



Important Dates

School Concert 7pm
Thursday 17 August

Principal's Tour 9.30am
Thursday 24 August

Book Week Parade 9am
Friday 25 August

Sacrament of Confirmation &
Communion 10am
Sunday 27 August

Principal's Tour 11.30am
Sunday 27 August

Book Week Performance
Incursion
Tuesday 29 August

Learning Conversations
Tuesday 29 August

Learning Conversations
Wednesday 30 August

Year 3 Opening Morning
Wednesday 30 August

Mass - 9.30am - Year 3
Wednesday 30 August

Father's Day Stall
Friday 1 September

Father's Day
Sunday 3 September

School Photo Day
Wednesday 6 September

Instrumental Recital Night
6.30-8pm
Thursday 7 September

SACPSSA Touch Carnival Years
4-6
Friday 8 September

Year 3 Adelaide Zoo Excursion
Friday 8 September

Pupil Free Day
Monday 11 September

Principal's Tour 9.30am
Tuesday 12 September

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

Assessment and Reporting

Recently you would have received your child's written report at the end of Semester One. This is a requirement of schools to provide parents and caregivers with a summary of achievement their child has attained against their relevant year level, and is one part of our assessment and reporting process over the year. The Mid-Year or Semester One report is based against what has been taught so far and is an on-balanced judgement of their progress towards their year level's end of year achievement standard, set out by the Australian Curriculum. In formulating these grades and reports, teachers use a wide variety of assessments, observations, checklists, and feedback to gather an informed view of what each student can do. Every child is different and no single assessment, such as a NAPLAN result, standardised test, summative task etc can provide enough information to make a definitive decision on achievement. These individual tests give insight into a child's ability, strengths, challenges, but it is when they are used alongside each other, it gives a far deeper indication as to their progress. It is this ongoing collection of evidence that informs teachers of what the child has mastered and what their next steps for learning need to be.

It is important that parents and caregivers are active in understanding and knowing what their child is learning and working towards, what areas they may excel in, and what areas they may find challenging. It is this partnership with families and positive attitude to learning (and improving learning), that is beneficial to all students. Our upcoming Learning Conversations in Week 6 provides another formal opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss with them the successes and future learning goals for your child. Information about booking a time was sent home this week and we encourage you to make this a priority and book in a time for this to occur.

In addition to Learning Conversations and written reports, evidence of continual learning is shared via Seesaw. This may come in the form of a formal rubric with achievement and feedback detailed, or an informal post with a work sample, photos, or annotated notes. As always, if you have questions about your child's learning and how you can support them, please do not hesitate to speak with their teacher.

New Playground

As you may be aware the Parents and Friends through the various events and activities conducted over the last two years, have been raising money to contribute to the upgrade of a new playground for the children. We are pleased to announce that a new playground will be installed during the upcoming summer break, ready for the children to play on from the beginning of the 2024 school year.

A number of children were consulted regarding the design of the new playground with many of the ideas incorporated into the final layout. Thank you to the school community for your efforts in raising

funds. We will continue to do so for the remainder of this year, before deciding on a new project to reach for.

Visas / Citizenship

Please note that if you are currently living in Australia on a visa and your visa conditions have changed, you must contact the school immediately. Alternatively if you and your family have become Citizens, please supply a copy of your Citizenship papers to the school. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Parking on Anzac Highway

We ask your cooperation to ensure you do not park on Anzac Highway on the city side of the entrance to the school and parish car park in the afternoon. It blocks traffic flow into the school at this peak time. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Live Learn Lead Survey

Parents are invited to participate in a short survey about our school's performance. All responses are confidential and will be used for school improvement purposes. Please use the QR Code below to access the survey.



LLL Survey

1. Scan the QR Code or enter the website below
2. Click Start Questionnaire
3. Enter the code **SJBPLLP** to start survey

www.NSIPartnerships.com.au

Best wishes,

Leadership Team

Continuing Enrolment Forms



Reminder

**DON'T FORGET TO RETURN ALL
CONTINUING ENROLMENT FORMS
BY 25TH AUGUST.**

Please be reminded to return all Continuing Enrolment Forms by August 25th. These forms allow us to make informed decisions about staff, classes and budgets. Thank you for your anticipated support.



