### COMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
- Year 11s finish

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
- Prize Night, 7pm

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
- R-Year 3/4 Liturgy at OLHCC, p6

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
- OLHCC Carols Night

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
- Year 4/5-7 Mass at St Teresa’s Church, p6

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
- Year 10s finish  
- Secondary reports distributed

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
- Primary reports distributed  
- Year 6 End of Primary Years Dinner, p8

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
- students finish for 2016, normal end of day

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
- Year 7 End of Primary Years Dinner, p8

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
- Uniform Shop closed due to training

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30**  
- School resumes for 2017

### Key Points
- Primary Development
- Surveys
- Thank you volunteers!
- Raffle Tickets
- Integrated and Inquiry Learning
- End of term dismissal
- Primary Campus End of Year Celebrations
- Class structures/ staffing - primary
- Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal  
- Carols night/Family night  
- Year 6 and Year 7 Activity Day
- End of Primary Years Dinner and Disco  
- End Of Year Reports  
- 2017 Classes/ Transition Morning  
- Guidera Cup Points: Overall winner for 2016
- SRC News  
- Prize Night  
- Finishing the year  
- Reports  
- Year 12 Results

“In this season of Advent, we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life which is presented each day with its novelty. In order to do this we need to learn to not depend on our own securities, our own consolidated plans, because the Lord comes in the hour which we don’t imagine. This introduces us to a much more beautiful, and great, dimension.” Pope Francis, Papal Advent Message Nov 27, 2016

I have tried to not be the person that always says “wow, time has flown” but “time has really flown” for 2016. There are still some very important events and activities to come but here we are almost at the end of another year.

Aside from the usual challenges of coordinating important events such as Graduation & Formal, Prize Night etc etc, it is still vitally important that staff and students and parents too, are aware that we are in the Season of Advent and to not let the busy-ness of the end of a school year cloud any reflection and preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. Staff do a wonderful job in trying to ensure the students are fully prepared for this special day despite the graduations, Christmas gifts, carols and farewells.

Speaking of farewells we are saying goodbye to a range of staff this year. With over 150 employees at Samaritan, we still have a small turnover of staff, nevertheless we are very grateful for the input and commitment the following staff have made to our community: Tony & Nikki Hall, Rachael De Tullio, Emmett Cashel, Rebecca Corcoran, Melissa Kober, Greg Kurtzer, Natalie Maddern and Caitlin Videon are all moving onto new opportunities. Some at ‘home’ and some in new and exciting places. Mandy Schmidt completes her short term stint at OLHCC and Kimberley Owens begins maternity leave. I make special mention of Nikki and Tony Hall who have been in Whyalla for many years now and both have made significant contributions to our college and city.

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**DAMIEN JUDD**

CO-PRINCIPAL
Advent and Christmas – source of our hope

The reading for this Sunday’s Mass, the Second Sunday of Advent, speaks of the reign of God. Everything living under God’s reign is moved to peace and solidarity. The imagery is vivid – “the wolf lives with the lamb, calf and lion cub feed together”. It tells us of a peace that is God’s will, that is accessible to all who commit their lives to living in that kingdom, the reign of God, through his Son, Jesus.

At times this appears very elusive in the world in which we find ourselves. Angry and violent bumper stickers point to the domestic violence many women and children suffer. The international weapons industry fosters and inflames wars in poor countries. Predators continue to find ways to abuse children and young people.

And yet, peace and integrity continues to break out, in hearts and families where one person or several have made a decision to live in friendship with God. Despite the culture of fear and blame fanned by our media and some politicians, many continue to decide to love, to heal, to forgive, to encourage, to set boundaries, to teach the young the ways of courage and generosity.

All of this is the fruit of that cardinal virtue, “HOPE”. Hope, as St Paul says, is that deep trust in God: that God knows what to do. Knowing God’s power and providence for us, we try to align our actions and attitudes with God, confident that God will take care of our present and our future. Families rely on this intuitively. Who can tell the future? And yet we live in hope of God’s continuing goodness and kindness.

