

Important Dates

Harmony Day

Thursday 21 March 2024

Walk for Water for Project Compassion

Friday 22 March 2024

Palm Sunday

Sunday 24 March 2024

Learning Conversations

Tuesday 26 March 2024

Learning Conversations

Wednesday 27 March 2024

Easter Raffle Drawn

Thursday 28 March 2024

Good Friday Public Holiday

Friday 29 March 2024

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Monday 1 April 2024

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6

Tuesday 2 April 2024

SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival Yrs 4-6

Wednesday 3 April 2024

Year 6 Camp

Monday 8 April 2024

Year 6 Camp

Wednesday 10 April 2024

Year 6 Camp

Tuesday 9 April 2024

Last Day of Term - 3pm Finish

Friday 12 April 2024

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

Harmony Week

Harmony Week is celebrated annually during March to highlight our diverse cultures and help us better understand each other's experiences and backgrounds. During this week, the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is also acknowledged on the 21 March. Harmony Week is an opportunity to recognise Australia's multiculturalism, which embraces people from all over the world, especially indigenous Australians. As a nation, we are encouraged to promote respect, understanding and

appreciation for all cultures.

Australia's multicultural background has been shaped by migration since 1945, which at times has culminated into situations that have been challenging and sometimes leading to conflict due to a lack of understanding. Harmony Week reminds us to appreciate everyone, regardless of their background or circumstances.

Families can join in the celebrations of Harmony Week, and view it as an opportunity to join in the activities that unite cultures demonstrating that everyone belongs. There is no set way to celebrate the week, but participating in international food fairs, attending street parades, wearing orange or even just having a meaningful conversation, can all help show your support.

For further information on how you can get involved, click on the links below:

- Official Website
- A Taste of Harmony
- Downloadable Resources

To view a Harmony Week video from SchoolTV please click on this link here.



From the Numeracy Coach

On Tuesday, our Year 3 and 5 students completed the Numeracy component of the NAPLAN tests. In the lead up to this day, classes have been working hard to prepare students for this assessment.

Understanding and responding accurately to these questions requires a lot more than an understanding of mathematical processes. Rarely are students presented with a simple algorithm to complete: eg 56 + 23 = ? Most NAPLAN questions are worded problems, written in sentence form requiring children to apply their mathematical knowledge to a 'real-life' scenario. As such, not only do the students need to have a good understanding of the Mathematics curriculum, they need to have the skills and competence in decoding the questions. A student's understanding of mathematical vocabulary is crucial in their ability to comprehend and appropriately respond to the problems presented.

Mathematical vocabulary is quite complex. We all understand what the word subtract means. However, within a problem you may also see words such as less than, take away, reduce or fewer. These words and many other terms also can mean subtract. Thise can be said about many other mathematical concepts. Students need exposure to this vocabulary to understand which operation they need to apply in order to solve a problem successfully.

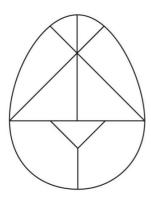
This highlights the importance of regular exposure to different questions as well as opportunities to discuss the language and work through problem solving strategies to build a student's capacity for success. Simply teaching concepts is not sufficient, explicit instruction around vocabulary and context is key to unlocking the strategy to successfully solve these problems.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of everyone involved in preparing and participating in all NAPLAN tests – students, families and teachers. Congratulations!

Easter Maths Challenge

As we near Easter, I thought it would be good to present you all with an Easter themed Math challenge. I am encouraging families to work together to solve this puzzle.

Attached is a template for an Easter Egg. Your challenge is to cut out the egg and rearrange the pieces to form a silhouette of a bird.



For a full size egg, please use this link here.

Instructions for the challenge:

- 1. Cut out the pieces of the egg. You should end up with 9 pieces.
- 2. Arrange the pieces back together to make form the egg shape again.
- 3. Once you have done this, try to move the pieces around to make a bird shape. You must use all 9 pieces when creating your shape and they cannot overlap.

Hint: there are more than 4 different bird shapes you can make. Can you find them all?

Use the link to print out a copy of the Egg Template. Spare copies will also be available from the library.

All successful entries (one or more solution) will go into a draw for a prize. Please make sure you put your name and class on the entry to be eligible for a prize.

Submit answers into the box in the library or via email (mpratt@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au) by Wednesday, 27th March.

Good luck.

Learning Conversations

Learning Conversations will be held on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March. These are important conversations centred around your child's learning in the early part of the 2024 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.

