

Term 1 Week 4 March 4, 2021

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

- Clean Up Australia Day - St Teresa's Campus

MONDAY, MARCH 8

- Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup

COMING EVENTS

MARCH 9 & 10

- Saint John's Campus - Auditions for "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- Saint John's Campus, Monday timetable

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

- Secondary Sports Day, Jubilee Park
- Clean Up Australia Day - Our Lady's Campus

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

Key Points

- 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia!
- Bishop Karol Visit
- Year 12 Retreat & Year 6 Camp
- PULSE Surveys
- Board
- Trees
- Mobile phones and electronic devices
- Clean Up Australia Day
- Mid-Year Reception Intake
- Little Stars
- Student Representative Council
- Avenues of Communication
- Campus Calendar
- Catch-up Days
- Auditions
- Sports Day

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love. "
(Saint Teresa of Calcutta)

We are in Week 2 of Lent and the message this week via Project Compassion is to aspire to 'be more'

The story for this week is about Margret who teaches in a school for the deaf in the Solomon Islands. The special thing here is that Margret is also deaf! Thanks to Project Compassion, her school was able to install cyclone-proof water tanks - something we would take for granted.

200 years of Catholic Education in Australia!

You may have noticed some new banners on the fences of each of our campuses. These are promoting the very exciting fact that in 2021 we are celebrating 200 years since the first formal Catholic school in Australia. The school was founded in October 1820 by Irish Catholic priest John Therry. The school, which Catholic historians believe was in Hunter Street, Parramatta, taught 31 students – ironically a quarter of the students were Protestants! We will celebrate more of this in Term 2 during Catholic Education Week. See and read a whole lot more at <https://200years.catholic.edu.au>

Bishop Karol Visit

We had a special visitor earlier this week when Bishop Karol and Mrs Nichii Mardon, Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Port Pirie, visited all campuses. It was our new Bishop's first visit to Samaritan and it was a pleasure to show him our special and unique campus structure and to allow Bishop Karol and Mrs Mardon to meet the students and staff.



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PRINCIPAL

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Year 12 Retreat & Year 6 Camp

One of the many privileges I get as Principal is to be able to visit students on camps. Whilst it is impossible and impractical to attend all camps/excursions from R-12, and there are a lot, the two that hold special significance are our camps/retreats for our senior secondary and senior primary students. Last week our Year 12s were in Port Hughes for their Retreat and this week our Year 6s have their adventure camp at Iron Knob. There is something different about camps when the students are in their final years. There is a special bond between the students and in the case of our Year 12s and with us being an R-12 College, it meant a large portion of our students have spent the last 13 years together at school. Camps of this nature and at these age groups, do way more than just give them some time away from home and school. The indirect and unintentional learning the students experience is immense.

Sports Day

Friday week is our Secondary Sports Day at Jubilee Park with a pre-Sports Day for some events on Thursday morning at Saint John's. With the large spaces of Jubilee and our ovals, parents are most welcome to attend. Often we get a large crowd for the cheerleading which happens early on Friday. If you do attend, please do not gather in large groups, keep 1.5m apart, sign in and do not come if unwell. Students are expected to attend.

PULSE Surveys

For existing Samaritan families, your child would be familiar with the PULSE surveys. For new families, it is a relatively short survey that all students complete in the coming week or so. It is done online at school. Basically, students respond to a suite of questions about their well-being, learning, satisfaction etc with a choice of 3 responses. Staff can then follow up any concerns or issues that students raise. It doesn't take long and is done by every student in Catholic Education SA.

Board

In our next newsletter, I will be able to announce our new 2021 College Board along with our new Chairperson.

Trees

We have regular visits and assessments on all our trees at Samaritan. These are done by professional arborists. Some parents may have noticed that the remaining fig tree at St Teresa's has been roped off pending a visit from the arborist – due to some damage from a storm a short time ago. We are always guided by the arborist as to whether a tree is safe or needs trimming, lopping or needs to be completely removed.

Religious Dimension

Last Sunday we heard in the Gospel of Mark the story of Jesus experiencing the glory of God and being transfigured.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them (Mark:9 2-3)

In the bible mountain tops were important as sacred places of encounter with God. Both Moses and Jesus experienced God on the top of a mountain. But we do not have to journey to the top of a mountain to experience God in our day to day life.

What glimpses of the glory of God do you see in your daily life? God can be seen in the smile of a child, in children playing with their friends, in acts of kindness to others and in the awe and beauty of our environment. Consider where do you experience the most profound sense of God's presence in your life? Where is your sacred place?

As we continue our Lenten journey towards Easter, we are reminded that being Christian is not an isolated event, unconnected with our daily life. It is a challenge for us all to respond to other people with greater generosity, forgiveness, and acceptance.

