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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

I wish to formally announce that Renee Smith will be our Deputy Principal for the remainder of 2022. She will be beginning in her new role as of Monday 12th September. Renee has been an educator, Wellbeing Leader and Deputy Principal at Renmark Primary School and comes highly recommended. Please join me in welcoming her to our fabulous school. I have no doubt that she will bring and share many of her great skills and qualities to the Berri Primary School Team and with the whole school community.

### PAT R & M:

During the weeks 7-10, all SA Government Schools are participating in Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT). This week our year 2-6 students have all been completing their PAT Reading and PAT Maths online tests.

These tests are conducted each year and are a great way to measure your child's growth in these two key areas. Teachers have already accessed their class results and have begun analysing and responding to the data, highlighting areas of strengths as well as areas that need more explicit teaching and attention.

Feel free to ask your child's teacher for more information regarding these tests and about your child's results.

### SSO WEEK:

During week 5 we celebrated SSO week. We have many talented and passionate SSO's and non-teaching staff that all work tirelessly at our school supporting teachers, families and your children in so many different ways.

On behalf of the school community, I'd like to sincerely thank: Katie Bannear, Lydia Schwarz-Johns, Tanya Finn, Sue Press, Janet Cutting, Alby Brand, Harry Bantolas, Shane Karpany, Fiona Huser, Lori Hocking, Tanya Pilgrim, Pam Migga, Lindy Kruger, Tahnee Dack, Sandy Robinson and Matt Hughes.

We truly value all that you do.

### LEADERS DAY:

Monday 29th August, I attended the Leader's Conference that was held at the Adelaide Convention Centre. I joined approximately 1000 other leaders from across the whole state. This day provided me with the opportunity to hear from our Minister of Education, Blair Boyer and Chief Executive, Professor Martin Westwell.

The Minister acknowledge the great difficulties schools have faced in recent times and for doing so well in managing challenging circumstances due to Covid, staff shortages as well as the well being of staff, students and families. He praised and congratulated all educators and leaders for the way they have continued to lead student improvement throughout the past few years and for how they have supported the whole school community.

The CE spoke of how our work moving forward will be to build on all of our successes and achievements and to ensure that we clearly outline our priorities and continually work towards these.

Throughout the day I attended 3 different workshops that were facilitated by fellow leader. They were sharing, describing and outlining the importance of the improvement work they have been doing in their schools. Hearing from these presenters helped to reaffirm some of our current practices here at Berri Primary as well as giving me some further insights as to what else we could do.

I hope to see many of you next Thursday evening at our Moon Lantern Parade.

Till then, take care.

Maria Rivera

## IMPORTANT DATES

GOVERNING COUNCIL	Mon 12 Sept	WEEK 8
MOON LANTERN PARADE	Thurs 15 Sept	WEEK 8
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Thurs 22 Sept	WEEK 9
PUPIL FREE DAY	Fri 23 Sept	WEEK 9
LAST DAY TERM 3	Fri 30 Sept	WEEK 10
TERM 4 BEGINS	Mon 17 Oct	WEEK 1
SPORTS DAY	Thurs 27 Oct	WEEK 2



# 'Primary Schools lantern parade set for big return'

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

STUDENTS at a Riverland primary school have constructed more than 400 lanterns in celebration of an annual Vietnamese tradition.

Berri Primary School will hold its annual Moon Lantern Festival, featuring a parade of hand-made lanterns, on Thursday, September 15.

Language teacher, and organiser of the event, Mai Schloithe said anticipation was high among students after last year's festival was cancelled due to Covid-19.

"We're nearly finished all the kids' lanterns," Ms Schloithe said.

"The families are still working on theirs, but it's all looking really positive."

"This is our fourth Moon Lantern Festival. We were planning one last year, but we had to cancel it due to Covid-19."

Ms Schloithe said traditional techniques and materials were used to construct the lanterns.

"Every child in the school has made their own lantern, and then we have big and elaborate lanterns their families have made as well," she said.

"Traditionally they are made out of cane, and we've kept with that, and we use a special tissue paper to make the lantern."

"We'll have around 400 to 500 hand-made lanterns on the night."

Ms Schloithe said the festival would also feature traditional lion dancing performances by students.

"On the night we'll have dancing inspired by other cultures," she said.

"Our music teacher has been helping the kids learn the drumming of the dance, which



Berri Primary School principal Maria Rivera (front, left) and language teacher Mai Schloithe showcasing the lanterns that will be on display at next week's Moon Lantern Festival, with students Mia, (back, left), Charli and Kiara, ACEO Aboriginal community education officer Shane Karpany, and students Ivy, Milla and Xavier. INSET: The festival will also feature performances of traditional lion dancing. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham

is meant to represent the lion's heart.  
"The kids get really excited when they hear the drumming."

Ms Schloithe, who grew up in Vietnam, said students were enthusiastic to learn about other cultures.

