



# Term 4, Week 2 2023

## Important Dates

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**Year 3 Camp**

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

**SACPSSA Come &  
Try Day - Year 2**

Tuesday 14 November 2023

**R/1 Open Morning  
& Mass**

Wednesday 15 November 2023

**School Board  
Meeting 6.30pm**

Wednesday 15 November 2023

**Volunteers  
Afternoon Tea**

Friday 1 December 2023

**Christmas Markets**

Friday 1 December 2023

**First Sunday of  
Advent**

Sunday 3 December 2023

**Whole School  
Transition Day**

Wednesday 6 December 2023

**2024 New Parent  
Session**

Wednesday 6 December 2023

**School Board  
Dinner 6.30pm**

Wednesday 6 December 2023

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## From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

### **Welcome**

Welcome to Term 4. The beginning of a term is always a time of reconnection and excitement as we look forward to what lies ahead. As we commence Term 4, we would like to welcome two new students to the school. We warmly welcome Vince M (4PR) and Quade M (6C). We know from observations over the past week, that both boys have been warmly embraced by their peers.

### **Staffing News**

Paul O'Dea will bring to a close his service to the St John the Baptist Catholic School community at the end of the 2023 school year. Paul has been a teaching staff member at the school for the past 26 years! We thank Paul for his contribution to the life of the school over this significant amount of time and later this term we will ensure Paul receives a fitting farewell. The school will advertise for a Physical Education teacher to commence in January 2024.

In other staffing news, Pam Marks will step away from the Finance Officer position at the conclusion of this year. Pam will remain at the school however, taking up a part time role in sports administration, supporting the newly appointed Physical Education teacher. We look forward to Pam's continued contribution to the life of the St John the Baptist Catholic School community. The school will also advertise for a Finance Officer to commence in January 2024.

### **St John the Baptist Catholic School Colour Fun Run**

Thank you to the St John the Baptist Catholic School community for their great support of the Colour Fun Run held late last term. Thank you to everyone for your fundraising efforts. Collectively we were able to raise \$3606 (before expenses) towards a new school playground.

At our school assembly this week the draws for the Rebel Sport vouchers were conducted. We are pleased to announce that the following students walked away from the assembly with a big smile!

\$50 Voucher- Archer G

\$100 Voucher-Chloe S

\$200 Voucher- Ruby H

### **Sports Day**

We wish to thank the St John the Baptist Catholic School community for their great support of the annual Sports Day held last Friday. It was fantastic to look out over the grounds and see the community coming together. Such a day is certainly not possible without the team effort of all! We would particularly like to thank the parents who volunteered their time to assist on the day. We also wish to acknowledge the efforts of Paul O'Dea for his work in ensuring the program ran smoothly.

We congratulate Beovich (Green Team) on their victory and MacKillop (Red Team) for winning the Spirit Award. All teams were ably led by their House leaders.

Finally, a big thank you to all staff and students for their participation, which contributed to a wonderful day and a great sense of community.

### **Arch D Podcasting Awards**

As you may be aware our Year 6 students have once again been involved in the Arch D Podcasting initiative. Each student was placed in a team and the children developed a podcast which is now uploaded to the 'School Life' podcast channel on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and iHeart Radio.

Every year, Arch D Radio and Podcasting celebrates outstanding achievement by Catholic school students at the Arch D Awards in November. With so many schools and students involved, we are pleased to announce that students from St John the Baptist Catholic School have been nominated in award categories for Primary schools. Congratulations and good luck to the following:

#### **Podcaster of the Year (Primary)- Isabelle P E**

This is an award for a student that demonstrated leadership within their podcasting community, elevating the quality of both their own and other's podcast work to the highest standard.

#### **Podcast Episode of the Year (Primary)- Isabelle P E, Tatum N, Arihia M, Ninel C**

This award recognises the most engaging episode that consistently and effectively uses the techniques taught within the Arch D course in the creation of their podcast.

#### **Student Voice (Primary)- Freya S**

This award recognises students who have stepped out of their comfort zone and made a big positive impact on their group's podcast.

#### **Principal's Podcasting Award- Ava K, Amarli R, Freya S, Belles S**

This award recognises outstanding collaboration, effective communication and commitment to quality in the creation of the podcast.

