



## Important Dates

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### 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

As we move towards planning for the beginning of the 2024 School Year the class structure at St John the Baptist Catholic School will be as follows:

- Reception – 3 classes
- Year 1 – 2 classes
- Year 2 – 2 classes

- Year 3 – 2 classes
- Year 4 – 3 classes
- Year 5 – 2 classes
- Year 6 – 2 classes

In the coming weeks staff will begin to prepare for the 2024 class placement of students. Students have been given an opportunity to indicate who they learn well with in support of this process. We believe all children should be given the opportunity to make new friendships, in their new classroom whilst reconnecting with established friends. Each new experience helps develop resilience in children where they learn to challenge themselves and experience situations that prepare them for life beyond primary school.

We are committed to nurturing all aspects of every child to their full potential. A significant amount of thought and time is invested in this process to foster a positive learning environment and consider the wellbeing of all students. Consideration of student placement is made taking the following into account:

- Class size
- Academic ability / Learning needs
- Gender mix
- Peer groups
- Student requests
- Parent requests
- Sibling divisions
- Behavioural needs
- Special family circumstances
- Social or emotional needs
- Cohort dynamics

On Wednesday 6 December, students will have an opportunity to meet their 2024 teacher and their new class mates. This transition process aims to support students to feel confident and positive about the new year ahead over the summer holiday break.

### **SEQTA Engage**

As we continue to move forward with our use of the SEQTA Learning Management Tool, the End of Year student reports will be released to parents using the SEQTA Engage App. To ensure this transition is smooth and seamless for all families, please ensure that all email addresses for both parents have been provided and are up to date. As the term progresses, families will receive an invitation email with log on details to set up their SEQTA engage app so that the reports can be released in a digital format.

### **Traffic on Elizabeth Avenue**

The West Torrens Council has been monitoring traffic in the afternoon over the past fortnight. They have communicated to the school that they will be targeting cars parked in the Kiss and Drop zone from 2:30pm. This area is a two minute pick up zone, NOT a parking area. Fines may be issued if you are seen to be parking in the area for over two minutes even if you are waiting in the vehicle. The idea of the Kiss and Drop zone is to encourage a continual flow of traffic.

Suggestions for assisting the traffic flow around the broader community include:

- Park a little distance away from the school gate and walk to pick up your children
- Organise a designated pick up space away from the school and traffic and your child could walk to you
- If you are wanting to use the Kiss and Drop zone, wait until 3:10pm when the traffic is lighter. The area is supervised by staff until 3:15pm, so the children will not be waiting alone
- If you live within close proximity to the school, consider walking or riding a bike to school

We thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

### **Land development Update**

As previously communicated, it was hoped that the works to develop the land on Anzac Highway were to begin during October. This was delayed due to the availability of contractors. Works will now begin in mid January and are due for completion at the beginning of

March. We look forward to this extra playspace for the children.

### The Leadership Team

## Catholic Identity

### Plympton Parish & School Community Lunch

Last Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, the community hosted a shared lunch in the St John the Baptist Centre following the 10am Mass. The community brought in a variety of food from their cultural heritage. It was a wonderful occasion enjoyed by all who attended.

### Sacramental Program 2024

If your child has received their Sacrament of Baptism and is eight years or older, they can receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. The Sacraments are sacred actions of the Church which bring about encounters with God in people's lives. They are wonderful celebrations that bring individuals closer to God and to the community. The parish has opened enrolments (please see further information below) and you may contact the parish office [plymptonparish@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au](mailto:plymptonparish@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au) or 8293 6600 for more details.

