

Berri Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 29th June 2023 - Week 9 Term 2

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome and thank you:

I trust by now that most of our families have had the opportunity to view the short video on our Berri PS FB page which is of our new principal, Mrs Brenda Pfitzner who officially starts in term 3, week 1, Monday 24th July. Brenda has visited our school and wandered around introducing herself to some of our students and staff and she is keen to start next term.

I know that we will make her feel very welcomed.

This means that my time as principal has come to an end and I will return to the deputy principal's role when I return from my long service leave on Wednesday 2nd August. My husband and I, with my daughters will be travelling to America to visit family during this time.

I'd like to thank our families for their support and thank our awesome team of educators who were incredibly supportive of me during the past 11 or so months.

I look forward to working closely with Brenda when I return.

NCCD: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Please take a moment to read the information included in this newsletter as staff have begun this process.

New mobile phone policy:

Last week the Governing Council approved the new mobile phone policy that begins as of next term.

The policy has been shared on Seesaw, Berri Primary School and copies are available, so please familiarise yourself with this policy and if you have any clarifying questions, contact the school.

Reports:

Written reports will be sent home in the last week of this term, Friday, 7th July. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss their report.

I shall see you all next term.

Till then, enjoy the last couple of weeks of this term and I wish you all safe holidays.

Maria Rivera

COLOUR RUN TOMORROW!

Please pack a **White** (or light) shirt for your child to wear. Students will change back into their school uniform after the run.





IMPORTANT DATES

COLOUR RUN DAY

Fri 30 June

WEEK 9

SCHOOL REPORTS

Fri 7 July

WEEK 10

LAST DAY TERM 2

Fri 7 July

WEEK 10

2:15PM DISMISSAL

TERM 3 BEGINS

Mon 24 July

WEEK 1







Deputy Farewell



To our Berri Primary community, I have some news to share...

Next Friday will be my last official day at Berri Primary School. It's been an amazing ride over the last 14 years. I've had the privilege of working with many wonderful teachers, sso's and incredible students. We have shared many laughs and tears and I'll always brag about Berri being a brilliant place to be.

I leave Berri Primary proud of what we have been able to achieve in my time here and thankful for the opportunity to be involved in so many fun activities such as slip and slides, PJ days, dodgeball games, student leader events and the occasional scary event eg Haunted House in Mrs Kubanks class. I have enjoyed supporting students and families through difficult and challenging times as much as being involved with moments of celebration.

I know that I am leaving a school that is ready to move on with a new adventure of it's own. Brenda Pfitzner coming in as Principal will be an excellent fit for our school and community and I am confident that she and the staff will continue to guide your children forwards in both their learning and social and emotional development.

My plans for now, well to be honest, they are a work in progress. I'm dreaming up the idea of a little caravan, my dog, warm weather and open roads. First stop is Darwin, after that, well, that chapter hasn't been written yet.

Thank you for having me as part of this community for the last 14 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of guiding young people as they grow up to be tremendous adults.

Wishing you all the best.

Faye



Dear parents, guardians and carers,

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act* 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

year of schooling category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

formally recognize the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (https://www.dese.gov.au/about-us/resources/department-education-skills-and-employment-complete-privacy-policy-0).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards Maria Rivera

RIVERLAND SAPSASA STARS

On Friday 16th June, Berri Primary School sent two teams to participate in the annual Riverland Sapsasa Soccer carnival. The carnival was held at the Renmark Soccer Fields.

Despite minimal preparation leading up to the event, both teams were bubbling with excitement and looking forward to the fun and challenges of competing against other school teams.

Upon arrival at the venue, you could see there were schools everywhere going through their pre-game drills and preparations. Mr Coote and Matt quickly found a good spot and sent us over to start warming up.

Mr Safralidis, the Riverland School Sport Convenor provided us with some pre-carnival instructions before we headed off to begin our games.

Our competition draw was spread out so we had plenty of time in between games to catch our breath and watch some of the other Berri team play their games as well as some other schools.

Competition was tough when playing against the other schools. Each team had a mixture of experience with some playing soccer for clubs and others not. Our teams were no different though we were all keen to do well.

