



Important Dates

**Beginning Year
Mass 12pm**
Friday 10 February

Year 2 Liturgy
Tuesday 14 February

New Parent Dinner
Saturday 18 February

Shrove Tuesday
Tuesday 21 February

Assembly 5F
Tuesday 21 February

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 22 February

First Sunday Lent
Sunday 26 February

Reception Liturgy
Tuesday 28 February

**School Board
Meeting 6.30pm**
Wednesday 1 March

**Sacramental Parent
Info Evening 7pm**
Thursday 2 March

**Learning
Conversations**
Saturday 4 March

Second Sunday Lent
Sunday 5 March

Assembly 4P
Tuesday 7 March

**SAPSASA Lacrosse
Carnival Yrs 4-6**
Thursday 9 March

Third Sunday Lent
Sunday 12 March

**Adelaide Cup Public
Holiday**
Monday 13 March

Year 1 Liturgy
Tuesday 14 March

**Sacramental
Presentation Mass
6pm**
Saturday 18 March

**St Joseph's Feast
Day**
Sunday 19 March

**Sacramental
Presentation Mass
10am**
Sunday 19 March

Fourth Sunday Lent
Sunday 19 March

Harmony Day Picnic
Sunday 19 March

Harmony Day
Tuesday 21 March

Assembly 3WD
Tuesday 21 March

Year 6 Camp
Thursday 23 March

Year 6 Camp
Friday 24 March

Year 6 Camp
Sunday 26 March

Fifth Sunday Lent
Sunday 26 March

Principal's Tour
9.30am
Tuesday 28 March

SACPSSA Swimming
Carnival Yrs 3-6
Wednesday 29 March

AGM 6.30pm
Wednesday 29 March

Year 4 Mass
Wednesday 29 March

Palm Sunday
Sunday 2 April

Principal's Tour
11.15am
Sunday 2 April

Bunnings BBQ
Sunday 2 April

Learning
Conversations
Wednesday 5 April

Maundy Thursday
Thursday 6 April

Good Friday Public
Holiday
Friday 7 April

Easter Sunday
Sunday 9 April

Easter Monday
Public Holiday
Monday 10 April

Last Day of Term -
3pm Finish
Friday 14 April

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

Welcome Back

Welcome back to St John the Baptist Catholic School as we embark upon an exciting new school year. We particularly welcome the new students and their families who have joined our school community this year. We welcome 32 Receptions (15 continuing) as well as Cassandra, Anhad, Sussani and Naira (Yr 2), Caleb, Isabelle, Taylor, Elham, Ayla and Ayah (Yr 3), Ethan (Yr 4) and Amali, Japreet and Madison (Yr 5) who join our community.

We also welcome three new staff members to our school. Jodie Hamilton is teaching a Year 5 class and Eloise Napoli and Josie Maiese will work across the school in their roles as Education Support Officers. We know they have felt warmly welcomed by our wonderful community.

School Theme

"Take Fresh Courage" is our 2023 School Theme. Amanda Razon introduced the theme to the staff during Week 0 and we know through last week each class explored the meaning of the theme, as well as prayed the Take Fresh Courage School prayer. Amanda explores the theme and shares the prayer a little further on in the newsletter.

Wellbeing Week

We begin each year with a Wellbeing Week, where the intention is to build strong connections with the children, establish routines and revisit the wellbeing supports that exist at St John the Baptist. Across the school each class explores school and classroom expectations, St Mary Mackillop values, our Learning Dispositions, the school theme and the 5 point scale. We believe this is a vital process to set a solid foundation for the year ahead. These key aspects of the school are revisited each term and form part of the 'Circle of Care' that we wrap around our students.

Please find a diagram of our Circle of Care [here](#).

Staffing News

Katie De Leo will conclude her employment at St John the Baptist at the end of this week, Friday 10th February. Katie has worked with many children across the school in her role as an Education Support Officer over the past 4 years. We thank her for commitment and

contribution to the school.

Katie is staying connected to Catholic Education, having won an administrative role at Catholic Parents SA. We wish Katie all the best in this new role.

We are also pleased to announce that Smantha Slee will be joining the staff of St John the Baptist as a Learning Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator.

Smantha has for many years worked as a Special Education Teacher in schools, but has for the past 4 years been working at Autism SA as an Autism Advisor and Facilitator, where she has worked closely with children, families and the staff of both government and non government schools. We look forward to welcoming Smantha to the school from Monday 13th February.

