

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SIZZLING STARTS

Hopefully by now all parents/ carers are familiar with the 7 Steps programme. At our most recent Pupil Free Day all staff were trained in how to implement the 7 Steps of the programme. This programme aims to give children the guidance and scaffolding to become outstanding writers. Over the course of the year you will hear your children talking about such things as Sizzling Starts, Ban the Boring and Tightening Tension. These are all a part of the 7 Steps programme. We want to turn all of our students into writers who can engage their audience, write with a purpose and above all really enjoy the writing process. This programme starts in Reception and goes through to Year 7. Each newsletter I will highlight writers who manage to produce work that makes the audience want to read more. Sizzling Starts are designed to capture the reader right from the start. They are meant to be exciting, interesting and above all never boring. This week Room 24 and 25 students had to write a sizzling start based on the topic 'Magical Love Pencil'. I thought these two Year 5 pieces were fantastic.

"Carved from the blossoming love tree, blessed by the love goddess Rosie. Whomever's name I write shall be...in love with me. Tis buried in a school far away, but eh...kids are noseey. Shovels in the shed, awaken the old pencil from it's sturdy bed. Scrub, scrub, scrub went the dirt. Oops. Ha! I tore my shirt." Boyd M

"Who left this pencil here?" said Sally. With a confused face Sally picked it up and took it to class. She started to write about her crush Tony. Sally met Tony in grade one and ever since then she fell in love with him. "Tony, a smart and cute guy," wrote Sally. All of a sudden the pencil in her hand started to glow...Kate K

KISS AND DROP

Yesterday we had a near miss at the school crossing due to the fact that there are still some drivers not following the Kiss and Drop protocols. You are no doubt aware that we regularly request that drivers act in the appropriate manner and yet we still get incidents like yesterday. The correct use of the kiss and drop zone is not about convenience but about exercising safety for all of our children being picked up. **PLEASE do not use the Kiss and Drop zone as a parking zone. PLEASE remain in your vehicle.** For the zone to work effectively we need drivers to remain in their vehicles and exit the area as soon as possible. In the interest of child safety this is a matter of utmost importance.

Greg



DIARY DATES

PUPIL FREE DAY	WEEK 6	Fri 9th March
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	WEEK 7	Mon 12th March
CROSS COUNTRY (Whole school event)	WEEK 9	Thurs 29th March
GOOD FRIDAY	WEEK 9	Fri 30 March
EASTER MONDAY	WEEK 10	Mon 2nd April
SCHOOL PHOTOS	WEEK 11	Wed 11th April
END OF TERM 1	Week 11	Fri 13th April
PUPIL FREE DAY	Week 4 (T2)	Mon 21 May
PUPIL FREE DAY	Week 4 (T3)	Fri 17 August
SCHOOL CLOSURE	Week 7 (T3)	Fri 7 September

Hi everyone,

As you may've seen on TV lately, the campaign for the National Anti-Bullying Day is warming up. It will be held on Friday March 16th. Cyberbullying is one element of bullying. The following are the top 10 tips to help keep your child safe online. Please also take the opportunity to look at parents support information of <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>. It is a site not only full of fantastic information, it is also a site where incidents of cyberbullying can be reported and social media sites can be informed of concerns.

Cheers
Faye North
Student Wellbeing Leader

1. Use a **strong password**, a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols, eg P@\$\$w0rd!
2. Use **secure web browsers**, those with https at the start of the URL and a padlock or other indication that it is secure, when sharing sensitive information.
3. Update your **operating system** regularly and make sure you have **antivirus** software installed on your computer and other devices – phones too!
4. Avoid opening or responding to emails from people you do not know and aren't expecting – They could contain a virus or malicious software.
5. Don't give out **private information** over the internet or mobile phones about you, your family and friends. Also think about what information might be contained in photos you share.
6. Only accept **friend requests** from people you know and trust. When it comes to friends and followers online it is not a popularity contest!
7. **Think before you post!** Once you've pressed 'Send' you can't get that back. Who might see that photo, video or comment? Where might it end up?
8. Make sure your social media accounts are set to **private or friends only!** Also make sure you check your privacy settings regularly as they can change without you knowing.
9. Tell your friends to ask for **your permission** before uploading or tagging you in a photo – Make sure you do the same!
10. Don't post **inappropriate or illegal** content - It is impossible to permanently delete digital content once it has been shared.

Story Time = Just for Fun

What's your favourite thing that you do with your Parents?

