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Important Dates

Mother's Day Stall Friday 10 May 2024 Mother's Day Sunday 12 May 2024 Catholic Education Week Monday 13 May 2024

Pentecost Sunday 19 May 2024

Mass - 1M & 3BM Wednesday 22 May 2024

Trinity Sunday Sunday 26 May 2024 School Advisory Board Meeting 6.30pm Wednesday 15 May 2024

National Volunteer Week Monday 20 May 2024

National Sorry Day Sunday 26 May 2024

Reconciliation Week Monday 27 May 2024

Kings Birthday Public Holiday Monday 10 June 2024

Mass - REC K & 4A Wednesday 15 May 2024

Year 5/6 Lacrosse Carnival Monday 20 May 2024 9.30am Thursday 16 May 2024

Principal's Tour

Year 3 Excursion -Central Markets Tuesday 21 May 2024

Mass - 1SM & 3J Wednesday 29 May 2024

Yrs 4-6 SACPSSA Netball Carnival Tuesday 2 July 2024 Mass - 2S & 5G Wednesday 5 June 2024 Pupil Free Day Friday 7 June 2024

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating term break, enjoying quality time with loved ones and embracing the beauty of autumn. As we return to school, refreshed and ready for the challenges and opportunities ahead, we look forward to continuing our journey of learning and growth together. The changing seasons remind us of the cyclical nature of life and the importance of embracing new beginnings. Here's to a successful and fulfilling term ahead.

We are also delighted to extend a special welcome to the Little JB Transition families and their children as they take their first steps into our school community, preparing to join us for the start of school in Term 3. Over the next 10 weeks, our Little JB Transition students will have opportunities to settle into the routines and life of the school. Through engaging activities, supportive interactions, and structured learning experiences, they will gradually become familiar with the daily rhythms and expectations of school life. We hope these next few weeks will lay the foundation for a positive and successful school experience.

We extend a warm welcome back to Adriana Timpano as she returns to Year 2 after her leave. Adriana's presence has been dearly missed, and we are thrilled to have her back within our school community. Additionally, we are pleased to welcome Gary Pascoe back to our school community following his knee surgery. We are delighted to have him back in Year 6 and in good health and high spirits.

PBIS

This term we are excited to announce the initial launch of Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (PBIS) at St. John the Baptist Catholic School, along with a number of Catholic School in South Australia. PBIS is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioural supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve success.

PBIS emphasises teaching positive behaviour expectations, acknowledging students for demonstrating those behaviours, and providing supports to students who may need additional assistance in meeting expectations. This framework fosters a positive and safe school environment where all students feel valued, respected, and engaged in their learning. Developing a whole school language and shared approach supports students to understand what is expected of them across all settings in the school, including learning areas, gathering spaces and playground.

PBIS encourages schools to use data to assess the effectiveness of their behavioural interventions and make informed decisions about how to best support students. By collecting and analysing data on behaviour incidents and outcomes, we can identify trends, implement targeted interventions, and continually improve our practices.

As we embark on the initial stages of implementing PBIS at St. John the Baptist Catholic School, the PBIS staff team will continue comprehensive training sessions and workshops to deepen their understanding of PBIS principles and practices. We will regularly share updates and insights in the newsletter about our PBIS learning as we work towards full implementation in 2025.

Please see a link to a short video below about PBIS.

Positive Behavioural Interventions and Support in South Australian Catholic Schools - YouTube

Capital Works

Capital works on the Carpark and Grass Area continued over the holiday break and the final stages of the development will be finished very shortly. The irrigation system and lawn have been installed this week and the council are in the process of reinstating the driveways and paving on Anzac Highway. As soon as this is complete the carpark, drop off and pick up zone can be used once again. Communication regarding this will be provided in due course.

Winter Uniform Years 3-6

This term is change over to formal winter uniform for Years 3-6. It has been lovely to see the children so well presented in the correct uniforms over the past week. Thank you to families for supporting the school uniform policy and notifying your child's class teacher via Seesaw if this is not able to due to unforeseen circumstances.

