

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PUPIL FREE DAY CANCELLED

Please note the Pupil Free Day scheduled for Term 2 Week 2 has been cancelled.

END OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL

Please be aware that schools now require every child to have parental permission for early dismissal at the end of each term. Many families have already completed this permission form sent out at the end of 2020. Teachers will make contact with any parents/carers next week that still need to complete the form.

At all times in Berri Primary School we have amazing teaching and learning happening in each class. I hope you all had the opportunity to discover this at Parent Teacher Interviews.

This newsletter is full of many of the great things that your child experienced at Berri Primary this term. Thankfully COVID has had minimal impact and it's been business as usual.

Please take the time to have a look at how action packed the term was.

Greg

IMPORTANT DATES

GOOD FRIDAY	Fri 2nd Apr	WEEK 10
EASTER MONDAY	Mon 5th Apr	WEEK 11
END OF TERM 1	Fri 9th Apr	WEEK 11
TERM 2 BEGINS	Tue 27th Apr	WEEK 1

PUPIL FREE DAY **Mon 3rd May** **WEEK 2**

CANCELLED



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

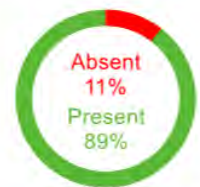
Attendance at school is an important contributor to a student's academic achievement – all school days matter.

We understand that sometimes students are absent due to illness, family or other reasons. If your child is absent from school for any particular reason please notify the class teacher via the class App, communication book/diary or contact us on 85821077.



Year to Date (2021)

The average daily attendance rate, Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 17/03/2021



Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 17/03/2021

Happy Easter

SAPSASA ATHLETICS

Berri Primary School got off to a fantastic start for the day with all our 800m competitors achieving personal bests and finishing the race. The day continued to get better with many students placing in the top 3 for their heats and making the finals for their 100m races. Students were super supportive of their peers and assisted showing the younger students to their events and staying to watch and cheer.

There was not much time in between many of the events and we had lots of students who were doing 2 events at the one time.

Some special mentions for the day.

The highlights from me were all the brand-new competitors that were in the 2011 age group. What a fantastic day they had. They are all super keen to come again next year and improve on their results from this year.



The 2009 girls relay team are officially undefeated for this age group with 3 in a row!!! Super amazing results from these athletes. Phoenix Jackson came first in 3 of his events. He smashed his 100m and 200m heat while racing off to do long jump in between those races. He then participated in the 2009 age boys relay team who came second by 2 seconds and then had to compete in his 100m and 200m final, winning convincingly in those too. Tyson Burford came first in shot put, Sahira Glen came first in high jump, Milli Wenman first in shot put, Kelsey Goldspink came first in shot put for the 3rd year in a row and Ryder Critchley first in shot put.

There were many second and third place winners and Berri Primary overall came 3rd for the day. Well done to all students on such a fantastic day. Special thanks go to Alby who drove the bus and provided support on the day getting students to events. Miss Byrnes for her super organised folder and getting the students to the events on time. Katie Lawrie for her continued help and support at our SAPSASA events, we are so lucky to have you supporting us all and keeping us organised. Jack Campain for directing students to their locations and doing our long jump time slot. Well done everyone.

Bec Keynes



Sapsasa Athletics day was very exciting and intense. All the kids had a go and it was fun and exhausting at the same time. Jason



The day was great. Lots of schools were supporting each other. Everyone was listening to the teacher to hear when they had to compete. The day was fun and amazing. Chanel

The Sapsasa Athletics day was really fun. I enjoyed competing in my events and watching my friends in their events. Sahira

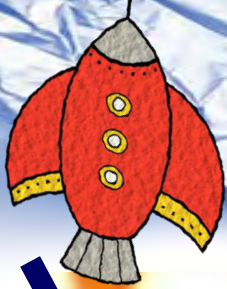


Well done to Josh, Riley and Lachlan who were selected for the Sapsasa Riverland Softball Team. They have spent this week in Adelaide competing in the State Carnival.



