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Important Dates

Mid Year Reception
Transition Session 1
Friday 7 June 2024

King's Birthday
Public Holiday
Monday 10 June 2024

Student Free Day
Tuesday 11 June 2024

Community Prayer
5/6SH
Wednesday 12 June 2024

Intro to Reading
Parent Info Night
(RDS & RJC)
Thursday 13 June 2024

Mid Year Reception
Transition Session 2
Friday 14 June 2024

SACPSSA
Basketball Carnival
Friday 14 June 2024

Battle of the Bands,
6pm
Wednesday 19 June 2024

Community Prayer
2CE
Wednesday 19 June 2024

Mid Year Reception
Transition Session 3
Friday 21 June 2024

Sacrament of
Confirmation, 7pm
Wednesday 26 June 2024

Community Prayer
1TM
Wednesday 26 June 2024

Mid Year Ensembles
Concert
Thursday 27 June 2024

Mid Year Reception
Transition Session 4
Friday 28 June 2024

Netball Carnival,
Years 3-6
Monday 1 July 2024

Community Prayer
RJC
Wednesday 3 July 2024

Last day of Term 2,
2024
Friday 5 July 2024

Our Lady Queen of Peace School acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we work, the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains.
We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



Term 2 Week 6 2024 Newsletter

Useful Links

Useful links



Download any of the following documents by clicking on the link.

Policies

- [Uniform Policy 0624](#)

Playgroup & Occasional Care

- [Occasional Care flyer](#)
- [Playgroup flyer](#)
- [Playgroup term outline - Term 2, 2024](#)
- [Playgroup session outline - 2024](#)

Parents & Friends Committee

- Email: PNF@olpq.catholic.edu.au

Second hand Uniform Shop

- [Second hand uniform consignment form](#)

Enrolments

- [Application for Enrolment form](#)



Canteen

- [Canteen menu and price list April 2024](#)

Qkr!

- [Qkr! instructions](#)

Term calendars

- [Term 1, 2024 calendar](#)
- [Term 2, 2024 calendar](#) - Updated 05/24
- [Term 3, 2024 calendar](#) - Updated 05/24
- [Term 4, 2024 calendar](#) - Updated 05/24

From the Principal

From the Principal



What a rollercoaster ride Our Lady Queen of Peace School has been on during the last 3 weeks!

Events included:



- celebrating Catholic Education Week, which was linked closely to our Mercy tradition,
- St Columba College staff visiting our school as they heard great things about our approach to reading and spelling,
- National Simultaneous Storytime, where City of Charles Sturt Mayor, Angela Evans, was our guest reader,
- our Year 4 and 5 female students attending the University of Adelaide for their second WISTEMS session,
- NOVA 919 live broadcast from our school,
- the Book Fair,
- Grandparent's / Special person's afternoon,
- RAA Street Smart team presentation to each class,
- Sushi and cold rolls special lunch order day,
- Reconciliation Week,
- Year 5/6 camp at Glenhaven Park, Stockport,
- A whole school liturgy.

All of these events were a wonderful celebration of student learning, engagement, and school representation.

NOVA 919 nailed it on the air, talking about how impressive our school and students are. They were amazed how quickly the students settled after the festivities, sitting and listening attentively during our very brief morning gathering.

We are a part of an amazing school with amazing students.



Communication

Open and transparent communication is something I value highly. Throughout my leadership, I have always stated, "If I don't know, I can't do anything about it". I value families feeling welcome and comfortable to make a time to meet with me and discuss any concerns.

Experience has taught me that sometimes parents don't want to be a bother, don't want to be "that" parent, or are mindful of how busy I

am. **Please know that I am never too busy to catch up with families.**

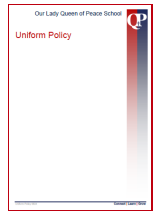
In addition to this, it is important that families always approach staff regarding any concerns rather than approaching the children of families. This might seem like a simple solution, however experience has shown that it doesn't always go well.

