COMING EVENTS

JULY 30/31
• Enrolment weekend for the Sacrament of Confirmation at any Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3
• Parent/Student Information Evening for Confirmation, Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 7pm
• Education Night - Current Year 10s, 7pm, Samaritan Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
• Education Night - Current Year 11s, 7pm, Samaritan Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11
• Music is Fun - primary, p5

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12
• R/1 Leech Assembly, OLHCC, 12:30pm, church
• R/1 Harris/Judd, 2:45pm, STC, Shelter Shed

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
• Education Night - Current Year 10s, 7pm, Samaritan Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23
• STC Book Week parade

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23
• SJC school photos

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24
• OLHCC school photos
• Education Night - Current Year 8s, 7pm, Samaritan Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25
• STC school photos

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26
• OLHCC Book Week parade

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For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:10

A verse from Sunday’s Gospel. Almost sounds too good to be true and too easy! Just ask?? But how many of us actually forget that simple step of asking or approaching or seeking? Do we just assume the ‘leader’ knows what we want? Whilst in this religious context it is about prayer and speaking with God, it is also a common line in so many of the students’ academic reports that I read at the end of last term. That is that the student is encouraged to seek help or ask more questions. The teacher will always assist but only the student really knows if they need more help or if they didn’t understand something. So please…..ask a teacher!

Welcome back to the start of another term. It may appear as if we are half way through the year but in school language, the half way point was a few weeks ago and for our Year 12s, they are essentially two-thirds of the way through their final year.

Term 3 is our term for Sports Days, Murray Venture, Education Nights, Whyalla Show Stall, Confirmation, Samaritan Spectacular and many other important events and activities. As always the best place to keep up-to-date with information is via the newsletter, website, Facebook and the Skoolbag App.

Pilgrims

Four of our staff spent their break overseas either in Kiribati or Poland as part of Diocesan programs. Katherine Hannon and Rebecca Corcoran are currently in Poland for World Youth Day and Cristina Torres and Erin McIntee were part of the inaugural Immersion Trip to Kiribati. Aside from their own personal experiences, these types of trips for staff are also invaluable for our students as the staff return and share their stories of commitment with them. In years gone by Samaritan staff and students have been to India as part of outreach programs run by the college.
Support

We continue to offer support to families who may be struggling to meet their financial commitments to the college. This can also include seeking support for uniforms or other extra-curricular activities that may come at a cost. We have a range of methods of being able to support families. If at anytime you feel cost is becoming a concern please contact myself or our Business Manager, Terry Costello. This can be done in person or in writing. It is a very confidential process.

Staff Training

You may wonder why schools sometimes have to ‘close’ so that staff can have training. With a school the size of ours, employing around 150 people, there are sometimes certain things that require everyone to be available at the same time in order to receive the proper training and skills. Sometimes this is just for teaching staff and other times it involves all staff. At the end of last term all staff undertook vital refresher courses in Protective Practices – which is how staff safely interact with young people. All staff follow specific guidelines in what we share with children, how we communicate with them, how we maintain safe environments with children and in particular, how staff interact with children and their parents in a regional setting like Whyalla, where often staff and students have closer relationships outside of school.

Staff Announcement

Miss Katie Edwards, Year 5/6 OLHCC teacher, will be taking up a position at Whyalla High School in Week 5 of this term. We congratulate Katie on this appointment and thank her for the contribution she has made to our college in her short time with us. Information regarding Katie’s replacement will be announced soon.

Bishop’s Circular

From time to time the Bishop sends a circular around the diocese containing news about the diocese, projected developments, conferences or meetings of interest, statements by Pope Francis on moral or church issues etc. If you would like to be in this information loop, simply send an email saying so to Maryanne Saracino at msaracino@pp.catholic.org.au. It is a means of deepening a sense of diocesan family, by sharing information about ourselves.

Parish News

Welcome back to all after the school holidays. Over the last few weeks many things have been happening in our Parish. Our Bishop and some priests from our Diocese which included Frs Jim and Harold attended the Ordination of Ramel Morales in the Philippines. You may remember Ramel as he spent some time with us here in Whyalla last year. Father Jim said it was a great celebration. Fr Jim also had the opportunity to visit the Good Samaritan Kinder School at Bacolod which was developed by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan many years ago. Sr Eugenie who was here some years ago served there. Sr Leonie who looks after the school thanked the Whyalla Parishioners who have financially supported the work of the school over the years as it gives these poor families access to education, which would be impossible otherwise.

