

**Term 2 Week 6**

**5 June 2025**

### COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY JUNE 6

- Pupil Free Day (Staff Formation Day)

MONDAY JUNE 9

- King's Birthday Public Holiday - no school

FRIDAY JUNE 13

- 3/4 Phillips/Fiebig Assembly, 9am

- 5/6 Arcobelli/Coad Assembly, 9am

FRIDAY JUNE 20

- 1/2 Fechner Liturgy, 9am
- 1/2 Peden Liturgy, 9am

FRIDAY JULY 4

- Term 2 finishes, 12:30pm

MONDAY JULY 21

- Pupil Free Day

TUESDAY JULY 22

- Students return - Term 3

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

### Key Points

- University of South Australia Whyalla Campus Awards
- Living in Adelaide in 2026?
- Staff Formation Day
- 2024 Annual Report
- 2026 Enrolments
- End of Term
- National Sorry Day
- McRitchie Crescent Footpath Project
- National Reconciliation Week
- Reception Harris
- HOPEful Roots
- SAPSASA Football
- Literacy at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus
- Behaviour
- Careers Information
- Staff News
- Reconciliation Week

*Gracious God, thank you for your love for us.*

*Thank you how you sent your love to save us in your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*Thank you for how you send your love to fill us in your Holy Spirit so that we can be part of how your saving work continues in your world. In that blessing we lift our praise and our prayers this Pentecost in Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. For many of our younger students, they know this day as when the disciples could suddenly speak in 'tongues' (different languages) and they had a flame appearing on their heads – both representing the Holy Spirit. For others, they know this day as the day the 'Church' started. This is when people started to go forth, around the world and spread the message of Jesus. The word 'Pentecost' literally translates from Greek meaning 'fiftieth'. It is the fiftieth day since Easter Sunday.



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*Damien*  
Damien Judd

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Telephone (08) 8649 3168  
Wednesday 8:00 - 10:00am  
Thursday 1:00 - 4:30pm



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COLLEGE

## University of South Australia Whyalla Campus Awards

Each year Samaritan College sponsors an Education Prize at our local campus of UniSA for the highest achieving second year student in the Primary Education course. These awards were presented last night. Always great to be part of our local education community, including Whyalla Secondary College, in supporting these awards and we also acknowledge and thank UniSA for their contribution to our own awards both at Prize Night and our Achievement Assembly at the start of each school year.

## Living in Adelaide in 2026?

For our Year 12 students there are major decisions being made in terms of what and where 2026 will look like for them. Some know that they will get a Uni offer at end of year and some are very keen on particular courses or trades or even jobs that will mean moving to Adelaide (or interstate) in 2026. Families need to plan now. If you are intending to study in 2026 in Adelaide, Aquinas College is our preferred partner for tertiary accommodation. They are accepting bookings for 2026 now. Do not wait.

## Staff Formation Day

Tomorrow (Friday) is a Staff Formation Day (i.e. pupil free). Several emails home and recent newsletters have reminded students and families of this. During this day all teachers and many of our support staff will

be working with Bill Rogers. Bill is a world-renowned Behaviour Education expert. And if you have also forgotten, Monday is also a day to not send your child to school – Kings' Birthday Public Holiday!

## 2024 Annual Report

Each year all schools in Australia provide an Annual Report to their community for the previous year. This report contains information about funding, staffing levels, enrolments, staff qualifications, spending, learning achievements and more. Noting it is for the 2024 school year. You can get a hard copy from your child's Front Office or view it online here: <https://www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/our-college/annual-report>

## 2026 Enrolments

Shortly those families who have applied to enrol their child in our college for 2026, will start to receive their formal offers to accept an enrolment position for 2026. In some year levels, this offer may be conditional pending a place becoming available i.e. a current student leaves before 2026. It is also a reminder to any family seeking to enrol their child at any Samaritan campus for 2026, to 'hurry up' and do so!

## End of Term

Term 2 finishes on Friday July 4 at 12:30pm. Staff will be at an all-day staff session on Monday July 21- Pupil Free Day.

# The Samaritan Way

### Pentecost: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

*"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." — Acts 2:4*

As we journey through the liturgical year, Pentecost stands as one of the most significant feasts in the Christian calendar. Celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday, Pentecost is the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus. This powerful event changed a group of fearful disciples into courageous witnesses of Christ, igniting the beginning of the Church's mission in the world.

The journey of the Apostles reminds us that we are not alone in our efforts to live out the Gospel values of love, peace, justice, and hope. Just as the early Christians were empowered by the Spirit, so too are we called to share God's love with those around us.

