

Issue Date 3 July 2025



Important Dates

Last Day of Term -3pm Finish Friday 4 July 2025 Pupil Free Day Monday 21 July 2025

2025 T3 Receptions Welcome Liturgy Friday 25 July 2025 First Day of Term 3 Tuesday 22 July 2025

Auskick Clinic R-2 -3.15-4pm Monday 28 July 2025 Run Club Yrs 3-6 Thursday 24 July 2025

Year 3 Camp Wednesday 30 July 2025

Year 3 Camp Thursday 31 July 2025

Sacramental Poster Making Session

Wednesday 6 August 2025

Year 2 Assembly -

Run Club Yrs 3-6 Thursday 31 July 2025 Auskick Clinic R-2 -3.15-4pm Monday 4 August 2025 SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival -Yrs 3-6 Wednesday 6 August 2025

9am Thursday 7 August 2025

Mary MacKillop Feast Day Friday 8 August 2025 Auskick Clinic R-2 -3.15-4pm Monday 11 August 2025

School Advisory Board Meeting 6.30pm Wednesday 13 August 2025 The Assumption Whole School Mass 9.30am Friday 15 August 2025

Holy Communion & Confirmation -10am Sunday 17 August 2025

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

Term 3 New Students

We are thrilled to welcome 24 enthusiastic new students to our school as part of the Reception mid-year intake. Starting in Term 3, these young learners will begin their exciting educational journey, guided by their teacher, Mr Toby Plate. We look forward to seeing their curiosity flourish and their friendships grow as they settle into our vibrant and supportive community. Here's to a joyful and inspiring start to their school adventure!

Staffing News

Tomorrow marks the final day for our Deputy Principal, Jo Livingstone, before she begins an exciting new chapter as Principal of Rosary School from the start of Term 3. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jo for her dedicated leadership and unwavering commitment over the past five and a half years. Her impact on our school community has been profound, and she will be greatly missed. We wish Jo every success in her new role and know she will continue to inspire and lead with excellence.

90th Year Gala Dinner Celebration

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful school community for your support of the 90th Year Gala Dinner, celebrated on Saturday evening, 28th June. It was a truly memorable night of celebration and connection. Special thanks to the Adelaide Pavilion for their professionalism and warm hospitality, and to the Party Club Band for creating such an enjoyable atmosphere and getting so many of us dancing. We also acknowledge Kate Piasante and Lisa Powell from Party and Soul for their coordination of the decorations, and Sam Giannini for the lovely floral arrangements. A sincere thank you to our dedicated organising committee—Kylie McBride, Jodie Veldhoen, Jo Livingstone, Karen Klingberg, and Sally Leonard—for their hard work in bringing the evening to life.

Wellbeing Room - Soft Landing

A reminder to all families that the Wellbeing Room, prior to the school day starting at 8:50am, is intended to support students in transitioning calmly and positively into their day. This space is designed to help children settle and prepare for learning, and is not to be used as a drop in for families. We appreciate your understanding and support in maintaining the purpose and atmosphere of this important space.

As this is the final newsletter for Term 2, we would like to thank everyone for their support during this term. Students will conclude the term tomorrow at 3:00pm and we look forward to welcoming all students back to school for Term 3 on Tuesday 22nd July.

Enjoy a restful term break!

Best Wishes

The Leadership Team



Pupil Free Day Monday 21st July

Catholic Identity

Parish & Community Lunch

The parish had another delightful community lunch on Sunday 22nd June after the 10am Mass. There was a diverse spread of foods from the different cultures that make up the parish community. Another great day to celebrate the vibrant parish community.

St John the Baptist Feast Day

Last Tuesday, we celebrated the Nativity of St John the Baptist. We began the day with Mass with the parish at 9.30am in the church. At the end of Mass, we awarded Karina Overall with an award, marking her ten years of dedicated service to our school.

Amelie Wescombe, an old scholar and now a student leader at Cabra Dominican College, inspired the community as she spoke about how her time at St John the Baptist helped to build a strong foundation for her education and leadership. In her speech, Amelie addressed our school theme encouraging all students to 'be a light' and to shine through their example.