Camp Australia has appointed Tate Jarvis as the new coordinator of the service here at the school. Tate takes over the role from Shazia who concluded her appointment at the end of last year. Tate is a familiar face to the children and has led the service since returning from the break in mid January. We wish Tate all the best in her new role.

Sport Qkr!

Over the past two years we have been working towards all school sport payments being processed through the Qkr! App. In 2023, this process will continue with the addition of parent permission for participation in both after school sport and sporting carnivals. Payment for student participation in an activity must be made prior to the activity commencing. We look forward to your continued support as we move to a paperless system.

2023 Catholic Education Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Catholic Education Awards. The awards will be presented as part of Catholic Education Week in May. Please find further information at the link [here](#).

Data Collection

Each year the Australian Government Department of Education request that all schools distribute correspondence to their community members regarding 2023 Student Residential Address and Other Information. Please find information at the link [here](#).

NAPLAN

Later this term students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. These national tests will be held in the morning teaching block on each of the specified days and will be supervised by classroom teachers.

Over the coming weeks, the classroom teachers will begin to prepare the children for the tests, familiarising the children with the log in process, question types, language features and general expectations of the test.

Please note that if you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, this will need to be done in writing before the end of Week 4, Friday 24th of February. You will need to contact Joanne Livingstone at the school to do this.

Further information is also available at www.nap.edu.au

COVID

COVID-19 continues to affect the community and we all have a part to play in keeping our school community safe and minimising the disruption to learning that can occur when illness circulates at school.

Students who are unwell should stay home if they have cold or flu-like symptoms and get tested for COVID-19. If the test returns positive, please advise the school as soon as possible, and stay at home until all acute symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, cough and fever) have cleared. We thank you for your continued support.

We wish all students, their families and the school staff the very best for the 2023 school year.

Best Wishes

The Leadership Team

Todd LaForgia, Jo Livingstone, Amanda Razon & Michael Cimarosti

Catholic Identity

Take Fresh Courage

Welcome to a new school year! We mark the beginning of our new year with a new school theme, "Take Fresh Courage". This was

inspired by our Josephite charism, our Catholic identity and the way our community supports growth.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was a prime example of this courage. There were times when she did not know if she would have enough food or resources to provide those in her care. Yet she held on to her faith in God and stepped out in courage to go about doing what she needed to do.

St Mary MacKillop recognised each day as a blessing from God, walking in faith and love for Jesus and the Gospel. We hope that we can walk in the footsteps of Mary and all the other Saints who have gone before us, to step out in faith. For it is when we can stretch ourselves to go outside of our comfort zone, then we grow. So, our school theme will help us to remember that every new opportunity is a chance to "Take Fresh Courage".



Take Fresh Courage

God of the universe,

You gave us Jesus who shows us the way
Fill us with courage as we go about our day.
Be our strength when we face all that is new
Help us to be faithful, loving and true.

Amen.



Beginning of Year Mass

A reminder that we will have our Beginning of Year Mass tomorrow (Friday 10th February) at 12pm in St John the Baptist church. It will mark the beginning of our year and it will also be an opportunity to present our new Receptions and Year 6 leaders to our school community.

Prayer Spaces

Being a Catholic school, prayer becomes a large and integral part of our community. Last week, a new "Prayer Space" was introduced to the students. This space had paper butterfly cut-outs, pencils and blu-tack so that children could write their prayers, offering to God:

1. What they were thankful for last school year
2. What they are hopeful for this school year

The children had a warm response to this initiative, creating a beautiful array of butterflies on the glass wall at the bottom of the stairwell. We hope that we can explore new and meaningful ways to pray throughout this term.

Sacramental Program

We are now taking enrolments for the Sacramental Program. If your child is aged 8 and over, and have received the Sacrament of Baptism, they can start preparing to receive their Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion in the Catholic Church.

To register your child, please fill out the following form <https://forms.office.com/r/DNwX228htZ>

Alpha

The Plympton Parish is running another ALPHA program.

If you missed ALPHA last year, come and join us at daytime sessions this year beginning in February.

It's free, welcoming, non-judgemental and most of all spiritually uplifting & renewing.

For bookings, please contact Carlien on 0488 006 927

Amanda Razon

APRIM

With Sympathy



Our prayers are with those who have recently lost loved ones.

May God keep them close.

To the family of Blake Crossman from 5F for his grandfather.

