

Term 1 Week 1

February 2, 2017

COMING EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- SJC Parent Night, 7:00pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- Safer Internet Day
- STC Parent Night, 7:00pm, library

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- OLHCC Parent Night, 7:00pm, Vessey Unit

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- Whole College Opening Mass, 9am, Saint John's Campus oval

- Forms due back

FEBRUARY 20-21

- Year 8 Camp Group 1

FEBRUARY 22-23

- Year 8 Camp Group 2

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

- secondary Sports Day

MARCH 20-22

- STC Year 6 Camp

MARCH 22-24

- OLHCC Year 6 Camp

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of Christians Campus

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Saint John's Campus

Telephone (08) 8645 8568
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Uniform Shop

Toal Street, Whyalla Stuart
 Telephone (08) 8649 3168
 Wednesday 8:00 - 10:00am
 Thursday 1:00 - 4:30pm

Key Points

- Honouring our Past, Creating our Future
- A Prayer for our College
- Opening College Mass
- Primary staff 2017
- Parent Night
- House Structure
- Professional Learning: Numeracy Project and Trauma Sensitive Schools Project
- What is STEM?
- Camps 2017
- Dropping children off at school
- School Sports
- Parent Volunteers
- Forms
- European Trip

Welcome to our 2017 school year and to the 10th year of Samaritan College. In 2008 it all started for Samaritan with the formal amalgamation of the three 'old' schools of Our Lady's, St Teresa's and Saint John's College. In almost perfect synergy and coincidence, the theme for our Diocese this year is "Honouring our past – creating our future". Whilst 10 years is still very early in the life of a school, it is nevertheless an apt time to reflect on where we have come from and where we are going. The move to House Groups at the secondary campus is a perfect example of how we are honouring our past but at the same time, looking forward as we begin to create a greater focus on our patrons of Benedict, Mary MacKillop and Edmund Rice. It is something very new at Saint John's, yet still strongly linked to the history of the three original schools.

The new year always brings the opportunity to start again, or for some of our Reception students, start for the very first time. Students move into new year levels, campuses or into a new school. They will have teachers they have never seen before, study subjects foreign to them just a few weeks ago and meet brand new friends. Week 1 Term 1 can be a very exciting time for all. Our new staff will also be very excited about their roles at Samaritan. Please make our new staff, Tessa Castle, Dustyn Brauwers, Kathryn Pech, Alan Fulton, Michael O'Connor, Emma Wake and Luke Covino, feel very welcome plus some existing staff who are changing campuses.

This week all families should have received a letter from myself with a copy also on our website. The letter outlines a few of the significant events since our last newsletter and it also gives credit to our 2016 Year 12s who have made themselves, their family and their college very proud with their results. Well done.

As part of our Opening Prayer service with staff last Tuesday, I read an excerpt below from the late Bishop Oscar Romero. He talked about how none of us, including teachers, can expect

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to cover it all when educating our students or children. We can only begin to help, assist, nurture the seeds that will one day grow. We are only part of the journey for our young people.

*“No prayer fully expresses our faith. No statement says all that could be said.
This is what we are about. We plant seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in that.”*

Parish News

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Over the weekend Masses we had the humble opportunity to welcome back all those who have been away during the school holidays. It was great to see familiar faces of students and parents who regularly come to Mass and who are now back after the break.

I asked some of the students I met at Mass if they are excited to go back to school. Their answers varied as you can imagine. Some are excited, some are not. (Don't worry, I clearly remember that I also felt the same when I was a student at times.) The truth of the matter is whether we like it or not, students, teachers and school staff are meant to be back to school when it's due. Thus, I encourage you all to start the year with a positive attitude towards the school year. Coming to school is always for the good of the student and for all creation. So try your best, love learning and try to enjoy every bit of it.