Before School Drop Off

A reminder that the school gates open each morning at 8:30am upon which staff supervise the yard.

Please do not drop your child to school prior to 8:30am and leave them at the gate, as the street is unsupervised.

Out of School Hours Care is available from 7:00am until 8:30am for any families whose children need to be at the school before 8:30am.

We thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

The Leadership Team

Catholic Identity

St Joseph's Feast Day

March 19th is the feast of St Joseph, spouse of Mary. As a significant figure to the Josephite tradition, we honour St Joseph as a school. Teachers held class prayer services and completed small activities with the students to learn more about his qualities.

Harmony Day

To celebrate the diversity of culture within our school, we held a prayer service within each classroom on Thursday 21st March. This allowed for intimate discussion and sharing of each student's cultural heritage.

Walk for Water - Project Compassion

Fr. Denis shared about how his community is supported by organisations like Caritas through Project Compassion and the importance of clean water facilities. This special assembly raised awareness and allowed the children to have a deeper understanding of how we can continue to support vulnerable communities through our donations.

On Friday, we will hold Walk for Water, where students will carry bottles of water and walk laps around the school. This again allows the children to gain a bit of insight as to what other children must do to collect clean water.

Holy Week

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. It marks the beginning of Holy Week, which are the days leading up to Christ's Passion and Easter. This is very significant in the Church calendar because it allows us the opportunity to contemplate Jesus' love for the Father and love for all of humankind. As tradition permits, our school will observe this important time with prayer and reflection on the meaning of Holy Week.

Amanda Razon

APRIM

Thrive on Thursday



All children and families are welcome to Join our wellbeing program

Playful Games Zone

Connect with other families

Chat with our School Chaplain

Every Thursday

IN THE HALL BEFORE THE SCHOOL BELL



'Thrive' on Thursday

"Thrive" offers a safe and welcoming space for families. It is a space for children to enjoy some activities such as tic tac toe where

In Sympathy



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

May God keep them close.

To the family of Evie S in REC BR for her mother, Kate.

"Eternal Rest grant unto her O'Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace."

Finance News

Statement of Accounts - Instalments due now

School Fee statements were posted out earlier in the year, if you did not receive a copy, please email me and I can check the address we have on file and give you a copy. Thank you to all the families who have set up payment authorities or started making payments via Qkr!, online or at the office. This is just a friendly reminder that Term 1 instalments are now due and payment options which should already have started and are: weekly x 42 payments, fortnightly x 22 payments, monthly x 10 payments so that fees are completed by early Term 4. You can divide your balance by the option you wish to choose and pay by Qkr!, Bpay or via the office. If you wish to set up a direct debit, forms were sent out last year, but it's not too late so please email me for a new one as soon as possible.

School Card

This is for families, single parents, or businesses on a low income of around \$70,994 last financial year. Please follow the links below to apply for the 2024 School Card Scheme. These must be completed each school year:

Form A (Income Assessment)

https://online.forms.sa.edu.au/content/forms/af/public/application-for-school-card.html

Form B (hardship, change of circumstances or self-employed)

https://online.forms.sa.edu.au/content/forms/af/public/form-b-hardship-or-circumstance-or-self-employed.html

If accepted, this will allow us to reduce your tuition fees to the lower-income fee, so please apply as soon as possible as it can take 4-6 weeks for approval.

Qkr!

The Qkr! Team has advised us that they have now resolved the issues they were having with Android Phones and users can now download the App from the Google Play Store.



They apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

If you have any queries or if you are having trouble making payments please email me on accounts@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au, phone me on 8218 3304 or come in and see me Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm.

Jodie Veldhoen

Finance Officer



Do you have a child who is due to start school in 2026 and have not yet submitted an enrolment form?

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.

Bright Ideas



We value your insights and involvement in enhancing our school community. Please share any suggestions or ideas you have regarding school improvement. Your input is crucial in creating a positive and effective learning environment for our students.

Insights may be discussed at future School Advisory Board meetings or you may be contacted personally for further follow up!

Please find link here for your suggestions.

From the Sport Coordinator



Dear St John's Community,

I hope you are all having an excellent week and your child is enjoying Sport outside of school as much as they are enjoying PE lessons here at school.

As a school we have now commenced the Premier's Be Active Challenge. All students should now have their booklet and are able to start recording their physical activities. The aim is for students to choose 5 days in the 7 day week and be active for a total of 60 mins per day. This 60 minute period can accumulate over the day at different points, it does not have to be one continuous 60 minute effort. This challenge will run for a total of 10 weeks. Good luck to everyone and I look forward to seeing the range of different activities that students participate in.

