



Important Dates

**Second Sunday
Advent**

Sunday 10 December 2023

**Year 6 Graduation &
Liturgy Dinner**

Monday 11 December 2023

Pupil Free Day

Thursday 14 December 2023

Pupil Free Day

Friday 15 December 2023

**First Day of Term 1
2024**

Monday 29 January 2024

**New Parent
Morning Tea**

Monday 29 January 2024

Playgroup Resumes

Wednesday 7 February 2024

**Welcome
Afternoon 3.15pm-
5.15pm**

Wednesday 7 February 2024

**Beginning Year
Mass 12pm**

Friday 9 February 2024

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

School Reports

Reports will be sent home tomorrow afternoon with all students. Families will receive a hard copy report and will also be able to access an electronic copy through the SEQTA Engage App. Thank you to all parents who have installed the SEQTA Engage App on a device over the past few weeks.

The report should always be read alongside and in the context of the ongoing assessments that have been sent home via Seesaw throughout the year. Please refer to the last edition of the newsletter where we spoke of the rubrics and assessments that were being posted to Seesaw.

End of Year Celebrations

Over the next week, we will enjoy two important celebrations as we conclude the 2023 school year. Firstly, we will gather for our Thanksgiving End of Year Mass at 11.45am tomorrow. 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 11th December. A liturgy will be held in the St John the Baptist Church at 6:00pm, before coming together for a celebratory dinner.

We look forward to these important events as we give thanks for our time together in 2023.

Staffing

Lyn Dyer will be bring to a close her service to the St John the Baptist Catholic School community over the next two weeks. Lyn has been a teaching staff member at the school for the past 11 years. We thank Lyn for her contribution to the life of the school over this time. Lyn is taking up a position at Adelaide University supporting STEM Education nationally. Congratulations and thank you Lyn.

I am also pleased to inform you that Jodie Veldhoen has been appointed to the role of Finance Officer. Jodie will commence in this role in January2024. Jodie understands schools and brings a wealth of finance experience to the role. Jodie is currently the Finance Officer at Antonio Catholic School. We look forward to seeing Jodie in the new year.

Update Change of Details

At any time throughout the year, if personal details change, including phone number, email contact, home address or there is a change to visa status or passport, please ensure that you notify the school. This will ensure you continue to receive up to date communications. Thank you for your cooperation.

2023/2024 Administration Office Hours

The school will be closed from Friday 15th December 2023 until Friday 20th January 2024.

The Administration Office will reopen on Monday 22nd January 2024.

School will resume for all students on Monday 29th January 2024.

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.

The Leadership Team

Catholic Identity

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

Tomorrow we will come together as a community to celebrate another year of celebrations and achievements. Please join us for our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass at 11:45am in St John the Baptist Church.

A Big Thank You

After another big year, I want to give my heartfelt thank you to this wonderful community. I cannot express to you the gratitude I have for each one of you. I have already received such tremendous support and this has given me great comfort, particularly this term.

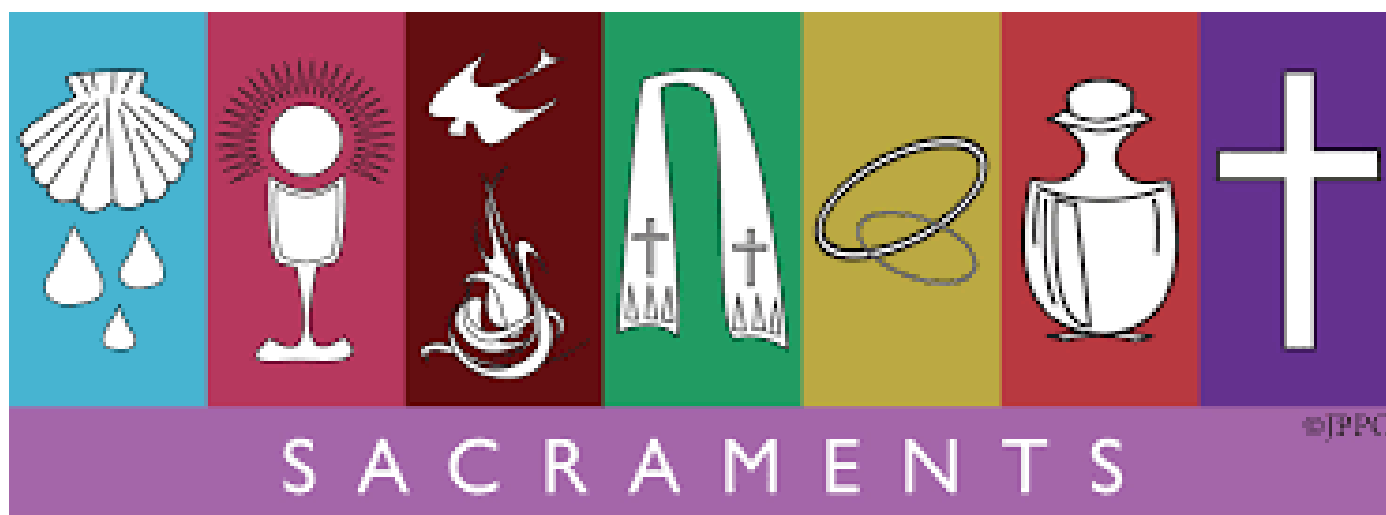
I wish you all the very best for the remainder of this year. Hope you all have a safe and Merry Christmas as well as a Happy New Year.

