrs Murphy’s 11 Religion Studies classes took stories to read to Year 2/3 students at the Our Lady Help of Christian’s Campus. The story books were made by Year 11 students as part of their course, which focuses on this year’s theme of Mercy within the Church. The stories were the culmination of students revisiting the meanings of the college’s parables, looking at how they truly show mercy, considering the historical and social contexts relevant to each one.

The Year 11s displayed creativity in presenting quite a challenging concept to the junior students, using animal analogies and sporting examples to make their stories appropriate for their target audience. Stories such as Gary and the Good Fox, Owen the Outstanding Ostrich, Timmy the Turtle’s Trip to the Pond and Penny and the Friendly Panda were all popular.

Carly Murpy
RELIGION STUDIES TEACHER (SJC)

March 31, 2016
A Breadth of Learning Opportunities

As we move towards the end of Term I take a moment to reflect on the many and varied learning opportunities available to our students. Engaging classroom learning where the integration of the Australian Curriculum provides opportunities for student inquiry and personalised learning is and always will be a priority. We continue to celebrate our Catholic Identity as we celebrate the Easter season and our commitment to Project Compassion. Students are furthering their learning through participation in many extra-curricular activities including choir and musical rehearsals, Dance Out, intra cricket and basketball carnivals, class excursions and camps. Thanks to our hard working and committed staff for providing and supporting these learning opportunities.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The primary campuses will be conducting Parent Teacher Interviews in Week 11 of this term. These interviews provide an opportunity for discussion of all aspects of your child’s learning including their academic, social and emotional development. The parent/teacher relationship is crucial to the education of the child and these interviews are for all parents and in some cases, the student too. Please keep an eye out for the parent booking form for these very important meetings.

Year 7 Aquatics Camp

Next week students from both campuses will be attending the Year 7 Aquatics Camp in Port Vincent. This is a great opportunity for the students to build confidence and develop identity as well as draw on skills of resilience and independence away from home.

The students from OLHCC will be attending the camp from Monday, April 4 to Wednesday, April 6 and the students from STC will be attending from April 6 to April 8.

Year 6/7 Commemorative Jumpers

At the beginning of Week 11 we are anticipating the arrival of the Year 6/7 commemorative jumpers. Notes have gone home to parents with further information regarding the cost and pick up of these jumpers.

Dance Out

Last week students enthusiastically participated in ‘Dance Out’. As part of the Physical Education curriculum students have learnt a variety of dances. In various class groups students demonstrated their skills whilst enjoying time with their peers.
Our House Captains did a great job demonstrating and participating in all the sessions. Thanks to Mr Usher for coordinating the day and to the House Captains for their leadership. Enjoy the photos in today’s newsletter.

Advanced Notice - Sausage Sizzle Week 11

The SRC from both campuses will be holding a Sausage Sizzle during Week 11 to raise funds for Project Compassion. Both campus sausage sizzles will be on Wednesday, April 13. Keep an eye out for order forms in the coming week. Any parents willing to volunteer or serve on the day please fill in the tear off slip on the order form.

**Children’s Mass**

On Saturday, April 2 at 7pm there is a Children’s Mass at St Teresa’s Church. A practice will be held on Friday April 1 from 4 - 5pm in the church. It would be great to see our students come along and celebrate the Easter season.

_Lou Whitehouse_  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PRIMARY)

**NAPLAN**

Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be participating in the NAPLAN test in Week 2 of Term 2. NAPLAN tests students’ skills in literacy and numeracy. It is one of the many tools we use to improve outcomes for our students. More information about the tests is available at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)

Please speak to your child’s teacher if you have concerns about your child participating in the tests. If you wish for your child to be exempt from one or more of the tests please contact the office at either Primary Campus for an exemption form. The form must be completed, signed and returned to the office before Week 2 of Term 2.

_Rebecca Sinclair_  
RE/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

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**OLHC Campus SRC “No Bin Day”**

Tomorrow we will be having a “No Bin Day”. We would like everyone at OLHC campus to bring less packaging to school so we can have less rubbish in our yard. To support this day there will be no bins out.

The reason we have done this is because at our SRC meeting we all thought that there was too much rubbish around our campus and by putting posters up and having a “No Bin Day” we hope people will think about reducing rubbish.

Please support our “No Bin Day” by bringing your lunch and recess in a reusable container.

