



Important Dates

**PBIS Parent
Information Session**
6.30pm
Thursday 19 June 2025

**Year 1
Grandparents/Special
Person Afternoon**
1.30pm
Friday 20 June 2025

**Plympton Parish &
School Community
Lunch 11.30am**
Sunday 22 June 2025

**Feast of St John the
Baptist**
Tuesday 24 June 2025

**Mass 1SM & 3EB -
9.30am**
Wednesday 25 June 2025

**Year 6 Podcasting
Incursion 6W**
Wednesday 25 June 2025

**School Advisory
Board Meeting**
6.30pm
Wednesday 25 June 2025

**Feast of St John the
Baptist Whole
School Mass**
9.30am
Tuesday 24 June 2025

**SACPSSA Netball
Carnival Yrs 4-6**
Thursday 26 June 2025

90th Year Gala

2025 Term 3 Parent
Information Session
Wednesday 2 July 2025

Festival Choir Hub
Assessment 9.30-
11.30am
Wednesday 2 July 2025

Last Day of Term -
3pm Finish
Friday 4 July 2025

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

Exciting Maths Opportunity for Years 2–6 Students

We are thrilled to announce that over 45 students from Years 2 to 6 at St John the Baptist School have expressed interest in participating in an exciting mathematics initiative: the MASA Investigating Mathematics Competition!

This state-wide competition, run by the Mathematical Association of South Australia (MASA), invites students to explore real-world problems through a mathematical lens. Participants will select a topic of personal interest, investigate it using mathematical thinking, and present their findings in a creative and structured way.

This initiative is a fantastic opportunity for students to:

- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Apply maths to real-life situations
- Work independently and collaboratively
- Showcase their creativity and curiosity

The Investigating Mathematics Competition is an extended project, with final submissions due in August. Students will receive support through weekly or fortnightly sessions at school, and they have also committed to completing additional work independently at home.

For more information about the competition, visit the MASA website:

<https://masaonline.org.au/invest-with-maths-primary-2025/>

We are proud to support our students in this enriching learning experience and look forward to seeing the innovative projects they produce!

Bike Safety

We are thrilled to see so many students riding their bikes to and from school—it's a fantastic way to stay active and reduce traffic congestion. However, we kindly remind all families that for safety reasons, students must not ride their bikes within the school grounds or in the school car park. Bikes should be walked to and from the designated bike racks to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and visitors. Thank you for your support in discussing this with your children and for keeping our school community safe.

Best Wishes

The Leadership Team

Pupil Free Day



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BE THE LIGHT

Pupil Free Day

Monday 21st July

Catholic Identity

Sacramental Program

We held our preparation night on Wednesday 11th June at 6pm in the hall with great success. Parents and children gathered to begin the next stage of the journey, getting ready for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

The second session will be held next Term in Week 3 on Wednesday 6th August in the hall.

St John the Baptist Feast Day

Our patron saint's feast day will be on Tuesday 24th June. The school community will begin the day with Mass at 9.30am in St John the Baptist Church. This is also an opportunity for the school to recognise the service of staff members who have been working at St John the Baptist for up to 10 years.

We have also organised a Sushi and Cold Roll lunch for students to purchase on the day. You can make your order via the Qkr! app. Please note that orders will close on Friday 20th June.

As part of the celebrations, children will participate in small activities with their buddy classes. We look forward to a day of wonderful festivities!

Beanies for Vinnies

As part of our Winter Appeal, we will have our Beanies for Vinnies Day on Tuesday 1st July, Week 10. Students are to donate their specified item on this day (as listed below) and wear a beanie to school.

- **Reception: Cans of fruit**
- **Year 1: Cans of long-life food**
- **Year 2: Breakfast cereals**
- **Year 3: Long life milk/ Warm drinks** (hot chocolate, tea, coffee, Milo, etc)
- **Year 4: Gloves**
- **Year 5: Scarves**
- **Year 6: Beanies**

We are so grateful for your continued support!

Amanda Razon

APRIM

2028 Sibling Enrolments are now due



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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 School fee instalments were due on Friday 6th June. If you have not yet paid, please do so promptly.

Statements are posted out each term so those with payment plans can see the payments allocated to your account. 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

Sushi & Cold Roll Lunch



To celebrate St John the Baptist's Feast Day, we are offering a special Sushi and Cold Rolls lunch. Students are welcome to purchase sushi (\$4 a roll) or cold rolls (2 for \$7.50) of their choice for lunch Week 9, Tuesday 24th June.

Orders are to be made via Qkr! Sushi Day menu where you will find the available options, drinks and wildberry juicie too. You will need to make this order by 9am Friday 20th June as **no late orders can be accepted**.

Please note that the normal Tuesday Healthy Eating lunch time menu will not be available on this day, however, recess options can still be purchased by the usual cut off Monday noon.

From the Sport Coordinator



Dear St John's Community,

We are moving closer towards the end of term, the weeks are starting to wind down, but there are no signs of the Sport opportunities slowing down at all. In the following newsletter piece we celebrate SAPSASA Cross Country Runners, SACPSSA Basketballers, a Surf State Champion and even an Irish Dancer.

