

# Berri Primary School Newsletter

Monday 18th September - Week 9 Term 3

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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Many parents and caregivers have booked in for Parent Teacher Student Discussions last week and this week which is fantastic. Working together to ensure we share information and plan the best learning opportunities for your children is the heart of our work.

Last Monday at our Pupil Free Day there was a hive of learning and programming across the site. The lower primary team completed learning modules with Hearing Australia, equipping staff with vital knowledge around what to look out for and what can help with all things hearing in children. The lower primary team also spent time discussing the best assessments to use to track student pre and post Maths's data and how they will document this data using a common spreadsheet approach.

Our middle and upper primary team took a deep dive into the world of Maths Daily Reviews in conjunction with explicit direct instruction. All teachers will trial this work in the classrooms during Term 4 in readiness to document a whole school statement of practice in 2024. This work ensures we stay up to date with the most current research around the Science of Learning and particularly being informed by cognitive load theory and Rosenshine's forgetting curve. I must congratulate staff on their dedication and contributions to bringing this work to their practice.

That night at Governing Council we discussed the class structure and staffing for 2024, security management improvements for the school, updated standing orders for the council, a cupcake stall for Sports Day and the introduction of The Resilience Project as a whole school well -being programme for next year. My biggest thanks to members for their time and opinions to help guide our school towards informed and strategic direction.

Governing Council have approved for the school to make the shift to SWAY - an on online platform for our newsletters. Council have also agreed for newsletters to be produced twice termly with the understanding that we continue to raise our profile and share frequently on Facebook, in conjunction with regular updates on Seesaw.

Another online platform that the Department for Education provide for schools is the ability to send notices home via **EDSMART.** Parents and caregivers receive information about special events pertaining to the child/ren and are able to respond quickly via the emailed message. No tearoff slips physically need to be returned and record keeping is more efficient and streamlined. Stay tuned for more information next term.

Phonics Screening Check results are in for the Year Ones and they have done very well. Our target this year was to have 55% at, or above the standard required, and we achieved 68%! Congratulations to the students on their hard work and to staff for working hard to provide the best programming for students in the literacy space.

#### 2024 classes

If you would like to make a special request for class placement consideration for your child/ren next year, please address this in writing to me by the end of the term. Requests for specific teachers are not able to be taken into account but you may share specific thoughts that need to be considered as your child/ren moves year level.

**Sports Day** is just around the corner! Sports Captains are doing an amazing job with preparations and governing council are organising a cake stall. Information, if you're interested in helping out should be sent out very soon on both Facebook and Seesaw. Let's hope for some great weather to help make it an extra special day.

My wishes for a lovely and safe holiday break to everyone, enjoy the increase in sunshine!

Brenda

Lastly, I couldn't help but take a picture of older students helping their buddies in preparation for assembly.







# IMPORTANT DATES

**OPTIONAL INTERVIEWS** 

**CHARITY SHEILD** Fri 22th Sept LAST DAY TERM 3

Fri 29th Sept

WEEKS 8/9 TERM 3 WEEK 9 TERM 3

WEEK 10 TERM 3

Early Dismissal 2:15pm

TERM 4 BEGINS

Mon 16th Oct

WEEK 1 TERM 4

**SPORTS DAY** 

Thurs 19th Oct









### From the Deputy Principal

# 2023 OPTIONAL PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS TERM 3 - Week 8 & 9

All parents/carers have the option to book a time to meet with their child/ren's teacher/s to discuss their progress. Interview bookings need to be done online.

You can choose to **book a face to face interview**OR book for a phone interview.

There are 2 ways that you can make your online booking:

OPTION 1: Go to the link below and follow the prompts.

https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/f4vkj

OPTION 2: Scan the QR code and follow the prompts.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact your child's teacher or the school on 85821077.



### HATS ARE BACK!

All students will be required to wear their hat when outdoors during school hours for the remainder of the year.

Please make sure your child has their named hat ready to go! Hats are available for \$10 in the front office.



## 2023 **S** ORTS DAY

Thursday 19th October - Week 1, Term 4

Sports Day will start at 8:55am in the old Amphitheatre area and conclude at 2:30pm.

### Full program coming next week

### **SAUSAGES SIZZLE ON THE DAY**

STUDENT ORDERS COMING SOON
Sausages and bread available for spectators \$3
GRAB & GO LUNCH ORDERS WILL STILL BE
AVAILABLE

HAIR SPRAY & BADGES BY HOUSE LEADERS
FROM 8:30am IN PAVILLION ON SPORTS DAY

HAIR SPRAY \$2 BADGE \$3 BOTH \$4

Once sports day is complete, children can be dismissed.

IMPORTANT: In the event of an early finish children must be accompanied by an adult if leaving the school grounds and must be signed out through their class teacher. Students will not be permitted to leave school alone to walk or ride bikes home before 2.30pm.

#### HOUSE SHIRT ORDERS DUE END OF TERM 3





# Room 7 and 8 History walk

Room 7 and 8 went on a history walk in week 6 into the Berri Township. We found lots to pique our curiosity. We took photos of anything that might help us to understand history in Berri and now we are ready to do some more research back at school. Here are a few of our questions.

Who were the first people to live in this area? Why is there a statue of an Italian man near the post office?

Why did Be<mark>r</mark>ri need a water tower?

Why did people catch so many fish in the river? Who was Charles Sturt?

What are the names on the memorial gates for? How did people get across the river when there wasn't a bridge?

A big thank you to the parents who walked with us. We couldn't have done it without you.











