



## Important Dates

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**Father's Day Stall**  
Friday 1 September

**Father's Day BBQ  
After School**  
Friday 1 September

**Father's Day**  
Sunday 3 September

**School Photo Day**  
Wednesday 6 September

**Instrumental  
Concert 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

**Year 1 Excursion -  
Belair National Park**  
Wednesday 13 September

**Year 2 Open  
Morning & Mass**  
Wednesday 13 September

**R U OK? Day**  
Thursday 14 September

**School Colour Run**  
Friday 15 September

**Westies Cup (Year  
5/6 Boys)**  
Tuesday 19 September

**Year 4 Camp**  
Wednesday 20 September

**Year 6 Breakfast  
Book Club Meeting**  
Wednesday 20 September

**School Advisory  
Board Meeting**

**Year 4 Camp**  
Thursday 21 September

**SACPSSA Cricket  
Carnival Years 5/6**

**Year 4 Camp**  
Friday 22 September

## From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

In the fast-paced and ever-evolving world we live in, it's natural for students to experience moments of anxiety and uncertainty. Anxiety becomes a problem for children when it starts to get in the way of their everyday life. As educators and parents, our shared goal is to provide them with the tools they need to navigate these challenges and emerge as confident, resilient individuals.

### ***Understanding Anxiety:***

Anxiety is a normal part of life, but for some students, it can become overwhelming. Whether it's the pressure of academics, social interactions, or personal expectations, anxiety can hinder a student's ability to engage fully in school and life. Recognising the signs of anxiety and understanding its impact is the first step in providing the necessary support. Anxiety can be hard to recognise in children, as the signs are varied and include common things such as tummy aches, recurrent headaches, tantrums, not eating properly, quickly getting angry or irritable, negative thoughts, feeling tense, frequent toilet use, crying, clingy and difficulty sleeping.

### ***Creating a Supportive Environment:***

Parents are a primary source of comfort and guidance for their children. By creating an open and non-judgmental space, parents can encourage their anxious children to share their worries and fears. Listening actively and empathetically lets the child know that their feelings are valid and that they are not alone in their struggles. Show high levels of warmth and acceptance. Tell them they are loved, show them we enjoy being with them, find ways to praise and recognise their skills.

### ***Communication is Key:***

Regular communication between parents and teachers is essential. Teachers can provide valuable insights into a student's behaviour and performance at school, while parents can share information about the child's well-being at home. This collaborative approach allows for a comprehensive understanding of the student's needs and enables both parties to work together in the best interest of the child.

### ***Teaching Coping Strategies:***

Parents can introduce their anxious children to effective coping strategies that can be utilized during moments of stress. Breathing exercises, mindfulness techniques, and encouraging creative outlets like art or music can provide healthy outlets for managing anxiety. These strategies not only help in the moment but also equip students with lifelong tools to tackle challenges. Provide age-appropriate levels of independence and autonomy. Allow children to make decisions, have time by themselves, problem solve independently, have chores and manage daily tasks.

### ***Encouraging a Growth Mindset:***

Parents can instill a growth mindset in their children, emphasizing that failures and setbacks are opportunities for growth and learning. By reframing challenges as stepping stones to success, parents help their children develop resilience and the confidence to overcome obstacles. Show and tell children that being worried or anxious is not terrible. Let them know we believe they can cope with feeling worried and being in difficult situations, using a neutral or positive facial expression and confident tone of voice when talking about anxiety,

### ***Setting Realistic Expectations:***

While striving for excellence is important, setting unrealistic expectations can contribute to anxiety. Parents can help by encouraging a balanced approach to academics, extracurricular activities, and personal time. This fosters a sense of achievement while reducing the pressure that can lead to anxious feelings. Help encourage and support children to face their fears a bit at a time. Confidently assume they can do things, don't allow them to avoid feared situations for the long term, don't provide opportunities to opt out, avoid or stay away from life or social situations.

