

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a great start we have had for the 2023 school year. It's such a delight meeting, welcoming and reconnecting with all our children and families.

A very special welcome to all of our new reception students and to numerous other students and families who have moved to our school this year. We are excited to be a part of your children's learning journey.

We are also fortunate to have had 2 new teachers join the awesome Berri Primary School team of educators and they are Paulene Dawe (room 5: Receptions) and Jo Cole (room 20: year 5/6). Both have been teaching for quite some time and therefore bring a wealth of knowledge, experiences and skills.

Our school has so many experienced and passionate teachers and staff who are all here to ensure that your child is cared for and receives the best education. They all work throughout the holidays organising your children's learning areas and preparing for some high quality learning experiences.

We also welcome back Faye North. She will be our Deputy Principal for terms 1 and 2 then resume her Wellbeing role in terms 3 and 4. Until such time, Sara Ormsby is our Wellbeing leader. Both are available to support our families and students with a range of matters and events so don't hesitate to contact them.

Take note that our whole school assemblies are held on a Friday at 2.30pm in the pavilion in weeks 5 & 8 this term. Come and join us these Fridays if you can.

Every teacher has invited you all to join their class Seesaw app, which is a great way to keep in touch and to take notice of any upcoming news and events.

Please make sure you reach out to us and your children's teacher as needed via Seesaw or personally so that you are kept well informed.

We also welcome you to pop in and see our newly refurbished front office that was completed towards the end of last year. Our front office staff, Katie and business manager, Lydia are always available to help you out with any of your enquiries. Office hours 8:30am to 3:30pm.

I have been at Berri Primary School for 18 years now and feel excited about continuing to be the Principal for terms 1 and 2. I will resume my Deputy Principal's role in terms 3 and 4. I am an approachable person who genuinely has your children's best interest at heart so please feel free to reach out to me if or when you need to. I am really looking forward to having a successful year with you all.

Maria Rivera



2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Council AGM will be held in the [Berri Primary School STEM BUILDING on Monday 20th March 2023 at 6:30pm.](#)

We would love to see fresh faces and new voices join our Governing Council.

Governing Council meetings are very task orientated and usually last no longer than 1 hour. We only meet 2 times per term, so if you want to have a big say in your child's education, I urge you to come along and put your name forward or complete the reply slip. Please call the school if you would like further information.

I would like to be considered for a position on the Berri Primary School Governing Council 2023.

NAME _____

SIGNED _____

CHILD/CHILDREN _____

IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 6 AQUATICS	Thurs 2 & Fri 3 March	WEEK 5
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Mon 13 March	WEEK 7
AGM	Mon 20 March	WEEK 8
GOOD FRIDAY	Fri 7 April	WEEK 10
EASTER MONDAY	Mon 10 April	WEEK 11
SCHOOL PHOTOS	Thurs 13 April	WEEK 11
LAST DAY TERM 1	Fri 14 April	WEEK 11
	Early Dismissal 2:15pm	
TERM 2 BEGINS	Mon 1 May	WEEK 1

FROM THE DEPUTY



Hello everyone! It's wonderful to be back at Berri Primary School and working with the staff, students and families that make our community so vibrant! I have been lucky enough to get into all classes in the last few weeks and it's a pleasure to see students ready to learn and educators enjoying providing new learning experiences for students.

As always, school is a busy place. Already this term we've had our Meet and Greet night and swimming. This term will also see NAPLAN, parent teacher interviews and school photos. We'll send out information as these dates get closer.

We have NAPLAN coming up later this term. First off we are required to have a 'practice test' on February 28th. This will involve some Year 3 and 5 students but is not assessed, it's only a practice opportunity. NAPLAN itself will start on Wednesday 15th of March.

If you have any questions, concerns or compliments you'd like to share, please contact me at the school or via seesaw.

Kindly
Faye



WELLBEING

Welcome to 2023 at Berri Primary School. I hope you had a fantastic holiday break. A very warm welcome to our new families and students who have joined our community this year.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Sara Ormsby and I am the Student Wellbeing Leader here at BPS.

It has been really lovely to wander through the classrooms over the last couple of weeks and see the children settling into their new classrooms. There have been lots of smiles and excitement. Part of my role as Student Wellbeing Leader is to support both new and old students settle into their new classroom environments which can, at times be challenging for some.

