



Important Dates

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

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6

AGM 6.30pm
Wednesday 29 March

Year 4 Mass
Wednesday 29 March

Tuesday 28 March

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

Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The season of Lent is a time of preparation for Easter when we relive the mystery of the Risen Christ and the light of hope it sheds on our whole existence.

When we speak to the children about Lent, there are 3 ways the Church teaches us we can truly turn our attention to God in our lives – through prayer; through ‘fasting’ or living in a way that is ‘simple’ and through giving to those in need.

We will ask the children to consider their involvement in this time of Lent. As parents, teachers, family and friends we are faced with the same considerations.

Are there ways we can dedicate ourselves to this Lenten opportunity – Can we watch less TV? Consume less and give to others? Reduce the number of ‘activities’ we are involved in and take time with our family or commit to some brief time of ‘solitude’?

New Parent Dinner

On Saturday evening the 18th February, the Year 1 parents hosted an Indian themed dinner welcoming new parents to the St John the Baptist Catholic School community. This was a great night of connection for our parent community. A huge thank you is extended to Neeta and Alan Saldanha for their commitment in coordinating the night, to the team of Year 1 parents who ably assisted in the lead up to and on the night and to the Dachevall family for supplying the beautiful food. We would also like to thank the staff who were in attendance during the evening.

2023 Capital Works

Work is progressing on developing the acquired land on Anzac Highway. The architects are working with the Catholic Education Planning and Development Team to lodge the Development Applications with West Torrens Council. At the school level, we are working to demolish the remaining house at 334 Anzac Highway. We are preparing for the demolition to occur within the coming weeks.

Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, we ask that you please contact the Front Office via phone (8218 3300) or text (0409 793 402). You can contact the school regarding an absence at any time of the day or night. The school requires absentee information as part of its reporting obligations. Thank you for your cooperation.

Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir

The Senior Choir (Year 5 and 6 students) have begun their preparation for the Catholic Schools Music Festival which will be held in late Term 3. The children, under the guidance of Antonietta Caruana will rehearse each week as they learn the repertoire of songs required to participate in the festival. We look forward to their involvement and progress as the year continues.

Navigating School Pick Up - Traffic Tip

The children are dismissed at 3:00pm and staff are on duty until 3:15pm. Take advantage of this window of opportunity and pick your child up around 3:10pm for an easier, less congested time of collection.

2023 Mid Year and 2024 Reception Sibling Enrolments

If you have not yet enrolled a sibling into the school who is due to begin Reception mid year in 2023 or in January 2024, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Best Wishes

The Leadership Team

Todd LaForgia, Jo Livingstone, Amanda Razon & Michael Cimarosti

Catholic Identity

Shrove Tuesday

It has become a tradition to feast before the 40 days of fasting during Lent. People would use up their supplies of eggs, butter or sugar. So, we carry on this tradition and celebrate with pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

This week the students also enjoyed this tradition as our P&F committee cooked pancakes for the children and delivered them to each of the classes.

Ash Wednesday

We have now come to a special time in the Church calendar, the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten journey. In this season, the cloth in the church is purple which is symbolic of preparation and penance for Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. In this time Christians prepare their hearts in three ways: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This is also why we have a strong focus on Caritas' Project Compassion.

Our Year 6 students joined the parish community to celebrate Mass. The Year 6s then brought over the blessed ashes and Project Compassions to each year level for each class's own Ash Wednesday liturgy led by their class teachers.

Sacramental Information Session

We have now held most of the interviews in preparation for those children who will be receiving their Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Our first information night will be next week, March 2nd at 7pm in the hall. Children are also encouraged to attend this session with their parents.

Prayer Spaces

As previously mentioned, we have had a changing prayer space set up within the school. Over the past two weeks we have explored praying with our senses.

The children offered up prayers to God that they associated with the feel of soft wool, prickly pinecones and dried spiral pasta. One child's prayer was for her mum because the wool reminded her of, "my mum's warm hug".

This week we looked at resilience and praying for those people who give us strength. It has been a blessing to see the different ways and supports that give our student strength during the more challenging times.

We hope to continue exploring all the different ways we can connect with God.

Amanda Razon

APRIM



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.



Staff Profiles



Name: Jodie Hamilton - Melhuish

Role at St John's & Years of Service: Year 5 Teacher and first year!