Best Wishes

The Leadership Team

Ascension

The feast of the Ascension falls forty days after Easter, when we believe Jesus ascended to be with his Father in heaven. This significant feast day typically falls on a Thursday. This year, Ascension Day falls on Thursday 9th May but is generally celebrated on the following Sunday May to coincide with Sunday Mass observance.

Sacramental Program

Children in the Sacramental Program will have their first Reconciliation in Week 3, on Wednesday 15th May at 7:00pm in St John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Mother's Day

Wishing all mothers and mother figures a Happy Mother's Day. Classes or year level communities will celebrate this special occasion on Monday 13th May with a liturgy to thank and recognise the significant role these women have played in our lives. Teachers will send out communication regarding the time their class will be holding their liturgy.

Catholic Education Week

Next week, Week 3 is Catholic Education Week. The theme is Raising Hearts and Minds to the wonder and awe of God's creation which students will explore throughout the week.

Laudato Si Week

Laudato Si Week is celebrated each year in May and is inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical which encourages us to take care of our Common Home. This year it will be in Week 4 and the students will be encouraged to take on challenges to help take care for the earth.

Regional Assembly

Last Saturday, 4th May, neighbouring school and parish communities gathered for a Regional Assembly to share the current happenings, projects and success stories of their community. It was a successful event which allowed schools and parishes to appreciate the great work taking place, as well as an opportunity to network.

Marian Procession

May is the month for Mary, mother of Jesus. Each year, the Adelaide Archdiocese holds a procession through the city in honour of Mary. On Sunday 19th May, the 75th Marian Procession will be taking place, assembling at Victoria Park (Wakefield Road) and processing to Victoria Square.

For more information contact the Archdiocesan Events office on 8210 8220 or E: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Amanda Razon APRIM



Our prayers are with those who have recently lost loved ones. May God keep them close.

To the family of Jo Livingstone (Staff) for her Grandfather

To the Caruana Family (old scholars) for the loss of their Mother/Wife, Antonietta

"Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest In Peace".



If you are due to renew your Working With Children Check and your Catholic Police Clearance this year, please note that there is a high volume of renewals due. To avoid disappointment it is advisable to do your renewal earlier as there is currently a delay in processing them.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

RRHAN-EC

Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care

The updated RRHAN-EC courses were released on plink on Monday 29 April 2024 and, for most of us, completion of the online update will need to be done before 31 December 2024 when our current certificate expires. You need to complete the new RRHAN-EC online update unless you already have a current certificate with an expiry date of 31 December 2027.

To access the online update please use this **link** to login as 'Non Department for Education staff login' OR if you don't already have a plink login, register **here**.

If your RRHAN-EC has already expired or you are new to education, please refer to the following guide which will help you to determine which course you need to do.

Which course is right for you?

My certificate expires on 31 December 2024 - do the online update only (takes about 2 hours).

My certificate is expired – start with the fundamentals. If you also work directly with children and young people, do the masterclass after you've finished the fundamentals course.

Finance News

School fee statements will be posted out in the next week to those who have a balance. Thank you to the many people who have paid in full, set up regular payment plans or paid the first instalment in Term 1. If you have not yet made your instalment for Term 1 please do so ASAP, a friendly reminder will be on your statement. If your account is in credit due to the 5% discount or Basketball refund this will be carried forward until next year. I will post out your account this term so you know you have a credit, but will not post them each term as this amount should not change.

Statements are posted out each term so those with payment plans can see the payments allocated to your account and as a reminder that the current terms instalment is due soon.

Online School Card applications for low income families have now been processed and applied to all approved accounts. If you still need to apply please do so now via this link or come in and see me as it only takes a few minutes:

Form A (Income Assessment)

https://online.forms.sa.edu.au/content/forms/af/public/application-for-school-card.html

Form B (hardship, change of circumstances or self-employed)

https://online.forms.sa.edu.au/content/forms/af/public/form-b-hardship-or-circumstance-or-self-employed.html

If accepted, this will allow us to reduce your tuition fees, so please apply and let me know you have done so ASAP.

