



Important Dates

Year 4 Camp

Thursday 15 September

Year 4 Camp

Friday 16 September

Year 3 Parent Open Morning

Friday 16 September

School Finance Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 21 September

School Board Meeting 6.30pm

Wednesday 21 September

Year 6 Mass

Wednesday 21 September

SAPSASA Tennis Carnival Yrs 3/4

Wednesday 21 September

Year 5 Open Morning

Friday 23 September

School Colour Run

Friday 23 September

R-5 Swimming Week

Monday 26 September

Term 3 Concludes

Friday 30 September

Term 4 Commences

Monday 17 October

Sports Day

Friday 21 October

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

Learning Intervention, Curriculum Differentiation and Learning Adjustments

Learning intervention, curriculum differentiation and learning adjustments occur within each classroom, often simultaneously, to cater for the varying learning, social and emotional needs of students. The decision to implement these changes are made to further develop, encourage and stretch each student to reach the next stage of their development. Teachers collect ongoing data connected to student achievement through a range of methods; Educational assessments, speech pathology reports, occupational therapy reports, paediatric reports, standardised testing, class tests, work samples, observation notes to name a few. When this data is collated, teachers are able

to make informed decisions about how to ensure a student is able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.

Learning Adjustments

Adjustments can be made easily and immediately in a classroom, when a teacher identifies a student is finding a task too easy or too difficult. This may be as simple as providing a repeated instruction, reducing the number of questions to be answered, finding a quiet space to focus, providing extra time to complete a task or taking a short break and then returning to the task. Teachers often make this decision as the lesson or day unfolds depending on the expected learning outcome and emotional wellbeing of the student.

Curriculum Differentiation

Differentiation is generally planned as part of the unit and explicitly designed prior to the delivery of the curriculum to cater for the needs of students. Teachers may differentiate the content a student is taught. Often students will complete the same topic linked to the Australian Curriculum, but the focus of learning may change to meet the individual needs of the student.

Differentiation may also include the way teachers will teach, the type of instructions given and the types of activities the student may complete. This will also flow on to the assessment task and how the student will demonstrate their learning. Differentiation may include in class small group support, withdrawn small group support or one on one support with a Teacher or an Educational Support Officer.

Learning Intervention

Learning Intervention uses a specific program or set of steps to target a particular need. At St John the Baptist Catholic School Learning Intervention is Tiered into 3 levels. Tier 1 Intervention is a whole school approach to targeting a particular area of need that has been identified by looking at school data and trends. This year this includes the Synthetic Phonics approach to teaching reading. All staff have received specific training in this literacy approach and the method of instruction is the same from Reception to Year 6. The scope and sequence is progressive and responsive to the needs of the year level.

Tier 2 Intervention provides for small group support and practice to re-teach or consolidate the concept taught in the classroom. Students receiving this support often work in a small group with an Educational Support Officer, over a number of weeks to practice the identified area of need. This occurs in both Literacy and Numeracy blocks throughout a school day. MiniLit is an example of a program that students in Years 1 & 2 are provided to support Literacy learning.

Tier 3 Intervention is targeted one on one support that is designed to teach a particular concept over a longer period of time. Tier 3 support is most often provided to students with an identified learning disability that requires explicit and direct teaching over many years. We are fortunate that we have two staff trained in Playberry, a literacy intervention program designed to support students with dyslexia. This program is designed to mirror the Tier 1 and Tier 2 literacy support so that students are continually exposed to the concept being taught.

COVID-19

As we continue to manage COVID-19 in school please be reminded that if your child is unwell, please keep them home from school.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

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

Catholic Identity

Season of Creation

We have officially entered Spring and also the 'Season of Creation' which is a global ecumenical Christian celebration which calls us to protect our common home. This celebration officially began 1 September and will conclude 4 October, which falls on the feast day of St Francis of Assisi who is the patron saint of ecology. The Season of Creation is a timely reminder that we all are called to actively take part in caring for our earth. You can learn more about Season of Creation [here](#).

2022 Season of Creation Prayer

Creator of All,

From your communion of love your Word went forth to create a symphony of life that sings
your praise.

By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of creatures who praise you in their being. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationships with each creature so that we could listen to their voices, and learn how to safeguard the conditions for life. But we turn in on ourselves and away from our co-creatures.

We close our ears to the counsel of our fellow creatures. We fail to listen to the cries of the poor and the needs of the most vulnerable. We silence the voices of those who hold the traditions that teach us to care for the Earth. We close our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the Scriptures.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats that will never speak again. We grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished. Creation cries out as forests crackle, and animals alike flee the fires of injustice that we have lit by our unwillingness to listen.

In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us, as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit. Breathe upon us. Open our ears and move our hearts. Turn us from our inward gaze. Teach us to contemplate your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory. For “faith comes from hearing.”

Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the face of the Earth.

Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ReLAT

Next week the Year 4 students will be undertaking the ReLAT (Religious Education Literacy Assessment Tool). This test will be undertaken by Year 4 students across Catholic schools in South Australia. It will assess their basic understanding of Religious Literacy and inform the religious education for future teaching and learning.

