

Important Dates

Last Day of Term -3pm Finish

Friday 29 September 2023

First Day of Term 4

Monday 16 October 2023

Sports Day

Friday 20 October 2023

Reception Zoo Excursion

Tuesday 24 October 2023

Year 3 Camp

Thursday 26 October 2023

SACPSSA Tennis Carnival Yrs 3/4

Thursday 26 October 2023

Year 3 Camp

Friday 27 October 2023

Principal's Tour 9.30am

Tuesday 31 October 2023

All Saints Day

Wednesday 1 November 2023

All Souls Day

Thursday 2 November 2023

SACPSSA Athletics Carnival Yrs 3-6

Monday 6 November 2023

Year 5 Camp

Wednesday 8 November 2023

Year 5 Camp

Thursday 9 November 2023

Year 5 Camp

Friday 10 November 2023

Remembrance Day

Saturday 11 November 2023

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

St John the Baptist Catholic School Colour Fun Run

We wish to thank the St John the Baptist Catholic School community for their great support of the Colour Fun Run held on Friday 15th

September. We would particularly like to thank the parents who volunteered their time to assist on the day. It was a wonderful afternoon enveloped in a great sense of community spirit.

We kindly ask that once all donations have been collected that each family make one payment per child via the Qkr! App by tomorrow, Friday 29th September. The children will then be entered into the appropriate draw for a chance to win a Rebel Sport voucher. Winners will be drawn and announced at the first assembly of Term 4.

Catholic Schools Music Festival

The Senior Choir students (Years 5 and 6) will perform at the Catholic Schools Music Festival this evening. This annual event is always a fantastic showcase of the musical abilities of students in Catholic schools. The St John the Baptist Senior Choir students will be joined on stage by hundreds of children from Catholic schools around South Australia who perform a program of songs they have been rehearsing over the past three terms. Well done to the following students and their Choir Trainers, Antonietta Caruana and Loretta De Palma. A fantastic effort by all involved!

Japreet K

Blessing K

Allyn M

Madeleine T

Scarlett W

Willow Y

Angela Y

Sports Day

A reminder that Sports Day will be held in Week 1 of Term 4, Friday 20th October. Please note that this year we will again return to the SA Athletics Stadium at Mile End. Communication regarding the day has been previously sent home. We ask that you read through this information carefully and we look forward to a great community day filled with spirit!

Anzac Highway Properties- Update

Pre work including soil testing and surveying has commenced on the land to be developed along Anzac Highway with a greater construction presence to occur in the coming weeks. At this point in time, works on the development will begin in October and run throughout Term 4 with the project estimated to be complete just prior to Christmas. This is great news, as it means the new play space and car park will be in use from the commencement of the 2024 school year.

Due to the scope of the works, there will at some point in the project be a need to close off access to the Anzac Highway car park. We will keep you updated prior to this, so you are able to make alternative arrangements.

School Uniform

A reminder that the School Summer Uniform is to be worn from the beginning of Term 4.

Please find the School Uniform Guidelines for the summer uniform here.

As the term ends, we wish all students, their families and the staff of St John the Baptist Catholic School the very best for the term break.

Best wishes

Leadership Team



Enrolments for siblings to start in 2025 are now **urgently overdue.**

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

Catholic Identity

Scroll into Spring

Today we had our fundraising initiative with the delicious scrolls made by Jo Fitzgerald. Students received and enjoyed their orders at their allocated recess time. The money raised will be donated to Catholic Charities.

Thank you once again for your support and generosity.

Mass & Liturgy

We have enjoyed the opportunity for the school community and parish to connect through Wednesday morning Mass, followed by morning tea. Next term we will continue to celebrate year level Mass for Reception, Year 1 and Year 4, with the parish following an open morning.

As we come to the end of Term 3, I would like to say a big congratulations as we have made our way through an eventful term. This term had significant celebrations within our Church's liturgical calendar but also in the school community with St Mary MacKillop's Feast Day, the Assumption of Mary into heaven, and the celebration of Sacraments for the children in our school. It feels like quite an

accomplishment to look back and see how far we have come!

Wishing you all a restful break, ready for the final term of 2023.

Amanda Razon

APRIM

Finance News

Statement of Accounts

A statement of accounts was sent home to all families. 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

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

School Fees for 2024

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2024 school year.

In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial difficulties. Families should contact Pam Marks, Finance Officer for more information.