Cricket



Girls:

1st - St Alberts 2nd - Berri 1 3rd - Berri 2 Boys:

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Behaviour from Berri Primary School was outstanding, and resilience was at an all-time-high, sticking it out through the wind and rain!

# Sapsasa State Soccer Carnival

#### By Maicey Hughes

On the 16th-18th of August we had SAPSASA Soccer and from Berri Primary we had in the girls team myself, Ellie, Tia and Nikoleta. Blake represented in the boys team. We played in div 1 and out of 9 games we were able to come home with 1 win and 2 draws. The competition was strong and we learnt so many new skills. We started to work as a team and made lots of new friends.

The boys also played in the div 1 comp they played 8 games. They won 6, and tied in 2 and were able to come away with the gold medal. They also showed amazing soccer skills throughout the competition. We are all proud to be able to have had this



# Sapsasa State Golf



On the 7th-8th of September myself and Ellie got to represent Berri Primary at Sapsasa Golf held at West Ward Ho golf club, 15 hole executive course. The weather was extremely windy and wet both days.

On the first day it was the country comp, I finished 3rd with 81 strokes and received a bronze medallion. Ellie finished 4th with 84 strokes.

The last day was the state championship (which meant both country and metro played against each other) we had the opportunity to meet Caitlin Pierce who is Australia no.1 pro amateur in golf. I finished 4th on a count back on 76 strokes and Ellie finished 7th on a count back on 77 strokes. It was an extremely close competition. We caught up with girls that we met in previous years and it's always great to play against them.

Maicey Hughes

### **2023 CHARITY SHIELD**

### Friday 22 September

Running from 12:15-2pm, this bi-annual event sees

Berri PS take on the All Stars in a sport selected by our year 5/6 students, in support of a charity.

This year the students chosen sport is netball, and the charity is Foodbank. All classes and spectators will be out cheering on the teams in what promises to be not only an enjoyable event, but an event that raises valuable money and awareness! Donations are actually already open at <a href="https://shoutforgood.com/fundraisers/BerriPrimarySchoolCharityShield">https://shoutforgood.com/fundraisers/BerriPrimarySchoolCharityShield</a> but we will advertise this further in the lead up, and will also be accepting cash on the day.

Currently the Charity Shield scoreline stands at 2-1, with a thrilling but controversial win by Berri PS in 2019's basketball challenge putting the school ahead. In 2021 the students and all stars played football alongside each other in mixed teams, but this year the format returns to tradition, so it's all on the line! Whatever the result what we can guarantee is lots of fun and laughs supporting a good cause!

The event will run as follows:

**11:45** – Sign in at front office. All Stars to be greeted by student leaders.

**12:15 –** National anthem, welcome to country and player Introductions

12:25 - Match Begins (4x10 minute quarters)

12:55 - Half Time Entertainment

1:10 - Second Half Begins

1:40 - Final siren, followed by presentations

2:00 - Event Concludes





### **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander News**

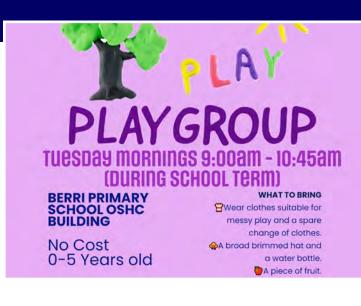
Ngarrindjeri words

Students have been learning some Ngarrindjeri words

**Nguldi Arndu - Welcome** Nooldi arndoo Anu Nginti - Thank you

Arnoo nintee

**Nakkun - goodbye** Nukkun





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.
  3.

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!





# Navigating Aged Care EXPO

# Wednesday, October 4 from 9:00 am

at the Precinct,
Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton



Moving into Residential Aged Care.

Living well at home with Community Health.

Costs for Aged Care... 8 many other topics





Aged Care information stalls

Refreshments available at the venue

Free admission













### **TERM 3 WEEKLY CLASSES**

TERM PASSES PER CLASS \$60 OR FREE FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES

MONDAY

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

0-5 YRS | RENMARK INSTITUTE | 9:30AM-10.15AM | GOLD COIN DONATION

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WITH DAGZ

10-14 YRS | RENMARK INSTITUTE | 4:15PM - 6:30PM | \$60 (+BF)

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: WAIKERIE

10-13 YRS | WAIKERIE SCOUT HALL | 4PM-6PM

WEIRD ONES

9-12 YRS | WAIKERIE SCOUT HALL | 4PM-5PM

TWEEN SKETCH COMEDY

9-13 YRS | LOCATION TBC | 4PM - 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

ONLINE CREATIVE CLUB
13-18 YRS | ONLINE VIA DISCORD | 5:15PM-6:45PM | FREE

THURSDAY

MESSY AFTERNOONS: SENSORY PLAY
3-12 YRS | RENMARK INSTITUTE | 4PM-5PM

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: ONLINE
14-18 YRS | ONLINE VIA DISCORD | 4PM-6PM

3RD PLACE & DIGITAL ART JAMS 12-18 YRS | LOCATION TBC | 4PM-6PM

### AND THE FORTNIGHTLY ONES

PONDI: A SAFE SPACE FOR ABORIGINAL CHILDREN
8-16 YRS | RENMARK INSTITUTE | SUNDAY FORTNIGHTLY
4PM-6PM | FREE

DATES: July 30, August 13, August 27, September 10, September 24









### Reunion

October 28th and 29th
Glossop High School
Year 12 classes of 1970
The reunion will be held in Berri
Further details contact: marieflavel@outlook.com
There may be others who would like to join us.
Contact as above