

Issue Date 20 June 2024



Important Dates

Feast of St John the Baptist Whole School Mass Monday 24 June 2024 School Advisory Board Meeting 6.30pm Wednesday 26 June 2024

Yrs 4-6 SACPSSA Netball Carnival Tuesday 2 July 2024

Pupil Free Day Monday 22 July 2024

Sacramental Rehearsal 6-8pm Wednesday 7 August 2024 Kaurna Workshop R-2 Thursday 4 July 2024

First Day of Term 3 Tuesday 23 July 2024

Mary MacKillop Feast Day Thursday 8 August 2024 School Finance Committee Meeting 6pm Wednesday 26 June 2024

Last Day of Term -3pm Finish Friday 5 July 2024

Principal's Tour 9.30am Thursday 1 August 2024 2024 T3 New Parent Information Session Friday 28 June 2024

Kaurna Workshop 3-6 Friday 5 July 2024

SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival Wednesday 7 August 2024

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

As you would be aware, on Friday 7th June staff had a Pupil Free Day. A portion of the day was dedicated to exploring and mapping the new and updated Mathematics curriculum. More specifically, staff broke the curriculum down into content areas and mapped the content across the year - identifying where and when the content will be taught.

The purpose of this activity was for staff to reconnect with the new curriculum, identify links between areas of Mathematics and to plan ways of ensuring all content is being taught across the year (at least once).

This was the first step in the staff learning process. Our next step later this year is to look at our assessment design, to ensure we provide our students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding as well as opportunities to excel.

Mathematical Challenge

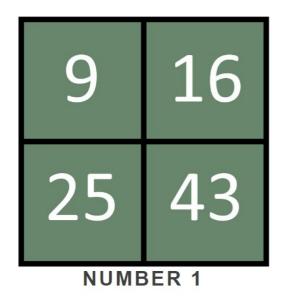


Easter Egg Challenge Results

In last term's newsletter, I gave an Easter themed investigation for families to try at home. The task was to transform an image of an Easter Egg (image left) into a bird.

Congratulations to Louis T from 1M who provided a great solution to the problem.

Well done Louis!



from Pam Wilson

Which One Doesn't Belong?

This series of activities provides a prompt for discussion. The question – Which one doesn't belong? Is posed and you are asked to identify which number is the odd one out and justify your choice.

There are many different answers to this question.... The key is the justification.

Have a go and see how many different answers you can come up with.

Email answers to ... mpratt@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

Enjoy!

Resourced from: https://wodb.ca/index.html

SEQTA Reports

Following the successful trial of reports being released through SEQTA Engage in 2023, Semester 1 reports will also be released via SEQTA Engage in week 10. Please ensure your correct email address is provided to the school and updated if you have changed it so these will be accessible. No paper copies will be printed. If you need to update or change your email address please contact the front office. Parents that are not currently set up with SEQTA Engage will receive an invitation to reset their password next week.

School Discos - Thank you

Thank you to the Parents and Friends who worked closely with our Deputy Principal, Jo Livingstone, to coordinate and organise the two discos for the children last Friday evening. The children (and some staff) were very excited and enjoyed the opportunity to show off their dancing skills. We wish to also acknowledge the staff present and the many parent volunteers. A great community event!

School Performance Report

Each year schools are required to prepare a report for their parents and community, as a requirement of the School Assistance Act. We wish to advise that the Annual School Performance Report is now available on the school website. Hard copies are also available from the office on request.

Volunteer Training Update

As previously communicated and most recently in an email to all families on the 12 June, if you are a current volunteer at St John the Baptist Catholic School you will need to undertake the new updated Responding to Risk, Harm, Abuse & Neglect in Education and Care (RRHAN-EC) training.

This new course will need to be completed before 31st December 2024 if you would like to keep volunteering without interruption.