Uniform

Our school has a clear uniform policy which was endorsed by our School Board. We have moved to a trans-seasonal uniform, allowing students to be comfortable whilst at school, regardless of the season.

Can you **please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform when they come to school?** Regardless whether we are at school or out in the community, the school's uniform needs to be worn correctly. If we are out in the community, **a student may not be able to attend if they are not wearing correct school uniform.**

You can access our Uniform Policy by clicking on the image of the policy or by accessing the link in the "Useful Links" section at the top of this newsletter.



If you have any questions regarding the uniform, please feel welcome to contact your child's teacher or contact me.

Student free day

We have a **student free day on Tuesday 11 June 2024**, following the King's Birthday long weekend. The staff will be engaging in professional learning to ensure we are able to build our capacity and provide the very best teaching and learning for our students.

Please contact Jo Fahey on 0417 840 700 to see if there is still any availability for OSHC services on this day - spaces were VERY LIMITED.

Have a great long weekend and take care.

Lee Abela

Principal



Principal's gallery





Reconciliation Week

On Friday 31 May 2024, class 3/4MM led our whole school liturgy for Reconciliation Week.

As a school, we reflected on this year's theme, 'Now More Than Ever', reminding us that the reconciliation process is ongoing and that there is still a way to go to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples stop facing discrimination.

Through our celebration, we were reminded that God's dream for humanity is one of justice and equality, of compassion and understanding, of forgiveness and mercy, to be shared by all peoples on earth.



Colossians 3: 12-15

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Marissa Redden
Assistant Principal
Religious Identity & Mission

From the APLET



PASSATA bottles for sale!

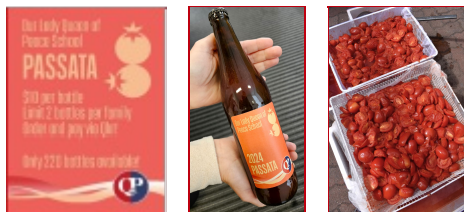
We are thrilled to announce that our much anticipated passata bottles will be available for purchase in **two stages** during the last two weeks of Term 2.

Stage 1 of sales is from Monday 24 June to Friday 28 June 2024.

Important details of Stage 1:



- **Sale dates:** Monday 24 June to Friday 28 June 2024 (Week 9 of Term 2)
- **Price:** \$10 per bottle
- **Limit:** 2 bottles **per family - this will be strictly enforced during Stage 1 of the sale offer.**
- **Payment:** You can only purchase passata via Qkr!
- **Collection:** Bottles can be collected from the front office during the sale period.



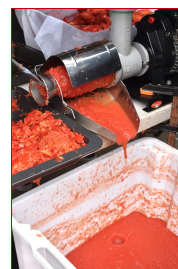
We understand the feverish demand for these passata bottles, so to ensure fairness, **each family is limited to purchasing two bottles during the initial sale week.**

Stage 2

For those eager to grab more, any remaining stock will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis in the final week of the term (Week 10). **From Monday 1 July to Friday 5 July 2024**, any leftovers will be available without the previous purchase limit.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy our homemade passata, perfect for enhancing your culinary creations. Be sure to make your payment via Qkr! and collect your bottles from the front office within the designated periods.

Thank you for your continued support!

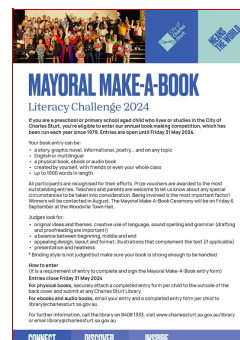


The Mayoral Make -A- Book Literacy Challenge

We are delighted to announce that some of our classes are participating in the prestigious Mayoral Make-A-Book Literacy Challenge! This beloved community program is designed to nurture the talents of budding young authors and illustrators within our school.

