

Term 4 Week 1

24 October 2024

**COMING EVENTS**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25

- Year 1 Excursion

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12

- Cyber Safety Information Session, Saint John's Campus, 5pm

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14

- Samaritan Shines

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28

- Year 12 Graduation

MONDAY DECEMBER 9

- Prize Night

**Extra Opening Hours - Uniform Shop**

Wednesday Dec 4,  
8am-4pm

Thursday Dec 5,  
8am-4pm

Mon-Fri, 20-24 Jan 2025

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**Uniform Shop**

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

**Key Points**

- Year 12
- Samaritan Spectacular and Samaritan Shines
- Cyber Safety Families Presentation
- Halloween
- Samaritan Fun Run
- 2024 Archbishop's Christmas card competition
- Adelaide Catholic Combined Schools Choir
- Class Placement
- Examinations
- Year 12 Support
- Transitions Days
- Hats
- Thank You to the Senior SRC

*Let us pray for our Year 12s as they begin their journey to graduation.*

*God, we ask that they especially feel your closeness during this time.*

*Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand.*

*Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.*

*As a Samaritan community, keep our Year 12s and their teachers in your prayers as they work their way through their final weeks of school.*

*We ask through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

**Year 12**

By the time you read this, our Year 12 students will have finished their formal lessons at school. There is still some work to do for most of the students and some have exams, but in essence, thirteen years of schooling have come to an end. The Year 12s had their final Mass yesterday where our Year 1s returned to be part of that farewell ceremony after "walking them in" at our Opening College Mass in Term 1. The Year 12s also have a 'breakfast' this week that they attend with some of their teachers. Their Formal/Graduation Dinner is later in the term and some students will also be part of the College Prize Night in December. In 2025, the Year 12s are also invited back to the college to be part of the Academic Assembly early in Term 1.

Life for a post-school student can be very different in 2024. Lots of options for anyone to seek a university/ trade/work pathway regardless of what their Year 12 results say.

*Damien*  
 Damien Judd

PRINCIPAL

Year 12 is way different now to what most parents remember. Students are getting accepted into University during Year 11, some started a trade and finished SACE at the same time and some are at full time work already.

Nevertheless, yesterday was a tremendously happy and immensely sad occasion both at the same time. A very emotional morning, especially for those students and families who have been at Samaritan for the past 13 years.

## Samaritan Spectacular and Samaritan Shines

What a lovely event this was. A varied array of talent from all grades across all campuses at the one superb venue. We are blessed with so many staff helpers for an event such as this and continue to give thanks to Winnie Fitzgerald, Sophie James, Katrina Kelly and the Stormfront Team to put together such a spectacular spectacular! Now our attention turns to the Samaritan Shines on Wednesday November 14 from 4-6pm at Saint John's Campus. Every primary student will have a piece of art work on display, our college bands do their end of year performances and our senior students show off their technical and artistic work - all done with the senior "Food" classes serving nibbles all night. Plus a BBQ too! We will also be doing campus tours on this night.

## Cyber Safety Families Presentation

We would like to invite all Parents and Carers to a Cyber Safety Information Session which will be held on Tuesday November 12 at Saint John's Campus at 5pm. The session will be run by Cybersafe Families, a provider endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner, to share the latest research and best practice approaches to online safety education for families. The session will provide parents and carers with strategies to help make home environments cyber safe. All Cybersafe Families presentations are delivered by professionals in the field, who have an understanding that all children are at different stages in their online journey.

## Halloween

It was in the ninth century that Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day. Over time, the practice developed of remembering others who had died. In the eleventh century, November 2 was designated as a day to pray for all the others. This day is celebrated today as All Souls Day. It is also how we have ended up with Halloween on October 31. All Saints Day was also known as All Hallows Day (Hallow being an older word for Holy person or Saint). The night before being the eve - hence Hallows Eve. At Samaritan, our special dress up day is in Book Week i.e. we do not have school dress up for Halloween. But we do know some students will dress up after school and go trick or treating in their neighbourhood. We do discuss this practice with our younger students and reinforce the age old practice of 'stranger danger'.

# The Samaritan Way

*"Again, he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'" Mark 4:30-32*

Our Year 12 students are reaching the end of their educational journey this week. We, their parents, teachers and friends have been the ones who have always hoped that they will grow from a small seed into a large tree stretching out their branches to the world. We have seen them become people who love Jesus, who hear the Good News and rejoice.

As we prepare to say goodbye to them, we are reminded of the impact they have had on our College, leaving a legacy of love and compassion, and long-lasting friendships.

We pray that the faith they have cultivated throughout their journey here will serve as a guiding light in their lives. May it help them make ethical choices, demonstrate compassion to others, and inspire them

to continue on the path of lifelong learning.

All of Saint John's Campus came together yesterday to celebrate with the Year 12s at Mass held in Samaritan Hall. It reflected the spiritual journey these young men and women have undertaken during their time at our college. They have not only grown academically but, just as importantly, they have matured in their faith, character, and leadership.