Both Mr Coote and Matt made sure that we stayed grounded and focussed on the basics of team play. This really helped us perform to our best and we were grateful that we had both of these adults here supporting us.

After the four preliminary rounds were played, we were excited to find out that both of the Berri teams had been scheduled to play in the Grand Final. The girls team were up against our town neighbours, Our Lady of the River Primary School and the boys were to play St Josephs Barmera.

The girls' game was tense with both sides attacking each others defensive lines and having shots at goal. The girls rallied and really applied some pressure on the OLOR defenders but in the end, the score line was nil all. Both teams were to share the glory of receiving a pennant. This was a fantastic achievement considering our team really didn't have any soccer players.



In the boys grand final, the Berri team came up against a well drilled St Joseph's outfit made up of some players who were a little more skilled in the game. The Berri boys tried their best throughout the final and on occasion, were able to apply some pressure against the St Joseph's backline. In the end, the St Joseph's team was just too strong and they came out winners 4 - 0. The boys, while deflated after the loss, could still hold their heads high knowing that they really played some fantastic soccer throughout the carnival to get the grand final.

Girls Results:

Berri 1 def Loxton 0

Berri O drew with Renmark O

Berri 4 def Renmark West

Berri 5 def Monash 0

Grand Final

Berri 0 drew with Our Lady of the River 0

Boys Results:

Berri 1 def Loxton 0

Berri O drew with St Josephs Renmark O

Berri 3 def St Alberts 0

Berri 3 def Renmark 0

Grand Final

Berri O def by St Josephs Barmera 4



A large crew of Berri Primary School students represented the Riverland at the recent state cross country carnival at Oakbank Racecourse, with 7 of the 30 Riverland team members from Berri PS (Willow R, Marlee S, Jameson B, Tia S, Harry V, Adam H and Myka B). This was despite Maicey & Ellie H being selected but unable to go due to a family holiday, and is a credit to the students, the school and Mr Coote's RADs running group, which many of our team members are a part of.

There were some really impressive results from all of our students amongst some huge fields (some over 200 competitors) on a cold, muddy day at Oakbank which certainly tested resilience! Myka (10^{th in 12F)} Harry (21st in 11M) & Tia (22nd in 11F) earned invites to the state team try outs with their efforts, whilst Tia's 11F team earned a bronze medal for their combined placings.

Huge congratulations to Harry who made the State Cross Country team, who travel to ACT in August to compete against all other states and New Zealand!

We have also had Riverland representatives for other sports this term:

Swimming: Jameson B (relay)

Boys Football: Blake W, Harry V, Will S.

Girls Football: Maicey H, Ellie H, Tia S (Tia represented Murray Mallee)

The Riverland girls came 2^{nd} overall in division 2, and all the footballers were named in the best players at some stage during the carnival.

Hockey: Luca B & Blake W represented Berri PS the Riverland boys hockey team at the state carnival in week 8 and Brooke L represented Berri PS in the girls team.





ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NEWS



This term we have been involved in many activities and lessons about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. NAIDOC week is coming up from July 2nd - July 9th and the theme is For Our Elders.

NAIDOC Week celebrates the achievements and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is a celebration of the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In culture lessons, we have been learning many different aspects of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.











ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NEWS

HARMONY WEEK







As part of Reconciliation Week activities we did sewing in the library













2023 CHOIR SOLOISTS & COMPARES





This year in choir we have 35 children in years 4, 5 and 6. We practice every Tuesday morning during the first lesson and some children come on a Thursday morning before school for an extra practice each week. We have the Special School choir join us every Tuesday morning to learn the songs and choreography with us.

We had many children audition for a solo part or to be a compere. This takes lots of time and dedication to learn certain parts. They had to audition at our school and if they were successful go to the next stage and audition in front of a panel. We now have 6 children singing a solo and one child as a compere. This is a fantastic effort and we look forward to hearing them at the Chaffey Theatre on our concert night on Wednesday the 23^{rd} of August.

The whole choir has been working hard learning 13 new songs. We have had 2 cluster rehearsals at the Town Hall so far where we join the other schools that perform with us. We have about 120 children in our cluster.

