

Important Dates

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

As we head towards the half way mark of the first term it has been pleasing to see so many children settled into the routines of school and enjoying their new learning spaces. We look forward to the many exciting events and activities ahead this term.

This weekend Ms Tara Denton (Reception Teacher) will be getting married. At assembly on Tuesday the students wished Tara and Jack every blessing including a lovely rendition of "Going to the Chapel". We look forward to welcoming Tara back as Mrs Brookes.

Harmony Day

The Harmony Day Picnic scheduled for Sunday 19 March as per the whole school calendar has been changed. It will now be held as a school celebration on Tuesday 21 March. We invite all families to join as a school community on the courts at 8.50am for short communal prayer celebrating our inclusive multicultural community. Students will then return to their rooms and participate in class based activities around the importance of Harmony Day. Everyone is invited to wear a touch of orange as a way to acknowledge the day. This may include ribbons, socks, arm bands etc

Easter Raffle

Each family will have received a letter from the Parents and Friends about the annual Easter Raffle. Please bring your donations to school in the coming weeks so they are able to be wrapped ready for the raffle on Tuesday 4 April at 2.30pm.

Bunnings BBQ

The Parents and Friends will also be holding a BBQ at Bunnings Edwardstown on Sunday April 2. Please look out for the information from your child's class parent reps. If you are able to support on the day by volunteering time at the BBQ that would be greatly appreciated or visit Bunnings and support by purchasing a sausage or two.

Year 6 Camp

On Wednesday 22 March the Year 6 students will head to Wirraway Homestead in the Adelaide Hills for their annual school camp. They will participate in a range of activities including Horse Riding, Horsemanship, Sheep Herding, Archery, Bush Walking, Low Ropes, Shelter Building, Amazing Race and Whip Cracking. We look forward to hearing about their amazing adventures.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will undertake NAPLAN in Weeks 7 and 8 of this term. We keep them and their families in our prayers as they complete this testing. The schedule of testing is as below:

Wednesday 15 March - Writing

Thursday 16 March - Reading

Friday 17 March - Conventions of Language

Wednesday 22 March - Numeracy

Make up tests for students that are absent will be completed across the week until Friday 24 March.

Best Wishes

The Leadership Team

Todd LaForgia, Jo Livingstone, Amanda Razon & Michael Cimarosti

Catholic Identity

First Sacramental Information Session

The first information session for the Sacraments was held on Thursday 2 March at 7pm in St John the Baptist Hall. Both parents and children attended this night in preparation for the children's Reconciliation which will be celebrated in May.

Presentation and Commissioning

On Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 March the children receiving their Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion will be presented at both the Parish Masses in St John the Baptist Church. The children will be presented to the community so that the parish can continue to pray for them as they continue their journey to receive their Sacraments.

The staff of St John the Baptist will be commissioned at the 10am Mass on Sunday 19 March. This is held within the Parish Mass as it will allow the opportunity for the community to also pray for the staff as they are sent forth in mission to teach and care for the children and families within the school.

Harmony Day

On Tuesday 21 March, our school community will celebrate Harmony Day as we acknowledge the diversity and richness of cultures within our school. The day will begin with a communal prayer at 9am then followed by small activities held within the classrooms throughout the day.

Project Compassion

As we continue to walk through our Lenten journey, we remember the three important pillars: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We have met two individuals from Project Compassion, Laxmi from Nepal and Tereesa from Australia. Learn more about their stories and how our donations help support them and their communities.

Amanda Razon

APRIM

Lost Property



Our lost property boxes are overflowing. If your child may have lost a hat, jumper, plastic container, drink bottle or any item, please remember to check in the office.

Importantly, please ensure that all your child's items are named so that they can be returned!

Enrolments



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.





Name: Eloise Napoli

Role at St John's & Years of Service: Education Support Officer and first year at St John's

Favourite Colour: Pastel Purple

Favourite Food: Pasta

Sporting Team: Adelaide Crows

Hobbies & Interests: Pilates, hiking, travelling and going to the beach

Primary School: St Teresa's at Brighton

High School: St Mary's College

Pets: My family have a turtle, four fish and four chickens

3 Words to describe yourself: Creative, bubbly and adventurous

Best advice you have been given: To take a gap year and travel after I finish Year 12

Favourite holiday spot: Port Lincoln

Favourite season: Summer



Name: Josie Maiese

Role at St John's & Years of Service: Education Support Officer and first year at St John's

Favourite Colour: Green

Favourite Food: Italian cuisine and enjoy trying different cuisines

Sporting Team: Grange Angels (my daughters netball team)

Hobbies & Interests: Baking, going for walks along the beach, getting together with family and friends

Primary School: Allenby Gardens Primary School

High School: Siena College

Pets: Dog named Ziggy

3 Words to describe yourself: Respectful, Friendly and Honest

Best advice you have been given: Surround yourself with good people

Favourite holiday spot: Aldinga Beach

Favourite season: Spring

Finance News

Statement of Accounts

A statement of accounts was sent out on 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 this Friday 10th March (Week 6). The Early Bird discount is calculated at 5% of \$3280 which amounts to \$164 discount, balance owing \$3,116 for one child. If you have more than one child at school, the discount is 5% of the balance owing after sibling discount (eg: for 2 children the discount will be \$296 and the balance owing will be \$5,624).

