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Berri Primary School Newsletter

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Thursday 17th May 2018 Week 3 Term 2

PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 21st May

OSHC Available Bookings Essential

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This is my last Newsletter for 6 weeks and by this time next week I will be eating a croissant on top of the Eiffel Tower!

I am sure that everything will continue to run smoothly with Judy Cottam and Peter Safralidis in charge.

Congratulations to the following students who entered the Schools Poetry and Short Story Competition of 2018 and have now been shortlisted. Aaron K, Eva S, Arreh S, Tate K, Mason S, Shiane C, Amali G, Anders G, Rhianna K, Felicity B, Akusha M, and Hayden H. First prize is \$1000 and choice of the following; Apple IPad, Fitbit Iconic, Xbox One or a Playstation 4. All of the shortlisted people have the opportunity to be published in the book Horizon of Dreams. Good luck to everyone.

Our Pupil Free Day is on Monday 21st May. Teachers will continue with their Visible Learning Training and Development.

Greg

DIARY DATES

WALK SAFE TO SCHOOL DAY	Week 3	Friday 18 May
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Week 7	Mon 11 June
SPORTS DAY	Week 9	Fri 29 June
CHOIR - TOWN HALL	Week 10	Fri 6 July
PUPIL FREE DAY	Week 4 (T3)	Fri 17 August
SCHOOL CLOSURE	Week 7 (T3)	Fri 7 September

Whilst the year 3, 5 and 7 students were busy with their NAPLAN testing on Tuesday, Mr Platt decided to turn the clock back, WAY BACK, and get the year 6 students involved in some square dancing. Despite the odd awkward moment of where a boy has to hold the hand of the girl (and vice versa), it appeared that everyone was having a great time. No doubt the year 6 students are a little more cultured about their dancing and music after this fun experience with Mr Platt.



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My **MUM** is special because she plays with me. Jy
My mum is special because she takes me in a rocket ship. Gracie
My mum is special because she **LOVES** me. Andy
My mum is special because she loves me and she loves giving me kisses. Lennox
My mum is **special** because she gives me hugs. Ky
My mum is special because she lets me play outside. Dantae
My mum is special because she gets me toys. Milla
My mum is special because she buys me toys. Cienna
My **MUM** is special because she gets me lots of toys. Ellen
My mum is special because she gives me **hugs**. Tahlia
My mum is special because she feeds me all the time. Steven
My mum is special because she gives me hugs. Emma
My mum is special because she gives me **curlies**. Crystal
My mum is special because she gives me a lot of stuff. Willow
My mum is special because she's my **best friend**. Mikayla
My mum is special because she looks after me and she buys me toys. Tia
My mum is **special** because she gives me love. Elija



Get caught Reading Awards

ISABELLA NIKITA GAVVYN JD

Little Einstein Science Awards

WINNERS:

EBONY RM 1 PHOENIX RM 27 NIKKI RM 21

NOMINEES:

RM 1 EBONY WESLEY RM 2 ADDISON CHARLI RM 3 BRANTLEY KHLOE RM 5 ELIJA TIA RM 6 MIA ROHMAN RM 22 AARON FELICITY HAYLEY RM 24 RYDER JASMINE JAI MEGAN ETHAN PAIGE RM 25 JADE MIA SHAYLA ELLA SOPHIA CHRIS RIANNA RM 26 KRISTEN-ELLAN ISABELLA NOAH JACK RM 27 AYLAH LAYTEESHA CALLUM PHOENIX TAYLAH RM 20 NHI BELLA COHEN TARA RYAN V ISAAC RM 21 TYSON KASSIDY JACK HARRY BRIANNA EMILY NIKKI RM 22 EVA ALEXI SARAH

House points:

