Principal’s Piece

Pastoral Care Worker
Erin Harrald is our Pastoral care worker (PCW), working with many of your children. They enjoy craft, cooking, pottery and many other interesting activities with Erin. The role of the PCW is to support and mentor children who need support in some way. They will often interact in a small social group, selecting some friends to join themselves and Erin. The PCW position is a federally funded role which is reviewed annually. This is currently happening here at Barmera Primary School, so some of you will receive a survey questionnaire. Please return your survey by Friday this week. Your participation will be appreciated as it is only through feedback from schools and families that these positions continue or improve if needs be. Pottery – our Pastoral Care worker with our volunteer, Ron Oliver, have run a pottery program at the school for many years. However, our 44 year old kiln was decommissioned earlier this year. We are pleased that we have at last found a very good second hand kiln from an Adelaide school. Once in place we can then resume firing the children’s pottery at school. Thanks to Erin who has taken their work home for the last few months to fire in her own kiln.

School Camp – Sam Rashleigh, Keesha Albanese and Peter Fletcher’s classes have headed off this morning for their 3 day camp at the Scouting Association’s Woodside venue. Many schools no longer offer these experiences for their students; however our teachers and leaders see the social and educational value in these experiences. They take an enormous amount of organization by teachers and administration staff but here at Barmera we see, that the value to all children warrants this effort.

Environmental Project—We have a very exciting project in the planning. Some of our children will have the opportunity to work as writers and illustrators, creating a book with our local writer and artist, Liz Frankel. Liz has rewritten many children’s books on Environmental topics. This one will be around the local Catfish program. More on this exciting project later. Ruth

Principal’s Awards

- Georgia Tsfotiotis
- Luke Nowlan
- Will Doupis
- Harry Finn
- Zak Nowlan
- Dallas Fitzpatrick
- Bo Wegener
- Billy Clayton

Dates to Remember

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Next edition of our newsletter will be published on Wednesday 31st August 2016
Please have articles to Joy in the Front Office by Monday 29th August 2016
email: dl.0506.info@schools.sa.edu.au | web: www.barmeraps.sa.edu.au | fb: facebook.com/barmeraps
Student Behaviour Management Policy Review

We are currently reviewing our Student Behaviour Management Policy and we are gathering information from students and staff to use to review this policy. We would like to include a section on parents’ rights and responsibilities in the policy. If you would like to be involved in a small focus group (one meeting only) to discuss this, could you please contact Cate Robins (school counsellor) at the school to register your interest. The date and time for the focus group will be worked out later to suit people’s availability as best we can.

Thankyou
Cate Robins—School Counsellor—Barmera Primary School

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Children’s Book Week 2016
Australia: Story Country

Next Week
Tuesday 23rd — Friday 26th August

Following is a brief program of activities for the week.

Tuesday: Community visitors reading books
Wednesday: Year 6/7 students reading to Kindy students.
            Book Sale in Library
Thursday: Year 6/7 students reading to Kindy students.
            Book Sale in Library
Friday: Dress up day—There will be a gathering of classes
to view the “Dress-Ups” in the hall at 9:15am.

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GARDEN GROUP NEWS FEED

This term we have been doing weeding and planting. It was hard and easy at the same time. Lots of weeds grew over the holidays.
The groundsman is getting grass clippings to put around our plants that we grow to stop the weeds from regrowing.
So far, some carrots, lettuce, cabbage and radishes have grown. We ate some of the radishes.
Trinity loved the radishes.

From Nathan Casey garden group Leader

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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, Lazara Wade, Nicholas Magiarapis, Sam Jericho and Bella Winen

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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: Caleb Stewart, Zoe Morgan, Lilly Banks, Bella Winen, Clarissa Bagguley
Barmera Country Fire Service would like to invite the community to attend our cadet open day.

This will offer children and parents an insight on what the cadet program is all about.

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE PROVIDED

LIVE FIRE DEMOS

TRUCK RIDES

Hose Drills

Sunday 18th September - 10:00am—3:00pm

Located at the Barmera CFS (behind Barmera United)

Keep your kids smiling
At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.
Call us now for an appointment!
Your local clinic is: Berri School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8582 1969

A Remembrance and Support Fundraiser in Loving memory of Jessica Taylor
This Saturday Night
20th August
Barmera Monash Football Club

START on the road for SALA
11am – 3pm SATURDAY 20 AND SUNDAY 21 AUGUST

The Art Gallery of South Australia’s popular START program is hitting the road, heading to Berri in the Riverland in August to celebrate SALA with the support of Country Arts SA.
In Berri, the free, family-friendly activities will be held at the River Lands Gallery.
Join the START team to create botanical paper gardens and wire plants to celebrate South Australian artist Robert Hannaford’s exhibition and his fondness for botany.
At START you can also find out more about the Art Gallery of South Australia, the collection, exhibitions and public programs on offer.
No bookings are needed but for more information visit the Art Gallery of South Australia website www.artgallery.sa.gov.au or call 8207 7578.
START activities are free thanks to support from James & Diana Ramsay Foundation.

START activities are held at the River Lands Gallery.

START team creates botanical paper gardens and wire plants.

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Barmera Primary Science applied for and won a grant of money for Science Week this year. We purchased “Bee Bots” with this money. We acknowledge the support of the Australian Science Teacher’s Association.

Bee Bots are small robots that help students learn the basics of programming and computational thinking. People from ages 4—104 can enjoy working with Bee Bots.

The challenge this week was to make a piece of artwork entirely drawn by a robot. Students discovered many different ways of programming the robots and manipulating them to create their art.

Science Week 2016

Students also had the opportunity for a photoshoot with our onsite robot.

Junior students also had the opportunity to build their own robot—in only 20 seconds.