

Term 2 Week 10

3 July 2025

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY JULY 4

- Rec Morani Liturgy 9am
- End of Term Assembly, St Teresa's Campus, 12pm
- Term 2 finishes, 12:30pm

MONDAY JULY 21

- Pupil Free Day, all front offices closed due to Staff Day
- Uniform Shop open 1-3pm

TUESDAY JULY 22

- Students return - Term 3
JULY 22 - JULY 25

- St Teresa's Campus Book Fair, p3

JULY 28 - AUGUST 1

- Our Lady Help of Christians Campus Book Fair, p3

TUESDAY JULY 29

- Current Year 10s - Futures Evening, 7pm, Samaritan Hall, p7

MONDAY AUGUST 4

- Current Year 11s - Futures Evening, 7pm, Samaritan Hall, p7

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

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Saint John's Campus

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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

- New Receptions
- Living Learning Leading Framework (LLL)
- Key dates
- End of Term
- Student Leadership at St Teresa's!
- Pyjama Day at St Teresa's!
- Staff News
- Futures Evenings
- Lockers
- Murray Venture
- Year 11 Dinner
- School Holidays
- Hats
- 2025 Wellbeing Expo

This year, NAIDOC Week marks a significant milestone—50 years of celebrating and uplifting Indigenous voices, culture, and resilience. This year's theme, **"The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy,"** honours the achievements of the past while looking ahead with hope. It shines a light on the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the enduring legacy of our ancestors

We come together for the common good

We discover common ground

We share in common grace

We long to embrace unity with diversity

May the beats of many hearts create a beautiful symphony

As we pray for justice to roll like the waves of the oceans that surround these lands now called Australia.

Amen

(Excerpt from The Common Grace #ChangeTheHeart Prayer by Brooke Prentis)



**THE NEXT GENERATION:
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**
6-13 JULY 2025

New Receptions

Soon we welcome nearly 35 new students as part of the Mid Year Reception Intake. Mid Year Reception enrolments pay no fees for 2025. A very exciting time for these youngest Samaritans! Welcome to those families who are also starting their Samaritan journey around this time.

Staff Movement

As can sometimes be the case, staff do move in and out at the end of Term 2. Your child may have a new teacher for some subjects at Saint John's Campus already or may even have another new teacher when he/she returns in Term 3. Campus Leaders will share who has left and who has come in. It is a challenge for country schools to staff their schools.

Living Learning Leading Framework (LLL)

Early in Term 3 all staff, students and parents in Catholic Education SA schools will be surveyed around their engagement with the Living Learning Leading Framework. For some of you this is something you are familiar with and for some this may be something quite new that you have 'left for the school' to work with. For a reminder as to what all this is please visit: <https://kcc.cesa.catholic.edu.au/>. The LLL Framework underpins everything we do, ensuring our students develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to thrive in a rapidly changing and complex world.

Key dates

Last day of Term 2 is Friday July 4. Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm that day. Students return on Tuesday July 22 – Monday is a Pupil Free Day for Staff to attend their annual Spiritual Retreat Day.

Power Outages

You may have heard about an SA Country Secondary school having to close for a day because it had no power (car hit a stobie pole overnight) and then ask why should a school close if it had no power. Aside from it being a tad dark in some rooms, the toilets would be extremely dark, no heating or cooling, no technology (many room use screens not whiteboards, some modern phone systems would not work, no canteen and in our case in some of our toilets, our sewerage pumps would not work and therefore they could not be used. If it happened during a school day, we would make a decision at the time as to whether we wait it out i.e. an hour or so, or whether we do request parents to collect their child, if possible. For shorter outages, we often can wait it out or even wait until normal dismissal time but if longer is likely, we may need help in sending students home – for the reasons listed above.

