



Important Dates

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

Harmony Day

On Tuesday we gathered as a school community on Harmony Day, to celebrate and recognise our diversity as a community. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

It was wonderful to begin the day together and share a communal prayer and to witness the sea of orange in support of the day. Well done to everyone involved.

Year 6 Camp

This week our Year 6 students have been on camp to Wirraway Homestead in the Adelaide Hills. The children enjoyed participating in a range of activities including Horse Riding, Horsemanship, Sheep Herding, Archery, Bush Walking, Low Ropes, Shelter Building, Amazing Race and Whip Cracking. Well done to all the students involved and to the staff who assisted on the camp- Lauren Copeland, Melissa Gatto, Ethan Miller and Karina Overall.

Numeracy Coach - Megan Pratt

As some of you may be aware, I have been given the opportunity to take on the newly established Numeracy Coach role at St John the Baptist. In addition to teaching Year 4 (Monday – Wednesday), I will be working with students and teachers across all year levels in the areas of Mathematics and Numeracy (Thursday and Friday).

The objective of the Numeracy Coach role is to help raise the Mathematics and Numeracy profile and achievement at the school. As a staff, we will be focussing on developing a consistent, whole school approach to teaching Mathematics, including consistency in vocabulary, practices and strategies.

An area staff have been exploring this term has been worded problems in Mathematics. These problems feature heavily in NAPLAN and PAT testing. Performing well in such assessments requires more than a strong understanding of mathematical concepts. It requires confidence in interpreting and comprehending these questions. Our aim is to provide students with regular opportunities to practice a variety of problems and employing different strategies to problem solve to help students achieve greater confidence and success. Benefits will extend beyond NAPLAN results, as such problems provide students with the opportunity to apply mathematical concepts into real life contexts.

Prior to the commencement of the school year, Michael Cimarosti and myself attended a professional learning presented by Dr Paul Swan and Narelle Rice. Swan is a highly regarded figure in Mathematics Education in Australia. The day offered valuable insights to mathematics teaching and provided direction for my role as Numeracy Coach. As staff, we have begun to explore some of his resources. His website, <https://drpaulswan.com.au/>, has a range of articles and free downloadable games and activities for teachers and parents to use with students.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the School Board will be held on Wednesday 29th March at 6:30pm in the John the Baptist Centre. All parents are most welcome to attend to hear various reports on the 2022 school year.

Learning Conversations

Learning Conversations will be held on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April. These are important conversations centred around your child's learning in the early part of the 2023 school year. Information regarding how to book has been sent home. If you have missed any of the communication regarding how to book a conversation, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

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 can be wrapped ready for the annual Easter 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 can 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.

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.

Best Wishes

The Leadership Team

Catholic Identity

Presentation Mass

Last Saturday and Sunday the children in the Sacramental Program were presented to the parish community. Please pray for the candidates as they journey through the year in preparation for their Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Commissioning Mass

Alongside of the children being presented on Sunday, the St John the Baptist staff were sent forth in mission to support the school community. It was lovely to have both the staff and children from our school community at the Sunday Mass.

Feast Days

The Church calendar is filled with various important occasions, which include feast days. These are opportunities to look at the ways these individuals have shaped the life of the Church through the way they lived their life in the mission to share God's love with others.

Last Friday and this Monday we celebrated two Saints feast days: St Patrick and St Joseph. The children participated in class liturgies and individual activities to explore their stories and why both were important figures of faith.

Harmony Day

Although we should always honor our cultural diversity in Australia, this week has placed a strong focus on the richness this brings to our country and community. On Tuesday we gathered for communal prayer as a school community. Our Year 6 leaders alongside other students, staff and parents lead the school in a liturgy to mark the celebration of Harmony Day. Students and staff were encouraged to wear a touch of orange to commemorate the occasion. Individual classes have continued to celebrate Harmony Day with class activities.

