

Term 2 Week 7

June 15, 2017

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

- Year 1/2 Helmers assembly, 2:45pm at STC

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

- R/1 Smith assembly, 12:30pm, OLHC Church

MONDAY, JUNE 19

- Parent Information Evenings for Year 7 and 8 in 2018

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

- Primary Disco-Samaritan Hall Reception to Year 6 6:00pm-8:00pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

- 5/6 Edwards and 5/6 Free Mass at OLHC Church, 9:00am

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

- Concert night 7:00pm Middleback Theatre

MONDAY, JULY 24-FRIDAY JULY 28

- Work Experience Year10 Girls

MONDAY, AUGUST 7-FRIDAY AUGUST 11

- Work Experience Year10 Boys

KEY POINTS

- Preparation for Year 7
- First Eucharist
- Winter Illness
- Primary Disco Week 8
- National Reconciliation Week - Dusty Feet Mob
- World Environment Day
- Class Mass Week 8
- Afternoon Pickup
- Use of Mobile Phones
- Homework



I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever. John 6:51

This weekend our Year 4 students receive their First Eucharist. Aside from being one of the seven Sacraments it is truly a momentous event in the life of a young Catholic. The Eucharist is central to the celebration of the Mass and the Mass is itself the central act of worship in the Catholic Church. By extension, this then makes the celebration of a child's First Eucharist absolutely central in the life of a Catholic school. Congratulations to all our students, and to the other Whyalla students who join us during this special weekend.

Parent Help

We assist parents and families in a range of ways at Samaritan. One of the more obvious ways has been through financial assistance but we also provide advice and direction in a range of social and emotional areas for parents/caregivers to assist in raising their children. One area that may arise is if and when your child may be bullied at school. There are strategies for parents to look at when this may happen and there are also tips around what not to do or say when your child is telling you they are bullied. In brief, some of the things we highly recommend NOT to do are: immediately assume it is bullying (not every time your child has an issue with another child it is bullying), not tell us, tell everyone else about it on social media or tell other parents who the alleged 'bully' is. Sadly whilst some parents may feel all that helps, all it does is make things worse both for your child and potentially for yourselves later.

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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

If you feel there is an issue, please approach your child's teacher after first discussing it with your child. This website, amongst many, is very handy for parents: <https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/helping-your-child-stop-bullying-guide-parents>

Primary Building Update

Lots of work is going on behind the scenes in regard to getting a design that meets the grant size and conditions. We want lots of things to be included in the designs for both OLHCC and STC, but of course it must come in under a certain price. Shortly we hope to share with the community what the general design will be. There will then be a time for some community feedback.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dr Peter Munn who was invested with the Papal award of Grand Commander of the Order of St Gregory the Great last weekend. Dr Munn has a long and involved connection with the college and its previous schools. Well done Peter.

Parish News

The Encounter with God. Blessed little over two Years in Whyalla.

"Thank you for your inspiring stories and dedication to Whyalla and our Churches. Also our class had enjoyed your clash of clans stories." I received this card from one of the students I am grateful and humbled by the expression of kindness by so many. Many already know that I will be transferred to Port Pirie for my next assignment and so I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, parish and wider community, especially the school – students, teachers, staff and parents. I am mostly humbled and blessed by the many encounters with God through you! Indeed, God is present everywhere and all the time.

Who knows, I'll be back in the future but for now I can only recall the encounters of God with you! I remember the Masses we shared together, the class visits, my time as a student learning Italian, the retreats, the cuppa and many others. I learned so much from you all. As many of you know Whyalla was my first assignment as a priest. I'll definitely bring it along on the next phase of my priestly journey.

May you all continue to be a blessing to each other. May your presence be an encounter with God for others especially those who are sad, in need and is lost. We have a good parish, school and community in Whyalla; continue to be part of it.

In the coming days, there is more opportunity for all to be an encounter with God for others. If you can, join the "Prayer for Whyalla" gathering at Westland, near Target on Thursday, June 15 @ 5:45pm. If you have a sibling or a cousin having their "First Eucharist" come with them

to any Mass on the weekend of June 17 & 18. It is nice to celebrate with them, pray with them and join the in Eucharist with them. Such a celebration is very special and memorable. "Youth Group" continue to meet every Friday fortnightly. There's a youth group this Friday @ Our Lady's. If you are Year 7 – Year 12 you are most welcome and please bring along a friend, 6pm – 7:30pm Fri 16 June.

