

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our last term for the school year is always a busy and exciting one.

There is so much to focus on and do as we come to the end of another great school year.

For example, over the last few weeks it has been wonderful having our young pre-schoolers coming to us for their transition visits while our older year 6 students have been going to the Berri Regional Secondary College (BRSC) for their transition visits.

Ellie Rusden had planned numerous fun activities for the pre-schoolers to enjoy. We are looking forward to welcoming them and joining the Berri Primary School Team of students and school community.

Our year 6 students have one more visit to BRSC. They have had an opportunity to tour the school grounds, meet staff and to interact with other students from neighbouring primary schools. It seems that they are keen to be moving on and looking forward to the opportunities of accessing the great facilities and programs being offered at BRSC.

Only a few more school weeks left and the staff and students are working hard as there is still lots more to organise and finalise.

Have a great week everyone.

Maria Rivera



### Office Refurbishment

The office continues to be upgraded and we are hoping to see it completed by Week 8.

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

Thank you to everyone for their continued patience.



## IMPORTANT DATES

|                                |               |        |
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| 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 9 |
| OPEN DAYS 2 - 6PM              | Tues 24th Jan | WEEK 0 |
| OPEN DAYS 11AM - 3PM           | Wed 25th Jan  | WEEK 0 |



# Year 5/6 Camp

This term, the UP building completed three days at Woodhouse Activity Centre in the Adelaide Hills. The teachers were supported by John (Pastoral Care Worker) and parents: Nathan, Steve, Bronnie and Donna. They were an excellent support to the teachers and added another layer of support for students throughout the camp.

It was an exciting and resilience-building camp where students were able to complete challenging tasks such as: Orienteering, Challenge Hill (obstacle course), Tube Sliding, complete team challenges, Survivor (teaching students how to make fire and shelter), Disc Golf (think of a golf course with a frisbee), Laser Skirmish (muddy paths, covert operations as team versus team tried to gain ground over one another-many laughs and messy falls), rock climbing and evening activities at night (trivia, dorm room 'Showtime' and a movie with popcorn).

The students learned a lot about teamwork, respect and responsibility as they needed to organise themselves each day, keep their dormitory clean and be ready for daily inspections (dorms were awarded points and prizes for showing positive values and having the tidiest living areas). They worked hard to show resilience and persistence throughout the days and nights as we endured rain, hail and sunshine, as well as being away from home. Each student was responsible for being ready each day and ensuring that their group returned from each activity for rest breaks. Each group also had a lunch and dinner duty where they did dishes, wiped tables or chairs and tidied the dining room ready for the next meal. Speaking of meals... we were well looked after with many dietary requirements catered for as well as cooked breakfasts, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner every day. It was well-earned after the days' activities (we averaged 16,000-20,000 steps per day).

Overall, the Year 5/6 camp was everything we hoped it would be: fun, challenging and collaborative; it embodied our school values and learner qualities. Our Year 5/6 students were excellently behaved and represented Berri Primary School proudly, making it a great camp atmosphere for all. Thank you to our families who supported their children to fundraise

Thanks,

Apryl, Tori & Richard  
Year 5 & 6 Teachers









# Level 3 & 4 Celebrations





# Pillowcase Program

On Wednesday Room 26 & 27 children were visited by Red Cross to learn and participate in the Pillowcase Program.

## The Pillowcase Program

The Pillowcase Program was originally inspired by events during Hurricane Katrina in the US. While evacuating campus, students of a local University used pillowcases to carry their cherished and basic possessions. After hearing this, American Red Cross staff developed the concept of using a pillowcase as an emergency kit. The program quickly grew into a preparedness education program that has since become known as the Pillowcase Program.

Delivered by Red Cross volunteers and staff, the workshop encourages children to be active participants in their own emergency preparedness. The content is useful for all kinds of emergencies and includes activities to highlight the importance of being prepared. Pillowcase helps to reduce real and imagined fears and has successfully built children's stress management skills.

Aimed at students in Years 3 and 4 (ages 8-10), the one hour workshop involves engaging discussions and interactive activities to help students:

- Understand and discuss the importance of being prepared
- Prepare their mind for the thoughts and feelings that may arise before, during and after an emergency
- know what to pack in an emergency kit

Each student is then given a pillowcase to decorate and take home, to start their own personal emergency kit.



### PILLOWCASE PROGRAM

Helping children prepare for, cope with and respond to an emergency.







## For Baseball and Softball

Get involved with Riverland Junior Diamond Sports and learn new skills.

- Team work and social skills
- Confidence and self esteem
- Motor skills
- Coordination and cognition
- Increase attention

And the value of good sportsmanship

**Its never too late to start**

Glassey Park Saturday Morning from 10:30  
for more information got to our Facebook  
page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/406216051079881> or Call Steven  
Goldspink on 0439681239



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Apply today to become a volunteer mentor and support a teenager in a high school near you.

Teenage years are tough – and the time you spend with them now, supporting them through life's challenges can have a positive impact that can last their lifetime.

Full support and training provided.

**Volunteer to mentor**

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**Berri Regional Secondary College is looking for community mentors to support our work with Raise in 2023. Online applications are open.**

Berri Riverfront

Brought to you by the Berri Barmera CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

# CAROLS BY THE RIVER

Sunday 11 December 2022

6pm – Bring a Picnic

sausage sizzle (by donation), coffee, drinks & ice cream available

7pm – Carols & Guest Artists

Supported by Berri Barmera COUNCIL

A donation to cover costs and for Riverland Christmas Appeal would be welcomed



## 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  
DEMONSTRATIONS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

*See You There!*



# BERRI CHRISTMAS MARKET

A BOUTIQUE GIFT STYLE CHRISTMAS  
MARKET IN THE HEART OF BERRI,  
SHOWCASING RIVERLAND CRAFT,  
GIFTWARE AND PRODUCE

**Saturday 10 December 2022**

**9am - 3pm**

**BERRI TOWN HALL**

**Enjoy shopping local  
this Christmas!**

This event is proudly supported by

**Berri Barmera  
COUNCIL**



**ROYAL LIFE SAVING  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

# Holiday Swim



**THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SWIM & SURVIVE  
PROGRAM YOU KNOW AND LOVE!**

**COMING THIS DECEMBER & JANUARY!**

**BRING YOUR LOGBOOKS AND GET READY  
FOR A WEEK OF FUN!**

**ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW**

**[WWW.HOLIDAYSWIM.COM.AU](http://WWW.HOLIDAYSWIM.COM.AU)**



## Barmera Cemetery Memorial Christmas Tree 2022

**Sunday 4th  
December  
10 - 11:30am**



**Bring along a decoration  
to hang on the Christmas Tree  
in honour of your loved one  
All welcome to join us**

**Enquires to  
Monique Gillespie 0414381110**

### "WE ARE BORED THERE IS NOTHING TO DO"

When you hear those words from your children over the school holidays come and have a look at the RENMARK PARINGA COMMUNITY MUSEUM for FREE.

We are currently upgrading our playground and have finished our Pirate Boat, observe the high river from a safe location. The Museum is a Children's University Destination. We have Vintage Tractors, Wagons, Agricultural Machinery, Horticultural Machinery, Blacksmith, Speedway Car, 1956 Flood Display, Chowilla Dam Display, our Nationally Recognized Stationary Engine Collection of over 65 and several historic buildings. There is a Picnic and BBQ area, disability toilet, pets on leash allowed and much more. Bring a drink and something to eat as there is no catering on site.

Open Monday/Wednesday/Friday 10am-3pm  
between the Paringa Bridge and the Paringa Silo Art

For further details contact email:  
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