COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26
• OLHCC Book Week parade

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31
• Samaritan Spectacular, 7pm, Middleback Theatre

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
• Secondary Sports Day
• Confirmation Workshop, St Teresa's church, 8:45am-3:15pm

SEPTEMBER 3 & 4
• Affirmation of Saints for Confirmation candidates

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
• Parish Rite of Reconciliation, p5
  All Confirmation Candidates need to attend

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
• Primary Sports Day

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
• Children's Mass preparation, St Teresa's Church 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
• Year 9 Spirituality Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
• Year 10 Spirituality Day

Key Points
• Whyalla Show
• Houses
• Culture and Sport
• Splitting Classes
• Book Week
• SAPSASA Athletics Carnival Try Outs
• Samaritan Spectacular
• Interschool Hockey and Soccer carnival
• SAPSASA Football and Netball
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• ReLAT
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• Sports Day
• Netball Teams
• Sun Protection
• Year 9 and 10 Spirituality Days
• Year 11 Retreat
• Community Outreach

Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” He answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. Luke 13

What an extremely apt verse from Sunday’s Gospel: “strive to enter through the narrow gate”. Do we attempt things because they are easy or because they are worth doing and a challenge? Do we like acting and behaving in a way that we know is right or in a way that may be more popular to the masses even though it may not be the right way? Do we set targets for our students that will, with a bit of hard work, extend them or do we simply accept that middle-of-the-road is OK? Whether it be school work, sport, social justice, attending Mass or helping one’s little brother at home; the easy option may not always the ‘right’ option.

Whyalla Show

Another very busy time for our stall at the Whyalla Show. It does raise some valuable funds for a range of items purchased across the college in recent years i.e. drink fountains, shades, signs, courts etc but it also provides a great place for show goers to meet, sit and purchase value for money food and drinks. I make special mention of the staff and senior students who assisted this year with many parents required at local sports or even helping on other stalls. Extra thanks to Maresa Lyons and Tania Taylor for the coordination of much of the event. A full list of thank you’s is on page 7. Congratulations also to the Samaritan students who won prizes in the various categories at the Show.

Houses

As you may have gathered over the past few years, we have really tried to re-ignite our focus on our House Patrons (MacKillop, Rice and Benedict). Currently this is done in a range of ways including

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the Sports Shields, Guidera Cup, Patrons Days etc. It is a relatively common aspect in other colleges that students are placed into House groups (sometimes called vertical caregroups) instead of year level caregroups. All normal lessons are with their own year level, but caregroups are with students from their own House from Years 8-12. The college is currently looking at this aspect of caregroup allocation as we are finding the social benefits that are provided, over the student’s time at secondary school, are very good.

Research Project

I want to continue to mention just how outstanding our Research Project results were this year. Of the students who are choosing the University pathway, 88% achieved an A or a B for their Research Project. Simply brilliant. Congratulations to staff and students.

Culture and Sport

A very busy time in the coming weeks and months for anything to do with Arts/Music and Sport. Our tri-annual Samaritan Spectacular takes place next Wednesday, our Whyalla Choir and Adelaide Choir are in full rehearsal mode for pending performances and both campuses hold their Athletics Sports Days in a few weeks. Good luck to all involved.

Religious Dimension

The Year 11 students spent last week at Pichi Richi Park on their year level Spirituality Days. Each year level at Saint John’s Campus attends a Spirituality Day program. This is part of our identity as a Catholic school. These days provide an opportunity for the students to reflect on the presence of Christ in their lives. This presence may be discovered in their families, their community, their church and the environment and even in themselves.

There are many places and many ways we can recognise the presence of Christ. It is then up to us to discern how to respond to this presence of Christ in our lives. Some reach out to others in need, others change their attitude and behaviour towards important issues in our world.

During our time away we explored where we see Christ in beautiful surroundings of the Flinders Ranges, in our own vocations as young people and in the way we respond to the needs of our fellow students and the wider community.

The students also celebrated Reconciliation with Father Harold. Father Harold shared a wonderful homily with the students about our attitudes toward sin and the peace and healing we receive when we ask for forgiveness from God. The students were challenged with the idea that our world today often encourages us to think of ourselves first before the needs of others. Father Harold mentioned that sometimes we justify the selfish and hurtful decisions we make because ‘everyone does it’, which leads to a validation of such actions.

