



Important Dates

Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 8 May 2025

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 9 May 2025

Mother's Day

Sunday 11 May 2025

Catholic Education Week

Monday 12 May 2025

Year 3 Excursion - Central Markets

Tuesday 13 May 2025

Mass - REC BR & 4PC - 9.30am

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Year 4 Assembly - 9am

Thursday 15 May 2025

Principal's Tour 9.30am

Friday 16 May 2025

National Volunteer Week

Monday 19 May 2025

SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival Yrs 3-6

Tuesday 20 May 2025

Mass 2TS & 6M - 9.30am

Wednesday 21 May 2025

School Board Meeting 6.30pm

Wednesday 21 May 2025

Year 5 Bake Sale

Thursday 22 May 2025

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2. We trust that you were able to enjoy a relaxing term break and are re-energised for the term ahead. This term promises many opportunities for continued growth, learning and connection.

Little JB's Transition to School Program

This week our Transition program, Little JB's commenced. This important program is designed to help our youngest learners feel confident and comfortable as they prepare to begin their school journey. Over the coming weeks, the children will participate in a range of engaging activities that introduce them to the school environment, routines and new friendships. We will welcome these eager learners as Reception students from July.

Staffing News

We are delighted to share the news that Sylvia Roussos will be taking leave from the beginning of Week 6 of this term for the birth of her second child. During this special time, Kate McKeough will be stepping in to work alongside Amanda Razon in the Year 1 classroom, ensuring a smooth transition and continued support for our students. We wish Sylvia and Stefan all the best as they begin a beautiful new chapter in their lives.

Catholic Education Week

Next week we celebrate Catholic Education Week, a time where we promote and celebrate the high quality teaching and learning across Catholic Education SA. This years theme is 'Shine with Open Hearts'. We will recognise how our community lives out the theme across the week through acts of kindness, respect, service, learning and leadership- reflecting the values of a Catholic education.

School Board

We would like to introduce you to our 2025 School Board members.

- Fr Denis Ssemuju
- Sally Leonard
- Mark Davies
- Ace Lewis
- Neetha Thomas
- Jerry George
- Tony Gorgone
- Jo Livingstone
- Todd LaForgia

We look forward to the contribution of each board member to our school community in this significant position of leadership. The first School Board Meeting of Term 2 will be held on Wednesday evening, 21st May.

Mother's Day Stall

A heartfelt thank you to our Parents and Friends for their time and effort in once again organising the Mother's Day Stall. Your hard work ensures our students have the opportunity to celebrate and show appreciation for the special women in their lives. We wish all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures a joyful and relaxing Mother's Day on Sunday, filled with love and gratitude.

Sunsmart

We are encouraging the students to continue wearing their hats until the UV level drops below 3, which will be in a few weeks time. The wearing of hats during recess and lunch will ensure the students stay sun safe.

We look forward to sharing another great term with you.

Best Wishes

The Leadership Team

2027 Sibling Enrolments are now URGENT



St John the Baptist
Catholic School

BE THE LIGHT

2027 Sibling Enrolments Term 1 and Term 3 Are now URGENT

Sibling enrolments for 2027 Terms 1 and 3 are now URGENT.

If you have not yet submitted an enrolment form please do so as soon as possible.

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

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
(NCCD)



Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Todd LaForgia
Principal

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Catholic Identity

Sacramental Program

The children who are enrolled in the Sacramental Program celebrated their first Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. We thank Fr Denis and Fr George for taking part in this special occasion and to Phillis Johnston for organising last night.

They will have their next session in preparation for Holy Communion and Confirmation in Week 7 at 6:00pm.

Mother's Day

Classes will celebrate a special liturgy remembering and acknowledging all mothers and mother figures on Friday 9th May, before Sunday 11th May, Mother's Day.

We thank all mothers and mother figures for all that they do in the lives of their children and how they support their families. Our lives would not be the same without your loving presence.