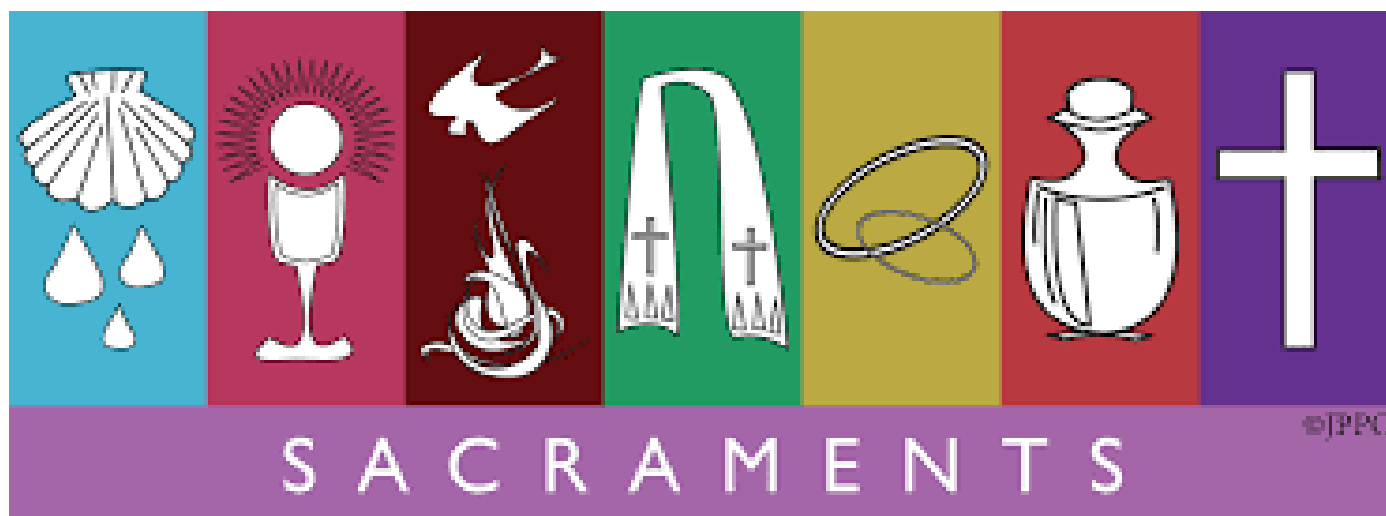
### Reception & Year 1 Mass

Next Wednesday, the Reception and Year 1 community will host their Open Morning, inviting parents into the classrooms. Afterwards, families are welcome to join the parish for Mass at 9:30am followed by a shared morning tea.

Amanda Razon

APRIM

## Plympton Parish Sacraments Registration



The Parish are now accepting enrolments for the 2024 Sacramental program. If your child or children are aged 8 years or over, or will be turning 8 before August next year, and you believe them to be ready to be involved in the program, please complete the registration form [here](#) and return to the Parish Office by 5th February 2024, for the attention of Pastoral Associates.

For further information, please see a letter from Fr Denis Ssemuju [here](#).



They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.

Lest we forget

## Finance News

### Statement of Accounts

A statement of accounts has been posted to your billing address last week.

**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)

**School Fees 2024**

Please note School Fees for 2024 will remain the same at \$3280 or \$1795 for lower income (conditions apply). If you are eligible for School Card or Fee Remission, you will need to reapply. School Card 2024 will be available approximately late January.

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

Please ensure that all after school sport payments 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.

### **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 Counsellor

From the  
School Counsellor



2023 has been a busy year in the Counselling space. A very common theme this year has been parent separation, divorce and conflict. Being separated parents can be very hard work and takes an emotional toll on all parties, especially children. **'Because it's for the kids'** is a booklet offering support, ideas and wisdom to help you help your child/ren cope through the changes.

Please find a copy of the booklet [here](#).

There are many other helpful resources available at <https://www.familyrelationships.gov.au/documents> and [www.relationshipsaustralia.org.au](http://www.relationshipsaustralia.org.au)

## From the Sport Coordinator



### Sport Carnivals

#### SACPSSA Athletics Carnival

St John the Baptist Catholic School enjoyed a successful day at the SA Athletics Stadium competing in Section 3 of the SACPSSA Athletics Carnival.

Competing against larger schools we achieved the following:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in Section 3 Boys
- 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in Section 3 Girls
- Section 3 - Year 6 Girls overall Champions
- Xavier F (3BM) won Section 3 Year 3 Boys Champion

A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered to be officials at the carnival.

#### SACPSSA Athletics Carnival







### **Upcoming Carnivals**

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

Hayley has shared some photos of our Rec/1/2 Seagulls Tee Ball team who play at Adelaide "Angels" Baseball club on Saturday mornings.



## Tball - R-2 Seagulls



### Year 5/6 Volleyball

**STJB Storm** - Coaches - Jo Rowett & Beth Tamm

### Netball

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

### PE Lessons - Basketball

The Sturt Sabres Basketball Club will be conducting 4 basketball clinics with the Year 2 to Year 6 students over the course of Term 4 in their Physical Education lesson.

### Moana Triathlon

Congratulations to Riley T (4A) and Ethan B (4PR) for the completing the Moana Triathlon last Sunday. The triathlon consisted of a

- 100m swim
- 5km cycling
- 1km running



### 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)

# 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 10th November - Sarah Dennis & Jo

Monday 13th November - Julie

Tuesday 14th November - Jo

Wednesday 15th November - Julie

Thursday 16th November - Jo

Friday 17th November - Kate Piasente & Jo

Monday 20th November - Julie

Tuesday 21st November - Jo

Wednesday 22nd November - Julie

Thursday 23rd November - Jo

Friday 24th November - Melisa Gorgone & Jo

Monday 27th November - Julie

Tuesday 28th November - Jo

Wednesday 29th November - Julie

Thursday 30th November - Jo

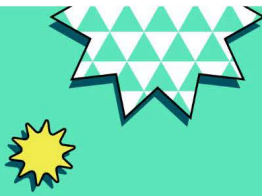
Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

Camp Australia OSHC



Outside School Hours Care

# Newsletter



06/11/2023

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School OSHC

Your  
OSHC.



## Rubbish Robots



After School Care  
13-17 November

Book now

### A message from your Coordinator

We hope you have all settled into what will be an extremely busy term! We have had a great start to the term with lots going on at OSHC and I am sure this will continue towards the end of 2023.

It has been a pleasure stepping into this role in Tate's absence these past few weeks and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here, continuing to build relationships and supporting children's growth.