Some of our senior classes have had the privilege of expert Lacrosse coaching from a Junior Development Coach from the Glenelg Lacrosse Club. All Physical Education lessons from Years 3-6 currently have Lacrosse as the main focus. The reason behind this is that on April 3rd we will be taking all Year 4-6 students to the Glenelg Lacrosse Carnival. It is great to see the students learning new skills, being engaged and thoroughly enjoying themselves. We look forward to a very successful carnival day.

Last Friday night the 15th of March we had 4 of our students taste Grand Final success. A huge congratulations to Lyla G, Addison S, Poppy McG and Frankie P who were part of an undefeated premiership team. The girls play for Glengowrie Netball Club in the Under 9's Division 1 competition. For a Grand Final match they had a very convincing 20-9 victory. Well Done girls, a very proud moment for you all and something you will remember for a lifetime.



In other sport, we had quite a few of our students place successfully at the recent Nipper State Championships on the 17th and 18th March. It is quite an achievement placing at state level, so a huge congratulations to those students involved.



Please feel free to email me at sport@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au if you have any other Sport news that you believe needs to be celebrated. Our students are doing amazing things in the community and these efforts deserve to be recognised.

Have a wonderful remainder of your week.

Sam Putland
SPORT COORDINATOR



We are excited to be holding our annual Easter Raffle. We invite each family to donate an Easter item towards the Easter raffle. These could include an Easter Egg, Easter items, children's books, Easter craft items or a gold coin donation. We would also appreciate Easter gift bags or baskets to display prizes.

These donations will be gathered into prizes, which will be drawn on Thursday 28th March at 2.20pm Assembly time. To celebrate Easter, we are also inviting students to wear a touch of Easter. This could be bunny ears, a bunny mask, easter socks, easter hat etc...

We invite you to bring along a gold coin donation which will go towards Project Compassion.

Ten tickets will be sent home with each family. If you are unable to sell them, please return to the front office ASAP. If you can sell more tickets, please see Bernadette in the front office.

Please pay for your raffle tickets via Qkr! and return your completed books to school.

In summary:

- 10 Easter raffle tickets (\$1.00/ ticket) will be sent home to each family in Week 6.
- Easter raffle tickets need to be returned by Friday 22rd March (Week 8).
- Wear Easter theme item Thursday 28th March (Week 9). Gold coin donation.
- Easter raffle drawn on Thursday 28th March (Week 9).

Thank you, your generosity is very much appreciated.



18th-24th March 2024



#NationalPlaygroupWeek

This week celebrates National Playgroup week. Join us for coffee and cake on Wednesday from 9am as we celebrate all that is wonderful about being apart of a playgroup community.

In other news Playgroup will be changing days as of next term. We will be running playgroup on Friday mornings from 9am – 10.30am each week of the school term. We look forward to reading, playing, singing, and seeing you there.

Karina Overal

Playgroup Coordinator





Name	Julia Roy	
Role at St Johns & Years of Service	5 Wonderful Months of being an ESO	
Favourite Colour	Green	
Favourite Food	Lemon Meringue Pie	
Sporting Team you support	I go for the Fremantle Dockers.	
Hobbies & Interests	I love to go Ten Pin Bowling, singing and dancing.	
Primary School you attended	I went to Regina Coeli Primary School, Beverly Hills NSW	
High School you attended	I went to Rosebank College, Five Dock NSW	
Pets	I have a dog named Missy	
3 Words to describe yourself	Bubbly, passionate and excitable	
Best advice you have been given	No matter how hard life can get, go to bed grateful for all you have.	
Favourite holiday spot	I love going to Sydney to stay with my mum and dad.	
Favourite Season	Spring	

From the Library



If there are any parents able and willing to cover new library books this year, please email mfrench@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

Scholastic Orders

Scholastic Book Club orders are due by 29th March.

Book Club provides families with an affordable and convenient way to access the best in children's literature to encourage leisure reading. Book Club brings the magic of reading to families by curating the catalogue in age-appropriate sections with a huge variety of excellent quality, affordable books.

