



Important Dates

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Friday 6 June 2025

Pentecost

Sunday 8 June 2025

Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 9 June 2025

Mass - 1R & 5G - 9.30am

Wednesday 11 June 2025

Sacramental Preparation Session 6pm

Wednesday 11 June 2025

Reception Assembly 9am

Thursday 12 June 2025

SACPSSA Basketball Carnival Yrs 5 & 6

Friday 13 June 2025

Yr 6 Podcasting Incursion

Wednesday 18 June 2025

Year 3 Incursion -Mayor Visit

Wednesday 18 June 2025

Principal's Tour 9.30am

Year 1 Grandparents/Special

Plympton Parish & School Community

Person Afternoon 1.30pm

Sunday 22 June 2025

Lunch 11.30am

Friday 20 June 2025

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families.

As we move through the term, it is almost hard to believe we are in June! It's been wonderful to see our students thriving in their learning and embracing new challenges with enthusiasm, particularly as the weather gets cooler. Schools are always a busy place, and it is through the additional experiences through incursions, excursions, class celebrations, assemblies, carnivals that add additional experiences and memories to children's learning. We welcome back Jo Livingstone from her time supporting Immaculate Heart of Mary and Christ the King school and look forward to having her back in our school community for the remainder of the term before she departs for her upcoming Principal role at Rosary School next term. We will have an opportunity to farewell Jo towards the end of the term.

Assessment and Reporting

As we approach the distribution of the first written report for the year in Week 10—delivered digitally via SEQTA Engage—we'd like to take this opportunity to revisit the important role that Assessment and Reporting play in our school community.

Our staff dedicate many hours each week to planning and refining teaching and learning programs. These efforts are designed to create meaningful opportunities for every student to learn, grow, and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding. A key part of this process involves using insights from ongoing assessments to guide and enhance student learning.

At St Johns, assessment refers to the collection of information and data, and the professional judgments staff make about student progress and achievement. Reporting is how we communicate this progress and achievement to students and their families. This is not limited to twice-yearly written reports—it is a continuous, connected process that includes a variety of formats such as feedback, work samples, observations, photos, conferencing, and learning conversations.

Assessments provide valuable opportunities to give students and families feedback on:

- · how learning is progressing,
- what has been mastered, and
- what areas still need development.

The Australian Curriculum outlines the knowledge, understanding, and skills students are expected to develop each year. These are captured in the achievement standards for each learning area and are supported by content descriptors and general capabilities, which inform our planning and define success criteria.

In addition to the Australian Curriculum, we also draw on:

- the Child Protection Curriculum,
- the Crossways Religious Education Curriculum, and
- the MITIOG (Made in the Image of God) framework.

If you have any questions about your child's learning goals or progress, please don't hesitate to speak with their teacher.

Pupil Free Day

A friendly reminder that Week 6, Friday 6th June is a pupil free day. On this day staff will be undertaking professional learning in Religious Education and the Made in the Image of God framework.

Absentee Process

A gentle reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school we ask that you please call the school and leave a message on (08) 8218 3300 or send an SMS to 0484 260 996 with the reason for the absence. This helps us to ensure student records are kept up to date.

Update to School Calendar Events

We continue to evolve and annually review our calendar of events to create manageable and memorable experiences for the community. This year, instead of holding the student disco, we are excited to announce that a Christmas Carols Night has been added to

our annual calendar. This festive evening will bring our school community together to celebrate the season with music and joy.

Moving forward, the student disco and the school concert will alternate each year. This means the disco will return next year, while this year we look forward to enjoying the school concert and the Carols Night.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at these wonderful events!

Best Wishes

The Leadership Team

Pupil Free Day



Catholic Identity

Feast of the Ascension & Pentecost

We are coming to the end of the Easter Season. Last Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension, and this coming Sunday will be the great Feast of Pentecost. Both are important dates in our Church and will be observed by our classes through liturgy and prayer.

This does not mean that the joy of the risen Christ ends but instead we find more joy in his ascension into heaven. It is through Jesus's ascension that we have received the promise of the Holy Spirit, sent to dwell within us and empower us, as it came down upon his apostles on Pentecost.

Sacramental Program

Please note that the first session for Holy Communion and Confirmation will be on Wednesday 11th June, Week 7 in John the Baptist Centre (school hall) at 6.00pm. We look forward to welcoming the children and their parent(s) as they continue to embark on their Sacramental journey.