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

Meet our School Board Members







Name	Toni Stevens

Favourite Colour	Blue		
Favourite Food	A really good steak!		
Hobbies & Interests	I love to cook and spend time with my family and friends		
Primary School you attended	Antonio Catholic School		
High School you attended	Cardijn College		
3 Words to describe yourself	Persistent, caring & reliable		
Best advice you have been given	We are not born thinking we cannot do something!		
Best thing about St John the Baptist Catholic School		Community and the kindness and friendship I see with Ava's friends.	

From the Sport Coordinator



Term 3 School Sport

Grand Final – Netball

Congratulations to the Year 3/4 ALLSTARS netball team who finished the season top of the ladder and then went on to win the Grand Final. Well done to the team and their coach Michelle Politis.



Sport Carnivals/Trials

Sports Day Time Trials

All the Year 3 -6's walked to Plympton Oval on Thursday 14th September for our Sports Day / Athletics time trials.

The children were timed running the 100m and 200m. These times will assist me in organising our Sports Day.

A big thank you to the parents who volunteered to help walk the children to and from Plympton Oval.

Westies Cup

St John the Baptist Catholic School sent 2 teams of Yr.5 & 6 Boys to play Aussie Rules in the Westies Cup that was held at Richmond Oval on Tuesday 19th September.

There were 8 teams from various schools. The boys played 7 matches followed by a finals series.

As it worked out the two St John the Baptist Catholic School teams ended up playing against each other in the 3rd versus 4th final – a close match entailed!

So, we can officially say that St John the Baptist Catholic School finished 3rd and 4th!!!

Thank you to David Piasente for coaching one of the teams.

Term 4 Sport Teams

Basketball 7 x Basketball teams

Year 3/4 Boys STJB Bulls - Coach - Megan Spokes

Year 3/4 Boys STJB Wizards - Coaches - Jeff Balkwill & Carolyne Ryan

Year 5/6 Boys STJB Warriors - Coach Filomena Francis

Year 5/6 Girls STJB Clippers - Coaches - Simon Croxton / Hilary Sadler

Year 2/3 Open STJB Lakers - Coach - Grant Evans

Year 2/3 Open STJB Magic - Coach - Michelle Politis

Tee Ball 1 x team

Seagulls - Coach - REQUIRED

Volleyball 2 x teams

Storm - Coach - Jo Rowett

Thunder - Coach - Beth Tamm

Netball 1 x team

Year 3/4 STJB Allstars - Coaches - Michelle Politis & Angela Speirs

This is the final list of school teams competing in Term 4.

Other options / teams were not viable due to lack of numbers.

Soccer Tops

Could all school soccer tops please be laundered and returned ASAP.

Reminder:

St John the Baptist Catholic School SPORTS DAY

- Friday 20th October 2023
- SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End

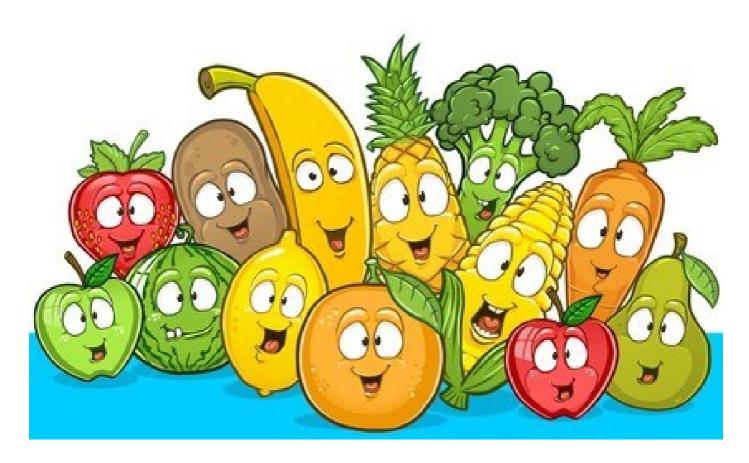
Kind regards,

Paul O'Dea

PE & Co-curricular Sport Co-ordinator

sport@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

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 3

Friday 22nd September - Jo & Belinda Steindorf

Monday 25th September - Julie

Tueday 26th September - Jo

Wednesday 27th September - Julie

Thursday 28th September - Jo

Friday 29th September - Jo & Zoe Seiffert

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help in the canteen this term, it is very much appreciated.

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald



Guiding children's growth

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter









26/09/2023

SA St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School OSHC

A message from your Coordinator

Hello everyone! It's unbelievable how fast this term has flown by!

Firstly, as we come to the end of Term 3, I would like to remind parents that booking are still open for Rocketeers and we cannot wait to see all the children throughout this time, as well as hearing their incredible recounts of their holidays when we return in Term 4.

