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Term 4

Week 4

Newsletter 2022

Issue 10

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the end of Week 4! Almost halfway through the term already, and we are moving quickly towards the end of the year!

It has been a very busy start to the term with many activities happening throughout the school to keep our students busy learning and connecting with the community. We have had Inclusive Sports Day, Animal Farm, Remembrance Day Service, Tree Planting, Bowls @ Berri Bowls Club, Shopping and Cooking Activities to name just a few! We have many more activities coming up to the end of the school year with PROM, Aquatics, Presentation Day, Class Parties and Excursions and Transition of new students.

In Week 2 we celebrated our amazing Teaching Staff for World Teachers Day, and acknowledge their dedication to the students and the school. Thanks to Ms Burlik, Mr Kelly, Miss Greer, Mr Segui, Mrs Kunoth, Mrs Gaskin, Miss McDonald, Miss Gaylard, Mrs Krause, Mrs McCullough, Mrs Ogle, Miss Abby, Mr Heuzenroeder and all of the TRT staff who support our students to learn and be their best at school. We are so lucky to have you all as a part of the team.

On Monday 14th November (next week) we have a Student Free Day as scheduled last term. This will support our planning for 2023 and allows all staff to engage in Transfer and Positioning Training to support with safe work practices in assisting the needs of students. Thank you to the Governing Council for your approval of this day and to all of our families for your support.

Kindest Regards,

*Natalie Coote*



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

## ATTENDANCE

Please remember to inform the school of any planned or unplanned student absences. This may be a written, verbal or phone explanation prior to, or 'on the day' and a follow up note in your child's message book/diary the next day.

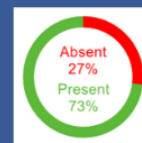
This will help the school to maintain accurate records.

Our 2022 attendance target is 90% or greater



Year to Date (2022)

The average daily attendance rate Year to Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 28/10/2022



Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 28/10/2022



## RIVERLAND SPECIAL SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

**Premiers Reading Challenge Reception** - Tues 8th Nov

**Governing Council** - Tues 8th Nov

**Student Free Day** - Monday 14th Nov

**Mission Australia Visit** - Wednesday 23rd Nov

**Senior School Prom** - Friday 25th November

# Riverland Special School

## Term 4 2022 Calendar

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
WEEK 1	17/10	18/10	19/10	20/10 Inclusive Sports Day Barmera	21/10
WEEK 2	24/10 Children's Week	25/10	26/10 Rainbow Animal Farm visit Mission Aust visit	27/10	28/10
WEEK 3	31/10	1/11	2/11	3/11	4/11 Rooms 7/8 Tree Planting
WEEK 4	7/11 Novita River Run - <b>CANCELLED</b>	8/11 Premier's Reading Challenge Reception 7pm Governing Council Meeting	9/11	10/11	11/11 Remembrance Day Service
WEEK 5	14/11 <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>	15/11 Transition visits	16/11	17/11	18/11 Youth Forum - Waikerie
WEEK 6	21/11 Rooms 7/8 Ready Set Dance	22/11 Transition visits	23/11 9-11am Mission Australia visit	24/11	25/11 PROM
WEEK 7	28/11 Rooms 7/8 Ready Set Dance	29/11 Transition visits	30/11	1/12	2/12 Rooms 6/7/8 Aquatics Day
WEEK 8	5/12 Rooms 7/8 Ready Set Dance	6/12 6:30pm Governing Council Meeting	7/12	8/12 12:30pm Presentation Day	9/12 Last day for Seniors
WEEK 9	12/12	13/12	14/12	15/12	116/12 Last day of year 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.



# ClassDojo

We are now using ClassDojo School wide. You will see notices and updates coming through on the school feed. At times you may also receive messages from the Admin team. Please make sure you are checking regularly for notifications. Thank you.

If you need help setting up and connecting the app, please contact the Front Office.



To make contact with the school or report student absences please phone:

## 8582 1258



phone or text message our school mobile phone:

## 0457 275 691



or make contact with your child's classroom teacher using

## CLASS DOJO



## Have your contact details changed?

Please make sure you let our administration team know when you have a change of address, phone number or email.

Thank you.



## Congratulations Mr H

Well done to our Health & PE teacher Luke Heuzenroeder who was recently awarded with the 2022 Disability Inclusion Volunteer Award.

50 SPORT www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, October 19, 2022

# Local teacher's SANFL inclusion award nod

**BEN LENNON**

AS term 4 begins, a Riverland Special School teacher has been recognised for his work in physical education.