The Athletics day was really fun and our school did really well in all events and showed great teamwork throughout the day. I think all students were nervous but had a lot of fun. Phoenix





Launchpad



With assistance from Mrs Makris, Lori, Fiona, Janet and Tanya, Launchpad students are working very hard everyday to 'Blast Off' into their learning.



This week students dyed hard boiled eggs the traditional way. The eggs were decorated using pastels in Aboriginal and traditional patterns.



GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Monday 15th March our School Leaders attended the GRIP Conference at the Entertainment Centre. The day focused on student leadership and how students can make changes in the school. Our Student Leaders interacted with many other leaders from schools around SA. They were involved in the process for making positive changes and how to implement these within their school community.

A great day of fun and interactive activities was had by everyone and our Leaders are excited about planning for Berri Primary School.



ROOM 3 STEM PROJECT

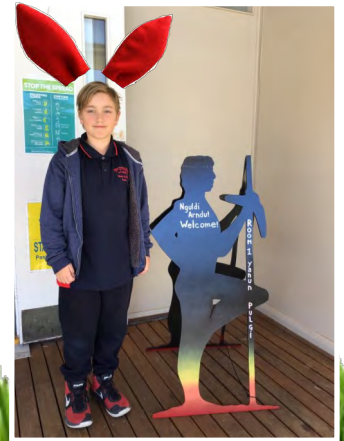
A WORLD FILLED WITH ROBOTs

Room 3 students have been learning about Robots and their role in the world. Through our investigations students found out that a robot is a machine. It does tasks without the help of a person. Many people think of robots as machines that look and act like people. Robots only do what a person has built them to do. All robots need to be programmed.

Room 3 students used different materials to create their own robots. These have not yet been programmed. The next stage of our STEM project is to consider what job these robots of the future can do.



Wednesday lunchtimes is Cultural activity time with Mrs Makris and Shane. Students are involved in art activities relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.



Greetings from the Art Room!



Just a sample of some of the fabulous artwork created by the students from years 2 – 7 during this term.

Keep in mind that all students will have their masterpieces showcased mid-way through Term 2. This will feature work from all students and across all year levels (Reception – Year 7). You will be able to see the various skills, media and techniques that your children have used and developed. More news will follow regarding our Berri Primary School Visual Arts Exhibition. In the meantime, check out this terrific work, featuring:

- Cats on a Hot Tin Roof (Year 2/3 students)
- Easter Bunnies, ready for an Easter Treasure Hunt (front page - Year 2/3 students)
- Australian Landscapes (Year 6/7 students)

Paula Bucon
Teacher of the Arts R – 7



SA CIRCUS CENTRE, THE HOME OF CIRKIDZ PRESENTS

CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

THE WORKSHOPS
Participants will be focussing on developing a variety of fundamentals in various circus disciplines including tumbling, juggling, trampoline, acrobatics, balance and more! Improve coordination, strength and flexibility via games, activities, structured play and group work.

Tues 13th - Thurs 15th April
Introduction to Circus Arts
Tackez (5 - 8 years) 180 mins
including breaks
10:00am - 1:00pm
Tweenz (9 - 12 years) 180 mins
including breaks
2:00pm - 5:00pm

PRICE
Each session \$15

VENUE
Waikerie Lutheran Primary
D'Vine Hall - 6 McIntosh St,
Waikerie SA 5330

Community and Friends Performance Day
Thursday 15th April from 5.30pm!

BOOK AT
www.ryt.org.au

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Regional Workshops

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riverland youth theatre

Bringing the festival spirit to the Riverland

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CIRCUS CENTRE

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Government of South Australia
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

BERRI BLAZERS BASKETBALL ACADEMY

We invite players that are interested in continuing their basketball skills over the winter break to be involved in our new initiative the Berri Blazers Basketball Academy which will be run by our senior head coach Scott Cameron.