- Marilyn Fuss



### Activities coming up

- Rubbish Robots
- Recycle, Reuse, Reduce
- Robotic Hama Beads
- Active Paper/Scissor/Rock

### 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](http://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](http://www.campastralia.com.au)



# 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 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



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Book an appoint

To find your clos  
[www.dental.sa.gov](http://www.dental.sa.gov.au)

To request an ap  
[www.dental.sa.gov](http://www.dental.sa.gov.au)

Children's oral health is important. Unfortunately, dental decay is still a significant problem for many South Australian children. Dental decay can affect a child's wellbeing and quality of life.

It can lead to pain and many lost hours at school – however it is also a preventable disease.

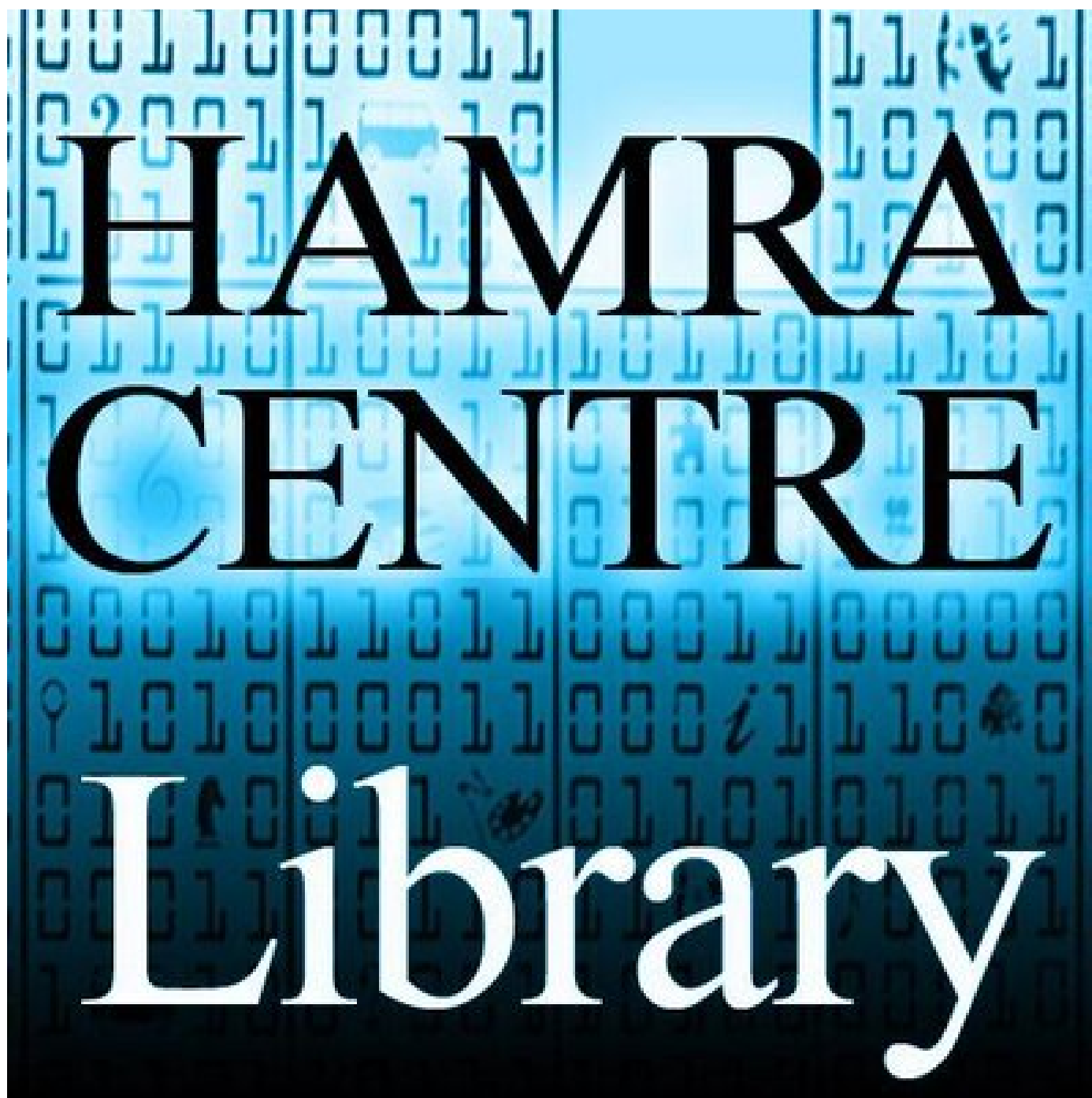
All children from 0-18 are welcome to attend SA Dental and there are no out-of-pocket costs for most families. However, we know that only around 45% of eligible children are accessing dental care and many families are unaware that SA Dental is available to them.





The Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Report 2022/2023.

A link to the report can be found [here](#).



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.

### **November Birthdays**

11th November - Jordan A (6GR) & Landon S (3WD)

12th November - Max G (5F)

14th November - Jai M (3J)

15th November - Henry A (5HB)

17th November - Freya S (6C) & Nimi F (4A)

21st November - Joel S (3J)

22nd November - Rowan A (6GR)

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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 & Ukelele**

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

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