School Card

Please follow the link below to apply for the 2023 School Card Scheme. Once we have received the eligibility report from School Card the remission will be applied to your account.

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! School Sport Payments

Many thanks to those who have promptly finalised their payments for school sport. A gentle reminder to those with outstanding sport fees to organise payment and complete the permission form as soon as possible.

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



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 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.

West Adelaide Football Club and SANFL are local football programs in clubs and schools for the upcoming year, 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 17 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 and Child Development for the delivery of School Sport.

SAPSASA works in consultation with Secondary School Sport SA (SSSSA) to conduct school sport programs from R-12 DECD, Catholic and Independent schools. 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 competition.

Term 1 Sport Carnivals

The following carnivals / trials will occur this term -

SAPSASA Lacrosse Carnival Years 4 - 6 Thursday 9 March (Week 6)

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent St John the Baptist Catholic School.

YEAR 4/5 GIRLS	YEAR 4/5 BOYS	YEAR 6 GIRLS	YEAR 6 BOYS
St John's PLYMPTON	St John's PLYMPTON	St John's PLYMPTON	St John's PLYMPTON
1. Eloise S	1. Ashley W	1. Bree K	1. Oliver d'A
2. Mikayla C	2. Archie H	2. Amarli R	2. Archer T
3. Danica C	3. Mason P	3. Gisele G	3. Mitchell McC
4. Ella W	4. Hartley Y	4. Elise H	4. Alex T
5. Tilly M	5. William F	5. Inara N	5. Cameron H
6. Elliott R	6. Jackson F	6. Chloe B	6. William A

7. Amalie W	7. Will K	7. Willow Y	7. Jordan A
8. Angela Y	8. Henry A	8. Arihia M	8. Lucas O
9. Koah M	9. Charlie P	9. Grace A	9. James R
10. Madeleine T	10. Harvey H	10. Tatum N	10. Rowan A

SACPSSA Swimming trials Years 3 - 6 Friday 10 March (Week 6)

There are 47 children trying out for a place in the St John the Baptist Catholic School Swimming team that will be competing in the upcoming SACPSSA Swimming Carnival being held at SA Aquatic Centre.

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival Years 3 – 6 Wednesday 29 March (Week 9)

Crows Cup Year 5/6 Girls Friday 31 March (Week 9)

Paul O'Dea

PE & Co-curricular Sport Co-ordinator

podea@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

St John the Baptist Catholic School SUNNINGS Sausage Sizzle SUNDAY 2ND APRIL



We have a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our school on Sunday 2nd April at **Edwardstown Bunnings.**

The P&F would love to hear from you if you can:

- Source or donate supplies (Bread, Sausages, Ice, Napkins, Water, Soft Drinks, Sauce)
- Volunteer your time across any of these time slots
 8.00am 11.00am, 11.00am 1.00pm, 1.00pm 3.00pm , 3.00pm 5.00pm
- We would love to know if anyone has done the Bunnings BBQ induction or would like to as we need one inducted 'Captain' on each shift

Please call or message Karen Klingberg 0402 854 846 to support this important fundraising event.

Play 2 Grow Playgroup



Donations

Thank you to those people who have donated items to our Playgroup!

We are still looking for some donations of baby toys and dress ups (especially boys). If you are able to assist, please bring along your donations to the hall on Wednesday mornings or drop off to the front office.

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

Karina Overall

Playgroup Coordinator

From the Library



Premiers Reading Challenge

Just a reminder to parents and caregivers that students have until 8th September to complete the challenge.

It is not a race.

The rules include:

- 1. This must be the <u>first year that the book has been read</u>. It cannot be listed on the PRC book form for this year if the student has read it before.
- 2. Eight of the books chosen must have a PRC sticker on them red for Rec-2, green for Years 3-5 and yellow for Year 6.
- 3. Children must be reading at their appropriate level i.e. **not too easy, not too hard, but just right** like the beds in the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Also before you initial their form to sign off that they have read a book we ask that you talk to your student about the book and ask some questions e.g.

"Why did you choose this book? What is it about? What is your favourite part and why? How many stars out of 5 would you give it and why?"

Please enjoy engaging with your student/s about the Premier's Reading Challenge which is now in its 20th Year.

Happy reading.