Project Compassion

In last week's Project Compassion story, we heard about Priscilla from Zimbabwe. The country is currently experiencing drought and food supplies are low. One project that Priscilla has supported is the rearing of chickens to aid families in her community, particularly as a source of food. In response to her story, our Year 6 Social Justice leaders, have created this year's Project Compassion fundraising focus to be: Which class can fundraise for the most chickens?

Every \$7 raised = 1 chicken for a family to raise in Zimbabwe. A chart will be displayed in the school to track and show the progress of each class.

Amanda Razon

APRIM



Staff Profiles



Name: Mary Aquilina

Role at St John's & Years of Service: ESO/Chaplain - started last year

Favourite Colour: Purple

Favourite Food: Lasagna

Sporting Team: Adelaide Crows

Hobbies & Interests: Painting

Primary School: St Josephs, Payneham

High School: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Pets: None currently

3 Words to describe yourself: Joyful, Bubbly, Optimistic

Best advice you have been given: Making mistakes is how you learn

Favourite holiday spot: Italy

Favourite season: Spring

Finance News

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

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



Airport District Softball Team

Congratulations to Alex T (6C) and Mitchell McC (6GR) on being selected in the Airport Boys softball team to compete at the Softball State SAPSASA Carnival.

The carnival is run by School Sport SA (Department for Education) for the 40 SAPSASA districts across South Australia, with a focus on students developing skills and learning through sport in a safe and supportive environment. District teams compete in a round robin style competition over 3 days.

Date: 3rd April, 4th April, 5th April.

Venue: West Beach Softball Grounds, Barrett Reserve.

Term 1 Sport Carnivals

SAPSASA 2023 Glenelg Lacrosse Carnival Years 4-6 held Thursday 9th March (Week 6)

On **Thursday 9th March 2023** Saint John the Baptist Catholic School sent 4 teams to compete in the 2023 Glenelg Lacrosse Lightning Carnival.

The carnival was held at the **Glenelg Lacrosse Club** grounds – Barratt Reserve.

- Year 4/5 Boys' team
- Year 4/5 Girls' team
- Year 6 Boys' team
- Year 6 Girls' team

The St John's teams had a very successful day. Three teams made the Grand Final, while the other team played off for 3rd spot.

Results:

- Grand Final: Year 4/5 Boys v Immanuel College – 1st
- Grand Final: Year 4/5 Girls v Immanuel College – 1st
- Grand Final: Year 6 Girls v Immanuel College – 2nd
- Semi Final: Year 6 Boys v Immanuel College – 3rd

A big congratulations to all the students who competed and a big thank you to the parents who helped on the day.

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

There were 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. Thank you to all the parents who helped at Immanuel College.

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival Years 3–6 to be held Wednesday 29th March (Week 9)

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent St John the Baptist Catholic School at the SACPSSA Section 3 Swimming Carnival being held at the SA Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 29th March.

Grace A	Madeleine T	Riley T
Bree K	Ashley W	Tilly M
Tatum N	Ella W	Orlando T
Alex T	Archie H	Violet H
Isabella T	Koah M	Torah V
Charlie P	Eloise S	Will K
Mason P	Ethan B	Frankie P
		Jai M

Crows Cup Years 5/6 Girls to be held Friday 31st March (Week 9)

On Friday 31st March two teams of Saint John the Baptist Catholic School Year 5 & 6 girls will be participating in the Western Area Crows Cup at West Beach Playing Field (opposite AFL MAX). We will be fielding a Year 5 team and a Year 6 team. This carnival will be held in conjunction with the **West Adelaide Football Club**.

Paul O'Dea

PE & Co-curricular Sport Co-ordinator

podea@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

Clothing Pool



Has your child borrowed from our emergency clothing pool?

If they have could you please launder and return the clothing as soon as possible as we have run out of many of the frequently used sizes.