Murray: 140

Flinders: 100

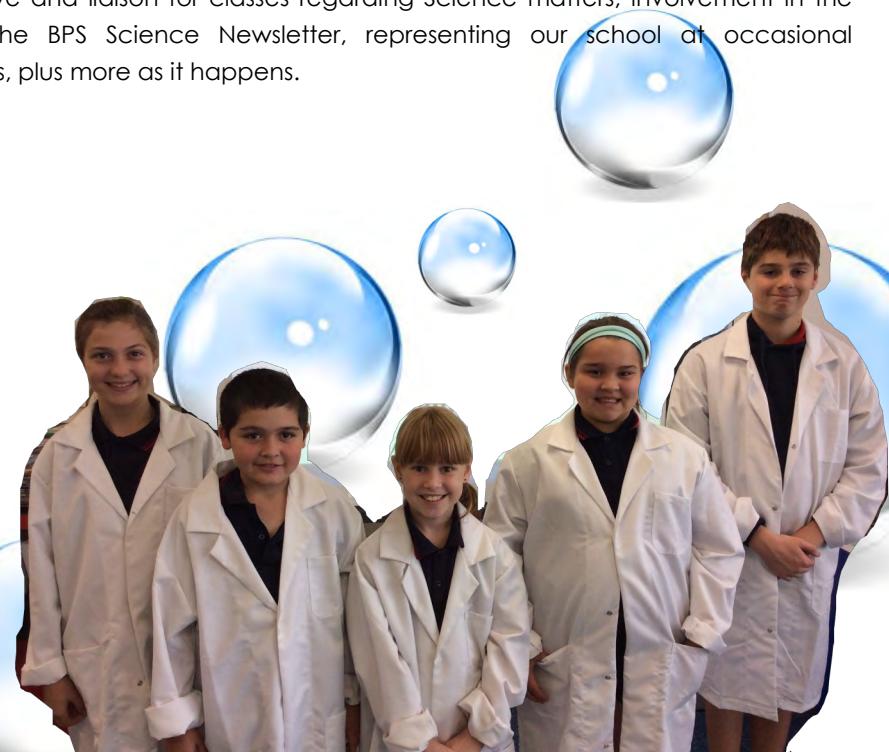
Sturt: 190

Chaffey: 120



The Student Science Squad is a program unique to Berri Primary School, introduced in 2017, which provides a student voice in the planning and implementation of Science teaching and learning here at the school. Some changes have been made to the Science Squad program this year based on parent and student feedback, so I thank those of you who were willing to provide this.

This year, one child represents each middle and upper primary class for two terms (Rooms 20, 21, 22, 24, 25). Responsibilities of the Science Squad include providing feedback and ideas for topics in Science lessons, administration of the Little Einstein Science Awards, providing input and assistance in planning for special events such as Science Week, acting as a representative and liaison for classes regarding Science matters, involvement in the preparation of the BPS Science Newsletter, representing our school at occasional community events, plus more as it happens.



Here are some thoughts from our current Science Squad:

"I like getting to announce the Little Einstein Awards at the assembly." Bryce, Room 25

"I enjoyed interviewing different people about Science for the Science Newsletter." Eva, Room 22

"I really enjoy announcing the Little Einstein Awards to the school at our assemblies." Jacob, Room 20

"It's fun rehearsing with the Science Squad before the assemblies." Jasmine, Room 24

"I like it all! I especially liked writing the articles for the Science Newsletter." Amelia, Room 21

Health and Physical Education with Mr Coote

Hi all,

Well the term is in full swing and a lot has been achieved thus far. The first two weeks in PE consisted of soccer skills for all students across the school. The learning intention was primarily skills and not games and I am pleased to say that many improved their general ball control over these two weeks. Hopefully most of you have seen the brief Facebook video of the junior primary classes engaged in their lesson. In this edition there also some photos of students displaying their skills. This week all students from year 3 to 7 started the track and field program which is designed to ready everyone for our annual sports day. The junior primary students will be doing some modified track and field activities before they move onto preparing for their sports day games. My teaching intention during this track and field program is to ensure every student is provided with the right skills so each individual can perform to the best of their ability. And ultimately, achieve the best result for their sports house on the big day. A discreet teaching intention of mine is to try and get as many of our students into the district athletics team.

You may have noticed some of the YouTube clips being posted on the school's Facebook page! The aim of this is to provide the community with footage of students learning in PE lessons or participating in sporting carnivals. Thank you to all who have given positive feedback as it lets us know whether we are on the right track with communicating with the school community.

Also, it was great to receive my Brain Cancer Beanies this week from Miss North, Tanya and the SRC. Being able to donate to and support this initiative is fantastic. Thanks for the awesome beanies!



