



## Important Dates

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**Thanksgiving End  
of Year Mass 12pm**  
Friday 9 December

**3rd Sunday Advent**  
Sunday 11 December

**Year 6 Graduation &  
Liturgy Dinner**  
Monday 12 December

**Last Day of School**  
Wednesday 14 December

**Pupil Free Day**  
Thursday 15 December

**Pupil Free Day**  
Friday 16 December

**4th Sunday Advent**  
Sunday 18 December

**First Day of Term 1  
2023**  
Monday 30 January

## From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

### **School Reports**

Reports will be sent home this Friday afternoon with all students. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, this semester St John the Baptist Catholic School has been part of a trial for Catholic Education SA, exploring reporting documents. The new report will contain all the information our previous school report did but with some additional elements. A student's 'Approach to Learning' in each subject will be valued, along with our Learning Dispositions. The report should always be read alongside and in the context of the ongoing assessments that have been sent home via Seesaw throughout the semester.

### **Lost Property**

The school has been collecting a large number of lost items, many without names. During this week and next, all lost property will be displayed on a table in the courtyard. If your child has misplaced uniform items, drink bottles etc, please make the time to have a look. You may just locate that missing item.

## **End of Year Celebrations**

Over the next week, we will enjoy two important celebrations as we conclude the 2022 school year. Firstly, we will celebrate as a whole school community when we gather for our Thanksgiving End of Year Mass at 12pm on Friday. On this occasion we take the time to recognise the contributions, the effort and rich learning which has occurred over the course of the year. We warmly welcome all to attend this Mass.

We will then celebrate with our school leaders, as our Year 6 students graduate from their Primary schooling on Monday 12th December. A liturgy will be held in the St John the Baptist Church at 6:00pm, before coming together for a celebratory dinner at the Glenelg Golf Club.

We look forward to these important events as we give thanks for our time together in 2022.

## **Staff Farewell**

At the conclusion of this school year, we will say farewell to Jack Sires. Jack commenced at the school in 2020 in an ESO role and over the past few years has made a significant contribution to the St John the Baptist Catholic School community. Jack demonstrated very quickly an innate ability to develop fantastic relationships with the students, all under a calm, 'no worries' demeanour. Jack has completed his university studies and we wish him well as he moves to Roxby Downs in 2023 to begin his teaching career.

## **2022/2023 Administration Office Hours**

The school will be closed from Friday 16th December 2022 until Friday 20th January 2023.

The Administration Office will reopen on Monday 23rd January 2023.

School will resume for all students on Monday 30th January 2023.

On behalf of the staff, we thank you for your support throughout the year, and wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year. Most of all, enjoy the wonderful gift of time spent with loved ones.

Best Wishes

## **The Leadership Team**

**Todd LaForgia, Jo Livingstone, Amanda Razon & Michael Cimarosti**

# Catholic Identity

We are days away from the end of the school term and year! It is an exciting time as we are in the season of Advent, preparing for the Christmas season. I'd like to personally thank you all for your contribution towards our wonderful community, and for making it a special one.

Here are some important events in the weeks to come:

## **Whole School Thanksgiving Mass**

On Friday we will be celebrating our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass as a whole school community. A letter went out to families last week inviting all to attend. This will be a special Mass to give thanks for the year we have shared together. It will also be an opportunity to farewell those leaving our community and hand out special awards to individuals who have demonstrated excellence in their service to our school. The Mass will be at St John the Baptist church at 12:00pm.

## **Year 6 Graduation**

The Year 6 students will be celebrating their time at St John's with a liturgy on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. This ceremony will take place at 6pm in St John the Baptist church. Our lovely school choir will also be leading the singing throughout this celebration.

## **Blessing of the Cribs**

We have three Mass times this weekend where there will be a special blessing of the cribs. This involves bringing your small Nativity set or the manger to be blessed. It is a tradition going back centuries and recognises the importance and significance of Christ's birth at Christmas.

## **Backpacks 4SA Kids**

After all the amazing contributions and efforts that have gone towards fundraising for Backpacks 4SA Kids, the funds will go towards purchasing items to fill backpacks. On December 16<sup>th</sup> the school staff will be packing the backpacks ready to be donated. Thank you for

your generosity towards this cause, we are certain it will give the children who receive them much joy!

