

Issue Date 6 March 2025



Important Dates

1st Sunday Lent Sunday 9 March 2025

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday Monday 10 March 2025

Year 5 Mass 9.30am Wednesday 12 March 2025

Year 4 Mass 9.30am Wednesday 19 March 2025

2nd Sunday Lent Sunday 16 March 2025

St John the Baptist Feast Day Wednesday 19 March 2025

Annual General Meeting - 6.30pm Wednesday 19 March 2025

Harmony Day Friday 21 March 2025 **3rd Sunday Lent**

Reconciliation **Preparation Session** 6pm

4th Sunday Lent Sunday 30 March 2025

Sunday 23 March 2025

Learning Conversations 3.15-5pm

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6 Tuesday 25 March 2025

Learning Conversations 3.15-8pm

Tuesday 1 April 2025

Wednesday 2 April 2025

5th Sunday Lent

Sunday 6 April 2025

Year 6 Camp Monday 7 April 2025 Year 6 Camp **Tuesday 8 April 2025**

Easter Raffle Drawn Colour Run Thursday 10 April 2025

Friday 11 April 2025

Last Day of Term -3pm Finish Friday 11 April 2025

Year 6 Camp Wednesday 9 April 2025

First Day of Term 2 Monday 28 April 2025

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

It has already been a busy, exciting and productive start to the year, and it is hard to believe we have moved past the halfway point of Term 1 already! Hopefully we can continue to enjoy some of these lovely sunny days for a few more weeks.

NAPLAN 2025

Our Year 3 and 5 students will soon complete the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. These tests will be conducted online (with the exception of Year 3 writing which is a paper test) between 12th - 24th of March. Students will complete a Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy assessment during this window. The online tests are adaptive, which means the questions provided to the students change to best suit their individual ability and needs. This type of testing provides a much great accuracy of what each student's understanding is.

Class teachers have been supporting the students in preparation for these tests by finding the balance of giving them opportunities to explore the nature of the tests and online system and also, by looking at the wellbeing of each child and supporting any anxiety they may be feeling about them. This combination of support provides the best balance for students to be able to showcase their understandings and knowledge when taking these assessments in a confident way.

There is always a lot of discussion about NAPLAN in schools, and while these tests do provide individual and schools-level snapshots of student achievement, it is just one piece of each individual's learning puzzle. The results from these tests, are combined with other information such as evidence of class work, assessments, and other standardised testing to enable us to form a broader and deeper picture of each student's reading, writing, spelling, grammar use and numeracy skills. This helps with the identification of strengths and areas for improvement for each student.

If you would like further information about NAPLAN please see the following website. https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers

Learning Conversations

During Week 10 you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher for a Learning Conversation. These conversations are an important part of our reporting process. Information about the structure and format of these conversations in the coming weeks.

Supporting Home Reading - 5 Ps!

As listening, supporting and providing feedback to your child when reading is an important part of their development, the following points are some simple reminders that you can use to assist them when reading at home.

5 Ps!

Place – chose a space to listen to them read with limited distractions and position yourself where you can sit alongside them. Before you begin, have a brief discussion on the book or what they have previously read (if it is a longer novel).

Pause - if they come to a word they are unsure of, or make an error, give your child at least 3 seconds or until the end of the sentence before intervening. We want to build in their skills to recognise this and self-correct where they can.

Prompt - when they make an error or are unsure provide a prompt. This may be a general prompt 'did that seem right?' or 'try that part again' or a specific prompt where you highlight a phonic error to support them. Don't forget to pause after a prompt! If after 2 prompts they are still unsure, tell them and move on.

Praise – give specific praise for times they show good reading behaviours, use specific skills, have persisted, shown resilience, or identified errors to self-correct. This specific praise boosts confidence and helps with any anxiety they may feel when reading.

Practice - reading proficiency is a long journey! We are looking for progression not perfection. Practice every day is the key!

These are just a few reminders to remember when supporting home reading. If you have further interest or questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Blessings The Leadership Team

Catholic Identity

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

The students enjoyed the pancakes on Tuesday in celebration before the beginning of Lent. A big thank you to Kylie, Jo L and our Parents and Friends who made the day possible. There were smiling faces after recess after enjoying the sweet treat.