As a parish, we look forward to the many joined activities that we are going to do in the future. We are so blessed in Whyalla that our Catholic school and parish work so well together to inspire, support, encourage, bless and pray for one another. May this year as before bring forward a renewed, refreshed and animated approach as we help students to make sense of their faith and its importance to their day-to-day life especially in times of difficulties, stress and challenges at school and in their personal life.

May 2017 be a year of blessing to each and everyone in our school and all the schools in our town. We ask special blessings on all the students, especially the receptions and those new to our school. May they find everyone welcoming and warm. We also say a special prayer for Year 12s as they prepare for their final year at school and work towards their goals in the future. We thank parents for instilling in their children the importance of education and for the teachers and staff for the guidance to make it happen! Welcome back everyone and enjoy your school year in 2017. May the power of prayers and the intercession of the Blessed Mother, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom guide you all.

‘May the LORD bless you and protect you.

May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the LORD show you his favour and give you his peace.’

Numbers 6:24-26

Fr Harold Camonias

ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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

PS: Watch out for Youth Group Gatherings for Year 7-12 students once every fortnight - all are welcome.

All students who had their First Eucharist are welcome to join the Altar Servers.

Religious Dimension

Honouring our Past, Creating our Future

'Honouring our Past , Creating our Future' is the diocesan theme for Catholic Education this year.

We have many groups of people which we can honour for their efforts in developing Catholic Education in Whyalla over the last 75 years.

The families of Whyalla have continued to support Catholic Education in Whyalla and have endeavoured to work with the school to provide the best for their children.

The Good Samaritan Sisters and Christian Brothers worked tirelessly in our community bringing the Love of Christ to all they met. Their dedication and faithful service to our community is a legacy which is immeasurable.

Our past has also witnessed many dedicated staff members that have helped to educate and bring the best out of their students.

Generations of students have themselves created the culture of our school and help develop the vibrant community we have today.

While it is important to honour our past, it is important for us all to realise that we all have a part to play in creating our future. We need to learn from the past and all be prepared to participate in forming the future of our school.

For our students, we ask they participate in as much as they can in the life of the college. Parents too have a place in helping create our future by staying connected and involved as much as possible. Each of us can help create the future for our school community.

So as we begin 2017 let us all be involved in creating a vibrant community and help breathe life into Samaritan College.

A Prayer for our College

GOD OF Hope and Love

We give grateful thanks for those who started our school community.

As we fill our school with compassion, justice, joy, and peace we know You are always by our side.

Deepen our Faith as we walk together into the future with understanding and hope with your love continuing to light the new roads we walk.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our guide.

Amen

Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS
IDENTITY AND MISSION

College News

School Counselling Service

We hope you all had a great break and are ready for the new term! We want to remind you all of the school counselling service at Samaritan College. Kaci Williams and Cass Ward are employed by Centacare Catholic Country SA to provide on-site therapeutic counselling services to students across each campus. School Counsellors have a Bachelor in Social Work and are trained in therapeutic interventions. Students may seek counselling for a wide range of issues such as worries, stress, lack of motivation, sadness, anger, conflict with others (including friends, teachers and family), grief and loss, study load, bullying, low self-esteem, relationship issues, family separation or concern for a friend. School counselling is a confidential service, and counsellors are not permitted to discuss the content of the sessions unless there is a risk to a person's safety.

Kaci is available at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus on Monday and Tuesday and Saint John's Campus Thursday and Friday from 9am – 2:30pm each day. Cass is available at Saint John's Campus on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saint Teresa's Campus Friday from 9am – 2:30pm each day.

Students, staff and caregivers can all refer to the service. At each campus we have a referral box with Student Counselling Referral and Intake Forms placed next to these. These can be filled out and placed in the boxes which are checked regularly. This form is also on the college website, it can be filled out electronically and emailed to the school counsellors.

