

Issue Date 6 July 2023



Important Dates

Last Day of Term -3pm Finish ^{Friday 7} July

Assembly - 6C Tuesday 1 August

Principal's Tour 9.30am Thursday 10 August SACPSSA Cross Country Yrs 3-6 Thursday 10 August

Pupil Free Day

Primary Principal's

Monday 24 July

Friday 4 August

Day

School Concert 7pm Thursday 17 August Principal's Tour 9.30am Thursday 24 August Book Week Parade

The Assumption Tuesday 15 August

First Day of Term 3

Tuesday 25 July

Feast Day

Tuesday 8 August

Mary MacKillop

9am Friday 25 August School Building Opening Tuesday 1 August

School Advisory Board Meeting 6.30pm Wednesday 9 August

Concert Dress Rehearsal Wednesday 16 August

Sacrament of Confirmation & Communion 6pm Saturday 26 August

Sacrament of Confirmation & Communion 10am Sunday 27 August Principal's Tour 11.30am Sunday 27 August

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

St John the Baptist Feast Day

On Monday 26th June, the school came together to celebrate the Feast Day of St John the Baptist.

We gathered in the Church at 12:00pm to celebrate Mass, led by Fr Denis. At the Mass we also recognised the staff who are celebrating a long service 'special' year.

This year we recognised 10 years of service and commitment for the following staff members:

Adriana Timpano Lauren Breeding Lorraine Spencer Pat Nicou

Following Mass, the children gathered with their buddies to enjoy lunch together. During the afternoon all classes participated in a 'Cup of Courage' activity.

Term 3 New Students

We look forward to welcoming 19 new students to the school as part of the mid year Reception intake. Many of these children have been involved in the Little JB's Transition program throughout this term and have become increasingly familiar with the school and its associated routines. We will ensure an official welcome and introduction to our school community occurs for the children at our first assembly in Term 3.

Staffing News

Pat Nicou has been granted leave to take up a full time teaching position (mid year Reception class) at Mt Carmel College for Terms 3 and 4 of 2023. Pat will return to her substantive position at St John the Baptist from January 2024.

The Little JB's program will continue as planned. An announcement regarding the staffing of Little JB's in Semester 2 will be made early next term.

Ethan Miller has tendered his resignation as a staff member of the school. Ethan will begin Semester 2 working four days each week as an Education Support Officer at Nazareth Catholic College in the secondary setting. Ethan has been at St John's since 2018. We thank him for his commitment and contribution during this time.

Melissa Cristofol has been appointed to the school in an Education Support Officer role. Melissa will begin her role from the beginning of Term 3. We look forward to welcoming Melissa to the school next term.

In further staffing news, we welcome back from leave, Lauren Breeding, Sylvia Roussos and Paul O'Dea. Lauren will commence teaching in Year 5HB, Sylvia will work alongside Sharee Grimshaw in Year 6 and Paul will return to the PE and Sport coordination role.

We thank Jodie Hamilton for her work with Year 5HB throughout the first semester. Jodie will remain at the school in Weeks 1-3 of Term 3 as she covers leave for Dani Franklin's Year 5 class. We also appreciate the efforts of Mary Murray, Kate McKeough and Sophie Koster who have all taken on roles in sport coordination or PE teaching this term in Paul's absence. A great team effort!

Sophie Koster has been appointed to the role of Reception teacher for the mid year intake. Sophie is an experienced early childhood educator, having worked in kindergarten and school settings. We look forward to welcoming our new Reception class to the school next term.

Semester 2 Timetable

Due to continued enrolment growth (and static space), for Semester 2 2023 we will revert to a split timetable for both recess and lunch play (Splits will be Reception to Year 3, Year 4 to Year 6). Currently we have a split recess, but lunch together. When the decision was made to bring lunch together, school enrolments were around 330. Next term we will nudge 370.

A number of intiatives have been introduced- Games Club, Minecraft Club, a ball free lunch for the R-2 students. The school has also added more staff onto the duty roster. However, to assist the children to play with space we will revert to the split timetable once again. This was last in place during the 2021 school year.

This will be reviewed when the development of the new land is complete.

