

Term 2 Week 1

May 4, 2017

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 4

- Extended opening hours for Uniform Shop, 1:00-6:30pm

TUESDAY, MAY 9

- Year 10 Parent Information Evening on **Work Experience and Murray Venture**, Lecture Theatre, 6-7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 11

- Extended opening hours for Uniform Shop, 1:00-6:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 11

- Scholastic club book orders due OLHCC

MAY 11-12

- Year 11 Retreat

MONDAY, MAY 15

- Year 12 Seminar Day

TUESDAY, MAY 16

- Open Night, primary campuses, 4-6pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

- After School Footy, SJC oval, 4pm, p5

THURSDAY, MAY 18

- R/1 O'Keefe/Scharber, R/1 Harris and Year 4/5 Foran Mass at OLHC Church at 9:00am, p5

- OLHCC CUA Fun Run

- Extended opening hours for Uniform Shop, 1:00-6:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 19

- STC CUA Fun Run

Key Points

- NAPLAN
- Catholic Education Week
- Open Nights and Tours
- Vinnie's Winter Appeal - Wool Donations
- ANZAC Day Assemblies
- Holiday Grounds Works
- Primary Campuses Open Night
- Class Mass
- After School Footy
- CUA Fun Run
- Scholastic Book Club
- Bookaneer Book Fair
- Uniform
- Patrons Day
- Students driving to School
- Volunteers for School Sport

Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24

We are still in the Season of Easter despite all the eggs and chocolate coming off the shop shelves onto our dining tables. This verse is from last Sunday's Gospel and is taken from when Jesus was walking to Emmaus with two disciples who did not recognise him. This story is reflected on the magnificent stain glass windows in our chapel at Saint John's – aptly named The Chapel of Emmaus. In the early morning or late afternoon light, these windows are quite spectacular.

Welcome back. After an eleven week term, it can feel more like the middle of the year rather than the start of Term 2. So much happens in Term 1 although just when you think there will be "quiet" periods we find Term 2 is just as active and engaging as the other terms.

ANZAC Day

As it is now often the case, we commemorated ANZAC Day in the holiday break. As always we are very proud of the students who choose to march and represent the college as well as those who support either by coming to the Dawn Service or stand roadside for the march. I also noted the large amount of Samaritan students who march with the other service groups in Whyalla i.e. Cadets, Guides and Scouts. Campus based ceremonies were held at each campus to acknowledge ANZAC Day this week. Photos on page 2.

NAPLAN

You may have seen on the news that there will not be an online version of NAPLAN in 2017. Whilst our school was one of about

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Uniform Shop

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

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10% of Australian schools ready to go online for NAPLAN, the authorities could not totally guarantee their software was ready and so NAPLAN will again be in paper format in 2017.

Catholic Education Week

In a few week's time we celebrate Catholic Education Week. This is a statewide event to celebrate everything great about our schools. For our college it is a very busy and celebratory week.

Both primary campuses will have their Open Nights, we formally open and bless our Year 7 outdoor area, our annual "Samariclash" football match and we 'switch off' our lights and power for a few hours. And then because we can't fit it all in one week, the primary and secondary campuses will hold their Patrons Day the following week and the senior campus will have their tours a few weeks after that.



Open Nights and Tours

These important events are happening in the coming weeks with more information on our website. These events hold two purposes. One is to open our school up to interested families who may be looking to enrol their child at Samaritan, but the other equally important reason is to give current families the opportunity to see their child's classroom and school or even to see areas of the school that their child may be moving into in 2018. We love the fact that many of our students personally invite grandparents or aunts/uncles to come and see their classroom.

Religious Dimension

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated in our Diocese and across the state from Friday, May 12 to Friday, May 19 this year.

This week of celebration aims to showcase Catholic Education across South Australia and is an opportunity to celebrate our work in schools.

It is also an opportunity from a local perspective for Samaritan College to celebrate its identity as a Catholic school. We have a mission as a Catholic school and this is something which we must never lose sight of; that we are a Catholic school.

Yes, we welcome people of all denominations and learn more about ourselves from other cultures, but we cannot lose sight of the fact that we are a Catholic school.

The families and staff who came before us faithfully and tirelessly helped build the Catholic school we enjoy today. Indeed, times have changed, classrooms look different in the twenty first century, society is continually evolving and the school evolves with these changes, however, we are still faithfully a Catholic school.