About the Challenge:

The Mayoral Make-A-Book Literacy Challenge is a popular book-making competition that runs annually from February to May. It is open to all children who live or study in the City of Charles Sturt council area. Having been a cherished tradition since 1979, this competition provides a fantastic platform for young creatives to showcase their literary and artistic skills.



What the judges look for:

- **Original ideas and themes:** Creativity and uniqueness are key.
- **Creative use of language:** Effective and imaginative language, along with sound spelling and grammar, are crucial.
- **Story structure:** A well balanced beginning, middle, and end.
- **Design and layout:** An appealing design, layout, and format that enhance the reader's experience.
- **Illustrations:** Artwork that complements and enhances the text.
- **Presentation and neatness:** Overall neatness and presentation quality.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to express their creativity, develop their writing and illustrating skills, and gain recognition for their efforts. We are incredibly proud of our students who are taking on this exciting challenge and look forward to seeing their imaginative creations.

Let's cheer on our young authors and illustrators as they embark on this literary adventure!

Adriana Pilla

Assistant Principal

Learning, Engagement and Teaching





SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival Success

We are thrilled to share the news that 23 of our talented students, ranging from Years 3 to 6, represented our school at the SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 7 May, at Point Malcolm Reserve in Semaphore Park. These remarkable students showcased incredible grit, stamina, and determination throughout their nominated races.

Congratulations to the students who achieved outstanding results and placed in their respective races.

- Poppy M - 3rd
- Alexis W - 3rd
- Sophie P - 2nd
- Henry S - 2nd
- Hudson P - 1st



A special "Thank you!" goes to parents Shane D and Kimberley M for their officiating and support during the carnival.



SAPSASA netball representatives

Congratulations to Poppy M and Maya D who have been selected to play for the Port District SAPSASA netball team.

This is a great achievement by the two students, as competition for places was high. We wish Poppy and Maya all the best for their upcoming carnival.

Matthew Annetta

PE teacher / Sports Coordinator



SAPSASA Cross Country gallery



Sports Day 2024

PE / Sport



What a glorious day we had for our annual Sports Day this year!

I want to congratulate all the students for their enthusiastic participation in all their events and for the fantastic sportsmanship and mateship shown throughout the day. I also want to thank the many parents and family members who took the time to join us to watch the students participate in Sports Day creating a wonderful atmosphere.

A special thank you to all our staff who tirelessly supported our students and contributed to the success of the day.

Following one of the closest counts in history, the McAuley team (Blue) were declared overall winners by 1 point! Congratulations also goes to the Siena (Green) team who won the Spirit Cup.



Matthew Annetta
PE teacher / Sports Coordinator

Sports Day 2024 gallery





Student free day

Student free day



A reminder that our **next student free day** is on **Tuesday 11 June 2024**, following the King's birthday long weekend.

Student free days allow our staff to come together to connect, learn, and grow whilst participating in student-centred professional learning.

Please **contact Jo Fahey on 0417 840 700** to see if any spaces are still available on this day.

Student free day reminder!

Tuesday 11 June 2024

- Student free days allow our staff to come together to connect, learn, and grow whilst participating in student-centred professional learning.
- Please contact Jo Fahey on 0417 840 700 if you require OSHC services on this day.

Class update - RDS



In RDS, students have explored shape in Mathematics in many different ways.

We love to provide hands-on experiences for students. In one lesson, students traced around two dimensional shapes, manipulating, comparing, and sorting to make their own new creation. The students were able to use their imaginations to create animals, snowmen, planes, motorbikes, suns and so much more!



