



Important Dates

Sacrament of Reconciliation 7pm
Thursday 11 May

Mother's Day Stall
Friday 12 May

Year 6 Sports Leaders Day
Friday 12 May

Mother's Day
Sunday 14 May

Mother's Day Liturgy
Monday 15 May

School Board Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 17 May

Mass 9.30am - REC B & 3J
Wednesday 17 May

Principal's Tour 9.30am
Thursday 18 May

Assembly - 1M
Tuesday 23 May

Mass 9.30am - 2T & 5F
Wednesday 24 May

The Ascension
Thursday 25 May

National Sorry Day
Friday 26 May

Pentecost
Sunday 28 May

SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival
Tuesday 30 May

Sacramental Parent Info Evening 7pm
Wednesday 31 May

Mass 9.30am - 3BM & Year 6s
Wednesday 31 May

Trinity Sunday
Sunday 4 June

Assembly - REC B
Tuesday 6 June

Pupil Free Day
Friday 9 June

Blood & Body of Christ
Sunday 11 June

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

Welcome to Term 2. We trust that you were able to enjoy a relaxing term break and are re-energised for the term ahead. The beginning of the term has seen us welcome five new students to the school. We warmly welcome:

- Lope F (Rec B)
- Rian S (2S)
- Ashton B (2T)
- Flynn B (3B)
- Nimi F (4A)

On Friday 5th May the first session of our Little JB's Transition program was held for those children who will begin school as a Reception student in July. We warmly welcomed the following children and hope their experience at St John the Baptist is both positive and rewarding.

- Evie A
- Mehtab A
- Oliver B
- Jude C
- Matilda D
- Liaden H
- Louie J
- Johan JG
- Isabella L
- Isabella P
- Ayan P
- Raghav S
- Evie S
- Marley S
- Leo S
- Asher S
- Charlie S
- Angus T
- Ivana W

As we begin another term, we also warmly welcome the following staff (back) to the school.

Tina Ball who is returning from leave.

Sharee Grimshaw who will be working in Year 6C in a fulltime capacity this term.

Sophie Koster, Kate McKeough and Mary Murray who all take on an element of the Physical Education/Out of School Hours Sport role this term in Paul O'Dea's absence.

Lauren Farinola, who commenced her ESO Curriculum role.

We look forward to their contribution across various aspects of the school.

Catholic Education Week

Next week we celebrate Catholic Education Week, a time where we promote and celebrate the quality teaching and learning across Catholic Education SA. In 2023 the focus is on highlighting what students and staff love about their school. Look out for social media posts across the week to see and hear what is wonderful about St John the Baptist Catholic School.

School Board

We would like to introduce you to our 2023 School Board members.

- Fr Denis Ssemuju
- Dani Amato
- Sally Leonard
- Toni Stevens
- Adam Keegan
- Chris Flatman
- Megan Kloeden
- Ace Lewis
- Jo Livingstone
- Todd LaForgia

We look forward to the contribution of each board member to our school community in this significant position of leadership. The first School Board Meeting of Term 2 will be held on Wednesday evening, 17th May.

Mother's Day Stall

The children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their Mum at the annual Mothers Day Stall. This will be held tomorrow, Friday 12th of May. If your child is purchasing a gift, a reminder to please pay via the Qkr! App. We extend a huge thanks to the Parents and Friends who have organised and will run the stall tomorrow. We wish all Mothers a special day on Sunday.

Building Opening Date

We have been provided with a date for the official opening of the new building - Tuesday 1st August at 10:00am (Week 2 of Term 3). Over the coming term we will work towards this special celebration and will welcome many special visitors on the day. Further information will be shared as the term progresses.

With events such as National Walk Safely to School Day coming up on May 19, we take this opportunity to remind students and families to always be vigilant if a student does walk to school, and of course to be wary of approaches from strangers. It is a good time to remind children of strategies available to them, if they do at any stage feel unsafe.

We look forward to sharing another great term with you.