The imagery of wind and fire in the Pentecost story captures the Spirit's power to move, transform, and renew. These symbols also inspire us to consider how we are being called to act in our world today. In our classrooms, playgrounds, staffrooms, and homes, the Spirit is active—whispering words of encouragement, fanning the flames of compassion, and stirring hearts to seek unity and peace.

In a world that often feels uncertain, Pentecost assures us that God is present, working within us and through us. It is a feast of courage, asking each of us to share the Good News with joy and hope. As Pope Francis reminded us, "The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us, creates harmony and unity, and gives us courage and joy for mission."

Let us be people of Pentecost: alive with the fire of God's love and ready to go out and make a difference in the world.

### Vinnies Winter Appeal

This winter, Samaritan College is once again proud to support the Vinnies Winter Appeal — a vital initiative by the St Vincent de Paul Society that provides essential assistance to people in our community facing homelessness, hardship, and food insecurity.

The theme for this year's appeal is: "No One Chooses to Be Homeless."

In 2025, Samaritan College will be supporting the appeal through two initiatives:

#### 1. Tinnies for Vinnies

We are inviting families to donate **canned and non-perishable food items** such as soups, beans, pasta sauces, and vegetables. These items will be distributed locally to help those experiencing food insecurity.

#### 2. Winter Warmers Drive

We are collecting **new or good-quality pre-loved** winter items — blankets, coats, beanies, scarves, gloves, and thick socks. These practical donations offer much-needed warmth and comfort to people sleeping rough or struggling to stay warm.

Collection points will be located in each campus front office from **Monday June 2 (Week 6) to Friday June 20 (Week 8)**. We encourage all families to contribute what they can, remembering that even small acts of generosity can make a big difference.

### **The Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

*"Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive". Pope Francis*

Reconciliation is a Sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer us forgiveness for the times we have sinned and turned away from God. Jesus calls us to experience His mercy, love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### **The Sacrament of First Eucharist**

*'I am the living bread from heaven,' says the Lord; 'whoever eats this bread will live forever.' John 6:51*

Jesus is the bread of life. It is he who nourishes and strengthens our faith. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we are participating with the whole community in the sacrifice that Jesus made when he died for us. When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ and take him into our hearts and lives we receive eternal life. We believe that Jesus's strength and love becomes part of the bread and the wine, and when we receive this we know that Jesus is with us in a special way.

A small group of Year 4 children and their families are about to begin on the journey to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We keep these children and their families in our prayers as they grow in faith and prepare to encounter Jesus in a special way through the sacraments.

*Loving God,  
bless our Year 4 children and their families  
as they prepare for Reconciliation and First Eucharist.  
May they feel your presence,  
grow in love,  
and walk with Jesus each day.  
Amen.*

Rebecca Sinclair  
APRIM

# VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2025

“No One Chooses to Be  
Homeless.”

Donate to  
Tinnies for Vinnies  
or  
The Winter Warmers Drive

Monday 2nd June (Week 6) to  
Friday 20th June (Week 8)

At your Campus front offices



# Employment Opportunities



Samaritan College offers Catholic education for Reception to Year 12 students. Incorporating three campuses, Samaritan College endeavours to educate the whole person in faith, wisdom and compassion.

## ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

### Education Support Officer - Level 2

*Full time and part time positions available  
41 weeks/year  
working across campuses*

The successful applicant will need to have excellent presentation and communication skills and appropriate office administration knowledge and competencies.

All applications are subject to Catholic Education SA screening procedures.

Visit <https://www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au/our-college/employment> for full information and application criteria.

**Position commences:** Immediate start

**Enquiries:** Karen McGinnis on 8645 8568 or email [info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au)

**Applications close:**

4pm Friday 20 June 2025

**Email applications to:**

[info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au)

## College News

### BYOD Order Portal

Samaritan College is 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





# Primary Campus News

## National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (May 27 - June 3) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

This is a time for growth, reflection, and commitment to walking together. What will you do to bridge now to next?

To commemorate Reconciliation Week, students from both campuses engaged in a range of activities, including, attending the Nunga Screening at the Middleback Theatre, doing craft activities and playing indigenous games in their house teams.



## National Sorry Day

Monday of Week 5 was National Sorry Day, we took the time to acknowledge the strength and resilience of the Stolen Generations survivors. It is a moment to reflect on how each of us can contribute to the ongoing journey of healing—for our people, our communities, and our nation.

As we move through National Reconciliation Week, it's important to remember that reconciliation is not just about words. It's about truth, healing, and meaningful action. We all have a role to play in acknowledging the past and building a future grounded in respect, understanding, and justice.