### **Sacraments 2023**

Another reminder that the Sacramental program will be up and running next year. If you would like your child to participate in this journey, you can enrol them through this form <https://forms.office.com/r/DNwX228htZ>

Hard copies are also available via the Parish Office or School Front Office.

Wishing you many blessings in this Advent and upcoming Christmas season! Hope you have a joyous and restful break. Looking forward to seeing you in 2023!

**Amanda Razon**

**APRIM**

## **Arch D Awards**

Our Year 6 students have been involved in the Arch D Podcasting initiative this year. Each student was placed in a team and the children developed a podcast on the theme - 'A moment in time.' Each podcast 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. We are pleased to announce that two teams and a teaching staff member from St John the Baptist Catholic School were nominated.

Our nominees were as follows:

- Podcast of the Year nominees - Lucas, Tomas and Zac for their "Three Amigos" podcast about fictional World War One experiences
- Podcast Team of the Year nominees - Ava, Lucy and Saskia for "The Crazy Campers" podcast
- Staffcaster Award nominee - Lauren Breeding

We would like to congratulate Lauren Breeding who won the Staffcaster Award. Well done Lauren!





# Christmas Raffle



\$2 Tickets

Drawn on Monday 12th December



Win a Gingerbread House



Money raised goes to  
Backpacks 4 SA Kids



Don't forget to purchase your ticket for \$2 to win a beautiful handmade gingerbread house. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 12th December.

All monies raised will go to Backpacks for SA Kids.



## Finance News

### **After School Sport**

Please finalise any outstanding after school sports payments via the Qkr! app. Shields for new students (who have not received a shield previously) to sport and plaques for existing students (who have played previously and received a shield) are now available to pay.

### **Camps**

Please finalise any outstanding camp fees as soon as possible as they are now overdue.

### **Statement of Accounts**

Could you please ensure that your account is finalised by the end of the school term unless previously advised.

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.

### **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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For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

### 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

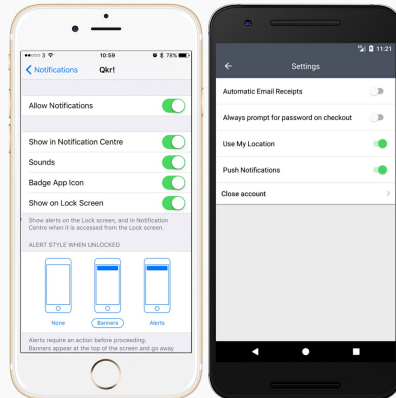
Select Notifications.

#### 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](mailto:pmarks@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au)

**Pam Marks**

**Bursar/Finance Officer**

## From the Sport Coordinator



### 2022 After School Sport

2022 has been a very successful year for After School Sport at St John the Baptist Catholic School.

We have had a total of 167 students playing one or more sports throughout the course of the year, with some students playing three sports.

We fielded 40 teams throughout the four terms. We have had 65 students who have played school sport for the first time in 2022.

The sports that have been played in 2022 are:

- Basketball
- Tee Ball
- Netball
- Cricket
- Soccer
- Volleyball

**I would like to thank all the parents who offered to coach their child's sport team(s) this year. Without your support and dedication, the children would not have been able to participate in all these different sports.**

### **2023 Term 1 After School Sport**

The 2023 Term 1 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 1 Registration form.

### **SACPSSA Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to Mason P (4A) who set a new record for the **Year 4 Boys 100m** – stopping the clock at 13.47 seconds. Well done Mason!



### **School Sport SA 12 Years & Under Boys Cricket Team**

Adam H (6R) was selected to play in the **School Sport SA 12 years and under boys Cricket team**. This team competed in the School Sport Australia Cricket Championships in Ballarat - Saturday 19 to Saturday 26 November, 2022.

Congratulations to Adam on gaining selection in this state team. It is indeed an honour to have done so and to have the opportunity to play at these championships. This opportunity is unique and is available to very few school students in this country.