On the national level, the gathering of Australian Youth will be held in Sydney on December 7-9. If you are Year 9 & above you might want to consider and start saving. Visit <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/> for more information. On the international level, Pope Francis wants to hear from all the young people in the world and so the Australia Bishops made this survey for all the young people (16 – 29 yrs old) to participate www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey. Please visit this site and participate if you can. This survey is open to all, not just Catholics. #YearofYouth #Synod2018.

Again, thank you very much especially for allowing me to encounter God through you!

Fr Harold Camonias
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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

Religious Dimension

A Change of Seasons

We have entered the season of winter and there are signs all around that the days are getting shorter and colder. Wood smoke fills the air in the evenings and we are greeted with fog filled skies in the morning. Some families are making soups and favourite scarves and jackets are making an appearance. Winter is upon us and we give thanks for this season and all the good things that it brings.

The Church has entered a new season also and there are signs around that herald this new stage in the liturgical calendar. We have finished Easter (which lasts for 50 days) and begun this new period of Ordinary Time with the celebration of Pentecost. Pentecost, as you may remember, is the time when the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples and Mary, who are then given the strength and encouragement to go out into the world to take the Good News to all.

Green is the colour that adorns our prayer tables, the church altars and Priests vestments. Green is the colour chosen to signify life and the events of the everyday that help us create strong families and communities. With the help of the Holy Spirit, disciples of Jesus live by example and work to bring peace and love into the world.

Today, it is we who are called to take the Good News to the world and with the help of the same Holy Spirit that descended on the first disciples, we are also given strength and encouragement to live our lives in a way that honours God and brings peace and healing to others.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

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Bernie Meixner
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

College News

You are warmly invited to attend...

Samaritan College invites enquiries regarding new enrolments from all Whyalla primary schools or transitioning Samaritan students.

Parent Information Evenings for Year 7 and 8 in 2018

Monday, June 19, 7:30pm



FAITH
WISDOM
COMPASSION

Enquiries to Karen on 8645 8568
or email info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

Samaritan Hall available for hire



Samaritan Hall is available for hire.* Facilities include netball, basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball, badminton. Details can be accessed on our website under the forms section or http://web.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/content/forms/samaritanhall_hire.pdf

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*Public Liability Insurance required for hire of hall.



Primary Campus News

OLHCC: Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

STC: St Teresa's Campus

It's hard to believe that we are quickly moving towards the end of Semester One. Our teaching staff are currently formulating student Mid-Year Reports. Primary campus reports will be sent home with students on Wednesday, July 5 (Week 10).

Last week we welcomed Mrs I-Nah Baynes to the OLHC campus. I-Nah will be the Year 3/4 class teacher for the remainder of the year. I-Nah is an experienced teacher who has worked in a variety of settings in South Australia and overseas. I am sure you will join with me in welcoming I-Nah to the Samaritan Community.

Farewell

This week we farewell Mrs Kylie Fechner from OLHC campus as she begins maternity leave. Kylie we thank you for your contribution to our community and for the positive influence you have had on many of our students, staff and parents. We wish you and Jared all the best as you await the birth of your second child.

Preparation for Year 7

Thank you to the many students and families who have attended the recent Principal Tours and Parent Information evenings. Students enjoyed the opportunity to see the school in action. The final Parent Information evening will be held on, June 19 at 7:30pm in the Year 7 classrooms. We strongly encourage all students in Yr 6 to attend with their parents.

First Eucharist

This weekend the Parish Community will gather with the children and their families to celebrate First Eucharist. It certainly is a special occasion for the children and their families. Thanks to the campus communities for showing their support throughout the children's preparation. Thank you to the Sacramental Team, staff and parishioners who generously offered their time to support these children.

Finally a special thank you must go to the parents of our First Communicants, who have shown their love, guidance and support for their child throughout the preparation of this Sacrament.

We look forward to celebrating with you this weekend.

Winter Illness

As the season of winter has arrived student sickness is on the increase. Parents please ensure children are fully recovered from sickness before returning to school. This will ensure a speedy recovery and reduce the possibility of others to becoming unwell.

Primary Disco Week 8

The Parents and Friends disco is on next week. Students from Reception to Year 6 from our primary campuses have the opportunity to attend a 'lock in disco', on Thursday evening, 22th June, (Week 8), from 6:00 – 8:00pm in Samaritan Hall.