Another aspect to my role is to connect families with local service providers if they find themselves needing some extra support. Please feel free to come by the office if you would like to chat at any stage throughout the year.

SRC representatives have been chosen for each class and we will commence meetings next week. One of our first projects will be to organise some activities for Harmony Week which is coming up later this term.

Have a great weekend.

Sara

NAPLAN Information for parents and carers 2023

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the NAPLAN public demonstration site, the Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN, or our series of videos where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What if my school is closed on NAPLAN days?

Schools with compelling reasons may be given permission to schedule tests after the 9-day test window.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site.

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 15 March and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023. Schools are advised to schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only) Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations) 	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' - an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be completed after the writing test To be completed before the conventions of language test 	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be completed after the reading test 	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be completed after the conventions of language test 	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. This scale indicates whether the student is meeting expectations for the literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy.

A BIG WELCOME FROM BERRI PRIMARY SCHOOL

HELLO from Paulene..

Hi, I am very excited to be a part of the Berri Primary School Community. I began my 32 years teaching career in the Riverland at Monash and then Lyrup Primary schools before heading to the South East for 11 years, where I taught at MacDonald Park, Reidy Park and Mulga Street Primary Schools. In 2005 I returned to the Riverland and worked for the past 18 years at Moorook Primary, living near the river. During 2011 I spent some time teaching at Katherine School of the Air NT, and it was indeed the adventure of a life time. I live with my husband and 15 year old, along with two dogs and a cat in Barmera and we love to spend time on the river and lake whenever we can. I am very much looking forward to working with you and your children at this amazing school!



HELLO from Jo..

My name is Jo Cole and I am teaching yr 5/6 this year in Room 20. I'm very excited to be teaching at Berri Primary School this year. I'm looking forward to getting to meet and know families throughout the school year. I am originally from NZ and started my teaching career there before moving to Australia. I have been teaching in the Riverland for over 14 years, my husband and I have returned back to the Riverland this year after having lived in the Kimberly for the last 4 years. Whilst there, I was teaching in Broome at Cable Beach Primary School. I'm definitely looking forward to getting back on the river again (minus the crocs) and experiencing my first winter in four years.
Nga Mihi



HELLO from Luke..

Hi everyone, my name is Mr Heuzenroeder or (Mr H) and I have been appointed as the new Instrumental Music (Brass) teacher based here at Berri Primary. I have a strong passion for education and worked as an Instrumental Music teacher / PRT / P.E teacher at many schools across the Riverland and Far North region (Whyalla and Port Augusta). I have a passion for music and my interests /activities outside of school include playing acoustic performances in a duo and playing trumpet!