## McRitchie Crescent Footpath Project

Community is shaped by the journeys we each take, those from where we've come, to where we are going. We don't look back, we honour those who walked

before us. Their footsteps leave a legacy we carry forward, weaving past and present into a shared future. Belonging comes from connection, to friends, to land, to water and to story. It's in the moments we share with others and the quiet reflections we hold within ourselves. These moments shape who we are, both as individuals and as a community. Our sense of place is not just physical, it's built by people, by the spirit they bring, the stories they carry and the care they offer. We walk forward in balance, listening to the voices of our ancestors, learning their truths and nurturing growth for those who follow. The journey continues, grounded in connection, shaped by community, and held by Country.

Huge thanks to Scott and his team from Rusted Tin – Contemporary Aboriginal Arts and the Whyalla City Council who facilitated this upgrade to the footpath and connected artwork.





## Reception Harris

In Reception Harris we have been learning about our brain and emotions. We have been learning strategies to help us to be calm, or to be able to problem solve tricky situations.



## HOPEful Roots

We are so excited to be part of the “HOPEful Roots” program!

This program is designed to grow cultural connectedness for our First Nations students through the creation of a local bush foods garden. Students will engage in hands-on learning, connection to Country, and cultural education throughout the term, as well as some sessions around understanding and managing difficult emotions, healthy friendships etc.

We look forward to regular updates!





## SAPSASA Football

Well done to our Samaritan representatives for the SAPSASA football carnival in Adelaide this week. The boys battled through some torrential rain and wind, representing their school and town courageously! Well done to our participating students, Cade, Max, Peter, Jaxxon, Jasper and Hurley. Great work boys!



## Literacy at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

Our students at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus have been working really hard each day during their Literacy blocks. During our Literacy blocks we have a strong focus on phonemic awareness, handwriting, spelling, reading, writing and vocabulary. Our Literacy blocks incorporate many different activities including letter naming, identifying sounds in words, writing and reading words, pair/sharing our ideas, choral reading and sentence and text structure.



## Staffing Changes at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

As we wish Miss Ashleigh Mayne all the best on her impending journey into motherhood, we acknowledge there will be staff changes in Term 3 at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus. Miss Mayne's class will still have Miss Sophie Lynch teaching on a Wednesday, however, we welcome back Mrs Sophie James from maternity leave! Mrs James was also successful in winning the Acting Assistant Leader of Learning position at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus.

## Behaviour

At Samaritan College, we believe that everyone has the right to work and learn in a safe, enjoyable environment. Bullying and/or harassment and/or discriminatory behaviours destroy this safe environment. We are committed to preserving the dignity of each person and providing an environment in which all students feel safe and are safe. Teachers and families work with students to educate them on the implications that unwanted behaviours can have on their peers, the classroom environment and themselves. Together, we can help children make conscious change and positive choices. Thank you for your support of our policy which greatly assists effective teaching and learning practices already occurring in our school.

*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.*

## Careers Information

Our Director of Student Pathways, Mr Sheedy, has been busy recently organising a variety of careers education activities for students across multiple year levels. Last week students in every year level attended a careers workshop, covering such topics as maximising Year 12 results, doing well in exams (Year 11) and study skills (Year 10). Students in years 10 – 12 also had the opportunity to attend the UniSA Careers Roadshow, and our junior students attended career pathway presentations run by Flinders University. Students are encouraged to read the fortnightly Careers News Mr Sheedy produces to learn about other up-coming careers events.

## Staff News

As some of you would know, Mrs Sue Fletcher will leave us at the end of the semester for family reasons. Although Sue has only been with us for a short time, she has made a significant impact on her students and will be missed. We wish Sue and her family all the very best for the future.

This week we welcomed back Ms Jodie Hopkins from long service leave. Jodie now resumes oversight of Inclusive Education and Student Administration. I also take this opportunity to thank Mr Sam Custance for his administrative assistance in Jodie's absence.

We also welcome back groundsman Mr Lawrie Boyle, and thank (and farewell) Mr Greg Williams who filled in for Lawrie.



## Reconciliation Week

Last week Ms Amelia Grindell and Ms Rachael Anderson accompanied First Nations students to the Nunga Screening film festival at the Middleback Theatre. This event showcased several short films by First nations filmmakers celebrating First Nations' culture, stories and language through film; sharing stories of history, healing, belonging, community and connection to Country.

This was just one activity designed to bring indigenous and non-indigenous people together. The week also involved students learning more about First Nations culture in caregroup, and culminated in a barbecue cooked by the senior SRC. The barbecue aimed to bring everyone together in a welcoming and inclusive space, allowing staff and students from various cultural backgrounds share food, connect with each other, and take a moment to reflect on the importance of Reconciliation Week.

*Tanya Gibson*  
HEAD OF CAMPUS