Riverland Special School HPE and music teacher, Luke Heuzenroeder, was named as the (checking official award name) by the SANFL at Friday night's community volunteers' dinner in Adelaide.

The night recognised the contribution of people in regional and metro areas to community football, with a number of Riverlanders in attendance.

"Honestly, I felt it was such a great privilege and when I got up on stage I felt inspired to achieve more and continue to develop these kinds of programs in the Riverland," Mr Heuzenroeder said.

"The night was awesome and it was good to meet all these new people."

Alongside SANFL game development co-ordinator and fellow Riverlander Nick Dillon, Mr Heuzenroeder helped deliver a football program to special school students throughout term 2 this year.

He said seeing the students develop their skills was one of the most rewarding parts of the program.

"We decided that we would do a football program and with that came coaching and some teacher-delivered programs," Mr Heuzenroeder said.

"I ended up booking Nick Dillon to come in and help with that and from there we ran the program across all the year levels, doing different activities with different kids.

"By the end of the program we ended up having the senior kids playing some really good footy games.

"The engagement and every-

thing from the kids was awesome and it fuelled me to help them more, because they were really into it.

"Without Nick's help it definitely would've been a lot harder and he did a really good job with the kids.

"There was lots of growth from the start, and the enjoyment they got out of it was awesome. Now at school they're going out and wanting to kick the footy."

Mr Heuzenroeder said the success of the inaugural program had left room for more in the upcoming school year, with plans already taking shape to spread the program across multiple schools.

"Nick and I have discussed it and it's a potential option," he said.

"This was a great place to start and it worked out awesome, so I think it's something moving forward we can do to give those kids an opportunity.



Riverland Special School teacher Luke Heuzenroeder was named the Disability Inclusion Volunteer of the Year at a recent SANFL awards night in Adelaide. PHOTO: Nick Dillon

"Mainstream kids have already got programs, so to provide a more inclusive program will be great.

"Almost every town in Australia has some kind of footy club, so getting these kids involved in that scene and that culture is really important.

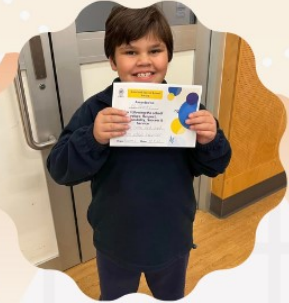
"AFL is embedded in Australian

culture. They might see it on television on a Friday night, but now they'll be able to relate to it because they're doing it at school.

"They're developing social skills and learning about healthy competition, so I think a program like this really improves those skills."

# Student Awards

Congratulations to our students who received awards at our recent assemblies. Well done for following our school values so fantastically!



## Don't Forget....



If your child/ren arrive late to school or leave early, please make sure that they are signed in or out at the Front Office.  
Thank you!



*Don't Forget...*

**STUDENT  
FREE DAY**

MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2022



**IS YOUR  
CHILD  
FEELING  
UNWELL?**



For their health and for ours,  
please keep them home to  
rest and recover

For more information, visit  
[covid-19.sa.gov.au](https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au)



# Inclusive Sports Day



In week one this term, some of our students got the opportunity to participate in the 'Variety Activate Inclusion Sports Day' that was held at the Barmera Recreation Centre. They got to participate in bike riding, soccer, cricket and basketball. It was a lot of fun!

# RAINBOW ANIMAL FARM

Wednesday 26th October 2022

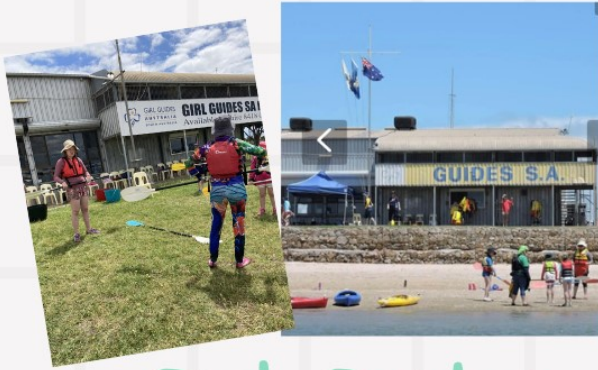


As part of our Children's Week celebrations, we had a visit from Rainbow Animal Farm. Our students loved the experience! Thank you to Ms Burlik for organising.



celebrating  
**Children's Week 2022**  
22<sup>nd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October





## Girl Guides

Riverland Girl Guides went to Girl Guides SA property 'GTS Dolphin' at Snowden's Beach, Largs North on the Port River recently to participate in water activities. 18 girls from Renmark, Berri, Barmera and the Riverland Special School attended. On Saturday afternoon we went kayaking and had a Halloween party Saturday night. Dragon boating was cancelled on Sunday due to severe winds so we went bowling at Tanunda. After lunch at Nuriootpa, we travelled home. We saw dolphins, 3 ships, 5 tug boats and lots of sail boats and cruisers. Everyone had a lot of fun!

