



Important Dates

First Day Term 4
Monday 16 October 2023

Year 6 Canberra
Camp
Sunday 22 October 2023

National Children's
Week
Monday 23 October 2023

World Teacher Day
Friday 27 October 2023

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we meet today on Meru Country, and recognise the Ngawait people as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We recognise their continuing connection to the earth and waters, and thank them for protecting this land and its ecosystems since time immemorial. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging and extend that respect to all First Nation peoples present here today.



Religious Identity and Mission



Dear God,

Speak to our hearts and help us to see that we are one big family.

Old or young, short, or tall, wherever we live, you made us all.

Help us to share, however hard it seems, to make our world fair,

And live out our dreams.

Amen.

Season of Creation Nude Food Challenge

During the month of September, in the liturgical calendar known as the Season of Creation, students have been participating in the Nude Food Challenge to reduce the amount of litter we produce as a school. Classes with the most (on average) Nude Food participants win a voucher that can be redeemed in term 4.

Winners:

Week 1- Year 1 class

Week 2- Year 1 class

Week 3- Reception class

Week 4- Reception Class

Overall Winner- Year 1 Class



Sacrament of Confirmation

Last weekend we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Growth is vital to human life; the body and mind must grow to stay alive. As Catholics we believe that the soul also needs to grow to maturity in the life of grace. The Sacrament of Confirmation builds on what was begun in Baptism and what was nourished in Holy Eucharist. It completes the process of initiation into the Christian community, and it matures the soul for the work ahead. Bishop Karol officiated this special occasion. Congratulations to all candidates.





Reflection

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Matthew 6:26

I have spent a good deal of time at Lake Bonney watching the pelicans. They come down gliding over the water like fixed-wing airplanes in formation and then suddenly dive down in the water hunting the little fish splashing around near the surface. If they are successful, you can see them gulp down a fish. Sometimes they seem to pause to rest, but only briefly, floating on the water and then, flap their wings to take off.

The pelican symbolises social responsibility, teamwork, charity, generosity, and harmony. This is because these birds are highly social and reliant upon their groups. Hunting is a group effort, in which many members of the flock work together to gain abundance. Pelicans teach us that no matter how heavy our burdens, we will always rise to the top. They teach us how to forgive ourselves, by releasing ourselves from that which holds us down and they teach us how to 'team up' with others in harmony.

St Francis of Assisi built bonds of love with all kinds of creatures in the animal kingdom. However, he had a special relationship with birds, who often followed him around and rested on his shoulders, arms, or hands as he prayed or walked around outside. Birds symbolise spiritual freedom and growth. Believers think that the miracle of the birds listening intently to Francis' message was sent by God to encourage Francis to continue his work preaching the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

As this year's Season of Creation ends on October 4, the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, we need to call on our inner pelican to let go of any resentment or anger towards others and rise above our emotional state, to keep our heads held high, despite our trials and tribulations. Pelicans encourage us to develop friendly, caring, and supportive relationships with members of our own communities.

Therefore, the image of the pelican is a strong reminder of our Lord, who suffered and died for us to give us eternal life and who nourishes us on our journey with the Holy Eucharist. May that image move us to show the same charity and self-giving love toward ourselves, others, and our common home.

From the Principal



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

It is unbelievable that it is the end of term 3. This term has been another successful term for student learning, not only academically but also socially, emotionally, and spiritually. The reason why students are successful at SJSB can be attributed to the combination of having great students, passionate and hardworking staff, and excellent family partnerships. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students for their engagement and application, the staff for their commitment to providing excellence through engaging learning for all students, and families for your continued support.

A challenge a school Principal faces at this time of year is to project planning into the 2024 school year as well as continuing to work through 2023. Some of this includes planning events for term 4, organising school camps, reviewing class structures, staffing. This can be a time of uncertainty for students, staff, and families; wondering if a teacher will be here next year or wondering who your child's teacher will be.

Mrs Sheridan Bonney is concluding her time at SJSB, beginning in the exciting role as APRIM at St Francis of Assisi College in Renmark whilst Mrs Nat Westley returns to the Year 4/5 class full time. We thank Mrs Sheridan Bonney for her commitment and contributions to our school and wish her all the best as she begins this important leadership role.

