Attendance: Our attendance record at Barmera is quite good, however we can always improve! This table points out how absences from school can impact on our children’s opportunities to learn and to socialize with their friends and staff. Well done to those families who get their children to school regularly – even in this very unpleasant weather which we have endured over the past weeks.

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<td>1 day per week</td>
<td>40 days/year</td>
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<td>2 days per week</td>
<td>80 days/year</td>
<td>16 weeks/year</td>
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How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child?

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SRC Induction – Thank you to all of the families who attended our SRC induction last Friday. It is one of our most important ceremonies which acknowledge the role of our Student leaders. Dallas Uren, an ex-student of our school, spoke very wisely to our children – saying, “Being a leader at a young age can sometimes be confusing – It took me a while to grasp what being a leader actually was” & “Today my goal is not to draw you into my oath but to lead you to make your own. Know who you are and start developing who you want to be. Bring your own style and creativity into being a Leader”. He also spoke of the many opportunities he had at Barmera Primary to take on roles and develop as a leader. We hope to expand those same opportunities this year, to give even more “voice” to our students in many aspects of the school.

Ruth
**OSHC** will be open for the student free day

**Friday March 11th**

We are going on an excursion to the Lavender Farm for putt putt golf and morning tea and cake.

Please remember to wear sun safe clothes, bring a hat, lunch, drink bottle and an afternoon snack.

If you would like care for this day please contact me at OSHC or the front office as soon as possible.

Thank you

Kirsten Kubank—OSH Director—0408839709

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All families will receive a raffle book with this newsletter.

*We would appreciate any donations for our prizes. Donations do not necessarily need to be edible or specifically related to an Easter theme. These can be left in the front office.*

**Please note:** Each family has been issued with a *numbered book.*

If you cannot sell the book, please return it to the school unsold.

If a book is lost/destroyed, the parent/caregiver must report it to the school (this is a legal requirement).

**Good luck and happy selling.**

The raffle is to be drawn at the final assembly before Easter.

Thank you,

Fundraising Committee

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**Congratulations:**

To the following students on receiving an award at last weeks assembly.

Marley, Blake, Charli, Jason, Logan, Tanielle, Jackson, Blake, Courtney.

Deepkiran, Codi, Darcee, Jude
FAB FIVE WINNERS
At our last assembly the following names were drawn out of the “Green Card” Box. They have all won a $2 voucher for the school canteen.

Congratulations to:
Ethan Thomas, Bailey Morrison, Robert Randall

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
The following names were drawn out of the “Gold Star Award” Box at our last assembly. They have all won a $2 voucher to use in our school canteen.

Congratulations to:
- Ryan Clark
- Braiden Bagguley
- Bryce Rashleigh
- Seann Ramos
- David Obidos

Berri Hockey Club
Hockey Coaching Clinic and Come and Try Day
Where: Glassey Park, Berri
When: Monday 14th March 10am – 12.30pm
Who: Primary School Children Ages 8-12 years
Why: Club, State and National Coaching and playing experience to show you the fun, excitement and skill of hockey.
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT THE END OF COACHING CLINIC

LOXTON Arts and Crafts Inc.
Kids’ Easter Craft Workshops
Saturday 19th March, 2016
Location: Loxton CWA Hall – Kokoda Tce, Loxton

- Easter Card Making
  with Kath Gillard
  Time: between 9.30-11.30am
  Create an Easter Bunny card and add extra detail with stamps and other embellishments.
  Workshop cost: $5 - Bookings appreciated

- Easter Baskets
  with Domenica Tocoll
  Time: between 9.30am-11.30am
  Create an Easter Bunny or Chick basket and experiment with flower craft punches to add embellishments.
  Workshop cost: $5 - Bookings appreciated

- Pottery Egg Cups
  with Erin Harrair
  Session Times: 9.30am-10.30am or 10.30am-11.30am
  Learn the skills to create an egg cup from clay. Participants can add their own personal touch to make it unique.
  Workshop Cost: $10 – Bookings essential

Please call Domenica on 0419 820 483 for bookings.

Loxton Arts and Crafts Inc. would like to thank the Loxton Walkerie Council for covering the costs of all materials for these workshops through a Community Grants Program.

WELCOME TO
HANG IT ON THE CROSS
AN EASTER PLAY
10am Sunday 27 March
Riverland Central Christian Church Glossop

Lots of fun for Kids!
Coffee and Hot Cross Buns!
ALL FREE
8583 2260
Old Sturt Highway Glossop
www.riverlandcentral.org.au
Year 1 students have been learning about bugs and beetles in Science. In Digital Technology they were able to draw some of the bugs they have seen.

Mrs Whitehead/Mrs Millard/Mrs Tootell