You can contact Kaci or Cass for further information by calling the corresponding campus or by email:

kaci.williams@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

cassandra.ward@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

****If parents or caregivers do not wish for their children to utilise the counselling service at the school, please let the school know in writing addressed to the principal.***

Opening College Mass

The Opening College Mass will be celebrated on Friday, February 10 at 9:00am. The Mass will be held on Saint John's Campus oval.

Children from the primary campuses need to be dropped at the Senior Campus by 8:45am. Parents of new Reception children should speak to their child's teacher for the arrangements for the day that are best suited for their child.

Parents are welcome to attend the Mass and be part of this blessing and opening of the College for the 2017 school year.

Bernie Meixner

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

CCI SchoolCare 24 Hour policy



Unfortunately, accidents involving students happen. To assist parents with costs associated with accidents, we have SchoolCare insurance provided by Catholic Church Insurance Limited (CCI). SchoolCare is a student accident insurance policy, providing protection to all students attending our school.

The 24 Hours Cover includes cover for school camps, organised sporting events (including sports out of school hours organised by the school), work experience, travelling to and from school or school activities. It also includes any activity organised or authorised by the school. This includes before and after school care if organised by the school.

SCHOOL CARE ACCIDENT POLICY DETAILS

SAMARITAN COLLEGE, WHYALLA SA

POLICY NUMBER: 05 PAE 0134741

MAKE A CLAIM – You can print a claim form and the policy wording from www.ccinsurance.org.au. Your child's school will need to endorse the claim form prior to it being submitted. You will need a Doctor or Dentist's Certificate and copies of accounts or invoices for any *claimable* expenses.

CCI School Care cannot pay for any Medicare service including the Medicare Gap.

If you have any queries regarding this cover, please contact the CCI SchoolCare Helpline: 1300 138 498 or visit the dedicated website, www.ccinsurance.org.au/schoolcare

Canteen Rosters

Term 1, Week 2 and 3				
	ST TERESA'S CAMPUS		SAINT JOHN'S CAMPUS	
	February 6 - 10	February 13 - 17	February 6 - 10	February 13 - 17
Mon	Brooklyn/Ally	Joanne Foubister	Laura Smith	Leanne Simpfendorfer
Tue	Tonia Munday	Carly Wilson		Tonia Munday
Wed	Donna Clark	Rachel Brokken	Helen Butt	Allison Noble
Thu	Katie Ewing	Nicole Bodzioch	Helen Bell	Helen Bell
Fri	no lunches	Nardia Hogan	Rebecca Coffey	Judi Kneebone

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

Annette Cameron, Rose Cassar and Carolyn Goldsworthy
CANTEEN MANAGERS

Primary Campus News

OLHCC: Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

STC: St Teresa's Campus

Welcome back for the start of the 2017 school year. I trust you had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to the year ahead. After all our staff preparation over the last week or so it was lovely to come to school Monday and see many familiar and new faces smiling and ready for a new school year. Students were clearly excited as they entered their creative and engaging classrooms.

On behalf of all at Samaritan I extend a warm welcome to those families who are new to our school. I know how welcoming and supportive our community can be and thank you in advance for reaching out to each other.

Primary staff 2017

This week we formally welcome Emma Wake to the primary campus staff. Emma will be teaching the specialist subject STEM to students in Year 1/2 – 5/6 on both campuses. Emma will be very familiar to our students and families, being a regular relief teacher across the College for a number of years.

Primary Campus Teaching Staff	
OLHCC	STC
R/1 Chelsea Leech	R/1 Kristin Davies/Lisa Judd
R/1 Stevie Smith	R/1 Sharon Harris/ Lisa Judd
1/2 Kylie Fechner/Stacey Raymond	1/2 Rudell Helmers
2/3 Jenna Bell	2/3 Jennie Ness
3/4 Abby Thiele/Rebecca Sinclair	3/4 Kristin Murray
4/5 Natasha Fiedler	4/5 James Baverstock
	4/5 Genevieve Foran
5/6 Jenna Edwards/Kay Baker	5/6 Natasha Free
5/6 Jo Arcobelli/Cassie Lewis	5/6 Gareth Molyneux

