COMING EVENTS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15
Mary MacKillop celebrations
• Mass at St Teresa’s Church, 9:30am Year 4, 7 & 8 attending
• Liturgy at STC, 9:30am
• Liturgy at SJC, 9:30am
• Liturgy at OLHCC, 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18
• OLHCC Andrew Chinn Concert, 2pm, Parents welcome

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19
• STC Andrew Chinn Concert, 2pm, Parents welcome
• Year 9 (current) Education Evening, 7:30pm at Central Football Club

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20
• STC Year 1/2 Wohling Mass, 8:45am at St Teresa’s Church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21
• OLHCC R/Year 1 Cooper liturgy, 12:20pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22
• STC Year 2/3 Reed/Judd Junior Assembly, 9:30am

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26
• Year 8 Education Evening

Dear parents and caregivers

We welcome our community back to the school term in a time of excitement as we lead up to the canonization of Mary MacKillop. Blessed Mary MacKillop known as Mary of the Cross had many sayings which inspired others to faith and action. One of her sayings from 1867 “We must teach more by example than by word”, while a simple instruction is a difficult task to do, needing discipline and fortitude. This Friday we will celebrate as a school in various ways, through Mass, and campus liturgies. We invite you to share this special time with us.

The students have returned with anticipation for summer with recent warm days, only to be blessed with more wet weather! We do not anticipate that it will remain wet for long, thus we remind all families that the students need to ensure they have hats for sun protection in Terms 1 and 4, whenever they are involved in outdoor activities. Children now in summer uniform may not mix between winter and summer or PE and formal. This means that boys in the blue summer shirt must wear shorts and the PE jumper cannot be worn with that uniform. If the weather is cool, the wool formal jumper can be worn. If they wish to wear pants, then they can wear the full winter uniform up until the end of the Week 2 grace period. Girls are reminded that their dress length needs to be no higher than ‘on the knee’ and lower than the knee is favourable. Our uniform and grooming policy is based on the value of teaching students to respect themselves through presenting with dignity and to respect their school community and its goals for them, through wearing their uniform with pride. Another foundation rationale for having a uniform and grooming policy, is the preparation for the world of work where either uniform or professional dress is a regular practice. We ask that parents support us in ensuring students adhere to college expectations.

In the final week of last term the choir students from Samaritan College attended and performed at the Catholic Schools Music Festival in Adelaide. As we have been involved for a number of years now sometimes we forget the mammoth task involved in preparing the students to such a high standard as well as simply getting them there. For this work we must congratulate and thank Melinda Gray and Winnie Fitzgerald who devote the time, enthusiasm and energy so admirably. Congratulations to the students who also devote the time, effort and positive spirit to the performance; it is a long process. The parents who attended the concert were simply in awe of the talent presented in such a highly profession presentation. Well done everyone, we look forward to next year when we make our mark in Adelaide once again.

TERISSA SHEPHERD
CHRIS SLOAN
CO-PRINCIPALS
PARISH NEWS

We hope you all had a happy and relaxing holiday and wish you the best for this term. It is a time when so much happens in the school and in the Parish.

At the parish this weekend we will be celebrating the canonisation of Mary MacKillop as St Mary of the Cross. This event recognises a courageous woman of deep faith who, from a modest background and with few resources, changed the course of countless Australian lives, especially in rural communities. We look forward to celebrating at our School Mass and Liturgies on Friday this great lady and also at our Sunday Masses we look forward to this special event. We are having a cuppa after all Masses.

This weekend our Year 3 students who are preparing for First Reconciliation will come to our Sunday Masses to enrol for this Sacrament. The Parent and Student Evening for First Reconciliation will be held next Wednesday, 7:30pm at St Teresa’s Parish Hall. This is an important evening for those families preparing for this Sacrament.