**Basketball tops**

Just a reminder:

Could all basketball tops please be returned to the school after the conclusion of this current season please.

**Paul O'Dea**

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

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

# Tee Ball

Thank you to Adam Keegan for coaching Tee Ball, the students have had fun and learnt so much.

We have had 2 teams playing at the Adelaide 'Angels' Baseball Club Tee ball competition at Weigall Oval.

- Seagulls
- Pelicans

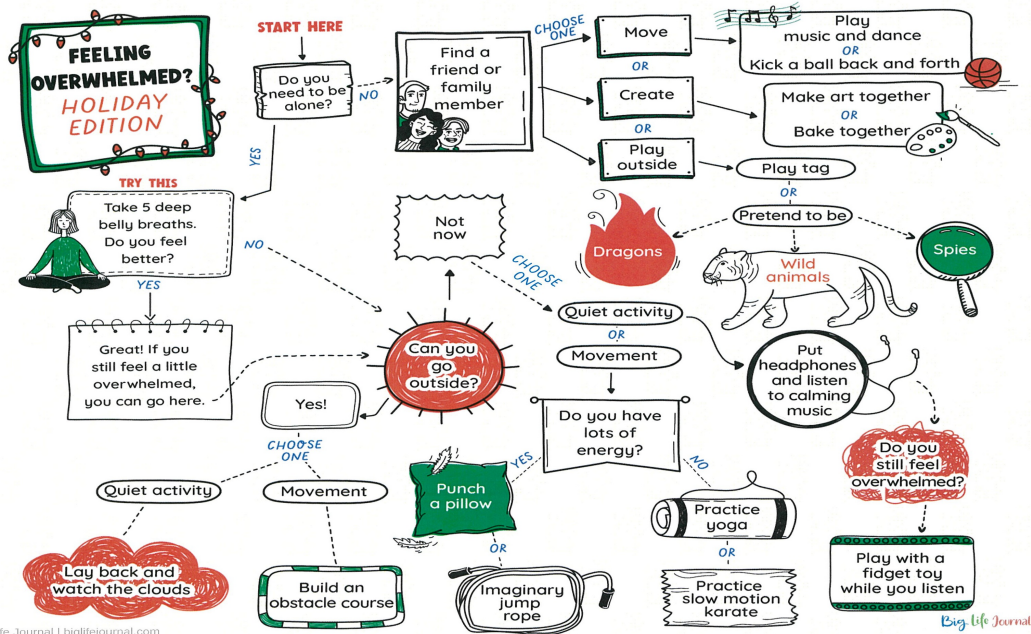


# From the Counsellor

The printable below is designed to help your family remain calm and centered during the Christmas period and school holidays. The Big Life Journal website <https://biglifejournal.com.au> has many free resources you can download to suit your family needs.

I would like to wish all of St John's students and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe, enjoyable and happy start to 2023

Sarah Byrnes  
Counsellor



TOOLS + ACTIVITIES FOR  
**WHEN YOU FEEL OVERWHELMED**  
 \* HOLIDAY EDITION \*

*WHEN YOU WANT TO BE TOGETHER*

**Calm Down Tools:**

- ★ Puzzles
- ★ Mini massager
- ★ Board or card games

**Calming Activities:**

- ★ Give hugs or massages
- ★ Take a walk together
- ★ Throw or kick a ball back and forth