St John the Baptist
Catholic School

**Term 3 2024
& 2025**

**SIBLING
ENROLMENTS**

**ARE NOW
OVERDUE**

Please contact the school
immediately

PH: 8218 3300



Enrolments for siblings to start in Term 3, 2024 or 2025 are now **urgently overdue**.

Please contact the front office on 8218 3300 or download a copy of the enrolment form [here](#).

Catholic Identity

Mary MacKillop Feast Day

We had a wonderful celebration of Mary MacKillop's Feast Day on Tuesday 8th August. The whole school gathered in the morning for the liturgy which was led by our Year 6 leaders. Some families and friends also joined us in prayer. Buddy classes across the school participated in creating their own Mary MacKillop board game. Students also spent the week learning more about St Mary of the Cross and her example of faith in God.

The Assumption

This week we observed the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God's Assumption into heaven. The Catholic Church teaches and believes that Mary was assumed into heaven body and soul, which no other human has done. Therefore, this is why it is a significant feast and is a holy day of obligation in the Church calendar. This means that all Catholics are to observe this day and attend Mass. Australia only has two holy days of obligation which are Christmas Day (December 25) and The Assumption.

Confirmation & Holy Communion Candidates

Next week, our candidates who have been preparing to receive their Confirmation and Holy Communion will finally celebrate these Sacraments on Sunday 27th August. The Archbishop will preside this occasion in St John the Baptist Church at 10am.

A practise will be held on Wednesday 23rd August, 7pm at St John the Baptist Church. Please keep the following candidates in your prayers as they continue their Sacramental preparation:

Charlotte Abbott

Eva Aoukar

Gideon Canilao

Hayley DeSoyza

Macy Flatman

Violet Harvey

Alen Karuvelil

Ayah Tubilan
Torah Vanstone
Jai Mitchell
Koah Mitchell
Pia Placentino
Ella Speirs
Harry Spokes

Amanda Razon
APRIM

Finance News

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.

Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze tuition fees at its 84 Diocesan schools for the 2024 school year.

"We recognise that cost-of-living increases are putting significant pressure on families," says Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director, Catholic Education SA.

"Growth in enrolments across the State in our 101 Catholic Schools, together with prudent financial management, puts us in a position where we are able to hold tuition fees at this year's level."

Dr McGoran said the fee-freeze will not impact the quality of education.

"We're committed to keeping school fees as low as possible and ensuring a Catholic education is affordable and accessible to all."

Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the *Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative* to ensure Catholic schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education.

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.

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

A statement of accounts will be sent out shortly 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

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



School Photo Day





St John the Baptist
Catholic School

Take Fresh Courage

Pupil Free Day

Monday 11th September

Meet our School Board Members



Name	Ace Lewis	
Favourite Colour	Gold	
Favourite Food	Homemade pizza	
Hobbies & Interests	My family (including sausage dog Biggles), Competitive swimming, real estate, reading, Dad jokes	
Primary School you attended	St Joseph's, Port Lincoln	
High School you attended	Westminster	
3 Words to describe yourself	Tall, caring, perfectionist	
Best advice you have been given	There's no present like the time	
Best thing about St John the Baptist Catholic School	Seeing my children love going to school	



SAPSASA Representative - SAPSASA Football (Soccer) - State Carnival / Championship

Congratulations to Alex Thur who has been chosen in the Airport District team to compete in the upcoming SAPSASA Football (soccer) - boys state carnival/championship.

Congratulations to Josephine Palmer Esteban who has been chosen in the Airport District team to compete in the upcoming SAPSASA Football (soccer) - girls state carnival/championship.

Sport Carnivals

SACPSSA Cross Country - Yrs 3 - 6 Squad held Thursday 10th August (Week 3)

St John the Baptist Catholic School was represented by 75 students from Years 3 to 6 at the SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival that was held in the East Parklands. The students had to run 2km on grass, dirt paths, across creeks and up and down hills.

We had a successful day with various year level winning banners for the most successful age group.