The Year 6 students represented the school at the Ash Wednesday liturgy. We also had Alen Karuvelil in Year 4 altar serve at Mass in the morning. Most classes combined to share an Ash Wednesday liturgy. Students also engaged in the learning about the beginning of Lent.

Parish Quiz Night

The Parish held their first Quiz Night last Friday night. It was a lovely and lively atmosphere where the community gathered for fun and comradery with trivia questions on different Catholic categories such as sports, entertainment and music. It was a successful night for the Plympton Parish.

Sacramental Programme

We held the Presentation Mass of the Sacramental Candidates in February. The children and their families will attend the first session in preparation for their Reconciliation on the 26th of March at 6pm.

We look forward to beginning the program.

Amanda Razon APRIM



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

To the family of Hartley Yates for his grandfather.

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

Finance News

Statement of Accounts - Instalments due now

School Fee statements were posted out last month, if you did not receive a copy, please email me and I can check the address we have on file and send you a copy. Thank you to all the families who have set up payment authorities or started making payments via Qkr!, online or at the office. This is just a friendly reminder that if paying each term that Term 1 instalments are now due and if you wish to obtain the Early Bird discount you will need to pay fees in full minus the discount by this **Friday 7th March** (Week 6). The Early Bird discount is calculated at 5% of fees so for 1 child it is \$164 discount, amount to pay \$3,116. If you have more than one child at school, the discount is 5% of the balance owing after sibling discount so for 2 children the discount will be \$296 and the balance to pay will be \$5,624, for 3 children the discount will be \$415.75 and the balance to pay will be \$7,899.25. If you have a balance or credit owing from 2024 please allow for this when making your payment. If you need help to calculate the correct amount for the payment or for a payment plan amount please email me.

Other payment options should have already started and are: weekly x 42 payments, fortnightly x 22 payments, monthly x 10 payments so that fees are completed by early Term 4. You can divide your balance by the option you wish to choose and pay by Qkr!, Bpay or via

the office. If you wish to set up a direct debit, forms were sent out last year, but it's not too late so please email me for a new one as soon as possible.

School Card

This is for families, single parents, or businesses on a low income of around \$74,189 last financial year. Please follow the links below to apply for the 2025 School Card Scheme. These must be completed **each school year**:

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 to the lower-income fee, so please apply as soon as possible as it can take 4-6 weeks for approval.

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,

I hope everyone is enjoying this consistent sunshine that we are currently experiencing. This weather certainly makes playing sport outside and even supporting as a parent from the sidelines a pleasant experience for all.

We have been busy in our office over the past week sorting through all of the SACPSSA Swimming trial times. It was great to have 51 students trial for the squad that will represent our school at the SACPSSA Carnival. After going through and filling all of the events with our stronger swimmers, a squad of 35 swimmers has been selected for this carnival. We thank every student that trialled for this team and to our volunteers on the day, we say a big thank you as well. Those students who were successful in obtaining a spot in the squad have been notified of their events.

Many of our school families recently had very long days on the beach with the Surf Life Saving State Championships taking place down at Seacliff. It was so pleasing to see so many of our students placing in their events, receiving medals and being on podiums. These Championships are so competitive, so to obtain a place and medal it really is quite an achievement for these athletes. We would like to celebrate the following students for their achievements:

Callan Taylor (3J) - U8 Div 2 Beach Relay Bronze

Ethan Taylor (3J) - U8 Div 1 Surf Race Gold / U8 Div 1 Cameron Relay Bronze / U8 Div 2 Flags Silver / U8 Div 2 Beach Relay Bronze

Xavier Fontanot (5G) - All Age Junior Taplin Relay Gold / All Age Boys Beach Sprints Bronze

Flynn Beresford (5G) - U10 Div 2 Beach Relay Gold / U10 Div 2 Wades Silver

Ethan Beresford (6M) - U12 Div 1 Swim Team Silver / U12 Div 2 Beach Sprint Gold / U12 Champion Life Saver Silver Riley Taylor (6M) - U11 Div 2 Iron Gold / U11 Div 2 Board Race Silver

Well done to all of these placegetters and to all of our students that competed in this State Championship.