*WHEN YOU WANT TO BE STILL*

**Calm Down Tools:**

- ★ Weighted or heated blanket
- ★ Noise-cancelling headphones
- ★ Sound machine

**Calming Activities:**

- ★ Make art
- ★ Read a book
- ★ Listen to a guided meditation

*WHEN YOU WANT TO BE INSIDE*

**Calm Down Tools:**

- ★ Essential oils + diffuser
- ★ MP3 player with peaceful music
- ★ Fidget toys

**Calming Activities:**

- ★ Chew on gum or hard candy
- ★ Build something
- ★ Solve a logic puzzle

*WHEN YOU WANT TO BE ALONE*

**Calm Down Tools:**

- ★ Blank books
- ★ Building toys
- ★ Stress ball

**Calming Activities:**

- ★ Listen to music
- ★ Write/draw in a journal
- ★ Colour in a colouring book

*WHEN YOU WANT TO BE MOVE*

**Calm Down Tools:**

- ★ Skipping rope
- ★ Yoga cards
- ★ Mini trampoline

**Calming Activities:**

- ★ Put on music and dance
- ★ Punch a pillow
- ★ Practice yoga

*WHEN YOU WANT TO BE OUTSIDE*

**Calm Down Tools:**

- ★ Bubbles + wand
- ★ Swings
- ★ Balls to kick and throw

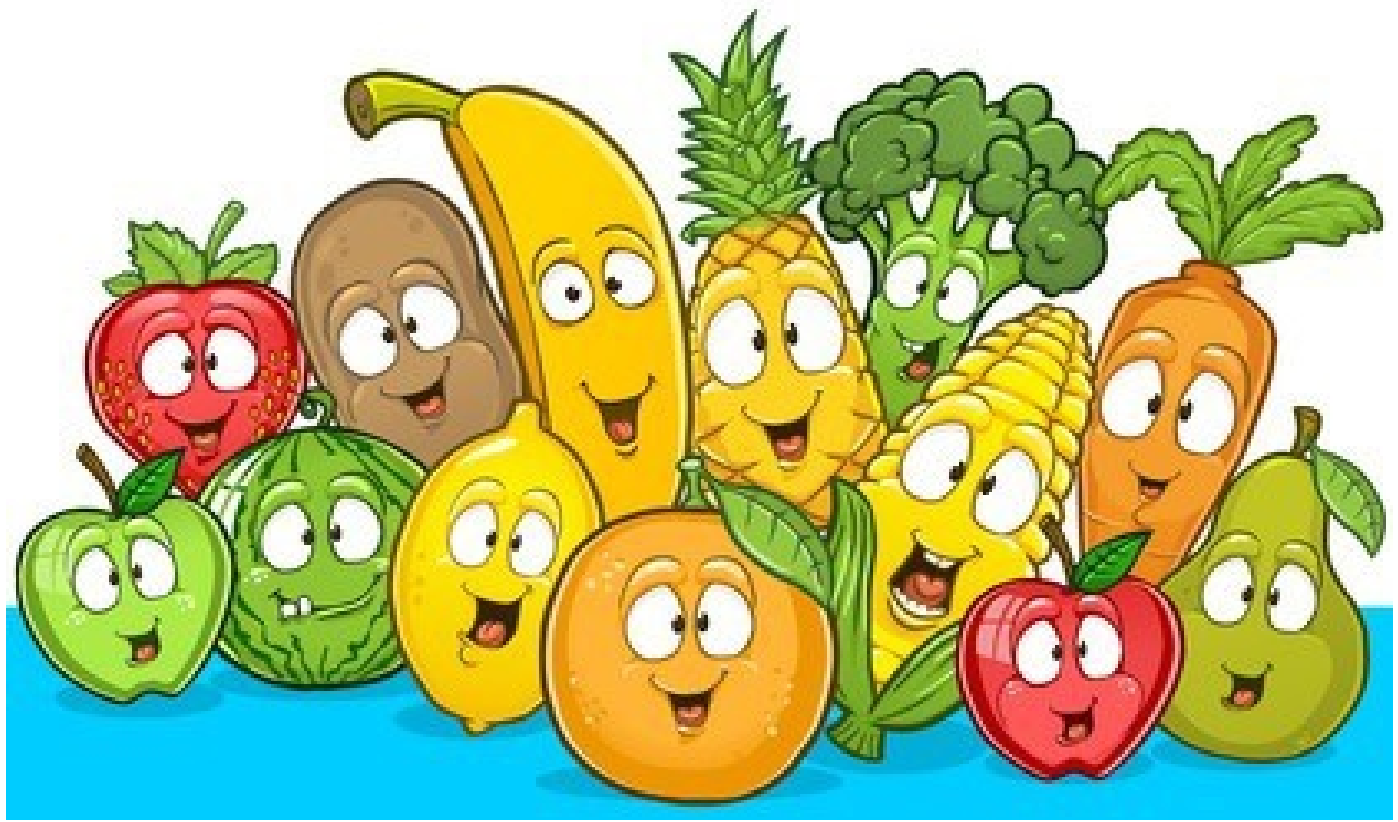
**Calming Activities:**

- ★ Play imagination games
- ★ Run + climb
- ★ Watch birds + wildlife

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## 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 9th December - Stacey Arnold