Favourite Colour: Navy Blue

Favourite Food: Indonesian & Thai Food

Sporting Team: Adelaide Crows, Sydney Swans, Adelaide Thunderbirds, Canadian Canucks (Ice Hockey)

Hobbies & Interests: Coaching netball for Matrics, travelling with family & playing tennis

Primary School: Ingle Heights Primary

High School: Bandung International School in Indonesia & Annesley College

Pets: Douglas who is a black labrador

3 Words to describe yourself: Passionate, Loyal, Caring & Sociable

Best advice you have been given: Trust and believe in yourself even if others may doubt you. When life gets challenging, remember to take a breath and take one step at a time, because it will get better.

Favourite holiday spot: Canada - love everything about it

Favourite season: Autumn - the changing leaves and new beginnings



Name: Smantha Slee

Role at St John's & Years of Service: Inclusion, Diversity & Learning Coordinator - new to school

Favourite Colour: Pink

Favourite Food: Italian Food and any dessert!

Sporting Team: Adelaide Crows

Hobbies & Interests: Spending time with my horses, baking, gardening and upcycling furniture

Primary School: Banksia Park Primary

High School: Birdwood High School & St Ignatius College

Pets: Our dogs Boo and Vera, Delilah our cat, Rug, Tilly, Suzie and Opal our horses!

3 Words to describe yourself: Caring, Patient & Friendly

Best advice you have been given: Your best is always good enough!

Favourite holiday spot: Normanville

Favourite season: Summer

Updating Student Details on Qkr!



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It is important to update your child's Level and Class on Qkr! Problems can arise on Canteen Days and with canteen lunch orders when this information is wrong as lunches get sent to the wrong classrooms.

Here is how you update your child's information:

- Sign into Qkr! and tap on any item – it doesn't matter which item
- You will see this screen, with your children listed:



- Tap on the icon on the top right of your screen (box with arrow for Apple devices or three vertical dots on Android devices)
- Tap 'Manage Children'
- Tap the child whose details you wish to edit
- Tap their Level and change accordingly
- Tap their Class and change accordingly
- Tap 'Update'

Finance News

Statement of Accounts

A statement of accounts will be sent out this Friday (24th February). Please be reminded that if you wish to obtain the Early Bird discount you will need to pay fees in full by Friday 10th March (Week 6).

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.

Change of Circumstance

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.

We currently have 156 children playing sport for the school.

Please find below the teams for the Term 1 season:

7 x 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

1 x Year 3 Master Blaster (Cricket) team playing at Glandore Oval

Coach – Warren Mitchell

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

Seagulls Coach – Sophie Cook

Pelicans Coach – Paul Grosvenor

3 x Netball team playing 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

2 x Volleyball teams playing at Westbourne Park Community Centre

STJB Storm Coach – Beth Tamm

STJB Thunder Coach – Dani Amato

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

St John the Baptist Catholic School Hot Weather Policy

The duty of care for our students' health and safety is of primary importance. Consequently, the following policies will apply to St John the Baptist Catholic School sport.

All game cancellations are in conjunction with the given sporting association or St John the Baptist Catholic School Extreme Weather Policy.

Please find below the Extreme Weather Policies for each association and the sports St John the Baptist Catholic School participates in.

- Basketball – Basketball SA hot weather policy cut off is 35 degrees as per the Bureau of Meteorology at 8am the day of the match.
- Cricket – St John the Baptist Catholic School Extreme Weather Policy cut off at 36 degrees.
- Volleyball – continues to play as the venue is airconditioned
- Netball – Life. Be In It Netball policy (outdoor) cut off at 34 degrees.
- Tee Ball - St John the Baptist Catholic School Extreme Weather Policy cut off at 36 degrees.

Training sessions - St John the Baptist Catholic School Extreme Weather Policy cut off is at 36 degrees.

All students are reminded to wear a hat and sunscreen, especially during Terms 1 and 4.

Dependent on the sport played, the sport will go ahead in wet weather unless there is thunder and lightning storms, or if it is deemed unsafe to play in the wet conditions.

Lacrosse

St John the Baptist Catholic School has been fortunate to have players from the Glenelg Lacrosse club come to our school to run lacrosse clinics with the Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 classes. The lacrosse clinics are being run over a 4-week period during their PE

lessons.