Despite the wet and windy weather, students participated in a range of activities both in their classrooms and with their buddy classes where they celebrated all things St John the Baptist. Another highlight for students was the delicious sushi and cold roll lunch. We thank Jo Fitzgerald and the team of volunteers who helped make this possible.

Overall, it was a joyous and wonderful feast for St John the Baptist.

Beanies for Vinnies

We held our Winter Appeal with students wearing their beanies on Tuesday 1st July. Students also donated a range of long-life foods as specified for each year level. We are always grateful for the generosity shown from our community. Vinnies also thank us for touching the lives of many individuals and families who do it tough, particularly during the cold winter months.

Sacramental Program

The last session for the Sacramental Program will be held in Week 3, Wednesday August 6th. This will be the Pizza and Poster Making Night where the children and their families will enjoy pizza, create saint posters and have a rehearsal before receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Wishing you all a wonderful winter break! Stay safe and keep warm!

Amanda Razon APRIM St John the Baptist Catholic School

2028 Sibling Enrolments Enrol Now

Do you have a child or sibling due to start in 2028 Term 1 or Term 3? If so, it is now time to submit your enrolment form. Forms can be collected at the front office or you can download a form here.

Sibling enrolments for 2027 Terms 1 and 3 are now URGENTLY OVERDUE.

If you have not yet submitted an enrolment form please contact the Enrolment Officer on 8218 3300.

If you have any questions, please contact our Front Office on 8218 3300.

Finance News

Term 2 instalments for School fee are now overdue for those families who are paying this way, please make your payments before the end of term. If you have not received your statement in the mail please email me and I can resend it.

Online School Card applications for low income families have 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.

Please remember School Card needs to be applied for every year as circumstances do change:

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. If you need help applying please come in and see me as it only takes a few minutes online.

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

In Sympathy



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

To the family of Chloe Thai for her Papa, Tony Saint.

"Eternal Rest grant unto him O'Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he Rest In Peace."

Sushi & Cold Roll Lunch

We're excited to offer sushi and cold rolls for lunch on Friday 25th July!

To ensure your child doesn't miss out, please place your order by Wednesday 23rd July at 9:00am.

Thank you for your support in helping us run a smooth and delicious lunch day!

From the Sport Coordinator



Dear St John's Community,

Here it is, the week we've all been waiting for... Week 10 has arrived! We're excited to have reached this part of the year, so very close to half of the year complete. I'm not 100% sure how we've progressed thus far into the year in what feels like such a short amount of time, but nonetheless, facts would state that we are here. In the following newsletter piece we will cover the pure joy and excitement of the R-2 AFL Auskick Clinic, SACPSSA Netball Carnival, all things running, an undefeated Soccer team and even celebrate a 3x Gold Medal Winner from the State Pool Rescue Championships.

There was certainly a buzz around the school on Monday this week when all classes from Reception-Year 2 got to engage in the AFL Auskick Clinic. The team from the SANFL Game Development group do a wonderful job of promoting the game of Football from such a young age. It was impressive to see some students going from not knowing how to handball, to hitting a target on the chest. All of these students received flyers on how to register for our Term 3 Monday night Auskick after-school program. We had an exceptional turn out to this event last year and look forward to matching or even increasing our numbers this year.

Last Thursday the 26th June, 144 students from Years 4-6 represented our school extremely well at the 2025 SACPSSA Netball Carnival. We were joined by a host of St Mary's Physical Education students and 2 of their teachers. As part of their Netball Academy requirements, these girls have to engage in some coaching/mentoring and some umpiring. Over the course of the day our 14 teams played 6 games each and were given encouragement, praise and some handy pointers by the girls from St Mary's. On top of this we had a large group of parent volunteers who went out and supported each of our teams. I had many positive comments about the students on the day. Well done to each and everyone of you who played your part in making the day such a successful one.

In preparation for the 2025 SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival we have held trials here at school for that particular squad. We are very fortunate with the additional oval space we now have to be able to run these trials here at school. Behind the scenes students are being categorised for Division A, B or C. We very much look forward to taking a squad of runners to the East Parklands during Term 3, Week 3, Wednesday 6th of June.