St John the Baptist Feast Day

On Tuesday 24th June, we will celebrate our Patron Saint's feast day beginning with Mass at 9.30am in the church. The whole school and parish are invited to attend this special celebration. The remainder of the day will include some buddy activities within class.

As part of the celebration of this special day, there will also be a Sushi lunch available to order via Qkr!. Please purchase and have your orders in for your child before Week 9.

Amanda Razon

APRIM



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.

Finance News

Term 2 School fee instalments are due this Friday 6th June for those families who are paying this way. Statements were posted out earlier in the term to those who have a balance, if you have not received yours please let me know so I can check the address we have on file and resend one. If you have not yet made your instalment for Term 1 please do so now along with your Term 2 instalment, a friendly reminder was sent with your statement. If your account is in credit due to the 5% discount it will be carried forward until next year. I have posted out your account this term so you know you have a credit but will not post a credit account 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 for parents paying termly. If you have had a direct debit payment rejected it will show on your statements, so please make an additional payment to catch this up via Qkr! Or Bpay.

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.

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.

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,

The wintery weather is making its way into our lives, so all we can do is embrace it, stay active and overcome it. So, if your child mentions that they are cold, there is no better way to stay warm than being active. This is also a great incentive to keep your child focused on achieving their goals and progressing with their 'Premiers Be Active Challenge'.

Two students that couldn't escape intense rain and wintery conditions were Will Keegan (5F) and Xavier Fontanot (5G) who represented our school at the 2025 SAPSASA Football Carnival from Monday May 26th – Wednesday May 28th. We are very proud of both of these boys for braving the conditions and giving this carnival their absolute best efforts. After many games and playing against some stronger bodied Year 6 students, Airport District was credited with a 3rd place finish overall for the carnival. Well done Will and Xave on making the team and representing SJBCS in the best possible manner.



As a school we would like to also highlight Mila McInerney (4PC) who has been selected to play for the Woodville Warriors District U/12 Girls Basketball team for the upcoming Nunawading Basketball Carnival over the June long weekend. The Nunawading Carnival is the biggest club carnival competition in Australia with over 1,100 teams from all over the country competing.

Mila has only been playing club Basketball for the Woodville Warriors since October 2024 and has represented their Division 1 team on several occasions. What a wonderful achievement considering Mila is only 9 playing against experienced 11-year-old girls. We wish you well for the Nunawading Carnival and hope that you play some fantastic Basketball over the long weekend.

Whilst on the topic of Basketball, I would like to thank and commend the 59 students who trialled for the 2025 SACPSSA Year 5-6 Boys and Year 5-6 Girls Basketball Teams. After running 2 separate trials, we have been able to reduce the squad to just 2 teams. The 19 students selected will represent our school at the Wayville Basketball Centre on Friday the 13th June.

Following this SACPSSA Basketball Carnival, our attention will then be fixed upon the mass participation Years 4-6 SACPSSA Netball Carnival. To assist the students with their understanding of the game and development of skills we will be running a Netball unit for all students in the lead-up to the carnival itself. The 2025 SACPSSA Netball Carnival is scheduled to run on Thursday 26th June at the Netball SA Stadium. We are very privileged to have a connection with the students from St Mary's who as part of their Netball Academy requirements have to show the ability to either Coach or Umpire games of netball. This works well for us as a school due to this being a mass participation carnival and high volume of both students and teams. We will still look to invite parents to volunteer for this carnival to oversee each of the teams.

It is a really pleasing part of my role to hear about wonderful sporting achievements that occur outside of school hours. I know there are a large portion of our families who dedicate multiple weeknights and weekends either driving children to training or attending games. If your child's team are successful in any way or they place well in a competition, I'd be very excited to hear more about it. Either catch me during the day or put the information in an email and let's celebrate these moments as a community: sputland@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

I hope your week has been kind to you.

Yours in sport

Sam Putland SPORTS COORDINATOR

Playgroup News



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!

Please note: Friday 6th June is a Pupil Free Day and there will be no Playgroup!

Words Grow Minds

PLAY with your baby!

Playing is how young children explore and learn about the world around them.

Research tells us that 94% of Australian parents know that play is important for their child's health and development, but even though we KNOW, that doesn't mean it's second nature. A huge 61% of parents say they often find it difficult to play with their little ones. Here at Words Grow Minds we understand it isn't always easy to know what it takes to support your little one to thrive, but we've got plenty of ideas and tips on how to do it - here on socials, on our website and on our podcast!