To access the online update please use this [http://department%20for%20education%20plink%20-%20login./jlink or cut and paste this link: https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/ilp/pages/login.jsf to login as 'Non Department for Education staff login' OR if you don't already have a plink login, register [http://department%20for%20education%20plink/]here.

Which course is right for you?

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Once you have completed your update, please send a copy of your certificate to Julia Roy on jroy@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

Best Wishes

The Leadership Team

Catholic Identity

Sacramental Program

A big thank you to families who attended the preparation session last Thursday and those who completed the feedback form.

We look forward to our last session next term before the celebration of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation for this special day.

St John the Baptist Feast Day

We will celebrate our Patron Saint's feast day next Monday 24 June, Week 9. We look forward to a whole school celebration of the

Nativity of St John the Baptist. He, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, are the only two saints whose birthday we celebrate within the Church calendar.

Our day will begin with Mass at St John the Baptist Church, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch and buddy activities.

Amanda Razon APRIM

Beanies for Vinnies Day



We are now at the beginning of winter and helping others at this time of the year, especially those in need has always been one of our community's strengths.

The ever-increasing cost of food and day to day living expenses means that many low-income families are facing great financial hardship. We will be donating long life foods and winter goods to Vinnies, to support individuals and families. It also provides the opportunity for our community to action our Christian social responsibility.

As part of our Winter Appeal, we will hold a *Beanies for Vinnies Day*. Students are invited to <u>wear a beanie to support this initiative and</u> <u>bring in their item to donate to Vinnies</u>.

Students are asked to donate the following item, according to their year level:

- Reception: Cans of fruit
- Year 1: Cans of long-life food
- Year 2: Breakfast cereals
- Year 3: Long life milk/ Warm drinks (hot chocolate, tea, coffee, Milo, etc)
- Year 4: Gloves
- Year 5: Scarves
- Year 6: Beanies

Beanies for Vinnies Day will take place on Tuesday 25th June, Week 9.

Please send your item to your child's class teacher on this day.

Your donations are greatly needed and would be much appreciated.

Thank You From The Parish

Plympton Parish and School Community Lunch

Thank you to everyone who attended the Shared Community Lunch.

Thank you for the great variety of delicious food from the cultural backgrounds of those who attended. It was wonderful to see so many people come together to share the bond of friendship.

We recommend you do not miss the next luncheon in October.

In Sympathy



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

To the family of Maisy (4A), Poppy (REC K) and Ted Walker for their paternal grandmother

and

to the family of Penny (REC K) Isaksen for her maternal grandfather

"Eternal Rest grant unto them O'Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest In Peace."

2026 Enrolments - Enrolling Now





Enrol your child now for 2026

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.

Finance News

Term 2 instalments for School fees are now due for those families who are paying by the term. If you have not received your statement in the mail please email me and I can resend it.

Statements are posted out each term so those with payment plans can see the payments allocated to your account and as a reminder that the current terms instalment is due soon.

Online School Card applications for low income families have now been processed and applied to all approved accounts. If you still need to apply, please do so now via this link or come in and see me as it only takes a few minutes.

Please remember School Card needs to be applied for every year as circumstances do change:

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, so please apply and let me know you have done so ASAP. If you need help applying please come in and see me as it only takes a few minutes online.

As always 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

From the Sport Coordinator



Dear St John's Community

I hope all is well and this Sport piece finds you in good health and good spirits.

Last Thursday the 13th June St John the Baptist School were involved in the inaugural SACPSSA Basketball Carnival which was played at Wayville. What a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6's to be involved in the very first carnival. The carnival was a huge success amongst the schools and something that will certainly grow size wise in the future. We were only able to nominate one girls team and one boys team. There were some very close games that could have gone either way. Overall, the students fought hard and showed excellent school spirit. The final round was a play-off round which was decided from a premiership table. The girls worked extremely well as a team and came away with a 6th place position from 14 teams. The boys fought hard, learnt along the way and came away with an 11th place finish from 14 teams. A huge thank you to Kym MacDonald who volunteered as Coach of the girls team as well as ran two in school training sessions and an after school training for our students. On the day we also had Simon Croxton and Matt Wilson who did an amazing job scoring and recording fouls for the teams.