Best Wishes

The Leadership Team

Todd LaForgia, Jo Livingstone, Amanda Razon & Michael Cimarosti

Catholic Identity

Reconciliation

The children who are receiving their Sacrament of Reconciliation had a practise session with Fr Denis last Thursday. There will be a liturgy and the children will receive their first Reconciliation on Thursday 11th May at 7pm in the church.

Term 2 Masses

This term the children will be attending Mass with their buddy classes on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. Class teachers will communicate when their class has been allocated to participate in Mass during a particular week. Parents and family members are more than welcome to attend when their child's class is rostered on.

Mother's Day Liturgy

Wishing all mothers, a Happy Mother's Day!

In celebration of Mother's Day, there will be liturgy for all mothers in Week 3, Monday 15th May at 2:30pm. The service will be held at the church, and all are welcome to join us in this celebration.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for gift of all mothers;

For the heart of love they have for us,

For the pillar of strength they give to us,

For the wisdom and counsel they provide us and

For the warmth and comfort they bring to our families.

O Lord, we ask you to watch over and bless our mothers,

Protect them and keep them in your loving embrace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Supporting Our Parish

We are calling on any family members of our school community who have skills to support the maintenance of the school & parish grounds. We are asking for the skills of those people who are willing to be called upon if the need arises and are available when that need arises.

Below is a list of some of the trades which the parish may require from time to time and if one of those or more, match your skill set, the parish would be very grateful to include you in our "skills register". The list is not thorough, but it is a start.

Accountant	Builder	Bricklayer
Carpenter	Carpet Installer	Cleaner
Caretaker of the Hall	Concreter	Electrician
Gardener	IT Specialist/technician	Landscaper
Painter/Decorator	Plasterer	Pest Exterminator
Plumber	Removalist	Seamstress/Dressmaker

If you are prepared to offer your skills if needed and keep this great parish outreaching and helping the community as much as we possibly can, the parish would love to hear from you.

To register interest or if you have any questions, please email plymptonparish@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au or call 8293 6600

Amanda Razon

APRIM



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

*Mother's Day
Liturgy*

MONDAY WEEK 3, MAY 15TH
2:30 PM

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH



We will be holding a Mother's Day Liturgy on Monday 15th May at 2.30pm. We would love all the Mum's to join us in John the Baptist Church.

With Sympathy



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

May God keep them close.

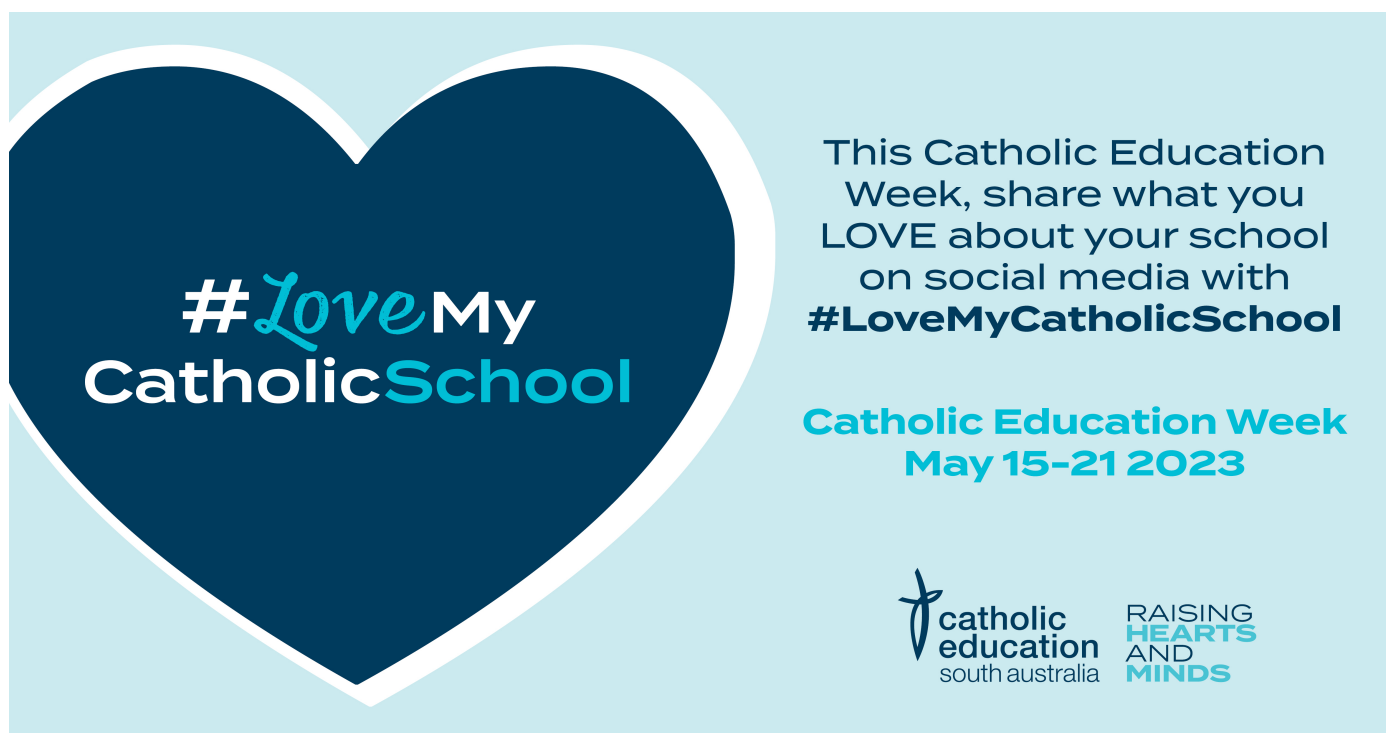
To the Family of Luke, James and William Dimech (Past Scholars) for the loss of their Mother, Helen. Helen was also the God Mother of James H in REC DC.