Run Club at Plympton Oval has been a wonderful platform for those students wanting to take their running seriously and for the preparation for the SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival. We have had really good numbers present and want to be involved in our Thursday morning Run Club. Thanks must go to those parents who are able to get their children to Plympton Oval on a Thursday morning by 7:55am. We really do appreciate all of the parents that are able to commit to these extra-curricular activities for their children.

Recently our after-school Senior Soccer team played in their Soccer Carnival. This team of passionate Soccer players went through the Carnival undefeated. Well done to Nick Heuzenroeder (Coach/Mentor) and to all of the players in this team. It really sounds like you all played together as one and showed wonderful levels of enthusiasm throughout the carnival. Here are some kind words about this team: "These boys are an absolute joy to coach. They all played tremendously well. They did everything I asked of them tonight and should be proud of themselves. So wonderful to see some new goal scorers tonight and also some enthusiastic goalkeepers too. The passing was on point, defending was great and I really loved that they took time to shake hands with the opposing teams."



This week we would like to celebrate Ethan (6M) who competed in the State Pool Rescue Championships for the West Beach Surf Club. These championships went over three days - Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. Ethan competed in numerous events both as a team member in team events and as an individual. He was awarded a total of 3 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. Ethan will now set his sights on competing in the Pool Rescue Nationals being held in Adelaide in August. Congratulations to Ethan on these wonderful achievements and we wish you all the best for Nationals later this year.



I am receiving many Premiers Be Active Challenge brochures from the students. Please keep these coming in as they are completed. Well done to all of the students spending more time being active away from school.

Before signing off for Term 2, I would just like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. If you are travelling, please be safe and if you are staying close to home, may your day adventures be exciting ones.

Yours in sport

Sam Putland SPORTS COORDINATOR Lost Property Reminder



Our **Lost Property Box** in the front office is **overflowing**! Please take a moment to check for any missing items **before the end of term**.

Please be reminded to put your child's name on their items so we can return them!

Playgroup News



Please note that Playgroup will be taking a break over the school holidays. We hope you enjoy a restful and joyful time with your families!

We'll be back on Friday, 25th July - ready for more fun, learning, and connection.

Wishing you a lovely break, and we look forward to seeing you then!

Karina Overall Playgroup Coordinator

From the Library



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the 48 students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Please support your children if they are reading for the challenge.

Winter is a perfect time to keep warm and curl up with a book or two.

Maria French Library

Parents & Friends



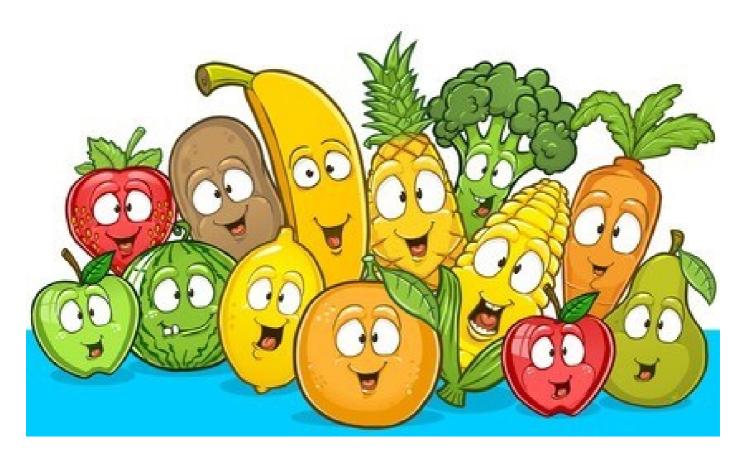
Parents & Friends



• Father's Day Stall - 3rd & 4th September

• Commemorative Tea Towel Fundraiser

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 2

Thursday 4th July - Jo

Friday 5th July - Jo & Toni Stevens

Term 3

Monday 21st July - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 22nd July - Canteen Closed

Wednesday 23rd July - Julie

Thursday 24th July - Canteen Closed

Friday 25th July - Sushi & Cold Roll Day

Monday 28th July - Julie

Tuesday 29th July - Jo

Wednesday 30th July - Julie

Thursday 31st July - Jo

Friday 1st August - Jo & TBA

Canteen Feedback

We would love your feedback regarding the canteen.