Building Opening

As previously communicated, the official opening of the new building is to occur on Tuesday 1st August at 10:00am (Week 2 of Term 3). The official Opening and Blessing will be presided over by Archbishop O'Regan and the plaque will be unveiled by Blair Boyer, MP-Minister for Education, Training and Skills. This is a significant celebration for the school community. Parents are most welcome to attend and join this special occasion.

As this is the final newsletter for Term 2, we would like to thank everyone for their support during this term. Students will conclude the term on Friday 7th July at 3:00pm and we look forward to welcoming all students back to school for Term 3 on **Tuesday 25th July**.

NCCD Data Collection

Under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA) and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards), Australian students with disability must be able to access and participate in education on the same basis as their peers. To ensure this, students with disability may receive adjustments to access education, based on the professional judgement of teachers, in consultation with the student and/or their parents, guardians or carers.

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) gives Australian schools, parents, guardians and carers, education authorities and the community information about the number of students with disability in schools and the adjustments they receive. The Australian Education Regulation 2013 requires all schools to report the data collected for the NCCD to the Australian Government on an annual basis.

The NCCD collects data about school students with disability who are receiving adjustments in a consistent, reliable and systematic way. It enables us to better understand the needs of students with disability and how they can be best supported at school. Please find the link **here** for further information regarding NCCD.

Enjoy a restful term break!

Best wishes,

The Leadership Team (Todd LaForgia, Jo Livingstone, Amanda Razon & Michael Cimarosti)

2024 Term 3 & 2025 Sibling Enrolments



Do you have a child due to start in Term 3, 2024 or 2025 - if so, sibling enrolments are now overdue.

Please contact the front office on 8218 3300 or download a copy of the enrolment form here.

Catholic Identity

St John the Baptist Feast Day

Our feast day for St John the Baptist was celebrated last Monday 26th June. After participating in Mass, the students enjoyed spending time with their buddies and making their own 'Cup of Courage'. The students engaged in some rich discussion across all year levels on the topic of the things that makes them feel most courageous. You will find some photos of children creating their Cups of Courage on Facebook.

Beanies for Vinnies

We had a successful Winter Appeal drive with each class generously donating long life foods to Vinnies. There was a great atmosphere as students wore their beanies to school on Tuesday 27th June to support the cause.

We are greatly appreciative of your generosity and support towards this cause. Your contributions will provide support those people doing it tough, especially this winter.

Poster Making Session

Yesterday we had our Poster Making Session for the children in the Sacramental Program in the school hall at 6:00pm. It was a fun night for the children and their families as they enjoyed a pizza dinner and created posters of their chosen Confirmation saint. We keep the children in our prayers as they continue preparing for their Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation in August.

A last note to say another big thank you for another eventful term. Wishing you and your families an enjoyable and restful term break. Stay warm and take care during this cold Winter season!

Amanda Razon APRIM

Finance News

Qkr! After School Sport Payments

Could you please ensure that all after school sport payments are finalised as soon as possible. An email went home from Mary Murray with instructions on how to complete your transaction.

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

Statement of Accounts

Can you 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.

Pam Marks

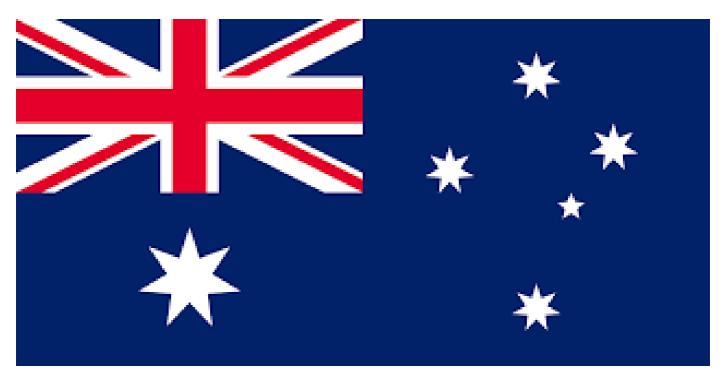
Bursar/Finance Officer



Pupil Free Day Monday 24th July

Monday 24th July (Term 3) is a Pupil Free Day for Staff Development.