Love & prayers,

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](#).

Finance News

Statement of Accounts

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

Term fees are now overdue, unless previously arranged with the Finance Officer. Please contact the Finance Office should you need to discuss payment of your account further.

If you have changed your address, please advise the office as soon as possible on info@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

School Fees 2024

The School Fee Schedule for 2024 was sent home with forms that were due back on the 1st December.

If you have changed your bank account details for your direct debit you will need to complete a new direct debit request form.

If you are eligible for School Card you will need to complete online a new application form - details will be sent home in January 2024.

Should you require Fee Remission please contact the Finance Officer for an application form.

Qkr! After School Sport Payments

All after school sport payments are now overdue. **Please finalise as soon as possible.**

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

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

Pam Marks

Bursar/Finance Officer

From the Sport Coordinator



2023 Review

Sport Carnivals

It has certainly been a very busy year as far as Sports Carnivals / activities are concerned.

Term 1:

- SAPSASA Lacrosse Carnival
- SACPSSA Swimming Carnival
- Crows Cup - Girls Australian Rules Football

Term 2:

- SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival
- SACPSSA Student Leadership Workshop – Year 6 Sports Leaders
- SACPSSA Netball Carnival
- SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival

Term 3:

- Westies Cup – Boys Australian Rules Football
- Adelaide (Angels) Baseball Carnival
- SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival
- SACPSSA Touch Carnival

Term 4:

- St John the Baptist Catholic School SPORTS DAY at SA Athletics Stadium
- SACPSSA Athletics Carnival
- ACHPER / SACPSSA Come & Try Day - Year 2

2023 After School Sport

A very big thank you to ALL the parents who helped out over the course of 2023.

Below is a list of the various after school sports our children were involved in this year.

- Basketball
- Tee Ball
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Australian Rules Football
- Netball
- Cricket

The children from St John the Baptist Catholic School combined to form 39 teams, with 170 children representing the school in 2023.

PE Lessons - Basketball

The Sturt Basketball Club have been conducting Basketball Clinics at St John the Baptist Catholic School this term. The Year 2 – Year 6 classes have had 4 sessions as part of their Physical Education lesson.

A big thank you to Jakob Dorricott from the Sturt Basketball Club.

Coaches / Managers 2023

Again, a very big thank you to all the Coaches and Managers for all you have done in 2023.

If you have any school equipment, First Aid bags, information folders or sports bags etc. could they please be returned to school.

The STJB Year 5/6 Girls basketball team represented St John the Baptist Catholic School at Wayville on Wednesday afternoons. The girls were coached by Hilary Sadler.

Hilary sent through this photo.



Soccer Tops / Basketball Tops

Reminder: Now that all the After School Sports have finished for the year could all school Basketball tops and any remaining Soccer tops, please be returned **ASAP**.

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.

SACPSSA offers a wide variety of team and individual sports carnivals, students are encouraged to participate and compete in the carnivals held throughout the calendar year. The primary sports traditionally include Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming, with team-based sports such as Netball, Tennis, Lacrosse, Cricket and Touch.

By competing in carnivals throughout the year, students have opportunities to meet and compete against students in their own age group

from all areas of the state.

SAPSASA

SAPSASA (South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association) events provide opportunities for children with specific sporting ability to participate in a variety of sporting activities. SAPSASA works within the Department for Education and Child Development for the delivery of School Sport.

SAPSASA works in consultation with Secondary School Sport SA (SSSSA) to conduct school sport programs from R-12 DECD, Catholic and Independent schools. Primary school children aged 10 years and older are eligible to participate.