#### **Class Placements 2024**

We are currently planning for the 2024 school year, which includes class placements. Should you have any academic or social considerations (not teacher preference, as often there will be changes to teaching structures and personnel)) which you think we need to take into consideration before placing your child into a class, please send an email to Kylie on [kmcbride@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kmcbride@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au) prior to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 9am.

When an email is received, you will get a confirmation of receipt of email from Kylie. If you do not receive an email within 48 hours, please make contact again.

Over the coming weeks, the students will be given an opportunity to provide some names of students who they learn well with in the classroom. Students will be guaranteed one peer from their nomination list. This, along with the needs of all students will be considered when staff work together to form classes for the new year.

It is beneficial to provide information to the school at this planning stage prior to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October and far easier to accommodate considerations than once the classes have been formed. The class placement process is new each year. Please do not assume the school is aware of previous or past considerations. If you would like the school to consider information this year, please send it through.

We thank you for your continued support.

#### **Anzac Highway Properties - Update**

At this point in time, works on the development of the land on Anzac Highway are due to commence by mid November and run throughout Term 4 with the project estimated to be completed by late January.

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.

Best Wishes

The Leadership Team

## **Catholic Identity**

#### **Mass and Liturgy**

This term the Year 4 classes had their Open Morning on Wednesday, then joined the parish for Mass at 9:30am. There was a shared morning tea available at the conclusion of Mass for parents and parishioners.

### **All Saints & All Souls Day**

Each November, the Church observes two days in the calendar that recognise those individuals who lived a life of holiness and the souls of the faithful departed.

The parish will hold their 9:30am Masses and the school will observe both occasions with class liturgies led by their teachers.

### **Plympton Parish & School Community Lunch**

The parish and school will be holding a lunch, celebrating the diversity of cultures within the community. All are invited to come along to Mass at 10:00am and bring a plate to share for lunch from 11.30am on Sunday 5th November. Please see advertisement in the Community Notices below.

**Amanda Razon**

**APRIM**

## **Finance News**

### **Qkr! After School Sport Payments**

Please ensure that all after school sport payment are finalised by Friday, 24th November 2023.

Each term has a fee for every sport that your child is participating in. Can you ensure that this fee is paid termly. Thanks for your anticipated support.

### **Statement of Accounts**

A statement of accounts will be sent home shortly.

**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)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

**Pam Marks**

**Bursar/Finance Officer**

## From the Sport Coordinator



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

The St John the Baptist Catholic School Sports Day was held at the SA Athletics Stadium on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

The day was enjoyed by all the Reception to Year 6 students, with special guests – the Little JB's.

I was impressed by the sportsmanship, leadership and skill of our students. Congratulations to everyone.

Below you will find the placings for the Sports Trophy and the House Sport Award.

#### **Sports Trophy**

1<sup>st</sup> Beovich (Green)

2<sup>nd</sup> Tenison (Blue)

3<sup>rd</sup> MacKillop (Red)

4<sup>th</sup> Callista (Gold)

#### **House Sport Award**

1<sup>st</sup> MacKillop (Red)

2<sup>nd</sup> Tenison (Blue)

3<sup>rd</sup> Beovich (Green)

4<sup>th</sup> Callista (Gold)

#### **PE Lessons - Basketball**

The Sturt Sabres Basketball Club will be conducting Basketball 4 x clinics with the Year 2 – Year 6's over the course of Term 4.

#### **Sport Carnivals**

- SACPSSA Athletics Carnival (Year 3- 6 Squad) - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- SACPSSA Come & Try Day (Year 2) - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Term 4 After School Sport Teams**

## **Basketball**

- Year 3/4 Boys STJB Bulls - Coach - Megan Spokes
- Year 3/4 Boys STJB Wizards – Coach - Jeff Balkwill
- Year 5/6 Boys STJB Warriors – Coach - Filomena Francis
- Year 5/6 Girls STJB Clippers – Coach - Simon Croxton
- Year 2/3 Open STJB Lakers – Coach - Grant Evans
- Year 2/3 Open STJB Magic – Coach - Michelle Politis
- Year 2/3 Open Jazz – Coach - Hilary Sadler