### **Seeking Professional Help:**

In cases where anxiety becomes persistent and debilitating, seeking professional help is crucial. Parents can work with school counsellors, therapists, or mental health professionals to develop tailored strategies and interventions for their child's specific needs. It is also important to actively work on our own anxieties and stressors so that young people can see us act in brave, confident and self assured ways in a range of life situations.

By fostering open communication, teaching coping strategies, and nurturing a growth mindset, parents can empower their children to develop resilience and confidence that will serve them well throughout their lives. Together, as a school community, we can create an environment where every student feels supported and capable of overcoming challenges.

### **Staffing News**

Rose Gauro will conclude her employment at St John the Baptist Catholic School at the end of this term. Rose has worked with many children across the school in her role as an Education Support Officer for over twenty years. We thank her for her commitment and contribution to the school and for blessing us with her calm and wise demeanour. We wish her all the best for the next stage of life's journey. The school community will officially farewell Rose towards the end of this term.

### **Land Development Update**

The development of the acquired land on Anzac Highway is nearing a start. It is envisaged that the works will commence during the upcoming term break with the new car park and play space in use from the beginning of the 2024 school year. Exciting!

### **Instrumental Concert**

On Thursday evening, 7<sup>th</sup> September our instrumental students will showcase their musical abilities in front of an audience at the annual Instrumental Concert. We look forward to an entertaining evening of music.

### **Colour Run**

The annual Colour Fun Run will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. We look forward to a fun filled afternoon as a school community. Information regarding the arrangements for the day have been sent home in a separate note. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you did not receive a notice.

### **Hats**

With the UV Index now creeping up, it is time for the children to again consider wearing their hats during the play breaks. Officially this is compulsory from the beginning of Term 4, but the children are encouraged and welcome to wear their hats for the remaining weeks of Term 3.

Best Wishes

**The Leadership Team**



**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

### Year 5 Open Morning & Mass

We held our first Open Morning and Mass last Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. It was lovely to see family members visit the Year 5 classrooms and join the parish for Mass with their children. The Parents & Friends arranged for a shared morning tea after Mass, which was enjoyed by both family and the parishioners. We are thankful to have wonderful opportunities for the parish and school to come together.

### Confirmation and Holy Communion

Last Sunday, twenty children from the school and wider community received their Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and Fr Denis presided the Mass for this celebration. At the conclusion of the ceremony the parish provided a morning tea and cake to commemorate the special occasion. We congratulate and continue to pray for the following children in our school as they continue their faith journey.

Charlotte Abbott

Eva Aoukar

Gideon Canilao  
Hayley DeSoyza  
Macy Flatman  
Lyla Gordon  
Violet Harvey  
Alen Karuvelil  
Ayah Tubilan  
Torah Vanstone  
Jai Mitchell  
Koah Mitchell  
Pia Placentino  
Ella Speirs  
Harry Spokes  
Abigail Wyld

#### **ReLAT**

Each year our Year 4 students participate in a Religious Literacy Assessment called ReLAT. It is an assessment that measures the student's understanding of the core Learnings within the Religious Curriculum, *Crossways*, implemented within the school and across all South Australian Catholic Schools. This basic knowledge test complements the continuous, fuller, and deeper assessment of learning that occurs in the RE classroom and will take place in Week 8 of this term.

**Amanda Razon**

**APRIM**



## With Sympathy



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

To the family of Willow (2T) & Charlie (REC K) Stephenson for the loss of their  
maternal Grandmother.

**"Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she Rest In Peace."**

## Finance News

### **Statement of Accounts**

A statement of accounts has been 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**



This Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, we are hosting a Father's Day BBQ to celebrate the Father's and those that play the role of Father's after school from 3pm.

Please join us to celebrate as we head into the Father's Day weekend.





