### COMING EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER 21-25
- Year 6 & 7 Involvement Day, p4

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
- Parent Information Evening for parents of current Year 6 & 7, p4

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25
- Year 4-7 will be attending a Band Showcase at SJC, p4

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
- Year 12 Graduation, Westland Hotel

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9
- STC Family Night
- Year 6 & 7 Activity Day

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
- Year 6 End of Primary Years Dinner

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
- students finish for 2016
- Year 7 End of Primary Years Dinner

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
- Year 10s finish

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9
- STC Family Night
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### Key Points

- House Groups
- Special Needs and Mental Health
- Staffing
- Remembrance Day
- Reconciliation
- Children’s Mass
- Numeracy Project
- Primary and Secondary Band Performance
- SAPSASA Cricket
- Involvement Days at Saint John’s Campus
- Year 6 and Year 7 Parent Information Evening
- Murals at STC
- Last weeks for Year 11
- Prize Night
- Scary story writing winners
- Congratulations
- Author visit – Jane Turner Goldsmith

This week our Year 3 students, plus students from other local schools, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The ceremonies take place after school. Students have been attending special workshops to prepare for this special occasion and I congratulate them on this important time in their lives as young Catholics. It is especially important as we are almost at the Season of Advent.

*He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’* Luke 15: 31-32

We are down to our second last newsletter of the year. As we always remind you, much more information about the college’s events and news can be found on our website, app or Facebook page.

### House Groups

As promised, a list of potential questions and answers about our move to House (Vertical) caregroups in 2017 can now be found on our website. I continue to stress that the change is about creating a stronger student social structure at school and not about making Year 12s mix with the younger students during morning caregroup. The true benefit of the House group structure occurs over time, not over a few weeks.

### Special Needs and Mental Health

Samaritan College continues to lead the way in its focus on staff training in the area of student mental health and students with special needs. We have significantly increased our spending in this area of staff professional development over the past 3-4 years and receive many visitors from other schools asking for assistance with their own programs. In 2017, this will be expanded even further with our primary campuses becoming part of a special Trauma Sensitive Schools Project. This project is one of many we have been part of in the last 4-5 years that link to students with special needs.

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As I write this, we have completed the two workshops with the children preparing for their Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be held on Wednesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 17. The children participated fully during both sessions and some of their comments or answers to questions have surprised me with their knowledge. Well done!

The Year 12s will have completed, or be completing, their exams and waiting for their results. We pray that they will be rewarded for the effort they have put in through the year and hope that their future endeavours will be positive.

At the last Parish Council we looked at Evangelisation. Fr Harold and Fr Jim attended a conference recently and introduced us to an exercise presented by Dr Susan Timoney. We had to answer some questions which really made us think about our faith, what it means to us and to see how God is working in our lives. On completion and discussion of the questions, we wrote a short one minute story about our faith. We hope to publish these in the bulletin and as a video. We will be inviting other parishioners to take the time and do the exercise as well.

Last Sunday the doors of each church were ceremoniously closed as the Year of Mercy, as proclaimed by Pope Francis, was completed. Next Sunday, is the celebration of the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. It is the last Sunday in the Church year (Year C). Following this we enter into the season of Advent, celebrated during the four weeks before Christmas and the commencement of Year A.

Julie Andriessen
FOR THE PARISH TEAM

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This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King. While conducting some research I discovered this Feast Day is relatively new in the Church calendar, established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI.

There are some powerful images that help us deepen our understanding of the title, “Christ the King”.

Let us recall the wise men coming to bring gifts to the new born King in Matthew 2: 1-12.

There is also the account of Christ being welcomed into Jerusalem as the King, Messiah and Lord in Matthew 21: 1- 11.

The king who was welcomed into Jerusalem was thought to be a powerful conquering king who would liberate the people of God from the political troubles of their time. It is probably fair to say the title of King in this instance was misunderstood.

Christ the King is not a King of worldly power and strength. The image of the King in this Feast Day is a King of Peace, bringing light and Justice to the world. As subjects of this kingdom we are called to be bringers of light in the world.

The Kingdom is also not one of political boundaries. This kingdom is the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth and we are called to help create and expand this Kingdom through the gift of our lives. Christ the King has made it clear how to keep the Kingdom great and how the people of this kingdom are to be treated. It is up to us to help create a better world through our desire to create peace and bring justice to the world.