You and your children are welcome to join the pre-Christmas Novena: nine Masses from December 16-23, one each evening, with the Christmas story played out over the nine Masses. Plenty of parts for children and young people! Find the details on the parish facebook page or at the office.

On behalf of the parish family, I wish you and your family every blessing of peace and joy at Christmas. Please feel very welcome to join us at one of the Christmas Masses:

5pm December 24, Christmas Eve St Teresa’s and 7pm Our Lady’s;
12 midnight St Teresa’s (Carols commence at 11:30 pm), and 9am December 25, Christmas Day at Our Lady’s.

Fr Jim Monaghan
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM
Religious Dimension

Matthew 24: 40 - 44

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Reflection on the Gospel

How do you cope when the unexpected occurs in your life?

In what ways are you alert to life?

Advent

Advent is a time of preparation. We prepare for the coming of Christ. As this Gospel reading suggests, we cannot be certain when the Son of Man will come.

There is much symbolism involved in this reading on which we can reflect. I like to think about having our hearts ready to welcome Jesus when he appears to us in the face of someone we meet. Someone who needs our help or is ready to offer us help. Will our heart be ready to recognise Jesus in this situation?

The Gospel from last Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, tells us to be ready. This time in the Church season is about preparing for the coming of Christ.

What traditions or experiences do you use to ‘Be Ready’?

Did You Know

- Advent is a four week season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The word Advent means coming. Advent takes up this theme in looking forward to the coming of Christ at Christmas and especially in looking to the future.
- The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the new Liturgical Year of the church.
- Advent has a past, present and future dimension. We look back to the events of Bethlehem when Christ first entered the world.
- We reflect on Christ’s presence today and we look forward to the future coming of Christ.
- An early prayer of the church related to this theme of waiting comes from an Aramaic word, Maranatha. This means ‘Come Lord’. Use this prayer as a mantra during this season of Advent.

A challenge:

Be alert and watchful for the needs of others this week and be ready to respond to those in need.

Rejoice in the unexpected.


Advent Calendar

Visit the following website to download your own Advent Calendar to use during this Advent season:


Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

College News

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
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 Stuart  Ph: 8649 3168

Samaritan College Parent/Student Satisfaction survey 2016

This year’s parent and student survey is now ready for completion. Surveys should take no more than 5 minutes and questions are taken from a bank of questions that the Australian Government provides. Results from these are used for the annual report and strategic planning for the future. These surveys aim to cover a whole year’s perspective, not just something good or bad that happened just last week. These surveys should not be a forum for direct complaints as data is simply collated from all the responses and individual concerns will not be followed up.

We would love to hear from as many parents and students as – the closing date is 16 December 2016.

Please follow the following links:

Parent: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KVPZYV2
Student: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCFQMY9

Thank you volunteers!

Samaritan College would like to thank our generous volunteers in 2016 for:

• helping in canteens, libraries and classrooms
• supporting students in our LAP programs
• accompanying classes on excursions, camps and sports competitions
• serving on the college board, P&F committee and uniform committee
• lending a hand with sausage sizzles and events such as Sports Day
• helping at major P&F fundraisers such as the Primary Disco, Whyalla Show stall, Movie Night, Bubblegum Markets, Christmas Raffle and Family nights

Our college is so much richer for the time and effort you put into our community for the benefit of our students. We look forward to an action packed 2017. Why not join in the fun next year?

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are to be returned by Wednesday, December 7, with the raffle drawn on Friday, December 9 at Family Night.
Position Vacant

Samaritan College offers Catholic education for Reception to Year 12 students. Incorporating three campuses, Samaritan College endeavours to educate the whole person in faith, wisdom and compassion.

GUITAR TEACHER (casual)
Guitar teacher wanted to work with beginner to intermediate students in Year 5 to 7. Six hours of guitar lessons per week, during school hours with potential for more hours for band rehearsals.

PERCUSSION/DRUM TEACHER (casual)
Percussion and Drum teacher wanted to work with beginner to advanced students in Year 5 to Year 12. Three hours of small group percussion lessons per week during school hours with potential for more hours for band rehearsals.