At SJBCS the sporting opportunities continue as just this week we had 6 students trial for the SAPSASA Swimming Team. We would like to congratulate: Will Keegan, Ollie Wilcox, Flynn Beresford, Xavier Fontanot, Ethan Beresford and Riley Taylor who gave their best efforts at the SAPSASA Trials. We look forward to hearing back from the Airport District Co-Ordinator to see how the boys went with these trials.

To everyone that plays a team sport, your challenge this week is to compliment 3 of your team mates. Tell them why you like having them in your team. Go well everyone!

Sam Putland SPORTS COORDINATOR

Parents & Friends



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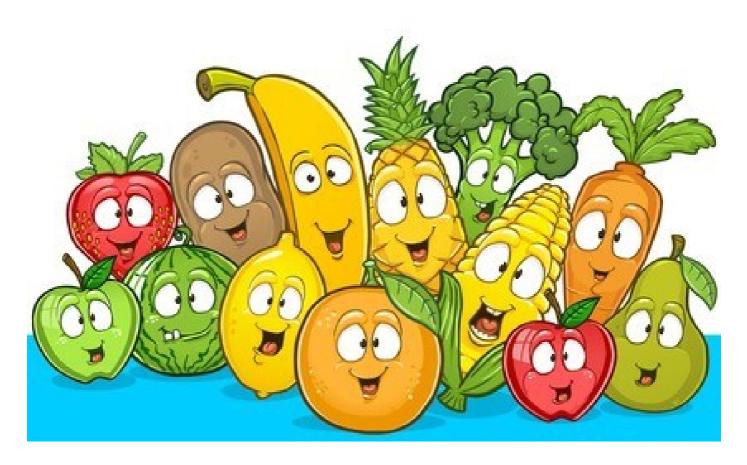


- Easter Raffle (Drawn Thursday 10th April)
- School Colour Run 11th April
- Mother's Day Stall 8th & 9th May
- Father's Day Stall 3rd & 4th September

Catholic Education Awards



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 1

Friday 7th March - Jo & Libby Graham Monday 10th March - Public Holiday Tuesday 11th March - Jo Wednesday 12th March - Julie Thursday 13th March - Jo Friday 14th March - Jo & Melisa Gorgone Monday 17th March - Julie Tuesday 18th March - Jo Wednesday 19th March - Jo Wednesday 19th March - Julie & Maria Esteban Thursday 20th March - Jo Friday 21st March - Jo & Emma Vivian **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

Catholic Schools Parents SA

Dear Parents and Carers,

Advocating for Safe and Respectful School Communities

Catholic School Parents

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Catholic School Parents South Australia (CSPSA) is committed to ensuring all students learn in safe, inclusive environments. While recent media coverage has highlighted concerns about bullying and harassment, it has also reminded us of the importance of appropriate parent and community conduct in fostering a respectful school environment. Such conduct is crucial for safeguarding the well-being of both students and staff.

While schools work within clear policies and legal frameworks, it is essential for families to lead by example, shaping positive behaviours both in person and online. Schools, families, and the broader community share the responsibility of promoting respectful relationships.

Families play a key role in shaping positive behaviours to ensure all staff and students can teach and learn in safe, supportive environments.

Addressing Bullying: Collaboration and Legislative Action

CSPSA welcomes the Federal Government's national review into bullying and will actively contribute to ensure parents' voices are heard, advocating for thoughtful, solutions-focused approaches. We also commend the South Australian Government for signing the Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement with New South Wales, reinforcing the joint commitment to tackling bullying through shared policies, frameworks, and innovative solutions.

Strengthening Protections for Students and Staff

We fully support the **Education and Children's Services (Barring Notices and Other Protections) Amendment Bill 2024**, which strengthens protections for students, staff, and families in school communities.

While some parents may feel more should be done, school leaders must navigate legal and privacy constraints when addressing incidents. Families with concerns are encouraged to engage directly with school leadership to seek resolution.

Supporting Families and Schools

CSPSA is here to support families by providing guidance on navigating school grievance processes and advocating for constructive resolutions. Through resources, tools, and educational seminars, we aim to empower families to understand their rights and responsibilities within the school system. Our goal is to help families address challenges effectively and promote positive school experiences for all students. As we work through these important issues, we remain focused on collaborating with schools, policymakers, and families to create safe, inclusive, and respectful learning environments.

By encouraging open communication and offering expert support, we strive to ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive in a supportive and productive educational setting.