~ Diana Sully



## Congratulations Mrs Sully!

On Tuesday 1st November, Mrs Diana Sully received a special award at Government House. It was presented to Mrs Sully in recognition of her success in establishing and running a Special Girl Guide Unit at the Riverland Special School. For the past 17 years the program has run on a weekly basis during school lunch time and provides opportunities for Riverland Special School students to attend and earn the Girl Guides badges. The inclusion of Special Girl Guides in the Riverland and wider community has broken down barriers between people with disabilities and the community.





## RENMARK FIRE STATION

*One Day*

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2022

11AM—3PM

JOIN US AND OTHER LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR:

CLOSE UP LOOK AT EMERGENCY VEHICLES

CHAT TO LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES WORKERS

DEMONSTRATIONS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

*See You There!*

**CANCELLED**

# Community Notices

**Do you have questions regarding NDIS?  
Would you like some support in this area?**

A Mission Australia Local Area Coordinator will be visiting the Riverland Special School:

**9-11am Wednesday 23rd November**

Local Area Coordinators can:

Help you to better understand the NDIS  
Link you to information and support in the community  
Work with your local community to make sure it is more welcoming and inclusive for people with disability



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Bookings are not essential, but if you would like to book an appointment, please contact the school on: 8582 1258



MISSION AUSTRALIA

Delivering the NDIS in your community

## Fun Hockey Session for people with disability

Join current Kookaburra players on International Day of People with Disability at MATE Stadium for a specialist hockey session.

**WHEN:** Saturday 3 December 2022 from 2.00 – 2:45pm

**WHERE:** MATE Stadium, 10 Anna Meares Way, Gepps Cross, SA  
Coaching session for people with disability (recommended ages 5 – 18 years old).

Hockey Australia will be launching their new Inclusive Hookin2Hockey Handbook that day which is a resource for clubs and coaches that supports the inclusion of priority communities, including people with disability.



**Hockey Australia**

Proudly supported by APM

- No hockey experience or equipment is required to join in!
- Those participating will receive a FREE ticket to attend Match 4 of the Kookaburras v India Series that is on at 4pm at the Stadium after the coaching session, along with a ticket for one parent or guardian.
- The world number one ranked Kookaburras will take on India in a 5-match series between 26 November and 4 December 2022 at MATE Stadium.

Register your attendance today: <https://www.hockey.org.au/events/160979/>



Counselling and Support for People Affected by the Disability Royal Commission

## Art Therapy and Wellbeing

For people living with mental health

Join us weekly for engaging and inclusive art therapy.

**When:** Every Tuesday from 15 November - 20 December | 1.00pm - 3.00pm

**Where:** Chaffey Community Centre | 86 Nineteenth Street Renmark 5341

**Cost:** Free

Please contact us to register your place  
Relationships Australia SA Berri | Phone: (08) 8582 4122

Counselling and Support for People Affected by the Disability Royal Commission is funded by the Australian Government.

Relationships Australia  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



# Who is a carer?



A carer is someone who helps a family member or friend with:



emotional support



grocery shopping



preparing meals



administering medicine



personal care



paying bills

## Is this you? Then you are a Carer

Are you a Carer and have not registered for support services with Carers SA?

Do you live in the Riverland region?

Join us for a relaxed and open discussion and find out about the FREE services available to you in your caring role.

Whether you are a long term Carer or have just started looking after someone, there is something for everyone at this event.

**REGISTER early and go in the draw to win an iPad or fuel/supermarket vouchers.**

Available for all Carers who have not previously registered with the Carer Gateway and must be in attendance at event on the 10th.

To register visit [carerssa.com.au](http://carerssa.com.au) - News and events or (08) 8291 5600



### Riverland Region Carer Event

Thursday 10 November  
11am - 1pm  
Berri Hotel  
Riverview Drive, Berri

Refreshments provided



Connecting carers



An Australian Government Initiative

to support services

# BERRI CHRISTMAS MARKET

A BOUTIQUE GIFT STYLE CHRISTMAS MARKET IN THE HEART OF BERRI, SHOWCASING RIVERLAND CRAFT, GIFTWARE AND PRODUCE

Saturday 10 December 2022

9am - 3pm

BERRI TOWN HALL

Enjoy shopping local this Christmas!

This event is proudly supported by

Berri Barmera COUNCIL