

Issue Date 23 November 2023



Important Dates

Volunteers Afternoon Tea Friday 1 December 2023

Christmas Markets Friday 1 December 2023

First Sunday of Advent Sunday 3 December 2023

School Board Dinner 6.30pm Wednesday 6 December 2023 Reception K Assembly Tuesday 5 December 2023

Second Sunday Advent Sunday 10 December 2023

Year 6 Graduation & Liturgy Dinner Monday 11 December 2023

Friday 1 December 2023

Whole School Transition Day

Wednesday 6 December 2023

2024 New Parent Session Wednesday 6 December 2023

Pupil Free Day Thursday 14 December 2023 Pupil Free Day Friday 15 December 2023

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

Student Learning Reflection

As we approach the end of the year it is important to reflect upon what achievement looks like for each individual student. Each child is unique and so too will be their own highlights, challenges, and memories. What one child may have found challenging, may be a strength for another. For one child, their success could be an academic improvement in a subject they initially found difficult. For another student it may have been a social or emotional goal they have worked towards. It is important to remember that all these achievements are ones that are to be celebrated. In addition to the learning opportunities in the classroom, what often makes the school year notable for students and their learning are the additional experiences from of their 'ordinary' day. These can range from incursions, Masses, guest performances, excursions, camps, sporting carnivals, choirs, clubs, special events and other extra-curriculum activities. Learning through these opportunities contributes to providing a deeply holistic environment for students to showcase and celebrate their successes. It is this combination of the day-to-day learning in classrooms and these experiences that make the school year a busy, yet memorable one. We are grateful and say thanks to the staff who every day, plan and provide these experiences in and out of the classroom.

Reports and Assessments

Over the coming weeks you will again receive information on your child's learning through the rubrics and assessments their teacher will post on Seesaw. These rubrics are evidence of individual achievements in different learning areas. They are constructed against the learning outcomes prescribed by the Australian Curriculum and provide information on what has been successfully achieved and information of areas for future growth. Following these rubrics, the end of year report will be distributed digitally via SEQTA Engage at the end of Week 8. Please ensure that you have followed the instructions previously sent out about downloading the SEQTA app for this to occur.

Volunteers Afternoon Tea

As a thank you to all our volunteers who have assisted in so many ways across the 2023 school year, we are again hosting an afternoon tea on Friday 1st December. If you have volunteered in any capacity, please feel free to come along to the St John the Baptist Centre (Hall) from 2:15pm and enjoy a treat, before heading to the Year 6 Christmas Markets. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Markets

Once again, our Year 6 students will host a Christmas Market. This will occur on Friday 1st December from 3:00pm. The students are currently busily preparing for the afternoon which will see the children have on offer a range of items for sale to our school community. We look forward to a fun afternoon.

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us as we celebrate the conclusion of the 2023 school year at the Thanksgiving End of Year Mass. This whole school celebration will occur on Friday 8th December at 11:45am in the St John the Baptist Church.

The Leadership Team

Catholic Identity

Advent

Next Sunday, 3rd December, marks the first week of the Advent season which lasts for four weeks (or four Sundays) before Christmas Day. This word 'Advent' has come from the Latin word 'adventus', meaning waiting, as we are waiting for the birth of Jesus Christ. This is why we have advent calendars, or light advent candles as we anticipate the coming of baby Jesus.

Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal

As we know, there are many families experiencing hardship and these gifts will provide them with much joy, especially this Christmas season. A big thank you to all for the generous contributions and donations towards this term's appeal. We greatly appreciate all your support.

St John the Baptist Awards

In previous years, we have given the Mary MacKillop Service award to students. This year we will be presenting our St John the Baptist Awards. The award is named after St John the Baptist, the patron saint of our school. He was a model of humility, who led others to Jesus, out of his deep love for God. Our Mary MacKillop awards for our Year 6 students will remain unchanged.

Our school is also bound by the Josephite Charism which has been inspired by the virtuous character and example of St Joseph who also led a life of service and care for others, out of love for God. Two students from each class will receive this award. The candidates have had to demonstrate the following attributes throughout the year:

- 1. treats others with compassion and respect.
- 2. displays service in their care for others and the environment.
- 3. believes in the equality of opportunity.

- 4. possesses an ability to make good choices.
- 5. strives to do their best in all areas.

Thanksgiving/ End of Year Mass

With the year ending, we will come together as a community to celebrate this year. The whole school will have Mass at 11:45am on Friday 8th December in thanksgiving for 2023. It will also be an opportunity to congratulate the students who have been selected to receive the St John the Baptist Awards and the Year 6 students for the Mary MacKillop Award.

