

Berri Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4 November 2022 - Week 3 Term 4

Teamwork Responsibility Respect Integrity

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello everyone,

As you may be aware, COVID testing and isolation rules have changed. Whilst it is not currently mandatory that people isolate for 5 days after testing positive, it is highly recommended. We thank our school community for your care in supporting our whole school in keeping to the requirements. If your child tests positive to COVID, please continue to inform the school and keep your child at home whilst symptomatic.

I just wanted to mention a few highlights that have occurred over the past week or so.

Sports Day was a great success and was wonderful to see so many families coming to support their children and school.

As I walked around to the many events, I was so impressed by the awesome sportsmanship our students were displaying.

I was very proud of them all.

Thank you to Bec Keynes and all her helpers, for organising a smooth running Sports day

Last week I also went along to our Mini Science Expo.

I joined some of the students from rooms 20, 21 & 22 in the STEM building who were demonstrating their skills and knowledge after creating either a computer controller, musical keyboard or other products using the Makey Makey program.

I learned so much by watching them explain what they had made to their families.

Well done to the students and Science teacher Zack Plaquet.

Finally, our year 5/6 students returned yesterday from their 3 day camp to Woodhouse.

From the photos shared on Seesaw, it seemed that everyone had a lot of fun and the rain didn't seem to "dampen" their spirits at all.

Thank you to the teachers, Apryl Sim, tori Griggs and Richard Coote for organising such a memorable camp experience.

Take care everyone. Maria Rivera





CONGRATULATIONS

STURT!

IMPORTANT DATES

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING Mon 7th Nov WEEK 4 KINDY TRANSITION WEEK 4, 5 Wed & Thurs GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING Thurs 8th Dec WEEK 8 YEAR 6 GRADUATION Mon 12th Dec WEEK 9 END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY Tues 13th Dec WEEK 9 REPORTS/ MEET THE TEACHER Wed 14th Dec WEEK 9 END OF 2022 - 2:15pm DISMISSAL Fri 16th Dec WEEK 10









Sports day for 2022 was a crazy, fun filled day with all students participating well and having fun. The day began well, slightly late but very colourful with many students opting for hair spray, zink and badges. A big thank you to Wes and Ebony who did a wonderful job with the acknowledgement of country. I personally thought Flinders was the loudest with the war cry but I have been told that perhaps I am a little too biased towards Flinders (not at all though).

The JP age group got off to a great start with Mrs A leading a very energetic and fun health hustle and the Middle-Upper Primary students getting straight into their events. The slight breeze made it pretty tough for the students who were doing the 100m and 200m sprints but the students managed to do well and get some very good times. By lunch time there were lots of ribbons getting around and many happy students. All the students should be extremely proud of the sportsperson ship that they displayed.

Special mention to our age group champions - the 2010 born boy and girl - Eli Bascomb and Mia Cooper, 2011 born boy and girl Janness Kaurirai and Myka Butson, the 2012 born boy and girl Luca Bascomb and Ellie Hughes.



The "controversial" winners of the Tug o war was Murray - with the help of a few "older students" but it was a very close one!

Huge congratulations to all students who were in the winning team of the day - STURT - you all competed well and to the best of your ability.

Special thanks to all the students for their efforts, the house captains for their sensational leadership and organising, all the wonderful staff who helped set up in the morning, pack up in the afternoon and make sure that all students were able to participate and to the parents who were able to come and watch their children participate.

Huge thank you to the fantastic students Berri Regional Secondary College who helped out on events, pack up at the end of the day and provide us with any help they could give us. Also for joining in at the end of the day for our novelty events.

Thank you to Mario for all the coffee and hot chocolates on the day and a very big thank you to the Berri Lions for cooking all the yummy sausages on the day. The sausages for all the students were very kindly donated by Murray and Callan Knowling from Big River Developments. This donation allowed all students to have a sausage in bread for free. The community support for our school is amazing.

Congratulations to all teams and all students on a very fun and exhausting day!

Thanks
Bec Keynes
Health/PE Teacher





























































Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander NEWS



During NAIDOC week celebrations our junior primary classes participated in a colouring in competition, organised by Koori Kids and the Department of Education.

At our assembly on Friday October 28th, Nevaeh was presented with a NAIDOC medal for her efforts.

On Fridays this term, Kalissa and Jarika from ASG (Aboriginal Sobriety Group), have been coming into our school to work with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls. They are focussing on many aspects of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, including history, cooking and identity.

In week 1 we made a poster that identifies us as a group and in week 2 we made damper and learnt how our ancestors made damper many years ago.











School Upgrades

Sandpit

Junior Primary sandpit has had some additional work with a new decking being placed with beautiful colourful tables. Students have been enjoying these with lots of imaginative play. Mrs Weger has donated some comfortable small sitting pods that can be used. Each day we take out different sandpit and kitchen items allowing children to enjoy their play time. This encourages new friendships and lots of collaboration. A very big thank you to Harry who painted the tables early this year and has attached them to the decking.



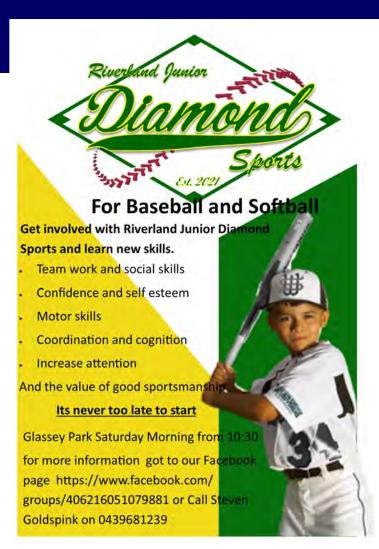


Office Refurbishment

The office continues to be upgraded and we are hoping to see it completed by the middle of term.

THE OFFICE IS STILL TEMPORARY LOCATED IN THE LIBRARY until further notice.

Thank you to everyone for their continued patience.







Free home-based assessment and treatment for 7 to 12 year old children with fear and anxiety disorders.

Does your child become very afraid of certain situations or objects, worry about a lot of things get very distressed, or try to avoid things they fe

Our team at Griffith University may be able to assist you. We are conducting a nationwide study that includes the following services at no cost to families:

- A thorough assessment of your child's anxiety with a trained psychologist via the telephone;
- Your child receiving one of two kinds of home based treatments delivered on a PC, laptop or tablet; and
- Two follow-up telephone assessments with a trained psychologist 6- and 12-months after treatment to track your child's progress.

The study aims to find out if these two treatments are as effective as each other, and which children have the best response to each kind of treatment. This will mean that there are more evidence-based treatments available for helping anxious children.

About the treatments

Each treatment involves your child completing treatment sessions at home on a PC, laptop or tablet.

Each treatment involves your child learning practical strategies to better manage anxiety.

- One treatment helps children learn to control the focus of their attention on helpful things around them.
- The other treatment helps children learn to think differently and approach things they fear.

Each treatment includes information, telephone or email support for parents in assisting their child to better manage anxiety.

Prior studies have shown that children who complete each treatment experience significant reductions

Contact us

This study is being funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council and is led by Professor Allison Waters and a team of experts in childhood anxiety disorders.

For more information about our study and our team, or if you would like your child to participate, please contact us:



griffith.edu.au/childhood-anxiety-treatment-study









RENMARK FIRE STATION

Open Day

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2022 11AM-3PM

JOIN US AND OTHER LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR:

CLOSE UP LOOK AT EMERGENCY VEHICLES CHAT TO LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES WORKERS

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See You There!