Both positions require basic understanding of music notation.
To work across all campuses of Samaritan College.

All applications are subject to Catholic Education SA screening procedures.

Position Commences: Mid February, 2017
Enquiries: For role clarification please contact the Principal’s Assistant, Karen McGinnis.
Applications: 1 page letter with copy of resume
Forward to:
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Canteen Rosters

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

Annette Cameron, Rose Cassar and Carolyn Goldsworthy
CANTEEN MANAGERS

December 1, 2016

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Integrated and Inquiry Learning

Across the primary campuses, students have been engaging in the curriculum through our Integrated Units. Each term or semester, students have explored an over-arching Inquiry question such as “how are we connected?”. They have explored this question in relation to the curriculum across learning areas such as English, HASS, Health, Numeracy and more. Most importantly, students have been able to relate to the curriculum and these questions in a way that is meaningful to them.

Jenna Edwards
INQUIRY LEARNING COORDINATOR

Advent - a time of preparation

This week we have had many opportunities to acknowledge and make connections to our Catholic Traditions and have recognised more than the commercial and materialistic gains of Christmas Day. As Advent continues, students, staff and families will have further opportunities to deepen our understanding of this season and the Christmas Story as we participate in Liturgy, Mass and the Christmas play.

End of term dismissal

The last day of term will be Tuesday, December 13 with dismissal at the normal time of 3:20pm.

Primary Campus End of Year Celebrations

On Tuesday, December 6 the Reception to Year 3/4 students will celebrate with a Liturgy at OLHC Church. The Liturgy will begin at 9:00am. St Teresa’s children are to be dropped off at OLHC Campus in the morning and will be transported back to St Teresa’s Campus by bus.

On Thursday, December 8 the Year 4/5 to 7 students will need to be dropped off at St Teresa’s Church by 8:45am to celebrate their End of Year Mass/Celebration of Primary Years. Mass will begin at 9:15am. All students will be transported back to their campus by bus.
**Class structures/staffing**

It is with much pleasure that I share with you our class structures and staff placement for 2017. We farewell Nikki Hall and Rachael De Tullio, who will be returning to Adelaide to take up positions at Dominican School, Semaphore and Galilee School, Aldinga, respectively. We also farewell Mrs Mandy Schmidt who has completed a short term contract, Mrs Kimberley Owens who begins maternity leave awaiting the birth of her third child and Mrs Mika Mills who has accepted a teaching position in Brisbane. We thank Nikki, Rachael, Kimberley, Mandy and Mika for their enthusiasm and commitment to the students, parents and staff of Samaritan College and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Next year we welcome back Mrs Cassie Lewis, who will be teaching a Year 5/6 class with Mrs Jo Arcobelli at OLHC Campus. Cassie is very familiar with OLHCC having taught at the campus previously. We are delighted to have Cassie returning to Samaritan College.

A full list of our support staff will be provided early in the new school year.

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**Christmas Raffle - Please return tickets**

The Parents and Friends committee thank you for your donations of prizes for the Christmas raffle.

Raffle tickets are to be returned by Wednesday, December 7, with the raffle drawn on Friday, December 9 at Family Night.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

As the school term draws near to its end, we spare a thought for those families that will go without this Christmas. As a Catholic community we ask for your help to make a difference in the lives of many families by donating to the St Vinnie’s Christmas Appeal. Please donate non-perishable food items or new toys for children of any age. Donations can be made to your child’s class or your campus front office.

**Carols night/Family night**

**Carols night at OLHCC** – Carols night will be held on Wednesday, December 7 and will commence at 6:30pm, families can begin arriving from 6:00pm.

**Family Night at STC** - Family Night will be held on Friday, December 9 and will commence at 7.00pm. This will allow families time to head home and have a meal before returning for the performances. As was the case last year there will be a disco following the last performance.