Our school has been very privileged to have Lachlan De Sira from Golf Australia deliver some premium Golf sessions for our students on

a Wednesday. I have enjoyed working with Lachlan and have thoroughly enjoyed delivering new learning experiences for the other students who have Sport on either Monday or Tuesday. The most pleasing aspect of running different sports for the students is when they give feedback about enjoying themselves at a local driving range with their parents on the weekends.

For our Reception – Year 2 students we have some exciting opportunities that are coming up just for you. The first one being an AFL Auskick experience which will commence with 2 x interest awareness sessions on both Monday July 1st and Tuesday July 2nd during school hours. From these sessions, flyers will be sent out with the students and if interested your child will have the opportunity to sign up for a 6-week program during Term 3 on Monday nights for just \$50. All the required information will be on the flyers that will be given out during those initial sessions to all students.

The focus for our Year 4-6 students now moves away from Golf and towards Netball as we concentrate and prepare for the upcoming Netball Carnival. All students in Years 4-6 will be attending the SACPSSA Netball Carnival on Tuesday July 2nd (Term 2 – Week 10). Thank you to those parents who have already filled in the permission form and who have paid via the QKR! app. I look forward to seeing the remainder of permissions as they come in. Please email your classroom teacher and sport@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au if your child wont be attending this carnival.

For all families that are signed up to our 'After School Soccer Program' we thank you for being so understanding regarding the oval situation. We appreciate your support as we have had to change our home ground venue for the remainder of the season. Our new space for home games is now Manson Oval, which is situated on Sargent Parade, Bellevue Heights.

Looking ahead on the SACPSSA calendar, I can see that next term our next opportunity to perform as a school will be at the Cross Country Carnival. Now that we have some additional oval space here at the school, I will be looking at starting up a 'Run Club' for those students in Year's 4-6 that are interested in representing the school at this carnival. More information regarding this exciting opportunity will be sent via SEQTA email in the very near future.

Finally, just another reminder about the 'Premiers Be Active Challenge', this challenge should now be complete. If you are still to sent back your child's completed booklet, can you please make this a priority as I will start to input this data. Once we have completed all of the data the children will be eligible to receive a medal for their hard work.

Yours in Sport,

Sam Putland SPORT COORDINATOR

Parents & Friends

Entertainment Book

The Parents & Friends are offering the Entertainment Book again this year. With a percentage of each book sold goes to our fundraising efforts.

The link to purchase is St John the Baptist Catholic School (entertainment.com.au)



Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

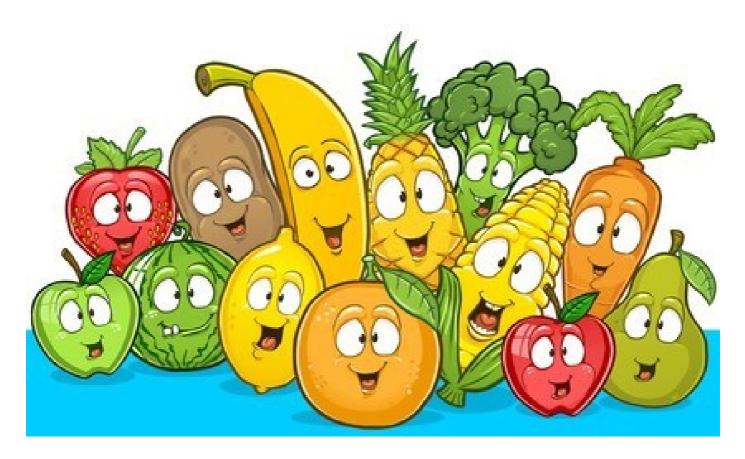
Save the date for the Bunnings Edwardstown BBQ - Sunday 13th October.