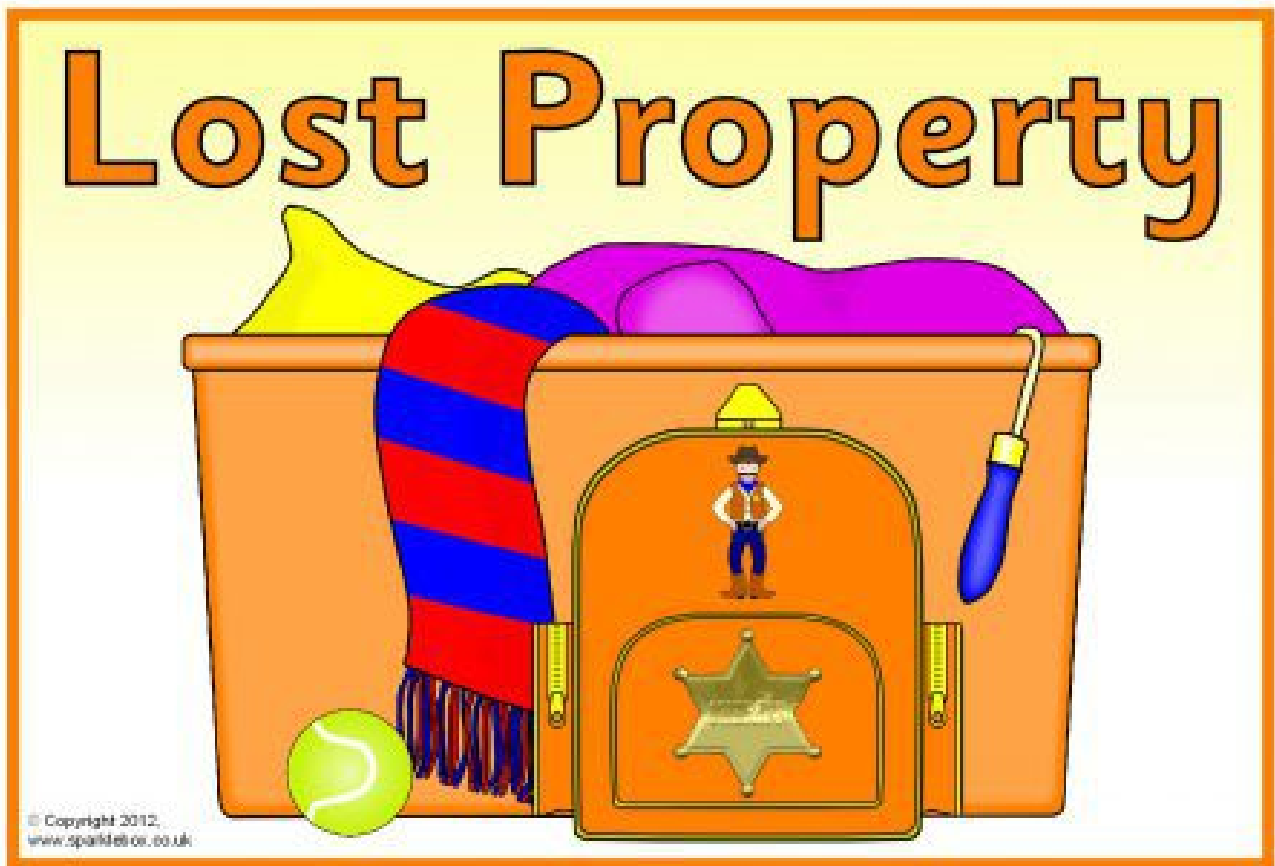
Monday 12th December - Julie

Wednesday 14th December - Julie, Maria Esteban, Dove Lin & Neeta Saldanha

We would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers. We wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

**Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald**

## Lost Property



A table with all lost property items will be in the courtyard (outside the school hall) in Weeks 8 and 9.