The Samaritan Way

"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church"
Matthew 16:13-19

As we reach the end of Term 2, we take a moment to pause, reflect, and give thanks—for all that has been learned, experienced, and shared across our three campuses at Samaritan College. This past Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 16:13–19) offers a powerful message of identity and faith, especially relevant as we finish a busy and fulfilling term together.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples a deeply personal question: "Who do you say I am?" It is Peter who responds with faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." In that moment, Jesus not only praises Peter's insight, but gives him his sacred mission. He gives him a new name and a new role: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church."

Matthew's Gospel reminds us that who we are comes from our connection with Jesus. Just as Peter is called and commissioned, we too are called—students, staff, and families—to respond to Christ's love and to build our lives on the foundation of faith, truth, and service.

Term 2 has been filled with opportunities to do just that. Whether in the classroom, our outside at play time, during prayer and liturgy, or through community outreach like our support of the Vinnies Winter Appeal, we've seen our young people grow in both knowledge and compassion. We've witnessed staff continue to nurture the hearts and minds of our students, and families supporting each other with encouragement and care.

It is a powerful thing to know that our small acts of love, kindness, and justice contribute to the Church Jesus began with Peter—and continues through us.

Let us give thanks for the blessings of this term and entrust the time of rest ahead to God.

Rebecca Sinclair
APRIM

A Prayer for the End of Term

Loving God,

As we come to the end of Term 2,

We give You thanks for the journey we have shared.

For the lessons we have learned,

The friendships we have deepened,

And the moments that have helped us grow.

Bless our students with rest and renewal.

Bless our staff with peace and gratitude.

Bless our families with joy and togetherness.

Keep us safe in the weeks ahead.

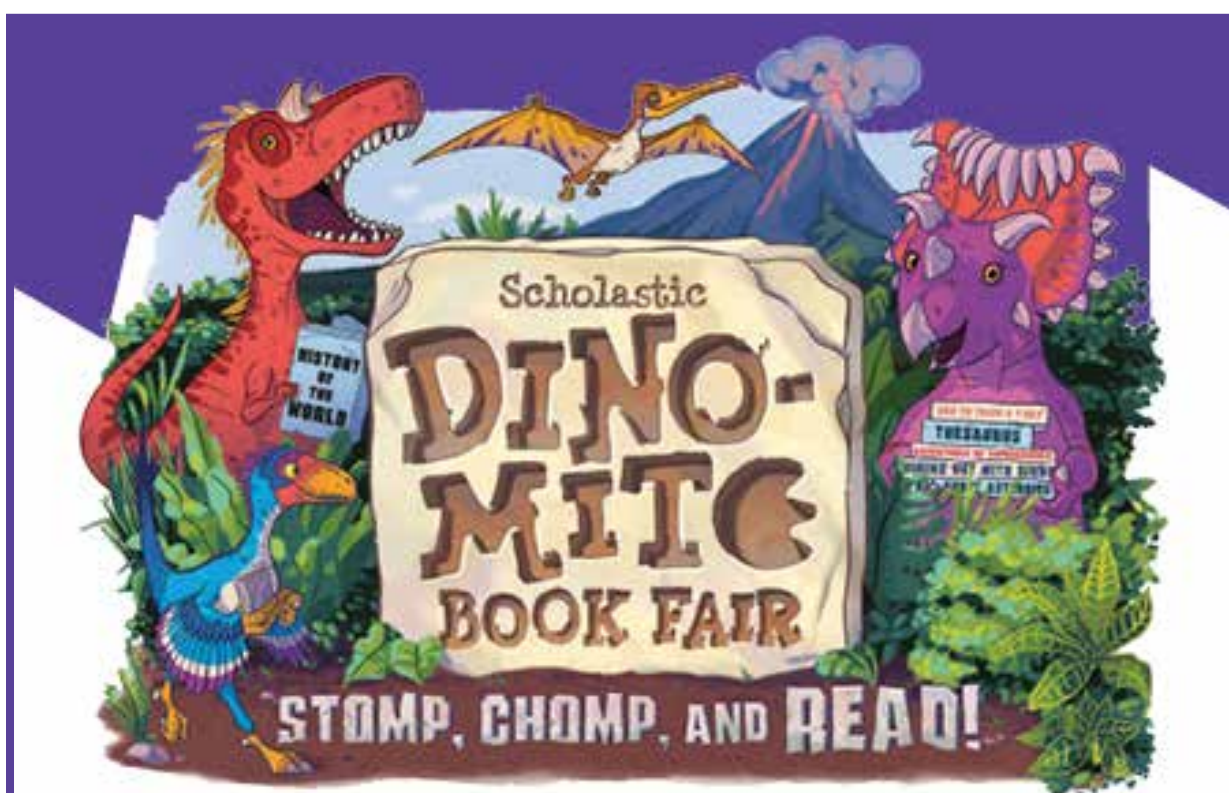
*May we return ready to continue building Your
kingdom—*