As a school we were very proud to have 3 of our long-distance runners qualify for the 2025 SAPSASA State Cross Country Championships. These particular championships were held on Thursday 5th June at the Oakbank Racing Club in the wintry Adelaide Hills. Olivia Sadler (4G), Will Keegan (5F) and Thomas McDonald (6W) all represented both our school and the Airport District with pride by executing their best efforts in challenging conditions.





Olivia competed in the U10 section and completed the race in 10th place. Overall, the U10 Girls Airport District placed 2nd at the Championships. Will competed in the U11 section and was credited with a 10th place finish also. This effort assisted the U11 Boys Airport District to obtain 1st place accolades at the Championship. Thomas competed in the U12 section which had 200+ runners and at the conclusion of the race, he finished in the 76th position. A huge effort when competing against so many runners.

Olivia and Will have both been placed on the reserve list for the SA State Team that travels to QLD in September to compete at a national level. We at St John the Baptist Catholic School are very proud of each of you. You have all shown high levels of commitment, enthusiasm and strength to gain such pleasing results. Not only have you represented yourselves, but you have represented our school in the best possible manner. Congratulations to each of you.

Just last Friday 13th June we entered a Year 5/6 Boys and a Year 5/6 Girls Team of Basketballers to represent SJBCS at the 2025 SACPSSA Basketball Carnival. There were a total of 15 boys teams and 13 girls teams competing at the carnival. The standard of Basketball was quite high and it was very pleasing to see our students work together in their teams to play some very skilful and competitive Basketball. At the end of the rounds both of our teams were in the play-offs for the 7th spot. There were some extremely close games over the day, but overall both of our teams were credited with an 8th place finish each. A huge thanks goes to Adam Gordon, Darren Finneran and Nat Percy who assisted us with the coaching and scorers roles on the day.

Back by popular demand is our Reception – Year 2 Auskick opportunity. The students will all get a taste of what to expect on Monday 30th June here at School when the SANFL Game Development Team come and run an energetic clinic for all of the students in Reception – Year 2. Each of the students will receive a little flyer on this day that will contain a QR code for registration purposes. From this point it will just be up to you as the parents to register your child for the AFL Auskick Clinics that will be taking place on a Monday night during Term 3. Attached to this newsletter piece is the official flyer with all of the relevant details.



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St John The Baptist

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Contact | lachlan.rees@sanfl.com.au



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Register Here

It takes quite a bit of hard work, training and skill to find yourself on the top step of the podium amongst your peers. On top of this if you are to become a State Champion at your chosen Sport, this is a whole new level of commitment and determination. That is exactly what Olivia Sadler (4G) has achieved in her chosen sport of Surf Life Saving. We as a school wish to congratulate Olivia on becoming the U9 Surf State Champion. We can't wait to see what else you achieve in the future.



Louis Taylor (2A) is an extremely polite and quietly confident student who has been Irish Dancing for 2.5 years. Just recently, Louis won his first Premiership event and was awarded a trophy nearly as tall as himself. He attends classes 3 times a week and competes every 3-4 weeks from March through to October. Louis is currently working towards State Championships in August and National Championships in Brisbane in September, where he will compete in both solo and team events. Louis dreams of one day attending the Worlds, which are held in Ireland and would mostly be excited to board and fly on a giant Emirates plane. Louis has certainly found a passion for dance at such a young age, he also very much enjoys playing Cricket with his friends. What a great achievement Louis, we are very proud of your achievements and encourage you to dream big.



That's all I have for now, but there will be more to report in my next newsletter piece once we have competed in the SACPSSA Netball Carnival.

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



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

Play shows us that the simplest of activities all contribute to development and lifelong learning. Take this basic one for example: Let's Play Ball! You might think that playing with a ball is a family favourite activity just because it's fun - but it's SO MUCH more than that. For babies and toddlers, practicing how to grasp, roll, kick, or chase a ball around are all actions that refine their fine and gross motor skills and introduce concepts like cause-and-effect. Let your child discover just how many things they can do. What a thrill! Remember, adult supervision is required at all times.



Karina Overall
Playgroup Coordinator

From the Library



Scholastic Book Club

If you wish to order anything from the catalogue please note that we do not accept cash.

The order needs to be completed online.

How parents order from Book Club online

1. Log in, or create a new account
2. New parents can follow the Wizard to set up a child's profile
3. Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and Issue of Book Club
4. Select your child's name
5. Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
6. Apply promotional codes that children may have earned from previous issues
7. Make a payment via credit card

Maria French

Library

Parents & Friends



Parents & Friends



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



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 20th June - Jo & Michelle Cook

Monday 23rd June - Julie

Tuesday 24th June - Jo

Wednesday 25th June - Julie & Neetha Saldanha

Thursday 26th June - Jo

Friday 27th June - Jo & Stacey Arnold

Monday 30th June - Julie

Tuesday 1st July - Jo

Wednesday 2nd July - Julie & Julian Thompson

Thursday 4th July - Jo

Friday 5th July - Jo & Toni Stevens

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

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.