Primary Campus Specialist teaching staff	
Winnie Fitzgerald	The Arts, Music/Drama (STC)
Melinda Peat	The Arts, Music/Drama (OLHCC)
Ruth Donnellan	Digital Technologies (STC) & Reading Intervention
Jenny Kondylas	Digital Technologies (OLHCC)
Rebecca McArthur	Reading Intervention & Early Years Learning Support (OLHCC)
Dale Raymond	Physical Education (STC & OLHCC)
Emma Wake	STEM (STC & OLHCC)
Antoinette Daniels	Permanent Relief Teacher

Primary Campus Leadership team	
Damien Judd	Principal
Lou Whitehouse	Head of Primary
Bernie Meixner	APRIM
Di Gurnett	School Coordinator
Rebecca Sinclair	Religious Education Coordinator
Kay Baker	Inclusive Education Coordinator

Primary Campus Positions of Responsibility	
Jenna Bell	Early Years Learning Coordinator
Jenna Edwards	Teaching and Learning Coordinator
Rudell Helmers	Sustainability Coordinator

Primary Campus Education Support Officers (ESOs)	
OLHCC	STC
Malcolm Buckler	Robyn Byles
Rose Cassar	Annette Cameron
Heather Guest	Monica Cohen
Geoff Hawes	Mark Eadon
Bernie Healey	Geoff Hawes
Diana Jeffery	Jane Izzat
Cheryl Murfitt	Tracey McLean
Heather O'Keefe	Heather O'Keefe
Jlse Sanderson	Linda Plunkett
Vicki Schmitt	Vicki Schmitt
Janet Setford	Sarah Sheehan
Sarah Sheehan	Tania Taylor

Parent Night

I take this opportunity to invite all parents/caregivers to our Meet the Teacher - Parent Information Evenings that will be held at each campus next week.

STC – Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00pm in the Library.

OLHCC - Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00pm in the Vessey Unit.

This will be a great opportunity to informally meet your child's teacher and touch base. More formal appointments can be made to share important information regarding your child's educational and social needs.

Professional Learning: Numeracy Project and Trauma Sensitive Schools Project

2017 brings the final year of our whole school numeracy project. Significant resourcing from our school and the Catholic Education Office (CEO) will enable Jenna Edwards (Teaching and Learning Coordinator) and CEO Numeracy consultant, Adrian Dilger, to work with staff to enhance teaching and learning opportunities for all students. This year sees the further expansion of the project on the secondary campus.

Before the beginning of the school year staff participated in professional learning relating to a new school initiative for 2017 and 2018. Samaritan College, along with other schools across the dioceses and the Adelaide metropolitan area, are part of a Trauma Sensitive Practice in Schools project, in collaboration with Catholic Education Office and the Australian Childhood Foundation. The aim of the project is to further enhance our capacity to meet the needs of children who have experienced trauma in its many and varied forms. Research also clearly indicates that these practices in fact support the learning of all students and are recognised as quality classroom practice.

More information regarding these project will be shared throughout the year.

What is STEM?

As mentioned previously Emma Wake will be teaching STEM across the primary campuses. STEM education integrates the study of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics providing students with inquiry and

investigative opportunities to develop critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity and communication skills. Skills necessary for lifelong learning.

At Samaritan this new curriculum initiative, along with our inquiry based approach to the teaching of Mathematics and the teaching of computer coding through the Digital Technologies curriculum will provide numerous opportunities for our students to develop their skills in preparation for the jobs of the future. Interestingly, in a recent Australian Government paper "Restoring the focus on STEM in schools initiative" the programs mentioned above were recommended as key initiatives to support student skill development.