With courage, compassion, and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Primary Campus News



The BOOK FAIR is coming!

Our theme is: DINO-MITE BOOK FAIR -
STOMP, CHOMP, and READ!

Scholastic Book fair will be hosted again
this year at both primary campuses on the
following dates:

St Teresa's Campus - Term 3, Week 1:
Tuesday 22 July - Friday 25 July 2025
(Monday 21 July is a student free day for staff
training)

Our Lady Help of Christians Campus - Term
3, Week 2: Monday 28 July - Friday 1 August
2025.

The SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR will be open
before school, lunch times and after school
each day for browsing and purchasing.

Families are very welcome to come and
browse together.

Cash or Card payment online is also available.

There will be activities for everyone to get
involved and a few prizes as well.

Come and enjoy!

Suzi Kairl & Steph Paul
LIBRARY OFFICERS

Our Lady Help of Christians Campus Reception Excursion

On Thursday of Week 9, our Reception students from Our Lady Help of Christians Campus went on their first excursion!! They visited The Mount Laura Homestead Museum.

"We loved learning about how things were done in the past, seeing how technologies and machinery has changed, and getting to test out some old machinery to see how it works!"



Children's University at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus

Tuesday of Week 10, the children at Our Lady Help of Christians Campus who are a part of the Children's University Program had a visit from Richard Parker (CU Regional Engagement Officer). He brought some Sphero indi robot cars for us to learn how to use. We got to use the special tiles to code a path for our car to drive on. It was so much fun!



SAPSASA Netball

Well done to our Samaritan students and staff representing Whyalla at the SAPSASA Netball Carnival in Adelaide last week! Awesome work girls!!

Absent from photo: Lily and Maddy Watt.



End of Term

Thanks again to our school community for the continued faith in the work all of our staff continue to do with your children. 2025 has seen significant increase with the numbers of students and staff across both primary campuses – we are so fortunate to have our community put so much trust in our staff.

We wish all our families a safe holiday and look forward to introducing new mid-year receptions into our community in Term 3.

Matt Quist and Jenna Edwards
HEAD OF PRIMARY CAMPUSES

Student Leadership at St Teresa's!

How lucky are we at St Teresa's to have such incredible student leaders?

From our Junior SRC, who have been spreading messages of kindness and "Together We Achieve", to our inspiring Student Leaders who generously give up their lunchtimes to run activities like yoga sessions, dance clubs, and even "Try Not to Laugh" challenges – their dedication is truly something to celebrate.

These students lead with heart, creativity, and commitment, making our school a better place every day.

Pyjama Day at St Teresa's!

What a fantastic day we had celebrating Pyjama Day at St Teresa's! Students and staff came dressed in their cosy PJs, enjoyed delicious hot chocolate, and had a fun-filled teddy bears picnic.

Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised over \$200 for the Good Sam Inn, supporting those in need.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated and made the day so special!

Kristin Murray
LEADER OF WELLBEING AND STUDENT AGENCY.





Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will be open on the Pupil Free Day (July 21) for 2 hours, 1pm-3pm

Kerry Azzopardi
UNIFORM COORDINATOR

Secondary Campus News

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

Staff News

As some of you would be aware, tomorrow we farewell several staff. Ms Anderson and Mrs Yarwood have accepted job offers elsewhere, Ms Fletcher is joining her husband overseas, and Ms Grindell and Ms Foran start their maternity leave. We wish them all the very best and thank them for their service.

Their departures mean there will be changes to many students' Term 3 timetables. I appreciate in light of the changes that have already occurred this year that yet more changes are not ideal; however, teacher shortages are being felt across all sectors throughout the country, making it difficult to replace staff in regional schools. That said, next term we welcome Ms Julia Bugden and Mr Scott; and we will continue to actively work during the holidays to recruit suitable candidates.

Futures Evenings

It is that time of the year again when Year 12s turn the attention to uni and TAFE applications, and our Year 10 and 11 students start to think about their subjects for 2026. To help with these decisions, various events are planned for next term. Please review the following dates and if you have a child in the year level, please save the date.

- Current Year 10s – Futures Evening Presentation. Tuesday July 29 at 7:00pm
- Current Year 11s and 12s – Futures Evening Presentation. Monday August 4 at 7:00

All presentations will be conducted in Samaritan Hall.

Lockers

There have recently been a spate of incidents involving lockers, such as thefts and minor vandalism. To minimise the risk of being victims of this mindless behaviour, students are:

- encouraged to padlock their lockers (many students leave them unlocked or open)
- encouraged to come up with hard-to-guess lock combinations (e.g. not their birth year or 1,2,3,4)
- discouraged from telling friends their lock combinations
- discouraged from sharing their lockers with friends

Murray Venture

We wish our Year 10s and the accompanying teachers all the best on the up-coming Murray Venture! No doubt everyone will find it a rewarding experience.

Year 11 Dinner

We also hope our Year 11s enjoy their end-of semester dinner celebration tonight.

School Holidays

Many families will spend time interstate or overseas during the up-coming break. We pray for those who are travelling, that they stay safe in their journey and return to school, refreshed and reinvigorated for the new term on Tuesday July 22.

Hats

A reminder that hats are part of the school uniform next term. It is expected that all students will wear clean, serviceable hats when in the sun during recess and lunch, as well as PE and other outdoor activities.

Tanya Gibson
HEAD OF CAMPUS

2025 Wellbeing Expo

Last week, our school was pleased to host a Wellbeing Expo, an event that brought together a wide range of local services and community groups dedicated to supporting young people in Whyalla.

Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to visit interactive displays, talk directly with representatives, and learn about the many services available to help them thrive both inside and outside of school. From mental health and counselling support to sporting clubs, creative arts groups, and volunteering opportunities, the expo showcased a diverse network of resources designed to promote student wellbeing.

The event was also an invaluable chance for students to discover new ways to build positive connections with their community. Many were inspired by the different groups on offer and expressed interest in joining activities and programs that align with their interests and goals.

We are grateful to all the organisations and volunteers who generously gave their time to engage with our students. The Wellbeing Expo demonstrated the strength of community partnerships in Whyalla and highlighted just how many supports are available for young people as they navigate their school years and beyond.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the expo such a positive and impactful experience for our students.

Bec Clark

Director of Student Services (Junior school)

Quotes from students:

'Really fun and exciting, there were many different activities to do, it was good that we got to know different people who run community groups and activities that we can get involved in to help our own wellbeing.'

'Hot chocolates and a chat with Missions Australia was a hit''

'Interacting with the different stalls was fun and informative''

'Activities at the stalls made it engaging''

'We had new experiences at the stalls, that we wouldn't have been able to have''

'Variety of different experiences and conversations to support our wellbeing.'



Community News

"The services and events contained in this section are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children."

Women's Kindness Project



Complete a craft project to be shared in the community. Make one or many!



Each Friday



10:30am - 11:30am



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