

TEAMWORK
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Wednesday 30th May 2018 Week 5 Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

My name is Judy Cottam and I am standing in for Greg Platt while he is away. I have been the Principal at Renmark West Primary for 6 years and decided to take the opportunity to come and get to know another school. It is always good to see what is happening in other schools. The students and staff at Berri Primary have been so welcoming and supportive during my first two weeks here. I am so impressed with the quality teaching and learning that is happening in the classrooms and the commitment by the staff here to making sure all our children experience success. They have the best interests of the children at heart. The assembly that is run by the S.R.C, the Big Beanie team who have made so many beanies and the plans you have for the new STEM teaching space have been highlights so far.

Over the next 4 weeks I am looking forward to meeting and making connections with more parents. Stop and say hello if you have time.

Judy Cottam

DIARY DATES

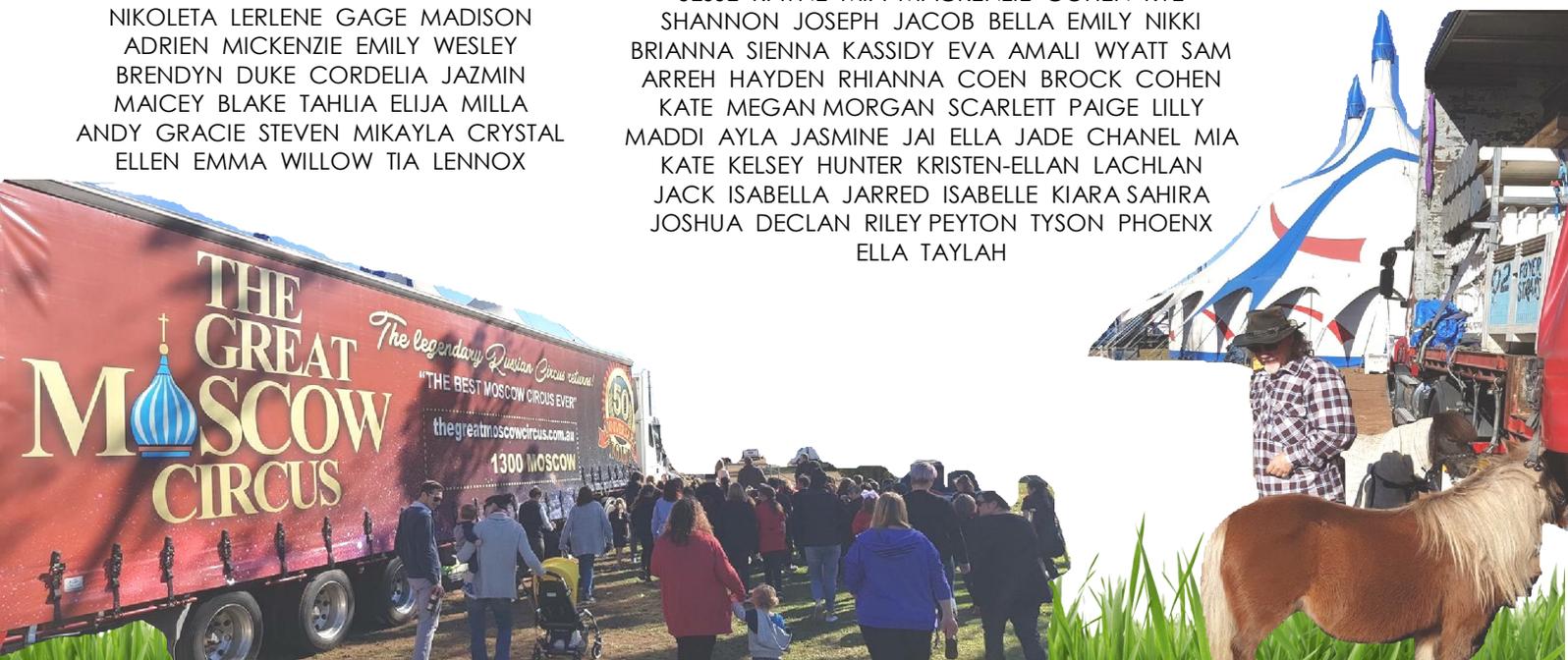
BIG BEANIE DAY	Week 6	Fri 8 June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Week 7	Mon 11 June
SPORTS DAY	Week 9	Fri 29 June
CHOIR - TOWN HALL	Week 3 (T3)	Thurs 9 August
PUPIL FREE DAY	Week 4 (T3)	Fri 17 August

Congratulations!

to our **Level 3** (R-2) and **Level 4** (3-7) Circus goes on Friday. Twelve students won free tickets for asking fabulous questions to Mark, the PR man. We had an exciting tour around the circus and even got to meet a clown. Thanks to everyone for coming along.