- Year 3 Boys Division B
- Year 3 Boys Division C
- Year 6 Boys Division B
- Year 6 Girls Division B

Congratulations to the following students who managed to achieve a top 4 place:

- 1st Year 3 Boys Division B Xavier F
- 2nd Year 3 Boys Division B Landon S
- 4th Year 3 Boys Division C Oscar K
- 1st Year 5 Girls Division B Eloise S
- 2nd Year 5 Boys Division B Mason P
- 4th Year 6 Boys Division B Rowan A

The following carnivals / trials will occur this term –

- **Adelaide (Angels) Baseball Carnival** - All Yrs 5 & 6 - Wednesday 30th August (Week 6)
- **SACPSSA Touch Carnival** - All Yrs 4 - 6 - Friday 8th September (Week 7)
- **Sports Day time trials** - All Yrs 3 – 6 - Tuesday 5th September (Week 7)
- **Westies Cup** - Yr 5 & 6 Boys - Tuesday 19th September (Week 9)
- **SACPSSA Cricket Carnival** - All Yr 5 & 6 - Thursday 21st September (Week 9)

Basketball

7 x Basketball teams

Year 3/4 Boys STJB Bulls - Coach – Andi Richardson

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

Year 5/6 Girls STJB Clippers - Coaches – Lisa Critchley

Year 2/3 Open STJB Lakers - Coaches – Grant Evans

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

Soccer

6 x Soccer teams

Phoenix (Under 7) - Coaches – Jason Gullickson & Chris Flatman

Jets (Under 8) - Coach - Adam Keegan

United (Under 9) - Coach – Mark Seiffert

Glory (Under 9) - Coach – Peter Parini

Victory (Seniors) - Coach – Save Politis

Wanderers (Seniors) - Coach – Gregor Dingwall

Upcoming Southern Districts Junior Soccer Association Soccer Carnivals

- **August 21st** Under 8-night Carnival, Bowker Street
- **August 28th** Under 7 & 8-night Carnival, Bowker Street

Netball

2 x Netball teams

Year 3/4 STJB Allstars - Coach – Michelle Politis

Year 3/4 STJB Firebirds - Coach – Angela Speirs

A special thank you to all these parents who have given up their time and volunteered to coach a team.

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

From the Library



BOOK WEEK

Book Week is in Week 5. The theme this year is READ GROW INSPIRE.

The Book Week Parade will be on Friday 25th August at 9.00am. It is a time to celebrate books and dress up in a favourite book character if possible.

However it is not meant to be a costly or stressful exercise for families. Simple home-made creations are very welcome or you may want to use something from your dress-up box.

The Book Week poster features a seahorse being ridden by three children and we will be decorating the library in a sea theme. Seahorses symbolize good luck, magic, masculinity, strength, persistence and peace. They can teach us great life lessons and are significant power and spirit animals in some cultures.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the 120 students who have completed the 12 book Premiers Reading Challenge so far this year. Twenty-one of these students have completed the 20 Book Challenge.

So keep reading and enjoy books as there is still time to complete the challenge. The forms are due in on Friday 8th September in Week 7. If you need help you only have to ask.

Maria French

Library



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 18th August - Jo & Zoe Seiffert

Monday 21st August - Julie

Tuesday 22nd August - Jo

Wednesday 23rd August - Julie

Thursday 24th August - Jo

Friday 25th August - Jo & Kate Piasente

Monday 28th August - Julie

Tuesday 29th August - Jo

Wednesday 30th August - Julie

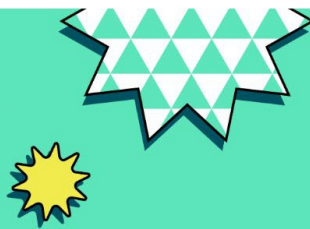
Thursday 31st August - Jo

Friday 1st September - Jo & TBA

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald



Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



16/08/2023

SA St John the Baptist Catholic OSHC

Your
OSHC.



A message from your Coordinator

Hello everyone,

Heading into Week 5, it's crazy to think we're almost halfway through the term already!

Firstly, welcome to all the new families who have started school this term and joined our OSHC community! We are so excited to get to know you all and look forward to spending more time with you as the term goes on.

This last week we've celebrated National Science Week, and it's been a busy one; making underwater volcanos, slime and coloured magic milk, just to name a few things!

We would like to congratulate Edison Summers for his runner up entry into our nation-wide Big Art Competition that was run last term, his outstanding poem is pictured on the next page. We are very proud of you, Eddie, and hope you enjoy your art prize pack!

