

Issue Date 20 March 2025



Important Dates

Harmony Day Friday 21 March 2025 Wear a Touch of Orange for Harmony Day Friday 21 March 2025 3rd Sunday Lent Sunday 23 March 2025

Reconciliation

6pm

Preparation Session

Wednesday 26 March 2025

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6 Tuesday 25 March 2025

4th Sunday Lent Sunday 30 March 2025

Learning Conversations 3.15-5pm Tuesday 1 April 2025

Year 3 Mandala Incursion Learning Conversations 3.15Year 5 Mandala Incursion 5th Sunday Lent Sunday 6 April 2025 8pm Wednesday 2 April 2025 Wednesday 2 April 2025

Year 6 Camp 7th -9th April Monday 7 April 2025

Easter Raffle Drawn

Thursday 10 April 2025

Easter Theme Day Thursday 10 April 2025 Colour Run Friday 11 April 2025 Last Day of Term -3pm Finish Friday 11 April 2025

First Day of Term 2

Monday 28 April 2025

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

Learning takes Effort and Practice

Have you ever 'learned' a new skill or gained new knowledge only to find in a week, month or years later you attempt to retrieve this knowledge or replicate the skill you are unable to do so effectively? This is very common. We often learn new skills and information but without regular practice, we are unable to use this new learning effectively.

Learning is a complex process that requires new information to be transferred and arranged from our working memory into our long-term memory. When we can retrieve information from our long-term memory efficiently, it is said we have learned that skill or acquired that knowledge.

For effective learning to occur, we need many opportunities to practice retrieving and applying the learning in new and varied contexts. While the number of exposures will vary, research suggests that on average learners need approximately 7-10 exposures to a new skill. However, this number may extend upwards of 70 practices, depending on the individual and the complexity of the task.

So, what are the implications of this in the context of Mathematics learning? Simply put, students require regular exposures to and practice of core concepts and skills. This is particularly relevant when students begin to develop an understanding and fluency with number facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Students can get frustrated and/or give up when they experience challenge or don't understand something at the first attempt. It is important to understand that learning can feel a little uncomfortable but through regular practice and perseverance learning will occur. It may not happen quickly, but with a commitment to practice, success is achievable.

Practice doesn't have to be long or arduous. Incidental opportunities to discuss practical mathematics in real life situations helps add to your child's exposure to math thinking and understanding. Opportunities could include; modelling and practicing counting objects around the home when tidying up, skip counting in collections such as pairs of socks, playing games that involve identifying numbers on cards or dice or getting children to compare and work out the cost of items while shopping. These discussions encourage students to recall information and provides opportunities to practice, therefore supporting the transference of knowledge for stronger and lasting mathematical understanding.

Exiting After School

Please be mindful of noise levels when exiting the school through the office. Keeping voices low will help maintain a calm and professional environment particularly when office staff are on the phone. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Staffing News

Mary Aquilina has won a full time teaching position in an early childhood setting. We thank Mary for her dedication, kindness and hard work in her roles as ESO Curriculum and the School Chaplain. Mary will conclude her time at our school on Wednesday, 26th March. We wish Mary every success in the future.

Catholic Identity

Feast Days

The Church calendar always has room for celebration, especially in commemorating the extraordinary lives of people gone before us, the Saints. This week has been eventful as there have been two saint feast days. St Patrick's feast day was observed on Monday 17th March and St Joseph's on 19th March.

St Patrick was known to be a missionary and bishop who was responsible for converting many people to the Catholic faith in the fifth century, while St Joseph is recognised as the protector and provider of Mary and Jesus, the Holy Family. Both days were observed with class liturgies as well as various activities set by classroom teachers.

Project Compassion

We are now into our second week of Lent, and we continue to partake in the giving element of this season. Our theme for Project Compassion this Lent is 'Unite against Poverty' which encourages us to stand in solidarity with all those who are less fortunate than us.

We will be holding a walk within our school grounds on Friday 4th April to recognise that some people need to walk great distances to access clean water. We encourage everyone to donate to this walk for water through the donation boxes in classrooms or via the school's fundraising page. Our goal is to reach \$1000 by the end of the term, let us hope we can get there!

Thank you for your support and generosity with this initiative.

Harmony Day

On Friday we celebrate Harmony Day, celebrating all the different cultures within our country. Students are encouraged to wear a touch of orange to recognise that everybody belongs.

Reconciliation Preparation Session

After the Presentation Mass in February, this is the first session of the Sacramental Program. The preparation session for Reconciliation will be held next Wednesday 26th March at 6pm in the John the Baptist Centre (School Hall).

Amanda Razon APRIM



Our prayers are with those who have recently lost loved ones. May God keep them close.

To the family of Alfie Hamilton for his grandmother.

"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 now due

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, termly x 4 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 \$74,189 last financial year. Please follow the links below to apply for the 2025 School Card Scheme. These must be completed **each school year**:

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.

