Welcome to Mrs Smart’s new reception students: Jesse, Hunter, Marley, Charli, Kaleigh, Sammi, Mason, Lucas, Alyssa, Alannah, Emily, Jorja and Jimmy.

Welcome to Miss Dalby’s new reception students: Stacey, Mason, Taliah, Addison, Noah, Will, Kilarney, Amaya, Blake, Caleb, Mason, Daniel, Paul, Jahedon and Jordan.
Welcome to the 2016 school year.

Thank you everyone for preparing your children so well to start in Reception or return to school. It is great to see the children in school uniform, wearing hats and so many new school shoes! Teachers have been working hard prior to school beginning to make sure that it’s a great start for everyone. Our support staff have also worked hard throughout the holidays to have the school ready for teachers and children.

STAFF We welcome one new teacher - Domenica Tootell, who will be sharing a Year 1 class with Lisa Millard. Also welcome to Lee Buller who is our Groundsperson for a while this term. Erin Harrald continues as our Pastoral Support Worker – Erin works closely with our School counsellor and Mentors providing much valued support to our school community.

LEADERSHIP TEAM I continue as Acting Principal, Jayne Foulds as Acting Deputy and Cate Robins as Schools Counsellor.

FACEBOOK We now have a Barmera Primary Facebook page. This is an exciting addition to our communication strategy and another way of getting newsletters and other information to our community and also a way to celebrate our school. When you enrol your children at school you sign an Education Department Permission to publish your child/children’s photograph - this applies to newsletters and local media. We will send out another permission note which will apply to publishing on the Internet which includes our website and Facebook page.

FAMILY INFORMATION

♦ Thank you to the many families who came in on the 18th & 19th January to collect the children’s stationery pack, pay school fees and complete the necessary forms required. The cost of class stationery is included in your school fees. If you haven't already organised payment please talk to our Finance Office, Felicity Ziegler, for information about Payment by instalment, School Card or Centrepay.

♦ It is very important that we have your correct family and child’s details. During the school year if your family circumstances or contact details change please contact the front office staff. This enables us to keep our database up to date and contact you in an emergency.

♦ Swimming lessons will be held during Week 3 of Term 1 for all Reception to year 5 classes. A detailed note and invoices will be sent home shortly.

♦ The school canteen is OPEN on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you require a price list please contact front office staff. We thank our Canteen Manager, Renata for continuing to provided good food for us all.

♦ School Photos will be taken in Term 1. Further information will be sent out at a later date.

♦ Our first assembly will be held this Friday 5th of February at 2:40pm in the Hall. Assemblies are held every fortnight on a Friday. We love to see a good crowd of family and friends at our Assemblies. Your are all very welcome to attend.

♦ Student Medication/Health Care Plans. If your child/children require any medication whilst at school a Medication Authority form must be completed. Any child with an ongoing Health/Medical condition must have a documented health care plan. Please see Joy in the front office.

♦ Our of School Hours Care continues to be provided after school, during school holidays and on Student Free Days. For further information you may either contact Kirsten (OSHC Director) on 0408839709 or see front office staff.

♦ Please contact us if you need information or would like to talk to someone about your child/children.

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**ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**

Regular attendance at school is not only beneficial and important to the education of our students, but it is also compulsory.

Where a student averages one day per week being absent, it equates to a whole term of lost learning over the course of a school year. Throughout a student's primary schooling it equals **two years of missed school**.

Attending school every day enables students to learn and understand the need for commitment and develops a sound foundation for their later years.

Being on time, organised and ready to start each school day at the required time of 8:55am, also adds to this foundation.

It is important for parents to communicate regularly and effectively with teachers when absences occur.

The teacher is then able to follow up on any work that may be required to be made up or completed.

**SCHOOL TIMES**

We urge you to send your child to school as near as possible to 8:30 am.

Students are not allowed on school grounds until 8:30am unless they are accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

There is no oval play before school.

If your child is late for school, they are required to go through the front office to collect a late card.

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Parents taking children from the school during school time need to sign the child/children out at the front office.

Hello everyone,

I hope you had a fantastic holiday break and are ready for a great year at Barmera Primary School.

I will be here as your Pastoral Care Worker on Tuesdays from 10:00am - 3:30pm and on Wednesdays from 8:30am-12:30pm.

My role is to support wellbeing for students, staff and the school community in a variety of ways.

This year I will be supporting our Community Mentors, helping to run a pottery program and supporting individual students when needed.

If you would like some support please don't hesitate to make an appointment, by calling the school or catching up with me on one of the days I am here.

Looking forward to a great year!

Best wishes,

Erin Harrald
Pastoral Care Worker
Barmera Public Library

Baby Rhyme Time
Rhymes, Songs, Stories with your baby and toddler
Tuesdays 10.30am
and now
New session time
Thursday 10.30am
For Babies 0-3
Older siblings welcome
During school Term

Berri Greek School News 2016

Just letting you all know that Berri Greek School will be operating again this year.

Any student wanting to study Greek from years 1 to 7 are welcome. Enrolment will be this Thursday the 4th of February from 6-7pm at the Glossop Primary School site. Normal lesson will commence the following Thursday the 11th of February from 5:30pm till 8pm. Fees are $100 per student per year for members of the Greek Orthodox Community and $150 for non members. For further information, contact Athina Papametis at Renmark High School or on 0417821310.