## **Rec/1/2 Tee Ball**

- Seagulls - Coach - Hayley Harris

## **Yr.5/6 Volleyball**

- STJB Storm – Coaches - Jo Rowett & Beth Tamm

## **Netball**

- Year 3/4 STJB Allstars – Coach - Michelle Politis

## **Soccer Tops / Basketball Tops**

**Reminder:** Could all school soccer tops please be returned.

**Reminder:** Could all school basketball tops that are not being used in Term 4 please be returned **ASAP**.

Kind regards,

**Paul O'Dea**

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

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

## **Library News**



The last Scholastic Book Club catalogue will be coming home shortly.

It is a great time to buy some Christmas presents.

Book club orders will close on Friday 3rd November.

## 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 4**

Friday 27th October - Stacey Arnold & Jo

Monday 30th October - Julie

Tuesday 31st October - Jo

Wednesday 1st November - Julie

Thursday 2nd November - Jo

Friday 3rd November - Jo Rowett & Jo

Monday 6th November - Julie

Tuesday 7th November - Jo



Wednesday 8th November - Julie

Thursday 9th November - Jo

Friday 10th November - Sarah Dennis & Jo

**Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald**

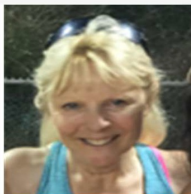
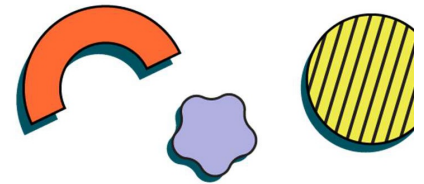
Camp Australia OSHC





# Meet the team

at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School  
OSHC



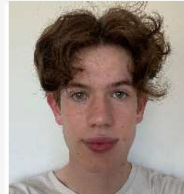
**Marilyn Fuss**

**Coordinator**

I'm a mother of 3 adult children and our family is heavily involved in Lacrosse and loves sport in general!

I've been working with Camp Australia since July 2022, and in addition to this role, I also teach sport in schools, including here at St John the Baptist Catholic School.

I thoroughly enjoy working with children, watching them grow and, getting them active as I feel this is an important part of their development.



**Jacob Bough**

**Assistant**

Hi, I'm Jacob! I'm studying Education and am very passionate about the personal growth of your children.

I'm all about fun and ensuring that I don't waste a moment of their youth, while also learning some valuable lessons along the way.

I've worked at a variety of camp Australia services however, I look forward to working more consistently here at St John the Baptist Catholic School OSHC.



**Bunnarith  
(Hong) Sok**

**Assistant / Inclusion  
Support Educator**

Hi, I am Hong, and I am not just your usual Educator, but a passionate and friendly Educator who likes to engage and keep your children safe.

With experience in OSHC, I can provide the best and fun experience for your children, whilst allowing them to learn through play and further their development.

I've enjoyed my short time here at St John the Baptist Catholic School and look forward to continuing to build relationships with the children and their families.



**Christos Bouras**

**Assistant**

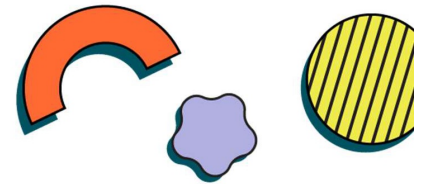
My name is Christos, I am Greek Orthodox and started my employment with Camp Australia earlier in 2023.

I am currently studying secondary teaching at Flinders University and enjoy working in OSHC outside of university.

I play soccer for West Adelaide and absolutely love getting out on the oval and having a kick with the children here at OSHC.

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OSHC



**Chloe Clarke**

**Coordinator / Assistant**

I'm Chloe and I have been with Camp Australia for two years. During this time, I have stepped in as Coordinator at a number of services and am currently the coordinator at a service during the afternoons.

I am currently studying secondary teaching and have recently returned from Fiji where I did a block of placement overseas.

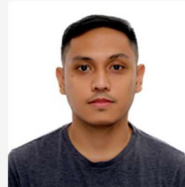
I am looking forward to working with the team and children during before school care for term 4.