**"Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him,
May he Rest In Peace."**

Enrolments



St John the Baptist
Catholic School

2024 Sibling ENROLMENTS NOW DUE

For more Information:
www.stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au
PH: 8218 3300



Do you have a child who is due to start school in Term 3 2023 or in 2024 and have not yet submitted an enrolment form? If so, enrolments are now over due!

Enrolment Forms can be collected from our school office or downloaded via our website www.stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

If you have any queries, please contact our office on 8218 3300.

Finance News

Fees

Our Annual School Fees are:

Full Fee - \$3280

Lower Income Fee - \$1795

The fees above includes all tuition and excursion levies for each child's education. Extra Curricular activities, sport, camps and uniforms are excluded and will be charged separately.

To be eligible for the lower income fee, you need to qualify as a low income family. This is determined by your family's gross income and is set by the State Government. Your family's gross income needs to be below approximately \$62,440 (2022 income limit) for a family with one school aged child (the limit will vary depending on how many dependant children you have).

Proof of income is required and applicants will need to apply via the State Governments School Card Scheme, please find information below on how to apply.

For further information regarding fees, please visit our website [here](#).

School Card

Please follow the link below to apply for the 2023 School Card Scheme.

The School Card scheme provides low-income families attending a non-government school with financial assistance for school fees (materials and services charges).

Eligibility

School Card is available to:

- families with children aged four years and over who attend a school full-time
- independent full-time students studying year 10, 11 or 12
- adult re-entry students undertaking subjects to complete their SAC

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Qkr! Notifications

Please ensure that you have your notifications on for Qkr! Notifications are sent out when items are closing to ensure you don't miss out. See instructions below regarding turning on notifications.

We ask those families whose circumstances may have changed or are experiencing difficulties to please contact Todd LaForgia or myself at your earliest convenience via email: pmarks@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

Pam Marks

Bursar/Finance Officer

From the Sport Coordinator



School Sport

There has been an outstanding response from the children to participate in their preferred sport/s.

Please find below the teams for the Term 1 season. We have the following:

Basketball teams playing at Wayville

Year 3/4 Boys STJB 36ers - Coaches – Andi Richardson / Peter Gianni

Year 3/4 Boys STJB Wizards - Coaches – Jeff Balkwill & Carlyne Ryan

Year 5/6 Boys STJB Warriors - Coach - Filomena Francis

Year 5/6 Girls STJB Clippers - Coaches – Hilary Sadler / Simon Croxton

Year 2/3 Open STJB Jazz - Coach – Emma Vivian

Year 2/3 Open STJB Lakers - Coaches – Grant / Jo Evans

Year 2/3 Open STJB Magic - Coach – Michelle Politis

Year 3 Master Blaster (Cricket) team playing at Glandore Oval - Coach – Warren Mitchell

Tee ball (Baseball) playing at Adelaide “Angels” Baseball Club

Seagulls - Coach – Sophie Cook

Pelicans - Coach – Paul Grosvenor

Netball teams playing (mostly) at Cabra College

Year 3/4 STJB Allstars - Coach –Michelle Politis

Year 3/4 STJB Firebirds - Coach – Angela Speirs

Year 5/6 STJB Vixens - Coach – Megan Spokes

Volleyball teams playing at Westbourne Park Community Centre

STJB Storm - Coach – Beth Tamm

STJB Thunder - Coach – Dani Amato

A special thank you to all the parents who have given up their time and volunteered to coach a team.

School sports that start in Week 2

- Netball
- Volleyball

School sports that start in Week 3

- Basketball
- Tee Ball
- MasterBlaster Cricket

Team selections are made by the school and requests will only be considered in extenuating circumstances and at the school's discretion.

BASEBALL / Past Student / Claxton Shield

Jordan McCardle is the captain of the Adelaide Giants Baseball team who have just won the Claxton Shield. South Australia has not won the Claxton Shield since 1980 – that's 43 years ago!

Jordan and his sister (Ella) are past students of St John the Baptist Catholic School. Congratulations to Jordan.





Paul O'Dea

PE & Co-curricular Sport Co-ordinator

podea@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

PLAY TO GROW AT ST JOHNS PLAYGROUP

COME AND JOIN US!

WEDNESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS

9AM - 10.30AM

342 ANZAC HWY, PLYMPTON SA

(ENTER VIA MORNINGTON STREET IN
THE SCHOOL HALL.)

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

BYO SNACKS

WHY JOIN US?