Congratulations - Fateh



Congratulations to Fateh's (3WD) family for becoming Australian Citizens!



From the Sport Coordinator



SAPSASA Netball Carnival

The SAPSASA Netball Carnival was held on Monday at Netball SA. Over 100 of our Years 4-6 students participated in a fabulous, fun, and dry netball carnival. Each team played about six, 17 minute games, against various Catholic schools throughout the day. Our fabulous parent helpers supported the children on the court and provided ideas during the games.

Here are what some children in Year 4 have said about the carnival:

A good day, I love playing sport. Lenny

The greatest experience. Ayen

The day helped me to be a better netballer. Tonti

It was a good experience, now I know a lot more about netball. Usually, I just watch my sister. It was good playing myself. Alfie

I loved it because my Dad was the coach. Suyogya

Thank you to the Parent helpers and teachers who looked after the children and organized them during the day.

Cross Country

If your child is interested in participating in the SACPSSA Cross Country carnival, trials will occur early next term. For your children to participate in the carnival it is expected they can run 2km. During the holidays is a perfect time to practice their 2km run.

Term 3 Sport Carnivals

Both carnivals will require parent helpers. SACPSSA Cross-Country Carnival – Thursday 10th August (Week 3) SACPSSA Touch Carnival – Friday 8th September (Week 7)

Mary Murray Co-curricular Sport Co-ordinator

sport@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

Playgroup



Happy 3rd Playgroup Birthday



We enjoyed another fun filled term in Playgroup.

This week we celebrated our 3rd birthday. We held a birthday party on Wednesday with our playgroup community.

We look forward to another great semester of building, reading and creating together after the holidays.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable mid year break

Karina Overall Playgroup Coordinator

From the Counsellor

Practical tools for separated, divorced and blended families

Isolina Ricci, Ph.D, is the author of the enduring classic for parents *Mom's House, Dad's House*, the book for kids and parents, *Mom's House, Dad's House for KIDS*, and *The CoParenting Toolkit*, the award winning finalist in both the *USA Best Book Awards* and now the *International Book Awards*. Her work has inspired and supported two generations of parents. Her work has been cited in courtrooms, classrooms, and legal publications.

The parent section of the website has some excellent articles to provide parents with ideas on supporting children and co-parenting. Her article about "13 things kids want parents to know" provides a really good insight into how children feel before, during and after parent separation. https://www.momshousedadshouse.com/articles-and-parenting-tips/

www.Coparentingtoday.com

Sarah Byrnes Centacare Counsellor

From the Library





The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading and to improve literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books before the challenge finishes on the 8th September.

If students need help with choosing books that interest them we will gladly assist.

The Library Team

School Concert - Aussie As!



We are well underway with preparations for our whole school concert and it's great to see students very excited! Our concert theme for this year is...

"AUSSIE AS ... "

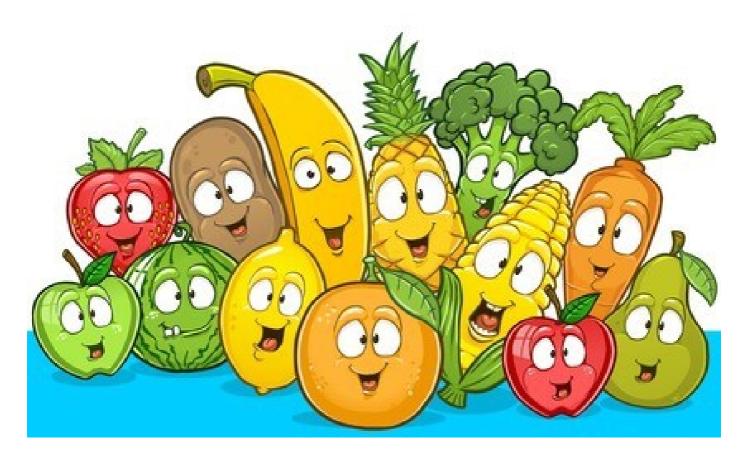
You will have received a note from your child's class teacher about what your child requires for their concert costume. Please see your class teacher for this information.

In the first week of Term 3, a note will be sent home about the purchasing of tickets for the concert. This will be done via the Qkr! app.