To the Goyal Family (Rohin 4PR & Jay REC B) for the loss of their grandmother.

To the Calesso family (Lachlan 2T) for the loss of his grandfather.



**"Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them,
May they rest in peace."**

Catholic Education Week

A promotional graphic for Catholic Education Week. It features a large dark blue heart with a white outline on the left side. Inside the heart, the text "#LoveMyCatholicSchool" is written in white and light blue. To the right of the heart, the text "This Catholic Education Week, share what you LOVE about your school on social media with #LoveMyCatholicSchool" is displayed in dark blue. Below this, "Catholic Education Week May 15-21 2023" is written in light blue. At the bottom right, there are two logos: "catholic education south australia" with a stylized cross icon, and "RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS" in light blue.

This Catholic Education Week, share what you LOVE about your school on social media with **#LoveMyCatholicSchool**

Catholic Education Week
May 15-21 2023

Catholic Education Week is being celebrated in Catholic schools throughout South Australia from 15 – 21 May 2023.

This week is an opportunity to reflect on and share all the things that we love about St John the Baptist Catholic School and what makes our community special.

Join us on social media this week in sharing Facebook post about the reasons you love our school and being a part of our community, using the hashtag #LoveMyCatholicSchool.

Finance News

Statement of Accounts

A Statement of Accounts will be sent home with in the next two weeks, please ensure your current method of payment will see your account paid in full by 24th November, unless previously arranged. If you have changed your address, please advise the office as soon as possible on info@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

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.

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

Pupil Free Day



Please be reminded to put in your diaries, Friday 9th June Pupil Free Day for Staff Development.

From the Sport Coordinator



Term 2 and 3 sport has begun for basketball and netball. We have 6 basketball teams and 2 netball teams.

St John's have 6 soccer teams competing this season and soccer will commence on Saturday 27th May. We are also joining with another few schools to enter an Aussie Rules football team.

We are very thankful to the coaches who volunteer their time to coordinate and coach teams.

Congratulations to the 15 students who represented our school at the Airport/Western SAPSASA Cross Country Day on Tuesday 9th May. A great achievement to run the 2km or 3km course.