Rose & Maria

From the Counsellor

If you haven't heard of Karen Young, founder of 'Hey Sigmund', do yourself a favour and visit her website. Hey Sigmund is about building courage in children and teens, and provides lots of resources for parents and families requiring support around anxiety and mental health.

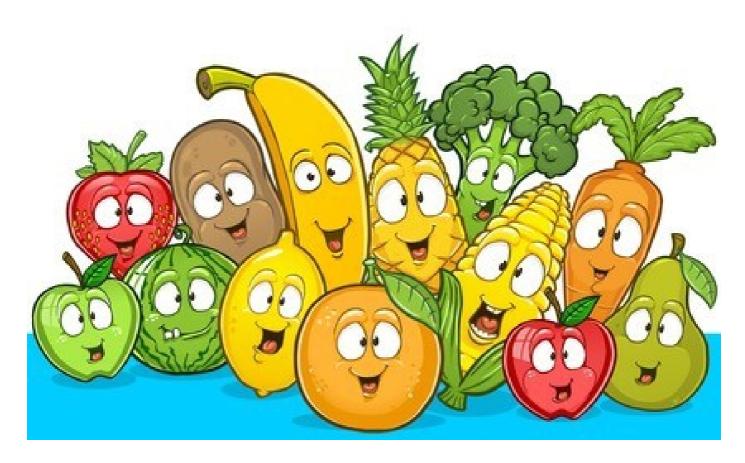
Karen says "Every day there are stunning new insights into the human mind and the way we work, love, play, behave, relate, think and feel. We are learning more and more about what it means to be human, and how to master the art. Now more than ever, anybody who is any version of human has something to gain from the science of psychology...."

https://www.heysigmund.com/about/

Sarah Byrnes

CENTACARE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Canteen News



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 Mar - Lucianna Introna

Monday 13th Mar - Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th Mar - Jo

Wednesday 15th Mar - Julie

Thursday 16th Mar - Davina Cimarosit

Friday 17th Mar - Melisa Gorgone

Monday 20th Mar - Julie

Tuesday 21st Mar - Jo

Wednesday 22nd Mar - Julie

Thursday 23rd Mar - Jo

Friday 24th Mar - Kate Piasente

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter





A message from your Coordinator

Hello everyone! Throughout the past two weeks the children have been learning all about animals at OSHC and have been creating some fantastic art works to show what they have learnt. In the upcoming weeks the children will continue their learning on animals.

The handball tournament is back for another year at OSHC and will be run from Tuesday the 14th to Friday the 18th of March, complete with a trophy for the winners of the older and younger age groups!

When dropping off your child/ren in the morning at OSHC please ensure you walk them all the way into the OSHC room and sign them in yourself as we are transitioning back to parents signing their child in and out! If you are in a rush and need to head off, please contact the OSHC phone and let the staff know so they can meet your child at the gate, and we will happily make arrangements to do this.

Reminder for all parents with children who have medical conditions to please supply an updated medical management plan or 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 sastjohnbaptist@oshccampaustralia.com.au if you wish to do so.

Thank you, Tate

Activities coming up

- Painting
- Craft Making
- Kinetic Sand
- Handball

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.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.







What's on the menu

- Banana Cake
- 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



www.campaustralia.com.au



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 Parish EASTER MASSES HASSES



SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL - 9TH APRIL 6.00PM
EASTER SUNDAY - 10TH APRIL 8.30AM & 10.00AM

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAY'S 10AM - 12PM

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

RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY'S FROM 11.30AM

Cabra Enrolment



Apply now for Year 7, 2025 and beyond

Visit cabra.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/overview for further information and for Principal's Tour dates.

Just a reminder to families who maybe considering enrolment at Cabra Dominica College in Year 7, 2025 of the following key dates:

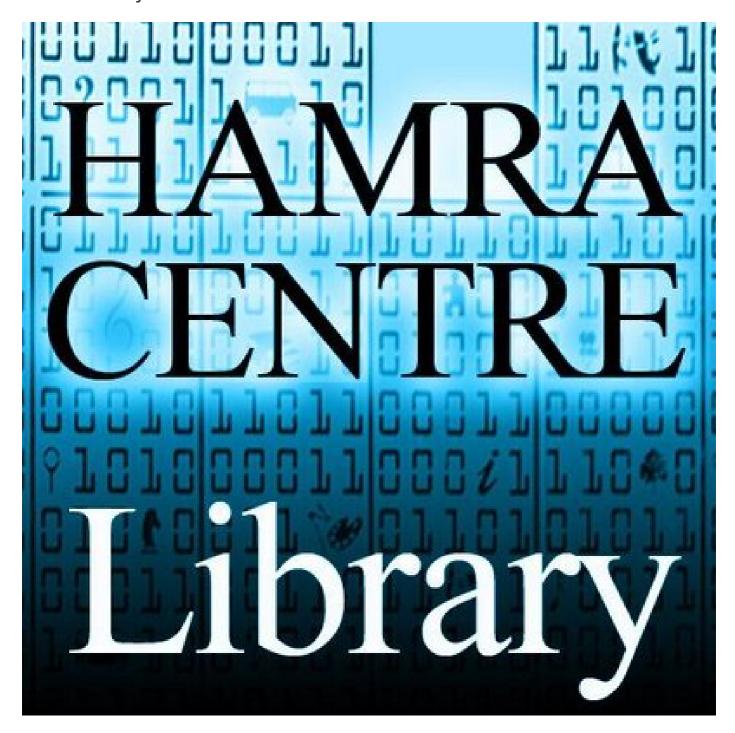
- Applications for Year 7, 2025 will close on Friday 14 April 2023.
- Siblings of existing students will need to complete an enrolment application form.
- · Applications received after the above closing date will be placed onto a waitlist.