New Receptions Room 5 & Room 6



CROWS SUPER CLINIC @ BERRI PRIMARY SCHOOL

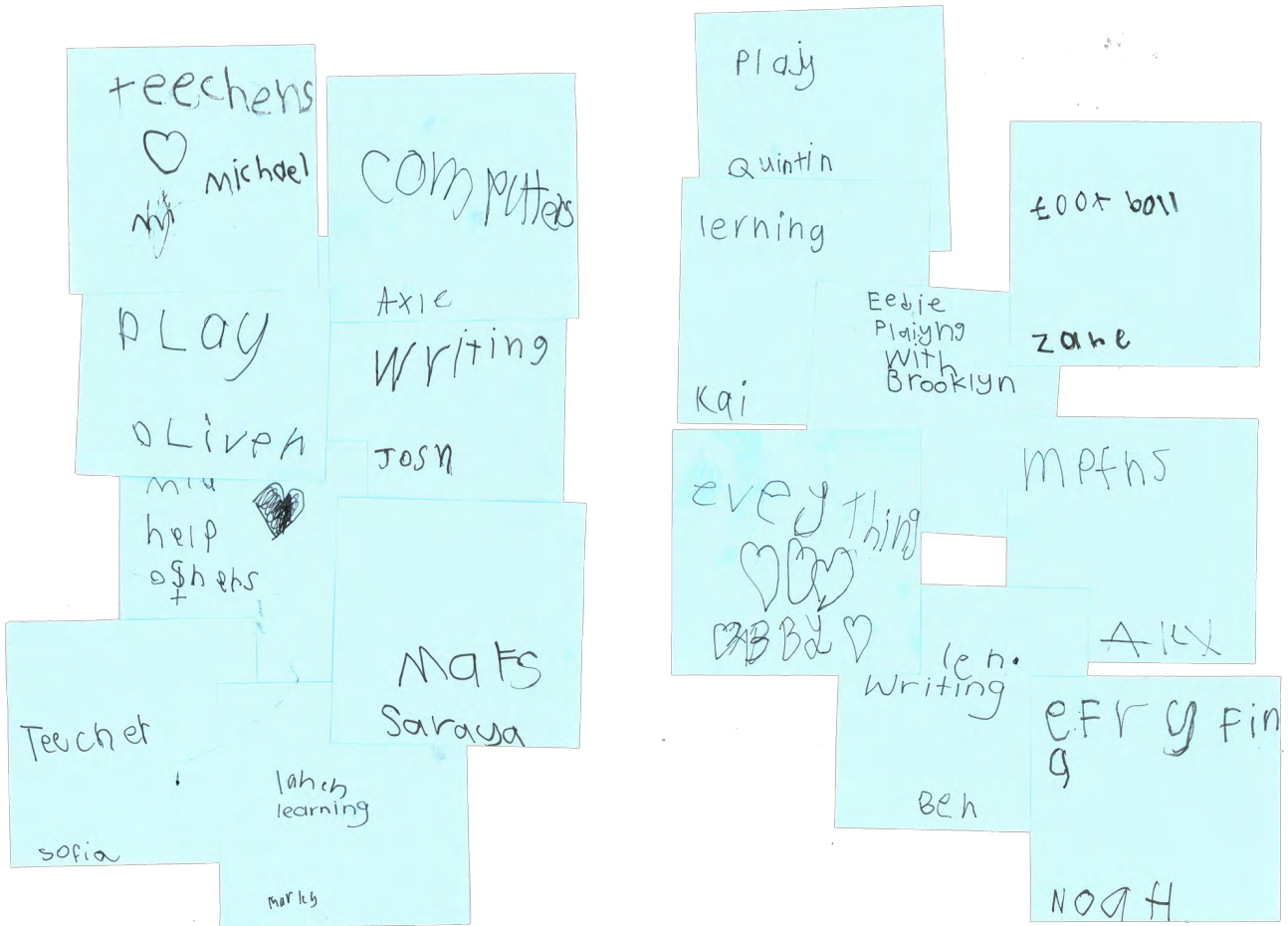
Berri Primary School was lucky enough to host the Adelaide Crows Super Clinic. It was broadcasted to the local paper and Seven News and was a great but busy afternoon. Students from three other schools joined us from 1-2pm. There were five stations that had different activities for the students to have a crack at! Many of the Adelaide Crows players joined in including Darcy Fogarty, Sam Berry, Riley Thilthorpe, Anne Hatchard and Sarah Allan. The students had great fun and enjoyed learning new skills and drills.

I would just like to thank everyone who helped out on the day, it was a great opportunity for Berri Primary School and was a successful event.

Brittney Ferguson - Health and PE Teacher



ROOM 7 - what do you like about school?



Glass Gem Maize - by Room 27 (2022)

In 2022, students from Room 27 planted glass gem maize. They have waited patiently for the plants to grow and develop into a harvest of these amazing coloured cobs. Recently students had the chance to peel back the leaves. Every cob was unique.

During Term 4 last year, students researched facts about glass gem maize and they used Makers Empire or Minecraft to design scarecrows/bird scares to protect the harvest.



Berri Primary School

DAILY ORGANISATION

8:25 – 8:45	MORNING YARD DUTY
8:45	HOME GROUP
8:55	LESSONS 1 - 3
11:25	LUNCH - PLAY then EAT
12:15	LESSONS 4 - 5
2:00	AFTERNOON RECESS
2:20	LESSON 6
3:15	DISMISS STUDENTS
2:30	<u>DISMISS STUDENTS</u>
	<u>THURSDAYS ONLY</u>
3:15 – 3:30	AFTER SCHOOL DUTY

DUTY OF CARE

Teachers are not on duty until 8:25am and we ask that children do not arrive until they can be supervised. When the bell rings at 3.15pm, students are required to leave the school grounds as quickly as possible. Yard duty teachers are stationed at exit points such as the car park crossing, Sultana St and Ovals from 3.15 to 3.30pm.