- Thomas McD
- Archie H
- Rocco G
- Alexandra P
- Alice L
- Henry S
- Gisele G
- Rowan A
- Breanna K
- Inara N
- Dane M
- Archer C
- Amali F
- Riley O'B
- James R

Last Friday the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes had a great opportunity to further their soccer skills by attending a soccer clinic run by Adrian and Raj from **Simply Sports**. The children were able to learn new soccer skills through playing fun games.

Term 2 Sport Carnivals

SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival - Tuesday 30th May (Week 5)

SACPSSA Netball Carnival - Monday 3rd July (Week 10) ****Please note change of date****

Mary Murray

Co-curricular Sport Co-ordinator

sport@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

School Counsellor



Happy Families Founder, Dr Justin Coulson's goal for parents, teachers, and those who work with children is to see them for the precious humans they are; to connect with them in meaningful ways; and to guide those children to become strong, caring, whole adults.

The Happy Families website covers a range of topics including:

- Resilience in Children
- Parenting teenagers
- Family relationships
- Children and Discipline
- Happier homes
- Neurodiversity in children

Over the past decade Dr Coulson has helped innumerable families with his 6 books about raising children, his hundreds of media appearances (including all of Australia's major news outlets, and even the Washington Post and the New York Times), and two viral videos that have been viewed a combined 80 million times!

Justin earned his PhD in Psychology from the University of Wollongong. He and his wife Kylie have been married since the late 1990's and are the parents of 6 daughters.

You can find a wealth of information at <https://www.happyfamilies.com.au/>

Sarah Byrnes
School Counsellor

Save the Date



Cyber Safety Workshop
hosted by SAPOL

7th June 6.30pm

Parents & Friends

Mother's Day Stall

We are holding our annual Mother's Day Stall on Friday 12th May.

Please see flyer for further details.

Mother's Day

- What:** Mother's Day Stall
- Where:** School Grounds
- When:** Friday 12th May
- Cost:** \$5 via Qkr!, one gift per child (purchase by the 10th of May)
- Details:** Students are to select from the prewrapped gifts

How can you help?

We need parent volunteers on the day to assist with this event.

Please let your Parent Rep know if you are available to help.

Please note — to be able to volunteer all requirements of the Volunteer package must be completed. White Volunteer Badges must be worn. If you are unsure of your status, please contact Front Office or Francis Schulz regarding the volunteer requirements at fschulz@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au



This fundraising event is brought to you by the P&F Committee, to join the committee please contact Karen Klingberg 0402 854 846



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 2

Friday 12th May - Jo & Jo Rowett

Monday 15th May - Julie

Tuesday 16th May - Jo

Wednesday 17th May - Julie

Thursday 18th May - Jo

Friday 19th May - Jo & Victoria Thurston

Monday 22nd May - Julie

Tuesday 23rd May - Jo

Wednesday 24th May - Julie

Thursday 25th May - Jo

Friday 26th May - Jo & Stacey Arnold

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Hello everyone! Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you have all enjoyed the school holidays and I am looking forward to seeing all the kids back in OSHC and their smiling faces.

In the upcoming weeks we have some exciting activities planned and we are making changes to how we do the programming to ensure that the children can be involved in this process.

I just have a few reminders for everyone as we begin a new school term.

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 have transitioned 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, interests and your expectations. Please contact me on 0405 436 293 or email me on sastjohnbaptist@oshccampaustalia.com.au if you wish to do so.

Thank you, Tate

Activities coming up

- Painting
- Craft Making
- Plasticine Play
- Mothers Day Crafts

What's on the menu

- Banana Cake
- Carrot cake
- Smoothies
- Pizza

It's free to register

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



Visit our blog

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

[Visit our blog](#)

Volunteering at St Johns



St John the Baptist School provides a safe environment for all while valuing the partnership between school and home.

As a Catholic community, we welcome and value volunteers. To be able to volunteer, and/or attend at other times throughout the school year, we ask that you hold a current Catholic Police Check (parents/caregivers attending excursions, reading in class, helping in class, attending community events), a current Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care for Volunteers certificate, have completed the volunteers application package and your COVID vaccination certificate.