Graduation Liturgy

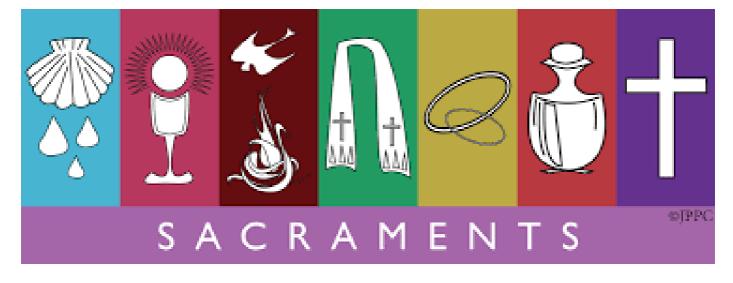
On Monday December 11th we will celebrate our graduates for 2023. The Year 6s will have their Graduation Liturgy in St John the Baptist Church at 6:00pm.

Sacramental Program 2024

If your child has received their Sacrament of Baptism and is eight years or older, they can receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. The Sacraments are sacred actions of the Church which bring about encounters with God in people's lives. They are wonderful celebrations that bring individuals closer to God and to the community. If you would like to register your child to receive their Sacraments in 2024, enrolment forms are now available through this link. Please send completed forms to the Parish or School Office. You can contact the parish at plymptonparish@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au or 8293 6600 for more details.

Amanda Razon APRIM

Plympton Parish Sacraments Registration



The Parish are now accepting enrolments for the 2024 Sacramental program. If your child or children are aged 8 years or over, or will be turning 8 before August next year, and you believe them to be ready to be involved in the program, please complete the registration form **here** and return to the Parish Office by 5th February 2024, for the attention of Pastoral Associates.

For further information, please see a letter from Fr Denis Ssemuju here.

Finance News

Statement of Accounts

A statement of accounts has recently been posted to your billing address.

Can you please ensure your current method of payment will see your account paid in full by 24th November, unless

previously arranged.

If you have changed your address, please advise the office as soon as possible on info@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

School Fees 2024

The School Fee Schedule for 2024 was sent home with forms for completion last week.

If you have changed your bank account details for your direct debit you will need to complete a new direct debit request form. Forms are due back by Friday 1st December.

If you are eligible for School Card you will need to complete online a new application form - details will be sent home in January 2024.

Should you require Fee Remission please contact the Finance Officer for an application form.

Qkr! After School Sport Payments

All after school sport payments are to be finalised by this Friday, 24th November 2023.

Each term has a fee for every sport that your child is participating in. Can you ensure that this fee is paid termly. Thanks for your anticipated support.

Change of Circumstance

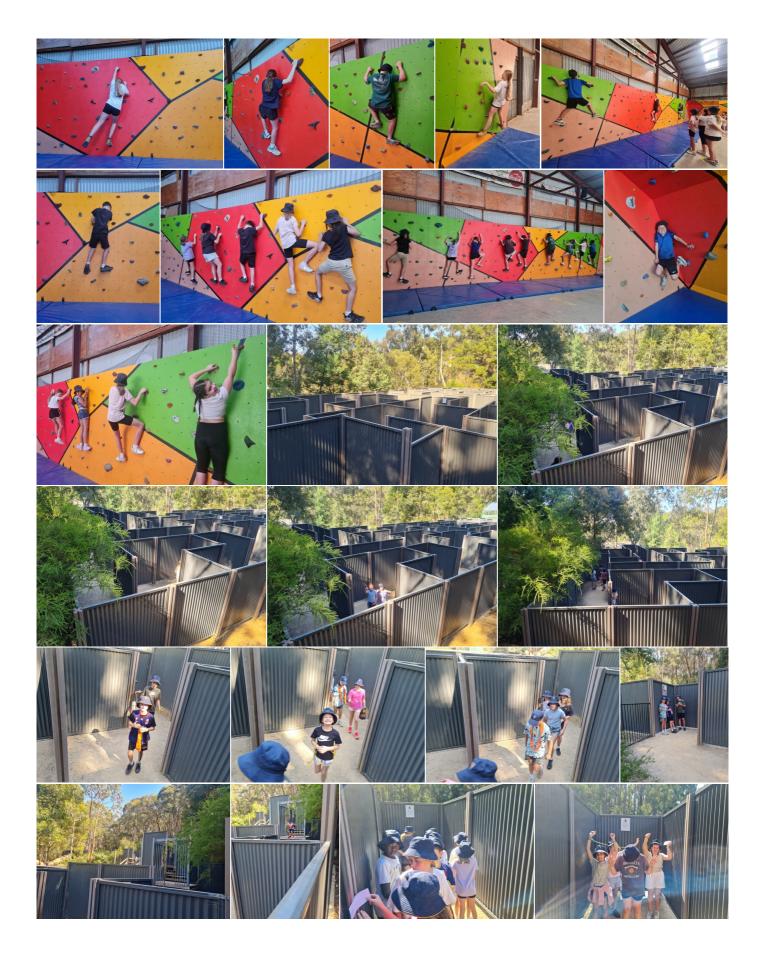
We ask those families whose circumstances may have changed or are experiencing difficulties to please contact Todd LaForgia or myself at your earliest convenience via email: pmarks@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Pam Marks Bursar/Finance Officer