Please be reminded to come and have a look we have many lost jumpers, hats, containers, drink bottles and any other items.



Please be reminded to return all library books - books were due back on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



Best wishes

**The Library Team**

## Premiers Reading Challenge Awards

Reading regularly is an important step in developing good literacy skills. It is the key to success at school and into the future. We would like to thank all those who have encouraged, read to, helped students in their reading, listened to students reading and valued the fabulous worlds that reading can take us into. It is the students, staff and families who make the success of the challenge a reality.

CONGRATULATIONS on another wonderful year of reading and being part of the South Australian Premier's Reading Challenge in its 19<sup>th</sup> year.

In this year of 2022 there were 322 St John's students who completed the challenge. There were 62 Certificates, 42 Bronze, 76 Silver, 37 Gold, 46 Champion, 30 Legend and 29 Hall of Fame medals were awarded to our students.

Special congratulations and awards were given to:

**Angela Y** (4P) for the most books read in the PRC. Angela read 92 books.

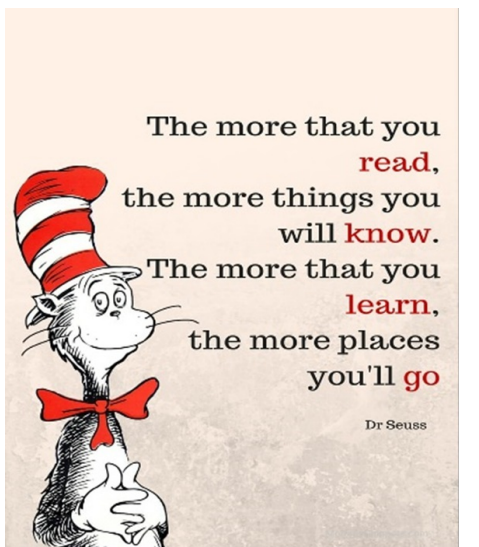
Albi C (1SM) for being the 1<sup>st</sup> student in the school to complete the PRC.

Kyathi C (5F) for being the 2<sup>nd</sup> student in the school to complete the PRC.

and Raiden J (Rec. B), Eddie T (Rec. B) and Patrick A (Rec. CK) for completing the PRC independently in their first year of school.

The Year 3B students were awarded a class treat for being the **1<sup>st</sup> and only class** who all independently completed the PRC.

As Dr Seuss says.....