A Catholic Police Check for volunteers is free for our current parents and caregivers. Application Forms are available in our school office.

This process ensures we maintain a child safe environment. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to apply for a Catholic Police Check through the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school office on 8218 3300 or email Francis Schulz on fschulz@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au .

Community News

Plympton Catholic Parish Mass Times



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

VIGIL MASS - SATURDAYS AT 6PM

MASS - SUNDAY'S AT 8.30AM & 10AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAY'S 10AM - 12PM

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

RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY'S FROM 11.30AM

Plympton Catholic Parish
Special Mass



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

THURSDAY 11TH MAY 7.00PM



Photography:
Tony Kearney

Catholic School Parents SA presents an inspirational evening with Gill Hicks MBE AM

Resilience - a raw conversation with Gill on her personal story of strength, gratitude and how it relates to families

**Tuesday May 30 2023
6.30pm to 8pm**

**Loreto College
Performing Arts Centre
316 Portrush Road, Marryatville**

Gill Hicks is globally known as a survivor of the London terrorist bombings on July 7th 2005. She survived, but suffered severe and permanent injuries, losing both legs from just below the knee. Gill is a published author, musician, award winning artist and performer. Gill's appreciation and gratitude for life is present throughout all her creative works.

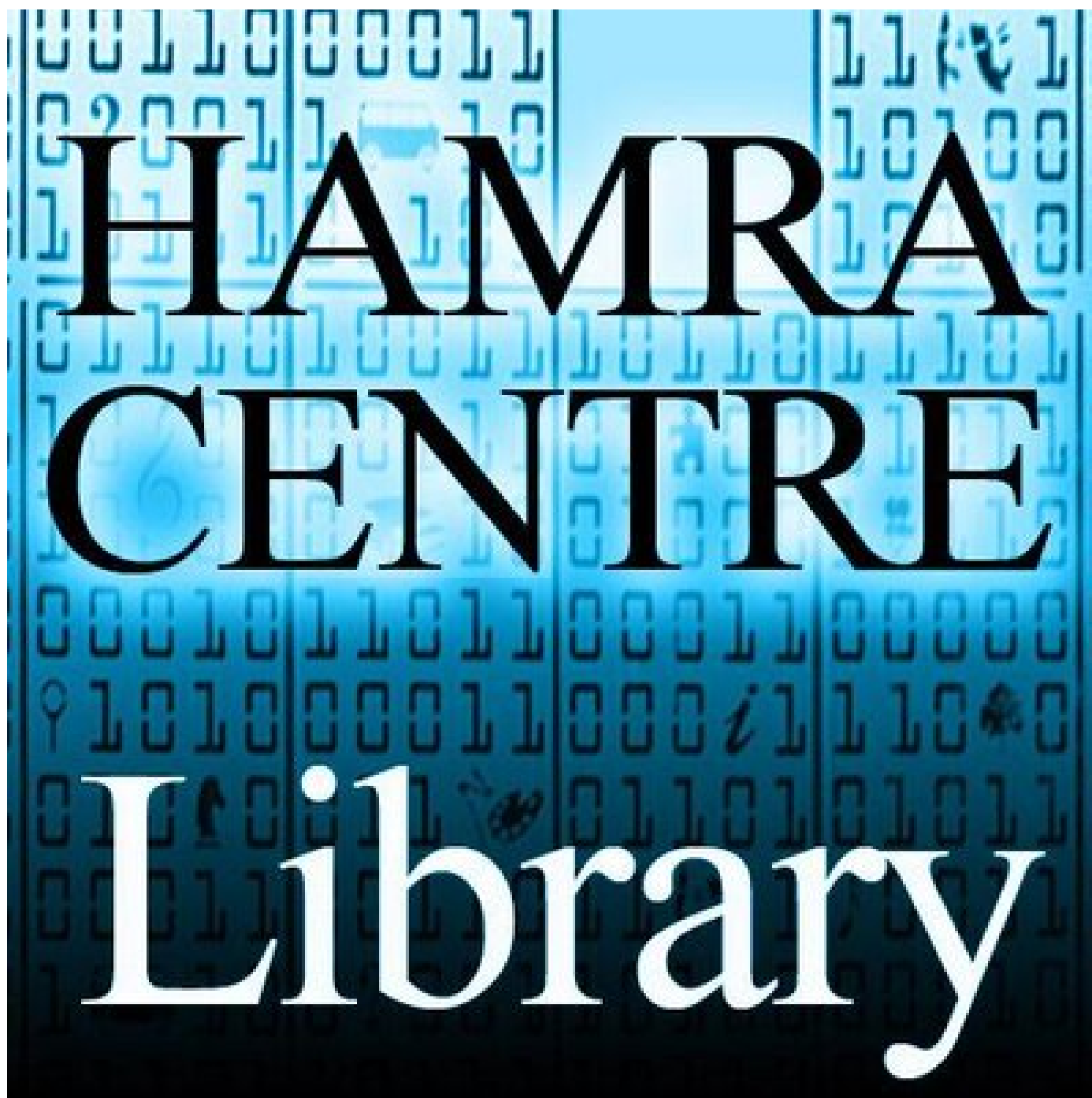
Attendees will leave the event feeling empowered, inspired and grateful to continue to their parenting and education journey.