While our priests were away on one of the weekends some of our parishioners led the Sunday Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. We are very blessed to have good leadership in our Parish community.

We continue to be mindful of the work situation and the loss of jobs from Arrium and other industries in Whyalla and the area. This Thursday evening July 28 at the old Dick Smith shop at the Westland Shopping Centre the Christian Ministers of Whyalla have planned a prayer time from 6:30pm – 7:10pm to pray for this need. It would be great if you could come along and join in this prayer.

The Army personnel offered to do voluntary work at our parish during the school holidays. We were assisted by about 50 soldiers who helped at the parish with painting, cleaning up the grounds, at Vinnies and at Samaritan House. It was a great opportunity for us to offer them hospitality by providing a lovely lunch.

During the school holidays letters and enrolment forms have been sent out to the families who have students in Year 7. This Sunday the students and families are asked to come to one of the Parish Masses to present and enrol for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will take place on September 16.

Wishing you every blessing for this term.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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Religious Dimension

One of the disciples said, “Lord teach us how to pray.”
He said to them, “Say this when you pray:
“Father, may your name be held holy,
Your kingdom come;
Give us each day our daily bread
And forgive us our sins,
For we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us
And do not put us to the test.”

In Jesus’ time there were many teachers offering a spiritual path to their followers: a particular ‘way’. In last Sunday’s Gospel the disciples ask Jesus to teach them his ‘way’ to the Father. He teaches them how to pray and gives to them and to us one of the oldest and most cherished prayers, ‘The Lord’s Prayer’.

Through Jesus, the disciples are able to know God as a gracious and loving Father. The God who Jesus is talking about is like a loving parent who wants to be in a close and loving relationship with his children. Jesus is teaching the disciples how to pray to God as a loving Father. Jesus invites us to do the same.

Our challenge is to try to live out all aspects of the Our Father: honour God, give thanks for your daily bread, forgive others who wrong you. Ask God for what you need and not what you want.

Rebecca Sinclair
REC/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

College News

Whyalla Show, August 20-21
Help needed for Samaritan Hot Food Stall

I, ..........................................................., can help on the show stall roster: (please circle - we will send out rosters in the week before the show)

◊ Best day: Saturday am pm night  Sunday am pm night

Best contact number ...........................................  Child's Class Teacher(s):

Email: ........................................................................................................................................................................................................

I would like to work on the roster with ...........................................  Ph: ..............................................................

Signed: ..............................................................

(Please return this slip to any campus office.)
Canteen Rosters

Term 3, Week 2 and 3

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No help required at OLHCC. Thank you for your assistance.

Annette Cameron, Rose Cassar and Carolyn Goldsworthy
CANTEEN MANAGERS

The photo order packs for Master Portraits will be sent home in the coming weeks.

All students must bring their envelope, with the correct money (WE DO NOT PROVIDE CHANGE) on the day. It is possible to order and pay online, the completed envelope should still be brought to school ON THE DAY.

Each student should receive their own envelope for the ordering of individual and group photos. Each student requiring photos must return an envelope, even if payment is enclosed in a brother’s or sister’s envelope.

Family photo order envelopes are also available. Those wishing to have a family photo must collect a family envelope from any campus office.

If you know in advance that you will be away on the day of your campus photos you may arrange for your child to have their photo taken at one of the other campuses.

Spare envelopes are available at the front office of each campus if you did not receive an envelope for any reason.

Full formal winter uniform must be worn for photos.

Prices:

- Individual photos
  - Premium Pack $46
  - Classic Pack $41
  - Value Pack $36
  - Essential Pack $34
  - Basic Pack $32
  - Group Only $26
  - Gift Pack $12 (only available when purchasing an above package)

- Family Photos
  - Deluxe Pack $39
  - Value Pack $34
  - Standard Pack $29

Old Scholars excel at St Ann’s College

Samaritan College is proud of all the achievements of our old scholars! We congratulate Kara Moore and Dion Samu (Year 12 2015) for receiving the Collegians Award and the Chartwells/St Ann’s College/Playford Trust Scholarship respectively in 2016.

Maresa Lyons
MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Canteen Rosters
Welcome back to Term 3! I hope your holidays were both relaxing and restful, and you had a chance to stop for a moment and spend quality time with your family.

This term in particular we welcome the new Reception children, and their families, to Samaritan College. We trust you will have a long and happy association with the college.

We also welcome back Ruth Donnellan who was on leave during Term 2.

Australian Curriculum

Wanting to know a bit more about your child’s classroom curriculum?