Yesterday we came together in unity and prayer, to cherish the memories, celebrate the accomplishments, and anticipate the promising futures of our Year 12 students. Our Mass was a meaningful and spiritual way to bid them farewell, knowing that they will always carry the values instilled in them here at Samaritan College wherever they go.

Our prayers are with all the students as they face the final hurdles of Year 12 and walk into the future as young adults, graduates of Samaritan College 2024.

Some of our littlest Samaritans, the Year 1 and 2

students from the primary campuses presented the Year 12 students with a gift to commemorate the end of their schooling. At the beginning of the year the Year 12s and our younger students began our school year together at the Opening Mass, and yesterday finished the year together.

*Loving God,*

*We thank You for guiding our Year 12s through their journey of learning and growth.*

*As they reach the end of their schooling, we pray for courage and wisdom and for them*

*to step forward into the future with hope and confidence.*

*Help them to carry with them the values of faith, wisdom and compassion that they have learned throughout these years.*

*Bless their friendships, their families, and all those who have supported them.*

*May they always seek Your light in times of uncertainty and joy.*

*Guide their hearts to serve others and to walk in Your love.*

*Amen.*

**Rebecca Sinclair**  
APRIM



## College News

### School Counselling Program at Samaritan College

At Samaritan College, Centacare Catholic Country SA offer therapeutic counselling onsite across all campuses. School Counsellors are qualified counsellors and social workers and are trained in therapeutic interventions. Students may seek counselling for a wide range of issues such as anxiety, stress, lack of motivation, sadness, anger, conflict with others (including friends, teachers and family), grief and loss, study load, bullying, self-esteem, relationship issues, family separation or concern for a friend. School counselling is a confidential service, and counsellors are not permitted to repeat content of sessions to anyone without permission, unless there is risk to a person's safety.

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 relevant school counsellors

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us,

<p><b>Crystelle</b> St Teresa's Campus Thursday and Friday 9am-2:30pm <a href="mailto:Crystelle.Garcia@samaritan.catholic.edu.au">Crystelle.Garcia@samaritan.catholic.edu.au</a></p>	<p><b>Teegan</b> Our Lady Help of Christians Campus Monday and Wednesday 9am-2:30pm <a href="mailto:Teegan.Asperti@samaritan.catholic.edu.au">Teegan.Asperti@samaritan.catholic.edu.au</a></p>	<p><b>Jayde and Rachel</b> Saint John's Campus Monday - Friday 9am-3:30pm <a href="mailto:SamaritanCollegeSJC@cccsa.org.au">SamaritanCollegeSJC@cccsa.org.au</a></p>
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*Centacare School Counselling Team*

Please note: **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 Principal, Mr Damien Judd**

# Uniform Shop Extra Opening Hours

The times below are additional hours that the uniform shop will be open at the end of this year and the beginning of next year to accommodate families in purchasing uniforms for 2025.

Term 4 Week 9

**Wednesday 4 December 2024, 8:00am-4:30pm**

**Thursday 5 December 2024, 8:00am-4:30pm**

Term 1 2025 (The week before students start back at school)

**Monday-Friday 20-24 January 2025, 8:30am-4:30pm**

The uniform shop continues to be open during term every Wednesday 8am-10am and Thursday 1pm-4:30pm

*Kerry Azzopardi*  
UNIFORM COORDINATOR

## Primary Campus News

### Samaritan Fun Run

Get Ready for Our School Fun Run Fundraiser!

We're excited to announce the launch of our annual School Fun Run, and we need your support! This event is a fantastic way for our Primary students to get active, build community spirit, and raise funds for charities!

This year we are raising money for the Good Sam Inn and with your help, we know we can make a difference! Every dollar counts and will go directly to Good Sam Inn, to upgrade the facilities to help this

important organisation to continue supporting our community.

To get our event off to a flyer, we're starting our Colour Run with a super easy competition! The primary class with the most online profiles registered by October 25 will win a class ice block party! To help your child's class win, simply create your profile at [schoolfunrun.com.au](http://schoolfunrun.com.au)

Info went home on Friday!

Let's make this year's School Fun Run the best one yet!

### 2024 Archbishop's Christmas card competition

The Southern Cross and Catholic Education SA are calling for students in the Adelaide and Port Pirie dioceses to use their artistic skills to design Archbishop Patrick O'Regan's 2024 Christmas card!

Entries are open in the following categories: Reception to Year 2, Years 3-5, Years 6-8 and Years 9-12. The images should be no larger than A4 size and can be created by hand or computer-generated.

The winning entries will be published in the December issue of The Southern Cross and on the Archdiocesan website. Category winners will receive Wallis Cinemas passes.

Entries must be submitted as hard copies by close of business Wednesday November 20 to: The Southern Cross, 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide 5000 with name, address, school and age/year level included.

Teachers or students requiring more information can contact Jenny Brinkworth on 8210 8147 or [jbrinkworth@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:jbrinkworth@adelaide.catholic.org.au).

