

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Council AGM will be held in the
Berri Primary School Library on Monday 18th March at 6:30pm.

Our Governing Council meetings are very task orientated and usually last no longer than 1 hour. We only meet 2 times per term, so if you want to have a big say in your child's education I urge you to come along and put your name forward or complete the reply slip. Please call the school if you would like further information.

I would like to be considered for a position on the Berri Primary School Governing Council 2019.

NAME: _____

SIGNED _____

CHILD/CHILDREN: _____

DATE _____

From The Principal

BEHAVIOUR LEVELS REFRESHER

Our focus is on 'catching kids being good' which means that we are dedicated to emphasising, recognising and rewarding positive student behaviour.

All students from years 3 to 7 operate on a 4 level system with the opportunities for the student choice increasing as the students move through the levels. Students on Level 4 are able to choose where they sit, with whom they work with and when appropriate, allowed to work outside.

Moving from level 1 to level 2 is relatively easy and can often be achieved in a single lesson. Moving from level 2 to level 3 is more difficult and may take 1 to 2 weeks of sustained effort. Becoming a level 4 student requires many weeks of sustained, positive behaviour.

The junior primary children only have 3 behaviour levels and all children start each week on level 2 and endeavour to move to level 3 during the week. Those who reach level 3 stay there.

Teachers spend considerable time teaching the characteristics of a high level learner and practising the skill required to move upwards. They also provide many opportunities during the day that allow the higher level learners to work independently.

We believe it is important for our high level learners to be given the opportunity to celebrate and be recognised for their achievement through activities such as assemblies, newsletters, BBQ's and cooking programmes. Where possible, parents/carers are encouraged to attend these celebrations to share in the success of their children.

Maria Rivera

DIARY DATES

PUPIL FREE DAY	Tues 12 March	WEEK 7 TERM 1
AGM	Mon 18 March	WEEK 8 TERM 1
PUPIL FREE DAY	Mon 8 April	WEEK 11 TERM 1
SCHOOL PHOTOS	Tue 9th April	WEEK 11 TERM 1
PUPIL FREE DAY	Fri 28 June	WEEK 9 TERM 2
SCHOOL CLOSURE	Fri 6 September	WEEK 7 TERM 3

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TERM 1

We used the Dreaming story Thukeri to link our school learner qualities / values.

This is a story about two men who lived on the shores of Lake Alexandrina. They belonged to the Ngarrindjeri people. The two men set off in their bark canoe to go fishing on the lake. They travelled along on the calm, cool waters until they came to their favourite fishing place called Loveday Bay, where they always caught the best and most delicious bream fish. In their language, this fish is called 'Thukeri'. They found a good, sheltered spot among some high reeds. They had made their own fishing lines, called nungi, from cords they had made from the reeds. They used very sharp bird bones for hooks. They knew the women were collecting vegetable plants to eat with the fish. As the day went on, the two men sat there catching more and more fat, juicy Thukeri. They were having such a wonderful day catching so many fish and wanted to keep catching more and more, but the canoe was almost full and looked like it would sink. As they paddled in closer to shore, they could see a stranger in the distance. He seemed to be walking straight towards them. The two men looked at each other. What if this stranger wanted some of their beautiful, juicy Thukeri? They were greedy and decided not to share with the stranger. They decided to keep all the fat lovely silver bream for themselves and quickly covered the fish up with their woven mats so that the stranger would not see them. When the stranger came up to the two men, he said, "Hello brothers, I haven't eaten anything at all today.

