

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Only one short week left of Term 1 and a well-deserved Easter break this weekend. It has been a successful first term of the year, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students, staff, families and community for your support during this term.

Last fortnight, the Riverland Special School Annual General Meeting was held. Thanks to those who attended to support on the evening and continue to be a part of our Governing Council for the 2023 school year. This year our elected Governing Council members are; Mynon Smart (Chairperson), Naomi Darby (Secretary), Emilie Brown (Treasurer), Karen Vegh, Caitlyn Mantzoros, Jennifer Johnson and Sam Haby. We acknowledge Deb Savill who has elected to resign from the Governing Council for personal reasons. We thank Deb for her contribution and many years of service on the Governing Council in particular in the role of Secretary, with tremendous support for the school and the education of students with a disability - it has been greatly appreciated.

Last week we held our second Riverland Special School Open Day including an Expo of fifteen Disability Service providers in attendance. This event was very successful with close to 70 community visitors entering the school to engage in tours held by Charyis, Aidan, Tashara and Kaleb and to meet with the service providers to access information. It was a great opportunity for community members to view our school with the classroom learning evidence, outdoor play areas, multi-sensory room and new artwork in the Playway receiving many positive comments.

Thank you to all of the students and staff who spent time making sure that the school was ready for the event. All of the organisation, planning and support to ensure that it was a successful is greatly appreciated.

Wishing our students, families and whole school community a safe and happy Easter break and school holiday break coming up shortly.

Natalie Coote



Dates To Remember:

- Friday 7th April
Good Friday Holiday
- Monday 10th April
Easter Monday Holiday
- Wednesday 12th April
ANZAC Day Service for schools
- Friday 14th April
Last day of Term 1
2:15pm Dismissal



CHECK OUT OUR NEW ARTWORK IN OUR PLAYWAY - THANKS TO SCOTT RATHMAN FROM RUSTED TIN!

TRANSPORT



IS YOUR CHILD ILL? OR AWAY FOR FAMILY REASONS? DO YOU NEED TO CANCEL THE AM OR PM TRANSPORT RUN?

A reminder that it is the parent/carer responsibility to notify the bus company the night before (if possible) if your child will NOT be needing transport on their morning or afternoon run.

EXPRESS X: 8213 6600

BUSBIZ: 8586 6333

SCHOOL TIMES

*Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday:*

8:30am to 3:10pm

Thursday:

8:30am to 2:20pm

RECESS: 10:40AM TO 11:10AM

LUNCH: 12:50PM TO 1:20PM

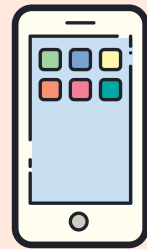


CONTACT US

To make contact with the school or report student absences, please use the following methods:



**PHONE:
8582 1258**



**TEXT:
0457 275 691**



CLASSDOJO

If you need help connecting to ClassDojo, please contact the front office.

STAY CONNECTED

We regularly post updates to ClassDojo and our Facebook Closed group. These platforms are available to our current families, students and staff only. This is where we share the most important school information. We use our PUBLIC Facebook page to stay connected to the wider community when needed. If you need help connecting, please let us know.



STUDENT INFORMATION:

Please make sure the school has the latest information for your child. This includes contact numbers, address & medical information. Please update the school when these details change.



WATER DAY:

Friday 10th March

Comments from the REDGUM class:

BLAKE : I liked squirting people with the water. I liked the waterslide with the donut. I enjoyed playing with other students.

GEMMA : I liked playing with Adellyn with the Lux Flakes Slime.

SETH : I liked squirting people with the bottles. It was the best fun I've had in a long time.

INDIANA : I liked playing with the ball & listening to music.

EVE : I liked listening to the music.

ALICE : I liked squirting people with syringes.

HARRISON : I liked making big bubbles with the bubble wand.



THANKS TO A GRANT FROM 'OUR TOWN BERRI' FLOODFEST, OUR SRC ORGANISED A GREAT DAY OF WATER FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS - RIGHT HERE AT SCHOOL!



HARMONY DAY = everyone belongs

On Tuesday 21st March some of our student's celebrated Harmony Day by making Harmony crowns. Don't they look fabulous!



OPEN DAY & Expo

Thank you to everyone who supported our Open Day & Disability Expo last week. It was great to see so many people come through to see our wonderful school and take advantage of all the information available from the many Service Providers we had on site.



THANK YOU!