Faith Facts

Have you ever wondered how Parish communities care for the poor and those in need? Click [here](#) to find out more.

Amanda Razon

APRIM

Finance News

Statement of Accounts

A statement of accounts was sent home recently via post.

Could you please ensure that your current method of payment is sufficient so that your account will be in a zero balance by the final payment date of the 25th November 2022.

If you have changed your address recently please inform the office as soon as possible.

Online payments

When making payments online could you please ensure you list your reference number from your Statement of Accounts eg 9063..... followed by your child's surname.

Fee Remission



Families who have **previously received fee remission** will be required to complete a new fee remission form with the following documentation attached:

- Your most recent tax return(s) – private and/or business as applicable
- Your most recent pay advice(s) and /or other form of income if applicable
- Your Centrelink statement receiving Centrelink or other special benefits
- School Card approval (if applicable)

Please contact Pam Marks, Finance Officer, for the above form or arrange a time to meet.

Qkr! Notifications

Please ensure that you have your notifications on for Qkr! Notifications are sent out when items are closing to ensure you don't miss out. See instructions below regarding turning on notifications.



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How do I enable notifications on my phone so I can receive Qkr notifications from my child's school?

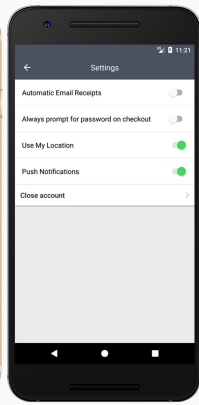
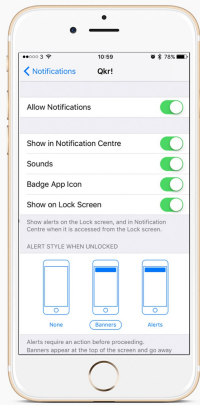
Ensure your Notifications settings are activated for the Qkr app.

Step 1
Select settings in your iOS or Android device

Step 2
Select Notifications.

Step 3
Look for the Qkr app and ensure the toggle is switched on to allow notifications.

Step 4
Open the Qkr app on your phone, open settings and ensure the 'Push Notifications Enabled' toggle is switched to green.



Please note that whilst we control the sending of the notification, the delivery and receipt of the notification is entirely controlled by your phone operating system.

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

Pam Marks

Bursar/Finance Officer

From the Sport Coordinator



St John the Baptist Catholic School Sports Teams for Term 3

- Basketball
- Netball
- Soccer has finished for the year.

After a very successful school soccer season it is now time for all School Soccer tops to be returned to school please. Could all tops please be washed.

I would also like to publicly acknowledge all the people who took on the role of coach for the various teams.

Under 7 PHOENIX	Dan Henwood
Under 8 GLORY	Ben Klingberg
Under 8 JETS	Mark Seiffert
Under 9 UNITED	Nick Heuzenroeder
Under 10 ROAR	Save Politis
Senior WANDERERS	Gregor Dingwall
Senior VICTORY	Tanya Matic & Peter Parini

School Sports Teams - Term 4

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 **need to** reregister your child even if they have played sport throughout 2022.

You only need to register your child once even if they want to play multiple sports, there is an option to choose all the sports.

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.

Please note: Volunteer Clearances can take 6 to 8 weeks.

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

Sport Carnivals Term 3, 2022

SAPSASA Airport District Athletics Carnival

Selected team held Thursday 1st September (Week 6)

18 students represented St John the Baptist Catholic School at the Airport District SAPSASA Athletics Carnival at Henley Oval.

Elise H 5F	Jackson 4A	Bree K 5C	James R 5C	Dani S 6B	Eloise S 4A
Lily K 6B	Adam H 6R	Amelia P 6R	William d'A 6B	Archer T 5F	Arihia M 5C
Archie A 6B	Lucas W 6R	Vanessa M 6B	Mitchell McC 5F	Tomas M 6B	Inara N 5C

This was the first time that we have entered the SAPSASA Airport District Athletics Carnival and what a first time!

St John's ended up coming 3rd overall for the day, with Archie A achieving 1st place in the 11 year old Boys Shot Put. Archie will represent the Airport District in the SAPSASA Track and Field Championships 2022. Well done Archie.

SACPSSA Touch Carnival

On Friday 9th September 120 students from Years 4, 5 & 6 represented St John the Baptist Catholic School at the SACPSSA Touch Carnival in the South Parklands. The conditions were wet and slippery but all the teams participated well.

Upcoming Carnival

SAPSASA Tennis Carnival

All Year 3 & 4 on Wednesday 21st September (Week 9)

Term 4

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be held at the following venue:

Coastal Districts Little Athletics Centre - Bowker Street Reserve, North Brighton

- **Friday 21st October (Week 1, Term 4)**

Sport Carnivals - Term 4 2022

SACPSSA Come & Try Day

- **All Year 2 - Tuesday 15th November (Week 5)**

SACPSSA Athletics Carnival

- **Year 3 – 6 Squad - Wednesday 30th November (Week 7)**

SACPSSA

"The South Australian Catholic Primary School Sports Association aims to promote the philosophy of good sportsmanship, teach

students how to win well and lose graciously, and foster companionship between competitors while promoting a healthy active lifestyle.”

