

Term 3      Week 6      29 August 2024

**COMING EVENTS**

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

- School Photos: Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4

- School Photos: Saint John's Campus

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5

- School Photos: St Teresa's Campus

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6

- Primary Sports Day held on Saint John's Campus oval

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11

- Whyalla Combined Primary Schools' Choir

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12

- Catchup individual photos

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12

- Whyalla Combined Primary Schools' Choir

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**Uniform Shop**

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 Thursday 1:00 - 4:30pm

**Key Points**

- Patrons Day
- Primary Sports Day
- College Photos
- Whyalla Combined Primary Schools Choir – The Festival of Music 2024
- Book Week
- Hats
- Year 12 Matters
- 2025 Subject Selections

With yesterday being our annual Patron's Day an excerpt from our College Prayer is very apt this week – the College Prayer is basically a prayer written with our Patrons in mind.

God of Faith, Wisdom and Compassion

As one united community, we pray the **Benedictine** values of prayer, welcome and community, live and thrive in our students, parents, staff and friends. Through liberation, justice, inclusion and gospel values, let the spirit of **Edmund Rice** be present in all aspects of our college life.

With the love of **Mary of the Cross MacKillop**, help us to act when we see a need in our community. Loving Father, fill our minds with the wisdom of deep learning.

Our Lady Help of Christians, *Pray for us*

Saint John the Evangelist, *Pray for us.*

Saint Therese of Lisieux, *Pray for us*

Saint Benedict, *Pray for us*

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, *Pray for us*

Saint Francis Xavier, *Pray for us*

Blessed Edmund Rice, *Pray for us*

**Patrons Day**

What a grand and special event this was. Over 700 Reception to Year 12 students celebrated, walked, ate and played together yesterday. Lots going on and lots of money raised for our College Charities. If you have any feedback or suggestions for this event please pass it on to your child's Front Office or [info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au).

## Primary Sports Day

Primary Sports Day is next Friday September 6. Always a great day when our whole college is in the one location – even if the secondary students are attending (mostly) normal lessons! Please come along to Saint John's Campus to see our R-6 students run and jump and play in front of their parents and friends and their secondary school friends.

## College Photos

These are next week. Secondary families are reminded that students can either wear full winter or full summer uniform for their photos – **this means all students will have a royal blue Samaritan jumper on for photos at Saint John's Campus no matter if they are in summer or winter uniform.** PE uniform including the rugby top is not permitted at Saint John's for photos. The exception is our Year 12s – who will wear their commemorative jumper. Primary students all have smart play/PE choices and the Year 6 Jumper!

## Olympian Visit

One of our former students, Leigh Hoffman, visited all our campuses last week and brought along his bronze medal. Leigh gave an incredible amount of his time, going from campus to campus, answering 100s of questions and having 100s more photos taken. Leigh took his time with each student and allowed anyone who came to him to wear his medal. He made a lot of young (and old) people's day last Friday!! Sam White (Class of 2005) is competing in the wheelchair basketball for Australia at the Paralympics.

# The Samaritan Way

## Patrons Day

What a joy filled, friendly, happy and festive day we celebrated yesterday!!

The whole College was gathered together to remember our Patrons with a day of fun, food and caring for others.

There was a Mass and liturgies celebrating our Patrons. Teachers and students participated in the Samarathon - Walk for Vinnies'; a walk in the community dropping donations of non-perishable goods at Our Lady Help of Christians Church and St Teresa's Church. The walk finished at Saint John's Campus where everyone enjoyed delicious food and the fun game stalls. The Primary students travelled back to their campuses to finish the day and the Secondary students looked forward to watching a teacher vs Year 12 student netball game and joining in a Patrons day quiz.

A big, big thank you must go out to all the teachers, staff and students who helped make the day possible. The way teachers, staff and students came together to make this day a success is what it means to be a part of our Samaritan family. I am beyond proud and grateful to be a part of this community.

## Who are our Patrons?

Our Patrons used their gifts to do the work that God asked them to do in the name of Jesus Christ. In doing so, they shone a light of faith and hope on the world. There are quite a few Patron Saints that we call our own at Samaritan College.