"I've been pretty fortunate at this school, where students really get engaged with learning the history of the Moon Lantern Festival," she said.

"They embrace it, and the families have been really supportive."

"I run workshops after school... and the students come in to make the lanterns together."

The Berri Primary School Moon Lantern Festival will be held on Thursday, September 15, from 5.15pm.



## 1 week to go...

BERRI PRIMARY SCHOOL

### moon lantern parade

Thursday 15th September 2022

#### PROGRAMME

5:15pm

food, activities, displays

6pm

Welcomes and Performances

*Special guests, Acknowledgement to Country, National Anthem, student Dances*

6:40pm

Class Parade

7pm

Family Parade

*Introduction of families and lanterns*

7:30pm

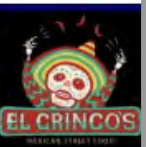
Thank you

### moon lantern parade

## menu



Sausages  
&  
Drinks





# STEM CONGRESS 2022

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August we went to Adelaide for the STEM congress. We stayed in cabins at the Adelaide Caravan Park. On Thursday and Friday we learnt about our culture and the connections to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Overall, we learnt a lot about our Aboriginal culture and how they used to do things many years ago. I thought the fish trap activity was the best activity we did. I really enjoyed listening to the young Aboriginal people's speeches about their experiences with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. They were inspiring to young Aboriginal people.

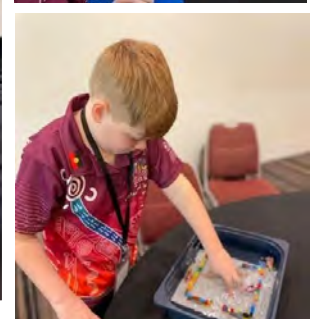
By April



## Fish Traps

On the first day of the STEM Congress we made Fish Traps out of Lego. The fish traps were tested in a tray of water being held down by metal rods. We had to design the fish traps first and decide on which would work best so we could make it. We tested our trap in a tray of water with 3 fish and then made modifications if needed and re tested.

By Ebony



## Museum of Discovery

At the Museum of Discovery we recorded lots of different sounds to then download and use for coding. We made light jewellery using LEDs, batteries, copper tape and other craft tools. We also got to use digital musical instruments to practice our coding.

By Wesley





### Weather Forecasting

On Thursday at the Adelaide Convention Centre we did a workshop on weather forecasting. We used multiple weather tools to check the weather on that day. The tools we used were barometer, thermometer, anemometer and hygrometer. We also discussed the traditional Aboriginal ways to forecast the weather.

By Danielle



### Extra Activities

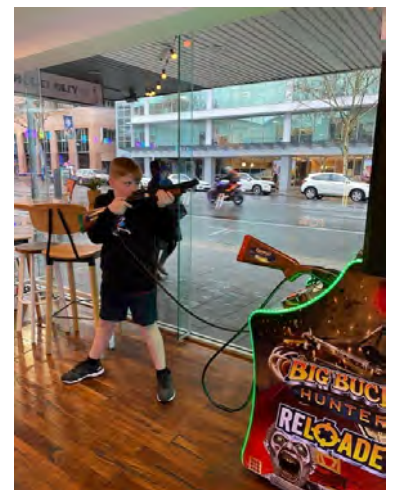
On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of August at five o'clock after the STEM CONGRESS we went to the Adventure Rooms with Barmera PS. We split into 2 groups and 2 different rooms and the first one out was the winner. We escaped from the Mad Scientist rooms.

April, Jordan, Ebony, Mrs Makris, Mr Plaquet and I were the winners both times.

By Danielle

The STEM crew went to Café Brunelli and BBQ City for meals while in Adelaide. We went to an arcade called Holey Moley and played games. It was a lot of fun and we will remember the memories that we have.

By Sam

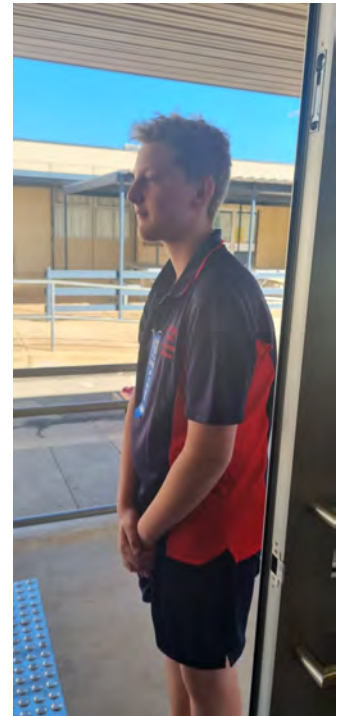
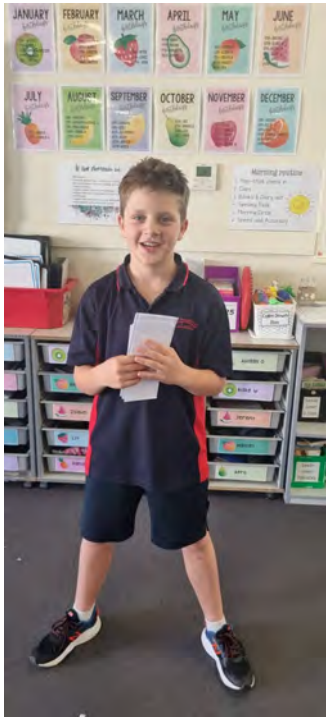