Father Harold used the image of a stick, which he snapped, to represent our broken relationship with Christ. ‘Small’ sins may not break the stick completely, but they do weaken it which reduces its integrity. Reconciliation helps repair the ‘stick’, or in our case, our relationship with and willingness to live as Christ asks.

The days together were rewarding and uplifting for the students and staff who attended. We thank Jess and Ryan who were our hosts, Father Harold and Sister Elizabeth for ministering to us and Stefan for cooking kangaroo tails according to aboriginal tradition.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION
Parish News

This Sunday we will be celebrating Migrant and Refugee Sunday. It is an opportunity for us to consider where our families originated and the path they have taken since arriving in Australia. My father’s side of the family originated in England and migrated to Australia in 1850. My great (plus) grandfather had 11 children and was a farmer but I doubt if he owned his own land. For that family, the dangers of a sea voyage under canvas, the length of the voyage and the unknown land was a lottery he was willing to take in an endeavour to provide a better life for his family. My husband’s parents migrated from Holland in the 1950s as a result of the post war state of Europe, again, to seek a secure life. Migrants have enriched our culture through the years and played an important role in the economic development of Australia.

Refugees are also people seeking safety and security in a new life. Many come from war torn countries, their homes, towns and communities absolutely destroyed. Children have never known an environment without war. Others are seeking safety from religious persecution or economic stability. Let us not forget that each of these people have their own story to tell. Let us listen to their story and make up our own mind rather than depend on the media and governmental hype. On Friday, September 2 “Freedom” film stories will be screened at Middleback Theatre. This film is about different refugees telling their story of their journey to freedom.

Next week we will be having the first workshop for the students who will be celebrating their Sacrament of Confirmation next month. We look forward to participating in this journey with them.

Julie Andriessen
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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Primary Campus News

As we reach the half way point of the term we celebrate the many learning and community building opportunities that students, staff and families have and will participate in, over the coming weeks.

With strong links to the Arts curriculum, last week’s ‘Music is Fun’ performance provided opportunities for students to participate as audience and performers on the day. Further supporting our Arts curriculum, both the Adelaide and Whyalla choir students will attend rehearsals for their upcoming performances this week.

We also acknowledge the students who recently took part in various sporting carnivals, where participation, teamwork and cooperation are central to team success.

With the NAPLAN online trial last week and the various consultants’ visits, staff continue to further their learning.

Finally we thank families and friends for their attendance and support at VIP Day, the Whyalla Show stall, Book Week parades and the upcoming Primary Campus Sports Day.

Splitting Classes

From time to time, your child may come home and say they have spent the day in another class. This happens when the class teacher is away and we have been left with no other choice but to send 2-3 students from the affected class to the other classes in the school. Please be assured that this only happens when all other options of putting a teacher in the affected class, which can include one of the leadership staff, have been exhausted. It is not something we do as our first option but there are times when there are simply not enough relief teachers to match staff who have suddenly fallen ill. It is important to note, however, that often the time spent in another class can have great benefits for the students who have been split and also for the students in the class who host the visiting students.

Book Week - Australia! Culture Story

At the time of going to print we are right in the midst of Book Week celebrations. Liturgies celebrating our Samaritan Story, the much loved Book Week parades, peer activity sessions and lunch activities provide many opportunities for our community to celebrate the joy and importance of reading. Look for photos in our next newsletter.

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. Please note as this is not a school carnival, transport to and from Jubilee Park and supervision on the day is a parental responsibility.
Samaritan Spectacular
The Samaritan Spectacular is not far away!
The primary campuses will attend the Samaritan Spectacular on Wednesday, August 31 (Week 6). STC students will be bussed to and from Middleback Theatre and dismissed as normal from St Teresa’s Campus at the end of the school day.
At OLHCC students in Years 4-7 will walk to and from the theatre. Students in Reception to Year 3 will be bussed to and from the theatre. All students will be dismissed as normal, from OLHC Campus at the end of the day.
All students may wear their sports uniform on this day. Lunch orders will not be available on this day. A reminder note will go home to families closer to the day.

Interschool Hockey and Soccer carnival
Last Friday senior primary students represented Samaritan College at both hockey and soccer carnivals. In recent years we have chosen to take cross campus teams with an emphasis on participation rather than winning. The students understand that carnival days are about having a go, trying sports they may have not played before and representing our college with pride. Congratulations to our students for their effort and positive team attitude on the day.
In particular we acknowledge Samaritan Green who won the hockey carnival attitude shield and were the overall winners on the day, narrowly beating Samaritan Yellow 2-1 in the final.
Due to the wet weather the soccer carnival was abandoned part way through.