I Love playing with my little sister frankie and my parents :D
by Addison

I Like playing football with my mum :D
by Duke

GET CAUGHT READING
Ebony G Aylah P

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
Room 1 Josh Duke Chelsea Maicey Blake
Room 5 Room 6 Sienna Eva Hannah
Wayne Riley Callum Peyton Sahira Lachlan
Kate S Kate K Megan Nikita



Stand out Students

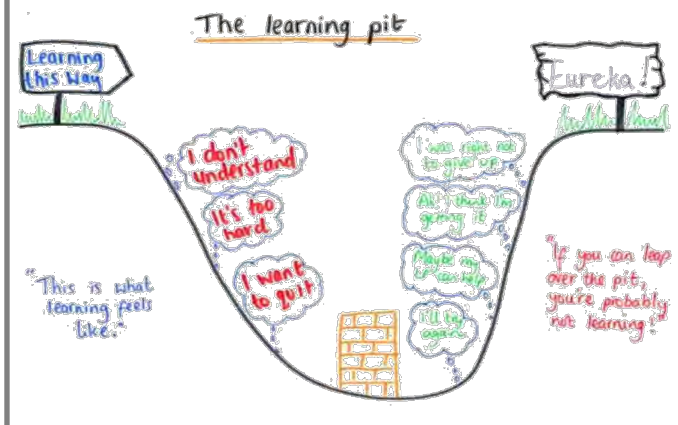
Learning & Persistence with Room 2

THE LEARNING PIT

Staff and students at Berri Primary School are learning about the Learning Pit. It is an imaginative way to help us understand how good learning happens. It also helps us to understand that challenge is a good thing and supports students to develop strategies for when they are stuck in their learning both in and out of school.

I'm sure you will be hearing about the Learning Pit from your students in the coming weeks.

Deb Platt



At swimming lessons, I **practised** gliding and now I am good at it because my swimming teacher **helped me**. It was fun. Letesha

I can float on my back without going under water. If I do, I **try again** and **keep trying** and **don't give up**. Addison

I can swim under the water and blow bubbles and I can swim on my back. I can hold onto the kickboard and do bubbles. I **want to learn** to swim on top of the water. Mia

I **tried** going into the deep pool with the instructor. I was holding on to her because it was too deep and scary for me. Amaya

I **have improved** swimming to the rope, blowing bubbles, going underwater to get the toys and backstroke. I can float on my back. Ari

At first, I could not kick with my group but now I can. We **practised** a few times until we could do it. Brendyn

During the first few weeks back at school, our class has been learning how we can stretch and grow our brains by trying new things without giving up. Making mistakes is one of the best ways our brain learns because your brain grows neurons and more connections between them as you keep trying different strategies to solve problems.

We are also starting to learn about The Dip/ Learning Pit that we all go through at some stage in our learning. Here are a couple of our drawings of the Learning Pit.



HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Hi everyone! Over the past couple of weeks many students from across the school have grasped the concept of hockey and the sport's key skills exceptionally well. It has been great to also witness these students engaging in the process of peer mentoring during classes. Students from year 3 to 7 will continue with hockey lessons while junior primary classes will now begin the scooter safety program as part of their PE program.

As previously mentioned, all students from across the school are immersed in the learning intent and learning success evaluation process at the beginning and end of each HPE lesson. This process encourages students to take ownership of their learning journey in an interactive way with the teacher and other class members.

A reminder to all students when participating in HPE lessons that it is strongly encouraged everyone wears closed in shoes such as affordable running shoes. The wearing of appropriate footwear provides a safe and enjoyable learning experience and minimises unnecessary accidents such as sprained ankles.

If you haven't already, make sure you search and like the Berri Primary School Facebook page so you can see photos of what is happening in HPE as well as keep up to date with school sport. Also search and like Riverland SAPSASA on Facebook as a lot is happening and presented to the community about school sport.

SCHOOL SPORT INCLUDING SAPSASA

Training starts this week for the AFL 9's girls' teams on Wednesday and the 6 a side cricket mixed teams on Thursday. All teams train during lunch!