Pope Francis has reminded us that this Kingdom extends to the natural world as well. When we recognise beauty in nature and work to preserve our world we are honouring Christ the King through our actions to protect the earth.

This week children in the parish have celebrated their First Reconciliation. By asking for forgiveness and ‘Coming back to God’ these children are helping to make the Kingdom of God great. They are honouring Christ the King through their actions and their desire to be part of God’s family.

We pray that each of us can bring love, healing, justice, compassion and unity into the world by our actions and prayer.

Happy Feast Day of Christ the King.

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION
Remembrance Day

Last Friday the students in Year 5/6 Arcobelli/Schmidt and Year 1/2 Helmers led the Remembrance Day services at both campuses and did so, most reverently.

It really is very important that as a school such occasions are honoured respectfully and students are well prepared and conversant as to why we commemorate such an occasion. Samaritan is well known for honouring the past.

Our students have played a significant role in the ANZAC Day Service and parade for many years, this connection to the past starts with our youngest students.

Well done to all involved!

Reconciliation

Congratulations to the children and their families who are celebrating their first Reconciliation this week. This has been a special time for the children and their families. With the support of families, staff and the parish community the children have discovered that Jesus is always searching us out, and calling us to open our hearts, minds and souls to his word.

Children’s Mass

A joyous and meaningful Children’s Mass was celebrated last Saturday night with around 25 children attending. For our Reconciliation students this was an opportunity to renew their Baptismal promises with their friends and families. The inclusion of a simplified Gospel drama presentation enabled the children to explore the Gospel message and see ways they can live this message in their lives. Thanks to all the children, parents, staff and members of the parish who were involved in any way. The change of the Mass preparation time to 6:00pm has been appreciated by parents and has seen more children in attendance. This change of time will continue next year. Please keep an eye out for notices in the Newsletter and the Parish bulletin for Children’s Mass next year.

Numeracy Project

On Tuesday night staff had the opportunity to share and celebrate the success of the whole school Numeracy Project for 2017. Three significant outcomes of the project were

- continued improvement in students' basic number skills results
- student survey data indicating increased confidence and improved attitude towards Mathematics
- student and teacher data demonstrating evidence of students thinking and communicating mathematically

We are very fortunate to have such professional, hardworking teachers who are committed to improving learning outcomes for our students. We look forward to the continuation of the project in 2017.
Primary and Secondary Band Performance

To celebrate the effort and dedication of the students in both the Primary and Secondary Music Bands an End of Year concert will be held in Samaritan Hall at Saint John’s Campus on Friday, November 25 (Week 6) at 2:00pm.

Year 4-7 students from the primary campuses will be bussed to Saint John’s Campus for this performance. Students will be dismissed at the end of the concert and will need to be collected from outside Samaritan Hall at Saint John’s Campus at 3pm.

A note has gone home to students in Years 4-7 about this performance. Please speak with your child’s teacher if you have not received this information.

SAPSASA Cricket

Congratulations to the following students from Samaritan College who have been selected in the Whyalla SAPSASA Cricket team to compete in Adelaide next week. We wish you well and know you will represent the college and Whyalla with pride.

Congratulations to Cooper Huish, Lachlan Phillips, Devlin Heading, Kurt Wilson, Mitchell Byrne, Joshua Maddigan and Ethan Inglis.

Involvement Days at Saint John’s Campus – Week 6 (November 17 -21)

On their set day, students attend Saint John’s Campus in their PE uniform, with their Year 7 classmates. They experience a range of lessons and are exposed to the daily transitions of the secondary campus. Students need to bring their pencil case and a writing pad or exercise book. Students require lunch and recess on this day or alternatively, orders can be placed in the canteen during caregroup.

Monday, November 21 – Year 7 Molyneux
Tuesday, November 22 – Year 7 Smith
Wednesday, November 23 – Year 7 Hall
Thursday, November 24 – Year 7 Edwards
Friday, November 25 - Year 7 from all non-Samaritan schools
Monday, November 28 - All Year 6 students

Year 6 and Year 7 Parent Information Evening – Saint John’s Campus

The Year 6 and Year 7 Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:30pm in the Gallery (upstairs in Samaritan Hall). Students do not need to attend this meeting.

Murals at STC

I am sure families at St Teresa’s campus will have noticed the 2 murals adjacent to the asphalt area. Thanks to Lilly, Cohen, Charlie, James, Jake, Logan, Josh, Joe and Mrs Judd for their hard work. These murals will be ever present reminders of how we want to be treated and how we should treat others. STOP, THINK, ACT reminds us of a strategy we can use to help make appropriate choices.