**Year 6 and Year 7 Activity Day**

The Year 6 and Year 7 students and their teachers will continue their celebration of their primary years with an Activity Day at the Whyalla Health and Leisure Centre, Civic Park and Our Lady Help of Christians Campus (OLHCC) on Friday, December 9. Students are to meet their teachers at the Whyalla Heath and Leisure Centre at 9:00am and will be dismissed from OLHCC Campus at 3:00pm. Notes regarding this event have gone home earlier this week. Please contact your child’s class teacher if you have not received this information.

**End of Primary Years Dinner and Disco**

As a culmination to the end of primary education, Year 6 and Year 7 students will have a shared meal and disco. Notes regarding this event have gone home earlier this week. Please contact your child’s class teacher if you have not received this information.

December 1, 2016
Year 6 students ‘Dinner and Disco’ is on Monday, December 12 at South Whyalla Football Club from 6:00-8:30pm.

Year 7 students ‘Dinner and Disco’ is on Tuesday, December 13 at South Whyalla Football Club from 6:00-8:30pm.

End Of Year Reports
The end of year reports will be sent home on Monday, December 12, as will the information regarding which class your child will be in next year.

2017 Classes/Transition Morning
On Tuesday, December 13 at 9am, students will be placed in their 2017 class and will spend the morning with their new teacher. As you know from previous newsletters the process for student placement began many weeks ago; we have been extremely thorough and looked at these placements with many things in mind. Changing student placements is not as simple as moving one child from one class to another. When we finalise class placements and celebrate them with families, very rarely do we make changes. We as the adults really set the scene for the relationship the children have with their classmates and their teacher.

SAPSASA Cricket
Congratulations to the Samaritan students who represented Whyalla in the SAPSASA cricket carnival in Adelaide last week. The team was undefeated, winning the Division 5 championship.

Throughout the week the boys celebrated many personal bests. A team highlight was a total score of 238 runs in a game, the highest score for the tournament. Congratulations to Cooper Huish, Lachlan Phillips, Devlin Heading, Kurt Wilson, Mitchell Byrne, Joshua Maddigan and Ethan Inglis.

Pageant Fun
A special thanks to R/1 De Tullio who participated in the Christmas Pageant on the weekend. They certainly represented our college with pride. Thanks to Rachael for the coordination of the day, and to Jenna Edwards for the use of the trailer and driving on the day. Thanks also to those who assisted with preparations before the day and those who walked with the students. The student’s enthusiasm and enjoyment was a pleasure to see.

I dressed up as an angel. I waved to my Mum and my sister.

Dongyi

I loved it! It was fun and I liked sharing the lollies.

Jaiden

Finally as this is our last newsletter of the year, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of our teaching and support staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our Samaritan students are learning in safe, contemporary and engaging ways. Thank you to the wider community of Samaritan. The many volunteers we have at both campuses, the parents who support our initiatives throughout the year and most importantly work in partnership with our staff to ensure that the best opportunities are available to their child.

May you share joy filled holidays with your families and friends and return in the new year ready to engage in another exciting year at Samaritan College.

May the peace and love of Christ be with you all this Christmas.

Lou Whitehouse
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Guidera Cup Points: Overall winner for 2016
Over the year students have earned points to go towards their house team and the Guidera Cup. Congratulations to all students who have been a positive part of our Samaritan community and have had their efforts recognised with house points.

It is time to announce the Term 4 winner and the ‘House Team of the Year’!

Congratulations to MacKillop for being the Term 4 winner. Well done to all in MacKillop for your efforts this term.

And now…this year’s House Team of the Year goes to… Rice! Congratulations on your victory, what a super effort!

Rebecca Sinclair
CURRICULUM/RE COORDINATOR
SRC NEWS

No Bin Day OLHCC

OLHC Campus will be holding another “No Bin Day”. This has been happening each term as an initiative by the SRC to focus on sustainability and reducing our waste. The “No Bin Day” will be happening on Friday, December 9 (Week 8).

The SRC would like to remind students and parents that the day is about using re-usable packaging rather than bringing in packaging that needs to be thrown out. Recycling bins will be placed around the school, but any rubbish will need to be taken home. This day is not meant to be an inconvenience, rather a day to help us understand what we can do as a school and community to become more sustainable.