What has and is happening in School Sport with Mr Coote

Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who competed and trialled at Martins Bend in the Riverland SAPSASA Cross Country event. It was great to see all students trying their best and finishing. Research has indicated that cross country (middle distance) running has many endurance benefits when playing in sports like Australian Football, netball and basketball. If you are looking for that edge over your competitor, then maybe this is something for you! Well done to Cohen, Jai, Levi and Hayden who performed especially well and as a result of their time and placing, they have been invited to represent the Riverland at the School Sport SA Cross Country Championships on Thursday June 7th. A photo of the boys receiving their representative assistance package is included in this edition.

Cohen 1st 2005 boys (11:59:39) Levi 4th 2005 boys (13:22:07)
Hayden 6th 2007 boys (12:58:55) Jai 5th 2008 boys (9:31:51)

Hockey

Last Friday Berri PS participated in the Riverland SAPSASA hockey carnival. The teams were named Berri Broncos and Berri Buddies for a bit of fun. This was the first time in over 3 years that the school had entered a team, let alone two. Mrs Keynes and I were very proud of both teams and the way they played the game so positively. The Buddies won two of their 5 games while the Broncos, unfortunately didn't win a game. The Broncos never gave up and challenged each team they played with a dogged determination and were rewarded with a draw against Renmark West PS. The carnival organiser made particular note of the Berri teams saying that despite not having any experienced club players playing, both teams really made their opponents work hard for their victories. Also, a special thanks to Christie Webb (Renmark HS student) who umpired all of our games.

Soccer

The process has begun for selecting the two school teams to compete at the Riverland SAPSASA soccer carnival on Friday 25th May. Students train on Tuesday and Thursday during lunch.

Riverland SAPSASA District Soccer and Hockey Trials

Both sports have started their trials for Riverland representation. Soccer had its first trial on Monday with 8 students attending. Hockey has been trialling on Saturday mornings with a few students showing interest in attending.



Wellbeing wonderings...

Oh my goodness, Term 2 has started in a rush! Students are busy both in class and as organisers for activities across the school. Here's a snapshot of what's going on:

Wednesday Wiggles

9.00 each Wednesday a group of students led by Megan and Mia are running a Health Hustle. The whole school has been coming along to wiggle their way into Wednesday. Mr Coote made a video of the session that you can find at <https://youtu.be/FB9N1tDxVSW>

Walk Safe to School Day

Friday 18th May is Walk Safe to School Day. Junior SRC are meeting at the corner of Zante Rd and Muscat Ave to walk with other students to school. If you would like to join us on our safe walk to school, we will be leaving the corner at 8.25am.

Beanies for Brain Cancer

This term we are sewing like crazy in the Library. Students were offered the opportunity to put their name down to make a Beanie this term. Our first round of names saw 156 beanies being selected. Both Tanya F and I are sewing with students each break time to have our beanies ready to wear for the Beanies for Brain Cancer day that we are holding on Friday 8th June.

SRC are asking that students bring in spare change to join our coin line in the Pavilion. Last year we raised over \$800 and we're hoping to do the same this year. As well as the coin line we are going to be creating 'THE BIG BEANIE' on the oval. This involves all students wearing their beanies standing within the shape of a beanie. We have a drone pilot organised to take aerial photos of 'THE BIG BEANIE'. There may be other activities happening on the day, SRC are still working on creating the event. If you'd like to come along, feel free to join us.

Faye North
Student Wellbeing Leader



Thanks to Star Lab Australia for bringing their 'Off This Planet' presentation to Berri Primary School. All the students were so engaged and interested, from Receptions right through to year 7s. Some quotes from the students pictured with the astronaut below. Unfortunately it was difficult to get a good picture of what was going on inside the dome, but it was pretty amazing in there:

Jarred - 'I liked the remote control Lego Rover. Rovers explore other planets that nobody has ever stepped foot on with cameras!'

Taylah - 'It was really cool when we went in the dome and looked at all the stars that made the shapes of animals and people.'

Kiara - 'I liked how the Earth was projected on to the roof and we could see all the different parts of the world.'

Kahlia - 'I learned that no women have ever walked on the moon, so I want to be the first one!'

Lachlan - 'I liked how it showed all the stars connecting to make shapes. It was also cool when they projected the Earth and showed how it spins. It was awesome!'

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**18TH MAY 2018,
5.30PM**

BERRI YOUTH HUB OFFICIAL OPENING!!

Join us as we officially launch the Berri Youth Hub, opened by the Mayor of Berri Barmera Council, Peter Hunt. There will be activities for all, and a sausage sizzle!



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