Lou Whitehouse
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PRIMARY)
Last weeks for Year 11

Our Year 11 students only have a couple more weeks to go before they officially complete their year. Next week, starting Monday 21, they will undertake examinations or attend various work completion sessions. Whilst this year the examinations are not a major part of their overall assessment it does provide a reasonable gauge as to how well students will cope with examinations at the end of Year 12.

In the week following exams students will have some days with their current teachers where they should receive feedback on their exams or final tasks. They will then have transition days where the current teachers of Year 12 subjects will meet with them and discuss some of the content of the Year 12 courses. Students have been given a letter indicating what their subjects are for 2017. An official letter will also be sent home in school reports when we are closer to confirming the staff for 2017.

I’d like to acknowledge the manner in which our Year 11 students have conducted themselves this year, their general interactions with the college staff and other students have been extremely positive.

Prize Night

December 5 is our annual prize night. Whilst not all assessment tasks are completed the prizes are awarded on the progress that has been made up to this point. Subject DUX is given to the student who has achieved the highest grade in the class for subjects in Years 9-12. Students also have the chance of being awarded the caregroup DUX, Proxime (second), Effort and Achievement as well as for Christian Leadership in classes from Year 8-11. Parents will be informed if their child has won an award through a letter.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Scary story writing winners

Early in Term 4, the English faculty ran a story writing competition in the library: Two sentence horror stories to read in the dark...

We were overwhelmed by the number of creative entries received, and are pleased to announce the following winners:
- Owen Taylor (Senior Prize) - $50 Dymocks voucher
- Nick O’Connor (Junior Prize) - $30 iTunes voucher
- Kymberley Jenkins and Scott Crowhurst (Runners Up) - $20 iTunes voucher each
- 8 Gold (Class Participation Prize) – Pizza lunch

Natalie Maddern
ENGLISH COORDINATOR

Congratulations

Congratulations to Gemma Todd (Year 12) who was recently named Whyalla’s Trainee of the Year. Gemma recently completed her Certificate III in Aged Care (which included working at Yeltana) as part of her Year 11 and 12 studies. VET is becoming an increasingly popular part of many students’ Year 12 studies and is in many ways more demanding than a “conventional” SACE subject as it combines work and study, as well as requiring students to catch up on school work they miss when at TAFE or work. Gemma is to be congratulated on successfully juggling her competing school, TAFE and work demands, and for her outstanding achievements.

Tanya Gibson
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
On Thursday, Week 3, the library was transformed into a creative hub as students from Years 8-12 participated in creative writing workshops, facilitated by visiting author, Jane Turner Goldsmith.

Jane led intimate groups of students through a series of interactive activities designed to assist them with developing rich settings, creating interesting characters and overcoming writer’s block. Although the participants only had a short amount of time to experiment with each technique, they were able to create interesting and original excerpts, which they can later develop into narratives or poems.

Jane was delighted with the enthusiasm of the Samaritan students, and was very impressed by the ideas and concepts they explored. Some Year 9 students were even overheard asking if they could ‘do this again tomorrow please’. Looks like we might have a few budding authors on our hands!

We hope to offer more English workshops in 2017, as the feedback from students and teachers has been overwhelmingly positive.

Jane’s novel, Poinciana, is available for student loan from the library.

Looking at the beachside, I wonder if this will be my whole life. I sit there staring, imagining how my life could evolve.

Richelle Kneebone

Out bush. It’s very green with water dripping from the leaves in the middle of winter. I was alone, trying to find my way back to my house, walking over fallen trees, using them as a highway like the wild animals would.

Jackson Olsen

Staring into empty space she stands, wondering if they’ll ever come back. Worried, she begins to wander. Slowly creeping towards the escalators. Going up. She sees a flash of blonde hair. Running after it she screams, ‘Mum!’ It’s not her. Devastated, her eyes start swelling with tears, which break free of the tear ducts. She lets out a big cry, falling to the ground, kicking and punching the marble floor.

anonymous

She whispered softly in my ear, scared that by raising her voice she’d ruin the wonderful fantasy we’d thought up together, ‘we’re flying Vanessa’. Her hand securely in mine, the bright blue of the sky overwhelming my eyes. We were indeed flying.

Rivva Norman

The flash made his eyes look as blue as the sky on a summer’s day. He gave me a sense of comfort like he was almost here with me. My face began to drop as I came to the realisation that he wasn’t with us anymore, and I could feel my heart grasping its way out of my chest.