The Riverland is fast becoming a growing region in South Australia where highly skilled and quality sport minded school students are being selected into various representative teams. Most primary aged representative teams are for students aged 12 and under (born 2006/2007/2008). If you feel you would like to trial for a representative South Australian team please click on the link below to find out more about the nomination process. <https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport/sports-and-competitions/interstate-nomination-process>



Congratulations on a great effort by the swim team that competed at the SAPSASA Riverland Trials last Friday in Renmark. The team led by Konrad enjoyed the opportunity to represent Berri Primary School in individual and team events. Also, well done to Konrad who placed second in all of his events (50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly and 50m breaststroke). Thanks also to Michelle (Kate's mum) for assisting in the transportation of students to the Renmark pool. Without parent support, these opportunities wouldn't happen easily. Waikerie Primary School won the pennant this year just pipping last year's winners Renmark West. It was Mr Safralidis' first time convening the event as Riverland SAPSASA Convenor and the carnival was officiated very smoothly and well received by all involved.

Mr Coote

KEY DATES REMAINING TERM 1:

Week 6: AFL Girls 9 a side lightning carnival Thursday 8th March (Hosted by Berri Primary School)

Week 7: T20 Cricket Blast Berri Primary is entering 3 Teams of mixed year 5, 6 and 7 students Friday 16th March

Week 9: Berri Primary School Cross Country (whole school event) Thursday 29th March

Week 10: SAPSASA District Netball and Australian Football Trials.



U13 Development Squad Trials
Open to all Primary School Aged Girls in Year 7
and Year 6
4:30pm-5:30pm Wednesday 28th February, 14th
and 21st March

U8, U11 and U13 Registration Night BBQ
Wednesday 11th April 5:00pm-6:30pm

U13 Training and Games
Training every Wednesday Night Starting 2nd May
4:30pm-5:30pm
Games every Friday Night Starting 4th May 5:15pm
-6:15pm

U13 Development Squad Training
Every Wednesday Night Starting 4th April 5:30pm-
6:30pm

U8 Training and Games
Every Saturday Morning Starting 5th May 9am-
9:45am

U11 Training and Games
Every Saturday Morning Starting 5th May 9:30am-
11:00am

Enquiries : berrinetballclub@gmail.com or join our
Facebook page
Berri Netball Club is registered to accept the Sports
Vouchers
Issued by the Government of SA.
www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

BERRI HOCKEY CLUB

SIGN ON - COME AND TRY HOCKEY!
New and returning players

Looking for a fun way to get involved with a social
team or increase your fitness? Berri Hockey Club is
looking for players for the 2018 season. Teams are
for all ages starting from Under 9s.

Join us on Monday 5th March
5:30 to 6:30 Juniors
6:30 to 7:30 Seniors
Glasse Park

For More information call Gavin McMahon -
0419038962



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**Online Safety
Presentation**
Presented by Sonya Ryan, CEO

Renmark Parent
Community Session
Wednesday 28th February
7pm
Renmark Hotel Function Room

The presentation explores

- Social networking
- Sharing your information online
- Protecting your privacy
- Sexting
- GPS enabled devices
- iPads & adolescents
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Barmera Monash Football Club – U13
Preseason training every Tuesday & Thursday nights for 2018 @ 5pm from 27th February
Under 13 coach is Matthew Minn
All players intending to play this season are urged to attend



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HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A VOLUNTEER?

We are looking for responsible, friendly people who enjoy working with children, young people and their families.

All volunteers must undergo a criminal history check to take part in activities involving or in close proximity to children. To take part in this rewarding work, contact your Department for Child Protection office.

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hayley.may2@sa.gov.au

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COUNTRY MUSIC COUNTDOWN

An eclectic mix OF MUSIC

Open mic

- Ron and Julie Haynes (Froth and Bubbles)
- Caroline Eichenger
- Barry Hembling 'Highway One'
- And many many more

Come and join some of your favourite local musos and hear what they have to offer

Sunday 11th of March

11am till the fun stops

\$5 entry fee

Sausage sizzle

Drinks and other foods available

At the famous Mallee Fowl restaurant Sturt Highway, Berri

Come and check out some of Frank's crazy creations. Children welcome

Contacts
Rosemary on 0428 887 034
Or Pauline on 0409 285 380



In recent years **Jayne McDonough OT for Riverland Kids** has been fully booked and our capacity to see new clients has been extremely limited. Due to some older children "graduating" from our service and the recruitment of new staff we are now in a position to accept new referrals. If you know a family who has a child aged 0 – 12 years who would benefit from Occupational Therapy services from Jayne McDonough OT for Riverland Kids please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible to discuss their child's needs and secure an appointment space.

School, home or clinic based assessment and therapy services to support these important skills:

- Sensory processing
- Fine motor
- Prewriting
- Handwriting
- Daily living tasks
- Social skills

To refer your child to this service or if you have any queries please contact **Jayne McDonough OT for Riverland Kids**

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