

**Term 1 Week 11**

**10 April 2025**

### COMING EVENTS

#### FRIDAY APRIL 11

- Last day of Term 1, 12:30pm finish

#### MONDAY APRIL 28

- Pupil Free Day - Staff Formation
- Front Offices closed until 1pm for training

#### TUESDAY APRIL 29

- Term 2 starts

#### APRIL 28 - 30

- Year 7 camp (group 1)

#### APRIL 30 - MAY 2

- Year 7 camp (group 2)

For more events, please check the calendar on our [website](#)

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#### Our Lady Help

#### 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

### Key Points

- College Advisory Committee
- ANZAC DAY
- Pupil Free Day
- Whooping Cough
- Learning Conversations
- Term 1 Reflection
- Staff Farewells
- Staff News
- Mobile Phones

As we enter Holy Week (next week) and then the Easter Season, let us be reminded of the passion, suffering and emergent new life; a cycle of struggle we witness in nature and in humankind, over and over again. Christ was amongst us to suffer with us in our humanity. Let us be with others too, in their suffering and in their joy, as we work together to live life to the full.

Lent can challenge us in many ways and this takes on various forms depending on who you are or what context you are in. But Lent changes into Easter next weekend. The Season of Easter then starts. For those who can attend the range of services across the Easter weekend, the change between these two seasons is literally as clear as night and day. From the more solemn service on Good Friday at 3pm, the complete change to light and colour through Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday is striking.

We wish all our families a happy, holy and safe Easter.



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## College Advisory Committee

Recently the college held its AGM for the Advisory Committee (Board). Four new parents were elected: Joseph Colbert, Corie Walters, Samantha Bowman and Shaana Williams. They join existing parent members: Paul Wakelin, Kirsty Tully and Brad Griffin with Fr Brian, Bec Sinclair (Parish rep), Kristin Murray (staff rep) and myself as ongoing members. We thank Ryan Andrew and Ash Jaritz for their service to the board.

## ANZAC DAY

As is our tradition, I will be marching with our SRC Reps (R-12) on Friday April 25. The march starts at the RSL Building on Essington Lewis Ave and goes to the cenotaph at Memorial Oval where the mid-morning ANZAC Day service is held. All students, not just SRC, are welcome to march with me. **We meet from 10am onwards** at Tandoori Guru. Students wear their Primary uniform or their summer/winter for Secondary.

## Pupil Free Day

Staff have one of their Staff Formation Days on Monday April 28 (first day) – there is no school that day. The Front Offices will be closed until 1pm on that day.

## Whooping Cough

Some campuses will have received emails from me about a school member contracting Whooping Cough. Media outlets have also run stories about the increased number of cases in SA this year. More information can be found here: [Whooping+cough.pdf](#)

# The Samaritan Way

Lent will end soon, and we enter into the celebration of Easter through the Easter Triduum. From Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday evening, we journey through the most sacred days of the Church's year. These days lead us to the cross and the paschal candle—symbols of sacrifice and victory, of darkness overcome by the light of Christ. The Easter Triduum finishes with the Resurrection of Jesus, the heart of our faith.

On Easter Sunday, we hear the Gospel from John 20:1-9. In the early hours of the day, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb while it is still dark, only to find the stone rolled away. Confused and distressed, she runs to tell Peter and the other disciples. They, too, come to the tomb, finding it empty except for the burial cloths. Something extraordinary has taken place—Jesus has risen, just as He said.

Like Mary, Peter, and the disciples, we are invited to step into the mystery of the empty tomb. We are called to move from confusion to belief, from fear to faith. The Resurrection of Jesus continues to shape our lives today. In our struggles, in moments of uncertainty, we are reminded that Christ's victory over death offers us hope, renewal, and the promise of new life.

This Easter, may we open our hearts to the transforming power of the Risen Christ. May we, like Mary Magdalene, be eager to share the Good News. And may we, like the disciples, grow in faith, trusting that even when we do not fully understand, God's love is at work in ways beyond our imagining.

Let us pray that we may be filled with the joy and life-giving energy of the Risen Lord, and that we may rejoice in the hope of the Resurrection—Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Easter blessings to all our Samaritan families.

Rebecca Sinclair  
APRIM

## Whyalla Parish Easter Liturgies

Samaritan families are warmly invited to celebrate in the Easter liturgies held at St Teresa's Church and Our Lady Help of Christians Church over the Easter weekend

*Palm Sunday - April 13*

St Teresa's Church Saturday (April 12) 6pm

St Teresa's Church Sunday 9am

Our Lady Help of Christians Church Sunday 10.30am

*Holy Thursday - April 17*

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church

*Good Friday - April 18*

Stations of the Cross on Saint John's Campus oval 11am

The Passion of the Lord 3pm St Teresa's Church

*Easter Saturday - April 19*

Vigil Mass 6pm St Teresa's Church

*Easter Sunday - April 20*

St Teresa's Church 9am

Our Lady Help of Christians Church 10:30am

## Primary Campus News

### Combined Reception Assembly – Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

On Friday, the Reception classes at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus worked together to host an Assembly. There was a wonderful turn out, with many families coming to support their children and watch them host their first ever Assembly! The receptions did a wonderful job of sharing the ways they've been kind to each other and helped others during Lent.