God, today, we celebrate mothers, but the truth is, we ought to celebrate them every day. Their love manifests in small, subtle ways each

*day—in the mundane that sometimes we can take for granted. We thank you for their sacrificial love and ask you to uplift them today.
Thank you for the gift they are in our lives. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

Ecological Sustainability & Laudato Si Week

As part of our school's Vision and Mission, we aim to uphold our commitment to ecological sustainability. Our school website provides a framework that we have embedded into our school practise.

We also have a group of Year 5 and 6 students who will take part in a 'Living Laudato Si' program run by Catholic Education South Australia. They will endeavour to oversee a couple of initiatives that will allow our community to engage more deeply in our commitment to ecological sustainability.

In connection to this, we recognise that Laudato Si Week is in Week 4. We will have some small goals that we will aim to be intentional in our awareness of sustainable practises, such as lights off for a lesson, using less paper for printing and less water wastage.

Project Compassion

A massive thank you to the community for the generosity shown for Project Compassion. We raised a grand total of \$1,831.20. A tremendous effort from our community.

Amanda Razon

APRIM

In Sympathy



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

To the family of Violet Harvey for her maternal grandfather, John Batley.
To the family of Melanie Kaunesis for her maternal grandmother.

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

Finance News

School fee statements will be posted out in the next week to those who have a balance and with the Term 2 instalments due by Friday 6th June. 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 this will be carried forward into 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. The 2025 income limit is \$74,189 for your families 2023/24 financial year, increasing by \$1,426 for each additional child/ren. Applications need to be completed **every year** so 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

From the Sport Coordinator



Dear St John's Community,

Welcome back to Term 2, we are very lucky to be experiencing such nice weather still. Behind the scenes we have been busy preparing After-School Sports teams and aligning dates for upcoming carnivals. There are certainly many upcoming opportunities and we look forward to getting as many students actively involved as possible.

The holidays began and many students and their families experienced the pinnacle of the 'Gather Round Footy Competition' experience. Our Year 3/4 boys team played at the University Oval on War Memorial Drive and were undefeated on the day. The whole team then found themselves chatting with Mark Beretta from Sunrise and were asked to display some of their football skills in the background whilst he was reporting. A huge thanks to Luke Powell for coaching this team throughout this competition.





Both of our Year 5/6 Boys and Girls football teams got the opportunity to play on the Adelaide Oval prior to the Port Vs Hawthorn 'Gather Round' match. This was an absolute highlight for these players and a wonderful way to conclude the 'Gather Round Schools Football Competition'. The girls team played first and worked well as a team. They were determined and never gave up, always giving their best. The whole process was a smooth one thanks to Darren Finneran with his role as Coach. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience and played team-orientated and skilful footy. A highlight for some of the boys was having a quick chat and a few 'high fives' with Jarman

Impey from the Hawthorn Football Club. We must thank the SANFL Game Development Team for organising such an amazing experience for our students.

St John the Baptist School had 4 boys represent the school at the SAPSASA State Swimming Championships. Congratulations to Ethan Beresford, Riley Taylor, Xavier Fontanot and Flynn Beresford. All of these swimmers represented our school brilliantly on the day, we as a school are very proud of their behaviour and achievements. A special mention must go to Ethan Beresford for placing very well in 3 of his events. Ethan received Gold in both the 50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly events. He also swam 50m Butterfly to help assist the team in claiming Silver in the Iron Relay. This is an exceptional effort against some seriously talented swimmers.

We would like to highlight the achievements of another one of our Year 6 students. This week we would like to also congratulate Rocco Giannini in regards to his Cricket award and recognition that he received at Phantoms. During the presentation, Rocco received the all-rounder award for his team (U/12 Yellow) for the most wickets and runs for his team. Rocco secured 12 wickets and made a massive total of 146 runs. Not only did Rocco win this award, he was selected as an all-rounder in the 'Phantoms Junior Team of the Year'. Congratulations Rocco on these outstanding achievements.