Year 5 Camp at Woodhouse







From the Sport Coordinator



SACPSSA Come & Try Day

All the Year 2's students attended the SACPSSA Come and Try Day that was held in the South Parklands on Tuesday 14th November. The students had a great day in which they experienced various sporting activities.

• Rugby League

- Cricket
- Rugby Union
- Golf
- Aussie Rules Football
- Activities run by Year 6's from St Augustine's Parish School, Galilee Catholic School and St Michael's College

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered on the day.

Term 4 After School Sport Teams

Basketball

Year 3/4 Boys STJB Bulls - Coach - Megan Spokes Year 3/4 Boys STJB Wizards – Coach - Jeff Balkwill Year 5/6 Boys STJB Warriors – Coach - Filomena Francis Year 5/6 Girls STJB Clippers – Coach - Simon Croxton Year 2/3 Open STJB Lakers – Coach - Grant Evans Year 2/3 Open STJB Magic – Coach - Michelle Politis Year 2/3 Open Jazz – Coach - Hilary Sadler

Year 5/6 Volleyball

STJB Storm - Coaches - Jo Rowett & Beth Tamm

Netball

Year 3/4 STJB Allstars - Coach - Michelle Politis

Soccer Tops / Basketball Tops

Reminder: There are still school Soccer tops that need to be returned. Please return ASAP.

Reminder: Could all school Basketball tops that are not being used in Term 4 please be returned ASAP.

Kind regards,

Paul O'Dea PE & Co-curricular Sport Co-ordinator

sport@stjohnpl.catholic.edu.au

Rec/1/2 Tee Ball

Seagulls - Coach - Hayley Harris

Hayley has shared more photos of our Rec/1/2 Seagulls Tee Ball team who play at Adelaide "Angels" Baseball club on Saturday mornings.



PE Lessons - Basketball Clinics

The Sturt Sabres Basketball Club are conducting Basketball Clinics at St John the Baptist Catholic School this term. The Year 2 – Year 6 classes will have 4 sessions as part of their Physical Education lesson.

The photos below are of the 2 Year 6 classes - 6C and 6GR.



From the Library



In this the 20th Year of the Premier's Reading Challenge the Hon. Peter Malinauskas issued

an extra challenge to students to read 20 or more books. Forty-three of our students took up that challenge and received a special certificate. 291 students at St John's completed the 12 book challenge. Overall there were 68 certificates, and 223 medals given out.

Reading regularly is an important step in developing good literacy skills. It is the key to success at school and into the future. Books can take us to wonderful places. They help to shape our imagination, to be in touch with our emotions and they introduce us to characters who sometimes share our very own experiences. They gift us with many words, a rich vocabulary which we can draw on when speaking to our friends, parents, teachers and when we are asked to write our very own stories. They remind us how to live a good life and how to look after the world in which we live. They sometimes take us into the future so that we can imagine what things may be like in many years to come and they unite us with people all around the world.

Congratulations on another wonderful year of reading and being part of the South Australian Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) in its 20th Year.

Special congratulations and awards were given to:

- Cash H (6GR) & Ava K (6C) who have completed 8 years of doing the Premier's Reading Challenge and have been awarded the HALL OF FAME CERTIFICATE.
- Albie C (2T) and Madeleine T (5HB) for persistence in achieving their reading goals efficiently to complete the challenge.
- Elwood H (4PR) and Caela L (6GR) for reading a wide range of books by different authors to complete the challenge.
- Callan T (1SM) for reading the highest number of books (52) in completing the PRC.
- Year 3WD for being the class with the highest percentage (85%) of students who completed the challenge. (They received a special treat from their teachers.)

A very special thank you to all those in school and beyond who have encouraged, read to, listened to students reading, helped them decode and understand words and value the fabulous worlds that reading can take us into.