Keep a look out for when tickets go on sale early next term and come and see our talented students. Karyn Clarke Choir Teacher

WELLBEING NEWS





Hi Everyone,

It's hard to believe that another term is drawing to a close. As we head towards the mid-year break there are some really good resources for parents and families that you might like to explore.

Online Safety

Holidays can sometimes mean children are spending more time online. The eSafety Commissioner has released some short videos that feature four mighty heroes to help you talk to your children about how to protect themselves online. Please Click on the link below.

Relationships Australia are offering a relationship based parenting program called "Circle of Security" over the next few weeks. It is free to attend and runs over four Mondays in July and early August. See flyer printed in this newsletter for more information.

Another really great website providing advice and support to parents on is:

https://raisingchildren.net.au/ This website has resources for children of all ages and topics that are relevant to the various stages of children's development including family life, gaming, mental health and behaviour.

Whatever you have planned for the holidays I wish you all the very best and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school for Term 3.

Sara



Dear parent/carer,



Safety at school is essential for children and young people to grow, thrive and learn.

While the number of violent incidents in schools are relatively small, and most students feel safe and well supported by their schools, there has been an increasing trend of violent incidents post-COVID and any incident is unacceptable. The Department for Education is committed to preventing and responding to violence, in all its forms.

In December 2022, the Minister for Education, Training and Skills held a roundtable on violence prevention in schools. A <u>roundtable summary report (PDF 225KB)</u> is now available, outlining the key themes and immediate actions.

Immediate actions to further strengthen wellbeing supports and our approach to violence prevention in schools include:

A new **wellbeing programs directory** has been launched, providing your child's school with a list of evidence-informed mental health and wellbeing programs available from external providers. The directory makes it easier for your school to quickly identify, procure and implement a wellbeing program that meets the needs of your school community.

A series of **student forums and a summit** will be held, where young people from across the state will have the opportunity to share their insights into the issue of violence in schools.

The 2024 <u>Parents in Education</u> (PIE) parent engagement project grant funding round will focus on violence prevention and strengthening family and school partnerships.

New funding will be provided to schools for **restorative practices training programs and support**. Restorative practices focus on repairing and rebuilding relationships after conflict has occurred to foster a supportive and safe school community. Supporting our schools to do this effectively will have a positive impact on student wellbeing.

Schools will have access to **new online learning modules**, ensuring our staff are well equipped to prevent and respond to violence in schools.

We'll also develop a **Plan of Action** of evolving strategies to tackle this complex social issue with input from schools, students, stakeholders and the community.

In addition, more funding will also be provided to schools through the Federal Government's **Student Wellbeing Boost**. Every school in Australia will receive a funding boost to implement student wellbeing and mental health initiatives and address impacts on student wellbeing caused by disruptions to school due to COVID-19.

The department will continue to proactively provide tailored wrap-around support for schools as they need it.

To find out more about our approach to <u>violence prevention and response in schools</u>, visit the Department for Education website. (Please leave 3 returns between header and beginning of name)



OSHC

July 2023

Come and spend the school holidays with us! Don't miss out on our fantastic activities.

We have all our regular games, craft and activities, plus a special daily activity /excursion/incursion.

Opening Hours: 7:00am—6:00pm

HOW TO BOOK & ENROL

Already Enrolled at Berri PS OSHC

Please complete the attached Vacation Care Booking Form and return it to OSHC or email to berripsoshc@gmail.com

We do not accept bookings via the Facebook page for Vacation Care—Paper booking request forms must be completed in full and submitted due to consents required.

Not Enrolled at Berri PS OSHC

Please come in and collect or email us for an enrolment form prior to making any Vacation Care bookings. You must also submit a Vacation Care Booking Request Form once enrolled.

Contact:

Phone: 04188437716

Email: berripsoshc@gmail.com for general enquiries

director.berripsoshc@outlook.com

for confidential matters

Basic Program Fee July 2023 \$71.40

Plus any additional cost for excursions and incursions (listed on booking form)

BOOKINGS

Please complete the attached booking form indicating the days you require and return by <u>Monday 3rd July</u>

Bookings made after this date will be accepted but may remain pending until appropriate staff/child ratio is reached. You will be contacted if your booking is waitlisted.

