**Principal’s Piece**

In the last few weeks schools have been recognising the contribution Support staff provide to the learning and well being of children.

Here at Barmera Primary, the work of our support staff is often diverse and complex requiring a lot of flexibility and multi-tasking!

Some of our support staff work in classrooms with children and teachers while others have administrative roles (Reception, Finance, IT, Work Health & Safety and general administration) or maintenance roles as Grounds persons.

Each role is critical to the organisation and good order of our school and importantly to the wellbeing & learning of our children.

We greatly appreciate their contribution to Barmera Primary School & will be celebrating this on Thursday.

**Thank you:**

Chris, Gaynor, Charmaine, Brad, Carly, Emma, Felicity, Adrian, Joy, Nicole, Nat, Lee, Joe, Peter, Marie & Renate.

**Staff – Janet Gobbett & Julie John’s class**

Janet Gobbett has been absent all term and will continue to take leave for the remainder of the year. Mr Kerry Harrigan will continue to fill her position to the end of the year. Julie John has also been absent recently after injuring herself quite severely. We have endeavoured to maintain consistency in employing relief teachers, as understandably unavoidable changes can be disruptive for children.

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**Dates to Remember**

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Well done!!!

Principal’s Awards
😊 Ruby Raymond
😊 Danika Wright

We will be holding an adidas School Fun-Run as the major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Tuesday 20th September.

The adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

There will be displays of “Well Being Organisations” set up on the oval.

An invitation also goes to all Parents/Caregivers/Friends to join us for a picnic lunch on the oval.

All students have received a sponsorship form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school and a parent information letter. We hope that everyone will be able to support this event.
Week 4, term 3, 15th to 19th of August a squad of 20 Riverland girls went to Adelaide for SAPSASA Netball. We had 2 teams a division 1 and a division 5 team. Tahlia, Kayla and myself were in the div 5 team. Over the week we played two games everyday against some of the teams from SA. For half the week we wore skorts and t-shirts and the rest the new Riverland dresses. Unfortunately we didn't win any games but we had a strong team and we played great as a team!

Written By Connie

I was fortunate enough to be chosen for the SAPSASA netball squad again this year. I was captain of the div 5 team and was impressed with everyones improvement in their netball skills. It was a tough week with two of our girls getting injured but we soon got back into the game. It was a great experience that will take our netball to the next level. We made great friendships with all the girls and had some really great moments with them. Overall we had an amazing week and didn't want to come back.

Written by Kayla

SAPSASA Football by Steven Clark

Adelaide Shores football oval, near the ocean.

Played in different positions
Scored four goals throughout out the carnival.
Achieved my personal goal of four tackles a match
Second on the ladder at the end of the carnival
Attitude was good all week

Finished runner up for division one
Only missed two goals at the carnival
On the 15th August 2016
Tried my hardest all week
Behaved well with my team mates
Associated well with team mates from other schools
Loved representing the Riverland
Lost only two games out of nine

Written BY Steven Clark

Buy toys and gifts to help fundraise for our school!

Catalogues due now
Pastoral Care Worker News

This term I have been running two pottery groups for selected students in year 3 to 7. The students have been creating some wonderful pieces and have learnt techniques such as pinch pots, coil pots and slab pots. This week they have been using all of this knowledge to create their own project of choice. I am really enjoying this time of getting to know these students and teaching them new skills. Well done every one!
Environment Expo 2016

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th September

We will be holding two Environment Expos days next week. The first is for our Junior Primary students as well as students from Barmera Kindy, Kingston-on-Murray and Loxton Lutheran schools. The second day is for our older students as well as students from Loxton Lutheran school and workshops from Renmark, Kingston-on-Murray, Morgan, St. Joseph's Barmera and Yr 10 Glossop High students. Mr Fletcher's class has been working busily to prepare workshops and Mrs Melnyk's and Mrs Inwood's classes and the YEL group have organised environmental activities for both days. The event begins at 10:00am with workshops running through until 12:30pm. After lunch there will be another hour of nature activities in and around the oval area. We also have some guest presenters on the second day from Cleanaway, Berri Barmera Landcare and NRM Education.