Heidi Schwartzkopff will take the opportunity to embark on new adventures in 2024. Heidi is a valued member of the SJSB team and contributes greatly to our community and student learning. We wish Heidi all the best for 2024.

At this stage the school has one permanent teaching position available and advertised. Out of the applicants that the school will receive, it is the task of the panel, to find the best person to teach your children. Although this isn't a quick or easy process, it is a very serious one; know that we will find the best person for the job.

Term 4 brings exciting times for our school. Next term we continue our Little Joey School Ready Transition Program for kindy students in preparation for 2024. If you know of any families still unsure of where to send their child, I encourage you to invite them to contact the school. At the other end of the school the Year 6 class will travel to Canberra, engage in high school transitions, and prepare to graduate. Next term we continue our strong commitment to learning and to wellbeing. We continue our work with the IMPACT program of intentional practice, which is carried out with our partner, Life Buoyancy Institute and focuses on adults being

mindful teachers, who intentionally respond to individual and student growth needs. We will also welcome a performance from Musica Viva, teach the MITIOG program, enjoy a visit from the Red Cross Pillow Program and celebrate the school year with camps, a visit to Kingham Farm and Splash Day.

In the monastic tradition holiday is called Vacare Deo; Making space for God. Emptying the heart, mind, and diary from distractions to find God again so He can fill us with His presence.

I hope everyone will have, either at home or at an away destination a wonderful holiday break. But I also hope that upon return we will be able to maintain a sense of holiday peace within the hustle and bustle of activities that will come to us again. How? By putting a cross in our diaries with which we say to ourselves and others: Here I am free for a while. Here I am on vacation with God.

Have a safe and restful holiday.

Nanda de Winter

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nanda de Winter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Principal

SOCKTOBER at ST JOSEPH'S 2023

LET'S KICK GOALS FOR GOOD!

Let us join together to help support better health and education outcomes for children like Jose in Timor-Leste.

On Friday 20th October we will host a Soccer Goal shoot-out with some guest goal keepers.

Children will create soccer balls in class using recycled materials so please save your old t-shirts, socks and plastic bags and send them into school during week 1. These materials will be used to support each class to make their own recycled material soccer ball which will then be used in a soccer goal shoot-out.

Students will get a chance to kick a goal for a donation of \$1.

Money raised by the students will be equalled by local business: BVMS Chartered Accountants and donated to Catholic Mission Australia

For more information about Catholic Mission and how to make your own soccer ball out of recycled materials please visit: www.socktober.org.au/socktober-shootout or go to: <https://youtu.be/XBWEf8rs17I>



Fundraiser Ronald McDonald House

How much we value learning at SJSB was on show on Thursday September 28 when year 6 students Adelle, Avril and Mia sold their home-made bracelets as a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House Learning Program. We currently have a family in our community who gratefully make use of this free service ensuring learning can continue through what are otherwise stressful times. The girls exceeded their own expectations by raising \$508.00 for the good cause! Thank you to everyone for getting behind this initiative and showing your support.



Congratulations to Adelle Vallelonga

Congratulations to Adelle who qualified for the State Athletics Team for Shot Put and placed 3rd! Great work.

School Sports Day

Congratulations to O'Connor House!









It's A Boy!!

Congratulations to Kate, Michael and Ava on the safe arrival of their son and brother Bhodi.



JDRF Fundraiser

Every day, 8 people are diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in Australia. There are currently 130,000 Australians living with this disease. Predominantly a childhood illness, but more and more older Australians are being diagnosed with this autoimmune disease. There is no cure, the only treatment at this stage is insulin injections or insulin pump therapy. JDRF is working tirelessly to fund research into a cure and also better management of Diabetes. Thankyou to everyone who supported the cause today, it is very much appreciated!



Riverland Speech Assessment

Speech Pathology One-off Assessments

Term 3 School Holiday Appointments Available

River Speech can offer you, your child and your family, support with:

- *speech sound difficulties*
- *concerns with eating, drinking and mealtimes*
- *literacy concerns*

Have you had these thoughts lately?

- I feel worried about my child's speech.
- Should my child be able to say that sound by now?
 - I don't think my friends can understand my child.
 - Mealtimes feel hard.
- I'm worried about how my child eats and drinks.
 - I feel like my child is struggling to read and write – as a parent, what can I do?