**Sophie Wilksch**

**Assistant**

I am Sophie! I grew up on a farm on the Eyre Peninsula with my three younger siblings before moving to Adelaide to attend boarding school. I am now in my third year of Occupational Therapy, a pathway I found after growing up with a best friend who lives with Cerebral Palsy and being fascinated by all the things that support her to engage just as I do. I have a passion for holistic wellness, paediatric development, and education, and enjoy working alongside children to explore, develop insightful emotional health and strengthen resilience.



**Evan Arligue**

**Assistant**

My name is Evan and I have been working at St John the Baptist Catholic School OSHC since the beginning of 2023.

I am studying my Master of Social Work. I have a psychology background back in the Philippines which has been the foundation of my passion on mental health.

In my down time, I enjoy photography and sports. The students have been really good at me teaching how to play footie. See ya!



# UKELELE LESSONS

Would your child like to learn Ukelele?

Dido is now offering Ukelele  
as well as guitar lessons

Please contact  
Dido Durmanovic (Guitar Tutor)  
Ph: 0407 719 836  
Email: [didodurmanovic@hotmail.com](mailto:didodurmanovic@hotmail.com)

## 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 PARISH & SCHOOL COMMUNITY LUNCH**

We are having a community shared lunch from

**11.30am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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!**



## Plympton Catholic Parish Mass Times



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

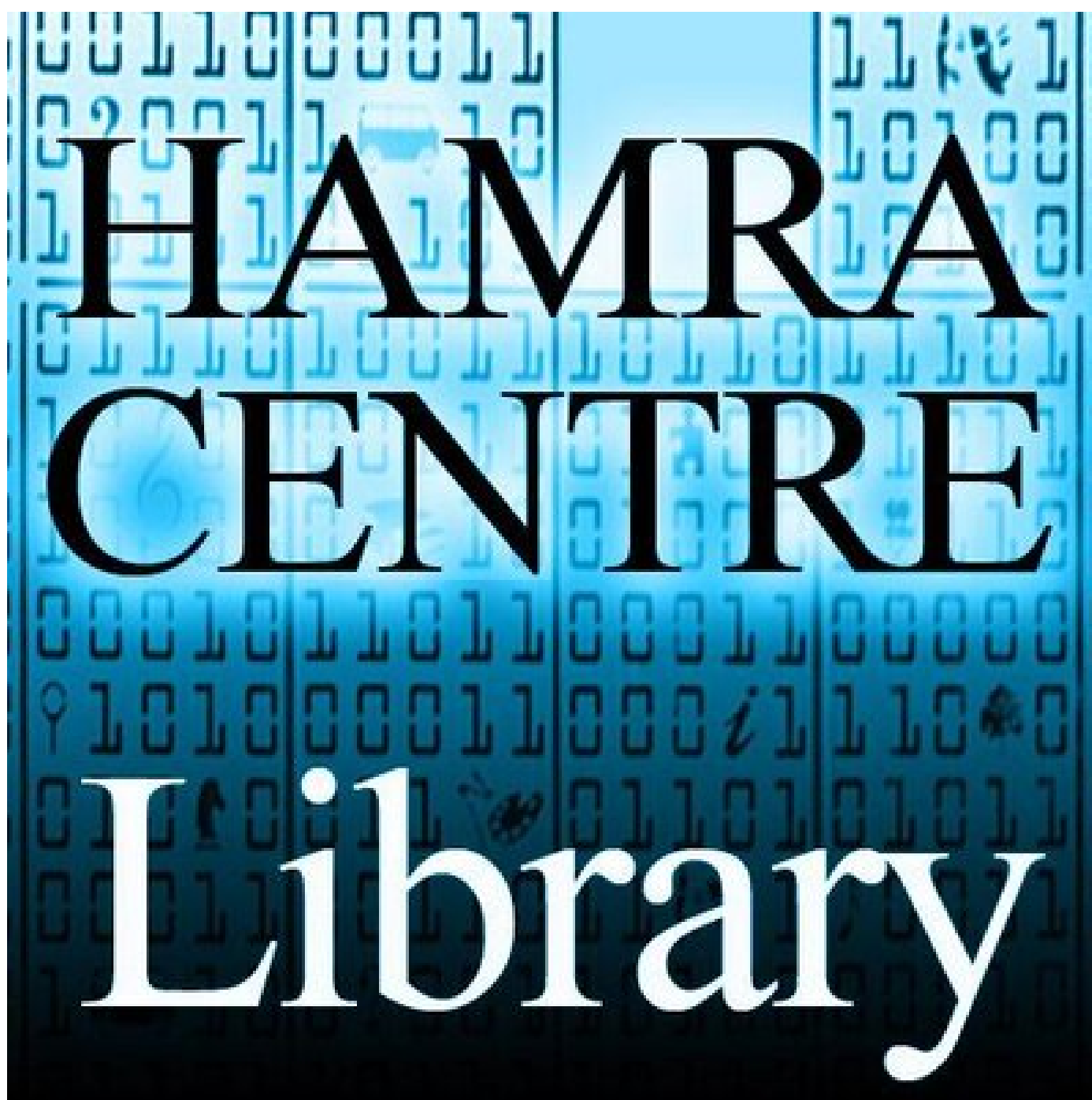
VIGIL MASS - SATURDAYS AT 6PM

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



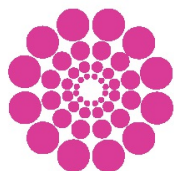
Hamra Library currently offer the following drop-in activities:

- 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)

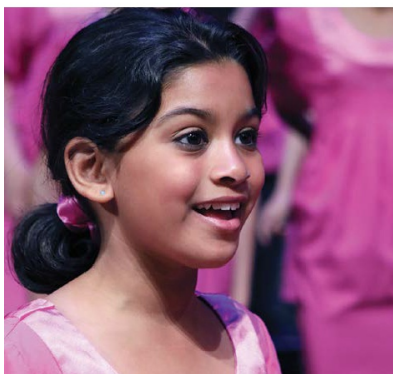
None of these activities require bookings but further information is available via the Hamra Library website on the Activities and Events webpage:

<https://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au/Hamra-Centre-Library/Activities-and-event>





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



## Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our  
**NOVEMBER OPEN DAY!**



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS







AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