You are invited to attend and have a look at what the students have been preparing from 10:00am to 2:00pm on either day.

It will be a very exciting day for all those involved!!

On the 19th to the 22nd of August I flew from Adelaide to Canberra (ACT) for the National Cross Country Championships at Stromlo Forest Park. On the Friday, the opening ceremony was held where all the teams from across Australia walked across the track holding their state flag. Saturday was the big race. It was a 1.5km track so we had to run it twice. It was a really cold day but I managed to come 26th.

On Sunday I went to Questacon Parliament House and the National Zoo and the Aquarium. Monday was our last day but we still had the relay. The relay course was a 1.5km asphalt track. I was running the 4th leg. Overall our U11 SA team came 5th.

At the closing ceremony SA came 4th overall with three awards for Improvement.

Written by Tahlia Dillon
Book Week 2016

Book Week began with our special reading morning with invited community guests reading to most of our classes. A special thankyou to Peter Hunt, Margaret Evans, Linc Gore, Di Tillet, Sally Minns, Josie Little, Jan Wachtel, Judy Suchenko, Ron Harris, Jayne Foulds, Ruth Pfieler, Emma Lowry, Lee Buller, Peter Schramm, Joe Hermanson and Adrian Little for their wonderful reading to the students. We also had classes visiting the Barmera Library, Year 6/7 classes reading to Barmera Kindy students, Mr Fletcher’s class reading to our Receptions and our special Australian Dress Up Day. Many thanks for all the efforts people put into the character costumes. They looked absolutely fabulous at the display assembly on Friday!
Earlier this year our school was nominated for the National Junior Landcare Award. These will be presented in Melbourne on Thursday 22nd September. There is also an opportunity for our school to win a People’s Choice Award at these presentations.

We have a profile page online at [http://nationallandcareconference.org.au.awards/](http://nationallandcareconference.org.au.awards/). The idea of the People’s Choice Award is to have as many people as possible to vote for the Landcare finalist they choose in each of the categories.

To do this you need to go to [http://nationallandcareconference.org.au.awards/](http://nationallandcareconference.org.au.awards/) and scroll down to the Junior Landcare finalists and click on Barmera Primary School. Click on the “vote now” button and enter your email address. Click on the rectangle shape on each page to move forward and vote for a winner in each of the categories. **MAKE SURE YOU CLICK THE BARMERA PRIMARY SCHOOL BUTTON ON THE JUNIOR LANDCARE PAGE.** When all pages have been voted on, the survey will thank you for participating. There is only one vote per email address so spread the word to family and friends to vote. The more votes we get the better the chances of winning!

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**Freestyle Karate J.S.Karate-Do**

Consideration is being given to expanding karate by being able to offer classes in Barmera. It will be on a Thursday or Friday night.

If anyone knows someone in Barmera who would be interested, or have children who would be interested, please forward to us any numbers, and preferred night, and time, so that we can gauge the amount of interest for going ahead with the venture. For ages 6 and up.

It’s a fun family orientated club with emphasis on discipline and respect of one another and of course self-defence. It is a great club to be in...

Junior classes are $6 each and senior kids (high school or adults) is $7 each person.

Membership is $35 a year for juniors, $45 a year for seniors.

It is also held in Renmark and Berri on alternative Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesday nights. Please call 0404 019 977. For more info or message the fb page. Thank you!

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**COBBY TENNIS CLUB**

- **Hot Shots** (5-7 year olds) will commence on Thursday 3rd of November at 3.45pm.
- **Junior** (Saturday morning competition) training will resume on Thursday the 15th of September at 4.30pm.
- **Senior** training will begin on Thursday the 15th of September at 5.30pm.
- **AGM** Thursday 15th of September 7.00pm at the Cobby Club.

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**The Blood Service Mobile Blood Donor Centre will be visiting:**

- **Berri**—Senior Citizen Centre, 1 Crawford Terrace
- **Wednesday 14th September** : 12:00pm—7:30pm
- **Thursday 15th September** : 7:30am—12:00pm

To make an appointment call 131495 or visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)