St John the Baptist Catholic School

BUNNINGS

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

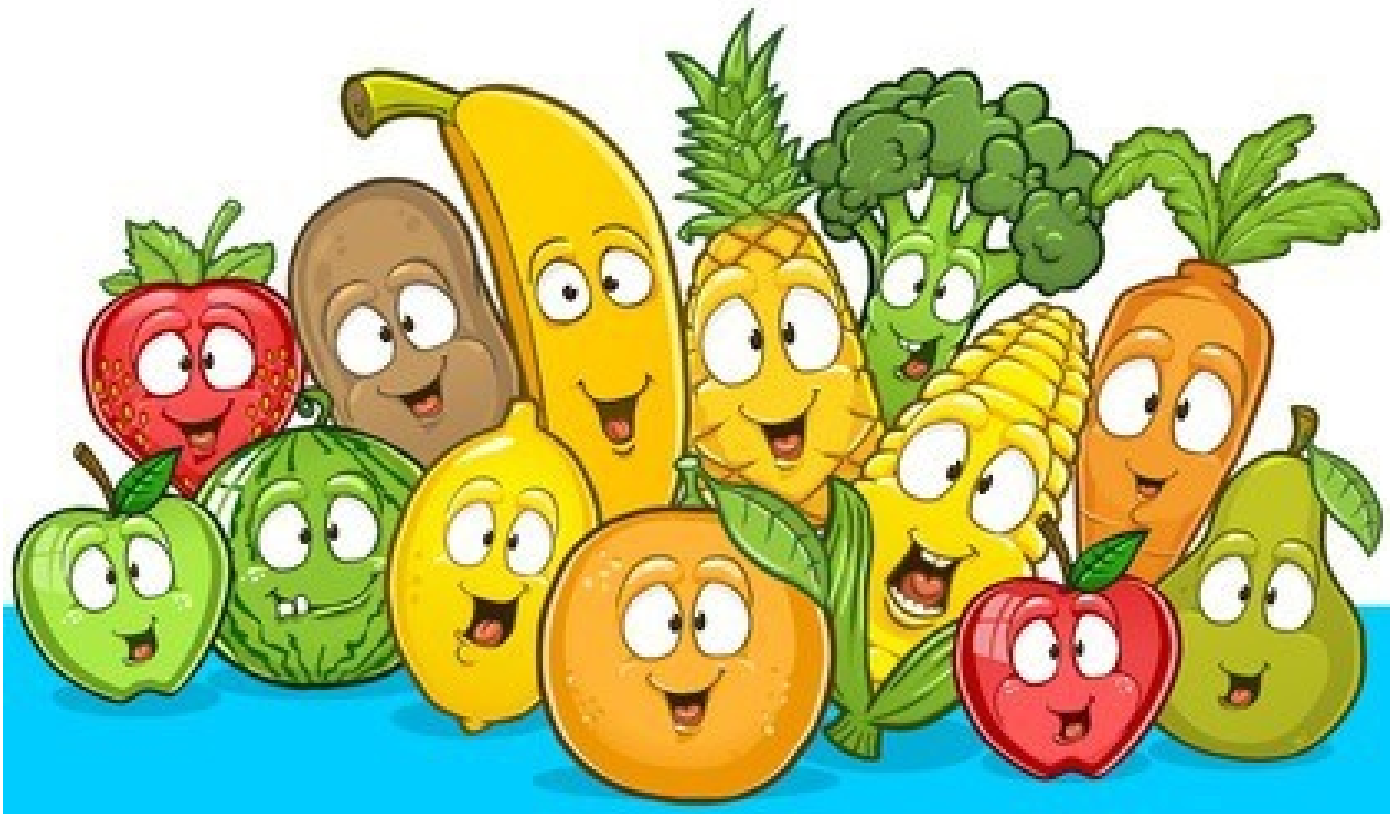
Please call or message Karen Klingberg 0402 854 846 to support this important fundraising event.

Easter Raffle



We are excited to be holding our annual Easter Raffle. We invite families to donate an item towards the Easter raffle. These could include an Easter egg, Easter items, children's books, Easter craft items or a gold coin donation. These donations will be gathered into prizes and drawn on Tuesday 4th April. Raffle books will be sent home with each family. If you can sell more tickets, please ask at the front office.