As always if you have questions or queries regarding the classroom curriculum the class teacher is your first port of call. If you would like further information I strongly recommend you take a look at the Parent Information section on the Australian Curriculum website, www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

The parent information available includes:

- An overview of the Australian Curriculum
- A summary of what you would typically see your child doing in the various curriculum areas at their particular year level
- Frequently asked questions
- Information on accessing work sample that demonstrate satisfactory, unsatisfactory and above satisfactory achievement in the various curriculum areas at the various year levels

Student Representative Council (SRC)

We thank our Semester 1 SRC for their efforts in supporting those in need and representing our college with pride. Classes are now busy discussing the qualities of a good leader in preparation for the Semester 2 voting.

We also thank Rudell Helmers, Jenna Edwards and Dale Raymond for their ongoing support of our SRC.

The newly appointed SRC will be presented to their respective campus communities at the Week 3 assemblies. Please see the information below regarding assembly times.

Assembly

On Friday of Week 3 we will celebrate the learning that is taking place in R/1 Leech at our Our Lady Help of Christians Campus and R/1 Harris/Judd at St Teresa’s Campus.

At this assembly we will also acknowledge students who had 5 or less days absent for Semester 1 and/or received 4 or more A grades in their mid-year report.

Please feel free to come and share in this event.

R/1 Leech 12:30pm Friday, August 12, OLHCC in the Church, R/1Harris/Judd 2:45pm August 12, STC Shelter Shed.

Music is Fun

On Thursday, August 11 the two primary campuses will be attending the much loved Music is Fun band performance in Samaritan Hall at Saint John’s Campus.

This performance is an integral part of the Music and Drama curriculum with students participating as both artists and audience.

Students will be bussed to and from Saint John’s for this performance. Children can wear their sport uniform on this day.

Book Week

It’s time to get creative and start thinking about a costume for Book Week 2016.

With a theme of ‘Australia! Story Country’, campuses will celebrate Book Week with an array of activities and celebrations.

The Book Week parade will take place at 9:00am on Friday, August 26 at OLHCC and 9:00am on Tuesday, August 23 at STC.

Students are encouraged to come dressed to reflect the theme or as their favourite book/character or in brightly coloured clothes.

More information will be shared closer to the events.

School Photos and Primary Campus Sports Day

To assist with family organisation please note that school photos will take place in Week 5 on Wednesday, August 24 at OLHC campus and Thursday, August 25 at St Teresa’s Campus.

The primary Sports Day is booked for Friday, September 9 and will be held at Jubilee Park. More information on these events will be available in the coming weeks.

Lou Whitehouse
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PRIMARY)
As we start the third term I’d like to welcome back all the students from their holidays. For our Year 12s this is effectively their final term of schooling. Whilst they will come in during Term 4, their formal lessons will have essentially concluded. The staff know that this is an extremely stressful time of the year for you and are more than willing to provide whatever assistance they can.

Emailing teachers

Technology more readily enables us to keep in touch with each other and emailing teachers is becoming a common means of communicating. We see advantages of having this extra channel to communicate, a means to submit work or catching up after an absence are two examples. Whilst this avenue of communication has its place, nothing can replace the benefits of a face-to-face conversation, especially when a student has been struggling with an element of work or is uncertain about some assessment requirements. It is also important that students understand that teachers should not be expected to reply to an email during the evening, unless you have made that arrangement with them during the day.

Sweeney Bench

The name Mark Sweeney is synonymous with the Year 10 Murray Venture. He ran the school program for at least 15 Years. Also as a Christian Brother he contributed to the education of many students in the college and others would have seen him umpiring at Whyalla football games. The income he received from umpiring was used to improve the college’s outdoor education equipment. As a reminder of his contribution to sport and outdoor education within the college we have placed a bench on the edge of the oval near the shed.

Next Monday the Year 10 students will be part of a ceremony to officially acknowledge the work of Mark and open the Sweeney Bench.

NAPLAN Online Trial

The college has been asked to assist in the testing of a new platform that will deliver NAPLAN tests online. This trial will involve students from Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Whilst the data that is being collected during this trial is not aimed at assessing the students' ability, it is important that the students try their very best because the data will determine the suitability of the questions being asked for each year level.

Education Nights

As mentioned last term it is now time to start planning towards 2017, and to determine what subjects we are going to be able to offer as electives to our students. There are two factors that influence what options we run, first and foremost the number of students who wish to undertake the subject and then whether we can find a teacher with the skill set to deliver the course. Our education evenings are important as it is here that parents and students will hear of the school and curriculum requirements for the next year. These nights are held in the gallery of Samaritan Hall starting at 7pm.