A reminder to all parents to please check your enrolment information is up to date, including phone numbers, addresses, and medical info, and include details for anyone else who picks up your child/ren from OSHC.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us on 0405 436 293, email us at sastjohnbaptist@oshccampastralia.com.au or pop into the OSHC during our opening hours.

Thank you, Tate

Activities coming up

- Make your own bookmark/book
- Bath bombs
- Cooking activities

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

[Book now](#)

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 pp.campastralia.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.



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

This can be a poem, a short story,
or any format that suits
your creative writing skills.

RIDE THE MIGHTY WAVES

The bravest of them all
have to be vulnerable

Life can twist and turn
the strongest often learn
to ride the mighty waves

if you're a bit scared
face your fears
and you'll see
they fade in the breeze.

So hold your head high
and look to the sky
Smile and believe
that you will succeed!

Edison. S

SA St John the Baptist Catholic School



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
CONFIRMATION & COMMUNION

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 10.00AM



**Catholic
School
Parents**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

Helping children and teenagers respond to friendship difficulties and bullying

presented by Madhavi Nawana Parker

Wednesday September 20 2023
6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

St Mary's College, Veritas Centre
253 Franklin Street, Adelaide

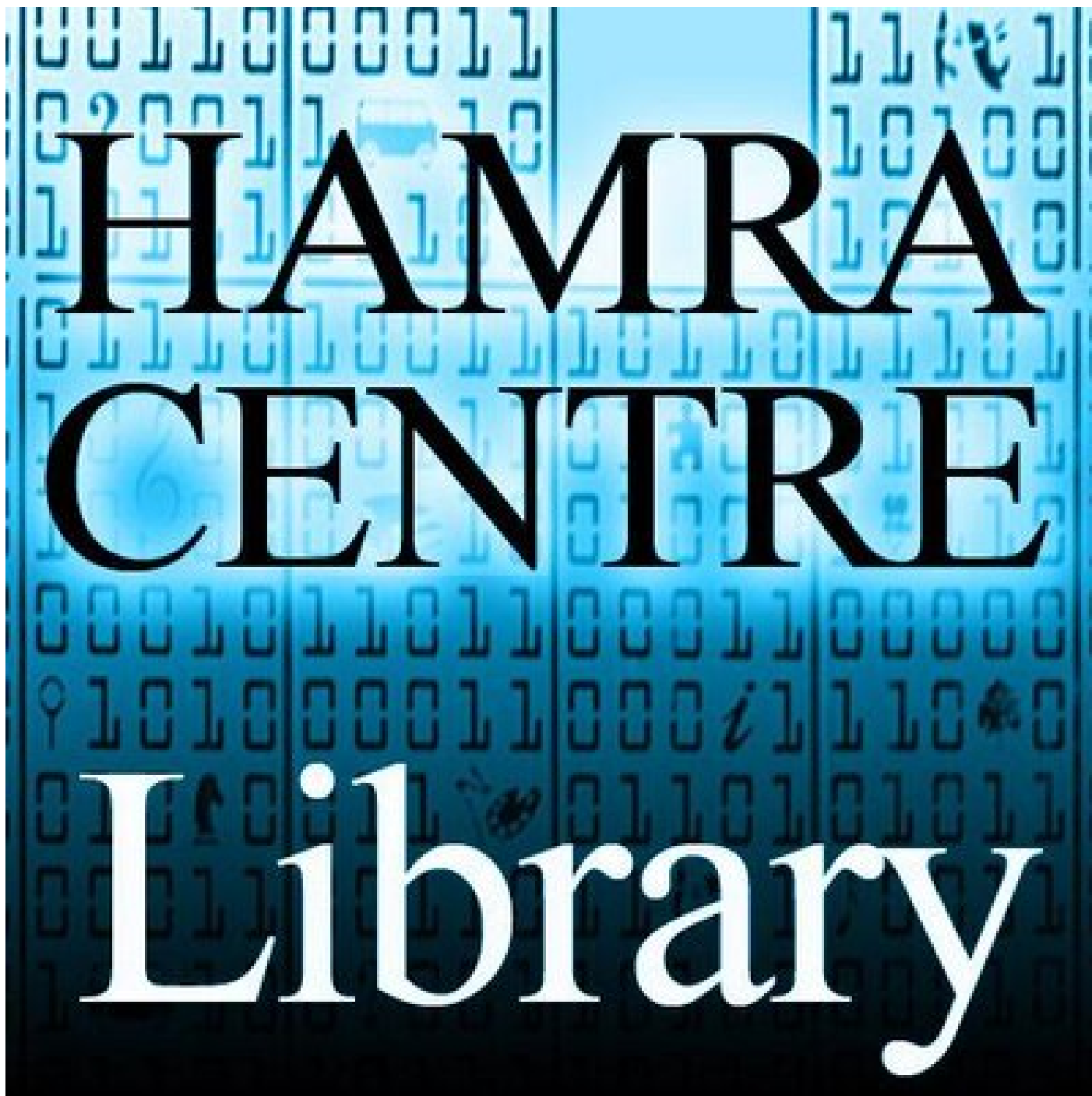
This Parent Engagement Evening, hosted by Catholic School Parent SA, welcomes all parents and carers of children in Catholic schools.