_Ruby M, Adyson and Hannah N (SRC)"

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“We joined our buddies in 1/2 Helmers to make some jelly. On Monday we made a stand under the shelter shed and sold the jellies for 50c each. We filled our Project Compassion boxes so much the bottom of the box fell out on the classroom floor”

**Aimee Custance and Ashlee Rowlands, 5/6 Free**

“We made jelly with our buddies. We made orange, red, green and purple jelly. On Monday we sold it to make money for Project Compassion. Lots of people ate the jelly and it was really fun”

**Jayden Wood, 1/2 Helmers**

“Brock and I made lots of jelly. We sold the jelly for 50c to make money for Project Compassion. I had some red jelly and it was yum”

**Joshua Geering, 1/2 Helmers**

On Wednesday 23 March we had a jelly cup fundraiser. Lots of people bought jelly. We raised $110 dollars for Project Compassion. Thank you to the parents who made the jelly cups.

_The authors in 2/3 Bell_
Dance Out
Parent Teacher Interviews
Many parents are utilising the electronic booking process for this round of parent teacher interviews which is really encouraging. If you have not received information regarding accessing the system or are unable to access it from home please contact Maresa Lyons at the college. This year we will not be sending home a sheet of paper to manually arrange bookings. With these new initiatives in the college we welcome any feedback that might help to improve the experience for families, please direct any suggestions to Maresa Lyons.

Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival
This Friday approximately 60 students are traveling to Port Lincoln to participate in the Spencer Gulf Athletics carnival. This is a great opportunity for our students to compete on a level that they might not otherwise be able to access. We wish the students the very best of luck in all the events that they have nominated for and trust that they will do themselves and Samaritan College proud.

Students leaving the campus during the day
When a student needs to leave the college, for whatever reason, it is important for parents to provide a signed note in the college diary. In the interests of student safety we ask that parents collect their child from the front office in person if notes have not been written.

Avenues of Communication
We are exploring greater avenues of communication with our families. Last week parents of secondary students should have received a text message alerting them to the change in the process for booking parent teacher interviews.

We also have a Facebook page that parents and students are encouraged to return to regularly for updates on current and future events. We are hoping to get some updates regarding the team’s progress from Port Lincoln this Friday.

In the near future we are also hoping to trial a system that allows us to message a parent if a child is absent on any day as well as an app that enables parents to receive information that is relevant to their child’s year level. Once we are ready to roll out these new systems parents will be advised through Facebook, the newsletter and our website.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Vinnies Winter Blanket Appeal – Wool Donations
Staff and Students on the Saint John’s Campus are again asking friends of the college to donate wool for our annual Blanket Appeal. Your donations will be used to knit squares that will be sewn together to make blankets for Vinnies to distribute to needy families and individuals in Whyalla. All donations will be appreciated and can be made to the front office (70 Gowrie Ave).

Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

NAPLAN Testing
The NAPLAN Testing period is quickly approaching, taking place on Tuesday, May 10 - Thursday May 12, Week 2 of Term 2.

NAPLAN Tests are delivered simultaneously across all schools in Australia. The literacy skills being assessed are reading, writing and language conventions (comprising of spelling, punctuation and grammar). The numeracy skills being assessed are number, algebra, function and pattern, measurement, chance and data, working mathematically and space.

The purpose of NAPLAN testing is to have another tool available to schools to find out what students can and cannot do, with the overall objective of being an educational improvement tool. Results are expected to be distributed to individual students and parents/caregivers during August and September.

Further information about the purpose of the testing is available via the infographic in the Newsletter, or alternatively visit http://www.nap.edu.au/. This website contains a range of resources, including sample tests, which may be beneficial for some students to look over.

Students in Year 9 who are due to undertake the testing are able to be withdrawn under ethical grounds by speaking with the school in regards to their concerns. For a student to be granted exemption, a form needs to be filled in and signed by a parent/guardian. These forms are available from the front office at Saint John’s Campus and need to be returned to Mr Tony Hall prior to the dates of testing.

Students will be required to have access to their own 2B pencils, erasers, sharpeners and a calculator to be able to complete the tests.

Mr Tony Hall
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING
Show and Live Mercy
2016 Youth Assembly, Port Pirie Diocese
Saint John’s Campus
April 9 & 10, 2016

Students from Year 10 and up and young adults up to the age of 25 who are interested in attending the Diocesan Youth Assembly are invited to register for this event online at http://www.pp.catholic.org.au/

The Assembly is a gathering of young people to share their faith, interests and stories in a welcoming and supported environment. The theme of the Assembly is ‘Live and Show Mercy’.

There will be guest speakers, outreach experiences and fun activities. The venue is Samaritan College Saint John’s Campus. Participants who cannot stay the whole time are welcome to come and go or be part of one of the two days.

Canteen Rosters

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