As always if you have any queries or if you are having trouble making payments please email me on accounts@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au, phone me on 8218 3304 or come in and see me Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm.

Jodie Veldhoen Finance Officer

Happy Mother's Day

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We would like to wish all of the Mother's in our community a Happy Mother's Day!

I thank God for my dear Mother, Who has guided me through life, She is the one that I have turned to, Any day and through the night, She has bucket loads of patience, Her smile brightens the darkest days, I treasure my marvelous Mother, And her wonderful caring ways.

2026 Enrolments - Enrolling Now



St John the Baptist Catholic School

2026 ENROLMENTS ENROLLING NOW

For more Information: www.stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au PH: 8218 3300



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Do you have a child who is due to start school in 2026 and have not yet submitted an enrolment form? Enrolment Forms can be collected from our school office or downloaded via our website www.stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au If you have any queries, please contact our office on 8218 3300.

From the Sport Coordinator



Dear St John's Community,

Towards the end of last term all students from Years 4-6 attended the Glenelg Lacrosse Carnival. It was a very successful day and great to see so many students out there giving it their best efforts. Congratulations to the Year 6 girls team who made it into the Grand Final and went on to win that match as well.

Often I get asked when SAPSASA events are occurring. If you are interested and would like to see upcoming dates for both State Carnivals and Championships please log on to the following website: https://www.education.sa.gov.au/schools-and-educators/programs-students/school-sport-sa/competitions/state-carnivals-and-state-championships Here you will find all the information you need to know regarding the Sport, Competition, Date and Venue. Event reminders and nominations are now sent directly to my email by the District Co-ordinator. Once I receive these, I will inform the students of upcoming events. If there is a Sport that your child is specifically skilled at and would like to enter, even as an individual please make contact with me via email a number of weeks prior so that I can assist with the process.

We have another busy term ahead with our SACPSSA Carnivals. In Week 4 the Year 5/6's will be involved in the Lacrosse Carnival. This event is always an exciting one and the students thoroughly enjoy themselves. St John the Baptist will be involved in this carnival on Monday 20th May to be played at Barratt Reserve, West Beach. Then later in the Term we will attend the SACPSSA Netball Carnival which will be played at Netball SA Stadium. I can confirm the date for this will be Week 10 – Tuesday the 2nd of July. We look forward with anticipation to this wonderful carnival as well.

We have recently had students accomplishing excellent achievements in their sporting field. We congratulate the following 4 students on their efforts.

Rocco Giannini from 5F received the Bowlers award for Phantoms U10 Yellow Cricket team with 19 wickets and 110 runs. Hunter Martland from 5F received the batting award in the same team.



Angus Deer from 4W and his team recently won the State Little League Baseball Championships. He will now compete in the National Little League Championships in Sydney in June. Congratulations Angus and we wish you all the best when you compete in Sydney.

Olivia Sadler from 3J recently attended the SA Surf Presentations where she was awarded the U8 Female (SA) Surf Champion. What a fantastic achievement, this is extremely impressive Olivia.



If your child has been exceptional in their chosen Sport, please email me, we love celebrating success.

Yours in Sport,

Sam Putland SPORT COORDINATOR



We're thrilled to share the joy from our first Friday playgroup session last week! It was wonderful meeting new families and expanding our vibrant playgroup community. This week, we're taking it up a notch by welcoming our new Older Friends. We're excited to embark on this intergenerational journey and encourage you to invite older friends from your family to join us. We look forward to creating cherished memories together.

Karina Overall Playgroup Coordinator

From the Library



Scholastic Book Club

The Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 pamphlets were given out to students last week.

If you haven't seen yours please check your student's school bag.

