COMING EVENTS

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 15
• please see p3 for Mass Times for The Feast of The Assumption

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
• Education Night - Current Year 9s, 7pm, Samaritan Hall

AUG 17 & 18 NAPLAN TESTING
• Please refer p6

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• Year 4/5 Foran Liturgy, 9:15am, STC
• Year 4/5 Raymond, 9:15am, OLHCC

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23
• STC Book Week parade
• 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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
• secondary Sports Day

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
• primary Sports Day

Monday was the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop, who died on August 8 1909.
Mary has a House named after her at Samaritan College. For many students they only refer to her House team as 'Blue'. Referring to the House team by the person’s name is something we work on year after year with our students in order to help them understand who these people are that out of all the people we could have used for the names of our House teams, we chose these three. Whilst Benedict and Edmund Rice are also rightfully part of our House names, MacKillop was basically a local who did a significant part of her work in our area. She was also someone who liked to be judged by her actions not her words. She did things rather than simply talk about them. She looked to make a difference. Something we hope our MacKillop students take note of, especially in the lead up to our Sports Days. In 2017 we are looking at creating structures and programs to increase the awareness of our House patrons even further.

We must teach more by example than by word - Mary MacKillop

Year 12 Results
We are very excited about the first lot of Year 12 results to be released for 2016. The students’ Research Projects have all been assessed and Samaritan students have achieved above average grades for this mandatory component of the SACE with a 100% pass rate. These exceptionally high grades are a credit to the hard work of both the 2016 student group and their teachers. Please see the secondary section for further information.

Whyalla Show Stall
This is one of our more significant P&F events and is next weekend. Whilst the organisation and background work is well underway, one of the best things about our stall is the range of volunteer help we seem to get. From ex-scholars to staff to senior students to grandparents to parents and ex-parents. Those who volunteer all have a good time and are glad they volunteer and do so year after year. Please contact the college if you are able to help for any period of time on the Show Weekend.

Key Points
• Year 12 Results
• Whyalla Show Stall
• Staff Announcements
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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**St Teresa's Church**
- Our Lady Help of Christians Church
  - Saturday 7:00pm
  - Sunday 10:30am
  - Sunday 8:30am
  - Sunday 5:30pm

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**Parish News**

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The secular mind, a gesture like that, of Muslims attending Mass to convey a message of sorrow and condolences, along with hope and faith, would not mean much. To those of us who live and breathe the spirituality of the Holy Spirit of God, it is exceptionally meaningful. It reminds us to trust in God, always, through thick and thin, and to repay violence with strength and faith. It reminds us of the tenderness and mercy which we are asked to show to one another, especially, particularly, when the centrifugal forces of fear, mistrust and hate are doing their best to force us apart.

I thank God for a Catholic school in our city, where young people and their families, together with staff and parish, learn the language of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. This is particularly important as our Year 7 students prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. At Samaritan, we work together to reinforce in one another that life is not all about career, celebrity worship, body idolatry and money. Life is about love – the kind of love that sees, understands, forgives, hopes, and trusts in God. Life is about the love which makes us ready to lay down our lives, as Jesus did for us, so that all might live.

Fr Jim Monaghan
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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Religious Dimension

Blessing of the Mark Sweeney Bench

Last Monday Samaritan College held a blessing ceremony for the Mark Sweeney Memorial Bench on the oval at Saint John’s Campus. If you have not seen the bench it is worth a few moments of your time to visit when you are on campus.

Mark Sweeney, or Brother Sweeney as many will remember him, was a Christian Brother and teacher at Saint John’s College in the early 1990s. He was a talented sportsman, dedicated teacher and a man of great faith. He also was an advocate for the Murray Venture which our Year 10 students have just completed. Mark saw how challenging one’s self brought out the best in a person and it was this sense of challenge and removing yourself from your comfort zone that Mark appreciated most about the Murray Venture.

His legacy to the Murray Venture and to the college continues today. Year 10 students who meet the challenge of the Murray Venture in a resilient and good humoured manner are eligible for the Mark Sweeney award at Prize Night later in the year.