Current Year 10s – Wednesday, August 3
Current Year 11s – Wednesday, August 10
Current Year 9s – Wednesday, August 17
Current Year 8s – Wednesday, August 24

Sun Protection Policy

Our current policy regarding sun protection indicates that students should be wearing hats in Terms 1 and 4, or when the UV index is 3 or above. The UV index often peaks around 3 or above during Term 3, this means that whenever classes are being taken outside by a teacher, the students will need to wear hats. Students are encouraged to be prepared for all possibilities by bringing their hats to school at all times.

There is a free app and widget available that indicates the times when sun protection is required. Students are encourage to get this and reduce their risk of developing skin cancers by monitoring the times when they are exposed to UV-rays. [https://www.cancersa.org.au/cut-my-risk/sunsmart/resources/sunsmart-app-and-widget](https://www.cancersa.org.au/cut-my-risk/sunsmart/resources/sunsmart-app-and-widget).

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Office Hours

The office hours for the secondary campus will be changing from the beginning of Week 4 (August 15). The new office hours will be 8am-4pm.

Terry Costello
BUSINESS MANAGER

2015 Annual

The 2015 annual has arrived. It has been decided to distribute these next week as this week the Year 10s are away and Year 12s are on exams. If you know of any Year 12s from last year who do not have any younger siblings at the College please ask them to collect the 2015 annual from the office.

Lorraine Ackling
PUBLICATIONS OFFICER
Dear Parent/Caregiver,

School camps on 2016 Census night

The 2016 Census of Population and Housing will be held on Tuesday 9 August 2016. It is a moment to pause and help shape Australia’s future. The Census takes a ‘snapshot’ of Australia on Census night, collecting vital information to plan and allocate services, facilities and funding, including in the area of education.

To make sure that everyone is counted once and only once in the Census, please ensure that you include your child on the Census form as if they were home on Census night, even though they are on a school camp or an overnight excursion. Your child will not be counted at the camp.

Any adults accompanying students on the camp or excursion, including teachers or parents, will complete a Census form for themselves at the camp or excursion location. A Census Field Officer will arrange for delivery and collection of the Census forms for the adults to complete.

Any students attending school camps, parents will be advised to include their children on their Household form, even though they will not be staying at home on Census night.

Q. How should children on school camp on Census night be counted?
A. If children are attending school camps, parents should include their children on their Household form, even though they will not be staying at home on Census night. For children attending school camps overseas, they should not be included on the parents’ Household form other than on Question 52/53 – persons away on the night of Tuesday 9 August 2016.

Q. What happens if the child is on camp but the parents are not at home?
A. RMUs need to facilitate, through the schools, the distribution of letters to all parents or guardians of children who will be at camps, which explains that children attending school camps should be enumerated as if they are at home on Census night. This means they need to complete all relevant questions about the child/children as if they were home on the night of Census night. This would apply to the parent or the child that usually stays with an adult that is away.

Q. School camps and boarding schools: Students from a boarding school are on school camp and don’t usually live at home. How do we count the student?
A. Schools and boarding schools should ensure the message is communicated to parents that students will be enumerated as at home if they are on school camp at the time of Census. RMUs and the Area Supervisor (AS) should identify school camps taking place on Census Night, including any boarding school students. The AS is to engage with boarding schools to ensure the school communicates the message to parents that students are counted at home if they are at school camp on Census night.

Q. How should children on a school camp overseas be counted?
A. Children attending school camps overseas should not be included on the parents’ Household form other than on Question 52/53 – persons away on the night of Tuesday 9 August 2016.

Q. What about children staying at boarding school who are on school camp on Census night?
A. Where students from a boarding school are on school camp at the time of Census, the parents should complete the form as if the child/children are with them on Census Night. This includes single parents accompanying a student.

Q. Some children on camp may be staying in motels. If so, how do we instruct the SFO on how to differentiate children in a motel on a camp from other children not on camp?
A. SFOs should be trained that if they have school camps, the children do not need to be enumerated at the establishment but all accompanying adults do need to be enumerated.

Q. Do parents complete Question S2/53 on form for ‘absent child on camp’ or not?
A. No, parents do not complete Question S2/53 on form for ‘absent child on camp’.

Q. School camps catering for school children (i.e. those run by charities for children with disabilities or at difficult circumstances).
A. These should be treated the same way as the school camps run by schools.