SAPSASA Football and Netball
Congratulations to Mekiah Scott from OLHCC who also represented Whyalla in the SAPSASA football competition in Adelaide last week. Our boys had a successful football carnival winning 7 of 10 games. The Samaritan girls representing Whyalla also had a successful carnival with the Division 8 team coming runner up. Our Division 4 team played well and displayed great team work and determination after four players were injured.

Children’s Mass
There will be a Children’s Mass at St Teresa’s Church on Saturday September 10 at 7:00pm. At this Mass we will celebrate Child Protection Sunday, providing a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the steps we have taken to make children safer in our communities, at home and in our churches. Due to Sports Day there will be no Friday afternoon practice. Mass preparation will take place at 6:00pm on Saturday, September 10. All children and families are encouraged to attend.

Lu Whitehouse
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PRIMARY)
finish at 3:15 pm. The students can wear casual clothes
and need to bring recess, lunch and a drink.

• **Commitment Cards**

If your child’s commitment cards are not at the church
yet, please bring them this weekend to any Mass.

• **Affirmation of Saints**

On September 3 & 4 there will be the Affirmation of
Saints at any Mass over this weekend. This involves
the students talking to the parishioners at Mass about
the Saint they have chosen. We will do some work on
preparing for this at the workshop but some preparation
needs to be done at home. Please help your child
think about and possibly choose a Saint. In choosing
a Saint, the students need to think about a Saint that
is an example of Christ’s love and peace in the world.
The qualities of the Saint are more important than their
history.

• **Sponsor**

Has your child chosen their sponsor yet? Please give this
some consideration and contact the parish if there are
concerns or questions.

• **Parish Rite of Reconciliation**

Wednesday, September 7, 7:00 pm Saint Teresa’s Church.
*All Confirmation Candidates need to attend.* Please
contact the parish to make an alternative time if you
cannot attend at this time.

*Bernie Meixner*

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION**
Buddy Class Olympic Fun

Recently, the students from Year 6/7 Molyneux planned a Mini Olympics for our R/Year 1 Davies/Owens class as a part of our fortnightly buddy activities. Students were separated into teams of 3 to participate in 7 different activities. The Year 6/7 students awarded each child with a gold star on their medal tally for each game. The Reception and Year 1 students had a fantastic time and it was great to see the encouragement they were given from their big buddies. A big thank you to Mr Molyneux and his Year 6/7 class for their efforts to make this event such a success.

Kimberley Owens and Kristin Davies

VIP Day

Last Friday R/1 DeTullio and R/1 Leech hosted VIP Day. VIP Day recognises the important role that grandparents and other adults play in each child’s heritage, community and relationships across the generations.

Each child was asked to invite a very important person in their lives to participate in our morning investigations and activities. Many thanks to the many grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends of the family that attended this event, some even flying in from Adelaide, interstate and overseas!

Thank you for your cooperation in making this event a success and a positive, memorable experience for your child.

R/1 Teachers
Primary Sports Day
Friday, September 9
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Will be held at Jubilee Park

Please tick where you can assist and return it to your child’s class teacher or campus office.

- Morning Games: Judging, organising children, giving out stickers etc
  - R-3 classes and
  - Yr 4-7 classes
  - Time: 9:45am-11:00am

- Team Games: helping with set up of games, judging games, giving out stickers to winning teams, organising teams
  - R-3 classes and
  - Yr 4-7 classes
  - Time: 11:15am-12:30pm

- Sprints/Relays and Marathon: Giving out place cards and ribbons
  - Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

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College News

The Parents and Friends (P&F) committee would like to thank the amazing volunteers who made this year’s Whyalla Show stall a success!

Nicola Faulds
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Isabella Hall
Preditia Aiman
Stevie-Ann Smith
Werner Geldenhuys
Julius Zieleniecki

Thank you to our grounds team, led by Geoff Hawes, for their tireless work in setting up and breaking down our site. Without their knowledge and advice, our stall would not have functioned as well as it did! We endeavour to thank everyone for their assistance and the above names are based on the roster and sign-in sheets.

August 25, 2016
Secondary Campus News
Secondary attendance hotline: 0473 989 587 - TEXT messages only, otherwise please phone 8645 8568.
Please follow up phone calls with a diary note to the caregroup teacher.