Yard duty teachers are in place to supervise students until the arrival of parents and to ensure the safe exit of students walking or riding home.

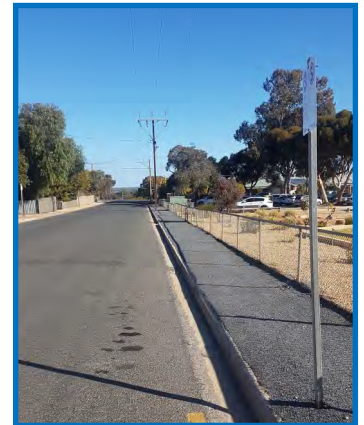
Yard duty teachers are not able to supervise students on the playgrounds while supervising students at the exits. **To ensure the safety of all students as they leave the school, play equipment will be out of bounds after school.**

If, after 3.30pm parents wish to supervise their own children on play equipment they do so at their own risk.

PARKING REMINDERS

NO PARKING - SULTANA STREET DURING THESE TIMES

Cars that continue to park illegally are creating dangerous situations for students who need to cross nearby and other vehicles using the road. The Berri Barmera Council Parking Inspector will be keeping a close eye on these zones.



KISS AND DROP ZONE



IF YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE PLEASE USE THE CAR PARK AND NOT THE KISS AND DROP ZONE. IF EVERYONE ADHERES TO THESE DIRECTIONS THE KISS AND DROP ZONE WILL RUN SUCCESSFULLY.

1

QUEUE IN SEQUENCE

Vehicles should queue starting from the top of the zone to create a safe and timely flow in and out of the zone.

2

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE

To assist with traffic flow, drivers are to remain in the car whilst children get in and out. Children should travel with bags in the car (not in the boot).

3

BE TIMELY

If your child/ren can not get in or out of the vehicle in a timely manner please leave and re-enter the Kiss and Drop zone.

BPS Uniforms

Uniforms available from the front office 8:30 to 3:30 Mon - Fri



<u>Unisex - Logo</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
Polo Shirt	Red & Navy	4 - 14	\$20
Polo Shirt	Red & Navy	16	\$24
Full Zip Jacket	Navy	4 - 16	\$32
Shorts	Navy	4-16	\$16
Fleecy Trackpant	Navy	4-16	\$15
Skorts	Navy	4-18	\$16
Dress	Red & Navy		\$30
Bucket Hat	Navy		\$10
School Bag	Red & Navy		\$30
Beanie	Navy		\$10

Grab and Go Lunch Orders available Thursdays and Fridays

Qkr! | **masterpass** For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select 'Add student profile'

Add each child's details

Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen

Tap the green box to view your receipt or to cancel an order

Select a date for a child and order a meal

Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.

Qkr! | **masterpass** **TIP OF THE WEEK**

Q. How do I cancel food orders that have already been paid for?

A. To cancel a Food order from your itemized receipt:
 1. Open Qkr and tap Activity.
 2. Scroll down to Order History and sign in with your password.
 3. Tap the red circle with a minus sign on the year to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
 4. If your receipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.
OR
 To cancel a food order from the calendar view:
 1. Open Qkr and select the relevant items.
 2. Tap on the lock icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
 3. Tap the red circle with a minus sign on the order to be cancelled. Select the entry under individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your receipts, confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! Food order.

Please contact your school office to cancel any other (non-food) school payments according to school policy.

Forgot to read?

Do your homework?

OR Just want to **read!**

**DO NOT PANIC
THE LIBRARY IS OPEN!**



- WHEN:** Mondays to Fridays from 8:25 until 8:45am
WHERE: Library
WHO: All students are welcome and encouraged



Extraordinary Parents and Carer Support Group

The Extraordinary Parents and Carer Support Group is a peer-led support group for parents and/or those in a caring role for children with additional needs.

The support group meets monthly and is a chance to connect with other parents and caregivers going through a similar experience. Speaking with others in a similar boat can offer a better understanding and help us feel less alone.