Thank you,

Nat Weber Expressive Arts Teacher

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 2

Friday 7th July - Jo & Stacey Arnold

Term 3

Monday 24th July - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 25th July - Jo

Wednesday 26th July - Julie

Thursday 27th July - Jo

Friday 28th July - Jo & TBA

Monday 31st July - Julie

Tuesday 1st August - Jo

Wednesday 2nd August - Julie

Thursday 3rd August - Jo

Friday 4th August - Jo & TBA

Monday 5th August - Julie

Tuesday 6th August - Jo

Wednesday 7th - Julie

Thursday 8th August - Jo

Friday 9th August - Jo & TBA

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered this term.

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

Camp Australia OSHC



BLAST INTO AN POCKET TRAORDINAR HOLIDAY!

Build your ultimate Winter school holiday adventure.

Are you ready for a full day of fun and excitement? Join Rocketeers for Mission X this Winter – the ultimate holiday program that will take you from dawn to dusk with amazing activities, experiences and challenges.

Learn new skills, make new friends and have a blast! Don't miss this chance to launch into holiday mode with Rocketeers.



www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers

Childcare Subsidu available for eligible families

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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, 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

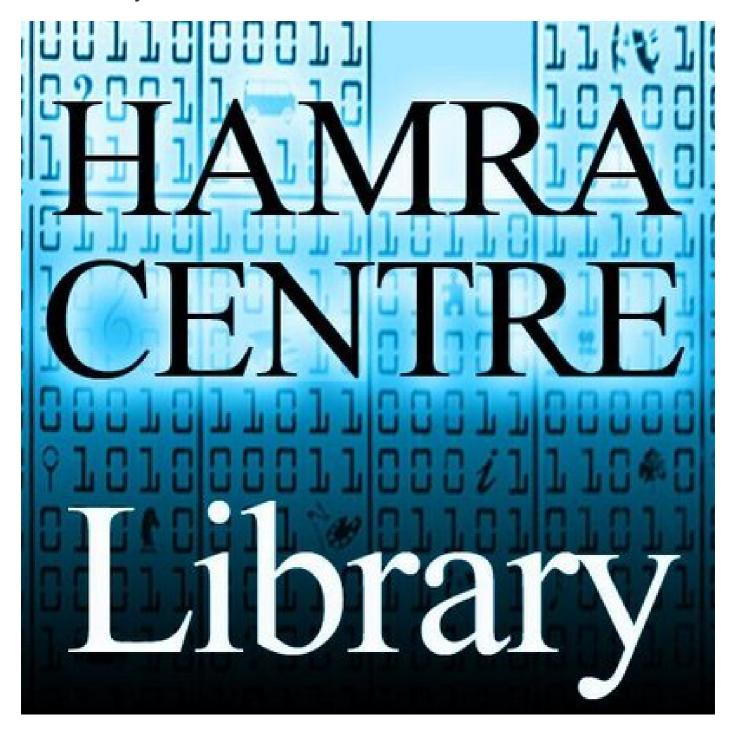
VIGIL MASS - SATURDAYS AT 6PM MASS - SUNDAY'S AT 8.30AM & 10AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAY'S 10AM - 12PM ROSARY - MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY AT 9.10AM RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY'S FROM 11.30AM

Plympton Catholic Parish Special Masses

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION & COMMUNION SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST 6.00PM &

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 10.00AM

Hamra Library Activities



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

July Holiday Tennis Clinic



Tennis Masters is running a massive HOLIDAY CLINIC coming up in July & you've been invited!

Date: 10th – 13th July Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm Venue: 31 Robe Terrace, Medindie. 5 minutes from Adelaide CBD

BOOK ONLINE

https://www.tennismasters.com.au/upcoming-holiday-clinics/p/medinde-holiday-clinic

Busy on a few of the days? Let Tennis Masters know which days you can attend & they can book you in manually.

Contact Tennis Masters: 0449 257 441 / info@tennismasters.com.au

Adelaide Angels Baseball Club



Looking for a fun and **FREE** activity these school holidays? Then dust off your bat and glove and come to our Angels School Holiday Junior Clinic!