# School Photo Day





**St John the Baptist**  
Catholic School

*Take Fresh Courage*

# Pupil Free Day

## Monday 11th September

# Meet our School Board Members



Name	Adam Keegan
Favourite Colour	Blue
Favourite Food	Eggs & Sourdough!
Hobbies & Interests	Sport, Crows, Camping

Primary School you attended	Christ the King	
High School you attended	Sacred Heart	
3 Words to describe yourself	Talks to Much!	
Best advice you have been given	Be consistently good not occasionally great	
Best thing about St John the Baptist Catholic School	Great leadership & Great Families!	

## From the Sport Coordinator



### Term 3 School Sport

#### **SAPSASA Representative - SAPSASA Football (soccer) - State Carnival/Championship.**

Congratulations to Alex Thur who represented the Airport District team in the SAPSASA Football (soccer) - boys state carnival/championship.

Alex's Airport District boys team came fourth.

Congratulations to **Josephine Palmer-Esteban** who represented the Airport District team in the SAPSASA Football (soccer) - girls state carnival/championship.

Josephine's Airport District girls team came second.

#### **Sport Carnivals**

The following carnivals / trials will occur this term –

- **Adelaide (Angels) Baseball Carnival** - All Year 5 & 6 - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August (Week 6)
- **SACPSSA Touch Carnival** - All Year 4 - 6 - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March (Week 7)
- **Sports Day Time Trials** - All Year 3 – 6 - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September (Week 7)
- **Westies Cup** - Year 5 & 6 Boys - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September (Week 9)
- **SACPSSA Cricket Carnival** - All Year 5 & 6 - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

Basketball has finished for the season, well done to all who participated.

### **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

### **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.

### **Term 4 Sports Registration**

The Term 4 Registration form for School Sports Teams is now available.

We encourage children to take part in out of hours school sport.

You only need to register your child once! You can register for multiple sports if you wish.

As always, every team will require an adult coach / manager. You must have completed the appropriate Catholic Police Clearance and Volunteer paperwork. This is available from the school Front Office.

Click [here](#) to access the Term 4 Registration form.

For the children who wish to continue on in their preferred sport (from Term 3) – Basketball and Netball. **You need to register again for Term 4.**

### **Reminder:**

#### **St John the Baptist Catholic School SPORTS DAY**

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End

Kind regards,

**Paul O'Dea**

**PE & Co-curricular Sport Co-ordinator**

[sport@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sport@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au)

## From the Library



### REMINDER - Premier's Reading Challenge

Premier's Reading Challenge forms are due next Friday September 8th. Congratulations to all those who have completed the challenge so far.

If you need support in completing the reading challenge please ask for help.

### Book Week

The theme for Book Week 2023 was - **"Read, Grow, Inspire"**.

Thank you to all the staff and community who supported our students throughout Book Week. If you haven't already, please see our Facebook page to enjoy some images of our celebration.

The library team were very busy in the lead up to Book Week and included Mrs Paula Gill, Mrs Rose Gauro (who helped even though she was on LSL), Sienna Huish, Mrs Julie Henschke, John Sheehy (a parent of old scholars), Megan and Emily French (old scholars). Lauren Farinola, Laura French (another old scholar) and I spent a happy and very busy Friday afternoon decorating the library space. The make-over was inspired by the poster with children riding a seahorse with an under the sea theme.