If yes, a speech pathology appointment may be beneficial.

A one-off appointment will provide the opportunity for:

- further discussion about your concerns
- a face-to-face assessment with your child
- a discussion with your child's education team (eg. school, kindy, childcare)

Outcomes from each appointment are individualised for your child and your family.

* Fees apply

Interested?! Want to know more?

Contact Kate or visit riverspeech.com.au

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W: riverspeech.com.au

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RIVER SPEECH

feeding | speech | literacy

School Transition Program

St Joseph's School Barmera ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW!



School Ready Transition Program

To participate your child needs to be enrolled to start Reception in Term 1 2024

This program is FREE and runs on Wednesdays during Term 3 and 4, 2023

Occasional Care



Barmera Little Joey's Occasional Care

Thursdays

(from Thursday August 3, 2023)

8:50-11:30am

Cost: \$5

ENROL NOW!
Call 85886100

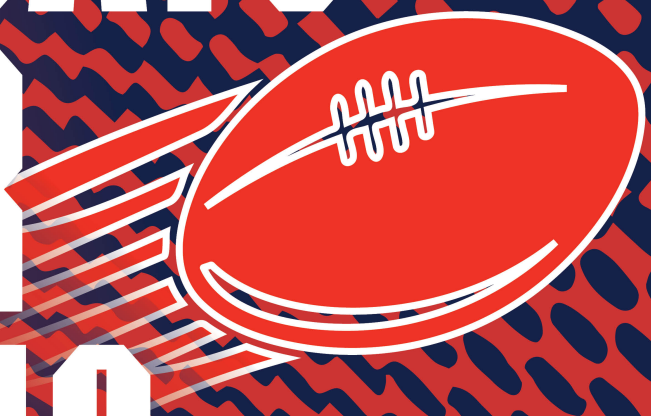
New enrolments receive
a free Joey Pouch
containing a:

Little Joey T-shirt
Little Joey Hat
Little Joey Drink Bottle



Supporting families with non school aged children

SATURDAYS ARE FOR THE GIRLS



NEW AND EXCITING FEMALE FOOTBALL
COMPETITIONS IN THE RIVERLAND

Saturday mornings at a single venue for six weeks with a carnival-type atmosphere. Come along to learn, play and have fun!

Commencing **October 21**.
Come and join the fun!

- **All-Girls Auskick** (born 2016-18) **\$50**
- **SANFL Stars** (born 2013-15) **FREE!**
- **SANFL X U13s** (born 2010-12) **FREE!**
- **SANFL X U16s** (born 2007-09) **FREE!**

REGISTER
HERE FOR
SANFL X &
SANFL STARS



REGISTRATION
FOR ALL-GIRLS
AUSKICK
COMING SOON



Contacts: Nick Dillon | 0479 016 854 | nick.dillon@sanfl.com.au
Kayla Mudge | 0429 626 885 | kayla.mudge@sanfl.com.au



BARMERA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Help raise funds for the Barmera Christmas Pageant. Barmera Christmas Pageant and Firework Display is an annual community event that has been running for 43 years, providing a float parade, entertainment, fireworks, rides, sideshows and much more. All funds raised will be put towards this event and the costly expenses that come with it.

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BERRI LIBRARY SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2023