Ordering from this issue will get you a \$5 credit to spend on Issue 4.

Anyone wanting to order, please do so online by this Friday 10th May.

Maria French Library Coordinator

From the Counsellor

From the School Counsellor



SA Uniting Communities has a service called 'Family By Family' - a program designed by families for families. Families who are

experiencing hard times are linked up with families who know what it's like and have ideas to share. It is a network of families helping other families of all sizes, shapes and cultures.

If you are a family who has been through some difficult times and come out the other side, you could be an excellent source of information and support to a family who are experiencing challenging circumstances right now. With the support of the Family By Family team, you could be linked up with others to help reduce social isolation, navigating single parenting, setting up life in a new state/country and so many other areas.

Some of the requests that families seek support for include:

- "We'd like our family to get out more"
- "We'd like to have routines around home"
- "We'd like to have some more friends"
- "We'd like to learn better budgeting"
- "We'd like to improve our kids behaviour"

Family by Family will help link you up with other families. Whether you are seeking support, or if you would like to be a supporting family, you have choices. If you, or someone you know, are looking for a support service please contact Family By Family Home - Family by Family or 0455 963 934 or on Facebook.com/familybyfamily

Sarah Byrnes

Centacare School Counsellor

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

Friday 10th May - Jo & Katrina Nagle Monday 13th May - Julie Tuesday 14th May - Jo Wednesday 15th May - Julie Thursday 16th May - Jo Friday 17th May - Jo & Emma Vivian Monday 20th May - Julie Tuesday 21st May - Jo Wednesday 22nd May - Julie Thursday 23rd May - Jo Friday 24th May - Jo & Jo Rowett Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

Thrive on Thursday



'Thrive' on Thursday

"Thrive" offers a safe and welcoming space for families. It is a space for children to enjoy some activities such as tic tac toe where

Camp Australia OSHC



Guiding children's growth

Meet the team at St John the Baptist OSHC while Tate is on placement at Largs North until the 20th of June.



Marilyn Fuss Coordinator

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

Coordinator

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

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



Dilshan Premaratne

Assistant/Inclusion

Hi, I'm Dilshan. I'm currently studying at the University of South Australia to become an engineer so that I can work on spaceships and airplanes.

My current hobbies include going to the gym and cooking good healthy food.

I have enjoyed working at St John the Baptist Catholic School over the past few months and have developed a deep passion for helping children to learn through play in a safe and supportive environment.



Bunnarith (Hong) Sok

Assistant / Inclusion / Chef

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 time here at St John the Baptist Catholic School and look forward to continuing to build relationships with the children and their families.

Tate has also began calling me "St Johns Chef" as I enjoy creating and cooking healthy meals for afternoon snack.



Megan McCaffrey

Qualified Assistant/ Inclusion

Hi I'm Megan and I'm thrilled to be working alongside the other educators to support the growth and development of your child. I have been working at Camp Australia since December 2023. I have just recently joined the St Johns team; however, I attended St Johns when I was in primary school.

I am currently studying a double degree in Secondary Education and International Languages and Communications, which has only enhanced my love for working with children.

I look forward to continuing to provide your children with a safe and happy environment wherein, they feel supported whilst learning through play and as they continue to develop.



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Daniel Buglak

Assistant / Inclusion

Hi, I'm Dan! I've been with St Johns for a short time however I have enjoyed getting to know the children and being able to build relationships with them.

I'm studying at University of South Australia to become an Occupational Therapist.

I enjoy getting outside and being active and you can often find me on the oval, joining the children playing footy, soccer or their sport of interest for the day!



Lin Zhao

Qualified Assistant

Hi, I'm Lin. I have an academic background in Social Work and have a passion for working with children and their families.

I have been working with Camp Australia for over one year and hope to deliver the service to meet the different needs of the children in oshc.

I also like hiking with friends and going to the gym when I'm free because it makes me feel positive.