It is the students who choose to take up the challenges and staff and families who support them, who make the success of the challenge a reality.

Parents & Friends



Drawn:

8th December, 2023

Main prize:

Second prize:

Tickets:



Thermomix valued at \$2,579

Russell Hobbs 5.7 Litres Brooklyn Air Fryer valued at \$149

250 tickets available at \$20 each

Tickets can only be purchased from the **QR code** (not through qkr or the front office)

Draw closes on 7th December, 2023

This is a fundraiser for the new playground

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

The Parents & Friends are hosting a Thermomix raffle.

Tickets cost \$20 can be purchased via the QR Code on the flyer above.

First prize is a Thermomix valued at \$2579 and second prize is a Russell Hobbs 5.7 litre Brooklyn Air Fryer valued at \$149.

Lions Cakes & Puddings

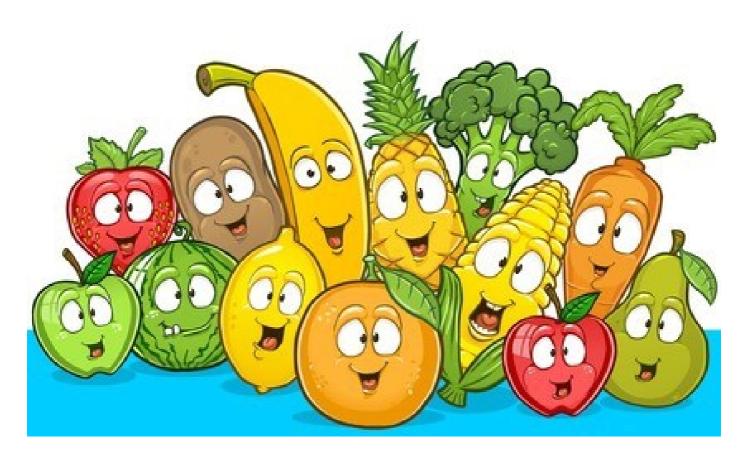
Support your community with a Lions Christmas Cake.



Lions Cakes & Puddings are available from the Front Office.

- 1.5kg Cake \$20.00
- 1kg Cake \$16.00
- Pudding \$16.00

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 4

Friday 24th November - Melisa Gorgone & Jo

Monday 27th November - Julie

Tueday 28th November - Jo

Wednesday 29th November - Julie

Thursday 30th November - Jo

Friday 1st December - Zoe Seiffert

Monday 4th December - Julie

Tuesday 5th December - Jo

Wednesday 6th December - Julie & Toni Stevens

Thursday 7th December - Jo

Friday 8th December - Megan Spokes & Jo

Monday 11th December - Julie

Tuesday 12th December - Jo

Wednesday 13th December - Julie, Maria Esteban, Neeta Saldanha & Julian Thompson

Julie Henschke & Jo Fitzgerald

Camp Australia OSHC



Guiding children's growth

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

22/11/2023

SA St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School OSHC

A message from your Coordinator

Hello everyone! It's hard to believe we are halfway through the term already!

Firstly, I just wanted to share some of the experiences from over the previous Rocketeers period and the school term. What fun we have been having in the OSHC room and out on excursions!

In addition, I wanted to let parents know that over the pupil free days on the 14th and 15th of December the OSHC is open and taking bookings! Our booking are also open for the 'Rocketeers' period over the Christmas school holidays and we have some super fun experiences lined up!

Lastly, I look forward to seeing all of the children over the rest of the term and cannot wait to hear about their plans for the holidays!

If you have any questions or queries please contact Tate by phone on 0405 436 293 or on email at sastjohnbaptist@oshccampaustralia.com.au







To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at <u>pp.campaustralia.com.au</u> or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.





Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au



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ROCKETEERS

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Your OSHC.







Camp Australia OSHC - Rocketeers Program



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, have completed the volunteers application package and your COVID vaccination certificate.