TUESDAY 3 OCT
10AM SALT JARS
5-12YRS
3PM PAPER CHAIN
CLOUDS 0-4YRS

WEDNESDAY 4 OCT
10AM DESIGN YOUR
OWN PICTURE BOOK
& DISPLAY IT IN THE
LIBRARY 5-12YRS
3PM MINI OLYMPICS
0-4YRS

THURSDAY 5 OCT
9.30AM DESIGN
YOUR VERY OWN
LIBRARY BAG
THEN JOIN IN
WITH THE
SCAVENGER
HUNT TO WIN A
LUCKY DIP 5-
12YRS

FRIDAY 6 OCT
12PM MOVIE
DAY
THE LITTLE
MERMAIDE
RE-MAKE
(PG)
0-12YRS

TUESDAY 10 OCT
BALLOON
MODELING
WORKSHOP
4 HALF HOUR
SESSIONS
STARTING 10AM
TOTAL 10
CHILDREN PER
SESSION 0-12YRS

WEDNESDAY
11 OCT
10AM ROCK
PAINTING
5-12YRS
3PM MINI
OLYMPICS
0-4YRS

THURSDAY 12 OCT
10AM JEWELLERY
MAKING
5-12YRS
3PM SENSORY
PLAY ACTIVITIES
0-4YRS

FRIDAY 13 OCT
9AM BIG MORNING
BREAKFAST
WITH
PLAYDOUGH,CLAY &
ART TABLES FOR THE
CHILDREN

ENQUIRIES AND
BOOKINGS PLEASE
PHONE THE BERRI
LIBRARY ON 8595 2666

Berri Barmera
COUNCIL

BERRI BARMERA
LIBRARY SERVICE

ROLL UP ROLL UP BARMERA LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS OCTOBER 2023

<p>All Day Craft during holidays Lolly Pop Clowns set up during opening hours</p>		<p>Tuesday 3 October Make circus crafts Rabbit in a hat and Unicorn Carousel 2pm</p>		<p>Friday 6 October Circus Side Show Alley Extraveganza Big games, test your skills, hoola hoops, skittles, ball toss and guessing booth. Making juggling balls. Kiwi the clown will visit with balloons and magic. Circus treat snacks. From 2pm</p>
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<p>Tuesday 10 October Balloon Modelling 4 x session of 10 kids beginning at 2pm Pop Up Clown craft Booking essential</p>		<p>Wednesday 11 October Mens Shed Lucky Strike Wood and Nails Workshop 8 years + 2pm</p>			<p>Friday 13 October Circus Side Show Alley Extraveganza Big games, balance beam, balloon pop, dress up, photo booth, knock em down, make a circus wheel or dancing clown. Enjoy a Popcorn snack and have your Face Painted!! From 2pm</p>
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Bookings Required
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BERRI BARMERA
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BERRI BUMPER STICKER DESIGN COMPETITION

1 OCTOBER - 31 OCTOBER 2023

Enter
to Win

A \$100 GIFT CARD

OPEN TO
ALL AGES

Berri Barmera
COUNCIL



We are looking for a new bumper sticker design to best showcase Berri and want you to be the artist!
Get creative and show us your love for Berri.

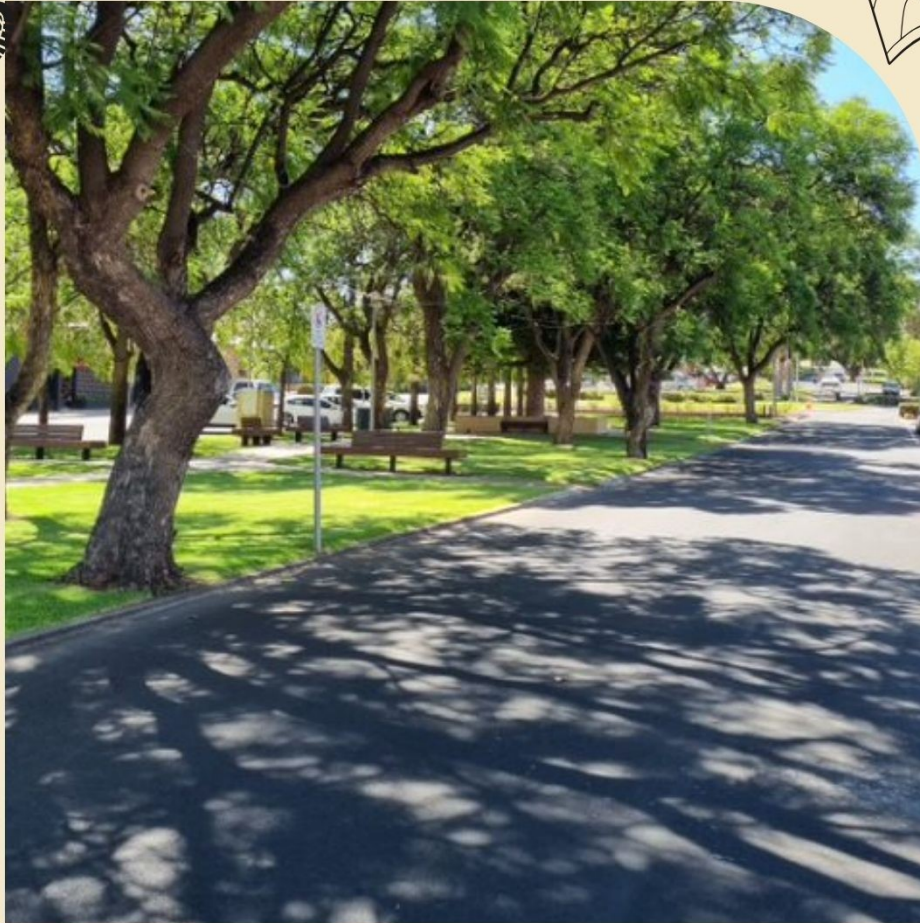
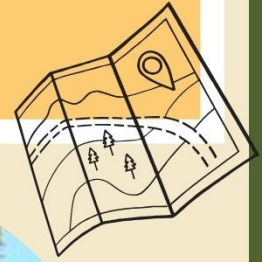
Winning design will be sold at the Berri Visitor Information Centre