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 24th Mar - Kate Piasente

Monday 27th Mar - Julie

Tuesday 28th Mar - Jo

Wednesday 29th Mar - Julie

Thursday 30th Mar - Victoria Thurston & Jo

Friday 31st Mar - Stacy Arnold & Jo

Monday 3rd Apr - Julie

Tuesday 4th Apr - Jo

Wednesday 5th Apr - Maria Esteban, Neeta Saldanha & Julie

Thursday 6th Apr - Jo

Friday 7th Apr - Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 10th Apr - Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tuesday 11th Apr - Jo

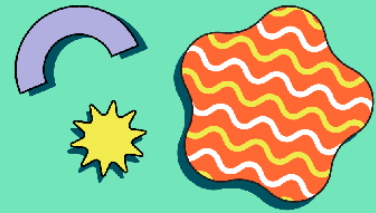
Wednesday 12th Apr - Toni Stevens, Julian Thompson & Julie

Thursday 13th Apr - Jo

Friday 14th Apr - Zoe Seiffert & Jo

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Hello everyone, I hope you have all been enjoying the school term!

Throughout the past week the children have been making pizza, playing with the new board games, eating carrot and banana cake and enjoying flavourful smoothies!

As we grow closer to the end of the school term, I would like to mention the Rocketeers program that is run at St Johns OSHC. Our program this year includes some exciting incursions and excursions; including sandwich masterclasses, Pedals and Play and a Spectacular Circus Fiesta! We cannot wait to see your children throughout the holidays and look forward to hearing all about their adventures outside of school. If you would like any more information on the Rocketeers program or have a concern, please don't hesitate to contact us via phone or email so that Tate or Amy can express your concern.

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 sastjohnbaptist@oshccampastralia.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.campastralia.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](#)

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
Special Mass



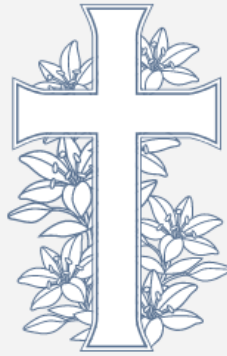
ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 9.30AM