Sr Cheryle Thomson
ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH TEAM

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RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

Mary MacKillop is soon to be named Australia’s first official saint. On Friday we will celebrate as a community this auspicious event. There will be a liturgy on each campus and a Mass at Saint Teresa’s Church. Mass will begin at 9:30am and will be followed by a morning tea. Year 4, 7 & 8 students will attend the Mass to celebrate the upcoming canonisation. All other year levels will participate in a liturgy on their respective campus.

Compassion and forgiveness are important qualities that we encourage here at Samaritan and they are clearly evident in the life of Mary Mackillop. The life of Mary MacKillop shows us that it is a very human thing to want to be accepted and understood for who we are. Her life also shows us that this does not always happen and that often there are difficult lessons in life for each of us to learn. Mary’s life shows us that she was often misunderstood, challenged about what she was doing, and that she suffered greatly as a result. Because Mary lived her life so close to the heart of God, she was able to forgive those who hurt her and she was able to feel compassion towards them. Mary showed great compassion and understanding for those who struggled, who were poor, sick and alone in the world.

Mary MacKillop was an amazing Australian. She brought education to the poor and those in remote areas, indeed who knows what our education system would be without her visionary work. Her faith in God was firm and withstood even the fires of excommunication, a suffering that must have wounded her deeply.

Angela Rogers
REC - SJC

Prayer through St Mary MacKillop

God of the Pilgrim, St Mary MacKillop trusted your guidance in her journey of life and deepened her confidence in your will.
May we renew our trust in your Providence to lead us in hope.
May we relish the sacred in the ordinariness of our lives.
May we grow in the fullness of your love and the depth of your mystery.
We ask this through Jesus Christ the way, the truth and the life.
Amen.

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UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours

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

Kerry Azzopardi Sharron Waldron
Toal Street, Whyalla Stuart
Ph: 8649 3168

International Night

Friday, November 19
(Week 6)
The Piazza
(Saint John’s Campus)
from 6pm

Please!
Help make the evening a success by completing the form with this week’s newsletter. Also available from our website.

Come along with your families for a great night of International food and entertainment
Prices reasonable and children’s foods are available
Bar facilities provided

Any clubs or service groups who wish to organise a stall for their own fundraising purposes, with only a small donation to Samaritan College, please contact Terissa Shepherd on 8645 8568.

Come along and experience our International community

Parenting Ideas
by Michael Grose:
Getting kids to school ON TIME!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

“Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!”

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents.

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10:00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✓ Establish a morning routine.

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven’t fully prepared for the day.

Identify and remove distractions such as television.

If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✓ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 percent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate.

Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✓ Arrive at school ten minutes early.

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✓ Model a good routine.

Its pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!
Information required to help determine Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) for non-government schools

PRIVACY NOTICE

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that we have requested your child’s school to provide the following three pieces of information:

- Students’ residential addresses (not names of students);
- Parental Level of Education (not names of parents);
- Parental Occupation (not names of parents).

ACARA requires this information so we can accurately determine which schools are attended by students with similar socio-educational backgrounds. This information will enable comparisons of schools with statistically similar students on the My School website (www.myschool.edu.au).

ACARA will only use this information for this specific purpose.

Background Information on ACARA and how the index of community socio-educational advantage is calculated:

ACARA was established by the Australian Parliament by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act (2008). ACARA is responsible for a national curriculum (K-12), a national assessment program, and national data collection and reporting.

ACARA administers the My School website which enables the Australian public to search the profiles of almost 10,000 Australian schools. The website uses an index of student and school characteristics, developed specifically for the purpose of identifying schools serving similar student populations. This enables schools’ results on national tests to be understood in a fair and meaningful way, and enables schools seeking to improve their performance to learn from other schools with statistically similar populations.

The index is based on factors that correlate with educational outcomes, as indicated by the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). These factors include the language background of students and the geographic location of the school.

ACARA is bound by the provisions of the Privacy Act 1988. Section 14 of the Privacy Act contains the Information Privacy Principles (IPPs) which prescribe the rules for handling personal information. The information provided by your child’s school may be disclosed by ACARA to contractors working for ACARA for the purposes of verifying the information, and for no other purpose. In other instances the information will not be disclosed without your consent, unless where authorised or required by law.