**An experience that goes far beyond the stage!**

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman, Amy Shark and Kylie Minogue. You may have seen our girls perform for the FIFA Women's World Cup or AFL Grand Final; or on television appearances on Sunrise, Today, Carols by Candlelight and Carols in the Domain.

Now accepting 2024 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Glenelg, Glen Osmond and Walkerville.



**JOIN US AT OUR NOVEMBER OPEN DAY**

Register now at [ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc](https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc) or phone 08 8271 1622



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



### **Australian Girls Choir Open Day**

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to come along to our Open Day on Sunday November 12 to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Please visit our website to register to attend our free Open Day:

[ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc](http://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc)





**PROGRAM INCLUDES**

- 01** 9-3pm each day
- 02** Cricket, Soccer, Netball and Basketball on offer
- 03** Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04** Guest appearances at selected programs

**THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP!**

**\$234.50 for 3 days!  
Offer ends November 19!**



**It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants**

**Dates**

9, 10, 11 January 2024

**LOCATION**

St Michael's College, 15 Mitton Ave, Henley Beach SA 5022

**Contact Us:**

1300 914 368

[admin@australiansportscamps.com.au](mailto:admin@australiansportscamps.com.au)

**More Information:**

[australiansportscamps.com.au](http://australiansportscamps.com.au)

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## Birthdays



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

### **October Birthdays**

26th October - Koah M (5F), Katelyn N (5F) & Flynn B (3BM)

28th October - Jackson H (REC DC) & Jacob W (REC B)

29th October - Marley S (REC K)

30th October - Blair W (4PR)

### November Birthdays

2nd November - Jase H (1M) & Harvey R (1SM)

3rd November - Daniela Y (3WD)

4th November - Harry B (4A)

6th November - Will K (5F)

7th November - Ariya S (1SM)

8th November - Amaya C (6GR) & Riley O (6GR)

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## 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](#).

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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



## 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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## Southern Cross Newsletter



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