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From the Library Team

**Mrs Gauro, Mrs French, Katie De Leo & Ethan Miller**



## Congratulations - Miss Gatto

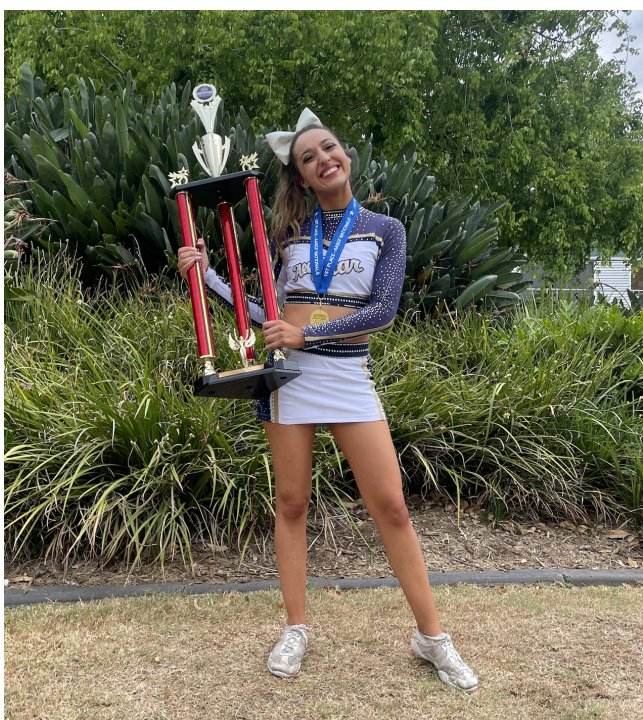
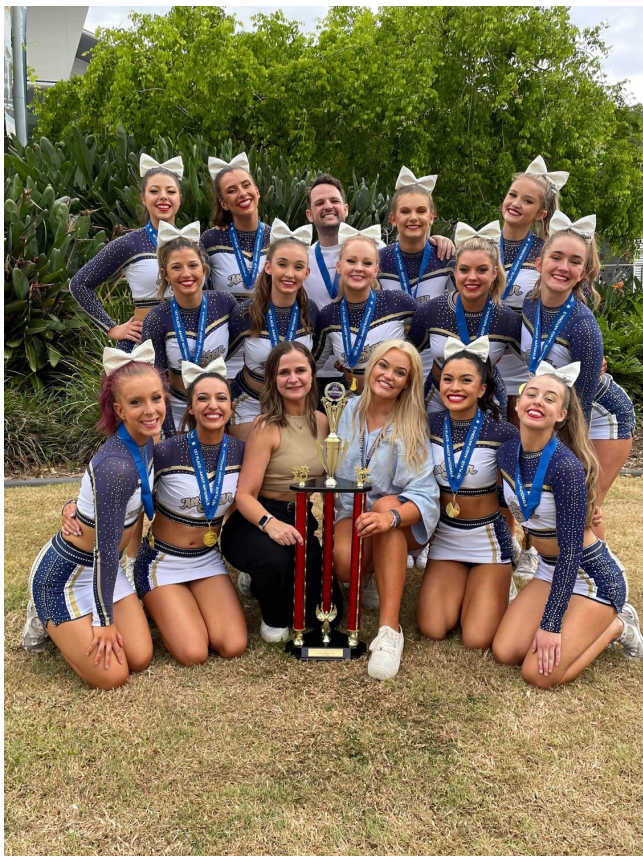
Congratulations to Miss Gatto who participated in the Adelaide Allstar Cheerleading squad in the Australian All-Star Cheer & Dance National Championships on the Gold Coast in Queensland.

Her team, Odyssey, competed in a division called Open Level 4 Non-Tumble Co-ed, against teams from all over Australia. Odyssey won a first place National Championship title!

Everyone received gold medals as well as a huge trophy to display in their gym!

As well as Odyssey's first place title, their Level 6 team, Celestial, qualified to represent South Australia at the 2023 World Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida! She will be travelling there next April!

We are very proud of you Miss Gatto!



## Lions Christmas Cakes



Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings are now available in the Front Office.

1.5kg Cake - \$19.00

1kg Cake - \$15.00

Pudding - \$15.00

Please contact Bern if you require any further information on 8218 3300.



# Newsletter



## A message from your Coordinator

We extend a very warm welcome to all the children who joined our OSHC family this term. Our routines have been working well to strengthen relationships with children, parents, and the staff. However, we are open to any suggestion you may have to improve the service. *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.*

*Waiting for an Extraordinary Summer Holiday Adventures, 2022. Rocketeers is a space for children to escape the ordinary and experience the extraordinary during their school holidays. There is a new mission "Travel the World" 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. To attend, your child doesn't need to be a student at St John the Baptist Catholic School. Visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) to see the program and book into the sessions.*

*A reminder for 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 0405436293, we will be attended to you 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 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 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 we are busy with the children, if you would like to make a time for a conversation about your child's needs and interests, please organise one on

0405436293 or email on [sastjohnbaptist@oshccampaustralia.com.au](mailto: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](http://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

### Travel the world

- Brazil carnival
- Ancient Egypt
- Korean culture
- Ole ole soccer actions
- Excursion/ incursion
- Cooking up storm

## What's on the menu

- Fruit Platter
- Banana Muffins
- Popcorn/ Cracker
- Ginger bread
- Pancake

## Visit our blog

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

[Visit our blog](#)



# Guitar Lessons

Would your child like to learn guitar in 2023?

If you are interested please contact ***Dido on Mobile: 0407719836.***

# Pupil Free Days



Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December will be Pupil Free Days. Please ensure that these are marked in your calendar.