Is there anything that you would like to see on the menu that we may be able to consider adding on?

Please send your feedback to jfitzgerald@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

Thank You

Thank you to all our volunteers who have helped this term - your help is greatly appreciated.

Canteen Closure

Please note the following changes to canteen operations:

- Monday 21st July Canteen closed due to Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th July Healthy Canteen will be closed
- Friday 25th July No canteen service due to the Sushi & Cold Roll lunch

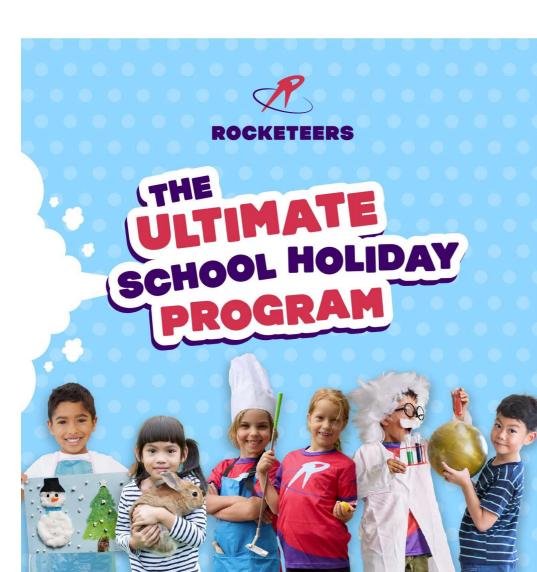
We appreciate your understanding and thank you for your continued support.

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOKINGS NOW OPEN Programs vary by location and are subject to change. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers. *Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

FUN AWAITS! YOUR WINTER ROCKETEERS HOLIDAY PROGRAM inary Hol 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 Mon Tue Project: Mini Golf Masters **Operation: Sound Surge** 07 Jul 08 Jul Design, build, and play! Create your own mini golf course with wild obstacles and tricky turns, then compete in an epic tournament. Plus, take home your decorated golf visor and golf ball! Let the music move you! Today is all about exploring sound, rhythm, and creativity in your own way. However you choose to take part, whether it be beats, sound or something new, let music inspire your imagination! Full Fee \$94.43 | After Max. CCS* \$9.44 Full Fee \$69.43 | After Max. CCS* \$6.94 Q Project Incursio 4 Base Camp Day Special Event: Ninja Project: Dino Dash Wed Thu 09 Jul Showdown! 10 Jul Adventure Proactivity presents... Ninja Showdown—an action-packed event blending fitness, fun and inspiration, designed to build strength, confidence and resiliencel Real Ninja Competitors (From TVI). Epic challenges. Step into the dino age! Uncover amazing dinosaur facts, then build your own Dino Dash Game to take home. Designed by Eye Heart Science, it's a day of roaring fun, creativity, and real science! Full Fee \$129.43 | After Max. CCS* \$12.94 Full Fee \$95.43 | After Max. CCS* \$9.54 R Excursion 10 Project Incursio **Operation: Master Big Art Day: Winter** Fri Mon 11 Jul Wonderland Builders 14 Jul Dive into a world of icy inspiration and bold creativity on Big Art Day! Today, we're creating winter-themed masterpieces using vibrant colours, textures, and techniques. Let's make art that's as cool as it is amazing! Grab your tools and unleash your creativity! Today's all about building big, solving problems, and bringing bold ideas to life. Let's get hands-on and make something amazing! 13 E Full Fee \$69.43 | After Max. CCS* \$6.94 Full Fee \$69.43 | After Max. CCS* \$6.94 Base Camp Day Base Camp Day Adventure: Elio at Event Cinemas Tue 15 Jul Experience Takeover: Wed 16 Jul Animal Encounters Blast off into space with Elio, an imaginative underdog who's accidentally named Earth's ambassador to the universe! Meet wild aliens, explore strange planets, and join Elio's epic journey to discover who he truly is. Get hands-on with some of your favourite Aussie animals! Pat and hold friendly reptiles, mammals, amphibians, and invertebrates in this wild, up-close experience full of fun, facts, and furry friends. Full Fee \$119.53 | After Max. CCS* \$11.95 Full Fee \$93.43 | After Max. CCS* \$9.34 Excursion Thu 17 Jul Fri 18 Jul **Operation: Yellow Burst** Project: Cosy Creations Cook up tasty jaffles, craft your own snow globe from clay, and dive into more fun games and crafts. It's a day of creativity, cooking, and winter magic—plus, you get to take your snow globe home! Get ready for a burst of brightness! Today is all about celebrating the colour yellow with fun, creativity, and pure joy. From crafts to games, let's fill the day with sunshine and smiles! Full Fee \$69.43 | After Max. CCS* \$6.94 Full Fee \$93.43 | After Max. CCS* \$9.34 Base Camp Day