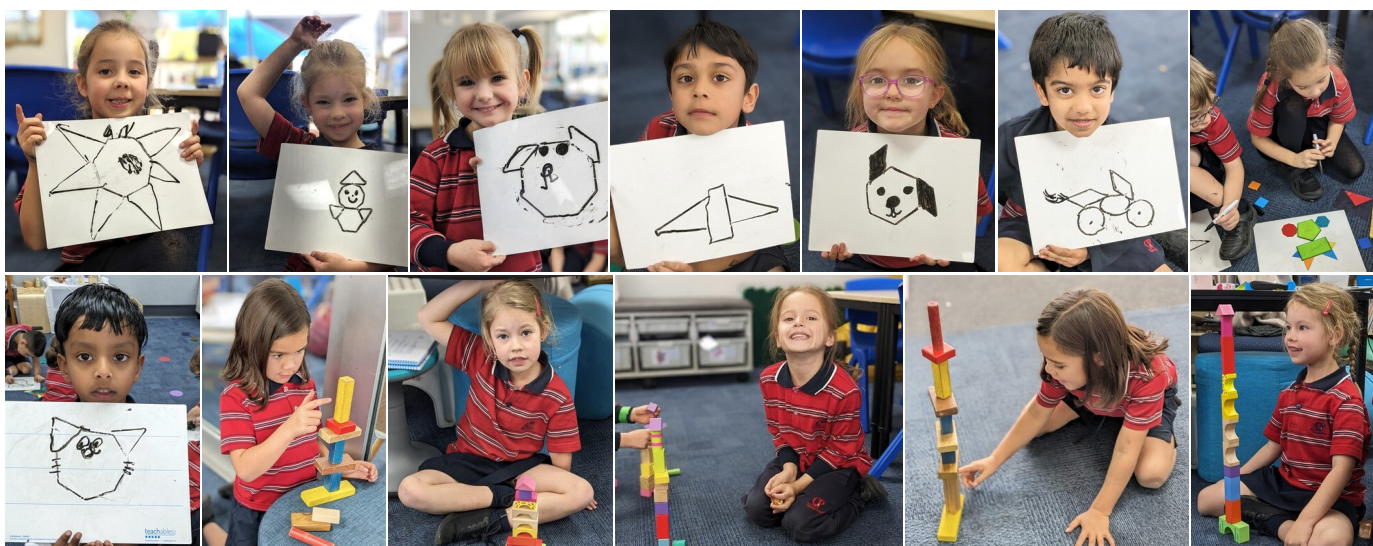
In another lesson, students were challenged to build the highest and strongest tower with just ten blocks. This helped students to investigate the properties of three dimensional objects where they needed to consider many things, including:

- whether or not to use objects with curved or straight sides;
- balancing the blocks;
- comparing the lengths of sides;
- considering which way the block would stand higher or stronger.

Diem Savy

Reception teacher

Class update - RDS gallery





"Kind Hearts, Creative Minds" OLQP's 2024 SALA Exhibition

I am excited to share that our school will be participating in the SALA festival again this year.

SALA stands for South Australian Living Artists and is a state-wide showcase and celebration of South Australia's living visual artists. The festival was established in 1998 to promote and celebrate the many talented visual artists in South Australia.

It culminates in Australia's largest and most inclusive visual arts festival, which takes place in galleries and non-traditional arts spaces across South Australia annually, during the entire month of August.

Each year, SALA takes the work of around 8,000 emerging, mid-career, and established South Australian artists to more than 500 venues across the state (from sheds, cafés, offices and retail spaces to wineries, schools, public spaces, galleries and major arts institutions) to reach local and inter/national audiences of more than 850,000 people, and many more online.

Our school will be exhibiting again at the **Civic Library in Woodville** where artworks created by students from each year level will be showcased. Participating in the SALA festival is a wonderful opportunity to share the great artworks our students create with their local community. It also gives students an insight into professional arts practice.

Further details will be shared closer to the event.



The SALA logo consists of the word 'SALA' in a white, outlined, sans-serif font, centered on a dark purple rectangular background.