When: Mondays 5pm to 6:30pm. The academy will run over Term 2 and 3 (commencing Monday 3 May)

Where: Berri Hotel Sporting Complex – Toyota Arena

Age group: Must be 8 and over

Cost: \$20.00 per player. Further info on how to pay for this will be shared soon

What will you learn?

Basketball fundamentals
Shooting skills
Basic offensive fundamentals
Footwork and body balance
Ball handling

How to register:

Registrations will be done online. Please stay posted via the Berri Blazers basketball Facebook page

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL



Parent Update

Week 10, Term 1 – 2021

Preparing for year 7 in high school in 2022

We know many families of our year 6 and 7 students are busy exploring their local high school options for 2022. Next year will be unique, with a double cohort of students starting high school together as they enter years 7 and 8. The once-only move is necessary as we move year 7 to high school in public schools across the state.

Our primary and high schools are working together at every level to ensure the move is successful for families. Here are some of the key benefits to your child beginning high school in Year 7.

Learning opportunities

All South Australian students learn the Australian Curriculum, which was designed for year 7s to be taught in high school, as it is interstate. High school settings provide more specialist facilities to enhance learning, such as science laboratories, performing arts spaces and kitchens. They also offer teachers who are subject-specific experts, and a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

A nation-wide move

Moving our year 7 students into high school brings South Australia in line with other states. Queensland and Western Australia most recently made the move in 2015. It also aligns our public school system with the Catholic and independent school sectors, which also teach year 7 in high school. Taking a cohesive approach to the start of high school promotes equity and makes it easier to move between states and school sectors, should you need to do so.

Year 7s are ready for high school

We know from the experiences of schools interstate and from our own pilot schools that year 7s are well and truly ready for high school.

This finding has been reinforced by the pilot program run through the Department for Education, involving three high schools, which welcomed their first cohort of year 7 students last year. We have been tracking the students' progress through interviews and surveys. The vast majority have enjoyed making new friends, trying new sports and activities and learning in a more mature environment.

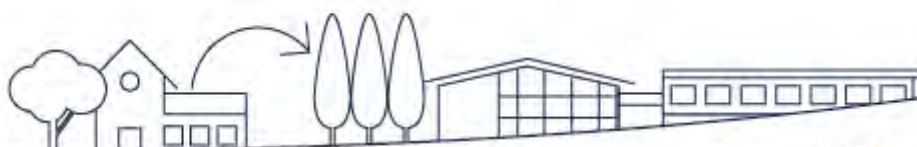
We are ready for the move

Planning is well underway to ensure the move of year 7 to high school is well-managed and considered. We are drawing on our pilot program insights and what we have learnt from Queensland and Western Australia to ensure the move is as smooth as possible.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS.

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

YRMS production of



Disney THE LION KING JR.

Music and Lyrics by
Elton John & Tim Rice

Additional Music and Lyrics by
Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin
and Hans Zimmer

Book by Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

Based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and
"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by Will Van Dyke

"It's a Small World" written by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

APRIL 17TH & 18TH @ 1PM AND 3.30PM
BONNEY THEATRE, BARMERA

Purchase online at www.trybooking.com/BPIOR
or at the door 45 mins before each show



IMPROVE YOUR GAME

Riverland Tennis Academy

The Riverland Tennis Academy located at Berri Tennis Club (McGilton Rd Berri), would like to invite all female athletes in ages 10-14 years old who would like to learn how to play tennis, to a trial day, followed by FREE coaching from April to December 2021. This initiative is sponsored by Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach Georgia Tzanavaras in conjunction with the Berri Tennis Club and in line with TA "Coaching Females" programs.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 24 April 10-11.30am
For expressions of interest email us at rta.coach@gmail.com