Participating Service Providers:

- All Areas Care & Support
- Barossa Enterprises
- Community Living Australia
- Connect Allied Health
- Disability Rights Advocacy Service Inc
- Good Prospects
- Interact Australia
- KompletCare Community & Home Care Services
- Lifestyle Assistance & Accommodation Service
- Mission Australia
- Mojo Mentoring
- Murray River Study Hub
- Mytime Australia
- Novita
- Riverland Respite & recreation Service Inc
- OTFC Riverland



Celebrating Ability

Riverland Special School

Term 2 2023 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	1/5 1st Day of Term 2	2/5	3/5	4/5	5/5
WEEK 2	8/5	9/5	10/5 Yr 7,8 & 10 Immunisations	11/5	12/5
WEEK 3	15/5 STUDENT FREE DAY	16/5	17/5	18/5	19/5
WEEK 4	22/5	23/5 7pm Governing Council	24/5	25/5	26/5
WEEK 5	29/5	30/5	31/5	1/6	2/6 Sports Day
WEEK 6	5/6	6/6	7/6	8/6	9/6
WEEK 7	12/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13/6	14/6	15/6	16/6
WEEK 8	19/6	20/6 7pm Governing Council	21/6	22/6	23/6
WEEK 9	26/6	27/6	28/6	29/6	30/6
WEEK 10	3/7	4/7	5/7	6/7	7/7 Last Day of Term 2 2:15pm Dismissal

PLEASE NOTE: There may be changes during the Term but you will be kept up to date through newsletters, Facebook and Class Dojo. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



BECOME A MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDER to support friends, family members, colleagues and others

About 1 in 5 Australian adults experience a common mental illness each year. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training will teach you practical skills to support someone with a mental health problem. Make a real difference to people in your community.

STANDARD MHFA TRAINING BENEFITS

KNOWLEDGE	CONFIDENCE	DE-STIGMATISING	SUPPORT
Improves knowledge of mental illnesses, treatments and first aid actions.	Increases confidence in providing first aid.	Decreases stigmatising attitudes.	Increases the support provided to others.

"I enjoyed learning the skills to be an MHFAider. The content was interesting and the facilitators made me feel at ease, even with the more sensitive content." - Georgia

LEARN PRACTICAL FIRST AID SKILLS

- Recognise common mental health problems
- Provide initial help using a practical, evidence-based Action Plan
- Seek appropriate professional help, and
- Respond in a crisis situation

This is a 12-hour educational course, not a therapy or support group.

DATES April 17th & 18th

TIMES 9 AM to 4 PM

COST \$360

VENUE Renmark Paringa Council

FACILITATOR/S

Deb Gleeson & David Moran

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Call 0402 749 850, or email david@mentalhealthpartners.com.au

Bulk booking discounts may apply!

For more information, visit mhfa.com.au/courses



@MHFA_Australia



@mentalhealthfirstaid



Extraordinary Parents and Carer Support Group

The Extraordinary Parents and Carer Support Group is a peer-led support group for parents and/or those in a caring role for children with additional needs.

The support group meets monthly and is a chance to connect with other parents and caregivers going through a similar experience. Speaking with others in a similar boat can offer a better understanding and help us feel less alone.

Tea, coffee and cake are provided.

When: Once a month on a Sunday | 10.30am - 12.00pm

Where: Renmark Tintra Lawn Tennis Club | Paringa Street Renmark 5341

For more information please call Emma at Relationships Australia SA Berri on (08) 8582 4122

Relationships Australia
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Relationships Australia SA's Children and Parenting Service is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

TOM CURTAIN

NOTHIN'S GONNA STOP US TOUR

KATHERINE OUTBACK EXPERIENCE,
CHRIS MATTHEWS & MELISSA FRASER

Family friendly event:

- 1hr National award-winning Outback Horse & Dog Show
- 1.5hr Live music

WAIKERIE

SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023

WAIKERIE PONY CLUB

GATES OPEN 5:00PM | SHOW 6:00-8:30PM

ONLINE TICKETS: ADULT: \$40 | SENIOR: \$35 | STUDENTS (6-17YR): \$25 | KIDS (5YR&U): FREE

SMALL ONLINE BOOKING FEE | DOOR TICKETS \$10 MORE IF AVAIL.

FOOD AND DRINKS AVAIL | BYO CHAIRS | OUTDOOR EVENT

TICKETS: WWW.TOMCURTAIN.COM.AU



Mental health support for children and young people impacted by the River Murray flood

Families living in the River Murray flood affected areas, who have a child or young person experiencing severe and/or complex mental health concerns, are encouraged to contact their GP or other Health Practitioner.

They will help direct you to the most appropriate service for your child. Where that is the Child Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), please call 1300 222 647 during office hours.

CAMHS offers appointments through its Berri and Murray Bridge offices, outreach locations and telehealth.



For any urgent injuries, illnesses or mental health, contact the Child and Adolescent Virtual Urgent Care Service, 7 days a week, from 9am to 9pm.