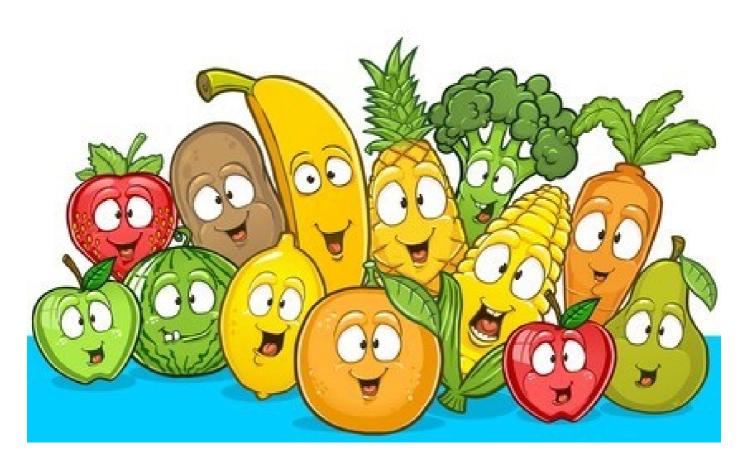
LOOK INSIDE THIS ISSUE OF BOOK CLUB!

Thank you

Maria French

Library Coordinator

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 22nd Mar - Jo & Jo Rowett

Monday 25th Mar - Juliie

Tuesday 26th Mar - Jo

Wednesday 27th Mar - Julie & Maria Esteban

Thursday 28th Mar - Jo

Friday 29th Mar - Good Friday

Monday 1st Apr - Easter Monday

Tuesday 2nd Apr - Jo

Wednesday 3rd Apr - Julie & Neeta Saldanha

Thursday 4th Apr - Jo

Friday 5th Apr - Jo & Cara Finneran

Monday 8th Apr - Julie

Tuesday 9th Apr - Jo

Wednesday 10th Apr - Julie

Thursday 11th Apr - Jo

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

Camp Australia OSHC



Guiding children's growth

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter









20/03/2024

SA St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School OSHC

A message from your Coordinator

Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope this message finds you well. We are steadily making our way through the school term! I just wanted to share some of the activities that we have been up to inside the OSHC these past two weeks!

We have been busy beading bracelets, keyrings and much more, many of the children decided to create something for their friends. We have also been creating many unique designs with the polydron set! These have ranged from transformers arms, buildings and even helmets! At OSHC we strive to have fun!

We are also highlighting some of the exciting vegetarian menu items that we have been utilising throughout the OSHC lately! Our menu can be viewed below. We value your children's feedback on menu items to ensure that we are providing quality care and a tasty meal for them to enjoy!

Furthermore, we value partnership between parents and educators, your involvement plays a crucial role in the success at OSHC. Please stay connected with us through regular communication channels such as through phone at o405436293 or email at sastjohnbaptist@oshccampaustralia.com.au.

Thanks, Tate













Weekly Menu



This weekly menu is planned using the Healthy Eating Advisory Service's Food and Drink Checklist for Outside School Hours Care to ensure that all food provided meets the Australian Dietary Guidelines. Fresh water is provided throughout all sessions.

Cooking activities using recipes from the Camp Australia's Healthy Eating Cookbook are provided 1-2 times per week.

Week Commencing: 25th March 2024

	Before School Care	After School Care
Monday	Toast with Spreads: Vegemite, Apricot Jam, Strawberry Jam, Chocolate Spread, Honey Drinks: Water NO MILK	Fruit: Apples, pears, oranges, grapes, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, watermelon, rockmelon, bananas, pineapple, carrots, cucumbers, mandarin, sultanas dried apricots, fruit salad & peaches Second Snack: Mexican Bowl
Tuesday	Cereals: Rice Bubbles, Oats, Cornflakes & Weetbix Toast with Spreads: Vegemite, Apricot Jam, Strawberry Jam, Chocolate Spread, Honey Drinks: Milo, Milk & Water	Fruit: Apples, pears, oranges, grapes, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, watermelon, rockmelon, bananas, pineapple, carrots, cucumbers, mandarin, sultanas dried apricots, fruit salad & peaches Second Snack: Hongs Special Fried Rice
Wednesday	Toast with Spreads: Vegemite, Apricot Jam, Strawberry Jam, Chocolate Spread, Honey Drinks: Water NO MILK	Fruit: Apples, pears, oranges, grapes, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, watermelon, rockmelon, bananas, pineapple, carrots, cucumbers, mandarin, sultanadried apricots, fruit salad & peaches Second Snack: Pumpkin Soup
Thursday	Cereals: Rice Bubbles, Oats, Cornflakes & Weetbix Toast with Spreads: Vegemite, Apricot Jam, Strawberry Jam, Chocolate Spread, Honey Drinks: Milo, Milk & Water	Fruit: Apples, pears, oranges, grapes, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, watermelon, rockmelon, bananas, pineapple, carrots, cucumbers, mandarin, sultanadried apricots, fruit salad & peaches Second Snack: Moroccan Chickpea Stew
Friday	Cereals: Rice Bubbles, Oats, Cornflakes & Weetbix Toast with Spreads: Vegemite, Apricot Jam, Strawberry Jam, Chocolate Spread, Honey Drinks: Milo, Milk and Water	Fruit: Apples, pears, oranges, grapes, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, watermelon, rockmelon, bananas, pineapple, carrots, cucumbers, mandarin, sultana dried apricots, fruit salad & peaches Second Snack:

Educators are required to include each week's completed Weekly Menu in the service's Reflection Journal.



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 and have completed the volunteers application package.

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 Region 3 Assembly





Year 7 2026 Enrolment Applications close Friday 12 April 2024



Year 7, 2026 Intake

For any families that may be considering enrolment at Cabra Dominican College in Year 7, 2026, a reminder that enrolment applications will close on **Friday 12 April 2024 (end of Term 1).** Please note that siblings of current students are required to complete an application form.



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.

Tuesday 5 March 4.15pm

Tuesday 9 April 9.15am

Tuesday 21 May 9.15am

Tuesday 20 August 9.15am

Tuesday 22 October 9.15am



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

shc.sa.edu.au

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

let's get real

about

teen mental health

Learn from a Kids Helpline counsellor who has answered their calls for help!

Topics include:

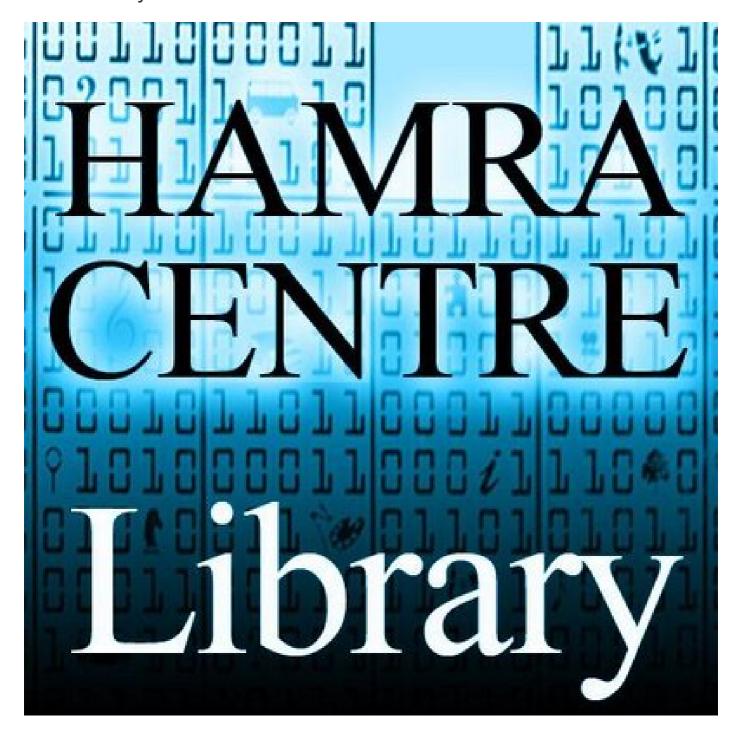
- The stuff your teen doesn't tell you
- Secrets of the teen brain
- A counsellor's tips for mental health

27 wednesday | 6.30-7.30PM (AEST) on Vimeo

kidshelpline.com.au/webinar







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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Absences



If a student is absent from school due to illness, parents / caregivers are asked to contact the school office by 9.00am via:

- Absentee Line 8218 3300 available 24 hours a day to leave a message
- SMS Messaging 0409 793 402

Birthdays



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

March Birthdays

21st Mar - Rayna S (6P)

22nd Mar - Hiya G (6RC)

24th Mar - Grace H (3J) & Hunter M (5F)

26th Mar - Kyree C (4W) & Jude C (REC K)

27th Mar - Alex D (REC K)

28th Mar - Scarlett W (6P)

30th Mar - Riley M (2S), Emilia R (3J) & Maisy W (4A)

31st Mar - Harrison S (1M)

April Birthdays

1st Apr - Aria Z (1SM)

School Uniform



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 & Ukelele

Tutor - Dido Durmanovic

Ph: 0407 719 836

Email: didodurmanovic@hotmail.com

Acknowledgement



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



Click here to read the latest news from the Southern Cross News.

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