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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 Julia Roy on jroy@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

Plympton Parish



Tram Grade Separation Project

How this affects vo

Tram Grade Separation Projects Alliance



Marion Road and Cross Road Level Crossing Removals works notification

We're removing congested tram level crossings

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9AM REGISTRATION 9.30AM TO 3PM

\$25 + Booking Fee per person. Light lunch included Tickets available at Humanitix

www.events.humanitix.com/stronger-families-2025

cspsa.catholic.edu.au/events

Cabra Enrolment





Applications are now open for Year 7, 2028

Enrolment Applications will close Friday 19 September 2025

Sacred Heart College Tours



Champagnat Campus Tours Years 7 – 9

Wednesday 21 May, 9.15am Wednesday 13 August, 4.15pm Wednesday 10 September, 9.15am

Marcellin Campus Tours Years 10 – 12 Monday 2 June, 9.15am Tuesday 2 September, 9.15am

Register at shc.sa.edu.au



Hockey SA is excited to be hosting a Hookin2Hockey program at the State Hockey Centre during Term 3. This after-school program is the perfect introduction to hockey for beginners filled with fun games, skill-building, and plenty of active play in a safe and welcoming environment.

Grasshopper Soccer



AUSTRALIA'S #1 Non-Competitive Soccer Program

LOCATIONS

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www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au/adelaideinnersouth

Grasshopper Soccer Adelaide Inner South is now enrolling for Term 3! Australia's #1 non-competitive soccer program welcomes boys and girls aged 2–12 for fun, skills-based sessions at locations across the area. Every child becomes part of a team, building confidence and friendships in a supportive, pressure-free environment.

Term 3 starts 21 July.

Visit www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au/adelaideinnersouth for details and to enrol.

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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 0484 260 996

Birthdays



Congratulations to those who celebrate their birthday in the coming weeks and over the school holidays!

July

6th July - Willow S (4G)

7th July - Aluet G (6W)

8th July - Archie S (REC K)

10th July - Ruby A (3J) & Oliver F (REC BR)

11th July - Bobbie P (3J) & Edwin S (REC B)

19th July - Halle G (2A)

20th July - Penelope D (3EB)

21st July - Evie R (3J)

23rd July - Airlie E (4PC)

25th July - Evie A (1SM)

26th July - Jett D (4PC) & Isabella P (1R)

27th July - Harrison K (4G) & Leo R (5G)

28th July - Harper B (3J) & Lucas D (4PC)

29th July - Kiara S (REC BR)

30th July - Shannon K (2A) & Liam O'B (5G)

School Uniform

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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 and for uniform booklet, please click here.

Instrumental Tutors

We currently offer the following instrumental tutoring:

Guitar & Ukelele

Tutor - Dido Durmanovic Ph: 0407 719 836 Email: didodurmanovic@hotmail.com

Singing

Tutor - Lindi Jane Ph: 0413 536 327 Email - snapskakaduclub@optusnet.com.au

Drums

Tutor - Shaun Doddy Ph: 0417 806 993 Email: shaundoddy@rocketmail.com

Piano

Linh Doan Ph: 0451 839 990 Email: khanhlinhpiano@gmail.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.

Southern Cross Newsletter



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