As we heard at the ceremony on Monday from Mrs Helena Sweeney, it is not the person of Mark Sweeney we are remembering, but the character of the man and what message he leaves. He was excited to meet a challenge and drew inspiration from the beauty in nature. He wanted the same for his students.

We hope that the Year 10 students can grow from their experience on the Murray and witness the presence of God in the beauty of the landscapes they traverse. We also hope they recognise the presence of God in ancient cliff faces along the Murray, the companionship of their friends and great instructors.

These words were meaningful to Mark Sweeney and shared by his wife, Helena at the blessing of the chair.

"The real tragedy is the tragedy of the person who never in their life braces themselves for the one supreme effort – the person who never stretches themselves to their full capacity, never stands up to their full stature." 

Feast of the Assumption

Monday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Every Catholic School and parish in our Diocese will celebrate Mass on this Day.

In the Catholic Church on this day we celebrate the mystery of Mary, the mother of Jesus, being assumed into heaven, body and soul. We celebrate the importance of Mary in her vocation as Mother of Jesus, God fully human.

If you would like to know more about the Assumption you can visit https://www.sydneycatholic.org/news/latest_news/2011/2011812_1809.shtml

The following Mass times will help our school celebrate this feast day:

9:15am OLHCC in the Church
12:40pm Saint John’s Campus in Samaritan Hall
2:30pm Saint Teresa’s Campus in the shelter shed

Parents and parishioners are welcome to join us at any Mass.

Saint Mary MacKillop Feast Day

Samaritan College would like to share in the 150th celebrations of the Order of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

Sr Angela here in Whyalla is a Josephite Sister and we wish her and her congregation a blessed celebration of this wonderful achievement for her Religious Order.

Our own MacKillop House is named after Mary MacKillop and so we too offer our prayers to those who work in the name of the Josephite Sisters.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION
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.)

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The Whyalla Show
“Hot Food & Drinks Stall”

A great place to grab lunch, rendezvous with the kids and share in our community outreach.

Come along and enjoy an egg & bacon roll, hamburger, hot dog or steak sandwich. This year we also have pies, pasties and sausage rolls.

Hot and cold drinks available.

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Samaritan Hall is available for hire.*
Facilities include netball, basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball, badminton. Details can be accessed on our website under the forms section or [http://web.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/content/forms/samaritanhall_hire.pdf](http://web.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/content/forms/samaritanhall_hire.pdf)

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*Public Liability Insurance required for hire of hall.
The photo order packs for Master Portraits have been sent home.

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. Do not seal the envelopes inside each other.

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.

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**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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**Freedom Stories**

(99 min rated PG)
Middleback Theatre
Friday, September 2, 7:00pm
$16.

Freedom Stories is an award winning film which explores the achievements and stories from former ‘Boat People’ who arrived in Australian waters seeking asylum from the Middle East around 2001. Locked in remote detention centres and then placed on temporary protection visas, their limbo lasted for years. Now Australian Citizens, they are finally building secure lives and contributing to their new country.

Compassion and Justice for Refugees - Upper Spencer Gulf work in the Diocese of Port Pirie to raise awareness and work for justice for refugees and asylum seekers. They are screening the film Freedom Stories at the Middleback Theatre.

If you would like to attend please contact Sr Cheryle at the parish on 86458023. The organisers need to secure 55 people in order for the event to go ahead.

Trailer of the film can be seen at https://fan-force.com/screenings/freedom-stories-whyalla-cinemas-sa/

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**FORGING AHEAD**

The Upper Spencer Gulf Financial Roadshow
Will be held on
Thursday 8th September
6 – 8 pm
Whyalla Bowling Club
Whitehead Street, Whyalla

Are you being affected by?
- Redundancy
- Reduced income
- Financial Hardship

This is a FREE Community Event
Coffee, Tea and light supper provided

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities produces a range of resources to support parents who choose Catholic education for their children.

We’d like to share with you one of our most recent publications – Parent Teacher Communication: The Essential Conversation (http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/__files/i/3219/Parent%20teacher%20communication%20-%20the%20Essential%20Conversation.pdf).