St John the Baptist Catholic School has a strong history of participation in the South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association (SAPSASA) competition. We are proudly part of the Airport District and enter into a wide variety of SAPSASA events throughout the year. SAPSASA runs a series of Knockout Competitions, State Carnivals and State Championships, which the school nominates individuals and teams for competition.

Kind regards,

Paul O'Dea

PE & Co-curricular Sport Co-ordinator

sport@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

From the Library



"A book can take you around the world and back. All you have to do is open it."

A quote from Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore

Thank you to all the volunteers who have supported the library in 2023. Your time and efforts are much appreciated.

To all the families who supported the Scholastic Book Club this year by purchasing books a big thank you. We were able to buy books to the value of over \$300 with the Scholastic Rewards we received.

Also our Standing Order with the Pegi Williams Bookshop (SA owned) has enabled us to put over 200 new books in the library this year. We receive 20 new books every month for 10 months of the year including 1 free book.

Notices will be given to class teachers this week asking for any overdue books to be returned. Please have a look with your child to find and return them to their library home at school.

Stay safe and happy reading in the holidays.

Maria French

Lions Cakes & Puddings

Support your community with a
Lions Christmas Cake.



Sometimes, its more than just the thought that counts.

Always.
lions australia 
75 years and counting

Lions Cakes & Puddings are available from the Front Office.

- 1.5kg Cake - \$20.00
- 1kg Cake - \$16.00
- Pudding - \$16.00

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

Thursday 7th December - Jo

Friday 8th December - Jo & Megan S

Monday 11th December - No Canteen

Tuesday 12th December - No Canteen

Wednesday 13th December - No Canteen

Thank you to all volunteers who have helped in the canteen this term. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald



Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter



05/12/2023

SA St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School OSHC

Your OSHC.



A message from your Coordinator,

Oh my goodness! I cannot believe how fast this term has flown by! As we prepare for the upcoming Christmas holidays, I just wanted to remind parents that bookings are open for 2024 and we have some exciting excursions coming up throughout these holidays, including Bowling, watching Wish and X-Golf! As the term comes to an end the children have been practicing their bowling skills with the giant bowling set in preparation. I hope everyone has a great break, Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

The OSHC team.



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 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

Camp Australia OSHC - Rocketeers Program



TURN UP THE FUN THIS SUMMER!

ROCKETEERS
Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

350+ UNIQUE EXPERIENCES | 350+ CONVENIENT LOCATIONS | A NEW ADVENTURE EVERY DAY!

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) available for eligible families.

BOOK NOW FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

THE ROCKETEERS FILM FESTIVAL
Powered by LEGO® Play

MISSION XII PROGRAM

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School
Address: 342 Anzac Highway PLYMPTON SA 5038
Phone: 0405 436 293 Program Times: 07:00 am - 06:00 pm

Date	Activity	Full Fee	After Max. CCS*
Mon 18 Dec	Mission Takeoff X3: Urban Playground	\$78.90	\$7.89
Tue 19 Dec	Adventure: Pin-Smash! at Zone Bowling	\$104.90	\$10.49
Wed 20 Dec	Experience Takeover: Delicious Science	\$82.90	\$8.29
Thu 21 Dec	Project: Science Transferrants!	\$88.90	\$8.89
Fri 22 Dec	Operation: Bring Your Joy	\$85.90	\$8.59
Sat 23 Dec	Film Fest: LEGO Create Day	\$85.90	\$8.59
Sun 24 Dec	Film Fest: LEGO Create Day	\$85.90	\$8.59
Mon 19 Jan	Operation: Community Heroes	\$85.90	\$8.59
Tue 20 Jan	Project: Museum Marvels	\$85.90	\$8.59
Wed 21 Jan	Operation: Wish at Wishes Christmas	\$104.90	\$10.49
Thu 22 Jan	Project: Amaze with Science	\$85.90	\$8.59
Fri 23 Jan	Operation: Survival Challenges	\$85.90	\$8.59
Sat 24 Jan	Operation: Base Camp Beach Day	\$85.90	\$8.59
Sun 25 Jan	Adventure: Hole Lotta Fun at X-Golf	\$105.90	\$10.59
Mon 26 Jan	Project: Back to School Bash!	\$85.90	\$8.59
Tue 27 Jan	Operation: Science Meets Art	\$85.90	\$8.59
Wed 28 Jan	Operation: Enchanted Realms	\$85.90	\$8.59
Thu 29 Jan	Project: Girl Power!	\$85.90	\$8.59