Camp Australia will be operating on these days. For bookings please go to their website [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)



# St John the Baptist

## Catholic School

### 2022 / 2023 Administration Office Hours

2022

Closed: Fri 16th December - Fri 20th January 2023

2023

Reopen - Mon 23rd January - Wed 25th January  
&  
Friday 27th January

**Office is closed Thursday 26th January**  
**Public Holiday**

**School resumes Monday 30th January 2023**

## 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.

## Community News

### Plympton Parish Christmas Mass Times

# PLYMPTON PARISH



Penitential Service of Reconciliation - Wednesday 7th December 7.00pm  
Anointing of the Sick – Friday 9th December 9.30am

**2022**

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**



### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Saturday 24th December 7.00pm**

**Family Christmas Vigil**

**(No outside Mass)**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Sunday 25th December**

**8.30am & 10.00am Masses**

### **OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**

**Monday 26th December 9.30am**

**Wednesday 28th December 9.30am**

**Thursday 29th December 9.30am**

**Friday 30th December 9.30am**

### **EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday 31st December 2022 6.00pm**

**Sunday 1st January 2023 8.30am & 10.00am**



# Enjoyment for all **SENSORY ROOM**

## FIRST OF IT'S KIND IN A SPORTING ARENA IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Thanks to the Make A Difference Foundation, the Adelaide 36ers are offering fans who can be overwhelmed by sensory overloads the opportunity to attend a home game in our new Sensory Room.

TICKETS CAN BE REDEEMED AT NO COST BY REGISTERING HERE.

**REGISTER NOW**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE HEAD TO  
[ADELAIDE36ERS.COM/PAGES/SENSORYROOM](https://www.adelaide36ers.com/pages/sensoryroom)

The Adelaide 36ers are the first sporting and entertainment team in South Australia to implement a Sensory Room for people that have Sensory overloads from attending sporting events.

The opportunity is offered for **free** for families to attend via the link on the flier and on the Adelaide 36ers website.

The below link will provide further information on the Sensory Room:

[Make a Difference Sensory Room](#)

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## Birthdays





Congratulations to those who celebrate their birthday in the next few weeks and over the holidays.

### **December Birthdays**

8th December - Sophie M (4A) & Frankie P (2S)

10th December - Charlie P (4A)

12th December - Nikolai J (3WD)

16th December - Vaani S (3WD) & Harrison B (REC D)

17th December - Kai J (5C)

18th December - Ashley W (4P) & Cephas F (3WD)

20th December - Angela Y (4P)

21st December - James P (4A)

22nd December - Christopher P (6R), Ryan C (3B) & Judd H (REC D)

23rd December - Eliana S (REC D)

26th December - James R (5C) & Vishwa M (REC B)

29th December - Allyn M (4A) & Emily M (1M)

31st December - Arlo H (3B) & Lenny C (3WD)

### **January Birthdays**

3rd January - Evaan S (REC D)

6th January - Samaira D (6R)

7th January - Elliott R (4P)

8th January - Henry S (5C)

10th January - Madeleine T (4P)

12th January - Harlow H (2T)

19th January - Oliver d'A (5F)

20th January - Genevieve F (REC D)

21st :January - Poppy McG (3B), Blessed A (2J) & Pia P (2T)

22nd January - Ryanbir G (3WD)

23rd January - Layla T (REC CK)

24th January - Lucy Q (6R) & Willow Y (5F)

26th January - Lucy McD (REC B)

27th January - Macy F (2T), Avika U (2T) & Nirav SP (REC B)

28th January - Tomas M (6B), Dominic PE (REC B) & Lachlan McK (REC CK)

29th January - Georgia W (3WD), Helen JG (1SM) & Hayden C (4P)

### **February Birthdays**

1st February - Ayla H (6B), Lily K (6B), Petal B (5C) and Ava D (REC B)

2nd February - Patric A (REC CK)

3rd February - Aisha McD (REC CK)

4th February - Lebron M (3WD)

5th February - Lily I (4A), Orlando T (3B), Eva N (2J) & Vironika V (REC CK)

## 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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## Southern Cross Newsletter



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

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## 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.

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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)