Could you spare me a couple of fish?" The two men looked at each other and at the mats hiding the Thukeri. They turned to the stranger and one of them said, "I'm sorry friend, but we caught only a few fish today and we have to take them home for our wives and children and the old people because they are depending on us. So you see, we can't give you any". The stranger stood there for a long while and then started to walk away. He stopped, turned around and stared at them. "You lied", he said, "I know that you have plenty of fish in your canoe. Because you are so greedy you will never be able to enjoy those Thukeri ever again". The two men stood there puzzled as the stranger walked away into the sunset. They shrugged their shoulders, then quickly took off the mats and began to gut the fish, but as they did this, they found that these beautiful silver Thukeri were so full of sharp, thin bones that they couldn't eat them. "What are we going to do? We can't take these home to our families, they'll choke on them." So the two men had to return home in shame, with only the bony fish. When they got home they told their families what had happened. The old people told them that the stranger was really the Great Spirit called Ngurunderi. Now all the Ngarrindjeri people would be punished forever because the two men were so greedy! And so, today, whenever people catch a bony bream, they are reminded of long ago when Ngurunderi taught them a lesson.

Students listened to the story and had discussions related to our learner qualities and values. Great discussions took place in classes and students took the opportunity to ask many questions.



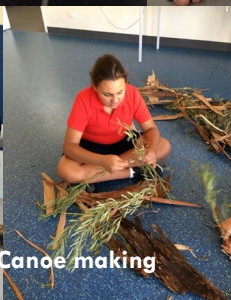
Room 2: Story Time



Room 2 with their Thukeri



Rooms 20 and 21 Canoe making



Rooms 7 and 8 Thukeri

Students of the week

Christian Tyson Amelia Ayla Tia Jaxon Rohnan Crystal Jai
Sophia Ehan Amahli Mordecai Nikki Aaron Mickenzie Zara Oliver



Wellbeing is an important part of being both a student and staff member at our school. After the creation of 'relaxation masks' for Room 15 to support their relaxation time after breaks, Alex has been working hard with Miss North to make 'relaxation masks' for staff. We have been using our sewing machines in the Library and mixing rice with lavender. When we shared them with staff, look what happened!



HOME INTERACTION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND YOUNGSTERS

FREE PROGRAM

Families together on a learning journey.



Hippy Australia
Families Learning Together

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a two-year, home-based early childhood learning program that empowers parents and carers as their child's first teacher.

Learn the skills to get your child ready for school and supporting your child's learning and developments at school and home.

Contact Katisha at ac.care for information:
0438 202 412

JUNIOR GOLF

Come and have **FUN** and learn **NEW SKILLS**.

WHERE	Berri Golf Club
WHEN	Each Sunday morning (Starting on 24th Feb.)
TIME	9.00am-10.00am
COST	\$5.00 each session. First session free.

Golf sticks are provided. Please wear a hat, sunscreen and appropriate shoes. For further information please contact Lynn Smith on 0418411491



U8 COMPETITION

Open to School Aged Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Saturday Morning 9:00am-10:00am

U11 COMPETITION

Open to School Aged Children in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5
Saturday Mornings 10:00am-11:30am

REGISTRATION AND 1ST TRAINING SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2019

U13 COMPETITION

Open to all Primary School Aged Children in Year 6 and Year 7
Training Wednesday Nights 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Games Friday Nights 5:15pm - 6:30pm

REGISTRATION AND 1ST TRAINING WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2019

U13 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD TRIALS

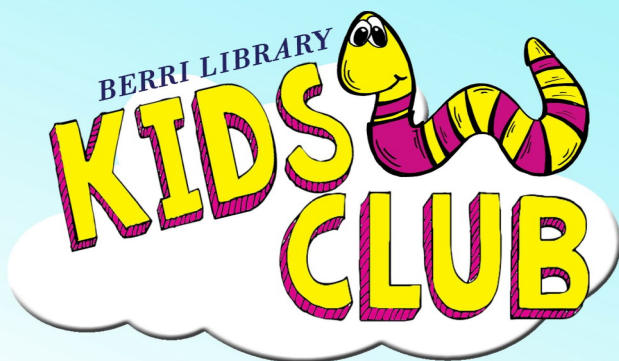
20th February
27th February
6th March

Trials will be held 4:30pm-5:30pm, Registrations will be taken 1st Trial

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 BARMERA LIBRARY SERVICE



Come and join Berri Library's new Kids Club.
Storytime • Crafts • Activities

Thursdays 9:30am - 10:15am
During school term

Ages 2-5 years
This programme is FREE

Children will receive a badge, passport and library bag.