A gold coin donation at the door will be appreciated.

Parents are welcome to come along and stay around as chaperones, particularly for the younger children.

Drinks, snacks and glow sticks will be available to purchase on the night. The theme is "The letter S". Students can dress up in anything beginning with the letter "S".

We look forward to seeing lots of super heroes and sporting stars!!! Despite this event being advertised as a 'lock in' there is still flexibility with drop off and families can certainly work around sports and previous commitments. Please keep an eye out for the posters around both campuses advertising this great event.

National Reconciliation Week - Dusty Feet Mob

On Friday, June 2, the primary campuses recognised and commemorated the end of Reconciliation Week 2017 by participating in the Dusty Feet Mob performance. The students enthusiastically participated in the storytelling song and dance.

I liked the dancers and my favourite dance was the last one when we all got to join in and dance with them. I also liked that we got to go up to the high school to watch with the other school.

Josef Tonkin

I enjoyed all the different dances especially the ones we got to join in with. I also liked their face painting and their T-shirts because the colours and Aboriginal symbols looked really cool.

Tyson Baker



World Environment Day

This week we have been celebrating World Environment Day. Teachers were challenged to take their class outside to complement this year's theme of 'connecting to nature'. 1/2 Helmers walked down to the Whyalla Foreshore and enjoyed an afternoon in the sun creating sandcastles to promote Whyalla to the world. 2/3 Warren took their Mathematics lesson outside and went on a micro-hike to collect data on what they could see and represented their findings with fractions. 3/4 Murray took their Art class outside and used water paints to draw what they love about nature and spent some time meditating in the sun. At St Teresa's Mrs Taylor created some lunch time activities for students to use recycled paper to make new paper. Students certainly learnt a lot from it!

"We went to the beach and made something about Whyalla and Australia. We went there to explore nature. I made the Australian and Aboriginal flag. I liked going on our excursion to the beach"

- Jake, 1/2 Helmers

"I enjoyed meditating in the sun because it was relaxing"

- Aimee, 3/4 Murray

"We had to get some string, a sticky note and a pencil. We tallied everything that we saw. I saw 2 ants so my fraction for ants was 2/109. I really enjoyed it because I got to explore things and do maths in nature"

- Chloe



Class Mass Week 8

On Thursday, June, 22, 5/6 Edwards and 5/6 Free will celebrate Mass at OLHC Church at 9.00am.

Parents and families are welcome to join this Eucharistic celebration.

SAPSASA representatives

Last week selected Year 6 and Year 7 students from various schools in Whyalla represented our town in football and netball. Samaritan College had many students participating.

Congratulations to the following students:

Charli Boundy, Nathan Westervoorde and Joshua Vonk from Year 6.

Trevaye Scott, Carla Payne, Eliza Hogan, Grace Smallacombe, Mackenzie Spry, Jack Wisbey, Mitchell Byrne, Amali and Aimee Kaesler, Hannah Neill, Lachlan Phillips, Sean O'Connor, Eden Brkic, Jett Hyslop and Ethan Inglis from Year 7.

Lou Whitehouse
HEAD OF PRIMARY

Coins to fight Cancer

On Wednesday, July 5, St Teresa's Campus will be having a 'Coins to fight Cancer' day.

Children are able to wear casual clothes 'with a touch of pink' and are encouraged to bring coins along to create class coin lines. A sausage sizzle will also be available for lunch on the day at a cost of \$1 per sausage in bread.

On the day Matilda Travers and Mrs Tash Free will have their hair cut, with their hair being used to make wigs for those in need. The funds raised will support local Samaritan families through their cancer journey.

More information will be in our next newsletter.

If any members of our College community would like to donate funds to show their support for this worthy cause, an account has been set up and money can be transferred. If you wish you can narrate the deposit with your name. The details are:

BSB: 015 720

Acct: 304197471

Name: Hogan

I thank you in anticipation of your kindness.

Tash Free
TEACHER

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

Sporting Achievements

Dance

Samaritan College is very proud to have a student who has made the state team for the Australian Calisthenics Federation National Competitions to be held in Sydney later this year. Abby Goodwin has been competing in competitive calisthenics since she was eleven years old and this is the first time that she has been selected to represent South Australia. Calisthenics is a team-based competitive performing art that takes in elements of rhythmic gymnastics and ballet.