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

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From the Sport Coordinator



Dear St John's Community,

This is the time of the year to be working outside. We are experiencing fresh mornings which develop into beautiful sunny days. It really is glorious being outside in such conditions, especially when the students arrive for their lessons with a positive mindset and are eager to do their best during Physical Education lessons.

The Year 5/6 girls have recently wrapped up their 4 week 'Growing Girls for Cricket' Program. I would like to thank Jess from SACA for providing fun, exciting and engaging sessions for the girls. From my observations there was certainly a good vibe around these sessions and the girls were having fun. I witnessed activities that tested individual skills and then there were some fantastic team games being played. Well done to all of the girls that gave it their best shot and gained some new skills from the experience.

Recently we had Cail and his team from SANFL Game Development come to our school and run a 'Footy Clinic' for our students in Years 3-5. These students as well as our Year 6 students were given the opportunity to then sign up for the 2025 Gather Round School Football Competition. I am pleased to report that 26 of our students have taken up this offer and this week played their first match in the 4-week competition. Round 1 of this competition was fantastic, it was so good to see so many students smiling, being active and having fun. There were many parents supporting on the sidelines which was fantastic to see also. The students will play for 4 weeks straight and then will be involved in a special AFL Gather Round experience.

Last week we had 6 boys trial out for the SAPSASA Swimming Team. From those trials I am happy to report that 4 of these boys were successful in obtaining a spot in the SAPSASA Squad Team. These 4 boys will be representing our school at a SAPSASA level on Friday 4th of April. We would like to wish: Ethan Beresford (6M), Riley Taylor (6M), Xavier Fontanot (5G) and Flynn Beresford (5G) all the very best for the upcoming SAPSASA Swimming State Championships.

Our SACPSSA Swimming Carnival will be taking place next Tuesday 25th March at the George Bolton Swimming Centre in Burnside. We hope our 37 competitors are primed and are ready to represent our school with their best efforts. I am certainly looking forward to this carnival after being promoted to Section 2 for this year.

Have an outstanding end to your week everyone!

Yours in sport

Sam Putland SPORTS COORDINATOR

Harmony Day

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Harmony Day is a day where we recognise cultural diversity and that everybody belongs. Students are encouraged to wear a touch of orange this Friday 21st March to acknowledge this special occasion.

We look forward to celebrating this special day, acknowledging the many cultures that make our community.

Parents & Friends



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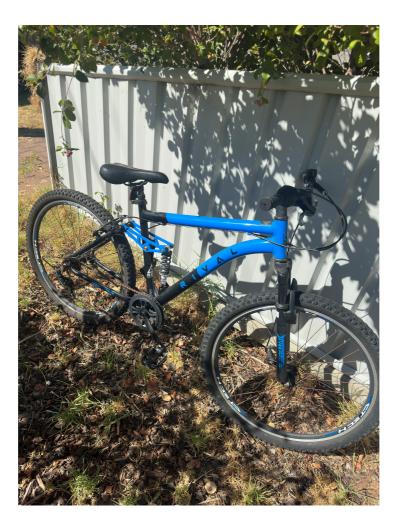




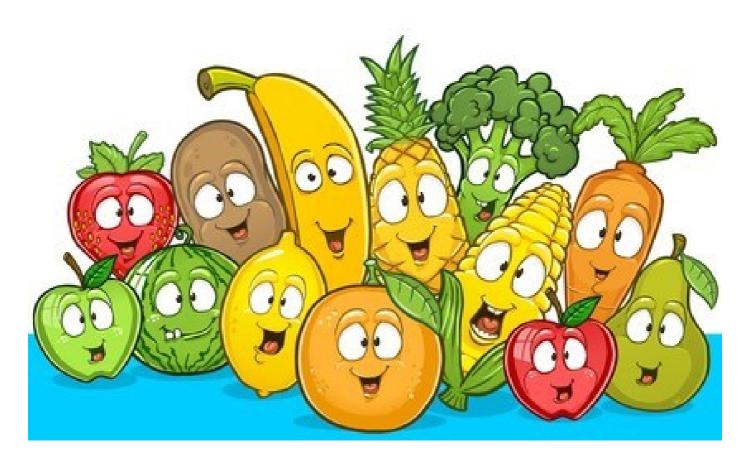
- School Colour Run 11th April
- Mother's Day Stall 8th & 9th May
- Father's Day Stall 3rd & 4th September

Lost Bike

If your child has lost their bike, one has been found at a nearby property. If the bike belongs to you, please contact 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 21st March - Jo & Emma Vivian

- Monday 24th March Julie
- Tuesday 25th March Jo
- Wednesday 26th March Julie
- Thursday 27th March Jo
- Friday 28th March Jo & Penny Raven
- Monday 31st March Julie
- Tuesday 1st April Jo
- Wednesday 2nd April Julie & Neeta Saldanha
- Thursday 3rd April Jo
- Friday 4th April Jo, Stacey Arnold & Tate Jarvis
- Monday 7th April Julie
- Tuesday 8th April Jo
- Wednesday 9th April Julie
- Thursday 10th April Jo
- Friday 11th April Jo, Toni Stevens & Karen Drury

Canteen Feedback

We would love your feedback regarding the canteen.