St John's will be taking part in 2 Lacrosse Carnivals this year.

1. **SAPSASA** Lacrosse Carnival – Term 1
2. **SACPSSA** Lacrosse Carnival - Term 2

Auskick

West Adelaide Football Club and the SANFL conduct local football programs in clubs and schools including both Auskick and junior football.

The West Adelaide Football Club will be delivering Football Clinics with our junior primary students (R-2) to help promote Auskick and local footy clubs within the zone on Friday 17th March.

SACPSSA

The South Australian Catholic Primary School Sports Association aims to promote the philosophy of good sportsmanship, teach students how to win well and lose graciously, and foster companionship between competitors while promoting a healthy active lifestyle.

SACPSSA offers a wide variety of team and individual sports carnivals, students are encouraged to participate and compete in the carnivals held throughout the calendar year. The primary sports traditionally include Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming, with team based sports such as Netball, Tennis, Lacrosse, Cricket and Touch.

By competing in carnivals throughout the year, students have opportunities to meet and compete against students in their own age group from all areas of the state.

SAPSASA

SAPSASA (South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association) events provide opportunities for children with specific sporting ability to participate in a variety of sporting activities. SAPSASA works within the Department for Education for the delivery of School Sport.

SAPSASA works in consultation with Secondary School Sport SA (SSSSA) to conduct school sport programs from R-12. Primary school children aged 10 years and older are eligible to participate.

St John the Baptist Catholic School has a strong history in participation in the South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association (SAPSASA) competition. We are proudly part of the Airport District and enter into a wide variety of SAPSASA events throughout the year. SAPSASA runs a series of Knockout Competitions, State Carnivals and State Championships, which the school nominates individuals and teams for.

Term 1 Sport Carnivals

The following carnivals / trials will occur this term –

SAPSASA Lacrosse Carnival Yr. 4 - 6	Thursday 9th March (Week 6)
SACPSSA Swimming trials Yr. 3 - 6	Friday 10th March (Week 6)
Crows Cup Yr. 5/6 Girls	Thursday 30th March (Week 9)
SACPSSA Swimming Carnival Yr. 3 – 6	Wednesday 31st March (Week 9)

Paul O'Dea

PE & Co-curricular Sport Co-ordinator

podea@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

Lacrosse









Donations

We are still 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

From the Library



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now started and will be finished on Friday 8th September.

Students and parents can access the website : www.prc.sa.edu.au

The Challenge is to read 12 books in total. The class teachers will read the books to the Reception to Year 2 students.

However all students are encouraged to read their own including the JP students.

They need to read 8 books on the Challenge booklists and 4 of their own choice.

The booklists are listed under <https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/book-list/> Just change the Year Level to suit your child's age limit.

In the library the PRC books have the coloured dots on them to make it easier to identify. The red dots are for (Rec.-Year 2), green dots (Years 3-5) and yellow dots (6-9)

The books must be read for the ***first time this year.***

This year it is the 20th year of PRC.

To commemorate this milestone, students can challenge themselves to read 20 books instead of the 12. The successful students will receive a bonus certificate.

Happy reading.

Rose & Maria

From the Counsellor

Screen Time and Mental Health

With the new school year in full swing, and children now working on laptops or ipads regularly, it's important for parents to have knowledge around what their child is using their screen for, and how to manage screen time. We can't remove technology from our children as it is now a normal part of every day life, however it is becoming more prevalent that children are struggling with mental health issues due to exposure to misinformation, or influential social media personalities endorsing unhealthy lifestyle choices, and plain old fake YouTube stories. I am confident that many of you reading this newsletter can relate to this issue. Child Mind Institute has a range of articles on how to manage screen time and technology. One of their 4 key points states "the best way to model healthy screen use, is for parents to model it themselves". You can find more information about managing screen time here <https://childmind.org/topics/screen-time-technology/> . And for more specific information around technology and mental health, please click here <https://childmind.org/topics/screen-time-technology/#technology-and-mental-health> .