Social and friendship challenges are common. Learning how to have a good relationship with others, regulate emotions when socially isolated, and respond proactively to bullying, are crucial life skills. This workshop will help parents and carers identify the difference between bullying and social clumsiness, whilst also providing practical and constructive ways for young people to cope with confidence and resilience.

Madhavi Nawana Parker, Director of [Positive Minds Australia](#) is one of Australia's leading experts on Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the Catholic School Parents SA 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>

We welcome you to Western Little Athletics Club
(Formerly Henley Little Athletics Club)



WESTERN

Welcome
TO OUR PRIDE

COME AND TRY
Little Athletics

JOIN US ON **FRIDAY 15th SEP 2023 6pm - 7:30pm**
FOR A COME AND TRY + REGO NIGHT
Henley Oval - Cnr White and Raymond Street Henley Beach

**ATHLETICS INVOLVES THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ALL
SPORTS: RUN, JUMP & THROW!**

**ANY NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN 2023 WILL RECEIVE:
FREE UNIFORM AND FREE TRAINING!**

SEASON STARTS FRIDAY 22nd SEPT 2023



FAMILY.FUN.FITNESS

Find Us:



Western Little Athletics Club are holding a **FREE** Come and Try Little Athletics on Friday 15th September at 6pm at the Henley Memorial Oval, Cnr Raymond and White Streets, Henley Beach.

This invitation is open for all children between the ages of 3 and 16 years of age.

Children will learn the fundamental skills of Run, Jump and Throw. With this year being the Olympics year, we hope there are many inspired potential little athletes who would like to give Athletics a go!

Plympton Bulldogs Junior Girls Soccer Club



PLYMPTON BULLDOGS

GIRL'S

Come & Try Session

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST - 5.30-6.30PM
WWC THEMED SESSION
COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVOURITE TEAM COLOURS

KITCHEN OPEN FOR MEALS

To register please fill in details online at soccer.plymptonbulldogs.com.au or via the QR code below



Plympton Bulldogs Junior Soccer Club is running a Girls Come and Try on the 18th of August .

While the excitement of the Women's World Cup is on, and the Matildas' dominating, this is a great opportunity to encourage girls to get involved in women's soccer.

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Rintala, Jake Lehmann, Emily Hodgson
and many others.

Call 1300 418 204 or visit iscamps.com.au for details



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Birthdays



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

August Birthdays

17th August - Domenic D (6C) & Raiden J (1SM)

18th August - Ivy G (4PR) & Amelia W (3WD)

19th August - Ivana W (REC K)

22nd August - Bels S (6C)

26th August - Logan T (6C), Vian P (1M) & viraz P (1M)

29th August - Riaan S (4PR) & Aanya D (3J)



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: didadurmanovic@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

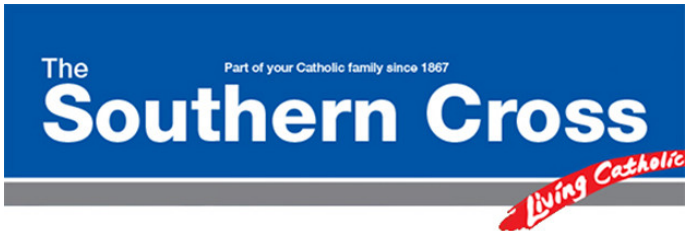


To make a Your OSHC booking, you need to register with Camp Australia first.

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

www.campaustralia.com.au

Southern Cross Newsletter



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