Yours sincerely

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Trish Jarvis Executive Officer

04 March 2025

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90th Year Celebrations



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*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

FUN AWAITS! YOUR AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

Address: 342 Anzac Highway PLYMPTON SA 5038

Phone: 0405 436 293 Program Times: 07:00 am - 06:00 pm



Full Fee \$115.03 | After Max. CCS* \$11.50



Visit campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers to join our next mission



ROCKETEERS

Drum Lessons



Drum Lessons

Would your child like to learn drums? If so, please fill in the application form here.

Lessons are held at school by Shaun Doddy.

Tram Separation Project

Tram Grade Separation Projects Marion Road and Cross Road Level Crossing Removals

We're removing congested tram level crossings to make your journey safer and more reliable	When Overview of activities in March and April 2025
The Australian and South Australian governments have jointly (50:50) funded \$400 million to remove the level crossings where the Glaneig train line crosses Marion Road and Cross Read. Phymoton: These works from part of the Train Grade Separation Projects.	Typical hours of work Day works Monday to Saturday Bern - 7pm Night works Sunday to Friday 7pm - 6em
What's happening	Where
Works to locate services and move power, gas, telecommunications and water infrastructure in the project area are ongoing.	 Marion Road Intersections with An Highway and Cross Road
We will shortly begin intersection upgrade works:	 Marion Road and Cr Road – around the le
Marion Road and Anzac Highway intersection – from early April 2025 Marion Road and Cross Road intersection – from late April, weather permitting.	crossings and within tram-corridor - Local roads and side streets adjacent Mar Road, Cross Road,
These works will continue until mid-2025 when major construction begins.	Anzac Highway and tram-comidor
How this affects you	Refer to the map provide
To reduce traffic and tram disruptions, works will occur during the day and night. Please see map overheat to view the location of survey, service relocations and intersection works.	More information Visit Total and one are













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Volunteering at St Johns



St John the Baptist School provides a safe environment for all while valuing the partnership between school and home.

As a Catholic community, we welcome and value volunteers. To be able to volunteer, and/or attend at other times throughout the school year, we ask that you hold a current Catholic Police Check (parents/caregivers attending excursions, reading in class, helping in class, attending community events), a current Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care for Volunteers certificate and have completed the volunteers application package.

A Catholic Police Check for volunteers is free for our current parents and caregivers. Application Forms are available in our school office.

This process ensures we maintain a child safe environment. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to apply for a Catholic Police Check through the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school office on 8218 3300 or email Julia Roy on jroy@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au .

Bright Ideas



We value your insights and involvement in enhancing our school community. Please share any suggestions or ideas you have regarding school improvement. Your input is crucial in creating a positive and effective learning environment for our students. Insights may be discussed at future School Advisory Board meetings or you may be contacted personally for further follow up!

Please find link here for your suggestions.

Community News

Plympton Parish



Digital Media Literacy & Safety Free Webinar



A FREE WEBINAR Digital media literacy & safety

Supporting Primary & Secondary students

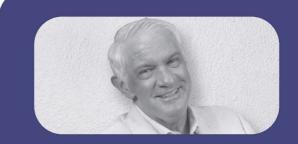
Join us for an exclusive webinar featuring two of Australia's leading experts in youth wellbeing and cybersafety as they provide invaluable insights into how to support young people navigate the online world safely and responsibly.

This webinar is **Part I of a two-part** series. In this session, topics include:

- New Social Media Regulations
- Cyberbullying
- Exposure to Hate Speech
- Online Safety and Fraud

Suitable for: Parents, grandparents, carers, educators, school leaders.





Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Renowned child and adolescent psychologist, Michael has years of experience working with young people and families and was Chair for the Cybersafety Committee.



Susan McLean

As Australia's foremost cybersafety expert and founder of Cyber Safety Solutions, Susan will offer proactive strategies to help keep young people safe.



Don't miss out. FREE event. Scan to register.