Reception – Year 12 College Mass

The Opening College Mass will be celebrated at Saint John's campus on Friday, February 10. Children from both campuses need to be at Saint John's Campus by 8:45am. St Teresa's Campus will meet at the basketball courts and Our Lady Help of Christians Campus will meet at Samaritan Hall (gymnasium). A letter will be sent out to primary campus families with more details. The Mass will begin at approximately 9:15am. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Camps 2017

To assist with forward planning, the Year 6 Errappa camp will take place in Week 8 of this term. The STC camp will be on March 20-22 and the OHLCC camp will be on March 22-24.

Lou Whitehouse
HEAD OF PRIMARY

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

Welcome to all returning students and families and an especially warm welcome to all the new families who are joining us at the secondary campus for 2017. We hope that this year will be another successful year in the education of the children in our school. Students will note that there are some new faces in the teaching staff this year. Next Monday, February 6, at 7:00pm parents are invited to meet the teachers of the secondary campus, depending on the weather this will be held in either the Gymnasium or on the grandstand.

House Structure

The initial change that students have noticed is the vertical caregroups. It is envisioned that over time this will allow homeroom teachers to get to know the students in their homeroom better as they generally

will not be changing from year to year. The homeroom teachers are the first point of contact if there are concerns around your child.

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House Coordinator: Matthew Quist

Homeroom Teachers:	BDJ1A	Katherine Hannon
	BDJ1B	Erin McIntee
	BDS1A	Tessa Castle
	BDS1B	Luke Covino
	BDS1C	Dustyn Brauwers

Mackillop

House Coordinator: Jodie Hopkins

Homeroom Teachers:	MKJ1A	Alan Fulton
	MKJ1B	Mark Heath
	MKS1A	Werner Geldenhuys
	MKS1B	Kathryn Pech
	MKS1C	Pierre Visser

Rice

House Coordinator: Ryan Baker

Homeroom Teachers:	RCJ1A	Tairo Ndoro
	RCJ1B	Trent Keiper
	RCS1A	Michael O'Connor
	RCS1B	Robert Shaughnessy
	RCS1C	Cristina Torres

Year 7	7B	Kerri Smith
	7G	Peter Usher

Teachers without Homerooms

Julia Anttila	Music
Adel Elhalawani	Mathematics
Tanya Ernesti	Biology & Science
Matt Thursby	Technology Studies
Eilis Toth	English
Jillian Turnbull	Physical Education

Teachers with Key responsibilities

Christine Duffield	Coordinator of Learning Support
Trent Keiper	Coordinator of Sport

Campus Leadership

Damien Judd	Principal
John Lyons	Head of Secondary
Bernie Meixner	APRIM
Tanya Gibson	Director of Teaching and Learning
Lisa Howard	Director of Administration
James Keating	Director of Students
Lydia Line	Director of Curriculum Support and Innovation

Student Drivers and Passengers

To ensure that our information is current and relevant it is necessary for students to submit forms each year. Homeroom teachers should have handed out forms for a driver permit to any students who are driving to school. This paperwork is requested so that we can help to ensure the safety of all students as well as support

the neighbours by requesting that students only park on the campus sides of Norrie and Gowrie Avenue. These forms are available in the "Quick Links" section of the website, under Student Forms.

Dropping children off at school

In the interest of safety, at the start and end of the day, we ask that parents drop their child/children off and pick them up outside the school grounds. Unfortunately, there are too many people moving across the carpark and drive, in front of the buildings, to allow for cars to be driving through there as well.

School Sports

This year we have moved Sports Day into Term 1. Whilst sport is not the only way that houses can demonstrate excellence it does involve all students in a team building exercise. Sports Day is scheduled for Friday, March 3. It is a great day and we encourage families to come out and support their children and others within the house. Any parents who would like to assist with an event are asked to contact our Sports Coordinator Trent Keiper.

Parent Volunteers

There are many ways in which a parent can be actively involved in supporting the students in their education. The only requirement is a current police check. These are purely confidential and necessary to ensure child protection across the school.