The event will be limited to 300 in person Catholic school family attendees. There will be an online option with live streaming.



Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the CSPA website

cspsa.catholic.edu.au



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>

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR CHILD OR TEEN'S SLEEP?



WINK



Does your child or teen:

- Refuse to go to bed at night ?
- Have trouble falling asleep?
- Wake up during the night and struggle to return to sleep?
- Have trouble waking up or getting out of bed in the morning?
- Struggle sleeping alone?

We are a group of psychologists who have been supporting families with sleep concerns since 2006.

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OR via our website



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11, 12, 13 JULY 2023

**St Michael's College, 15 Mitton Ave, Henley Beach
SA 5022**



1300 914 368
admin@australiansportscamps.com.au
<https://australiansportscamps.com.au>



NOT APPLICABLE TO PARTNER PROGRAMS



SIMPLY FOOTBALL



WHO: Boys & Girls aged 5 to 11 years

WHAT: Soccer skills and activities

WHERE: Plympton International College

WHEN: Sundays 10:00am to 11:00am
from May 7th to June 25th

COST: \$110 (inc GST)




KICK *Start*
SOCCER

REGISTER: simplysports.com.au/football/plympton

CONTACT Ph: Adrian 0402 418 580

Email: info@simplysports.com.au



Kick Start Soccer

A promotional graphic for 'Kick Start Soccer' on a dark blue background. On the left is the 'SIMPLY FOOTBALL' logo, which is a shield containing a soccer ball. To the right, the text 'KICK Start SOCCER' is displayed, with 'KICK' in large blue block letters, 'Start' in a blue script font, and 'SOCCER' in white block letters. A soccer ball icon is positioned above the 'Start' text. Below the title, the following details are listed in white text: 'WHO: Boys and Girls aged 4 to 11', 'WHERE: PLYMPTON International College Children from ALL schools welcome', 'WHEN: Sundays 10am to 11am May 7th to June 25th', 'COST: \$132 (for 8 weeks)', and 'CONTACT: Ph: Adrian 0402 418 580 E: info@simplysports.com.au W: simplysports.com.au/football/plympton'. On the right side, there is a circular inset photograph of two young boys running on a grassy field; one is wearing a bright green soccer vest. At the bottom right of the graphic, there is a 'SPORTS VOUCHERS' logo and a yellow soccer ball with the 'SIMPLY SPORTS' logo on it.

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Birthdays



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

May Birthdays

11th May - Archer C (4PR)

12th May - Sophia RC (6C) & Evelyn B (1SM)

13th May - Archer G (REC DC)

14th May - Ava K (6C) & Amyra G (1M)

15th May - Xavier F (3BM)

18th May - Madeleine P (2S)

19th May - Connor D (REC DC)

20th May - Franki-Su (2S)

24th May - Aryav P (REC DC)

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

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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