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

Community News

Plympton Parish

Plympton Catholic Parish Mass Times



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

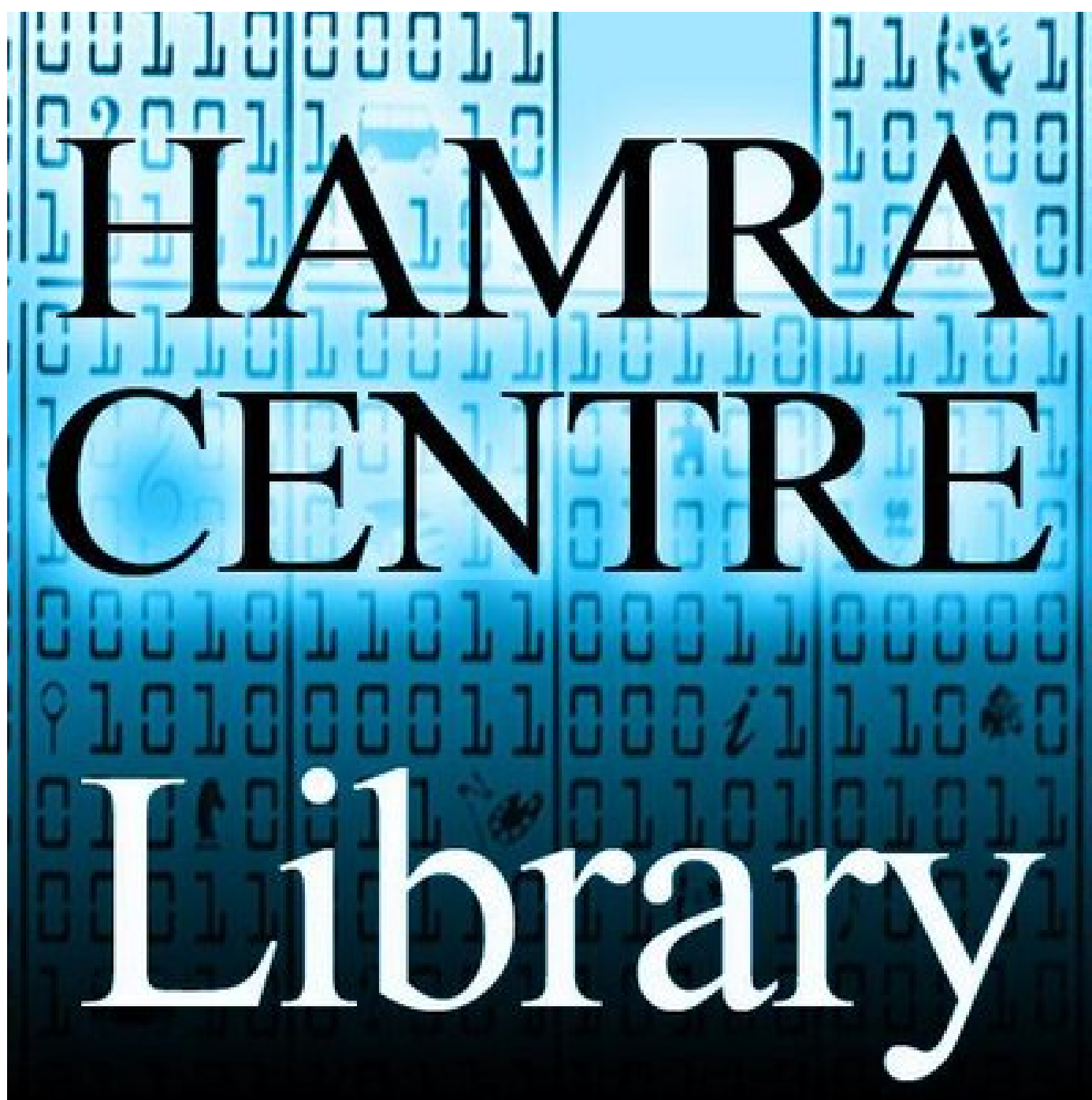
VIGIL MASS - SATURDAYS AT 6PM

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 2nd 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>

Royal Life Saving SA Holiday Swim Program



ROYAL LIFE SAVING
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Online enrolments closing soon!!

Holiday Swim

PRIVACY.FLOWCODE.COM

HOLIDAY SWIM

**\$40 for 5 days
of lessons!***

Swim *pool entry fees may apply. Higher awards
SURVIVE start from \$50

WWW.HOLIDAYSWIM.COM.AU

Holiday Swim

Now is the time to get those last-minute enrolments in!