SJC: Saint John's Campus

Education Nights
Thank you to those parents and students who attended the Year 9 Education Night. It was certainly a great opportunity to hear what the students have been doing in their Salt Marsh project. It is not often that students have the opportunity to engage in one project across all their subject areas. I’d like to acknowledge Mrs Line for her vision and passion in making this project a reality.

Also my thanks to the parents and Year 8 students who attended the final Education Night for the year.

Subject selections
Parents are reminded that the due dates for subject submissions are fast approaching. Meeting the deadline will ensure that your child’s preferences are given due consideration. We appreciate your assistance with this process.

Sports Day
Next Friday, September 2, we have our annual secondary sports day. Parents are welcome to come along and support the children in their events. Once finalised a schedule of the events will be posted on the college website, Skoolbag app and Facebook. For those who are unable to attend we will provide regular updates via our Facebook page.

Students are expected to attend the day and are encouraged to participate in whatever capacity they can. Team points are given to students for participation, so please encourage your child to consider ways in which he or she can help their team win on the day.

Netball Teams
We wish our Year 10 and 11 girls all the best as they compete in the schools netball finals in Adelaide next Monday. Good luck girls!

Sun Protection
Our current policy indicates that students should be wearing their hats on days when the UV rating is above 3. During term three the UV rating generally exceeds 3 around lunch time. As such we would like students to bring and start wearing their hats during lunch.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Year 9 and 10 Spirituality Days
In Week 8, the Year 9 and Year 10 students will participate in their Spirituality Days.

Year 9 students will participate in this program on Monday, September 12. The Year 10 students will participate on Tuesday, September 13. The program will be facilitated by the National Evangelisation Team from Brisbane. We look forward to their visit and developing our spirituality with the team. The venue for these days will be Saint John’s Campus. It will be a normal school day for the students on September 12 and 13.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Spectacular
Wednesday, August 31
7pm at Middleback Theatre

Tickets prices are:
$15 Adult
$12 Concession
$5 Samaritan College students
(must show ID)
Transaction Fees Apply: Counter/Phone $3.50, Online $2.00

Tickets on sale now!
Year 11 Retreat

The 2016 group of Year 11 students ventured to the picturesque surroundings of Pichi Richi Park, Quorn, to partake in their first residential retreat. This year’s theme aligned with the international Catholic Year of Mercy, to which the students looked at how it is intertwined through their lives and the community. The students undertook a range of activities which explored the ideas of self, family, throwaway culture and chastity. They were lucky to be graced with the presence of Sister Elizabeth who gave a presentation on Vocation as well as Father Harold who travelled from Whyalla to lead our Reconciliation Liturgy. Pichi Richi Park was able to facilitate orienteering and outdoor pizza making to break up the spiritual activities and we were fortunate enough to have Stefan come and show the students how to cook a kangaroo tail on the open fire, whilst also giving them some cultural information on the area.

Special thanks to Bernie Meixner for coordinating the Retreat, and to Werner Geldenhuyse, Caitlin Videon, Melissa Kober, Trent Keiper, Ryan Baker and Christine Duffield for assisting throughout the week and leading up to the experience. Congratulations to the students who fully embraced the Retreat and enjoyed the adventure.

Community Outreach

During the two days that they were not on retreat, they participated in a range of Careers and Community Outreach activities. Special thanks to Tanya Gibson who coordinated the day which aided their career pathway and subject selections for next year as well as some Pastoral Care time, looking at how they impact the community individually.

Students then had the opportunity to participate in different ‘action’ throughout the community such as rejuvenating Rocky Hill, cleaning up the local parks and community clubs, cooking for the Good Samaritan Inn and visiting and playing with the children at Win Newby Kindergarten.

It was great to see the students embracing the tasks, which, at times, could have been considered arduous! Thanks to James Keating for aiding the coordination and to all the teachers who assisted with the running of each activity.

Matt Quist
ACTING SENIOR COORDINATOR
Canteen Rosters

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Canteen managers:
Annette Cameron, Rose Cassar and Carolyn Goldsworthy

Help needed:

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

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."

**SOUTHERN CROSS**

*The Southern Cross - August 2016*

may now be viewed online at

www.thesoutherncross.org.au

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**Freedom Stories**

(99 min rated PG)

Middleback Theatre

Friday, September 2, 7:00pm

$16.

Trailers of the film can be seen at