Amelia Fisher

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The sky's dark and stormy. All the trees are blowing side to side in the howling wind. As the doors and windows on the building are covered with a screen to stop the branches falling off the trees and hitting them. The grass between the building and the road is damp and dark, and is growing onto the road. We can smell the rain in the distance.

Clinton Schmitz

As the light peaks through the entrance, I feel the refresh of a new day. But out there, I knew it was worse than what I saw. I had to be brave and enter the world outside. Curiosity got the better of me, and I stepped outside to find it was a horrible mistake.

Luke Clarke

The clear reflection on the dark, clean window surprised me. I looked around at the natural beauties. The seagulls scraping and pooping everywhere. Boat horns vibrating the harbour. Cars, trucks and buses passing over the bridge. Little faded dots climbing the bridge.

Amelia Freund

I walk out of the gas station alone. It's silent except for a buzzing noise coming from the station sign. I feel frightened as I look into the forest. The deeper I look, the darker it gets. I hear a slight rustle in the bushes. I jump and look where I thought I heard the noise. I stay for about a minute that feels like an hour. As I continue to stare, I feel as if something is staring back.

Ethan Daly

As the homeless man appears in the store, the shoppers stayed away from him. They are scared of him even though he is here for help. He is depressed and lost in this world like a new born baby. He sits in the corner with his clothes laid out, reflecting on his past and hoping for a better future.

Brayden Scholz

I get out of my shiny black car and walk over to the oval. Its bright green and you can tell it was watered recently. I stood with my hands on the bench, looking over the grass and remember all the memories I had at the oval from when I was a teenager. It still smells the same, cut grass and a slight smell of KFC from across the road.

Halle Shaw

The air was cold, but it felt like home. The deep breathing of all the dark shadows was comforting and, in a sense, calming. My palms were sticky against the six strings that held all my fear. But, in that moment, I was infinite.

Maddie Utting

I don't know where I'm going. Well it's obvious at the moment. I'm heading towards the end of the jetty. The sunset makes me feel at peace. Yet it's so perfect. Stupidly perfect. As I reach the end of the jetty, I'm unsure of where to turn. The lamp post flickers about me, reminding me that I'm not alone.

Isabella Trigwell

In the night, orange lights shine down upon a small sheltered refill gas station. And even though the lights are bright and give some sort of life, the little gas station is still lifeless. The road that rests beside it leads the cares away as if it never existed. The trees that stand tall and intimidating, swallow the tiny gas station, making it seem as if it doesn't belong here out in the open. The cars continue to drive by making the gas station feel small and useless.

Kymberley Jenkins

Bubbles covered by once clean hands, as I scrubbed off the remnants of my last meal. My thoughts once again drifting towards Andrew, laying perfectly still in the hospital bed. My eyes feel too dry to cry anymore. Not that any amount of tears are going to help him wake up. My husband, Alf, staggered in through our front door, slamming it into the wall in the process. My stomach knotted. I fiddled with my hands anxiously as he slurred out a string of incoherent words. I couldn't understand exactly what he was saying, but the look of complete and utter hatred in his eyes said more than any words ever could.

Kaitlin Coulson

November 17, 2016
UNIFORM SHOP

Additional Opening Hours in January 2017

Monday, January 23, 8:30am-4:30pm
Tuesday, January 24, 8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesday, January 25, 8:30am-4:30pm

Thursday, January 26 - CLOSED

Friday, January 27, 8:30am-4:30pm
Monday, January 30, 3pm-7pm

Opening Hours During Term

Wednesday 8:00-10:00am
Thursday 1:00-4:30pm

Please note that the uniform shop will be closed on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 due to staff training.

Kerry Azzopardi  Cindy Curtis
Toal Street, Whyalla  Ph: 8649 3168

Seed-embedded Christmas Cards

Included in each card is a special Christmas tree made from seed-embedded paper. The paper can be planted to grow Australian Swan River Daisies. Packs contains 4 different cards and two designs are available. Cost: $6

Traditional Boiled Christmas Puddings

Home made with love, with quality ingredients and no preservatives, our large 1.3kg puddings sell at $25.

Cards are available for your campus front office and puddings from Maresa Lyons at 8645 8568 or email maresa.lyons@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

Canteen Rosters

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

Annette Cameron, Rose Cassar and Carolyn Goldsworthy
CANTENE MANAGERS