Our final Principal's tour for Term 1 will be held at the college on:

• Thursday 16 March at 9.15am

If families are interested in attending, please visit the enrolments page on our website at www.cabra.catholic.edu.au to register.





Hamra Library currently offer the following drop-in activities:

- A monthly writers' group (4:30-5:30pm every second Wednesday of the month)
- A monthly book club with no set text, just a place to come and talk about books! (4:30-5:30pm last Wednesday of every month)
- Homework club for all-ages study assistance every Monday during term, 4pm-6pm.
- 24/7 access to Studiosity for additional support if they have a West Torrens library card!
- The Australian Refugee Association offers homework support to students from refugee backgrounds who have been in Australia for 5 years or less every Thursday of term 4pm-6pm
- Lego Club (every 2nd Monday during term time, 3:30-5pm)
- "Sign Squad" for 12-25 year olds to learn Auslan from a Deaf tutor (Friday 5-6pm in weeks 1, 4, and 8 of each term)

None of these activities require bookings but further information is available via the Hamra Library website on the Activities and Events webpage:

https://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au/Hamra-Centre-Library/Activities-and-event

Western Youth Centre Cricket Blast



A free 3 week after-school Cricket program, each Wednesday beginning Wednesday March 8 at 4:30pm - 5:30pm, at the Western Youth Centre (79 Marion Rd, Cowandilla).

This activity is supported by the City of West Torrens and run by the SA Cricket Association.

There's up to 17 places available (aged 5 - 11) and it's all free, including branded clothes that the participants get to keep.

• Here is the link to register - https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/c99caf

Please note: Do not worry about where it mentions the cost - There's no cost it just defaults to \$0.00 for everything.

*Council may also be able to assist with transport from school if required.

Newspower Bunny Bucks Colouring Competition





Each student can enter the competition at their Newspower Newsagency. Each participating Newspower store has two Rascal the Rabbit prizes to be won, but it gets even better!

Both store winners will automatically enter the National competition, where they have the chance to win a \$100.00 Bunny Bucks voucher*.

Plus if one of your students is the National winner in either the Infants or Primary category, your school will win a Bunny Bucks voucher* to the value of \$500.00.

Download the entry form here.

*Bunny Bucks is a voucher to be spent at the Newspower Newsagency where the entry was lodged.



ABOVE AND BEYOND

WOMEN'S SOCCER ACADEMY







PLAYERS OF ANY AGE AND EXPERIENCE WELCOME

MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHTS - 6:30 TO 8

CONTACT LEIGH ON 0412 591 478 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Soccer clinics available for junior girls of all ages on a Monday and Tuesday night from 6:30pm to 8pm.

There are opportunities for interested players for 1 on 1 Coaching and small group sessions.

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Birthdays



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

March Birthdays

9th Mar - Lucas C (5F)

10th Mar - Jack M (3WD)

11th Mar - Kristiana L (3BM) & Yianni L (3J)

13th Mar - Alina M (3BM)

14th Mar - Tatum N (6C), Ava B (1SM), Callan T (1SM) & Ethan T (1M)

16th Mar - Anthony P (3J)

17th Mar - Suyogya P (4A), Hayden B (3BM) & Olivia P (3WD)

19th Mar - Pippa S (REC DC)

20th Mar - Jack B (2S) & Brayden J (3BM)

21st Mar - Rayna S (5HB)

School Uniform



QUALITY UNIFORMS

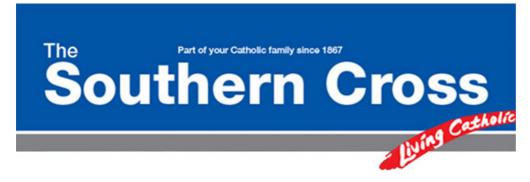
Our uniform is available for purchase from Brandmode, 83 Glen Osmond Road, Eastwood. Ph - (08) 8357 0022

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.

Acknowlegment



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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