Is there anything that you would like to see on the menu that we may be able to consider adding on?

Please send your feedback to jfitzgerald@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

Library News



Last week you would have received your Issue 2 catalogue for the Book Club.

If you wish to order please do so by Week 9 Friday 28th March.

Thank you

Maria French & the Library Team

90th Year Celebrations



Tram Grade Separation Project

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Camp Australia OSHC



Guiding children's growth



A message from your Service Leader

Hello families,

Firstly, I just wanted to reassure parents that we provide a space for all the children who attend OSHC to complete their homework every afternoon. If children require time in the morning to complete their homework, we can also provide them with the space and the equipment to complete this! This will be running throughout the whole year.

Secondly, please ensure you are checking your bookings and booking early. Unfortunately, we have been getting a large number of parents unable to book in due to Camp Australia needing to roster another team member to ensure we are in compliance and meeting ratio requirements. By booking early you are assisting us to ensure we are proving the quality care that you expect.

Lastly, I also wanted to remind all families to ensure you have provided the correct information to the OSHC through the Camp Australia app. It is essential that we have updated contact, medical and collection information to ensure that we are able to contact you quickly in the case of an emergency. We value partnership between parents and educators, your involvement plays a crucial role in your child's success at OSHC. Please stay connected with us through regular communication channels so we can help your child to have the most amazing day at OSHC, this can be done through phone 0405 436 293 or on email at <u>sastjohnbaptist@oshccampaustralia.com.au</u>

Thank you,

Tate Jarvis







Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at <u>pp.campaustralia.com.au</u> 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.





Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au



*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

FUN AWAITS! YOUR AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

Address: 342 Anzac Highway PLYMPTON SA 5038

Phone: 0405 436 293 Program Times: 07:00 am - 06:00 pm



Full Fee \$115.03 | After Max. CCS* \$11.50



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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 Julia Roy on jroy@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au .

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!

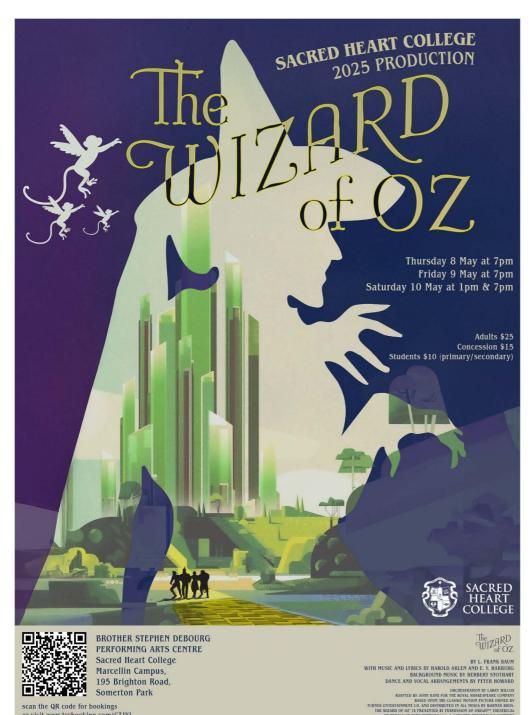
Please find link here for your suggestions.

Community News

Plympton Parish



Sacred Heart presents The Wizard of Oz



scan the QR code for bookings or visit www.trybooking.com/CZJYJ

Newspower Colouring Competition

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\$500 BUNNY BUCKS VOUCHER

As Easter is approaching, we would like to invite children between the ages of 4 and 7 years old and children between the ages of 8 and 12 years old to participate in our 'Colour to Win' colouring competition. Students could win and so could their school - YOUR SCHOOL!

Each student can enter the competition at their Newspower Newsagency. Each participating Newspower store has two 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 you are the National winner in either the Infants or Primary category, your school will win a Bunny Bucks voucher* to the value of \$500.00.

Click here for entry form.

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

Store locations can be found here.

We look forward to seeing your budding artist work of art in Newspower stores.

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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 0484 260 996

Birthdays



Congratulations to those who celebrate their birthday in the coming weeks!

March Birthdays

20th Mar - Jack B (4PC) & Brayden J (5F)

- 24th Mar Grace H (4G) & Hunter M (6M)
- 26th Mar Kyree C (5F) & Jude C (1SM)
- 27th Mar Alex D (1R)

30th Mar - Riley M (3J) & Emilia R (4G)

31st Mar - Harrison S (2TS)

April

1st Apr - Aria Z (2A)

2nd Apr - Ivy K (REC K) & Shourya S (4PC)

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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 and for uniform booklet, 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

Singing

Tutor - Lindi Jane Ph: 0413 536 327 Email - snapskakaduclub@optusnet.com.au

Drums

Tutor - Shaun Doddy Ph: 0417 806 993 Email: shaundoddy@rocketmail.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



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