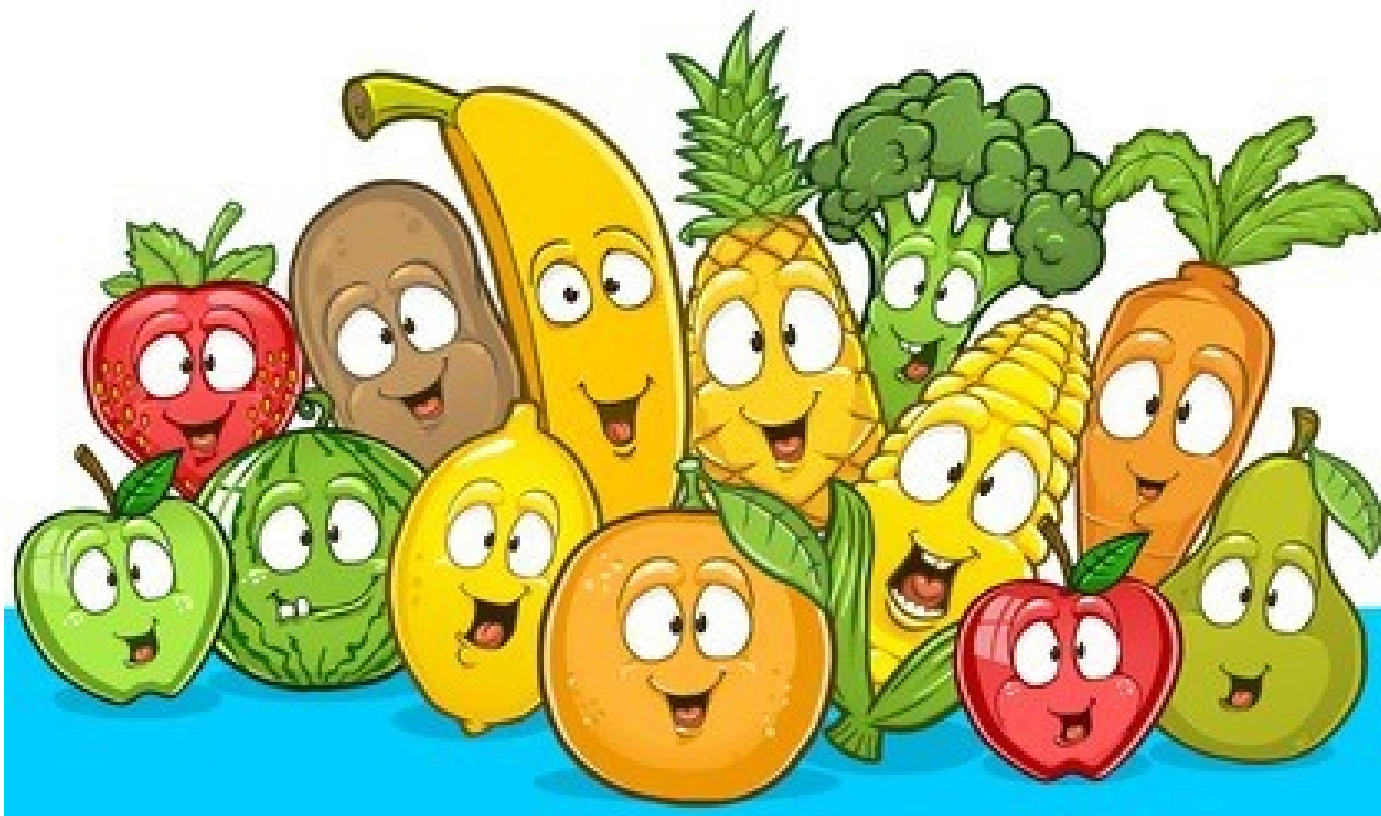
Every class in the school were involved in making the decorations which included, turtles, crabs, fish, anemones, starfish, seaweed, a blue-ringed octopus, a rock-pool, seaweed, seahorses and seadragons. The excitement on students' faces when finding their artwork was a delight to see and walking through bubbles on the way out completed the scene. "Best day ever" was a comment echoed by many of the Year 3s.

The students enjoyed 3 short-listed books through **'Way Too Cool'** presented to the Reception to Year 4 students by **Perform! Education** with Nikki and Tim. The script incorporated **Dirt by Sea** with comic style illustrations, a moving family story that is also a true celebration of what we love most about the Australian landscape, family holidays and classic Kombi vans. **My Strange Shrinking Parents** an imaginative account of growing up different, the transformative power of love and the shape that a life can take. **Jigsaw – A Puzzle in the Post** – a warm-hearted story of perseverance, determination and hope. This high octave, interactive, performance for Book Week left many students wanting to read the books more and see what else they could find out. The Book Parade excitement level was high and it was great fun to see all the many wonderfully creative and varied costumes which reflected the students' interests in books. Special thanks to those families and friends who supported, encouraged and helped create the many different characters and to those who were able to join us to watch the meandering parade.

