Thinking positively about learning with a Growth mindset - I often have many children coming to me to get a Principal’s award. Teachers send children for these awards if they have overcome a challenge in their learning, changed positively in their attitude to learning or created work of a high standard which we like to share to show what great thinking and work looks like. This is one way we are promoting a GROWTH MINDSET with your children – giving positive feedback for - accepting and overcoming a challenge, thinking creatively through a problem, persevering through a frustration and not giving up, putting in a good effort and seeing a failure as a way to progress and improve. I was in a class yesterday where the children were sharing their Maths thinking with me – almost all were able to tell me where the point of challenge was in their work and what they did to move on through that challenge. The teacher had encouraged the children to create harder challenges for themselves to stretch their thinking beyond what they could do easily.

School times (am) : Please remember that children can enter the school grounds at 8:30. Any children arriving before and waiting outside the grounds are unsupervised and potentially unsafe. On days like today they are also cold and wet.

Ruth
Nature Play at Barmera Primary School: The beginning

This term we have begun weekly nature play. This is during lunch time play on Fridays. Junior Primary children are going out in the bush area near orange unit and the front of the school. We are exploring the environment carefully and respectfully. We are creating, inventing, pretending, socializing, and loving this time. We are learning new rules and learning how to take reasonable risks. We are careful and keeping ourselves and others safe.

You may have noticed this area is looking different. Some of you may say messy or untidy. Be assured that it is purposeful and meaningful learning and exploration that is taking place. We hope to continue to develop this concept and have more children at Barmera Primary school to be able to take part in different areas of the school.

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

Dakota, Dusty-Rose, Toree, Ayden, Sam, Layla, Gypsy, Ocea, Jordan, James, Seann, Jahedon, Jesse

"We made a fairy garden"

"I wonder what animals made these patterns on the log"

"I wonder what Benji found in the scrub"

‘Anything you can teach in an indoor classroom can be taught outdoors; often in ways that are more enjoyable for children’
As a co-captain with Darcee Troy, we were extremely proud of the girls. We won three games and drew two. We were fortunate enough to make it into the grand final against Renmark North. More than half of the team didn't know how to play soccer but, they performed really well. Mr. Barber was a big help in making the team go as far as we could. The encouragement and support he gave us played a big part in our success.

By Kayla Tsorotiotis.

A couple of weeks ago a few students went to SAPSASA soccer. The boys ended coming 4th and the girls came second. This was my first time playing soccer. I had a great day playing.

By Chelsea Bannear

When I went to soccer I felt really nervous until after our first game. We played all through the day and made it into the finals. We versed a school and lost by one 0-1. It was a really good day.

Clarissa

Week 2 of this term a group of 13 girls travelled to Renmark for SAPSASA soccer. We drew in 2 games and won 3. We came first in our pool and fortunately made it into the grand final in which we played against Renmark North. We didn't win but we were still successful as we came second overall out of all the girls teams.

By Deepkiran.

SAPSASA SOCCER

I learnt a lot of new things. I have never played a soccer game and we nearly made it into the finals.

Seth S

At my last SAPSASA I was lucky to be one of the captains. It was a good day for the boys. We came third overall but lost in the finals 1-3 to Monash. We didn't lose a game that day. We drew three times and won twice. My highlights of the game was Steven’s bicycle kick that won us the game at Renmark West.

Jamo

I liked that everyone worked together and there was a lot of team work. Thankyou to Mr. Barber and Mrs Foulds.

Brodie Harris

I have never played a soccer game and we nearly made it into the finals.
The main message I got from the guest speaker was that when you have a responsibility, you still do it through light and dark.

By Teresa Drewett

My favourite activity was kayaking, because we had to be leaders and do teamwork, otherwise people would fall off the ends of the kayaks and canoes. It also allowed a chance to partner up in a canoe with someone you don’t usually mix with. I did mix with students from other schools and I saw some familiar faces. The friends I made were: Isabella, Kellie, Monieka and I met with my kindergarten BFF, Emily. (Not Emily M.)

By Teresa Drewett

Besides our school, Cobdogla Primary and Monash Primary also went to the camp. We all did activities together and made new friends. I made two new friends from Monash. Their names were Daniel Greer and Peter Honoropoulos. I also saw a few friends that I already knew from Cobdogla through music and sports. Some of these people were Joe Ricketts, Connor Scordo, Reece (I don’t know his last name) and Adoni Milonis.

On Thursday the 5th of May, all the year 7’s travelled via bus to the year seven Leadership Camp. We stayed overnight to learn how to be the best leader possible. It was also a prep for entering high school. I felt quite nervous as I had never been on a leadership camp before, but when I got there it was pretty cool.

That night (when we arrived) we set up our tents which was a major challenge for my group because we had an 8 man tent which was very confusing to set up. After approximately an hour and a half, we finally finished setting up my group’s tent. After that we had a guest speaker talk about his job and sports. He explained how after bad weather conditions, him and his hockey team helped each other clean up the area and helped others who were in need of it. What I learned throughout the whole camp is, a lot of the time, it takes multiple people to get a job done, even if it is something as simple as setting up a tent. It took about 6-12 people to set up my groups tent.

My favourite activity was kayaking with my friend Peter, from Monash. We had to do a team effort to not flip the kayak even though we did. I learnt from getting flipped off that we had to be more co-operative to succeed in staying above the water.
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:
Lucas Allder, Layla Tsonis, Toby Allder, Caitlin Drake, Josh McPherson

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:
- Georgia Tstoriotis
- Deanna Campbell/Collard
- Paris Wood
- Lucas Warnett

Yay!!!! We Won!
All our energetic foil wrapper saving produced a wonderful result and we have been announced as the Upper Murray winners of the 2016 Easter NRM Education Foil Competition.
We received a book for our library on Recycled craft activities. Well done everybody!!!

Reconciliation Week
27th May to 3rd June

Definition for Reconciliation Week:-
Reconciliation is about Unity and Respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-Indigenous Australians.
It is about Respect for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islander Heritage and Valuing justice and Equality for all Australians.
For Reconciliation week Barmera Primary School teachers and the children are working on activities provided by Marie.
National Sorry Day is tomorrow Thursday 26th May.

Marie Thornhill (ACEO)
The things I learnt when I was at Leadership Camp were that it was fun and I should help the school if they ask me to. I should help people in the community and I learnt respect.

My favourite activity was when we went kayaking and went and played hungry hippo because it helped with my team work with Brad. We had to represent the school and then we went and did lawn bowls. That was fun and difficult.

I did make new friends - Archy, Saxton and Connor.

The main speaker was talking about when he played hockey and there was a tsunami. The next morning they cleaned the place they were staying because the yard looked like a dump. After they cleaned it, they went back to sleep because they were up since 5 in the morning.

People from Glossop High school came so we could ask them questions. They were Maggie, Tayne, Kevin, Georgia, Alana, Riley and Zali.

By Zak Girdler