If you are able to donate or source supplies (please see flyer below) or volunteer on the day please contact Karen on 0402 854 846.



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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 21st June - Jo & Lauren Stopp

Monday 24th June - Julie

Tuesday 25th June - Jo

Wednesday 26th June - Julie

Thursday 27th June - Jo

Friday 28th June - Jo & Nicole Watson

Monday 1st July - Julie

Tuesday 2nd July - Jo

Wednesday 3rd July - Julie & Neeta Saldanha

Thursday 4th July - Jo

Friday 5th July - Jo & Stacey Arnold

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?

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

Camp Australia OSHC

The vacation care program is available now - please book via the website to join in www.campaustralia.com.au



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 .



If you are due to renew your Working With Children Check and your Catholic Police Clearance this year, please note that there is a high volume of renewals due. To avoid disappointment it is advisable to do your renewal earlier as there is currently a delay in processing them.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

RRHAN-EC

Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care

The updated RRHAN-EC courses were released on plink on Monday 29 April 2024 and, for most of us, completion of the online update will need to be done before 31 December 2024 when our current certificate expires. You need to complete the new RRHAN-EC online update unless you already have a current certificate with an expiry date of 31 December 2027.

To access the online update please use this **link** to login as 'Non Department for Education staff login' OR if you don't already have a plink login, register **here**.

If your RRHAN-EC has already expired or you are new to education, please refer to the following guide which will help you to determine which course you need to do.

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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 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 Cabra School Tours & Enrolment Year 7





NEW CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

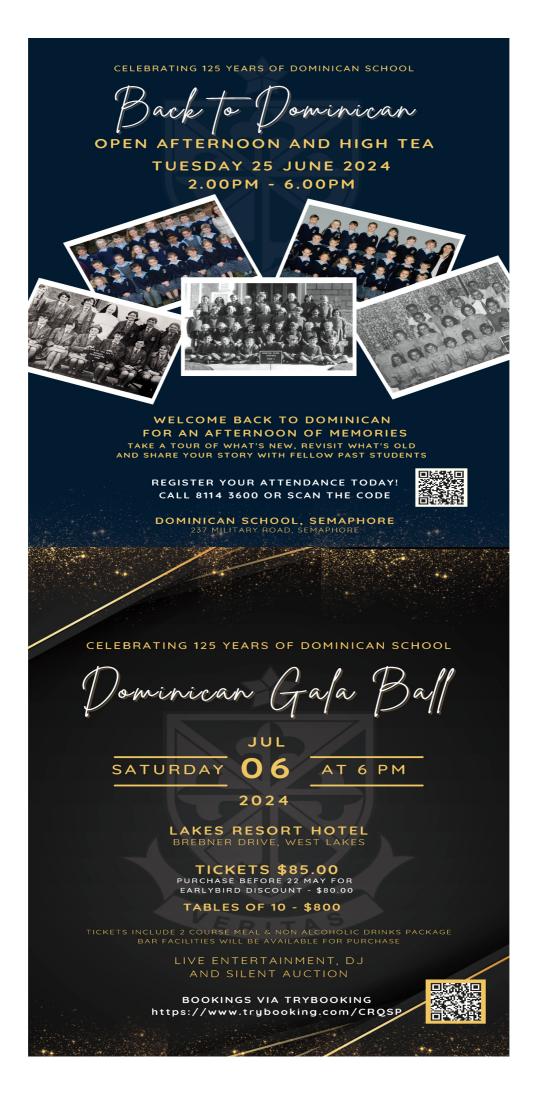
Applications for Year 7, 2027 will now close on Friday 20 September, 2024.

Please submit your application for enrolment if your child is in Year 4, by the end of Term 3.

NEW CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS - 20 September 2024

- Applications for Year 7, 2027 will now close on Friday 20 September 2024.
- Please submit your application for enrolment to Cabra Dominican College when your child is in Year 4, by the end of Term 3.