If you have any questions regarding this Privacy Notice please phone ACARA on 1300 895 563 or send an e-mail to info@acara.edu.au.
Samaritan College Restaurant
Located in the Dining Room at Saint John’s Campus
70 Gowrie Ave, Whyalla Playford

$45 per head
4 course set menu
7pm start

Menu for October 21
Bruschetta of Tomato, Chevre, Basil, Avocado Oil
Tasmanian Smoked Salmon, Horseradish
Potato Salad, Salsa, Caviar
Saltbush Rack of Lamb, Potato Galette,
Pepperonata, Jus
Strawberries in Cointreau, Vanilla Bean
Parfait, Greek Shortbread

For information and bookings please ring Mechelle at Saint John’s Campus on 8645 8568.
www.info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au

Future Dates for 2010
November 4  December 2
November 18
Bookings essential as places are limited.

YOUR CHILD IS PROTECTED BY A SCHOOL CARE ACCIDENT POLICY

SAMARITAN COLLEGE, WHYALLA SA
POLICY NUMBER : 05 PAE 0134741
POLICY TYPE: 24 HOURS COVER – BASIC

INFORMATION – If you have any questions please call the SCHOOLCARE ACCIDENT HELP LINE 1300 138 498

MAKE A CLAIM – You can print a claim form and the policy wording from www.ccinssurances.com.au. Your child’s school will need to endorse the claim form prior to it being submitted. You will need a Doctor or Dentist’s Certificate and copies of accounts or invoices for any claimable expenses.

CCI School Care cannot pay for any Medicare service including the Medicare Gap

A basic outline of what the insurance covers may be found on our website; www.samaritan.catholic.edu.au under FAQS, Forms & Files

MARY MACKILLOP CELEBRATIONS

On Friday, October 15, Samaritan College joins with other Catholic communities around Australia in celebrating the imminent canonization of Mary MacKillop. At Samaritan College we will be celebrating in a number of ways.

At St Teresa’s Church, the Year 4, Year 7 and Year 8 students will be involved in a parish Mass at 9:30 am. The Year 4 and 7 children will be transported by bus to church at 9:00am from their respective campuses. The Year 8 children will walk to the church.

Liturgies will be held at:

❖ St Teresa’s Campus at 9:30 am in the library lead by 4/5 Usher.
❖ Our Lady Help of Christians Campus at 10:30am lead by 1/2 Hearne.
❖ Saint John’s Campus at 9:30am.

Parents are welcome to attend any of these celebrations and join with us in prayer as we wait expectantly for this most significant occasion.

Bernie Meixner
REC - STC

PHOTOS

School Photos will arrive next Wednesday, and WILL be distributed by the end of Week 2.

STUDENTS WHO WERE Absent FROM SCHOOL PHOTOS

MSP will be taking photos of students (for school purposes only) next week. SJC students (who will be notified through morning notices) need to come dressed in FULL WINTER UNIFORM on Wednesday, October 20.

Primary students will be advised once their date has been confirmed and will also need to wear FULL WINTER UNIFORM, with the exception of the new Reception students who will need to wear their SMARTPLAY uniform on that day.
Welcome back to Term 4! We hope that you and your children have been able to relax and enjoy yourselves in the holidays.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome our new students to Samaritan College:


We wish all of these students, and their families, a long and happy association with Samaritan College.

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2011

You are invited to make an appointment with me regarding your child’s placement for 2011, if you have any concerns regarding family matters, friendship groups or anything that you believe to be relevant.

This is not an opportunity to request placement with a particular teacher.

If there has been an ongoing problem of some sort and you have met with me previously, I would appreciate that you would meet with me again.

Pat Page
PRIMARY CAMPUS LEADER

LITURGIES AND ASSEMBLIES

STC

On Wednesday, October 20 1/2 Wohling will celebrate Mass at the Church. Children need to be dropped at the church by 8:45am where they will be met by Mrs Wohling or Mr Meixner. Afterwards the children will return to school by bus at 10:30am.