Image credit: Josie, Year 2 student at St Catherine's School, Stirling with her winning picture from 2023.





## Reception Warren

In Reception Warren we welcomed six new students at the start of Term 3 and we have had so much fun making new friends! At school we love to do book making, sing number songs, colour in, and play during Investigations. We also love to visit the playground!



## Guidera Cup

Last term at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus, Benedict House students earned the most points for the Guidera Cup, and earned a water play afternoon as their reward.

Points were earned for things like putting in extra effort with their work, picking up rubbish at Recess/Lunch time, and helping others. Students had lots of fun playing in the rain, having water fights, and playing with the water play trays! Well done Benedict!





## Year 3/4 Foran

Year 3/4 Foran had an action-packed Term 3!

We've enjoyed a variety of activities, including:

- A fun-filled Book Week parade
- Engaging Book Week activities with our buddy class, 1/2 Murray
- An insightful Q&A session with Father Brian after our class mass
- An exciting Sports Day
- A buddy activity with Miss Alicia Bugden's Junior Mackillop class
- A bike safety session with Senior Constable Nicholas Lomman



It's been a fantastic term full of learning and fun!



## Adelaide Catholic Combined Schools Choir

During Week 10 Mrs James and Mrs Fitzgerald took our Catholic Combined Schools Choir full of Year 5/6 students down to Adelaide for their performance.

After months of rehearsals and a previous trip to Adelaide for a dress rehearsal, our students finally got to shine under the bright lights.

All students represented the college with pride and performed remarkably.

A huge thanks to Mrs James and Mrs Fitzgerald for coordinating the trips and practices!



## Class Placement

Very soon we will commence the thorough process of structuring classes and looking at placement of students. Our teachers have an innate understanding of the students in their care and so are very well informed as to student needs and this is certainly taken into consideration. The process of class placement is not one that requires community consultation, however, if you have any educational information that may be new to the school or which we are unaware of, please make time to see one of our primary campus leadership team members to share this information.

We do not consider requests asking for a particular teacher, as this does not fit the criteria with which we place children. Recently a parent queried whether it was a school rule that a child could not have the same teacher for 3 years. To ensure clarity for all please note that it may transpire your child does have the same teacher for two years in a row but we try to avoid having the same teacher with the same child for three years in a row. If this does need to happen, we will contact you.

*Matt Quist and Gareth Molyneux*  
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADERS

# Secondary Campus News

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

## Examinations

Our Year 12 students commence their examinations, with Mathematical Methods on November 4. We wish everyone who has an exam the best of luck. Undertaking examinations can be a stressful experience, but it is important to learn how to manage the stress. To assist students in learning how to deal with the stress of exams we encourage our Year 11 and 10 students to sit exams. This provides them the opportunity to explore methods to deal with the stress and study techniques to improve their knowledge of content that has been covered in class. Examinations for Year 11 and 10 students occur in a few weeks so now is the time for students to start reviewing work that has been covered this semester.

## Year 12 Support

To assist our Year 12s prepare for their exams and/or finalise assignments, they are welcome to use the Library resources and work with teachers. We ask that after today, Year 12s who return to campus sign in and out at the Front Office (for Work Health Safety reasons) and wear the college uniform. They are also encouraged to arrange teacher meetings in advance, as Year 12 teachers could be assigned relief lessons.

## Transitions Days

In a few weeks we will start transition visits for Year 6s and other students new to the senior campus. Families should have received information about these. Please contact me if this is not the case.

## Hats

Even though there is only a term left within the year, it is important that students have hats with them at school. These must be used during recess and lunch or whenever participating in activities outside.

## Thank You to the Senior SRC

As they prepare to leave Samaritan for new horizons, we would like to express our gratitude to the outgoing Head Students, Deputy Students and House Captains of 2024:

Head Students – Tom Abdelmalek and Matilda Smith

Deputy Head Students – Deborah Pickering and Lucy French

Rice – Connor Lipczyk and Nyasha Mativenga

MacKillop – Kaleb Reeves and Bree Puddy

Benedict – Ethyn Hards and Taleya Huish

Their dedication and commitment to leading the students at Samaritan College has not gone unnoticed. These outstanding individuals have consistently demonstrated the values we value as a school, such as teamwork, responsibility and integrity. They have not only represented our college with pride but have also made a positive impact on our wider community. Their dedication and commitment have made them exceptional leaders and role models. As they prepare to embark on the next phase of their lives, we have full confidence in their leadership skills and eagerly await the extraordinary accomplishments they will undoubtedly achieve in the future.

*Tanya Gibson*  
HEAD OF CAMPUS



## Year 11 Outdoor Education

In Week 10 of Term 3, the Stage 1 Outdoor Education class participated in their practical bushwalking assessment in the Lincoln National Park. They demonstrated an ability to pack a rucksack, cook a substantial meal on a Trangia, and positive teamwork and collaboration to help each other, even when the weather threatened us!

Sam Daw  
TEACHER



## Community News

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