Originally Abby trained in Whyalla, but recently has had to undertake her training in Adelaide as there wasn't enough girls for a team in her age group. Travelling every weekend to Adelaide has paid off with her gaining a place on the State team in the Open age group. Abby is very conscientious with her studies and balances school and dance commitments by making use of the college library most afternoons.

We wish Abby all the best at the Nationals.

Cycling

The Cycling SA State Road Championships were held over the June long weekend. We were very fortunate to have Daniel Siwek competing in the under 19 age group over a race distance of 100km and taking just over 3 hours. The results show that this was a tightly contested battle with nothing really separating the top 4 places. A rush of blood saw Daniel leave the peloton with about 1km left in the race. He lead the final stages up to the last 20m when three others caught him and just beat him over the line.

Next year Daniel will be competing in the U23 age group and will need to race 150km. Whilst he hasn't nominated for the Nationals, and while doubtful about nominating next year, it is something he is considering. Placing in the Nationals could gain him a spot on a team in the Tour Down Under.

Afternoon Pickup

Parents would know very well that there are no designated drop-off and pick-up zones around the secondary campus. That is, council hasn't allocated an area that has restricted parking. As such many students are parking in places that are closest to the college gates. Whilst most of these vehicles leave at the end of the day; some, particularly Year 12s might be making use of

the library for study purposes. So their vehicles might not be leaving when you are coming to collect your children.

As a courtesy to all we ask that parents do not rush our young drivers, enabling them the time to organise themselves and leave when they are ready.

Use of Mobile Phones

A reminder that children shouldn't be contacting parents directly during the school day. The college has a number of qualified senior first aid officers who can deal with the usual issues that children face. It is recommended that children who are feeling unwell present to the office, have a general assessment with one of the trained senior first aid staff who will contact parents if necessary.

Homework

Recently we have been asked about our homework policy. Students are encouraged to undertake homework each evening after school. In some instances this would be continuing on with assignment work, however, there are times when few assignments are being done. At these times students should be reviewing the work covered during the day and consolidating their understanding.

Whilst some will think that re-reading what was done during the day is sufficient there is countless evidence to suggest that this doesn't assist in developing the deeper understanding required to be successful. In English if students are asked to re-read sections of the novel, they should be making notes after each chapter that outline how characters are developing.

In the areas of Mathematics and Science students should be engaging with questions to strengthen their understanding of the material.

Please encourage your child to undertake the minimum amount of homework each evening as outlined in our homework policy, on the website.

John Lyons
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

R-6 Disco

Thursday June 22

Gold Coin Entry

Theme: The letter S

6pm-8pm
Samaritan Hall

Parents MUST drop off and pick up their children from the door!

Drinks, snacks and glow items to purchase

Coffee and cake for parents from the kitchenette

SEASONS

Sport

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!

Canteen Rosters

Term 2, Week 8 and 9				
	ST TERESA'S CAMPUS		SAINT JOHN'S CAMPUS	
	June 19-23	June 26-30	June 19-23	June 26-30
Mon	Joanne Foubister	Charli / Ashlee	Fiona Wilson	Laura Smith
Tue	Carly Wilson	Fiona Wilson	Rita Marinkovich	Donna Clark
Wed	Rachel Brokken	Kellie Sarret	Jodie Gould (lunch)	Helen Butt
Thu	Nicole Bodzioch	Kim Hubner	Judith Hill	Helen Bell
Fri	Nardia Hogan	Mandy Schmidt	Ali Westlake	Rebecca Coffey

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

Annette Cameron, Rose Cassar and Carolyn Goldsworthy
CANTEEN MANAGERS

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."




Invites you to our

EDUCATORS OPEN AFTERNOON

We welcome educators from all Kindergartens and Schools to come and meet our staff and explore our wonderful facilities




Thursday 22nd June 4 - 5:30pm
Russell Street Whyalla Norrie

Coffee, Tea and Cake provided

Certificate provided for 1.5 hours of Professional Development




The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities

**2017 Parents in Education Week
September 18 to 22**

for further information see website

<http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/news/eupdates>

SOUTHERN CROSS

The Southern Cross - June 2017
may now be viewed online at
www.thesoutherncross.org.au

A special Samaritan College article is included in this issue