Online enrolments will be closing soon, and we don't want you to miss out on booking your children in for Holiday Swim!

The main aims of the program are

- Teach children critical life-saving skills
- Teach basic swimming skills
- Equip kids with the knowledge to stay safe in, on and around the water.

The program is AFFORDABLE so that it remains ACCESSIBLE to families and communities that might otherwise miss out on the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons.

Royal Life Saving also offers pathways into the aquatic industry with their ICONIC Bronze Awards. The Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Award of Merit and Distinction levels are designed for those wanting to further their knowledge and skill set, before moving into the aquatic industry as Lifeguards and Swim Teachers within their local communities.

The program is returning in December 2023 and January 2024 with the Royal Life Saving Swim and Survive program.

PROGRAM FEES

\$40 per child (additional pool entry fees may apply)

Higher awards from \$50

LENGTH/DURATION

5 days (may vary based on location)

5yrs+ 45-minute lessons

Under 5s 30-minute lessons.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us by phoning 08 8210 4500

or email holidayswim@royallifesavingsa.com.au

More information can be found on our website: www.holidayswim.com.au

learn to skate

**free 4 week learn to roller skate program
for young people 12-25**

when: January 8, 15, 22 & 29

**time: ages 12-17: 4.30-5.30pm
ages 18-25: 6-7pm**

where: Le Fevre High School

**roller skates & padding
protection provided**

**limited
places
available,
register now:**



For more information contact 8215 6340 or headspaceportadelaide@centacare.org.au



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Birthdays



Congratulations to those who celebrate their birthday in the next week and during the school holidays.

December Birthdays

8th Dec - Sophie M (5HB) & Frankie P (3WD)

10th Dec - Charlie P (5F) & Ruben S (REC DC)

12th Dec - Nikolai J (4PR) & Ada Lewis (REC DC)

14th Dec - Amali F (5F)
16th Dec - Vaani S (4A) & Harrison B (1SM)
17th Dec - Kai J (6C)
18th Dec - Ashley W (5F) & Cephas F (4PR)
20th Dec - Angela Y (5F)
21st Dec - James P (5HB)
22nd Dec - Judd H (1SM)
23rd Dec - Eliana S (1M)
26th Dec - James R (6GR) & Vishwa M (1SM)
29th Dec - Allyn M (5F), Emily M (2T) & Harvey F (REC DC)
31st Dec - Lenny C (4A) & Arlo H (4PR)

January Birthdays

2nd Jan - Mikael J (REC B)
3rd Jan - Evaan S (1M)
7th Jan - Elliott R (5F)
8th Jan - Henry S (6C)
9th Jan - Tonna I (1M)
10th Jan - Chloe S (REC DC) & Madeleine T (5HB)
12th Jan - Harlow H (3BM) & Louis T (REC DC)
19th Jan - Sussani B (2T) & Oliver d'A (6GR)
20th Jan - Genevieve F (1SM) & Ditya K (REC B)
21st Jan - Blessed A (3J), Poppy McG (4A) & Pia P (3J)
22nd Jan - Ayla F (3WD) & Ryanbir G (4PR)
23rd Jan - Layla T (1SM)
24th Jan - Willow Y (6GR)
26th Jan - Lucy McD (1SM)
27th Jan - Macy F (3J), Navika P (3J) & Avika U (3J)
28th Jan - Lachlan McK (1SM), Domenic PE (1SM), Ayah T (3WD)
29th Jan - Helen JG (2T)
31st Jan - Hayden C (5HB)

February Birthdays

1st Feb - Petal B (6GR) & Ava D (1SM)
2nd Feb - Patrick A (1M) & Archie S (REC DC)
4th Feb - Lebron M (4A)
5th Feb - Ashton B (2T), Ninel C (6C), Ari G (REC DC), Eva N (3WD), Orlanda T (4PR) & Vironika V (1SM)
6th Feb - Ezra P (2T) & Mason P (5HB)
7th Feb - Aahaan W (REC DC)



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](#).

Instrumental Tutors

We currently offer the following instrumental tutoring:

Piano

(currently a waitlist)

Tutor - Christine Davies

Ph: 0403 546 091

Email - christineonpiano@gmail.com

Guitar & Ukelele

Tutor - Dido Durmanovic

Ph: 0407 719 836

Email: didodurmanovic@hotmail.com

Drums

Tutor - Shaun Doddy

Ph: 0417 806 993

Email: shaundoddy@rocketmail.com

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.

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

Southern Cross Newsletter



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