Families are most welcome to join us for Mass and morning tea afterwards.

2/3 Reed/Judd will present the Junior Assembly at 9:30am on Friday, October 22 in the Library.

Bernie Meixner

OLHCC

This term we begin our liturgical celebrations with a special Liturgy about Mary MacKillop being presented by Reception Scharber & Year 1/2 Hearne. Please join us in the Church at the special time of 10:15am on October 15.

In Week 2 Liturgy will return to the normal time of 12:20pm on Thursday, October 21, with R/1 Cooper presenting the Liturgy.

Bec Fahey

EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC TUITION SERVICE:

Beginning TERM 4 at Saint Teresa’s & OLHC Campuses:

Our Primary campuses are happy to announce the introduction of new extra-curricular music tuition services, beginning Term 4 2010.

Experienced tutors and local music identities Alison Hams and Mark Tempany will commence one-on-one music lessons in Week 1 in vocals/guitar/keyboard/ performance skills/songwriting (or any combination as requested). In the future they may also be able to offer group workshop activities for other students - expressions of interest in these sessions are being taken now.

Mark and Alison currently tutor a number of students from both campuses as home students, and the availability of at-school tuition should provide many of these families a more convenient opportunity to access their child's music tuition.

We are also asking for expressions of interest from any 'new' students wishing to enrol their child for this service.

The following rates and details apply:

TERM 4 FEES 2010:

One 30-minute individual lesson per week $162
One 20-minute individual lesson per week $126

Teachings times planned are:
9:00-5:00pm WEDNESDAY - St Teresa’s
9:00-5:00pm THURSDAY - OLHC

Please phone the College or visit www.stormfrontproductions.info for more information.

An enrolment form and terms and conditions were sent home to primary students with this week’s newsletter.

RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated this term. If your family is planning to be part of this sacrament in 2010 you will need to enrol your child at any Mass this weekend.

At the Mass you attend to enrol your child you will receive further information regarding the times and activities involved in the preparation involved.

Please be advised also that on Wednesday, October at 7:30pm at St Teresa’s Church there will be a parents meeting for First Reconciliation. A family member and your child receiving Reconciliation are required to attend.

ANDREW CHINN VISIT

On Monday, October 18 at OLHC Campus and Tuesday, October 19 at St Teresa’s Campus, Australian Religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew’s songs such as ‘These Hands’, ‘Rainbow’ and ‘Together As One’ are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia,
New Zealand, USA and Canada. Parents and parishioners are warmly invited to be part of the celebration of faith and fun. The concert will take place at 2:00pm on Monday at OLHCC and 2:00pm on Tuesday at STC. There is no cost for the concert.

_Bernie Meixner_
CAMPUS COORDINATOR - STC

**CANCEEN NEWS - OLHCC**

Multi V Juice is no longer available in pop top bottles. It has been replaced by Apple and Blackcurrant juice. Multi V Juice is only available in 300ml bottles.

_Rose Casaar_
CANTEEN MANAGER

**FOYER DISPLAY**

Congratulations to the students from 3/4 Opie and 2/3 Reed/Judd on the quality information reports that are now on display in the foyer area.

The projects on India and various modes of Transport respectively, are evidence of what can be achieved with clearly communicated criteria for students and the support of their parents.

Come on in and take a look, they are amazing!

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**HATS**

Students should now be wearing their hats at Recess and Lunch times. Remember no hat no play.

_Hats are available for purchase from the front office._

_Lou Whitehouse_
CAMPUS COORDINATOR - STC

**DELTA DOG SAFE**

On Monday (at STC) and Tuesday (at OLHCC) the Delta Dog Safe program will be visiting to present information to R-2 students regarding safe behaviour around dogs. It is a program that is aimed at reducing the incidence of dog bites in young children through early intervention and education. The program uses visual aids and a life-size TOY Dalmatian dog to teach children how to read a dog’s body language and to interact safely with dogs at home and in the community.