Aimed at girls and boys, aged 5-12 years, our clinic will be held from 9:00-11:30am on Thursday 20 July 2023, at the Angel's home ground, Weigall Oval Plympton.

Lead by Senior Angels 'A Grade' players Ben and Chris, the session will include skills training, drills and a mini-game, in a fun environment.

Beginners and players from all clubs are welcome.

Note if you don't have your own equipment, this can be supplied by the club.

Register now at: https://www.adelaideangelsbaseball.com.au/events/194538/

and for more details please contact the Junior Coordinator.

Email: junior.adelaideangels@gmail.com

United Gymsports

HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS SESSIONS

S E S S I O N S **\$8 EACH**

SESSION TIMES:

MONDAY 17TH &

TUESDAY 18TH JULY

9.30AM - 10:45 AM 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Please bring a water bottle and socks for trampoline, and wear clothes suitable for active participation (i.e. no skirts)

COME N TRY TUMBLING

MONDAY 17TH AT 11 AM

Does your child love to flip? Come and try tumbling! Learn rolls, cartwheels, round offs, flips, saults, and more! Suitable for ages 7+

Come and join in the fun! Gymnastics sessions for participants ages 4+. Beginners welcome!

Register here:



Or click here

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United Gymsports is again hosting school holiday gymnastics sessions in July! We operate out of Western Youth Centre on Marion Road, Cowandilla.

Our sessions are for participants ages 4 and up, no experience necessary. Our holiday gymnastics sessions are at 9:30 am and 11:00 on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July.

We are also hosting a new program - Come and Try Tumbling on Monday 17 July at 11:00 am for children aged 7+.

Each session runs for 75 minutes hosted by experienced coaches qualified with Gymnastics Australia.

St Michael's All Angels Netball Club



St Michaels All Angels Netball Club invites all 5-10 year olds to our netball skills development program.

This is a great introduction to netball, developing fundamental skills in preparation to play or just for fun.

Sessions will be run by specialised coaches and is a great opportunity to learn new skills, co-ordination and the rules of netball whilst

having fun and making friends.

The total cost is \$60 and includes a 6 x 1 hour training sessions with specialised coaches, plus a SMAA water bottle and ribbon.

The specialised sessions will be held at the SMAA Netball Club at 3 Military Road, West Beach on Sunday mornings on the following dates:

August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

September 3rd and 10th

5-7 year olds - 9am-10am

8-10 year olds - 10am-11am

Any enquiries please email Smaa.secretary@smaanetballclub.com.au

If it is possible to include links or QR Codes in your school communication please add the following:

To book, please click on the link below.

SMAA Netball Club | SMAART Starts registration

Or scan the QR Code below



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Birthdays



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

July Birthdays

- 6th July Willow S (2T)
- 7th July Tilly M (4PR)
- 11th July Bobbie P (1M)
- 13th July Madison W (5F)
- 16th July Hriday S (2S)
- 17th July Rory M (6C)
- 19th July Halle G (REC B)
- 20th July Penelope D (1SM)
- 21st July Evie R (1SM)
- 23rd July Lucas T (5HB) & Airlie E (2T)

25th July - Evie A (REC K)
26th July - Jackson F (5HB), William F (5F) & Isabella P (REC K)
27th July - Leo R (3BM) & Harrison K (2S)
28th July - Lucas D (2T) & Harper B (1SM)
30th July - Chloe B (6GR), Liam O'B (3BM), Achol A (REC B) & Shannon K (REC DC)
31st July - Harltey Y (4PR), Austin W (3WD), Elliot W (3J), Aysha R (2T) & Leo S (REC K)
August Birthdays
1st August - Ossin W (3WD)
2nd August - Harvey H (5HB) & Angus T (REC K)

3rd August - James H (REC DC)

School Uniform

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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.

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.

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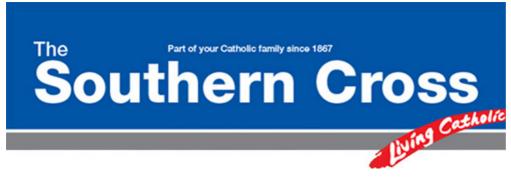
Camp Australia



Registration is free and can be done online, or with our smartphone app.

www.campaustralia.com.au

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