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

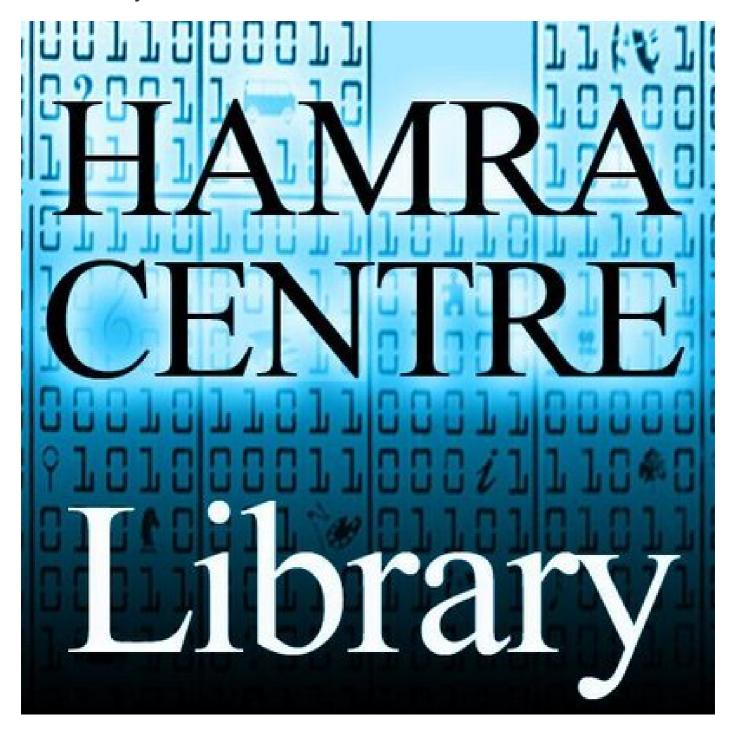
This process ensures we maintain a child safe environment. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to apply for a Catholic Police Check through the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school office on 8218 3300 or email Francis Schulz on

Community News

Plympton Parish

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Hamra Library currently offer the following drop-in activities:

- A monthly writers' group (4:30-5:30pm every second Wednesday of the month)
- A monthly book club with no set text, just a place to come and talk about books! (4:30-5:30pm last Wednesday of every month)
- Homework club for all-ages study assistance every Monday during term, 4pm-6pm.
- 24/7 access to Studiosity for additional support if they have a West Torrens library card!
- The Australian Refugee Association offers homework support to students from refugee backgrounds who have been in Australia for 5 years or less every Thursday of term 4pm-6pm
- Lego Club (every 2nd Monday during term time, 3:30-5pm)
- "Sign Squad" for 12-25 year olds to learn Auslan from a Deaf tutor (Friday 5-6pm in weeks 1, 4, and 8 of each term)

None of these activities require bookings but further information is available via the Hamra Library website on the Activities and Events webpage:

https://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au/Hamra-Centre-Library/Activities-and-event



GRANGE CRICKET CLUB

January 9th & 10th

9:30am – 12:00pm (Military Rd & Fort St.)



Scan the QR code to register or email <u>holidayprograms@adelaidestrikers.com.au</u> for more info

VISIT ADELAIDESTRIKERS.COM.AU FOR MORE INFORMATION

FERRALE OPEN/INFO DAY OPEN/INFO DAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 11AM - 1PM

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR ALL, SO DON'T BE SHY! BRING A FRIEND OR 2 TO HAVE A LOOK THROUGH OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES, HAVE A KICK IF YOU LIKE & REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR THE 2024 SEASON - IN ANY OF THE BELOW AGE-GROUPS

AUSKICK (GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS) PLUS... U/8 - U/10 - U/12 - U/14 - U/16

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DARRYL ON: 0431 580 219 OR EMAIL US AT: MPFC.JUNIORS@HOTMAIL.COM

DIVISION 1 PREMIERS 2023



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Birthdays



Congratulations to those who celebrate their birthday in the next two weeks.

November Birthdays

23rd Nov - Angelique M (6C)

24th Nov - Rylie F (2S), Elijah C (1M) & Jay G (REC B)

25th Nov - Nash S-T (2T)

26th Nov - Alfie W (6C), Domenic E (5HB) & Japreet k (5F)

27th Nov - Harrison T (REC B)

28th Nov - Hatket D S (3J)

30th Nov - Archie L (2T)

December Birthdays

1st Dec - Oliver W (3J)

4th Dec - Josephine PE (5F)

5th Dec - Ella S (3J)

6th Dec - Samanvi C (4PR)

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.

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

Drums

Tutor - Shaun Doddy Ph: 0417 806 993 Email: shaundoddy@rocketmail.com

Acknowledgement



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we live, learn and work.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual connection and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to this country and commit to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

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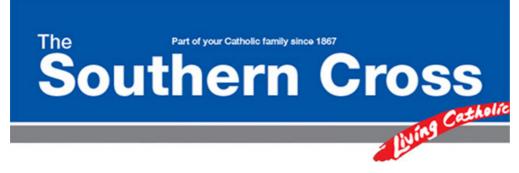
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To make a Your OSHC booking, you need to register with Camp Australia first.

Registration is free and can be done online, or with our smartphone app.

www.campaustralia.com.au

Southern Cross Newsletter



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