Each of us is called to a new way of looking and seeing, understanding that all creation is within the loving gaze of God. We might ask ourselves; how can we open our eyes to see ourselves in relationship with all of God's beloved people?

As Jesus continues His journey to the cross at Easter it is the time to start seeing people in an entirely different light, as the apostles saw Jesus. It is time to look for the best self in someone which may have never been revealed to you before.

Rebecca Sinclair

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION (APRIM)



Second Week of Lent

This week through Project Compassion we learn about 39-year-old Margret, a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment. Apart from the difficulties the students all have, the school also faced water shortages, with not enough to supply staff and students with safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden, amidst the threat of COVID-19. Staff and students rely on the vegetable garden to provide food for their meals.

With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed

water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures. Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, with plans to boost food security, through increased agricultural production.

- Around 60% of people in rural areas in the Solomon Islands don't have access to piped water, while about 80% don't have access to latrines or toilets. ([UNICEF, 2019](#))

Watch a short film about Margret's story [here](#).

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au



Primary Campus News

OLHCC: Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

STC: St Teresa's Campus

Leadership is everyone's responsibility

Congratulations to our 2021 Housae Captains and Student Representative Council who were presented to our campus communities in Week 4.

We acknowledge the ongoing commitment to leadership and responsibility of all our students. With buddy class activities, bin duties including recycling, Sustainability Squad, flags, pole covers, road monitors and more students have numerous opportunities to develop their leadership skills. As we regularly remind students, we all have a leadership role in our community.



St Teresa's Campus Representatives	
R/1 Harris/Judd	Maddison Anderson Monica Kelly
R/1 Davies/Judd	Nate James Shilah Smith
1/2 Fechner/Raymond	Maddy Watt Brax Smith
2/3 Murray	Hayden Faulkner Monica Kelly
3/4 Baverstock	Kyle Miller Ava Perry
4/5 Foran	Ciella Marijanovic Darcy Brougham
5/6 Ness	Amaya Skinner Thomas Mathew
Waroo Mob Leaders	
Harper Anderson	Maddison Coulthard

Our Lady Help of Christians Campus Representatives	
R/1 Molyneux	Nasir Bryan Ariel Grant
1/2 Connor	Raezielle Williams Dylan Lowe
2/3 McArthur	Lucy Thiele Liam Patel
3/4 Warren	Max O'Reilly Taylor McInerney
4/5 Fiedler	Ansh Sohi Charli Arcobelli
5/6 Arcobelli/Thiele	Indiah Roberts Reuben Pickering
5/6 Mayne	Lian Bartolata Saxon Breen
Waroo Mob Leaders	
Tyrelle Taylor	Zaiyd Taylor

HOUSE LEADERS				
BENEDICT	Keeley Molyneux	Josh Rowlands	Raff Williams	Tyler Oberthur
MACKILLOP	Lucy Harris	Myles Chand	Ruby Chambers	Ryan Lowe
RICE	Dexy Wilson	Bailie Crowe	Hudson Thiele	Tenny Giles

Mobile phones and electronic devices

With the beginning of the new school year, it is a good time to remind our school community about policies and procedures around the use of technology at school.

In the interest of learning and developing considerate and responsible information communication technology (ICT) practices in the community, and to take advantage of the face to face socialisation opportunities afforded to young people in a school setting, mobile phones and other electronic devices are not permitted for student use during the school day. Whilst the college acknowledges that the students may need to have their mobile phones at school, it is expected that they adhere to the following:

- Mobile phones and other electronic devices must always be switched off and out of sight during school hours.
- We recommend mobile phones and other electronic devices are handed into the Front Office/Class teacher

- If an electronic device is heard or seen in the possession of a student, it will be confiscated. These can be collected after 3:20pm from the Front Office.
- Phonecams or digital cameras are not permitted to be used for photographic purposes unless previously communicated with parents. The college will provide appropriate resources for school use.
- Students with Smart Watches and other internet connected devices that are worn, should not be using them, aside from telling the time, during the day.
- Students who bring mobile phones or electronic device to school do so at their own risk. The school cannot be held liable for any damage to any personal belongings.

Please note, some children may require laptops/ iPads/tablets etc. to assist them with their learning. Our school does have some of this technology to suit their needs, but families may prefer to bring one from home. Students regularly using these devices during

school hours are required to sign an agreement form. Please see your classroom teacher for information

We are also aware that children are communicating outside of school using social media apps such as Snapchat, Messenger and TikTok. A reminder that these are developed for children aged 13+ and there are very valid reasons as to why this is the case.