_Di Hancock_

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**EAT WELL BE ACTIVE**

**What is healthy eating?**

Healthy eating for children is all about variety. Variety means including a range of foods from each of the five food groups everyday. The food groups include breads and cereals, vegetables, fruit, dairy products and meat and meat alternatives (e.g. kidney beans, chickpeas, lentils).

Exposing your child to a variety of foods from a young age will mean they are more likely to get everything they need for good health. They will also be more accepting of new foods and more adventurous with their eating as they get older.

_A healthy eating message from the Community Nutrition Unit, DHHS Tasmania 2010._

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**Healthy Snack & Lunch Box Ideas Presentation**

Name: ____________________________________________

Preferred Session Time (Please Circle):

Evening Session 6:00pm  Evening Session 7:00pm  Morning Session 9:00am

_Last term some of our staff attended a Professional Learning session that provided some valuable information about the foods that our children eat and some helpful and practical ideas for lunchbox and recess foods. I would like to gain an expression of interest to run a session for parents to relay some of this information and provide you with some great ideas and interesting information about lunch and recess food choices. Please fill in the attached form and return to your campus office by Friday Week 3 if you are interested in this information session. The date and time of session will be confirmed at a later date depending on interest._

_Bec Fahey_
EWBA COORDINATOR
Welcome back to the final term of 2010 and for our Year 12s their final few weeks of school ever.

Mary MacKillop – this is such a significant national event but has even more importance for schools in regional South Australia, where Mary started her work. Saint John’s Campus will be celebrating this milestone with a liturgy at the College for Year 9-12 students and our Year 8s will attend Mass with others at St Teresa’s Church.

Prac Teacher – Carly Higgins has been working with us for the past 10 weeks during her final practicum for her Teaching qualification. Next week is her final week and we thank Carly for making such a wonderful contribution to our College and the classes she has worked with.

Year 9 Education Evening: this is for all Year 9 students and at least one parent. Tuesday October 19, 7:30pm at Central Whyalla Football Club and should go for no longer than one hour. At this session students/families will hear about subject options in Year 10 and requirements for SACE. As part of this evening the Year 9s will be showcasing what they have learned about Drugs and Alcohol.

Year 8 Education Evening: Tuesday October 26, 7:30pm at Central Whyalla Football Club. For all current Year 8 students and families.

School Leavers: at the time of print there were a reasonable number of students who did not submit an application to SATAC to attend either University or TAFE in 2011. Whilst TAFE and Uni are not the preferred pathway for all, I ask parents to check with their child to see if an application was supposed to be submitted and to visit www.satac.edu.au to see how apply. Late applications will require a fee.

Damien Judd
SECONDARY CAMPUS LEADER

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SESSION
Sandy Russo, software advisor and tutor from SPELD-SA will be in Port Augusta Monday and Tuesday, October 25 & 26 offering a parent information session on assistive technology. This session is designed to introduce parents to the range of assistive technology available to support children who struggle with reading, writing, spelling and/or planning assignments. The session is free and will be held at Caritas College from 7-8pm.

Individual parent/child sessions are also available for $75/hour. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Further information and bookings can be made through contacting Donna Kite at DK Psychology on 040 8994 794 or at d.kite@ozemail.com.au.

Kelly Cook
LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR

BOOK WEEK WINNERS – CASUAL CLOTHES DAY
Congratulations to students of 8 White, 9 White, 9 Silver, 10 White and 12 White who are the winners of the Book Week Chain Book Competition held last term. The book they collectively produced was the most imaginative and polished of the entries and consequently these classes have earned a casual clothes day on Monday, Week 2 (October 18). 9 White was also the winner of the Bridge building caregroup activity which is a fantastic effort! Thank you to all students for their involvement.

Tanya Ernesti
TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

CANTOEEN ROSTERS
Monday, October 18 - Friday, October 22

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