Principal’s Piece

NAPLAN Online – Getting ready for 2017

NAPLAN tests are the national Literacy & Numeracy tests which assess children in years 3, 5, 6 and 9 each year. Up until now these have been paper tests, however the Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period. This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child’s teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in Weeks 4 & 5 this term. This trial is not a ‘test’ of what students know; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment and if our own computer system can cope with running these tests online.

As part of the trial, our students in Years 3, 5 & 7 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a state-wide level.

You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

CHOIR – our school choir will perform in the Chaffey Theatre tonight along with children from other schools. Thanks to Joanna Whitehead who has been our Choir trainer this year & to the students who will be performing tonight.

BABY NEWS! Congratulations to Emma & Nick Cuteri on the birth of their son, William last week. A bit early but all healthy and happy.

SNAP LOCK bags – We find lots of these bags in the yard after recess and lunch every day. We will ask our SRC members to consider this problem and come up with a strategy to stop this littering.

Ruth

Principal’s Awards

😊 Zak Nowlan
😊 Daniel Drumm
😊 Quentin Chisholm

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Next edition of our newsletter will be published on Wednesday 17th August 2016
Please have articles to Joy in the Front Office by Monday 15th August 2016
email: dl.0506.info@schools.sa.edu.au | web: www.barmeraps.sa.edu.au | fb: facebook.com/barmeraps
A Remembrance and Support Fundraiser in Loving memory of Jessica Taylor

The Taylor Project is an initiative of a group of Riverland people, friends of the Taylor family, who have had a harrowing time over the last few years. Their experience settles around Jessica who sadly passed away following a long term illness.

Join the group of Riverlanders to help and support the family.
Get a group together and join us at 8:30pm on August 20th at the Barmera Monash Football Club for a great night of entertainment by everyone’s favourite local band ‘Snitzel Pak’.
Raffles during the night. $10 entry.
A taxi bus will be available by donation to drop you safely home within the Barmera area.

Environment Expo—Can you help?
As part of the Environment Expo being held on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th September, older students will be organising activities for younger students with environmental themes.
Some of the ideas being developed require recycled items.
We need 1L, 2L and 3L milk containers, margarine containers, plastic bottle tops, beads and buttons.
These need to be thoroughly cleaned and dried, particularly milk containers. We are starting to collect these items immediately. If you are able to help, items can be left either in the carton in the front office or drop them off at the library.
Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

FUNDRAISING MEETING
Barmera Primary School will be having a Fundraising Meeting in the Library this, Friday 5th August at 3:30pm
All parents and caregivers are welcome. Your help will be greatly appreciation.

Barmera Primary School
“PIE DRIVE”
Second Pie Order delivery is tomorrow.
Thursday 3rd August.
Pick Up from the Canteen
Between 3pm & 4pm.
Thank you for your support in this Fundraiser.
NATIONAL KARATE ACADEMIES
www.nationalkarate.com.au
TUESDAY NIGHT
OLOR Primary School Hall
McIntosh Street, Berri
JUNIORS: 6PM – 7PM
SENIORS: 7PM – 8:30PM
FOR INFORMATION:
INSTRUCTOR
SCOTT MITCHELL
0417827517
E-MAIL:

Would you like to learn how to:
• Be better at talking with and understanding your young person?
• Help your young person learn to manage their emotions?
• Teach your young person to deal with conflict?
Then this program may be for you!

Headspace—Tuning in to Teens

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Tuning in to Teens is a 6 week program which will give parents and carers strategies to enhance the communication with the young people in their lives.

When Thu 4th Aug – Thurs 8th Sept at 5:30—7:30
Where Headspace Berri, 3 Riverview Drive
Contact Kristy O’Brien on 85824422
Book Week 2016    Tuesday 23rd —Friday 26th August

Every August, schools across the nation celebrate books, Australian authors and illustrators; inspiring children to read and write as part of Book Week. This year’s theme is Australia: Story Country.

Following is a brief program of activities for the week.

Tuesday: Community visitors reading books to Rec—Year 4/5 students.
Wednesday: Year 6/7 students reading to Kindy students.
            Book Sale in Library at Lunchtime with proceeds going to Make-A-Wish.
Thursday: Year 6/7 students reading to Kindy students.
            Book Sale in Library at Lunchtime with proceeds going to Make-A-Wish.
Friday: Dress up day—Australia n book character or Australia Theme.
       There will be a gathering of classes to view the “Dress-Ups” in the hall at 9:15am.

The books for sale on Wednesday and Thursday are those which were pulled off shelves at the end of last year during a cull of unused, out dated or well used books. These will be for sale for 20c, and 50c with a few for $1. All money raised over these two days will go towards the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the group chosen by the Children’s Book Council of Australia to support for this year.

If you wish you can also share your child’s creative costume with Make-A-Wish by sharing a photo on social media. Please tag @makeawishaust and use the hashtag #bookweek2016.

Should you have any questions about our Book Week activities, please feel free to contact me in the library.

Glenys Matthews