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Berri Barmera COUNCIL

EASTER AND CHILDREN'S SCHOOL HOLIDAY GUIDE
APRIL 2021

Easter **APRIL 2 - APRIL 5**

'Sandy Centenary Fun' Lake Bonney Sand Sculpture Spectacular
Saturday 3rd April - Sunday 4th April
Barmera Lakefront (Volley Ball Area), Dean Drive, Barmera
FREE
Contact: Sue Webber swebber@bbc.sa.gov.au
Phone: (08) 8588 2872
Saturday 3rd April - Come along and watch 5 tonnes of sand being sculptured into something amazing!
Sunday 4th April - Family Fun Workshop
Create your own amazing sand sculpture, 3 sessions available. 10am, 11am & 1pm, limited numbers per session. Bookings required through the Barmera Library prior to the day, on day bookings may be available on location subject to availability.

Berri Rotary and 5RM Free Easter Breakfast
Saturday 3rd April
Vaughan Tce, Berri
FREE
7am - 9am

Berri Traders Easter Carnival
Saturday 3rd April
Vaughan Tce, Berri
FREE
7am - 12noon
Market stalls, live entertainment, fashion parade, face painting.
11am Easter Parade.

Cobdogla Irrigation Museum Open Day
Saturday 3rd April
Trussell Tce, Cobdogla
Phone: 0403036949 or
Email: enquires@cobdogla.com.au
A popular place for steam enthusiasts as well as fun for the whole family. Train rides available and other working exhibits on display.

Berri Hotel Family Movie Night
Saturday 3rd April, Movie from 7.30pm
Palm Court, Berri Hotel
Riverview Drive, Berri
FREE
Limited chairs and tables available or bring along a bean bag/picnic blanket/rug and sit back and relax while entertaining the whole family.

Easter @ Overland Corner Hotel
Easter Sunday 4th April, 11am - 7pm
205 Old Coach Road, Overland Corner
Bookings Essential (08) 8588 2289
Live music, great food, miniature horses & easter egg hunt for the kids.

Barmera Easter Market and Twilight Cinema
Easter Sunday 4th April, 2.00pm
Barwell Ave, Barmera
FREE
www.barmerafestival.com.au
Phone: (08) 8588 2289
Wide range of market stalls, food and entertainment for all ages. Movie night on the town oval and a visit from the Easter Bunny.
3pm Barmera Time Capsule - Come and witness the new time capsule being buried down Barwell Ave near the clock tower to celebrate Barmera's Centenary year!
Starting from 4pm Easter Street Party Band - The band Meta4 will be playing on the outside rooftop balcony at Bonney Theatre.

Week 1 **APRIL 10 - APRIL 18**

Respect the River - Water Safety Day
Saturday 10th April, 10.00am
Grassed area, Berri Marina
Limited spaces available
Contact: Adam Tait
Email: adam.tait@royallifesavingsa.com.au
Phone: (08) 8210 4500
Family fun day to raise awareness around the importance of being safe in and around land waterways while having fun doing it.

Cruisy Tunes
Sunday 11th April, from 12.30pm
Berri Riverfront, Riverview Drive, Berri
Berri Visitor Centre, Phone: (08) 8582 5511
Bring the family, enjoy a picnic or visit local food outlets and enjoy live music on the beautiful riverbank.
Please check Facebook Page for time and more details
www.facebook.com/bbcouncil

Dreamcatcher Children's Craft
Tuesday 13th April, 11.00am & 2.00pm
Barmera Library, Barwell Ave, Barmera
Phone: (08) 8588 2872
Bookings required, limited spaces available

Berri Riverfront Marquee
Wednesday 14th April, from 10.30am
Berri Riverfront, Riverview Drive, Berri
Berri Visitor Centre (08) 8582 5511
No Booking Required
Special children's activity fun with magic, nature and animals. Please check the Berri Barmera Council Facebook page for more details. www.facebook.com/bbcouncil

Create Your Own Drum Children's Craft
Thursday 15th April, 2.30pm
Berri Library, Kay Ave, Berri
Phone: (08) 8595 2666
Bookings required, limited spaces available.