Throughout Term 2 the students here at our school will have the opportunity to be involved in 3 SACPSSA Carnivals. We are looking forward to dialling the students into these carnivals through their weekly PE sessions. The Term 2 carnivals will take place on the following dates:

Week 4: SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival – Tuesday May 20th

Week 7: SACPSSA Basketball Carnival – Friday June 13th

Week 9: SACPSSA Netball Carnival – Thursday June 26th

Finally, just a reminder regarding the 'Premiers Be Active Challenge'. Please continue marking off the weeks on your record sheet. I hope you are finding exciting ways to keep physically active during this challenge.

Have a wonderful few weeks everyone.

Yours in sport

Sam Putland
SPORTS COORDINATOR

Year 5 Bake Sale

YEAR 5 BAKE SALE

Thursday 22nd May at Recess
Gold Coin Donation
Proceeds go to our
Winter Appeal



Playgroup News



We are excited to announce that Playgroup is back for Term 2! Sessions remain on Friday mornings and we can't wait to welcome back our families, as well as meet some new faces. Our playgroup continues to offer a warm and welcoming space where children can explore, play, and learn through a variety of fun activities. It's also a wonderful opportunity for parents, grandparents, and carers to connect with one another and build lasting friendships.

This term, we have an exciting program planned, including sensory play, story time, art and craft, and music sessions. We will also continue building on our special intergenerational connections with visits from our older friends in the community.

Playgroup is held every Friday of the school term in the St John the Baptist Centre. New families are always welcome – we would love for you to come along and join the fun!

Words Grow Minds

TALK with your baby!

Talking to little ones is one of the first ways we connect with them – but the beauty of talk doesn't stop there! Being involved in more back and forth conversations early on is linked to physical growth in brain areas associated with language.

Remember too that 'Talk' doesn't have to be words alone. Connection and interactions can be a warm smile, a gentle touch or a loving gesture, and they all - literally - grow minds.

Get chatting, in whatever way you know how, and give your little one the space to respond to you. It'll make a world of difference!

Learn more at wordsgrowminds.org.au.



Karina Overall
Playgroup Coordinator

Parents & Friends



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Mother's Day Stall

Today and tomorrow there will be a Mother's Day stall held for all classes. One gift per child for \$5 payable via Qkr!

We hope all Mother's have a Happy Mother's Day!



When: Friday 30th May

Cost: \$3 per donut, purchase via Qkr! (Multiple donuts can be ordered)
Payment required by Tuesday 27th May 11.59pm
Please Note: No late payments can be accepted

Please note: The donuts have no added egg. While the donuts themselves are egg free, they will be wrapped on the same machine that wraps other products that contain eggs.

How can you help?

We need parent volunteers on the day to assist with donut distribution. Please note — to be able to volunteer all requirements of the Volunteer package must be completed. White Volunteer badges must be worn. If you are unsure of your status, please contact Front Office or Julia Roy regarding the volunteer requirements at jroy@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

Please let your Parent Rep know if you are available to help.

This fundraising event is brought to you by the P&F Committee, to join the committee please contact Karen Klingberg 0402 854 846.



- Donut Day - 30th May
- Father's Day Stall - 3rd & 4th September



Library News

Scholastic Book Club

We recently purchased some new books using our Rewards. These are given to the school as a percentage of the books ordered by our families through the Book Club catalogues.

The books bought for our library include:

- Happy Mother's Day from the Crayons
- Ninja Talent (#15)
- Dog Man
- Storm by Jane Bunn
- Mallory and the Trouble with Twins (The Baby-sitters club)
- Don't fall for the trick (a guide to social gender stereotypes)
- Welcome to Miracle
- a Consent and Respect pack of 4 books.

The Issue 3 catalogue is out now and will be sent home over the coming week. Please check your child's bag if you have not seen it.