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**Keep your kids smiling**

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!
Your local clinic is: Whyalla Dental Clinic
Phone: 8645 2377
On Monday we celebrated the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. A woman of great compassion, Mary MacKillop is an example of great courage and trust in God, as she cared for those in need.

In the business of our lives let’s take a moment to recall and give thanks for a person who has shown us the compassionate face of God.

“O God, source of all goodness, who have shown us in Saint Mary a woman of faith living by the power of the Cross, teach us we pray, by her example to live the Gospel in changing times and to respect the dignity of and show compassion to all in our land. Amen”

Photo Day

Photo Day is fast approaching and by now families will have received their photo envelopes. This will need to be brought to school on the day of the photos.

OLHCC photos are on Wednesday, August 24 and STC photos are Thursday August 25.

Families are reminded that students will need to wear their winter uniform for the photos and follow school expectations regarding hair and jewellery. Those students who have PE lessons can wear their sport uniform and bring their winter shirt and jumper to change prior to the photo.

Families wishing to have family photos can have these taken from 8:30am on either of the photo days for the primary campuses.

SAPSASA Netball and Hockey

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Whyalla at the upcoming SAPSASA netball and football carnivals in Adelaide from August 22-26. We wish you well and know that you will represent Whyalla with pride.

SAPSASA Netball: Georgia Hoffmann, Hannah Neill, Sequoia Munday, Eliza Hogan and Shantae Barnes-Cowan
SAPSASA Football: Dylan Stanton, Devlin Heading, Cooper Huish, Mitchell Byrne, Will Sims, Joshua Maddigan, Kurt Wilson, Dillon Coathupe

SAPSASA Athletics Carnival Try Outs

The SAPSASA athletics try out will take place on Thursday, September 1 as part of the Whyalla District Athletics Carnival at Jubilee Park. Parents who wish to nominate their child for an event please contact the front office to request further information. Parents please note as this is not a school carnival, transport to and from Jubilee Park and supervision on the day is a parental responsibility.

Uniform

As we settle into the term parents are reminded that hair longer than collar length and/or falling across the face must be tied back. Hair management devices are required to be plain blue, gold, white or green.

When wearing the sports uniform students are required to wear the college white sport socks with the initials. Students may wear tracksuit pants or shorts in the winter. Further information regarding uniforms is available on the website or through the front office.

NAPLAN Online Trial

During Week 4 students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will participate in the NAPLAN online test trial. The trial is designed to provide valuable data and information about the logistics of online testing in preparation for online NAPLAN testing which begins in 2017.

STC Year 3 and 5 students will complete the test on Wednesday, August 17.
OLHCC Year 3 and 5 students will complete the test on Thursday, August 18.
Year 7 students will complete the test at Saint John’s Campus on Wednesday, August 17. Students will need to be dropped off at Saint John’s Campus and will return to campus by bus, in the early afternoon.

Book Week

Dust off your costumes or get your brightly coloured clothes ready - the Book Week parade is not far away!

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

Liturgies recognising and celebrating our Samaritan Story will be held throughout the week.

Year 4/5 Foran will lead the Liturgy at STC on Monday, August 22 at 9:15am.
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Tuesday, August 23 at STC and 9:00am on Friday, August 26 at OLHCC. Students are encouraged to come dressed to reflect the theme or as their favourite book/character or in brightly coloured clothes. After the parade students will be involved in reading activities followed by a shared recess with their buddy class.

Throughout the week the senior SRC at both campuses will be facilitating lunch time activities in the libraries.

Community Outreach

The students of 6/7 Smith and Molyneux banded together to form groups of four for their Global Citizen Challenge. They completed their tasks during their recess and lunch times in Week 2. Some of the activities included car washes, cake stalls, lemonade stands, fortune telling, blackboard cleaning, netball game, guess the amount of jelly babies and a disco. Some students also wrote lovely notes to all the teachers of the school and provided them with a morning tea. Many groups chose to raise money for charity and were amazed to see a total of $303 raised during the week. We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm the students put into making a difference in their world.