2nd Coordinator

Hi, I'm Franca! I have recently moved from Victoria to join St John the Baptist Catholic School as the 2nd Coordinator working under Tate.

I have a background in ELC and working with children with difficult behaviours.

I look forward to joining the team and building relationships with children. I begin working on the 20th of May.



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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 and have completed the volunteers application package.

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.

Bright Ideas



We value your insights and involvement in enhancing our school community. Please share any suggestions or ideas you have regarding school improvement. Your input is crucial in creating a positive and effective learning environment for our students. Insights may be discussed at future School Advisory Board meetings or you may be contacted personally for further follow up!

Please find link here for your suggestions.

Community News





We are having a community shared lunch from 11.30am on Sunday 2nd June 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 Parish





STEM Adventures Family Edition

Ever wanted to fly a drone, use a 3D printer, code a robot or compete in an epic Mario Kart Battle?

Sat, 18 May 2024

1.00pm-4.00pm Veritas Centre, St Mary's College

This is a FREE public event, all are welcome.

Bring your whole family on this exciting adventure and learn alongside your child.

Book into a hands-on learning workshop, interact with experts in our STEM Innovation Space and explore STEM pathways and careers.

BBQ and Coffee Cart available.



Please register here to receive more details about workshop bookings— spaces are limited!





St Mary's College invites you to join us at our upcoming event: STEM Adventures - Family Edition.

This is a FREE public event, and all are welcome.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family!

Catholic School Parents Evening with Paul Dillon



Parent Engagement Event

Tuesday 14 May 2024 6.30pm - 8pm

Mercedes College Mercy Lecture Theatre 540 Fullarton Road Springfield

Free Event

Register at <u>CESA Registration Centre</u> or go to the events page at <u>cspsa.catholic.edu.au</u> Catholic School Parents South Australia, in collaboration with Mercedes College presents the second Parent Engagement Event for 2024.

Paul Dillon of Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA)

Teens, parties, alcohol and vapes: What do parents need to know?

Adolescence is a challenging time for all concerned, with many parents feeling as though they are not adequately prepared, particularly in areas such as alcohol and other drugs.

Every family is different and there are a range of different circumstances that will dictate how a parent responds to problems that may arise in this area. Having good quality, accurate information is vital.

This session is presented by Paul Dillon of <u>DARTA</u> who continues to work with many school communities to ensure they have access to quality information and best practice drug education.

Spaces will be limited to 120 people in person. Livestreaming will be available on the evening, with the recording available for 48 hours for viewing.



For further inquiries on the event please contact <u>Catholic School</u> <u>Parents South Australia</u> or email trish.jarvis@cspsa.catholic.edu.au

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Adelaide University Hockey Club





The Adelaide University Hockey Club is looking for boys and girls aged 7 – 10 (born 2014 – 2017) who would like to learn to play hockey this season.

Training is Thursday afternoons from 5 - 6pm at our ground at West Beach and games are held on Sunday mornings starting 28th April.

The only cost is the \$85 registration fee. We cover all other costs and provide hockey sticks, shin guards, playing tops and socks.

Come and join our family friendly club and see what this great sport is all about!

For more information, please email info@auhc.asn.au



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Absences



If a student is absent from school due to illness, parents / caregivers are asked to contact the school office by 9.00am via:

- Absentee Line 8218 3300 available 24 hours a day to leave a message
- SMS Messaging 0409 793 402

Birthdays



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

April Birthdays

- 9th May Caleb O'B (REC B)
- 10th May Emily M (6RC)
- 11th May Archer C (5G)
- 12th May Evelyn B (2S)
- 13th May Archer G (1M) & Ayan P (REC B)
- 14th May Amyra G (2S)
- 15th May Xavier F (4W)
- 18th May Madeleine P (3J)
- 19th May Connor D (1SM)
- 20th May Francesca-Susana G (3BM)

School Uniform

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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

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.

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Southern Cross Newsletter



Click here to read the latest news from the Southern Cross News.

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