Learn more at wordsgrowminds.org.au.#WordsGrowMinds



Karina Overall
Playgroup Coordinator

Anti Bullying Rapid Review



The Australian Government recently announced an Anti-Bullying Rapid Review. The Review will look at current approaches to addressing bullying in schools, what is working and what needs strengthening, with the aim of providing options for the development of a consistent national standard for responding to bullying and its underlying causes in schools.

The Review is now accepting submissions. The Review co-chairs, Dr Charlotte Keating and Dr Jo Robinson AM, are seeking views from students, parents, teachers, and those involved in school education across the country.

Submissions can be made anonymously if preferred.

To provide feedback through the submission process, please visit

www.education.gov.au/antibullying-rapid-review. This page contains instructions on how to participate, along with the Review's Terms of Reference.

Parents & Friends

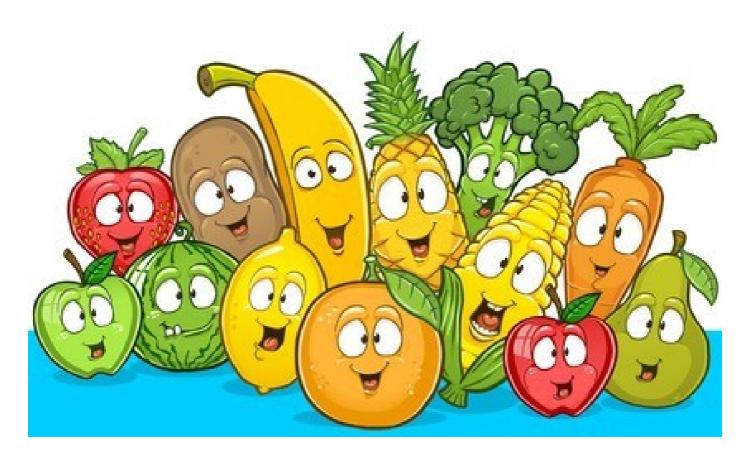


Parents & Friends



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

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 6th June - Pupil Free Day

Monday 9th June - Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th June - Jo

Wednesday 11th June - Julie

Thursday 12th June - Jo

Friday 13th June - Jo & Ashleigh Keegan

Monday 16th June - Julie

Tuesday 17th June - Jo

Wednesday 18th June - Julie

Thursday 19th June - Jo

Friday 20th June - Jo & Michelle Cook

Monday 23rd June - Julie

Tuesday 24th June - Jo

Wednesday 25th June - Julie

Thursday 26th June - Jo

Friday 27th June - Jo & Stacey Arnold

New Item on Healthy Eating Menu

Butter Chicken is back on the Healthy Eating menu on Tuesdays for lunch.

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 - Gala Dinner



We are delighted to invite you to a very special event as we celebrate our school's 90th anniversary. To mark this significant milestone, we will be hosting a Gala Dinner at the Adelaide Pavilion on South Terrace. This memorable evening will take place on Saturday, 28th June, from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

The Gala Dinner promises to be a night to remember, featuring a delicious sit-down three-course meal and fantastic entertainment by Party Club Band www.partyclubband.com.au . Drinks will be available for purchase on consumption. Tickets are priced at \$100 each and can be conveniently purchased via the Qkr! app. Please communicate any dietary requirements when purchasing your ticket(s).

Tables will be organized in groups of 12 guests. If you would like to ensure you sit with friends, please visit the School Front Office after purchasing your ticket(s) to inform Julia or Jodie of your requested table. Otherwise, the school will assign your table seating.

Physical tickets will not be provided for the event. Guest names will be recorded on the Qkr! app. Tickets are now on sale and will close on Friday, 11th June, we are unable to extend the sales beyond this date. Please note, there will be a limited number of tickets available, so don't miss out!

The dress code for the evening is formal.

We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with you and making it a night to remember. Your presence will make this event even more special.

Parish Parish & School Community Luncheon



We are having a community shared lunch on **Sunday 22nd June** from 11.30am 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!

Camp Australia OSHC





Free Webinar



Unplug Childhood with Dr Justin Coulson

Tuesday 24th June, 7:30pm AEST

Our upcoming **free webinar**, "Unplug Childhood," is hosted by the renowned parenting expert Dr Justin Coulson. In today's fast-paced, screen-filled world, children are facing challenges we've never seen before. Join us as we unpack the impact of digital technology on childhood and explore practical steps parents and carers can take to protect and empower their children.