MYKA LENII RILEY EBONY RYDER
NIKOLETA LERLENE GAGE MADISON
ADRIEN MICKENZIE EMILY WESLEY
BRENDYN DUKE CORDELIA JAZMIN
MAICEY BLAKE TAHLIA ELIJA MILLA
ANDY GRACIE STEVEN MIKAYLA CRYSTAL
ELLEN EMMA WILLOW TIA LENNOX

JESSE KAYNE MIA MACKENZIE COHEN KYE
SHANNON JOSEPH JACOB BELLA EMILY NIKKI
BRIANNA SIENNA KASSIDY EVA AMALI WYATT SAM
ARREH HAYDEN RHIANNA COEN BROCK COHEN
KATE MEGAN MORGAN SCARLETT PAIGE LILLY
MADDI AYL A JASMINE JAI ELLA JADE CHANEL MIA
KATE KELSEY HUNTER KRISTEN-ELLAN LACHLAN
JACK ISABELLA JARRED ISABELLE KIARA SAHIRA
JOSHUA DECLAN RILEY PEYTON TYSON PHOENX
ELLA TAYLAH



The curious children of Room 1

What is a pencil made out of? Adrien
Why are Zebras Black and White? Mickenzie
What are clouds made of? Myka
Why is the sun hot? Emily

Why do we have Easter? Nikoleta
How do we grow at night? Ebony
What is the sun made of? Graham
What are trees made of? Gage

Why are
our eyes
different
colours?
Mark

What
makes
the car
wheels
go
around?
Zippy



Where does the sky end? Madison
How is playdough made? Lerlene
How does an engine make a car move? Riley
Does the planet ever grow? Wesley

How does the moon move? Lenii
Why were dinosaurs different Colours? Ryder
How is glass made? Logan
How do Computers work? Mason

Choir 2018!



Choir this year had been busy with students learning lots of new songs, some with actions, stomps and claps. We have had two rehearsals at the Town Hall with the other schools singing with us, which have been a lot of fun. We have also had many children auditioning for solos - including singing, rapping and compering. Children who wish to audition need to learn parts of songs or a script, audition at school and then if they are successful audition in front of a panel of adults. This process can be very daunting and I congratulate all children who auditioned at any level. We have been lucky enough to have had 6 children from Berri Primary School selected to perform a solo, either singing or rapping, on the night. Congratulations Bella, Cohen, Felicity, Boyd, Shianne and Ebony.

The choir runs for three nights in week 3 next term and we are performing on **Thursday the 9th of August**. Come along and enjoy a night of singing and see all 34 choir members from our school perform.



I would like to also congratulate Isaac on being selected to be a part of the Festival Band. The band has begun rehearsing every Tuesday night learning all the songs to support our choirs. They are being conducted by Ben Leahy - one of our fabulous music teachers.

Karyn Clarke
Choir Trainer



Health and Physical Education with Mr Coote

Hi all,

It has been a very engaging week during PE lessons for student development. The junior primary students began introductory lessons on high jump with a focus on the scissor kick technique. If you see your child doing some ballet moves around your house they may just be practising their scissor kick for high jump. In addition to high jump, students have been continuing a focus on balance using the 'balance cushions'. The balance cushion activity not only helps with balance but also contributes to core strengthening.

In the middle to upper primary classes, the focus has moved onto discus from shot put. The first lesson on discus focussed on holding the discus correctly, footwork and execution of the throw. Utilising the indoor discus, which is 100g in weight, students were able to peer assist a partner in close proximity. After using the indoor discus correctly, students were able to use the actual discus, either 500g or 750g, in the discus cage on the oval. To assist in sports day preparation, each focus event has culminated in a mini competition. Students have really enjoyed this learning approach to developing their skills.

School Sport Update

Soccer

Well done to the two teams from Berri Primary School who competed at the district soccer carnival last Friday. All schools played very competitively and wanted to win! The Berri students were very competitive and experienced both wins and losses. There were 11 schools competing with each school contributing both a boys and girls team. The final results indicated that the boys finished 5th and girls 7th. Congratulations to Ryan V, who was awarded 3rd best boy player overall for the tournament. A video of the students enjoying the day is available by clicking on the link here or copying it into your internet browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5MJu6soGFM&t=8s>

Cross Country

Good luck to Cohen B, Levi M, Hayden H and Jai P who will compete at the School Sport SA Cross Country Championships at Oakbank on Thursday 7th June. Cohen and Levi have been training particularly hard for the past 12 months with the Riverland Athletics Development Squad preparing for this event. Like swimming and track and field, it is one of the hardest individual sports to achieve high level success. At these championships, all four boys will have the opportunity to gain selection into the South Australian team to compete on the Sunshine Coast Qld in August if successful. You can do it boys! I want to be able to take some Berri PS cross country runners with me to nationals with the rest of the SA team.