OLHCC “Sports Day”

OLHCC SRC representatives have decided their termly fundraising day will be a “Sports Day”. This means students can come to school dressed as their favourite sports star or simply someone who would play their favourite sport. The SRC members will also be running some lunch time sports on the courts and oval.

It will be a gold coin donation to participate on the day, with all proceeds going to St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. The day will take place on Wednesday, December 7 (Week 8).

St Teresa’s Campus

St Teresa’s SRC representatives have decided their termly fundraising day will be a Coloured Clothes Day on Wednesday, December 7 (Week 8) with all proceeds going to St Vincent De Paul Christmas appeal.

Dale Raymond, Jenna Edwards, Rudell Helmers

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

Year 6 & 7 Transition

Last week the Year 7s and on Monday of this week the Year 6 students were on site for their transition day. It was a really rewarding experience for all of the teachers who took time to conduct a lesson with them. We are looking forward to their full move next year.

Prize Night

The annual prize night, to recognise the efforts and achievements of our students throughout the year, is being held at the Middleback Theatre on Monday December 5, the evening starts at 7:00pm. Parents should have received a letter notifying them that their child is to receive an award. Tickets go on sale to the general public from today December 1, so please get in early if you haven’t already got one.

Finishing the year

The time is getting near when students are asked to return the text and library books that they still have in their possession. It is vitally important that all books are returned in good condition for use next year. When initially distributed, students would have been asked to write the book name and number in their diaries, this helps with ensuring that each student has the correct book. Please encourage your child, this weekend, to search through their room and gather up all the books that belong to Samaritan College to be returned next week. Whilst your child may return books to the library they may still get a bill if they were not the ones that were initially loaned to them.

Reports

The final school report for 2016 will be distributed to students in Year 8 to 11 on Friday, December 8. Our Year 11 students are invited to collect their reports from the front office at any time after 12:00pm. Other students who are present on the day will be given theirs during afternoon caregroup. Any uncollected reports will remain with the caregroup teacher, or at the front office, until Wednesday morning when they will be posted to families.

Year 12 Results

Students will be receiving their final results on December 20. Occasionally there are some questions that arise as students review their results. To assist with answering any questions the secondary campus will be open, and phone lines monitored from 8:00am until 1:00pm on the day. Our prayers are with the Year 12 students at this stressful and exciting time.

Thank you

I’d like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and students for your ongoing support throughout the year as we work together to provide the best opportunities for our young people. We wish you a safe and happy Christmas and may God bless you and your families these holidays.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)
Women in STEM

On November 14 and 15, ten of our brightest and most diligent female students in Year 11 Sciences were invited to attend an event through UniSA in Adelaide, seeking to expose them to pathways in STEM careers and facilitate connections with leading female professionals currently in industry.

The girls left Whyalla on Monday morning and travelled down to UniSA's Mawson Lakes campus. After settling into their hotel rooms, students attended a workshop on networking skills - learning how to introduce yourself to someone you have never met before, shake hands and politely interrupt professional conversations. Although initially quite nervous, the girls took to this opportunity and made some valuable connections with girls from other high schools during the session.

Following this, students walked to a networking dinner event and employed their newly minted skills in networking with women from a range of industries, including engineers working with SA Power Networks, Chemical Scientists, Project Managers in IT and academics from a range of fields. Students enjoyed a lovely dinner and speeches from special guests, which were very informative.

The following day students were transported by bus to DST Group and enjoyed engaging with various scientists, including psychologists, IT programmers, laser researchers and specialists in electromagnetic fields. They were given a tour of the facilities, which was highly educational and interesting. Students then travelled to Mawson Lakes Wetlands and heard from Ecologists and Community Engagement Officers working with council, after which we travelled back to Whyalla.

UniSA's Women in STEM initiative was a phenomenal experience, and Samaritan College is looking forward to continuing our valuable relationship with UniSA in the future.

Lydia Line
SCIENCE COORDINATOR