## Year 3/4 Shiell

In Year 3/4 Shiell, this term we have been looking at emotions, what they look, sound and feel like and how we can manage them. We have created posters based on the emotions in the Inside Out 2 movie.



## Year 1/2 Fechner

Friday of Week 9, Year 1/2 Fechner and Year 1/2 Ness celebrated Harmony Day together. We first listened to the story The Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name and practiced pronouncing the boy's real name. Then we discussed how Harmony Day represents respect, belonging, and inclusion. After, we made orange sashes or headbands with messages of harmony and belonging. Finally, we shared fairy bread with our buddies, ending the celebration on a sweet note!





## Good Sam Inn Cooking

On Friday, Year 1/2 Marschall, Year 1/2 Peden, Reception Warren and Year 5/6 Foran spent the afternoon learning about the Good Sam Inn. Each Monday night, the Good Sam Inn donates nearly 200 meals. Our students baked cookies and wrote Easter cards to those in need. The students learnt about giving back to the community in different ways, and how making cookies and letters can brighten someone's day. We are learning to act like Jesus did, helping those in need with empathy, respect and kindness.

*"We know that we are helping others by donating to the Good Sam Inn, just like our patron Edmund Rice."*



## Learning Conversations

Thank you to teachers and families who attended Learning Conversations during Week 10 at both primary campuses.

If you were unable to make it and you would like a conversation with your child's teacher about their learning, please contact their relevant campus front office to book an appointment with them early next term.

## Term 1 Reflection

As we move into the Term 1 holidays, we would like to thank the parent and school community for their continued support and faith that you put in our staff every day. We continue to work collaboratively to improve the environment for the students to achieve success in a range of areas.

The break is as important for staff as it is for students to rest and reflect, ready to embrace next term.

We wish families all the best for the break and encourage students to have a safe holiday period.

*Matt Quist and Jenna Edwards*  
HEAD OF PRIMARY CAMPUSES

## Secondary Campus News

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

## Staff Farewells

At the end of the week, we farewell Mr Bokai Zeng and Mr Paul Mu. Although their time at Samaritan has been brief, they have made an impact on their students, and we wish them all the best with their new endeavours. Their departures will necessitate some changes to the junior school timetable, and as such students may find that they have different teachers next term. Some students will also notice that lessons have been swapped – e.g. Monday lesson 1 is Maths instead of HASS. Class compositions will not change, and we will endeavour to minimise disruptions to students.

## Staff News

It is my pleasure to announce that Ms Alicia Bugden has been appointed the Acting MacKillop House Leader for the remainder of the year, replacing Caitlin Davidson. We also welcome Ellen Rothe to the campus. Ellen joined us earlier this year as a relief teacher but will work part-time in a variety of subjects. Rachael Anderson returns to campus next term in a full-time capacity.

## Mobile Phones

In recent weeks there has been an increase in students reporting lost or damaged mobile phones. Ideally such items should not be brought on site for these reasons, but we acknowledge that students may need to have their mobile phones at school. In these circumstances it is expected that students adhere to the following:

- Mobile phones must be switched off and out of sight (i.e. not used) during school hours
- Parents and students are discouraged from contacting each other via mobile phone during the day (this can be done via the Front Office)
- Students report to the Front Office if they are unwell, and staff will contact parents/caregivers (i.e. a student must not use their mobile to make personal arrangements to be picked up from school)

Failure to adhere to these rules can result in phones being confiscated for the day. Moreover, the school cannot be held liable for any damage to mobile phones or other items that should not be brought to school. Further information about this matter can be found on the College's website under Secondary general information at [https://www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/\\_files/d/12348/Secondary\\_Uniform\\_Procedures\\_and\\_Expectations.pdf](https://www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/_files/d/12348/Secondary_Uniform_Procedures_and_Expectations.pdf)

*Tanya Gibson*  
HEAD OF CAMPUS



## Exploring the Science Behind Over-the-Counter Medications: Does Price Reflect Purity?

Stage 2 Chemistry students have undertaken an engaging investigation into the quality of medications available at different price points. Through titration experiments, they are uncovering whether cheaper brands of ibuprofen maintain the same purity of active ingredients as their pricier counterparts. This assessment not only challenges assumptions about price and quality but also equips students with real-world analytical skills. Is it worth paying more for medication, or do budget options deliver the same results?

*Sarah Hemming*  
TEACHER



## BYOD Order Portal

Samaritan College has partnered with Learning with Technologies to provide an online purchasing portal to assist families with purchasing a laptop. This will provide families with access to:

- Devices selected by the College for school use
- Education pricing from the largest education supplier
- Multiple warranty and additional cover options
- Lay by and Interest-free financing options

To access the portal visit <https://samaritan.orderportal.com.au/>

*Matt Kozar*  
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR



### Samaritan College BYOD Order Portal

The devices nominated on this portal have been selected by Samaritan College to best meet the curriculum and technical requirements of the College. There are a number of options associated with the devices so please read the information carefully.

Models And Pricing Are Subject To Change

All items purchased will be shipped directly to parents via Australia Post