Sarah Byrnes

CENTACARE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR



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

Thursday 23rd Feb - Karen Drury

Friday 24th Feb - TBC

Monday 27th Feb - Julie

Wednesday 1st Mar - Julie

Friday 3rd Mar - Hilary Sadler

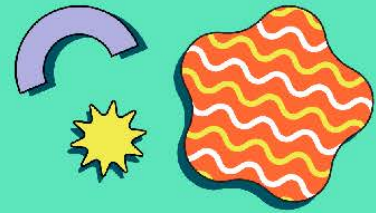
Monday 6th Mar - Julie

Wednesday 8th Mar - Julie

Friday 10th Mar - Lucianna Introna

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Hello everyone, we hope you have been having a lovely start to the school year. We know we have been at OSHC!

There has been plenty of cooking, painting and craft activities that the children have been engaging in throughout the weeks! We offer homework club every night and the children are encouraged to complete their homework while at OSHC to ensure they can go home and relax! In the next two weeks, we have some exciting new menu items including ice cream! Which the children will be making from cream, salt and ice! Oh my goodness! I can not wait. We look forward to seeing your children in our service during this time period!

MEET THE TEAM:



Tate
Jarvis



Amy
Rossi

Just a friendly reminder for all parents with children who have medical conditions to please supply an 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. Alternatively 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 sastjohnbaptist@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

- Slime making
- Origami
- Learn about animals
- Group Games
- Ice Cream Making

What's on the menu

- Pikelets
- Cold rolls
- Smoothies
- Pizza
- Noodle Salad

Visit our blog

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

[Visit our blog](#)

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

Plympton Catholic Parish Mass Times



DAILY MASSES - MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY AT 9.30AM

VIGIL MASS - SATURDAYS AT 6PM

MASS - SUNDAY'S AT 8.30AM & 10AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAY'S 10AM - 12PM

ROSARY - MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY AT 9.10AM

RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY'S FROM 11.30AM

Plympton Catholic Parish

Special Masses



SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION MASS

WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH 7.00PM

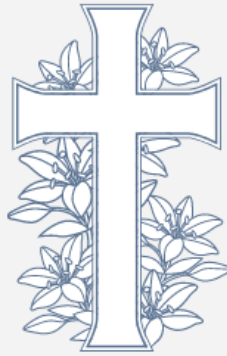
ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 9.30AM

Plympton Parish



EASTER MASSES



SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL - 9TH APRIL 6.00PM

EASTER SUNDAY - 10TH APRIL 8.30AM & 10.00AM

Sacred Heart Enrolment



2023 College Tours

Champagnat Campus

Located in Mitchell Park, Champagnat Campus is the learning environment for students in Years 7 – 9.

Please visit the College website to book into a tour.

Thursday 2 March	4.15pm
Wednesday 29 March	9.15am
Tuesday 23 May	9.15am
Wednesday 21 June	9.15am
Tuesday 29 August	9.15am
Tuesday 24 October	9.15am



**SACRED HEART
COLLEGE**

Champagnat Campus 28 Percy Avenue, Mitchell Park SA 5043
(08) 8350 2500 | enquiries@shc.sa.edu.au

shc.sa.edu.au

For families who have children currently in Year 5 and are considering Sacred Heart College as a pathway for Year 7, 2025, enrolment applications are currently being accepted. Due to an increasingly high demand for placements, applications for this entry point will **close at the end of Term 1, Friday 14 April 2023**. Prospectus packages will be delivered to your school shortly for all Year 5 students, inclusive of an Application for Enrolment Form. Application forms can also be accessed anytime on our College website www.shc.sa.edu and if you have already submitted an application, you do not need to complete another form.

We have a number of advertised College Tours during 2023, which you are warmly welcome to attend and bookings can be made via the website under the Enrolment tab. Should you have any questions regarding the enrolment process, please contact the Enrolment Office on 8350 2500 or by email registrar@shc.sa.edu.au for further assistance.

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Birthdays



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

February Birthdays

25th Feb - Eva A (4PR)

28th Feb - Josephine B (4PR) & Fatehdeep S (3WD)

March Birthdays

1st Mar - Blessing K (5HB)

2nd Mar - Cassandra A (2S) & Heath DS (REC B)

4th Mar - Dane McK (5F)

5th Mar - Archer T (6C) & Quinny M (REC B)

7th Mar - Winnie V (2S) & Jasper GB (REC B)

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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