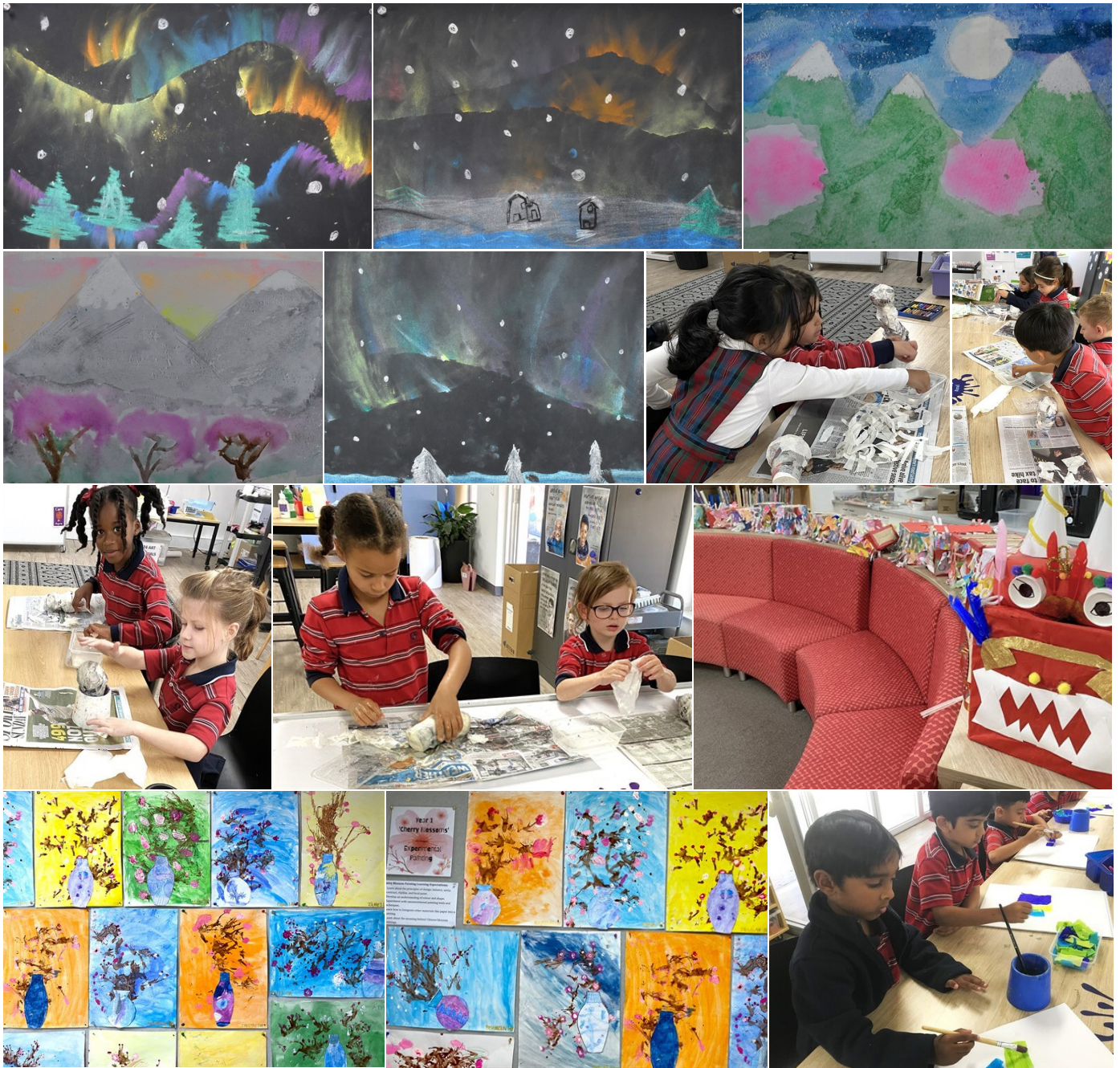
In the Art Room...