The top six are connected to our Campuses and our House teams and are featured in our College prayer. They are:

Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians

St Therese of Lisieux

St John the Evangelist

St Benedict

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Blessed Edmund Rice

## *Patrons Day Prayer*

*Heavenly Father,*

*We thank You for the inspiring lives of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop,  
Saint Benedict, and Blessed Edmund Rice.*

*In Saint Mary, we see a heart of compassion and a tireless dedication  
to the poor and uneducated.*

*In Saint Benedict, we find a model of balance, prayer, and work,  
teaching us the value of community and spiritual discipline.*

*In Blessed Edmund Rice, we witness a deep commitment to the education  
of the underprivileged, a beacon of hope for those in need.*

*May their example inspire our school community to live with courage,  
humility, and generosity.*

*Grant us the grace to serve others with open hearts, to seek wisdom in our daily work,  
and to nurture a spirit of unity.*

*As we walk in their footsteps, may we grow in faith, hope, and love,  
Always striving to build a world of justice, peace, and dignity for all.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

*Rebecca Sinclair*  
APRIM

## **Primary Campus News**

### **Whyalla Combined Primary Schools Choir – The Festival of Music 2024**

Whyalla Combined Primary School Choir is on again - Wednesday September 11 and Thursday September 12 at 7pm, held at the Middleback Arts Centre.

Our choir students have been practicing rigorously under the guidance of Mrs James and are ready to go for their big performances!

### **Book Week**

2024 Theme: Reading is Magic!

What a fabulous celebration showcasing our favourite books and characters! One of our favourite days of the year!

So much fun, colour and smiles from students and staff during the Primary Book Week Celebrations this morning!

Well done to all our students and staff - you looked amazing!



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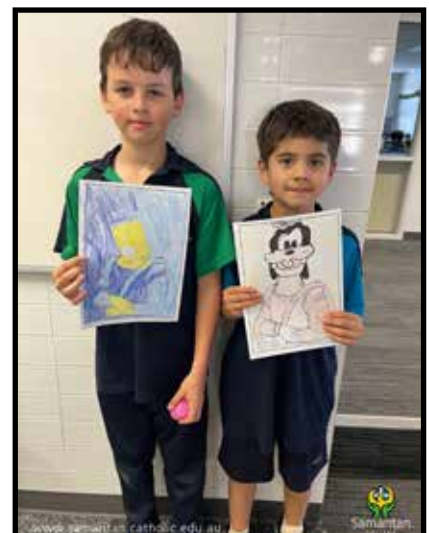




## Year 3/4 Mayne – Visual Art

In Visual Art last week, Year 3/4 Mayne recreated the Mona Lisa. Each student chose a cartoon/animated character to replace the head of the painting. Here are some of the finished pieces!

We think they look fabulous - well done!





## Year 3/4 Gould

In Year 3/4 Gould we are learning about representing fractions in different ways. To begin our investigation in making equal fractions, we used Play Dough! We used the Play Dough to make different shapes and practice cutting them into equal pieces.



## School Photos

### Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

Tuesday September 3

### St Teresa's Campus

Thursday September 5

Order now online via <https://www.advancedlife.com.au/> and enter code H9K 8GE 7BV

Photos start early in the morning – please make your best efforts to get children to school on time!

## Hats

Another gentle reminder as the weather is getting warmer, that all students need to be wearing hats during play times. If you need a new hat and cannot access the uniform shop during their operating hours, please contact your child's class teacher or the front office and they can assist with purchasing a new one!

*Matt Quist and Gareth Molyneux*  
HEAD OF PRIMARY CAMPUSES

# Primary Sports Day

## Friday, September 6

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Will be held at Saint John's Campus

Our combined Primary Sports Day will be held on Friday, September 6 at Saint John's Campus Oval. Volunteers are a crucial part of the day running smoothly and students love seeing their family being involved. If you would like to volunteer throughout the day, please indicate suitable times on the slip below and pass on to your child's front office or SEQTA DM Mr Dale Raymond with your suitable times.

**Time: 9:45am-10:55am**

Morning Games: Judging, organising children, giving out ribbons, helping score etc.

R-Year 1/2 classes

Year 3/4-6 classes

**Time: 11:30am-12:45pm**

Sprints/Relays: Giving out place cards, guiding students to scorer's tent.

**Time: 1:15pm-2:15pm**

Team Games: helping with set up of games, judging games, giving out ribbons to winning teams, organising teams

R-Year 1/2 classes

Year 3/4-6 classes

Child's name: .....

Class: .....

Name: .....

Contact No: .....

## Secondary Campus News

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

### School Photos

School photos are an important annual ritual. Not only do they create treasured family mementoes, but they also document the history of our college and hence act as valuable primary sources for future members of the Samaritan community. It is for these reasons that we request students adhere to the following uniform and grooming expectations:

- full summer or winter uniform (not PE)

- males are clean-shaven
- collar-length hair or longer is tied back
- one pair of studs or small hoops
- no visible piercings, necklaces, etc.

Staff appreciate student and family support in ensuring students present for their photos in the appropriate manner.