Plympton Parish



EASTER MASSES



SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL - 9TH APRIL 6.00PM

EASTER SUNDAY - 10TH APRIL 8.30AM & 10.00AM

Plympton Catholic Parish Mass Times



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

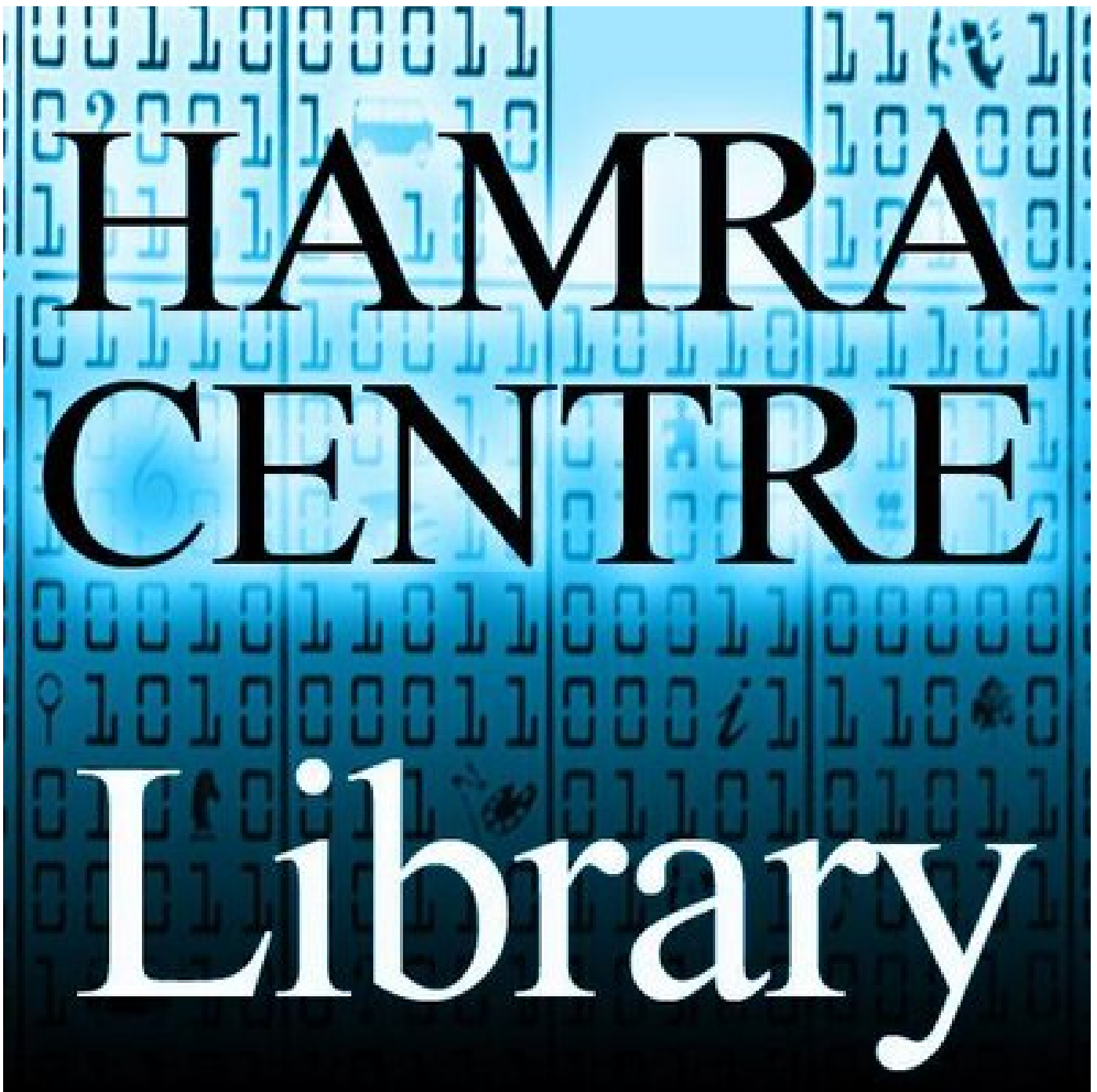
VIGIL MASS - SATURDAYS AT 6PM

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



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>

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SESSION 1 9:00AM - 12:00PM

SESSION 2 12:00PM - 3:00PM

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SIGN UP



WEEK 1

TUESDAY	18TH APRIL	BRIGHTON
WEDNESDAY	19TH APRIL	HENLEY
FRIDAY	21ST APRIL	LIGHTS

WEEK 2

THURSDAY	27TH APRIL	LOFTY
FRIDAY	28TH APRIL	BRIGHTON

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Birthdays



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

March Birthdays

24th Mar - Hunter M (4A)

26th Mar - Kyree C (3J)

27th Mar - Elise H (6GR)

28th Mar - Scarlett W (5F)

29th Mar - Isabelle PE (6GR)

30th Mar - Maisy W (3WD), Emilia R (2S) & Riley M (1SM)

31st Mar - Harrison S (REC B)

April Birthdays

1st Apr - Aria Z (REC B)

2nd Apr - Shourya S (2T)

3rd Apr - Mitchell M (6GR) & Arjen G ((3WD)

4th Apr - Alen K (3WD) & Alexandra F (1M)

5th Apr - Maya I (3WD)

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](#).

Instrumental Tutors

We currently offer the following instrumental tutoring:

Piano

(currently a waitlist)

Tutor - Christine Davies

Ph: 0403 546 091

Email - christineonpiano@gmail.com

Guitar

Tutor - Dido Durmanovic

Ph: 0407 719 836

Email: didodurmanovic@hotmail.com

Drums

Tutor - Shaun Doddy

Ph: 0417 806 993

Email: shaundoddy@rocketmail.com

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

Southern Cross Newsletter



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