The Art Room is a hive of activity during art lessons and at lunch time in "Art Club". A few of our latest projects include:

- Mixed media, large scale, colourful fish created by our Reception artists.
- "Delicious" papier mâché ice cream sculptures made by Year 1 artists. You can see a couple of artists working on their ice creams in the photos.
- Beautiful metallic bugs are just beginning to be planned and imagined by our Year 2 artists.
- Fantastical leaf dragons / creatures are being created using autumn leaves and foraged natural materials by Years 3 and 4 artists. In the photo gallery you can see some of their excellent chalk pastel art works inspired by the "Northern lights" aurora borealis).
- The Years 5 and 6 artists have just completed some great landscapes using a variety of watercolour techniques. There are a couple of examples of these in the photo gallery.

Suzanne Healey
Visual Art teacher

Specialist update - Visual Art gallery



Specialist update - STEM

STEM



Fried green tomatoes

Our Year 1 and 2 students are very excited to share an immersive culinary journey undertaken this term in our STEM Design and Food Technology classes.

Students from 1SW enthusiastically harvested the last ripe green tomatoes from our school gardens before they meticulously washed the produce, learning about the importance of food hygiene and management.

Our Year 2 students and budding young chefs then expertly sliced the tomatoes before coating them in seasoned batter and frying them to golden perfection.

This hands-on experience not only connected our students with nature but also taught them valuable lessons in teamwork, creativity, and the journey from seed to plate. As we continue to explore the realms of Design and Food Technology, we anticipate many more culinary adventures at Our Lady Queen of Peace School. Yum!



Tamara Brooker
STEM teacher

Specialist update - STEM gallery



Early Learning @ OLQP!

Playgroup & Occasional Care

Come and join the fun!

- Playgroup is on Wednesdays 9am-10.30am for children 0-5 years.
- Occasional Care is on Tuesdays 9am-12noon for children 3-5 years.

For more information, please access the flyers regarding Playgroup and Occasional Care from the **Useful Links** section at the



beginning of this newsletter.

More questions?

Playgroup - Rachael Stathis

- Phone: 8279 8800
- Email: RStathis@olqp.catholic.edu.au



Occasional Care - Andi Benzija

- Phone: 8279 8800
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Second hand uniform shop

Second hand uniform shop

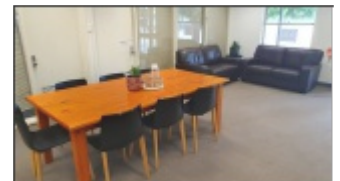


NEW OPENING TIMES:

FRIDAYS

- 8.40am – 9am
- 2.45pm – 3.10pm

The second hand uniform shop service, facilitated by a dedicated group of parents, supports the community to access quality and affordable second-hand uniforms for their children.



Location:

Located in the P & F Room (near the girls' toilets, adjacent the basketball courts).

Call 8279 8800 if you require more information, or alternatively, you can email the P & F Committee using this email: PNF@olqp.catholic.edu.au.



P & F Committee

Before & after school care



New families and permanent bookings:

All new family bookings and permanent bookings need to be made through the OSHC office.

Please contact Jo on **0417 840 700**, or pop into either the OSHC office or front office for an information pack.

Jo Fahey
OSHC Director



Community News

Community news



A chance to support Childhood Cancer Charities

At Clean Burn Candles, we are passionately dedicated to supporting Childhood Cancer Charities. We have walked this challenging path ourselves and emerged on the other side. Every day, we count our lucky stars as we are among the fortunate ones.

Over the past few months, we have been meticulously planning a special event, and we are thrilled to share the details with you. We now have tickets and a venue ready for you!

In person fundraiser at The Big Shed

Saturday 13 July 2024

Ticket prices include a meal, drink, donut dessert by Wildflour Creations, and donation (see poster for more details).

- Adults - \$40
- Kids - \$20

Click [HERE](#) or on the flyer image to access more details.



Raffle tickets available for purchase:

- 3 tickets for \$5
- 7 tickets for \$10
- 5 tickets for \$5 - Kids' raffle

Auction and raffle prizes appear in the gallery that follows this article.

You can also make a donation to help us reach our target:

Click [HERE](#) to make a donation in support of the Childhood Cancer Association.

Childhood Cancer Charities event prizes



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