## Year 12 Matters

It is hard to believe that there are fewer than seven weeks of face-to-face teaching left for our Year 12 students. Goodness, how the year has flown! As the end of the academic year nears, it can be difficult to maintain motivation; however, it is important that students make effective use of their final weeks and maximise their learning opportunities by:

- attending lessons to access one-on-one teacher support
- seeking additional support for course content that they do not fully understand
- submitting drafts for feedback
- using study lessons to work on assignments or to revise for tests

- devising study routines to help prepare for the November exams
- accessing previous years' exams from the SACE Board website

More information will be provided in coming newsletters and via SEQTA regarding the end of year exams.

## 2025 Subject Selections

Year 10 and 11 students are reminded to return their subject selection forms *as soon as possible* to avoid disappointment should their preferred subjects be full.

*Tanya Gibson*  
HEAD OF CAMPUS

## Benedict Feast Day

*On Wednesday August 7 (a couple of weeks ago), Benedict were able to gather together during lesson 5 to celebrate our yearly Feast Day for Saint Benedict. We started off our celebration with our Samaritan prayer and acknowledgement of country and then engaged in a fun quiz made by Miss Bugden and Miss Zippel. The quiz, lead by Mr Schulz covered many topics about Saint Benedict allowing us to learn more about him, the year 9's were the winners of the quiz, earning them the prize of bragging rights. We then all gathered outside to enjoy some burgers with each other made by Miss Kowlessur and Miss Seeraj. It was a short, but enjoyable celebration where we were able to gather as a house team, acknowledging the work of Saint Benedict.*

**Matilda Smith and Taley Huish**  
**(Head Girl & House Captain)**





## Murray Venture Polos: Celebrating Individual Achievement and Resilience

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our custom-designed Murray Venture Polos, showcasing the unique journey each student takes to complete this challenging and rewarding camp experience!

Crafted with great thought and care by our talented SRC members, the exclusive polo shirt and logo embody the essence of Murray Venture. Each element is steeped in symbolism, representing our school's rich history, values, and the personal growth fostered by the camp.

The footprints on the design symbolise the individual paths taken by our students, as they develop resilience and forge lasting memories during their time at Murray Venture.

At the heart of the design, a cross pays homage to our Catholic traditions, while the water represents the

kayak leg – an integral part of the Samaritan tradition that forms the backbone of every Murray Venture camp.

Each footprint is wrapped in our house colours, honouring our patron saints, Mary MacKillop, Edmund Rice, and Saint Benedict.

The green shoulders on the polo shirts serve as a symbolic link to nature, emphasizing the benefits of spending time outdoors and connecting with the environment.

With this exclusive Murray Venture Polo, students can proudly wear their accomplishments and represent our school's values wherever they go.

*Kimberley Ryan*

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR STUDENTS



## Harper Anderson - NAIDOC Award 2024



*My name is Harper Anderson and I am 13 years old. I have lived in Whyalla all my life but my Aboriginal family are from Ceduna on the West Coast of South Australia. My grandmother and extended family live there. I am part of the Kokatha people of that area.*

*Sport is a big part of my life and I have played sports since I was 4 years old when I started playing basketball. From there I was also part of the Whyalla Stinger swimming club and I played netball. When I was about 7 I really wanted to play soccer and so I joined up and played for Wanderers Soccer Club.*

*There were times that I was playing 4 sports in a season and I would play one sport and after the game I would get changed and go to another sports straight after.*

*I have also been lucky enough to represent Whyalla several times in all of my chosen sports.*

*When I was in the swim club we would go to swimming carnivals at Port Augusta, Clare, Boolaroo, Port Pirie and other towns as well as at the Marion aquatics centre in Adelaide.*

*I have represented Whyalla for netball, and have been a part of the Whyalla Steelers squad on several occasions for Basketball where we won the 2024 Whyalla carnival and I was awarded the MVP for the entire carnival. Last steelers season I also won MVP for the team which I was really honoured to win. Winning those medals was a huge honour and our team did really well to win the comp.*

*I have represented Whyalla in the state Aboriginal netball competition twice and I will be representing Whyalla again in October this year. This is a great competition because there are thunderbirds talent scouts there and already some Whyalla girls have been chosen to train in the rising sister's squad.*

*I have represented Whyalla in the girls' soccer team for the last 3 years where we have played at the country and state championship tournaments.*

*This winter has been very busy for me as I have played two grades of Basketball as well as netball and soccer. I had either training or a game every day and some days there was a game and trainings on.*

*Because of all of the above someone nominated me for a NAIDOC award and I was lucky enough to win. I won the Aboriginal junior female sports person of the year award.*

*This made me feel very proud because I have been involved in a lot of sports and it was nice to be seen and commended by my people for all the work I have done. What made it extra special was that my cousin Kyle won the male sports person of the year award at the same time and we were able to get our awards together.*



**Harper Anderson**