Tea, coffee and cake are provided.

When: Once a month on a Sunday | 10.30am - 12.00pm

Where: Renmark Tintra Lawn Tennis Club | Paringa Street Renmark 5341

For more information please call Emma at Relationships Australia SA Berri on (08) 8582 4122



ICEBLOCK FRIDAYS

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TERM 1

Relationships Australia.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Relationships Australia SA's Children and Parenting Service is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

TRIAL INFORMATION

U 11 - (2014 - 2012)
 U 13 - (2011 - 2010)
 U 15 - (2009 - 2008)
 U 17 - (2007 - 2006)



1 STADIUM DRIVE, BERRI SA 5343

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH SEASON LAUNCH

We would like to welcome players, family and friends to the 2023 season launch.

- meet the coaches
- uniform and merchandise
- sausage sizzle

WEDNESDAY 22 February
&
WEDNESDAY 1 March

U/11 & U/13 - 4:30pm
 U/15 & U/17 - 5:30pm
 SENIORS - All Grades - 6:30 pm

SUNDAY 5 MARCH

FINAL TRIALS
 U/11 & U/13 - 9:30
 U/15 & U/17 - 10:30
 Seniors - 11:30

Berri Golf Club

Junior Golf

Come and have **FUN** and learn **NEW SKILLS**



WHERE: Berri Golf Club
WHEN: Sunday mornings starting 26th February 2023
TIME: 9am—10.15am
COST: \$5 per session

Golf sticks are provided for the children to use if needed.

For further information please contact Dallas Zelif on 0431 352 168

Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

RIVERLAND COMMUNITY CRICKET BLAST

**FRIDAY 3RD MARCH
4:30PM - 5:30PM
RENMARK OVAL
FREE FOR KIDS AGED 5 - 12**

**REGISTER AT:
PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU**

SPORTS VOUCHERS
sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

ADELAIDE Strikers

TERM 1 WEEKLY CLASSES AT RIVERLAND YOUTH THEATRE

MONDAY

PRE-SCHOOL MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN RENMARK
 Renmark Institute, 9am-9.45am, Gold Coin donation

12-120 YRS CRAFTERNOON DROP INS IN RENMARK
 Renmark Institute, 3.30pm-5pm, Gold Coin Donation

10-13 YRS DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WITH DAGZ
 Renmark Institute, 4.15-6.30pm, \$55 for 8-week campaign

TUESDAY

12-16 YRS TEEN ENSEMBLE IN BERRI: GAME SHOW THEATRE
 Berri Town Hall, 4pm-5.30pm, FREE thanks to Our Town Berri and Wellbeing SA. Showing: March 30

WEDNESDAY

12-15 YRS ART THERAPY WITH RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA
Coping with anxiety
 Renmark Institute, 4.30pm-6pm, FREE

13-18 YRS ONLINE CREATIVE CLUB
 Online through Discord, 5.15pm - 6.45pm, FREE

THURSDAY

6-10 YRS TASTE TESTERS IN RENMARK: FROM RESIN ART TO VIRTUAL REALITY, LET'S TEST IT ALL!
 Renmark Institute, 4pm-5pm, \$50 per term.

10-13 YRS TWEENS IN BARMERA: MOVIE MAKING
 Bonney Theatre, 4pm-5.30pm, \$75 per term. Showing March 30

FRIDAY

14-19 YRS DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: CURSE OF STRAHD
 Renmark Institute, 4pm-6pm, \$100 per term.

AND THE FORTNIGHTLY ONES

3RD PLACE: 12-18 YRS JUST A CHILL HANG
 Renmark Institute, every 2nd Friday, 6pm-8pm, FREE
 February 10, February 24, March 10, March 24 and April 14

PONDI: 8-16 YRS CONNECTION TO CULTURE, WORKSHOPS WITH ELDERS AND ARTISTS, A SAFE SPACE FOR ABORIGINAL CHILDREN.
 Renmark Institute, every 2nd Sunday, 4pm-6pm, FREE
 February 5, February 19, March 5, March 19, April 2 and April 16

MAKING CLASSES POSSIBLE THIS TERM:



RIVERLAND YOUTH THEATRE