All Australian schools are now required to teach and assess all of the subjects of The Australian Curriculum, including teaching a language other than English. Learning a language is a curriculum requirement up to year 8 with the aim that many students will continue studying a language to year 12. For many years we have not offered a language at our school, however it is now a requirement that every SA school does. This year we are introducing our children to a languages programme, with most classes learning about the Japanese language and culture.

Lisa Millard will be teaching some Junior Primary classes Japanese language & culture and Emma Cuteri is teaching the year 2 classes German language and culture. Years 3 – 7 will be taught by the Japanese language teachers from the Open Access College (OAC), in Adelaide. They will connect via the internet for a 30min lesson each week and our class teachers will work with the Open Access teacher to continue the learning during the week.

Casey Hall, the OAC teacher for Red Unit visited yesterday to introduce herself to the classes and to work with our teachers. Sarah Grosvenor, who will be working with the Yellow unit classes will visit next Tuesday. Many schools, including Riverland schools, have been accessing Language and other learning programmes from The OAC for many years.

Feel free to join one of your child’s language lessons if you wish to see how it all happens. Arrange this with your child’s teacher if you want to observe a lesson – but give us a few weeks to get settled and familiar with the technology.
Principal’s Piece

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM
The Governing Council AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 24th February - NEXT Wednesday. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm in the school staff room, after the Acquaintance Night visits in classrooms. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Governing Council please contact Mike Allder, our Chairperson or call in to the Front Office to register your interest.

The Governing Council runs two businesses that require a Governing Council member to be on the committee – the School Canteen and the Out of School Hours Care (OSHC). The school has a number of other committees that discuss, plan, make decisions and then report to the Governing Council about future directions of the school. These committees include: Finance, Fundraising, ICT, Education, Grounds, Sports & Recreation, Uniform & Canteen and Aboriginal Education.

If you are at all interested in being an active member of the school community, as a Governing Council member or on one of these Subcommittees, please come along to the AGM next Wednesday. These sub committees generally meet once a term. If you can’t make the meeting next week but are interested please let the front office or myself know.

Ruth Pfeiler

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ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT
AND A.G.M.
Wednesday 24th of February

Classes open
6:00pm - 6:45pm

Governing Council AGM
7:00pm in the staff room

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Bingo Night

Please keep
Tuesday March 1st free to help support Barmera Primary’s first fundraiser for 2016.

We would like to see as many parents, grandparents and friends attend.

7:00pm at the Barmera Monash Football Club

Thank you
Fundraising Committee
Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school. Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. During the year we will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered. You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests (some books cost as little as $2). It is easy to order. Either fill out the order form in the centre of the booklet or use the online LOOP ordering system. This issue’s catalogue is accompanying this newsletter. Just look over the catalogue with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the catalogue, and return the order form to the front office with payment by Wednesday 17th February. The books will arrive around two weeks after we send the class order to Scholastic. Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order.

Glenys Matthews (Teacher Librarian)

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The Garden program will be held in Berri at The Vine Community Church. Enrolments open now.

Where: The Vine Community Church
Corner of Jellett Rd and Old Sturt Highway, Berri

When: Tuesdays: 1, 8, 22 & 29 March and 5 April

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Contact: For more information or to enrol phone Nicole or Chelsea at Relationships Australia SA Berri on 8582 4122

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Like us on Facebook

If you are on Facebook, have you liked the official BARMERA Primary School Facebook page yet?

By ‘liking’ this page, you will receive recent news, reminders and information on all things happening at Barmera Primary School. This is in addition to the newsletter, notes and email communication you already receive from the school.

Spread the word and tell other school families to like the Barmera Primary School on Facebook!
Are you children looking for fun fitness and friendship through a non contact sport? Try Hockey! 
Berri Hockey Club is having its sign on evening for the 2016 season. 
Where - Glassey Park 
When – Wednesday March 16 
Time – 5.30 – 6.15 pm juniors 
6.15 – 7.00 pm seniors 
All ages from under 9 to seniors 
New players always welcome 
If you have any queries please contact Gavin McMahon on 8582739 A/H or mobile 0419038962.