If you wish to order, the final date to do so is Friday 16th May.

Thank you for your support.

Happy reading

Maria French & Julia Roy

From the Counsellor



Counsellor

I saw this documentary on Tuesday night and it was amazing. There is one screen in Adelaide on Friday 9th May. I highly recommend it for personal development for ALL families.

SEEN The Film · A Parent TV Documentary



[SEEN The Film · A Parent TV Documentary](#)

Seen is a groundbreaking documentary that explores the transformative power of personal healing for parents and also delves into the effects of such healing on parenting and its impact on child brain development.

seenthefilm.com

Sarah Byrnes
Centacare 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

- Term 2
- Friday 9th May - Jo & Cara Finneran
 - Monday 12th May - Julie
 - Tuesday 13th May - Jo

Wednesday 14th May - Julie

Thursday 15th May - Jo

Friday 16th May - Jo & Penny Raven

Monday 19th May - Julie

Tuesday 20th May - Jo

Wednesday 21st May - Julie

Thursday 22nd May - Jo

Friday 23rd May - Jo & Jo Rowett

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

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

90th Year Celebrations



St John the Baptist
Catholic School

90th Anniversary

We are celebrating 90 years in 2025.
In honouring our school's past & future we are
excited to host the following events during this year.

Term 1

Sunday 23rd February - Open Morning

Term 2

Saturday 28th June - Gala Dinner

Term 3

Thursday 4th September - School Concert

Term 4

Thursday 27th November - Carols Night

Further details about the events will be shared as
the dates draw nearer.



Camp Australia

Guiding children's growth

What's On in Term 2

Find out
more



May
12 - 16

**OSHC
LEGO®
Masters
Week**

LEGO MASTERS

May June
16 - 20

**Big
Camp
LEGO®
Masters
edition**

LEGO MASTERS

June
11

**World
Play
Day**

LEGO CLASSIC

Every
Friday

**Big
Art
Fridays**

On Fridays,
we
pARTy

June
9 - 13

**Healthy
Eating
Week**

Free webinar
for families

June
24

**Unplug
Childhood**

with Dr Justin
Coulson

**Your
OSHC.**

Before
and After
School Care

by  **Camp
Australia**

campaustalia.com.au/back-to-school-term-2

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!

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

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SMAArt Starts Netball

SMAART STARTS

6 week program

\$80 per child
(Inc. SMAA gift &
certificate, plus
brekky burger &
fruit box on last
day)

Developing little netball legends...

SMAA Netball Courts
3 Military Rd, West Beach
Sunday 18/5, 25/5, 1/6, 15/6, 22/6 &
29/6

9.00am - 10.00am
4-8 years old (as at 1/1/25)



smaanetballclub.com.au

SMAA
NETBALL CLUB

This is a great introduction to netball, developing fundamental skills in preparation to play or just for fun.

Sessions will be run by specialised coaches and is a great opportunity to learn new skills, co-ordination and the rules of netball whilst having fun and making friends.

The total cost is \$80 and includes 6 x 1 hour training sessions, plus a SMAA gift, certificate and breakfast on the last session to celebrate all that has been learnt 😊

The specialised sessions will be held at the SMAA Netball Club at 3 Military Road, West Beach on Sunday mornings on the following dates:

May 18th, May 25th, June 1st, June 15th, June 22nd and June 29th between 9am and 10am. (No session on June 8th due to the long weekend.)

Any enquiries please email Smaa.secretary@smaanetballclub.com.au

To book, please click on the link below.

[SMAArt Starts clinic | Register here](#)

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!

May

9th May - Caleb O'B (1M)

11th May - Archer C (6W)

12th May - Evelyn B (3J)

13th May - Archer G (2A) & Ayan P (1R)

15th May - Xavier F (5G)

18th May - Madeleine P (4PC)

20th May - Franki-Su G (4PC)

21st May - Arielle H (REC B)

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](#) 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

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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