Are you able to give a few hours a month, do a shift or two in the canteen?

A few hours a week and you might like to walk with students on excursions or be involved in a PE lesson. You don't need to be the expert (play beach cricket while the teacher is kayaking with a smaller group).

Enjoy working with your hands, think about helping out our grounds team or some of the practical based subjects, such as woodwork, clothing and textiles or food and nutrition.

With some prior experience you might like to assist teachers in science or mathematics, asking students questions to expand their learning opportunities.

Please considering volunteering and being involved in nurturing the spirit of excellence in all.

Forms

A number of forms should have come home with your newsletter, many of which need to be completed and returned by Friday, February 10. Whilst some of this is repetitive we really appreciate the time you take in ensuring that details are accurate and permissions have been recorded.

John Lyons
HEAD OF SECONDARY

European Trip

For almost three weeks of the January holidays I was lucky enough to travel to Europe with 25 excited Year 11 and 12 Italian and Art students, as well as some students who had recently graduated from the college. Accompanying us on the trip were James Keating and Jodie Hopkins.

Our journey began in London, where students were fortunate to visit some of the major tourist destinations including Buckingham Palace, the London Eye, Warner Brothers Harry Potter studios, the British Museum and Madame Tussauds. Art students also had the opportunity to visit the Tate Modern Gallery to gain inspiration for their studies this year.

From London, we caught a train to Paris. This leg of our trip was primarily geared towards the Art students, offering them samples of many different art forms, including works from the Louve, Versailles, the Monet Marmottan and Van Gough's Auvers. Whilst in Paris, students also experienced a trip up the Eiffel Tower, a chance to visit Musee Chocolat, Notre Dame, Sacre Coer and enjoyed a day at Disneyland.

In Italy we visited Venice, Florence and Rome. Italy offered students studying Italian the chance to use their vocabulary in new real world situations.



A highlight from Venice was the Gondola rides, which students spent many months fundraising for, and visiting the islands of

Murano and Burano. Art students were also treated to a trip to the Peggy Guggenheim to see famous impressionist artworks.



Florence offered a more relaxed feel, with students beginning to feel more confident using their Italian language when ordering food or purchasing items at the markets. We visited the Accademia to see Michaelangelo's 'David' statue, and some students made the journey to Santa Croce to see Michaelangelo's resting place. Other students travelled to Pisa to climb the famous leaning tower. One of the unanimous most enjoyable parts of the trip was the cooking lesson that we participated in at one of Napoleon's residences, where we learnt to make traditional tagliatelle, tortellini and gnocchi.

Our final days were in Rome, where students visited many of the famous sites including the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Vatican museums, the Sistine Chapel, the Vittorio Emmanule monument, the Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona and the Pantheon.

Throughout the trip our Samaritan students were shining examples of good manners, impeccable behaviour and compassion. I warmly thank the students and other staff for making my time with them so enjoyable and my efforts in organising this trip worthwhile, as it was lovely to see the students gaining so much knowledge and inspiration, as well as real world education from the trip.

Lisa Howard
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

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."

National Youth Week Music Mentor Program 2017

National Youth Week is South Australia's biggest event for young people aged 12-25 years. The theme for National Youth Week 2017 is "youTHRIVE" – which recognizes the importance of young South Australian's physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing.

The Whyalla City Council & the Whyalla Music Association are once again looking for entertainers between 12-25, who would like to be part of the 2017 Music Mentor Program.

If you like to sing, play an instrument, write and recite

your own poetry and would like to perform for your family & peers in a cosy concert setting, we want you!!!!

The music mentor program will commence on Tuesday, February 21 and run for six weeks before the performance night (Saturday April 8). During this program you will get to come along to free weekly mentoring sessions with many talented Whyalla's musos.

If you would like to find out more info or register your interest please give Gail Rostig (Whyalla City Council Youth Development Officer) a call on 0447 570 401.