Cruisy Tunes
Friday 16th April, 5.30pm - 8.30pm
Berri Riverfront, Riverview Drive, Berri
Berri Visitor Centre, Phone: (08) 8582 5511
Bring the family, enjoy a picnic or visit local food outlets and enjoy live music on the beautiful riverbank.
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Young RMS Production of 'The Lion King'
Saturday 17th April & Sunday 18th April, 1pm and 3.30pm
Bonney Theatre, Barmera
Tickets \$10 each
Four performances only over one weekend, tickets can be purchased via Trybooking www.trybooking.com/BPIOR. For more information please visit: www.facebook.com/YOUNGRMS

Week 2 **APRIL 19 - APRIL 26**

Busy Bee Hive & Hanging Butterfly Children's Craft
Tuesday 20th April, 11.00am & 2.00pm
Barmera Library, Barwell Ave, Barmera
Phone: (08) 8588 2872
Bookings required, limited spaces available

Decorate a 3D Wooden Plane Children's Craft
Thursday 22nd April, 2.30pm
Berri Library, Kay Ave, Berri
Phone: (08) 8595 2666
Bookings required, limited spaces available.

Floating Earth Activity Children's Craft
Thursday 22nd April, anytime during business hours 9.30am - 6.00pm
Barmera Library, Barwell Ave, Barmera
Phone: (08) 8588 2872
Pop in to the Barmera Library to create a 'Floating Earth Activity' to celebrate Earth Day 2021.

Cruisy Tunes
Saturday 24th April, time TBA
Berri Riverfront, Riverview Drive, Berri
Berri Visitor Centre, Phone: (08) 8582 5511
Bring the family, enjoy a picnic or visit local food outlets and enjoy live music by Kylie Loxton on the beautiful riverbank.
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Other Events

BARMERA DIGITAL PROJECTION SIGHT
Bonney Theatre, Barwell Ave, Barmera
Every night during the School Holidays
View a selection of digital art works that light up the Bonney Theatre nightly from
7.30pm - 9.30pm
ANZAC MEMORIAL LIGHTS
From Friday 23rd - Monday 26th April 2021
For more information please visit www.barmera.sa.gov.au

Riverland Table Top Guild
Table Top Guild have a great range of gaming events on these April School Holidays for adults and children.
For dates, times and other information please visit their Facebook page
www.facebook.com/RiverlandTGGuild

Berri Barmera Council Children's Activities
Create your own ANZAC Lantern
Throughout the April school holidays visit the Berri Library, Barmera Library, Barmera Visitor Centre and Berri Visitor Centre to collect all 4 pieces of your lantern. Once your lantern is complete, it is the perfect way to pay your respects and commemorate ANZAC Day.
*Limited number of lanterns available, one lantern activity per child. For ages 5 - 12 years.

DISCLAIMER:
At the time of printing the details in this program were correct. Sessions may change due to unforeseen circumstances.
Visit www.barmera.sa.gov.au/council-community/events for more information.
COVID-19 DISCLAIMER:
Events will be held in line with COVID-19 health advice from State and Federal Governments. Sessions may be cancelled or altered due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic.
Please keep the following in mind when attending any of the events:

- Social distancing and hygiene processes to help ensure the safety of customers and staff
- Numbers at some of these events may be capped in order to abide by State and Federal Government health advice.
- If you or your child feel unwell and/or are displaying any of the COVID-19 symptoms, for the safety of others please do not attend these events.
- Please check-in and use the hand sanitiser provided at the entry and exit points of each event area.

PHOTOGRAPHY DISCLAIMER:
Please note that Council may take photographs at some of these events for the purpose of reviewing and promoting its programs. If you do not wish your child to be photographed, please advise the event supervisor.

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