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day will be celebrated tomorrow at St Teresa's Campus and Friday, Week 7 at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus.

In the tradition of St Benedict, students in their House teams will be cleaning up around the campuses and in our local community.

Students may bring gloves from home or alternatively gloves will be provided to ensure that rubbish is handled safely.

Mid-Year Reception Intake

We are now accepting enrolments for our mid-year reception intake. If you have a child who will turn 5 on or before October 31 this year, please contact the College for an enrolment package! No fee payments required for the remainder of 2021.

Campus tours will be held later in the term – keep an eye on the newsletter and Facebook for more information.

Little Stars

Our Little Stars program is up and running every Thursday at 9am. This program is FREE for families in Whyalla, and is the perfect transition to school program for 3 – 5 year olds. The program is run at our Our Lady's Campus by Reception Teacher Carrienne Molyneux, but it is not explicitly linked to that campus. Students who enrol in Reception mid-year are also invited to attend to familiarise themselves with school.

Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Jenna Edwards
HEAD OF PRIMARY

Writers Workshop

Last week our primary staff worked with Amanda Bartram who is supporting us on our Writers Workshop journey. As a staff we are aiming to **"build a community of writers"** who are confident, thinking about their audience and crafting a range of writing techniques. Amanda modelled some lessons in different classes and hosted mini conference with students where they took ownership of their writing and celebrated their successes. Our staff are looking forward to trying the new techniques taught to them within their own class. Why don't you ask your child what they have been writing about lately?



S-Squad

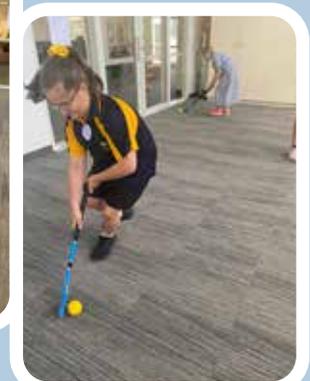
Our student leadership S-Squad will be focusing on 'Learning together for a sustainable future' this semester. We have a strong history of environmental awareness that has been a significant part of our schools culture. From our whole school approach to recycling, minimising our carbon footprint and growing our own produce in the Gobble and Grow Garden. Children are set to have a fantastic semester learning about environmental practices that ensure we are doing our best to be sustainable and caring for our place. Mrs Murray is really looking forward to leading our student leadership S-Squad to promote sustainability as a precious resource for future generations.



Hockey Clinics

The primary campuses were lucky enough to have some coaches from Hockey SA visit the school to take them for some hockey clinics.

These clinics are a part of the Hooked in 2 Hockey Roadshow to give students the opportunity to play hockey, with the goal to get more kids playing for local clubs in the Whyalla Hockey Association.



Hockey was something cool to learn. I enjoyed learning some rules about hockey.

Seth Morgan

I had lots of fun at the hockey lessons. My favourite part was playing games with the coaches.

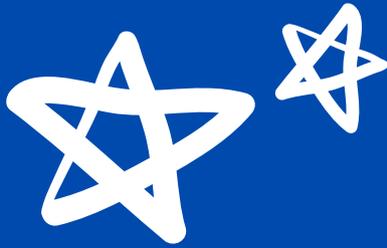
Ariel Grant

It was really fun learning how to play hockey. I recommend everyone going out to try and learn about hockey.

Ivy Wauchope

I really enjoyed the hockey with the great coaches. I can't wait to play real hockey games!

Eloise Kelly



Samaritan College
Our Lady Help of Christians Campus
Thursday 9am to 10am

The child-centred play program allows us to form relationships with your child, while linking with their strengths and interests.

The program encourages new friendships and share positive experiences within the Samaritan Community.

We invite you into a safe and welcoming environment that nurtures "Life Long Learning".

We strive to support your child to feel confident and have a strong sense of belonging as they look to begin their educational journey at Samaritan College.

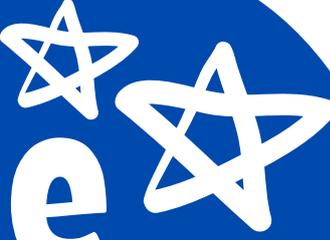
Little Stars:

- Creates an atmosphere where children feel respected and loved.
- Nurtures each child's self-worth.
- Guides each child's experimental play to promote understanding.
- Develops effective communication skills.
- Encourages each child to explore, invent, discover, question and experiment.
- Helps children to learn through touching, moving, listening, seeing and hearing.



"The Little Stars Transition program is staffed by a qualified early Childhood Teacher. The program is uniquely designed to enhance the learning environment for our youngest learners."