Our class teachers have read their choice of the short-listed books and added activities to support the stories during the celebrations of Book week. Some of our younger classes were read to by their buddies while happily enjoying the library space.



## 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**

Thursday 31st August - Jo

Friday 1st September - Jo & TBA

Monday 4th September - Julie

Tuesday 5th September - Jo

Wednesday 6th September - Julie & Maria Esteban

Thursday 7th September - Jo

Friday 8th September - Jo & TBA

Monday 11th September - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 12th September - Jo

Wednesday 13th September - Julie & Julian Thompson

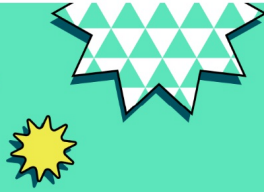
Thursday 14th September - Jo

Friday 15th September - Jo & TBA

**Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald**



# Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



28/08/2023

SA St John the Baptist

Your  
OSHC.



## A message from your Coordinator

Hello everyone,

Firstly, as we continue through the term, I wish to welcome all of the new children who have come into OSHC throughout the term. We are so excited to get to know you all and look forward to spending more time with you as the term goes on.

Secondly, we have just had National Book Week and you can check out some of the epic photos below of the activities the children completed throughout the week!

Lastly, Rocketeers bookings are now LIVE! I have included a snapshot of the upcoming program so you can see the EPIC adventures we are going on!

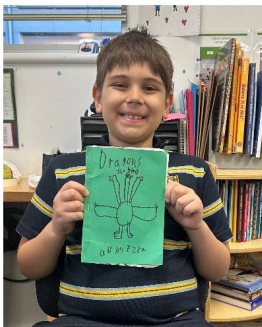
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us on 0405 436 293, email us at [sastjohnbaptist@oshccampaustalia.com.au](mailto:sastjohnbaptist@oshccampaustalia.com.au) or pop into the OSHC during our opening hours.

## Activities coming up

Let's Get Physical Week!

We have lots of group games planned, plenty of outside activities and even a healthy apple and cinnamon snack!

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 [pp.campaustalia.com.au](http://pp.campaustalia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at [www.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au)

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by Camp Australia



# 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



**Tue 03 Oct** **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



Incursion

**Wed 04 Oct** **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-world fun, such as scavenger hunts, creating alien language and more.

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



Base Camp Day

**Thu 05 Oct** **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



Excursion

**Fri 06 Oct** **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



Base Camp Day

**Mon 09 Oct** **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



Incursion

**Tue 10 Oct** **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 learn basic coding using different colour combinations.

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



Incursion

**Wed 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 sing-alongs!

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



Excursion

**Thu 12 Oct** **Project: DIY Giant Game 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



Incursion

**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



Base Camp Day

Visit [campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers](http://campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers) to join our next mission



Service Name	Date
Camp Australia – SA St John the Baptist Catholic School OSHC	02.10.2023 – 06.10.2023



## Intentional Experiences



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b>	Mission Takeoff XI: Mind and Body Quest	Operation: Alien Encounters	Adventure: Country Escape at Handorf Farm Barn	Operation: Food for Fuel
<b>Showcase Experience</b>		Soothe your mind by creating your own galaxy in a jar!	SLIME TIME! Make some alien slime that's outta this world!	While you're adventuring, can you complete the animal BINGO!	Put some fizz in your life with this FIZZZZING lemonade experiment!
<b>AM Featured Experience</b>		Learn how a heart pumps with a hands on science activity!	Have you ever wondered what an aliens language looks like? Now's your chance to grab some craft items and see if anyone can decode your own alien language. <input type="checkbox"/>	Create your own farm animal ears out of our arts and crafts treasure box! <input type="checkbox"/>	Have you ever wanted to know what happens inside your tummy after you have eaten food? Give this digestion experiment a go! <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PM Featured Experience</b>		Investigate how our muscles work by making your own model hands! <input type="checkbox"/>	UFO sighting! Make your own paper plate UFO complete with your own alien. <input type="checkbox"/>	Have you got good aim? Test out your skills and pin the tail on the Donkey! <input type="checkbox"/>	Grab some fruit and create a refreshing rainbow smoothie! <input type="checkbox"/>