This is what we are celebrating during Catholic Education Week. We celebrate the things that make us different from other schools and our identity and achievements as a Catholic school.

We are also celebrating the communal foundations we are building as a Catholic school. We are looking to build communities of compassion as in the feeding of the five thousand (Luke 9: 10-17). We look to build communities of missionary people, working to build the kingdom as in the parable of the sower (Matthew 13: 1-9).

Our call is to build communities of faith and help our community members to follow Jesus on a journey of faith like Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52).

We also strive to be communities of gratitude, giving thanks for our blessings like the cured leper (Luke 17: 11-19) and to be communities of service as Jesus taught us by the washing of the feet in John 13: 1-17.

So during Catholic Education Week, we celebrate our identity, achievements and our mission to be communities of service, gratitude, faith, missionary people and compassion.

Happy Catholic Education Week.

Bernie Meixner

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

Parish News

Consumerism, faith and the Emmaus Chapel

Cleophas and his companion were two ex-disciples of Jesus. They'd become "ex" following his arrest and execution as a criminal on the cross. They had nurtured a consumerist approach to Jesus and his mission:

This product looks promising – Will it make me/us look good? Will it make us popular? Will it take away difficulties or pain from our lives?

On the sad walk back to Emmaus, they were grizzling about what a dud Jesus had turned out to be. They'd invested time and reputation in being associated with him. Now they'd have to find a new, more marketable messiah to make them attractive and happy.

As "the stranger" came and walked beside them, they were still too preoccupied with their own misery to recognise him.

But something in the stranger's conversation began to get below the crust of their self-centredness and self-pity. Later they said, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he explained the scriptures?" At last, they were getting to know Jesus himself, his real self, not the caricatures of Jesus.

The crucial moment came when they offered hospitality to a stranger. Have you ever invited a stranger into your home? A sports billet? A friend of a friend who missed their connection? A refugee or a refugee family? A new neighbour in your street? A new work colleague?

Cleophas and his companion welcomed the stranger – and everything changed!

As they offered hospitality to Jesus, he began to offer his own special hospitality to them. As he blessed and broke the bread and offered it to them, they recognised him, and with that, stepped out of their inward-looking

preoccupation – and into friendship and hope.

From our own Emmaus encounters, Jesus calls us into new life. Where we have settled for relying solely on our own judgements and wisdom, he invites us to embrace God's wisdom and strength. Where we have subconsciously settled for a "me, me, me!" existence, he invites us to seek him, and in so doing be led to our true selves. *What do you want to say to him, today, in your own circumstances?*

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. We'll see and hear a special dimension of who Jesus is for us. As a parish we'll pray for vocations – for people like Cleophas and his mate who became happy bearers of the good news of the reality of God's love; for parents who will nurture vocations to the Christian life among their children; for teachers who will teach, not just the curriculum, but also the faith, to their students. We also pray for those who, like Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and St John the Evangelist, will give their whole lives to the work of Jesus' church in the world.

Why not make a visit to the Emmaus Chapel at Saint John's Campus? Sit quietly, savouring Jesus' hospitality. May it be the place where you "recognise" Jesus, and are led happily to faith.

Fr Jim Monaghan

ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

| WEEKEND MASS TIMES | | | |
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| St Teresa's Church | | Our Lady Help of Christians Church | |
| Saturday | 6:00pm | Sunday | 10:30am |
| Sunday | 8:30am | Sunday | 5:30pm |

Canteen Rosters

| Term 2, Week 2 and 3 | | | | |
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| | ST TERESA'S CAMPUS | | SAINT JOHN'S CAMPUS | |
| | May 8-12 | May 15-19 | May 8-12 | May 15-19 |
| Mon | Robyn Pedler | Brooklyn/Ally | Leanne Simpfendorfer | |
| Tue | Suzanne Kairl | Tonia Munday | Tonia Munday | Kerry Azzopardi |
| Wed | Maresa Lyons | Donna Clark | Allison Noble | Christine Shiell |
| Thu | Judi Kneebone | Katie Ewing | Helen Bell | Helen Bell |
| Fri | Anne-Marie Fisher | Steph Woolford | Judi Kneebone | Karla O'Neill |

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

Annette Cameron, Rose Cassar and Carolyn Goldsworthy
CANTEEN MANAGERS

College News

Vinnie's Winter Appeal - Wool Donations

With winter looming we are again asking for donations of wool for students to knit/crochet blankets for the Vinnie's Winter Appeal. Donations can be left at the Saint John's Campus Office. The image shows a small selection of the blankets made with donations from 2016.