Secondly, I would like to remind parents to return any medical forms, for their child/ren if you have not already, I would greatly appreciate it!

Lastly, I just wanted to let all the parents know, that I will be away in Term 4 until the Wednesday of Week 4 as I will be on placement, I've had conversations with the children as it has gotten closer to prepare them for my absence in the service.

If you have any questions, I am more than happy to answer them! You can contact me by phone on **0405 436 293** or by email at sastjohnbaptist@oshccampaustralia.com.au

Thank you, Tate







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



MISSION XI **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

Mission Takeoff XI: Mind & Body Quest

Embark on an epic journey of self-discovery! Feel the heart's pulse with a science experiment making a pumping heart. Craft a hand model to explore muscles and create galaxy jars for mindful wonders. Unleash excitement within your amazing self!

Full Fee \$70.30 | After Max. CCS* \$7.03



Operation: Alien Encounters

Inspired by World Space Week (4-10 October), we're exploring the extraordinary in extraterrestrial life – aka ALIENS! You'll find yourself venturing through some out-of-this-wor fun, such as scavenger hunts, creating alien language and more.

Full Fee \$58.30 | After Max. CCS* \$5.83



ROCKETEERS

Adventure: Country Escape at Hahndorf Farm Barn

Enjoy a unique blend of farmyard and wildlife where you'll meet some cute and cuddly friends, and even feed a few baby animals! Then, let's catch a show to learn about native wildlife species and their habitats. Please note:

Sometime animal feeding may not be available.

Full Fee \$95.30 | After Max. CCS* \$9.53



Fri Operation: Food for Fuel

Let's look at ways we can fuel our bodies. From discovering healthy and delicious food through activities and crafts to exploring other ways we can fuel our passions; how do you fuel your energy?

Full Fee \$58.30 | After Max. CCS* \$5.83



Mon Experience Takeover: Soccer Strikers Shootout

You asked for it and here it is! Calling all soccer superstars and fans, today is your day to shine! Join us as we take on thrilling soccer games led by professionals, where you'll learn new skills and challenges. Feel the rush of the beautiful game!

Full Fee \$80.30 | After Max. CCS* \$8.03



Tue Project: The Plus-Plus Challenge

Let's build and create using Plus-Plus blocks! An award-winning Danish toy featuring one shape and endless possibilities, it's your turn to get hands-on and build your own design and even leam basic coding using different colour combinations.

Full Fee \$79.30 | After Max. CCS* \$7.93



11 Oct

Adventure: Rocketeers Dance Party

Ready for the ultimate dance fest! This dance party will have you feeling the groove as we celebrate our new song 'Take Me to Base Camp' with mind-blowing performances, the 'Take Me to Base Camp' dance moves, and some fun singalongs!

Full Fee \$106.30 | After Max. CCS* \$10.63

Project: DIY Giant Game 12 Oct Adventures

Have you ever made your own board game from scratch? Join us as we craft our very own giant board game, designing game pieces, tokens, and more. Plus, you'll get to create a special 4-in-a-row game to cherish at home!

Full Fee \$79.30 | After Max. CCS* \$7.93



Fri 13 Oct

Operation: Brain Boosters

Experience that 'light bulb' moment as your brain engages in fun problem-solving activities! From puzzles and logic games to brain teasers and more, it's time to think out loud and enhance your cognitive skills!

Full Fee \$58.30 | After Max. CCS* \$5.83



Excursion

Visit campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers to join our next mission

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 PARISH & SCHOOL COMMUNITY LUNCH

We are having a community shared lunch from

11.30am on Sunday 5th November

in the John the Baptist Centre.

Everyone is invited as we bring together families from the many diverse cultures that make up our parish & school community. It will be a BYO shared lunch, and we ask you to bring a plate of food to share from your own cultural background or a family favourite.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, plates, serviettes and cutlery will be provided.

EVERYONE WELCOME!





presented by Mark Le Messurier

Wednesday October 25 2023 6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

St Thomas School & Preschool

10 Rushton Street, Goodwood

This Parent Engagement Evening is hosted by Catholic School Parents SA.

The ages between 11 to 20 years are loosely considered adolescence. It is a critical time for human development and is

best-known as a period of change – physically, emotionally, sexually and neurologically. Yet adolescent behaviour can be a puzzle to many – parents included.

So, what is a parent to do...? Firstly, understand what's really happening within your teenager during this vulnerable time. Change gears and shift your parenting to embrace this new dimension.

Mark will also present some fast, practical and helpful ideas for you to work with.

Mark Le Messurier is a teacher, counsellor, author and public speaker. He works in private practice as a mentor to children and adolescents, and as a coach to parents.