Enter
to Win

PICK UP YOUR ENTRY FORM FROM THE
BERRI VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
24 RIVERVIEW DRIVE BERRI, SA

*TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY

BERRI GUIDED TOWN WALK



Take a stroll through the town of Berri on our Free Guided Tour. Pick up some local knowledge and learn all about the wonders Berri has to offer.



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For more information and to book in phone: 08 8582 5511

WHEN:

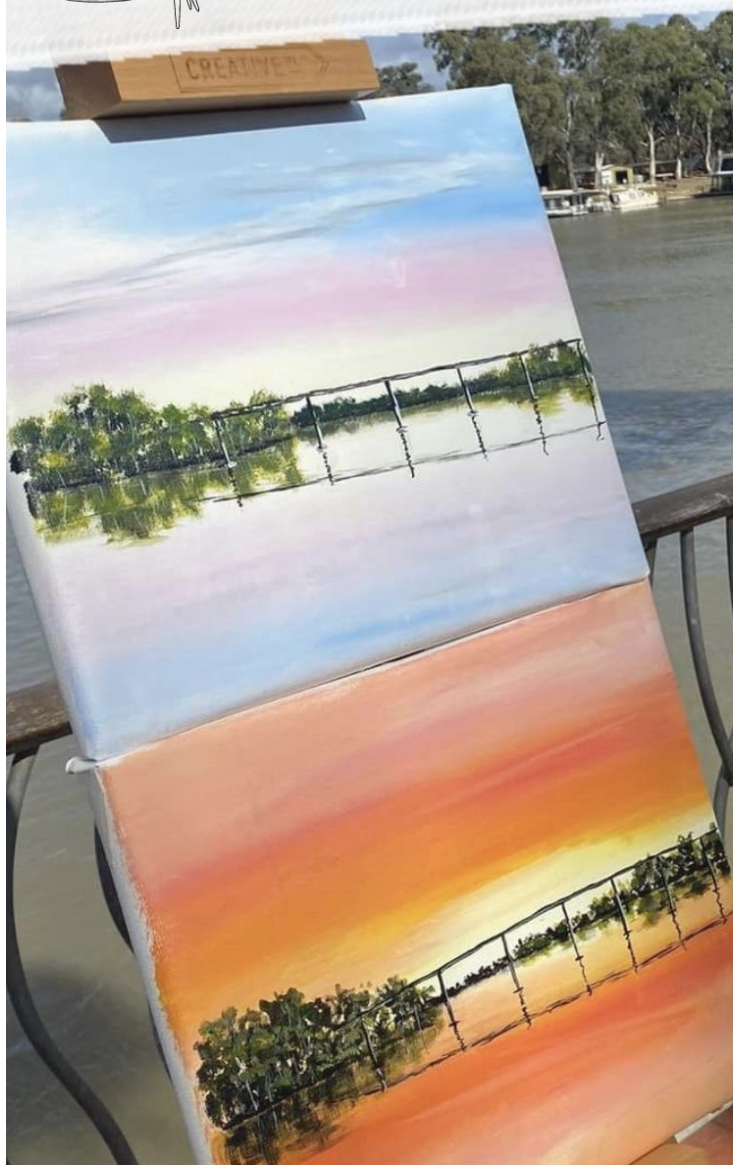
Friday 6 October 2023
10:00am-11:30am

WHERE:

Meet at the Berri Visitor Information Centre
24 Riverview Drive, Berri

PAINTING WORKSHOP

With Lyn Anstey



LYN ANSTEY

Come along and paint a river scene with local artist Lyn Anstey in our exclusive workshop

This workshop is a fun experience for beginners and those who love to paint

All welcome

*no experience necessary

All materials supplied



Phone 08 8582 5511
to secure your spot



14 October 2023
1.00pm - 3.00pm



Berri Visitor Information Centre
24 Riverview Drive, Berri SA



\$50 per person

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Sunday
22 October 2023
4.00 pm-8.00pm

SUITCASE PRELOVED FASHION SALE

at the Twilight Fiesta

Pack your suitcase with your preloved clothing and sell straight out of your suitcase. It's as simple as that! Berri Barmera Council's first Suitcase Preloved Fashion Sale will be held at the Twilight Fiesta and aims to promote sustainability through reusing and recycling your preloved wares. Clothes must be clean and in good condition.

**Berri Community Pavilion
Vaughan Terrace, Berri**

Want to be involved?
Register by 14 October on 08 8582 1922
For more details
visit www.berribarmeracouncil.sa.gov.au



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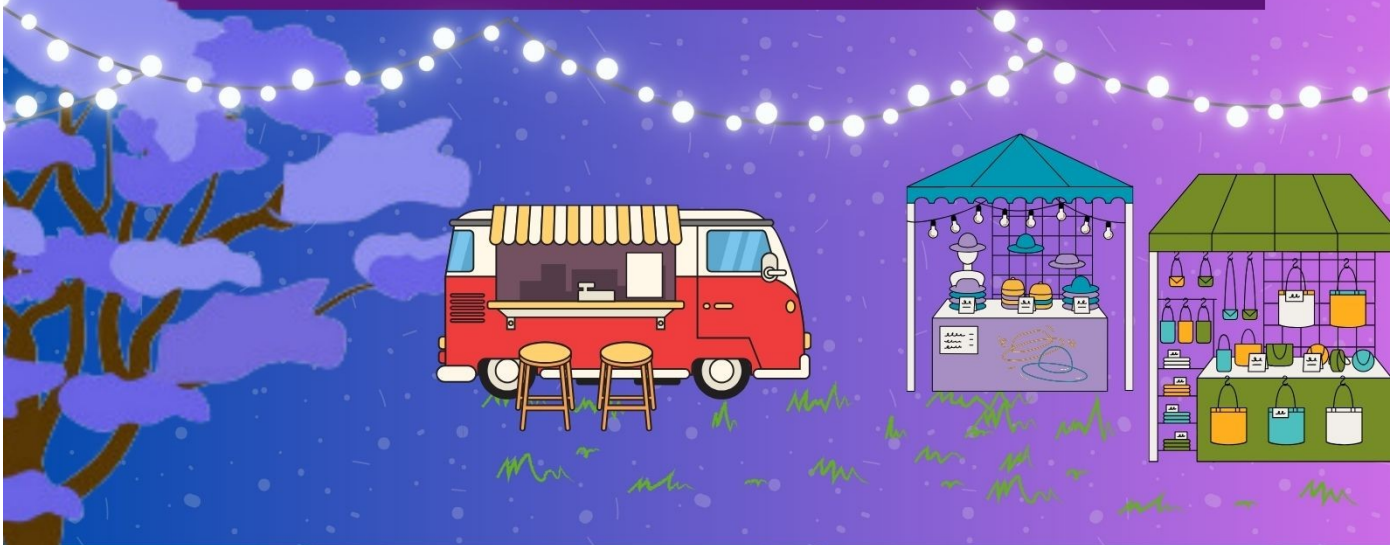
Twilight FIESTA

Sunday 22 October 2023

4.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Vaughan Terrace Berri

Acoustic Music – Food & Drink Vans
Market Stalls – Suitcase Preloved Fashion Sale
Pot a Succulant – Yabby Net Exchange
Bin Challenge – Eco Displays & more!



Join us for our free family friendly community event! A place for people to meet, enjoy tasty food and drinks, listen to live local music, browse market stalls and learn about sustainability.