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

Primary Campus News

OLHCC: Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

STC: St Teresa's Campus

Welcome to Samaritan

Welcome back everyone! I especially welcome any new students and their families to our Samaritan College community. In the absence of Ruth Donnellan we also welcome Ruth Rowlands to St Teresa's campus. Ruth Rowlands will take up a reading support role for the term.

ANZAC Day Assemblies

Today we gathered at both campuses to celebrate those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their fellow human beings, in all wars and especially at Gallipoli.

Thank you to 3/4 Thiele /Sinclair and 5/6 Free for presenting the Anzac Day assemblies and highlighting how significant this day is in our history and to our students for their reverence at both assemblies.

Thanks also to those students who represented the college at the ANZAC Day parade during the holidays.

Holiday Grounds Works

I am sure you will have noticed the work in the campus grounds over the holidays. We thank our maintenance team of Geoff, Rob, Lawrie, Mark and Malcolm for their efforts in ensuring our grounds are safe and inviting places to be. At OLHCC take a look at the painting of the games on the asphalt area and the repainted pergola (in our college colours) near the Junior Primary classes. Shade sails have also been replaced at OLHCC. The new swings at STC are proving very popular and the "ball gate" across the carpark is a further safety measure for students and staff.

NAPLAN

As NAPLAN approaches it is important to keep the testing in perspective. These literacy and numeracy tests are designed to reflect the everyday curriculum taught in the classroom, therefore, no specific study is required in the lead-up to the tests. We understand that the best way to prepare our students for NAPLAN is to maintain quality teaching and learning programs as well as providing time for familiarisation with the test format.

This may look like practising multiple choice questions or writing silently for forty five minutes. Our Year 3 students, who will be experiencing NAPLAN for the first time, may have brought home practice questions. Please be assured that the purpose of this is to further support the familiarisation process.

I encourage you to maintain a calm, low key approach at home. It is a good idea to talk about the tests with your children explaining that they are 'to see how they are going in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy' and that they are not a "pass fail test." With school and home working together, children should have a healthy interest in the tests without feeling overly concerned about them.

If you would like your child to be exempt from one or more parts of the test please contact the front office at either campus for an exemption form. ***This form must be completed, signed and returned to the office by the end of this week.***

Children who are absent on a test day will have the opportunity to complete the missed test on the Friday. As is normal procedure, please notify the front office if your child is away on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

Primary Campuses Open Night

As part of Catholic Education Week celebrations, both primary campuses will be hosting an "Open Night" on Tuesday, May 16 to celebrate the learning and successes taking place in our College. Both campuses will be open from 4pm-6pm to accommodate parents' work hours. This is a fabulous opportunity for all to see first-hand the successes of students across your campus. Students are not required to stay for this event but are encouraged to accompany their families and act as tour guides on the night. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for purchase on the night.

Class Mass

On Thursday, May 18 (Week 3) R/1 O'Keefe/Scharber, R/1 Harris/ and Year 4/5 Foran will be celebrating Mass at OLHC Church at 9:00am. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend Mass and the morning tea after.

Primary Patrons Day

The primary campuses will celebrate our patrons on Thursday, May 25 at approximately 9:30am at OLHC Campus. St Teresa's Campus children will need to be dropped at OLHC Campus by 8:45am. Information regarding this day will be sent home in the coming weeks.

After School Footy

Parents, families and friends are welcome to the 2017 "Samariclash" where the Year 6 and Year 7 students from our respective campuses will play off in the second round of the After School Footy competition. Come along to the Saint John's Campus oval on Wednesday, May 17 at 4:00pm to witness the battle of the campuses. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for purchase.

CUA Fun Run

Students are eagerly awaiting the fun run and a range of physical activities as a culmination of the CUA Fun Run



fundraiser in Week 3. The OLHCC Fun Run will be held on Thursday, May 18 and the STC Fun Run will be held on Friday, May 19. A note providing details will go home next week. We thank Mr Dale Raymond for all his efforts in coordinating the event, and the primary House Captains who will assist on the day.

Families please be reminded that fundraising forms and orders need to be returned by Friday, May 12.

Lou Whitehouse
HEAD OF PRIMARY

Scholastic Book Club

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Please:

- bring orders to the OLHCC Library before and after school
- make sure you have your teacher's name on top
- bring the correct money with your order

Last day for orders is Thursday, May 11.

Thank you.