Note: Learning Outcome (LO) - We have

linked the programmed activities to the learning outcomes from the 'My Time Our Place National Quality Framework' for school aged care and we will be reflecting on these daily throughout the school

July 2023

Program

Monday 10th July



Creation Day

Construct, Create and Build Show us your building skills And creativity Using a range of supplies Outcome 4.2



Tuesday 11th



MasterChef Day

Come and test your cooking and decorating skills then have your creations judged by our panel of taste testers.

Outcome 1.2



Wednesday 12th July



Ball Games

Parnicipate in a range of your Favourite ball games. Help Decided what games to Play.

Outcome 3.2



Thursday 13th



Excursion

Chaffey - Elemental

We will travel to Renmark Chaffey Theatre to see the movie Elemental Outcome 5.2

Depart for excursion at 9:15am-Return approximately 12:30pm



Friday 14th July



Amazing Race/Treasure Hunt

Work together with your team In a race against time with a series of Clues to find the hidden treasure Outcome 1.2



Monday 17th July



Trivia Day

Challenge your Knowledge with a series of Quizzes and trivia Outcome 5.1



Tuesday 18th July



Excursion

Riverland Gymnastics
Join us for a gymnastic workshop
and a picnic in the park
Depart 8:45am
Return 11:00am



Wednesday 19th July



Riverland Pottery Incursion

Today we will learn how to make a Pinch pot creation Outcome 4.2



Thursday 20th July



Camp out

Join us for a camp out day Making smores and damper! Bring a camp chair to sit around the Fire and tell camp stories Outcome 2.4



Friday 21st July



Disco/ Karaoke

Wear your dancing shoes and warm up those vaices for a day of singing and dancing Let's party Don't forgot your disco costumes Outcome 5.3







In South Australia, 'preschool' and 'kindergarten' are the same! So, why should your child go to preschool? Glad you asked! Going to preschool has a big impact on your child's learning and development.

At preschool your child:

- •is learning through play
- •will develop skills such as counting, listening, communicating and problem solving
- •makes friends
- •is becoming a strong and confident learner.

There are so many reasons SA government preschools give children a great start, here's the top 3:

- 1.Government preschools are rated amongst the highest quality in Australia!
- 2.Government preschool programs offer MUCH more than you might think. They offer a quality learning program delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher.

Government preschools provide specialised support for children, including bilingual support and health and disability support.

If your child turns 4 after 31 October this year or before 1 May 2024, it's time to enrol now!

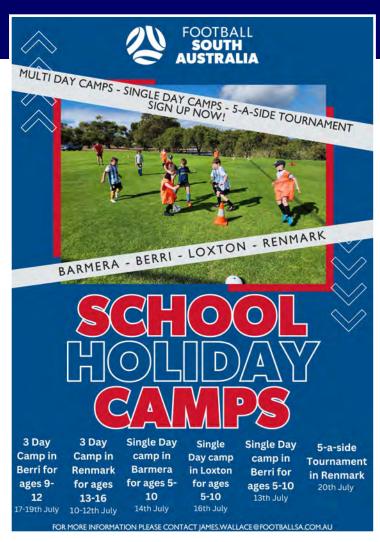


9am - 3pm | St Clair

MON 17th & TUE 18th 9am - 3pm | Mount Barker 9am - 3pm | Springbank

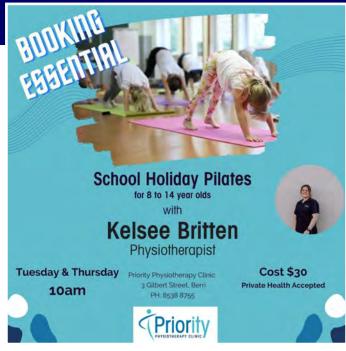
THU 20th & FRI 21st 9am - 3pm | Seaford











Riverland July School Holiday Clinic | Hockey South Australia (hockeysa.com.au)