Hot Shots Tennis and Reception Racquets

Berri Primary School has a strong focus in Hot Shots tennis during PE lessons. The school is a part of the national tennis scheme which promotes modified tennis in schools. For the past four years, a tennis tournament has been held during lunch for years 4/5 and 6/7 students. The tournament is structured similarly to club tournaments, where winners continue onto the next round. In the past, the tournament was held in term 1, though this year it has been moved to term 4. Both finalists receive a trophy with the winner of both tournaments getting their names engraved on the perpetual trophy which is located in the cabinet found at the front office. A couple of years ago I was invited to attend a teacher presentation awards event at the 2015 Australian Open in Melbourne. As a result of this opportunity, I was lucky to get a hold of some free racquets for the Berri Reception students from Tennis Australia. I am pleased to announce that in 2018, the reception students will once again receive a free racquet at the end of term 3. The aim of this initiative is provide the resource to engage young children to learn and develop an enjoyment to play tennis.



Young Aboriginal STEM Thinkers of South Australia (YASTSA) Congress 2018

On Monday and Tuesday we had the pleasure of taking Ashton and Breah to the YASTSA STEM congress at the Adelaide Oval. Over the two days we were involved in many different STEM activities within central Adelaide. Aboriginal students from across the state applied to attend the congress to develop their skills and understanding of STEM thinking and culture.

I liked hearing the stories about the Aboriginal people's history. We went to the museum to visit the archives related to the ancestry of Aboriginal families. I loved the company at the Pancake Kitchen, although I filled my belly up with a bit too much pancake and thick shake. It was funny when we thought we were stuck in the elevator but we were actually on the right floor. It was fun to go shopping in the mall and have dinner with our three ex Berri PS students. On Monday night we went to Latitude. My favourite part was rock climbing and the sky walk. I was amazed I was able to make two new friends, Bailey and Samuel. I am very grateful to the STEM organisers, the school, Mrs Makris and Miss North for organising this amazing adventure. This adventure has also led me to now being able to make a lot of pom poms and crocheting.

By Breah

I like the robotics activity, being able to do coding and programming with my new friends. My last activity was virtual reality, with the task being to re tell the Dreaming Story Thukeri using art in virtual reality. On Sunday night, we had a great time in the Cucina restaurant with Mrs Makris, her children, and Miss North. We had an amazing breakfast at the Pancake Kitchen where I ate one and a half waffles and a pancake with ice cream, while everybody else was at school!

By Ashton

CARRIE'S
Beanie 4 Brain Cancer

Big Beanie Day - Friday 8th June

9 - 10am Coin Line

We'll be creating a Beanie out of coins. Students will come out with their classes to add their coins to the creation. All funds will be donated to the Carrie's Beanies for Brain Cancer foundation to help fund research into brain cancer. No matter how big or small, all donations are welcome :)

11am Aerial Photo

We have a drone coming to take photos of our 'Big Beanie' made out of all students, staff and families wearing their beanies. So far students have created just over 200 beanies in the Library at lunch times thanks to the hard work of Tanya F and the support of Tanya P and Miss North.

If you have the chance, we'd love to see you here wearing a beanie and being part of our day.



Family Fun Night Update

Early this term, SRC surveyed families to see if there was any interest in holding a Family Fun Night in 2018. We are sorry to inform you that Family Fun Night will not be going ahead this year due to the small number of families that were willing to sign up to help out. We are extremely thankful to those who did volunteer their time to help out. Kind regards Tara and Amali – Senior SRC.

After numerous reminders there are still drivers not following the Kiss and Drop protocols.

DO NOT USE THE KISS AND DROP ZONE AS A PARKING ZONE.

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. 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.

The Parking Inspector also regularly monitors this and will fine people not following the rules.

KISS AND DROP RULES



1

QUEUE IN SEQUENCE

Vehicles should queue starting from the top of the zone to create a safe and timely flow in and out of the zone.

2

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE

To assist with traffic flow, drivers are to remain in the car whilst children get in and out. Children should travel with bags in the car (not in the boot).

3

BE TIMELY

If your child/ren can not get in or out of the vehicle in a timely manner please leave and re-enter the Kiss and Drop zone.

IF YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE PLEASE USE THE CAR PARK AND NOT THE KISS AND DROP ZONE. IF EVERYONE ADHERES TO THESE DIRECTIONS THE KISS AND DROP ZONE WILL RUN SUCCESSFULLY.