Dominican School - 125 Years



SPELD Parent Workshops



Supporting Handwriting Skills -

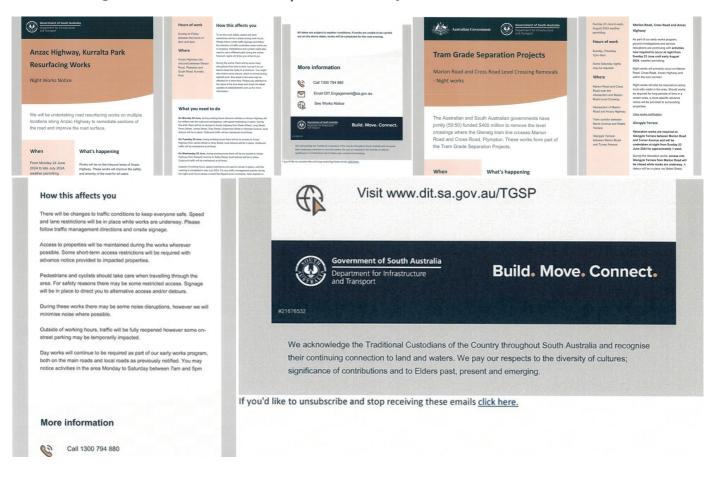
By upper primary school, many children with poor handwriting suffer shame and frustration and avoid writing tasks. This workshop arms you with the information and resources to teach handwriting confidently and efficiently from Day 1. 27 SEPT - 9:30am to 11:00am

Executive Functioning - What is it and how can I help?

Executive Functioning skills are involved in planning, organising, regulating, and keeping track of complex tasks. For some children, including many who have ADHD or ASD, executive functions develop more slowly than is typical. 27 SEPT - 11:30am to 1:00pm

View training dates, details and book in online.

Resurfacing Works and Tram Separation Project



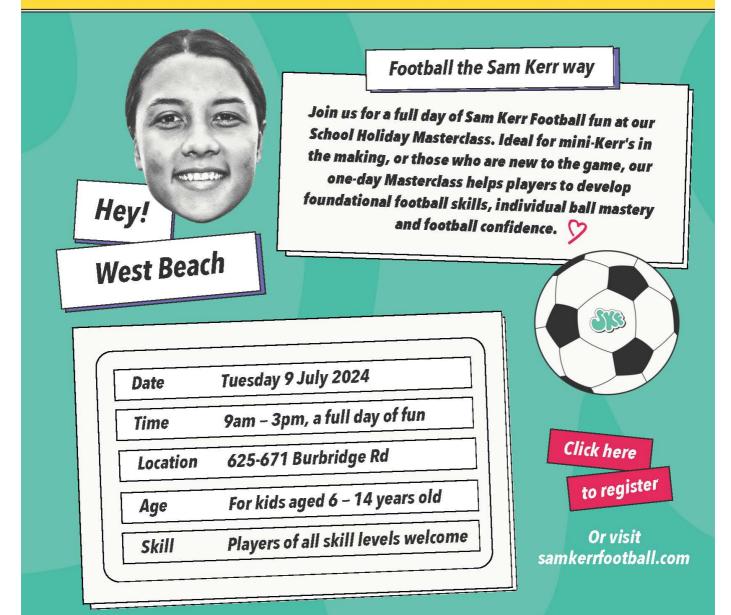
Adelaide Angels Baseball Club



Sam Kerr Football Clinic



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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 few weeks and over the holidays.

June Birthdays

20th June - Thomas McD (5F) & Scarlett S (3BM)

- 21st June Naira D (3J)
- 22nd June Ruby S (1SM)
- 24th June Harry P (2T)
- 25th June Annabelle C (3J) & Sanaya P (1SM)
- 26th June River W (REC BR)
- 27th June Kayden H (1M) & Syd P (2T)
- 28th June Oscar B (3BM)
- 29th June Ewan H (6RC) & Johan JG (REC B)

July Birthdays

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 & 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

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