Register via the <u>CESA Registration Centre</u> or go to the <u>Events page</u> on the CSPSA Website.

cspsa.catholic.edu.au

Touch a Truck



This is a **FREE** community and school holiday event, and we hope to see you there.

Location - Mitchell Park Sports and Community Centre

Date - 6 October 2023

Time - 9.30 am to 2.00 pm

Expect an action-packed day with 'Truck loads' of fun for everyone.

We have over **40 vehicles** are even running 'Quiet Hour' from 9.30 am to 10.30 on the day to ensure a comfortable experience for all, with no loud noises.

The event will showcase many vehicles that keep our community safe as well as coffee and food trucks, children's interactive activities and much more.

Grasshopper Soccer





MITE 2-3yrs: \$150 | PINT 4-5yrs: \$160 | INTRO 5-6yrs: \$170 | MICRO 7+yrs: \$180

Non-Competitive Soccer Program

LOCATIONS

UNLEY HIGH - ATHELSTONE
LOCKLEYS - COWANDILLA - HECTORVILLE
BELLEVUE HEIGHTS - FLAGSTAFF HILL

www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au/adelaideinnersouth

Plympton Catholic Parish Mass Times



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

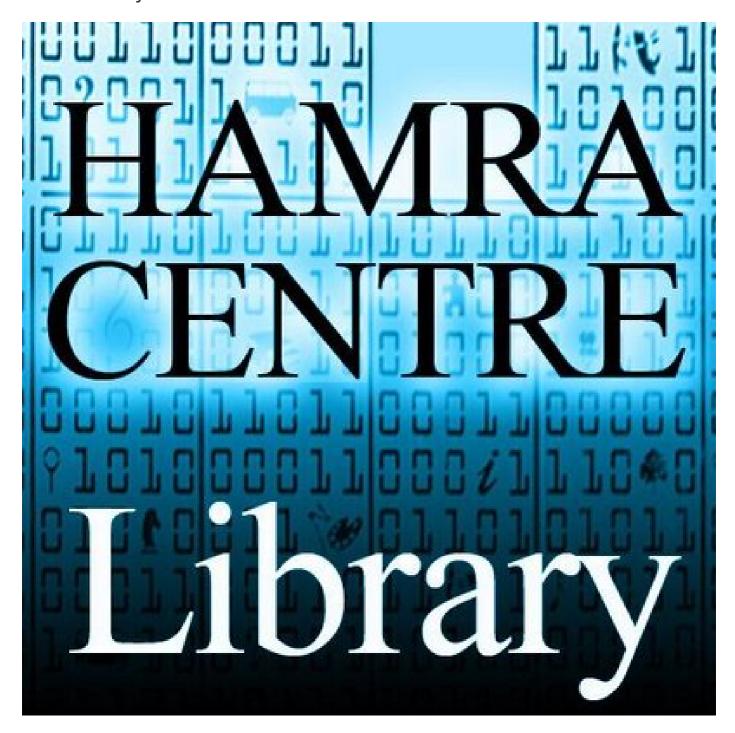
VIGIL MASS - SATURDAYS AT 6PM

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



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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Birthdays



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

September Birthdays

29th September - Tonti I(4A)

October Birthdays

1st October - Hazel S (2S) & Hamish K (1M)

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2nd October - Taylor Y (3J)

3rd October - Ava T (2S) & Mehtab A (REC K)

6th October - Charlie R (2T) & Riley K (1SM)

9th October - Marley M (REC B)

11th October - Olivia S (2S)

12th October - Inara N (6C), Edison S (1SM) & Charlotte H (REC DC)

13th October - Torah V (3BM)

16th October - Sanyam I (2S)

18th October - Elham A (3WD)

19th October - Linda S (6C)

20th October - Rhodes H (2S)

21st October - Isabella T (6GR)

22nd October - Odessa B (1SM)

24th October - Alexander T (6C), Jaya S-T (4A) & Giideon C (3WD)
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25th October - Ari L (3BM), AvaLouise N (2S) & Calista L (1M)

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

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



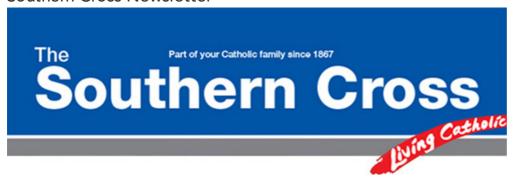
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To make a Your OSHC booking, you need to register with Camp Australia first.

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

www.campaustralia.com.au

Southern Cross Newsletter



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