For more information visit wchn.sa.gov.au/camhs



Government of South Australia
Women's and Children's Health Network

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ANZAC DAY

INVITATION

The Berri 2023 ANZAC Day Commemoration Service for Schools shall be conducted at the Wade Street Memorial Gates on Wednesday, 12 April 2023.

The Service will commence at 11:00 am.

Representatives of your school are cordially invited to attend and lay a wreath, if you wish to do so.

Parents and friends are most welcome.

CJ Ware
President

Berri RSL Sub-Branch

Any queries—Ph: 0484331863

YOUNG RMS production of



SHREK The MUSICAL JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig

BROADWAY JUNIOR COLLECTION®

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire Music by Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford
"I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond

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APRIL 22nd & 23rd 2023 @ 1PM & 3.30PM

BONNEY THEATRE, BARMERA

Tickets available from trybooking.com/CGWTA



LOXTON HISTORICAL VILLAGE



ALIVE DAY

EASTER SATURDAY
8th April, 2023

- Operating Exhibits 10am - 4pm
- Blacksmith, Shearing & Printing Demonstrations
- Stationary Engines
- Whip Cracking
- Food & Market Stalls
- Kids Crafts, Games & more



****Members & Year Pass Holders FREE****

ADULTS \$12 • CONC \$10 • CHILD \$6 • FAMILY \$30

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LOXTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Easter Picnic!

10am Easter Saturday, 8th April
Rotunda Lawns, East Terrace Loxton

FREE:

- Hot Cross Buns 🍩
- Easter Eggs 🥚
- Kids Craft Activity 🎨
- Easter Bunny 🐰
- Easter Egg Hunt 'with a difference'

Shops open until 12.30pm!




COMMUNITY NOTICES

Riverland Pest Free Area fruit movement rules

The Riverland Pest Free Area (PFA) is recognised internationally for growing delicious high quality fruit and vegetables. To protect the area from fruit fly, certain fruit and vegetables cannot be brought in. Our school is in the PFA. Packing a lunchbox with healthy food can be tricky when you live outside the PFA but your school is inside, or if you live in the PFA but shop outside the area. Here are some ideas to help you plan.

what you can do

Prepare your lunchbox

These fresh fruit and vegetables have no restrictions and can be purchased from anywhere and brought into the Riverland PFA.



All fruit is okay to bring to school if it is:

- Frozen fruit – grapes, berries or mango for a refreshing snack
- Cooked or stewed fruit – add some yoghurt on the side (remember to add an ice pack)
- Canned fruit in natural juice or water
- Dried fruits – not for everyday and keep these serves small (no more than 30g)
- Grated fruit or vegetables – in a sandwich, wrap or salad
- Pureed fruit – by itself or in yoghurt



Buy from a local shop

Buy any fresh fruit and vegetables from shops inside the Riverland PFA.

Accredited stores

Some stores outside the area have been accredited by PIRSA to sell fruit and vegetable that can be taken into the PFA. See a current list of accredited stores on fruitfly.sa.gov.au

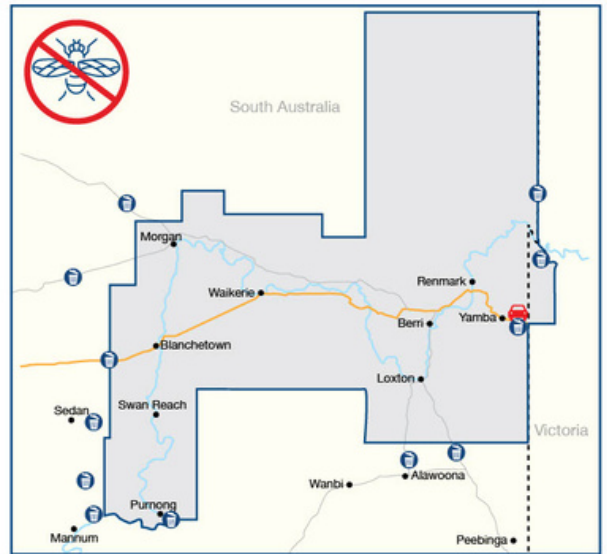
Fruit fly outbreaks

Further fruit movement restrictions may apply if a fruit fly outbreak is declared.

1. Search the fruit fly map to check if our school or your home is in a fruit fly outbreak area.
2. Understand the restrictions in place by visiting fruitfly.sa.gov.au



Riverland Pest Free Area



- 🚚 quarantine station
- 🚗 quarantine bins
- interstate border
- ▭ Riverland Pest Free Area

We need your help to protect the Riverland from fruit fly.



fruitfly.sa.gov.au
1300 666 010

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June 2020

APRIL HOLIDAYS

RIVERLAND YOUTH THEATRE

BOOKINGS:
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YOU PERFORM!