Please note

Hard copy permission / information notes will no longer go home for Sports Carnivals.

ALL notes will be online via the Qkr! App

In the Qkr! App you will be asked to –

- Give permission for your child to attend
- Volunteer to help at the carnivals (without your help the children would not be able to participate)
- Pay the costs for registration and transport and sign
- This is the only option available

Kind regards,

Paul O'Dea

PE & Co-curricular Sport Co-ordinator

podea@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

From the Counsellor

Loneliness is something all human beings face at times in our lives. The last couple of years have brought loneliness to the forefront for many people, including children. Especially those around tween and teen ages. I have included a short article on what you can do to help your child if you think they may be lonely, or if they have told you they feel that way.

Meaningful connections are such an important aspect for self-confidence, so it's very important to take the time to help children make solid relationships, in a number of places such as school, extended family, sporting or activity groups, local community, and even with pets and animals.

[https://childmind.org/article/how-to-help-kids-who-are-lonely/?](https://childmind.org/article/how-to-help-kids-who-are-lonely/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=pub_ed_nl_2022-09-13&utm_content=how-to-help-kids-who-are-lonely)

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Sarah Byrnes

School Counsellor

CSMF Choir



The Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir attended a combined rehearsal at Loreto College, to prepare for the performance in Week 10. They rehearsed with the other schools which they will be performing with on the night.

Well done to all the students for their dedication to the program.

Antonietta Caruana

Choir Trainer

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 16th September - Dove Lin & Julie

Monday 19th September - Julie

Wednesday 21st September - Julie

Friday - 23rd September - Melissa Gorgone & Julie

Monday 26th September - Julie

Wednesday 28th September - Julie

Friday 30th September - Maria Esteban & Julie

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Our routines have been working well to strengthen relationships with children, parents, and the staff. However, we are open to any suggestions you may have to improve the service. *Thanks to all who placed ideas in the suggestion box for their children's active outdoor play, we respect your suggestion and continue the practice of seeking feedback. Also seeking permission from the parents, please provide us consent to share personal information for the purpose of the Inclusion Support Plan if you want your child to participate. Homework Club in OSHC is running well, please keep motivating your child to join this club. We extend a very warm welcome to new staff and children who joined our OSHC family this term.*

Waiting for an Extraordinary Holiday Adventure in October 2022. Rocketeers is a space for children to escape the ordinary and experience the extraordinary during their school holidays. There is a new mission for your child to embark upon. Directed by the children, informed by family feedback, and designed by dedicated CA crew - no two days are the same with Rocketeers, with each day of the mission encountering new and exciting adventures that children love. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au to see the program and book into the sessions.

A reminder of the pickup and drop off routines at the gate on Elizabeth Ave; if we do not respond when you ring the doorbell, please call us on 0405 436 293, we will be attended to promptly, press the gate on right side to open after confirmation. Please allow us a few extra seconds to get to you. Reminder for the parents who have children with a medical condition; please ensure you supply an updated medication plan and let Shazia know so we can follow the correct procedure to keep your child safe. If your child is going to be absent, attending Homework Club, Art Club or Soccer for a booked session, please contact the service to let us know, this ensures we are not chasing you to locate your child. Our service operates in the mornings from 7am to 8:30am, breakfast is offered to the children until 8am, and 3pm until 6pm when we offer the children 2 snacks. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS PICKED UP BEFORE 6PM TO AVOID LATE FEES.

I am always available to talk to you about your child's support in OSHC, however there might be times when I am busy with the children, if you would like to make a time for a conversation about your child's needs and interests, please contact me on 0405436293 or email me on sastjohnbaptist@oshccampaustralia.com.au

Thanks, Shazia

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.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.



Activities coming up

- Extraordinary Holiday Adventure
- Cooking up a storm
- Sport carnival
- Art/ Craft
- Experimenting with science
- Excursion/ incursion

What's on the menu

- Fruit Platter
- Banana Muffins
- Popcorn/ Cracker
- Chocolate Milk
- Pancake

Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

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.

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Birthdays



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

September Birthdays

15th September - Vihaan N (REC D)

16th September - Tamika T (1SM) & Orlando M (REC CK)

17th September - Cash H (5F), Frankie E (2J) & Ethan L (2T)

18th September - Arihia M (5C)

19th September - Madeleine H (4P)

20th September - Willow J (2J)

22nd September - Charlotte A (2T)

23rd September - Albie C (1SM)

24th September - Armaan S (4A)

25th September - Willa G (1SM)

26th September - Ellie T (2J)

27th September - Abby S (2T)

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](#).

Southern Cross Newsletter



[Click here](#) to read the latest news from the Southern Cross News.

Acknowledgment



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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