- We have a range of fun and interactive activities from Children 0 - 5 years of age.
- We are a welcoming, vibrant community where we work together with families to grow each child's development
- Meet local families
- Our play spaces are provided to encourage learning and development through play

 PLAY TO GROW AT ST
JOHNS PLAYGROUP



We are excited to be back at Playgroup on Wednesday mornings and we are looking forward to another year of learning and growing at Playgroup. Our term will be filled with lots of fun.

Donations

We are looking for some donations of baby toys such as tummy time toys and an activity mat. We would also like to add to our dress up, hard book, home corner and puzzle collections. If you are able to assist, please bring along your donations to the hall on Wednesday mornings.

Playgroup is on every Wednesday during term time from 9am - 10.30am.

Karina Overall

PLAYGROUP COORDINATOR

From the Counsellor

Student Counselling Support

My name is Sarah Byrnes and I am the school counsellor at St John's the Baptist. I have been at the school since term 4 of 2021. I am here on a Tuesday and meet with children who present with a range of different challenges that can be overwhelming. The school counselling program is run by Centacare Catholic Family Services and our program supports a range of issues such as anxiety and worries, basic behaviour difficulties, social and friendship problems and more. If your child is having difficulties at school and you feel they need some counselling support, please reach out to your child's teacher, or the leadership team to organise a referral. At times there can be a wait list, so if your child needs more urgent support, please reach out to your GP to discuss your child's mental health care plan.

I love working with and supporting the children of St John's and look forward to a positive year ahead.

If you would like to know more about Centacare's School Counselling Program please click on the link <https://centacare.org.au/service/school-counselling-program/> or have a look at the attached brochure.

Sarah Byrnes

CENTACARE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

New Parent Dinner



Welcome Dinner Invitation

St John The Baptist Catholic School
invite you to the 2023
Welcome Dinner for new parents.

Saturday 18th February 2023
from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

Dinner and desserts provided.
BYO drinks - Bring your best esky!

St John the Baptist Catholic School Hall
342 Anzac Highway, Plympton

**RSVP to the front office by 15th February 2023
or email neeta_bhise@hotmail.com**

Please note: This is a child-free event, no creche available





All orders for both recess and lunch are to be ordered via our Qkr! app.

Canteen orders close each canteen day (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) at 9.00am.

Healthy Canteen (Tuesday & Thursday) orders close on Mondays at 12pm.

Canteen Roster

Term 1

Friday 10th Feb - Sonya Carr

Monday 13th Feb - Julie

Wednesday 15th Feb - Julie

Friday 17th Feb - Monica Holland

Monday 20th Feb - Julie

Wednesday 22nd Feb - Julie

Thursday 23rd Feb - Karen Drury

Friday 24th Feb - TBC

Monday 27th Feb - Julie

Wednesday 1st Mar - Julie

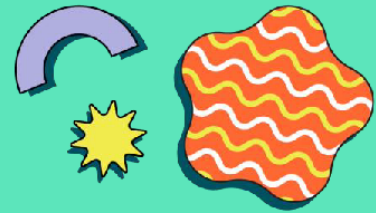
Friday 3rd Mar - Hilary Sadler

Monday 6th Mar - Julie

Wednesday 8th Mar - Julie

Friday 10th Mar - Lucianna Introna

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Hello everyone and welcome back to school! As we begin the new year, I would like to introduce the OSHC staff members you will be seeing around the school throughout the year. Tate is the permanent coordinator for the OSHC and has been working for Camp Australia for 8 months, with most of this time as an ongoing assistant at St Johns. Amy has been working at St Johns OSHC for 8 months and is going to continue to be the permanent assistant for the service. We are both delighted to continue working with your children and love to see their happy faces coming through the door to greet us and we look forward to creating memories as we continue throughout the year.

Throughout the term we plan to have many creative activities where children can express themselves through artworks, drawings, craft and many more! We are creating a series of clubs that will run throughout the week that children can join to gain some valuable skills or just to have some fun! This includes cooking club, arts & craft club, painting club and homework club which will be run every day.

We would like to welcome all the new receptions and new students that have come through our OSHC doors this past week and in the following weeks.

Reminder for all parents with children who have medical conditions to please supply and updated medical management plan and make a time to have a conversation with Tate to ensure that we have all the documentation to supply your child with the best quality care we can.