Diana Jeffery
TEACHER/LIBRARIAN OLHCC

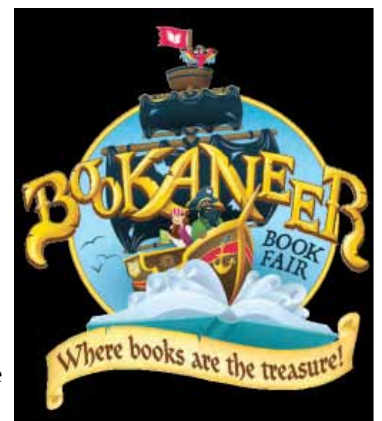
Bookaneer Book Fair

STC Library will be hosting a "Bookaneer Book Fair – where books are the treasure" in Week 3.

There will be lots of fun, activities, and books for sale at the Pirate Ship Library!

Come along during the week to browse the Book Fair, and students will have fun with the activities and photo booth.

Tania Taylor
LIBRARY MANAGER (STC)



THANK YOU from OLHC Campus Library

The OLHC library is now the proud owner of 36 new wooden browsing cards. These cards get used on a daily basis in our library by the students. As you can tell by the photo, significant work has gone into the making of them.

I would like to sincerely thank the following people from SJC Campus and Whyalla Woodies who made them possible, ensuring an extremely quick turnaround, in the space of less than a week:

- **Matt Thursby** – cutting and shaping the cards from MDF (SJC)
- **John Kauffmann** - being my liaison person with Whyalla Woodies (Whyalla Woodies, Tanderra)
- **Derek Robertson** - wood burning numbers on both ends of each of the cards (Whyalla Woodies, Tanderra)


Greatly appreciated fellows!

Diana Jeffery and the students at OLHCC



Holiday Grounds Works





**Primary Campus
Open Night**
Tuesday, May 16
4-6pm

Come and have a casual look around the school!

All classrooms open to see.
Enrolment information available.

Sausage Sizzle and drinks available for purchase.

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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 Back

If it is fantastic to be back at school and to see so many young people engaging in their learning in a positive and vibrant manner. There are numerous events scheduled on our calendar throughout this term. Whilst we will hold our Patrons Day for the whole school, two of the houses, (Rice and Benedict) will celebrate their Saint's Feast Day May 5 and July 11 respectively.

Uniform

A reminder that students will need to be in their full winter uniform at the start of Week 3, that is Monday May 15. The uniform shop is not open every day so it is worthwhile taking the time now to ensure that the uniform is in good condition and fitting correctly. Hats are not required at school this term, however, students can wear them when outside if they wish.

Patrons Day

The secondary campus will celebrate Patrons Day on May 26, 2017. Students will be allowed to attend the day in casual clothes, with footwear that is suitable for engaging in a solidarity walk. Food stalls will be available after the walk and we encourage students to bring in some money to purchase food and a drink. All money raised goes to supporting charities.

Students Driving to School

It has come to my attention that there are a number of students who are driving to and from school who have yet to officially notify the college of their intentions to drive. In accordance with the college policy on Student Drivers, only those who have sought permission will be able to use their vehicles for the purpose of attending school excursions. I encourage all students, currently driving to school, to ensure that they have completed the necessary permission forms, available online.

NAPLAN

A separate letter has been sent home regarding the new arrangements for our Year 7 and 9 students doing NAPLAN next week. Parents who haven't seen this are invited to check the website.

Volunteers for School Sport

In the next few weeks there are a number of different sports competitions taking place, Open Boys/Girls Touch Football Thursday May 11, year 8/9 Girls Football Tuesday, May 11 and Year 8/9 Boys Football Wednesday May 24, with others occurring in June. We welcome any parents with a current police check for working with children who is available to offer assistance to contact us at the college.

John Lyons
HEAD OF SECONDARY

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."

Free parenting seminar

Understanding the 'boy code'



Are you the parent of a teen or pre-teen?
Come and join us or watch our live webcast.

Find out about:

- the 'boy code'
- what it means for boys and girls
- the influence of social media and celebrity culture
- helping young people see beyond the stereotypes and be themselves.

Presented by Dr Justin Coulson, nationally recognised parenting speaker, author and columnist.

Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au

This seminar is designed for an adult audience.

Tuesday 30 May

When: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Where: Riverbank Room
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide

Hosted by Parenting SA.
For more information about raising children and teenagers visit
www.parentingsa.gov.au or
www.cyh.com

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