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Uniform News

The Uniform Shop has received an order of sports tops, however, shorts have not yet arrived

Secondary Campus News

Secondary attendance hotline: 0473 989 587 - TEXT messages only, *otherwise please phone 8645 8568.*

Please follow up phone calls with a note to the caregroup teacher.

SJC: Saint John's Campus

Student Representative Council

Congratulations to the students who have been elected as members of the secondary Student Representative Council.

Year 7	Maddelyn Ravanelli, Dana Free and Miley Pedler
Year 8	Immogyn Spry, Ruby Main and Kai Edwards.
Year 9	Jake Morgan, Bree Puddy and Nyasha Mativenga
Year 10	Joseph Matthews, Ally Wisbey and Lily Murray
Year 11	Shehrin Kabir, Rylee Tonkin, Kira Jones, Grace Smallacombe, Layna Gill and Hannah Neill

They join our Year 12 House Captains, Jorja Smith, Natasha Taylor, Tahlia Reeves, Dylan Trenwith, Olivia Clark and Josh Clifton. As well as the Head Girl – Megan Simpson, Head Boy – Callum Judd, Deputy Head Boy – James Marron and Deputy Head Girl – Zoe Coad.

We look forward to hearing new ideas for student activities and increased engagement that arise from their meetings.

Avenues of Communication

There are many ways in which students are informed of events that occur on the secondary campus. One such manner is through the morning notices, which should be shared during morning caregroup. As the notices are placed on the campus SharePoint page students can also access these at any time of the day or night. This url will help them find the notices, <https://samaritancatholiceduau.sharepoint.com/sjc/SitePages/Home.aspx>. For privacy, students will need to login to SharePoint with their college email address. Children who are late to school will inevitably miss the morning notices, I encourage parents to ask their child to open the SharePoint page so you may also discover what is happening on the secondary campus.

SEQTA emails is another manner in which the Campus will communicate with parents around changes within the school day. Recently parents should have received emails informing them of a change to uniform for March Past or Cheerleading practice. When the change is for the whole campus SEQTA is the preferred avenue of communication, otherwise students will find mention of the changes in the morning notices.

Campus Calendar

Also included on the SharePoint page is a calendar showing events on the different days. Ideal for keeping track of camps and excursions, especially when consent notes have been returned. We also include some of the unusual lesson scheduling that occurs on the campus, commonly referred to "Order of Time B". Senior students should be regularly checking the calendar, to ensure that, when they arrive after a study lesson, they do not find that they are late due to an Order of Time that has been on the calendar.

Catch-up Days

This term there are quite a few public holidays. Whilst it is great to have the break and relax, recharging the batteries, too many can create stress for our senior students. Continually missing a double lesson on Friday or Monday due to public holidays can elevate anxieties around the amount of work to do in the reduced timeframe. As a campus we try to alleviate the stress by creating Catch-up Days. We purposely run a Monday or Friday timetable on either the Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday to try and balance the lessons for our Year 11 and 12 students.

Our next catch-up day is Wednesday, March 10. On this day we will run a Monday timetable, students who normally have PE on a Monday would be required to wear their PE uniform on that day.

Auditions

Students have had the opportunity to register their interest for the musical – “Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat”. Auditions for the different roles will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday March 9 and 10. We wish all students the best of luck in trying out for the different roles.

Sports Day

The secondary Sports Day is scheduled for Friday, March 12. All students are expected to attend and participate in some capacity, either in the athletics or assisting with recording results. On the day students will need to meet at Jubilee Park at 8:30am. Caregroup teachers will be recording attendance in the team tents. While students might dress-up for the march past, they need to wear the College PE uniform for the remainder of the day.

As with any school day once students are on site they are not permitted to leave without prior consent from a parent or caregiver. While students are encouraged

to bring lunch, drinks and snacks from home there will be options available on site. Members of the Rotary Club will be cooking a barbecue so students can purchase hot food from them. There will also be members of the Whyalla Little Athletics Club operating their canteen. Students will be able to purchase snacks and drinks from this canteen. We have also arranged for the mobile coffee van to be on site for flavoured cold drinks.

Ideally, we would like this event to be a “healthy” one and ask that foods such as KFC, McDonald’s and Hungry Jacks, to name a few are not brought into the event. Please keep these options as a treat for children after the day.

As it is not possible to hold all events on Friday, students will be encouraged to participate in some events on Thursday, March 11. These are held at school and all students should be in their PE uniform.

John Lyons
HEAD OF SECONDARY

The Saint John's members of the SRC today met this week to discuss the upcoming Clean Up Australia Day event. We discussed the big difference an individual can make and discussed what it means to be a leader. SRC members then created their own Clean Up Australia Day pledge.