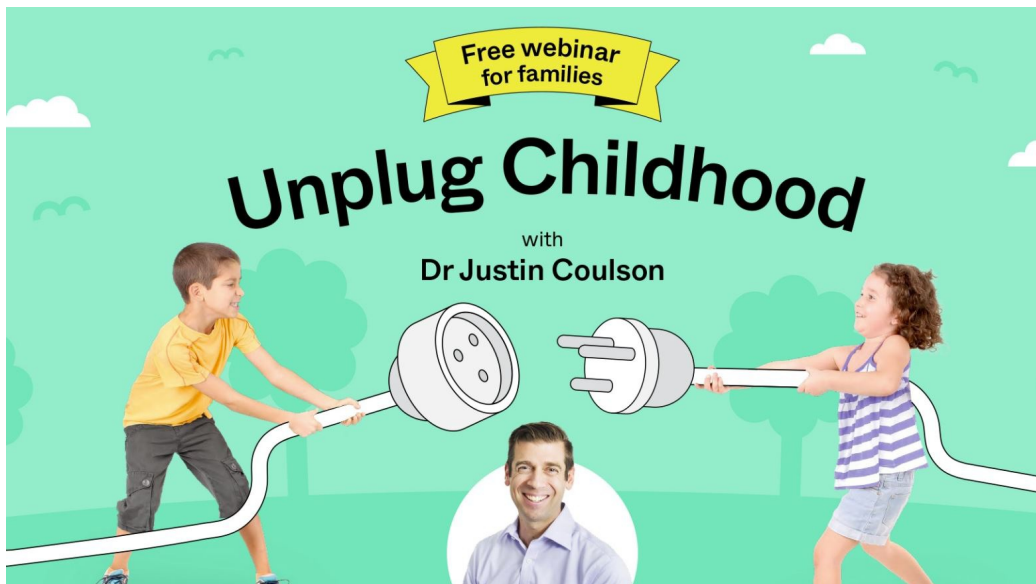
Tea, coffee, soft drinks, plates, serviettes and cutlery will be provided.

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](#)

THE 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!



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Friendships



Discover
Adventure



Create
Memories



Have lots
of fun!

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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.

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Child Care Subsidy
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WHAT'S ON THESE HOLIDAYS!

FIND OUT MORE



Special Event



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Double



Feature!



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Programs vary by location. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOKINGS NOW OPEN



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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.

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

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 Morphet Road, Morphetville. 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.

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](#)

More information Ph 1300 916 976 or email info@TGSPAlliance.com.au

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**SATURDAY
AUGUST 16**

**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
Dominican College

Applications are now open for Year 7, 2028

Enrolment Applications will close
Friday 19 September 2025



Term 2 & 3 2025 College Tours

A Home for all Hearts.

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

Adelaide Angels Baseball Club Free Clinic



The poster features a vibrant, colorful design with a large sun-like graphic in the background. The text 'KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS' is prominently displayed in large, bold, multi-colored letters. To the right, a red banner says 'COME N TRY', followed by a blue banner with 'Baseball' and a purple banner with 'Fun Activities'. The Adelaide Angels Baseball Club logo is in the top right corner. The event details are listed in the bottom left: 'FRIDAY 18TH JULY 10:30AM-12PM GIRLS & BOYS 5YRS - 12YRS'. A black button with white text says 'Register Online'. A purple circle in the bottom left corner says 'FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE'. A circular inset photo on the right shows a young boy in a baseball uniform swinging a bat on a field.

FREE

KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

COME N TRY

Baseball

Fun Activities

FRIDAY 18TH JULY
10:30AM-12PM
GIRLS & BOYS
5YRS - 12YRS

Register Online

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

ADELAIDE ANGELS
BASEBALL CLUB
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Looking for a fun and FREE activity these school holidays? Then dust off your bat and glove and come to our Angels School Holiday Junior Clinic!

Aimed at girls and boys, aged 5-12 years, our clinic will be held from 10:30am-12:00pm on 18 July 2025, at the Angel's home ground, Weigall Oval Plympton.

Lead by Senior Angels players Ben Frick, Chris Congdon and Bec Murdoch, the session will include skills training, drills and a mini-game, in a fun environment.

All players are welcome. FREE Sausage Sizzle to all registered kids!!

Note if you don't have your own equipment, this can be supplied by the club.

For more details please contact the Junior Coordinator: junior.adelaideangels@gmail.com

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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

20th June - Thomas McD (6W) & Scarlett S (4G)

21st June - Naira D (4PC)

22nd June - Zeke McM (REC BR) & Ruby S (2A)

24th June - Harry P (3J)

25th June - Annabelle C (4G) & Sanaya P (2TS)

26th June - Sanskar R (4PC)

27th June - Kayden H (2TS) & Syd P (3EB)

28th June - Oscar B (4PC)

29th June - John J G (1M)

July

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

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

Southern Cross Newsletter



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