Plus, an interactive Q&A session.

Register here

ULTIMATE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Take the stress out of the school holidays with Rocketeers. Featuring over 200 wonderfully unique experiences that will ensure your child's school holidays are extraordinary!

From our Ninja Showdown experience, brought to you by Proactivity and featuring special guests from a certain Ninja obstacle TV show, to creating a DIY mini golf course right here at Rocketeers – and everything in between! There's something for everyone at Rocketeers.

Plus, a Big Art Day double feature – 2 massive days of creative and social fun!











Discover Adventure



Create Memories



Have lots of fun!

BOOK INTO SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN NOW!

DID YOU KNOW?

You don't have to attend the school where we operate to use our awesome holiday programs. Simply book into any of our convenient locations.

SAVE BIG THIS WINTER!

Child Care Subsidy available for eligible families.



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.

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAY'S 10AM - 12PM

ROSARY - MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY AT 9.10AM

RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY'S FROM 11.30AM

Tram Grade Separation Project - Community Information Sessions

We're removing three level crossings where the Glenelg Tram line crosses Marion Road and Cross Road, Plympton and Morphett Road, Morphettville. We're also rebuilding the South Road tram overpass to make way for the River Torrens to Darlington Project (T2D).

These projects will be delivered by the Tram Grade Separation Projects Alliance (TGSPA) together with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

Community Information Sessions

Please drop in to our community information sessions to meet our team, view the latest project and landscape designs, learn about how we will construct the overpasses and ask any questions.

We will have Alliance and Department team members available to speak with community members. This includes staff from:

- Construction
- Environment
- Design

- Engineering
- Stakeholder Engagement
- · Urban design and
- · Landscaping.

We will also have information on substitute bus services that will operate during the partial tram line closure from Monday 4 August 2025.

For your convenience we will be holding two sessions (both displaying the same information) for each project site. Please note registration is advised for attendance to these sessions as our venues have capacity limits.

Please register to attend your preferred session below or contact us via email or phone.

South Road Tram Overpass Upgrade

Session 1

When: Wednesday 11 June 2025 anytime between 6pm and 8pm

Where: South Road Site Compound, 112 Anzac Highway, Glandore

Please register by Monday 9 June 2025

Session 2

When: Saturday 14 June 2025 anytime between 10am and 12pm

Where: South Road Site Compound, 112 Anzac Highway, Glandore

Please register by Wednesday 11 June 2025

Register here

Morphett Road Level Crossing Removal

Session 1

When: Wednesday 25 June 2025 between 6pm and 8pm

Where: Camden Community Centre (Hall), 18 Carlisle Street, Camden Park

Please register by Monday 23 June 2025

Session 2

When: Saturday 28 June 2025 between 10am and 12pm

Where: Camden Community Centre (Hall), 18 Carlisle Street, Camden Park

Please register by Wednesday 25 June 2025

Register here

Marion Road and Cross Road Level Crossing Removals

Session 1

When: Saturday 21 June 2025 anytime between 9am and 11am

Where: Plympton Community Centre, 34 Long Street, Plympton

Please register by Wednesday 18 June 2025

Register here

Session 2

When: Wednesday 2 July 2025 anytime between 6pm and 8pm

Where: Plympton Glenelg RSL, 464 Marion Road, Plympton Park

Please register by Monday 30 June 2025

Register here

Sacred Heart College Tours



Australian Girls Choir Open Day





Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our JUNE OPEN DAY









Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, self-esteem, public speaking and presentation skills, all while gaining friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman and Kylie Minogue and have performed at dazzling events including the Australian Open, Prime Minister's Olympic Dinner, Carols by Candlelight and Carols in the Domain. We're proud to have represented Qantas in the iconic 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns for 26 years.



Now accepting enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Glenelg, Glen Osmond and Walkerville.

JOIN US AT OUR JUNE OPEN DAY

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 08 8271 1622





Australian Girls Choir Open Day

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to come along to our June Open Day to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Please visit our website to register to attend our free Open Day: ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc

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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!

June

5th June - Isabel T (5G)

6th June - Cruz S-T (4G)

7th June - Klara C (1SM)

9th June - Noah T (3J)

10th June - Thomas H (2A)

13th June - Angus D (5G)

15th June - Zak R (6M) & Harry S (6W)

16th June - Chloe V (2A)

17th June - Daisy E (REC BR)

18th June - Lily S (REC B)

School Uniform



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.

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

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