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Cabra Enrolment





Applications are now open for Year 7, 2028

Enrolment Applications will close Friday 19 September 2025

Cabra are now taking enrolment applications for Year 7, 2028! Please visit their website to apply https://www.cabra.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/overview/

For further information, the Registrar would be happy to answer any queries and can be contacted at registrar@cabra.catholic.edu.au

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 11 March, 5 - 7pm | Flinders Park Campus REGISTER ONLINE | NOW ENROLLING FOR YEAR 7 IN 2028 & BEYOND

www.nazareth.org.au

Discover Big Opportunities at Nazareth's Open Day:

Nazareth Catholic College is a big school - but more than that, it's a place of big welcomes, big opportunities, big futures, and big hearts. It's an inclusive community where every student finds their place and every family feels connected. With diverse opportunities, personalised learning pathways, and a strong Catholic faith foundation, Nazareth empowers students to think big!

Families are invited to experience this firsthand at Nazareth's Open Day. Explore their dynamic learning environment, state-of-the-art facilities, and meet their passionate educators.

Tuesday 11th March

5pm – 7pm

Flinders Park Campus (1 Hartley Road Flinders Park)

Book Online at: https://www.nazareth.org.au/book-a-tour/

Nazareth is currently enrolling for Year 7 in 2028 and beyond. Did you know that St John the Baptist Catholic School is a direct pathway into Nazareth for Years 7-12? If you are considering Nazareth at secondary for your child, we encourage you to complete your enrolment application as early as possible, and prior to any final lodgement closing dates listed on the Nazareth website.

Autism SA School Holiday Program

Wazareth



We're running a variety of fun, creative, therapeutic programs for kids aged 3 - 17.

- On your marks, get set, school! (3-6 years)
- Aqua Skills (3-9 years)
- Lego Club (7-12 years)
- Dungeons and Dragons (8-12 years and 13-17 years)
- Fidget Masterclass (9-12 years)

Go to our website for more information and bookings: School Holiday Programs for Autistic Children | Autism SA

Hawthorn Scout Group

Hawthorn Scout Group 11 Egmont Tce, Hawthorn

Email: gl.hawthorn@sa.scouts.com.au

Fun

Affordable

Inclusive

Cub





Cubs 8-11 years old Wed: 6.30-8.00pm

Scouts 11-14 years old Thurs: 7-9pm

Be Prepared to Join Scouts! Come and try 3 visits for free. 1800 SCOUTS sa.scouts.com.au

Hawthorn Scout Group has vacancies in their Joey Scout (Age 5-7), Cub Scout (8-11) and Scout (11-14) sections. Scouts develop young people through a range of fun, adventurous, inclusive and challenging youth development activities, building resilience and confidence.

For more information please visit sa.scouts.com.au or email gl.hawthorn@sa.scouts.com.au.

Schools Plus Teaching Awards



Because great teachers change children's lives – Teaching Awards nominations open from 3 March to 8 April 2025.

Nominations for the **2025 Schools Plus Teaching Awards supported by Commonwealth Bank** are now open!

Each year, national education non-profit Schools Plus with the support of some of Australia's leading philanthropists chaired by David Gonski AC, and in partnership with Commonwealth Bank celebrates inspirational teachers who are making a transformative impact on children and school communities around Australia.

Twelve outstanding teachers or school leaders receive a prestigious \$20,000 Teaching Fellowship, including \$10,000 for their school and participation in a unique 12-month professional learning program.

The program features a 1.5-day collaboration workshop, master classes, and networking opportunities to expand their leadership capabilities. They will also attend the 2025 Teaching Awards ceremony at Parliament House in Canberra and join our growing alumni network of over 120 educators driving positive change in schools across Australia.

From new teachers to experienced educators making a real difference in the lives of our children, we want to recognise and celebrate them. Nominate an outstanding teacher or apply yourself from **3 March to 8 April 2025.** Visit **schoolsplus.org.au/awards**.

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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!

March Birthdays

- 6th Mar Estelle L (REC K)
- 7th Mar Jasper G-B (2TS) & Winnie V (4G)
- 10th Mar Fateh A (REC BR) & Jack M (5F)
- 11th Mar Kristian L (5F) & Yianni L (5G)
- 14th Mar Ava B (3J), Callan T (3J) & Ethan T (3J)
- 16th Mar Anthony P (5F)
- 17th Mar Hayden B (5F), Suyogya P (6W) & Olivia P (5F)
- 19th Mar Pippa S (2TS) & Charlie S (1R)

School Uniform

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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:

Piano

(currently a waitlist) Tutor - Christine Davies Ph: 0403 546 091 Email - christineonpiano@gmail.com

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



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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