Students from 6/7 Hall and Edwards raised almost $200 for charity during their community outreach work in the final weeks of Term 2. They held a cake stall and a free car wash, donating their time and efforts after school for a good cause. Students brainstormed ideas on how they would help those less fortunate and become better global citizens. As a result, they are now more aware of what it means to make a valuable contribution to their community.

What's new around the campuses!
Confirmation

There was a wonderful turn out of parents and families at the parent information night for Confirmation last week and I hope it was useful and informative.

Some important Information for the upcoming weeks:

- Please bring Commitment Cards in if you haven’t already done so - any Mass this weekend
- First Workshop at Saint Teresa’s Church, September 2, 8:45am to 3:15pm
- Start thinking about a Saints Name and what virtues this saint has that are inspiring
- Start thinking about your sponsor – Sr Cheryle can connect you with a parishioner if you need a sponsor. Sr Cheryle would be happy to do this.

Religious Education Literacy Assessment Tool (ReLAT)

This term all Year 4 students will take part in an online assessment in Religious Education. The assessment occurs in all Catholic Schools in South Australia. The assessment is based on the key learning areas the students have focussed on this year.

It is an online assessment that lasts for 30 minutes consisting of approximately 30 questions. A letter will be sent home to parents of Year 4 students with more information.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

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**SRC Presentation**

As part of our assemblies this week the Semester 2 Student Representative Councils will be formally presented to the school community and receive their SRC badges. Congratulations to these students on being recognised as leaders amongst our Samaritan Community.

*Lou Whitehouse*
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PRIMARY)

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Thank you to the parents and students who attended the Year 10 Education Night. There was a lot of information regarding the makeup of the SACE and the various flexible options regarding subjects and pathways that students can take throughout their senior years of high school.

Also my thanks to the parents and Year 11 students who attended last night’s Education Night. Whilst halfway throughout your SACE journey the information provided should be a reminder of what else needs to be done to successfully complete the SACE.

The Education Nights for our Year 9 and 8 students will occur on the following dates. These are held in the Gallery classrooms of Samaritan Hall and will start at 7:00pm.

Current Year 9s – Wednesday, August 17
Current Year 8s – Wednesday, August 24

Sports Day

On Friday, September 2, the secondary campus will hold its annual Sports Day. The day is generally one of fun either competing or supporting friends and teammates as they compete in various events. As with any school event it is compulsory for students to attend. Over the next few weeks house teams will gather to practice their March Past routines. These are showcased at the start of the day and for some individuals are the most important part. I encourage all students to actively involve themselves in this year’s Sports Day.

Changes to the timetable

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Year 10 Girls Work Experience

In Week 1 our Year 10 girls went out on Work Experience whilst their male peers were on the Murray Venture. Staff report that the girls had overwhelmingly positive experiences and it was pleasing (but not surprising) to hear positive feedback from the girls’ supervisors. Work Experience is an important part of the informal curriculum at Samaritan College – whilst it is not assessed or part of students’ SACE, it does help our young people to make decisions about potential careers and future subjects. Given this, we are grateful to all the businesses and organisations that allowed our girls to experience ‘the real world of work’.

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Learning Support

All teachers (and parents) know that students learn differently and that some need additional support to access the curriculum. On this campus one in seven students has been identified as benefitting from curriculum and assessment adjustments that allow them to fully participate in lessons and demonstrate their learning. For most of these students the adjustments are relatively minor and include things like providing alternative ways to present their learning (e.g. orally rather than in writing) or having the opportunity to use an iPad in class. Sometimes, however, students require more significant adjustments to be made to the curriculum, which often involves teachers writing alternative programs, learning outcomes and assessments. In both cases, teachers are legally required to document how we cater for these students and more importantly, parents and caregivers have the right to access this information. To this end parents and caregivers are encouraged to contact their children’s teachers in the coming weeks to discuss and view these documents.