If you would like to talk about how we can support your child in OSHC, we can make a time to have a conversation about their needs and interests. Please contact me on 0405 436 293 or email me on sastiohnbaptist@oshccampaaustralia.com.au if you wish to do so.

Thank you, Tate

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Activities coming up

- Painting
- Craft Making
- Kinetic Sand
- Board games day

What's on the menu

- Pikelets
- Cold rolls
- Carrot cake
- Smoothies
- Pizza

Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)



Guitar Lessons

Would your child like to learn guitar in 2023?

If you are interested please contact ***Dido on Mobile: 0407719836.***

Volunteering at St Johns



St John the Baptist School provides a safe environment for all while valuing the partnership between school and home.

As a Catholic community, we welcome and value volunteers. To be able to volunteer, and/or attend at other times throughout the school year, we ask that you hold a current Catholic Police Check (parents/caregivers attending excursions, reading in class, helping in class, attending community events), a current Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care for Volunteers certificate, have completed the volunteers application package and your COVID vaccination certificate.

A Catholic Police Check for volunteers is free for our current parents and caregivers. Application Forms are available in our school office.

This process ensures we maintain a child safe environment. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to apply for a Catholic Police Check through the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school office on 8218 3300 or email Francis Schulz on fschulz@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au.

Community News



JOIN THE FUN!

West Adelaide Football Club

WAFC - Milner Road, Richmond

Tuesday Afternoons 4:15pm - 5:00pm

For more information please contact

Charlie Kitto 0479 120 104

Charlie.kitto@sanfl.com.au

play.afl/auskick

WWW.SA.Scouts.COM.AU/CAMDENPARK

1 BRISTOL AVE, CAMDEN PARK, SA 5038

GL.CAMDENPARK@SA.Scouts.COM.AU



**TRY
3 WEEKS
FREE!**



CAMDEN PARK



SCOUT GROUP

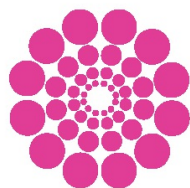
JOEYS 5-7yrs **TUES** 6pm-7pm
CUBS 8-10yrs **MON** 6.15-7.45pm
SCOUTS 11-14yrs **WED** 6pm-8pm

ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU



Camden Park
Scout Group





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

**Join us at our
FEBRUARY OPEN DAY!**



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

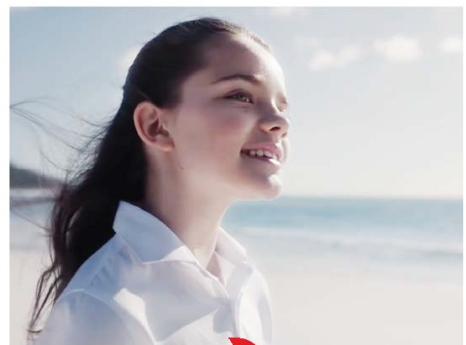


An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman, Amy Shark and Christine Anu. You may have seen our girls perform at the National Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth II, the AFL Grand Final or on the recently released 'I Still Call Australia Home' campaign for Qantas.

Now accepting enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Glenelg, Glen Osmond and NEW venue opening in Walkerville.



JOIN US AT OUR FEBRUARY OPEN DAY

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 08 8271 1622



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



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Birthdays



Congratulations to those who celebrate their birthday in the next two weeks.

Please note previous birthdays for this year were in the last newsletter of 2022.

February Birthdays

10th Feb - Lyla G (4PR)

13th Feb - Ruby H (REC DC)

15th Feb - Grace A (6GR) & Jewel N (4A)

16th Feb - Mitchell K (5HB)

17th Feb - Ella W (5HB)

19th Feb - Lachlan C (2T)

21st Feb - Amarli R (6GR), Rohin G (4PR), Caleb A (3BM) & Gracie J (2T)

22nd Feb - Matilda S (5F)

School Uniform



QUALITY UNIFORMS

Our uniform is available for purchase from Brandmode, 83 Glen Osmond Road, Eastwood. Ph - (08) 8357 0022

To purchase uniform online please click [here](#).

To book an appointment please click [here](#).

For further information on our Uniform Guidelines, please click [here](#).

Southern Cross Newsletter



[Click here](#) to read the latest news from the Southern Cross News.

Acknowledgment



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we live, learn and work.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual connection and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to this country and commit to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Artwork - Unknown artist

Camp Australia



To make a Your OSHC booking, you need to register with Camp Australia first.

Registration is free and can be done online, or with our smartphone app.

www.campaustralia.com.au

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