OBSESSION PARTY AT MALLEE FOWL! FREE

You know that thing that makes you light up? Lego or HPC University or a TV show that's been off the air for 25 years? Here is your chance to tell everyone about it. Learn what makes our weird and wonderful brains glow and celebrate obsession. Oh and THERE'S A TWIST: some participants will have workshoped their presentations with guest artist Mary Angely during the afternoon and some will be handing a slide show they have never seen before and present on something they know NOTHING ABOUT!

Berri Town Hall, Workshop, April 20, 1pm-5pm

Mallee Fowl Restaurant, April 20, 7pm
Book via Mallee Fowl: 0439 340 664



MUSICAL CABARET FREE

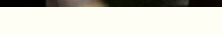
Join us for a musical night by talented local performers. This is the brainchild of Year 11 student, Elise Lambert. Elise is inviting the community to come together to create a night of fun where performers of all ages (yes, that includes you, grownups) can share their musical talent.

Rehearsals Thursday April 27
Performance Friday April 28 at 7pm
Renmark Institute

HOME TURF: POP UP PROJECTION FREE

Come and learn more about the art of projection mapping and see artwork by local young people (and you!) projected BIG. Riverland projection artist Nic Tubb will be on hand to answer questions, brainstorm ideas and help see a blank wall in a new way.

Blanchetown, April 17, 6pm
Pinnaroo, April 18, 6pm
Lameroo, April 19, 6pm
Waikerie, April 20, 6pm
Morgan, April 21, 7pm



PERFORMANCES

GRIEF LIGHTNING: A SATIRE IN 78 SLIDES \$10



Reviews for Grief Lightning
"A captivating hour that reflects commitment to fandom culture in comedic glory." ★★★★★ - On The Record

"Every now and again, a show tumbles out... as the start of something much, much bigger. This is one of those shows." ★★★★★ - Stage Whispers

Part-theatre, part-standup, part-PowerPoint Presentation. One lecturer desperately tries to prove a popular Grease fan theory: that Sandy drowns in the opening beach sequence and the rest of the film is her coma fantasy.
Renmark Institute, April 21, 8pm
For ages 16+

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH GUTHRAK FREE

Join us for a work in progress showing and chat about the making of Guthrak! Guthrak is an interactive theatrical experience for ages 12+ inspired by the tabletop game Dungeons and Dragons. Guthrak combines live music, interactive storytelling, a luscious hand-crafted tabletop map and gameplay mechanics to question what it takes to heal our hurts and remake the future.
Morgan Sporting Complex, April 21, 6pm
Renmark Institute, April 22, 6pm



APRIL HOLIDAYS

RIVERLAND YOUTH THEATRE

17-28 APRIL

PRESCHOOL

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT FREE

Games, songs, dance & stories.
Renmark Institute, April 17 & 24, 9am
Berri Main Street Pavilion, April 18, 10am
No bookings required

PRIMARY

PLAY IT LOUD FREE

Come and try musical instruments with music teacher Alistair Ward!
Renmark Institute, April 18,
Sessions: 10am-11am, 11:30am-12:30pm & 1pm-2:30pm
Waikerie Lutheran Primary School, April 19
Sessions: 10am-11am and 11:30am-12:30pm

HOME TURF: TAKE IT APART CLUB FREE

Break and Re-Make Technology with Packin IT.
Swan Reach School Gym, April 17,
10:30am-12pm
Blanchetown Community Hall, April 17,
2pm-3:30pm
Lameroo Community Library, April 18,
10am-11:30am

SECONDARY

3RD PLACE FREE

Just a chill hang out. Play games, swap memes or just chat with your friends.
Renmark Institute April 17 & 19, 2pm-6pm

RAINBOW AWARDS FREE

What does it mean to feel safe at school? How might teachers proactively work to create classrooms that celebrate difference? Create awards, badges and ridiculous trophies to showcase kindness and advocacy in your school with guest artists Calamity Tash and Sage Wilde.
Renmark Institute April 24-26, 10am-4pm



HOME TURF:

FILMMAKING & CREATIVE CLUB FREE

Explore the art of Filmmaking in a 4 hour practical session with Laura Franklin and Nic Tubb. Or drop into Creative Club with RYT's Community & Digital Artist Alysha Herrmann and work on your own creative projects with support.
Filmmaking 1pm - 5pm
Creative Club 2pm - 4pm
Pinnaroo Hub, April 18
Lameroo TBC, April 19
Waikerie Library, April 20
Morgan Activity Centre, April 21

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MAKING THESE PROGRAMS POSSIBLE