Senior SRC Charity Fundraiser

Congratulations and well done to the Year 12 SRC who organised and ran a successful Quiz Night fundraiser last Friday. Over 70 people attended the event, which raised over $550 for local charities, including the St Vincent de Paul Society and the Good Samaritan Inn. While the students should quite rightly feel proud of their achievement, the night would not have been as successful as it was without the generous support of the following donors, whom we thank:

- McLeod’s Motor Company
- Harvey Norman
- Telstra
- Snap Fitness
- McDonalds
- TAFE SA
- The Taylor family
- The Meixner family

Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
Year 11 Christmas in July Dinner

Thursday, July 7 saw the inaugural Year 11 Dinner which was themed ‘Christmas in July’ and held at the North Whyalla Football Club. The college has moved away from the idea of a Senior Formal Dance which was becoming a very costly event for a lot of our families, particularly with three formal type events throughout our student’s senior years. We wanted to give the students a chance to have an evening out as a cohort to celebrate the completion of their first semester of the SACE certificate which was catered by Head Catering and music performed by acoustic duo, Derek and Hengie.

The students had a significant impact on the formalities, choosing the theme, music playlist, decorating the tables and designing the invites and posters. The night was well received by the cohort with 64 students attending, all having a great time and being particularly inclusive of each other. It was great to see the dance floor packed for a number of hours and different friendship groups mixing. Bubbles of Sunshine Photography took some wonderful photos of the students, really capturing the emotion of the night.

Special thanks to Caitlin Videon who headed the event committee and also to caregroup teachers Ryan Baker, Christine Duffield and Mel Kober who really supported the event. I look forward to seeing how this type of event prospers in the future with our future generations of Year 11 students.

Matt Quist
YEAR 11 COORDINATOR

Exceptional Research Project Results!

Congratulations to the Year 12 cohort on the confirmation (by SACE) of their successful completion of the Research Project.

Collectively, Samaritan College had a 100% pass rate of this compulsory subject – an excellent result once again. Adding to this, 31% of students achieved an A grade, and 45% of students achieved a B grade. Samaritan College’s grades sit comfortably above the state average with these results, testament to the quality structures we have in place within the college.

The tireless efforts from the students over the first semester have paid off with grades that will certainly assist most of them to gain a pleasing end of year result.

Personally, I thank Miss Tanya Gibson, Miss Natalie Maddern, Miss Caitlin Videon and Mr Emmett Cashel for their dedicated approach to guiding our students to this high level of success.

SACE Online

After the release of Semester 1 results, our students in Year 11 and 12 are able to log into the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) website via https://apps.sace.sa.edu.au/students-online/login.do and check their final results. To log in, students will need to use their SACE Identification Number as their username and their date of birth (dd/mm) for the password. This portal also shows them their progress towards the completion of their SACE Certificate.
University Open Days

The three South Australian Universities have their Open Days this weekend. Students are encouraged to attend should they wish to learn more about each university, the facilities they offer and the courses they run. Further details can be found on each universities website.

- Adelaide University
  - Sunday, August 14
- Flinders University
  - Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13
- University of South Australia
  - Sunday, August 14
- University of South Australia – Whyalla Campus
  - Sunday, August 28

SATAC Applications

Year 12 students are encouraged to start creating an application for their potential tertiary studies in the coming weeks. Applications for the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) opened on Monday, August 1, 2016 and close on Friday, September 30, 2016.

Mr Hall will be running further information sessions with students during class times in the coming weeks to facilitate this process.

Year 12 Examination Results

All Year 12 students who completed examinations in Week 1 of this term will receive a certificate with the results of each of their examinations. I encourage you to work with your child to use this feedback as a learning tool for making further improvements as we draw closer to the final examinations in November.

Useful Weblinks for Subject Selections

With the subject selection process ongoing, below is a list of websites that might prove useful for gaining further information about future careers, employment, tertiary study details or subject advice. Following these links via the online version of the Newsletter will allow direct access to the link – alternatively, use the internet to search for each of the organisations listed below.

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NAPLAN Online

A letter was sent home with students in Year 9 earlier this week, related to a trial testing period for NAPLAN testing in an online format. Please see the letter or refer to the website for further details.

Mr Tony Hall
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

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

Annette Cameron, Rose Cassar and Carolyn Goldsworthy
CANTEEN MANAGERS

12 of 12 August 11, 2016