Service Name	Date
Camp Australia – SA St John the Baptist Catholic School OSHC	09.10.2023 – 13.10.2023



## Intentional Experiences



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Theme</b>	Experience Takeover: Soccer Strikers Shootout	Project: The Plus-Plus Challenge	Adventure: Rocketeers Dance Party	Project: DIY Giant Game Adventures	Operation: Brain Boosters
<b>Showcase Experience</b>	Test out your soccer skills and learn from the professionals as we strike our way into the second week!	Challenge yourself and create your own Plus-Plus creature!	Dance your socks off and sing your heart out at the Rocketeers Dance Party!	Come together and build a giant board game to use your game pieces on!	How good are you at problem solving? Are you good enough to escape?? Try our Escape Room activity and work together and work together with your friends to figure out the clues!
<b>AM Featured Experience</b>	Create your own Matildas or Socceroos guernsey and show your team spirit! <input type="checkbox"/>	Learn how to build with Plus-Plus blocks! <input type="checkbox"/>	Get prepared for the awesome dance party and play some groovy games; musical chairs / statues <input type="checkbox"/>	Build your own game pieces to use on the giant board game! <input type="checkbox"/>	Create your own popstick puzzle! Get creative with your design and challenge your friends to complete it in record time. <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PM Featured Experience</b>	Make your very own paper soccer ball! Choose between a paper plate ball or if you want a bit more of a challenge, create an origami ball! <input type="checkbox"/>	Create secret messages, Plus Plus style! <input type="checkbox"/>	Pull together the ultimate dance troop with your friends and prepare for our dance competition! <input type="checkbox"/>	DIY has never been so fun! Put together and use your creative juices to design your very own four in a row game! <input type="checkbox"/>	Mazes have never been so fun, create your very own marble maze and test your friends skills! <input type="checkbox"/>





## 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](mailto: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

Catholic School Parents Evening - Responding to Friendship Difficulties and Bullying with Madhavi Nawana Parker



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.