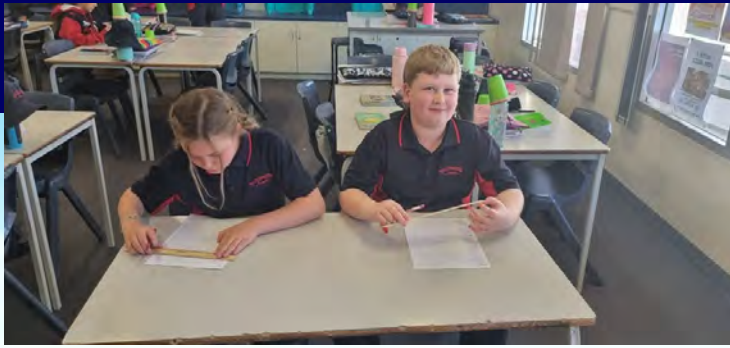
# Rooms 20/21 CIVICS & CITIZENSHIP

Students in Rooms 20 & 21 are developing their knowledge and understanding of the concepts of citizenship, government and democracy in Civics and Citizenship lessons this term. They are exploring the key values of Australia's democratic system of government; freedom, equality, fairness and justice. They have investigated the role of groups in our community and how people participate in groups to achieve shared goals. The students are now learning about representative democracy and exploring the importance of voting in Australia's democracy together with the roles and responsibilities of electors and representatives in our electoral process. The students participated in a mock election day process and each shared the roles of voter, security, 'How to Vote' card holders and supervising the safe and correct entering of votes. The students were voting for the end of term movie and helped to count the votes, learning about the preferential voting system we use in Australia. Much fun was had by all.

Tori Griggs & Apryl Sim









# PRIMARY SCHOOL MASTER BLASTER COMPETITION

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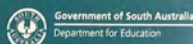
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## BERRI BLAZERS BASKETBALL CLUB TRIALS



### REGISTER TO TRIAL

All junior and senior players wanting to trial for a team MUST register to trial. The online form will be shared on the Berri Blazers Basketball Club Facebook page.

Please complete the online registration form by **Monday 5 September**.

### SEASON INFORMATION

Players must commit to training and games each week.

Parents and players will be given volunteer duties throughout the season (canteen, umpiring, scoring)

Season to commence in October 2022 through to March 2023.

Junior games - Friday nights  
Senior games - Thursday nights  
Potential for the odd midweek game

### TRIAL INFORMATION

Trial 1: Wednesday 7th September  
Trial 2: Wednesday 14th September  
Trial 3: Wednesday 21st September

Under 12 boys & girls = 4:00 - 5:00  
Under 14 boys & girls = 5:00 - 6:00  
Under 16 boys & girls = 6:00 - 7:00  
Under 18 boys & girls = 7:00 - 8:30  
Senior Men & Women = 7:00 - 8:30

All players must attend a minimum of 2 trials to be considered for selection for a team.

All trials will be held at the Berri Hotel Sporting Complex, in the Toyota Arena Stadium

All apologies for trials must be sent through to [berribasketball@outlook.com](mailto:berribasketball@outlook.com)

The Berri Basketball Club is all inclusive and encourage everyone to register to trial and take part in playing this great game!

### CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO

[berribasketball@outlook.com](mailto:berribasketball@outlook.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/berriblazersbasketball](https://www.facebook.com/groups/berriblazersbasketball)





The mobile Dental Service will be returning to Berri Primary School in Term 4.

**Forms will be sent home this week.**

*IF* you wish your child to see the Mobile Dentist please complete the consent forms and return to the front office by the end of WEEK 9.



**BARMERA LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB  
2022 / 2023**

Our new season starts with 2 "Come & Try" sessions  
Term 4, Monday 17th and 24th October 2022  
5.30pm @ Glossop High School – Glossop Campus

Children aged 3 – 17 welcome  
No experience necessary, just a willingness to have fun running, throwing and jumping.

Enquires to Cilla 0418 824264  
or check our Facebook site  
"Barmera Little Athletics Club"  
COVID safe rules will be in play!



## TENNIS SEASON 2022-23

**REGISTER FOR  
THE TRYOUTS**

**JUNIOR  
RIVERLAND COMPETITION  
TRYOUTS AT BERRI TC:**

**SEPTEMBER  
15, 22, 29 AT 5:00PM**

For Match  
play at the  
club : Y3-6  
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For Hot Shots  
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