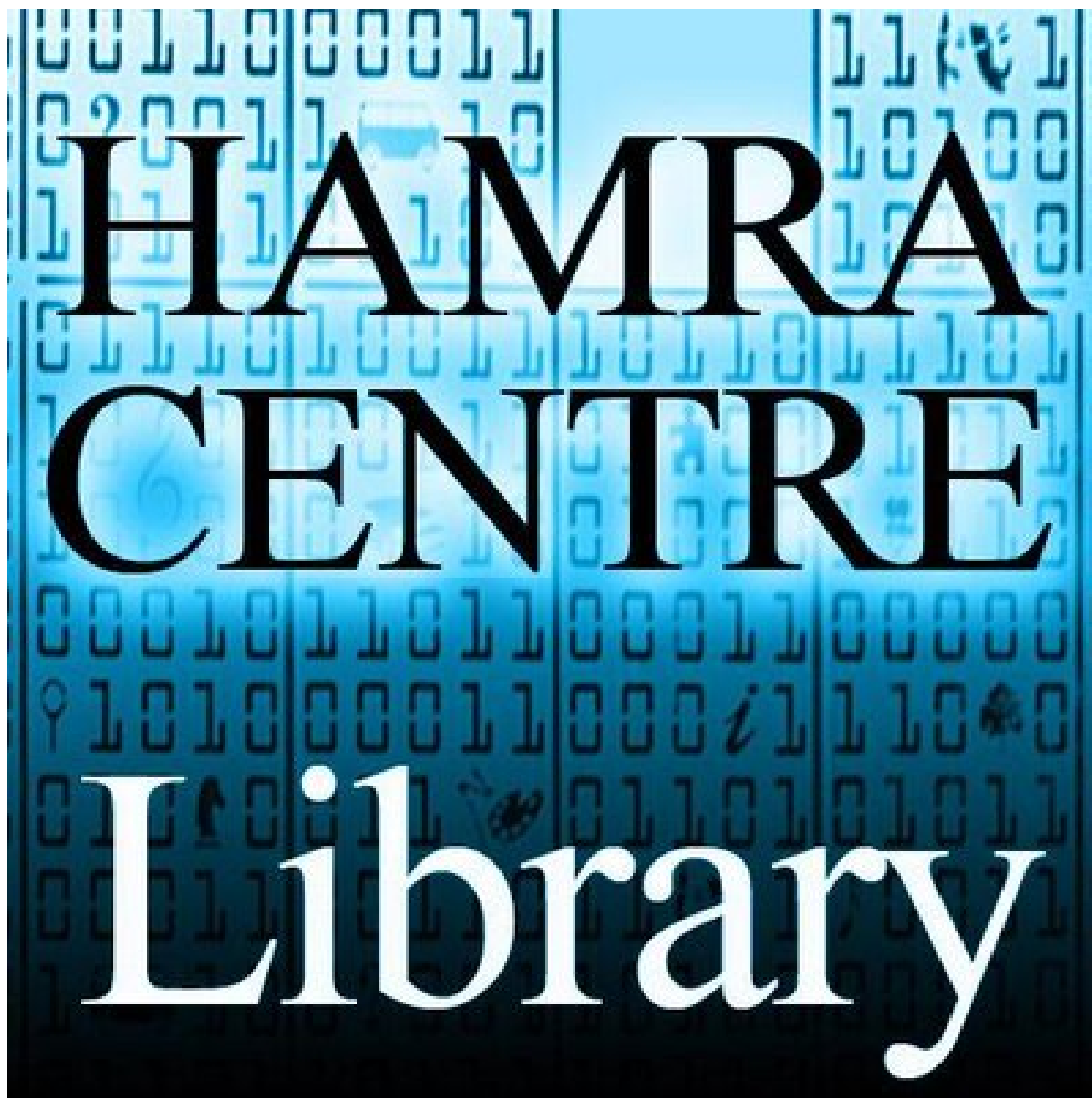
Social and friendship challenges are common. Learning how to have a good relationship with others, regulate emotions when socially isolated, and respond proactively to bullying, are crucial life skills. This workshop will help parents and carers identify the difference between bullying and social clumsiness, 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](https://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **August Birthdays**

3rd September - Raghav S (REC K)

4th September - Rian S (2S)

6th September - Oscar K (3J)

7th September - Violet H (4A), Nathaniel G (3BM) & Everly RC (REC B)

8th September - Cameron H (6GR) & Blake C (5F)

9th September - Ava W (5F)

10th September - Iachlan D'C (3J)

12th September - Elina R (4PR)

13th September - Elwood H (4PR) & Henry S (1M)

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## 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](#).

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## Instrumental Tutors

We currently offer the following instrumental tutoring:

### **Piano**

*(currently a waitlist)*

Tutor - Christine Davies

Ph: 0403 546 091

Email - [christineonpiano@gmail.com](mailto:christineonpiano@gmail.com)

### **Guitar**

Tutor - Dido Durmanovic

Ph: 0407 719 836

Email: [didodurmanovic@hotmail.com](mailto:didodurmanovic@hotmail.com)

### **Drums**

Tutor - Shaun Doddy

Ph: 0417 806 993

Email: [shaundoddy@rocketmail.com](mailto:shaundoddy@rocketmail.com)



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## 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



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](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

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