

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Wow! The last few days have flown by - bringing us to the end of our 2024 school year already! The students have finished the year with class parties, celebrations, water play (thanks to the hot weather!) and lots of Christmas art and craft. What a great year we have had at the Riverland Special School!

I would like to acknowledge and thank our dedicated team of staff who have unconditional positive regard for all of our students, and work so tirelessly to ensure that they are safe, supported and engaged in an unending array of learning experiences at school - you are amazing! This year we farewell teaching staff member Miss Ellie Needham and thank her for her contribution to the students and the school. In readiness for 2024, we welcome Miss Elley-Bree Logos back to the teaching staff team.

We farewell our Graduating students; Hayden, Aidan, Patrick, Jasmine, Noah and Erik and their families, and recognise our other students who are no longer at our school; Ricky, Marcus, Blake, Brandon and Nathaniel. We remember Rowan who will always hold a special place in our hearts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for entrusting us with the education of your children. It is our pleasure to be a part of their lives and yours. We look forward to our 2024 school year with many new students and families joining our wonderful school community.

You will receive Student Reports home this afternoon (or by post if your child is not at school) as well as a Class Placement Letter to notify you of class teachers in 2024.

We already have a jam packed Term 1, 2024 waiting and look forward to welcoming all of our students back to start on the 29th January! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy a restful and safe holiday break, spending time with family and friends.

Kindest regards,

Natalie Coote

Dates To Remember:

Friday 15th Dec

Last Day of School Year

Tuesday 23rd Jan

9-3pm 'Back to School'
Day for uniform pick-up &
consent signing

Monday 29th Jan

1st Day of School Year



2024 TERM 1 CALENDAR

Celebrating Ability

| TERM 1 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1 | 29 January | 30 January | 31 January | 1 February Bakery Lunch Swimming Rm 3-8 | 2 February Swimming Rm 3-8 |
| 2 | 5 February Swimming Rm 3-8 | 6 February Swimming Rm 3-8 | 7 February Swimming Rm 3-8 | 8 February Bakery Lunch | 9 February |
| 3 | 12 February | 13 February | 14 February | 15 February Bakery Lunch | 16 February PUPIL FREE DAY Growing with Gratitude |
| 4 | 19 February | 20 February Governing Council | 21 February | 22 February Bakery Lunch | 23 February JAM Band (Cobdogla PS) |
| 5 | 26 February Student Leader Induction | 27 February | 28 February | 29 February Bakery Lunch | 1 March |
| 6 | 4 March | 5 March | 6 March School Photos | 7 March Bakery Lunch | 8 March |
| 7 | 11 March PUBLIC HOLIDAY | 12 March | 13 March | 14 March Bakery Lunch | 15 March |
| 8 | 18 March | 19 March Governing Council | 20 March | 21 March Bakery Lunch | 22 March |
| 9 | 25 March | 26 March | 27 March OPEN DAY 10 th Anniversary | 28 March Bakery Lunch | 29 March GOOD FRIDAY |
| 10 | 1 April EASTER MONDAY | 2 April | 3 April | 4 April Bakery Lunch | 5 April |
| 11 | 8 April | 9 April | 10 April | 11 April Bakery Lunch | 12 April Last Day of Term 1 2:15pm Dismissal |

2024 STUDENT FREE DAYS:

Term 2 - Monday 29th April

Term 3 - Friday 30th August

Term 4 - Friday 15th November

PRESENTATION DAY:

Wednesday 29th November



2023 Graduating Students



Wishing our Graduating Students all the very best!



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Congratulations to our Individual Award winners:

Everest Awards - Erik & Patrick
Lambert Award - Seth
Woodberry Award - Charyis
Tim Whetstone Medal - Hayden



RIVERLAND SPECIAL SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL 2024

9-3PM TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY

Administration staff will be available to assist with the following:

School Card Applications
Consents Forms
Transport Applications
Uniform collection / orders
Medication Management

SCHOOL STARTS ON MONDAY 29TH JANUARY 2024




Christmas Raffle Winners

- 1st PRIZE - Steve Dibben
- 2nd PRIZE - Hayden Pietrolaj
- 3rd PRIZE - Jacob Charity
- 4th PRIZE - Gypsy-Rose Francis
- 5th PRIZE - Tina Smythe
- 6th PRIZE - Walters Family
- 7th PRIZE - Krystal Sutton



COMMUNITY NOTICES



NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY
13 February

Save the Date
Come along and help us acknowledge, honour and remember members of the Stolen Generations
TUESDAY 13TH FEB 2024 - 10AM

WHERE: Riverland ADAC - 23 Cornwall Street Berri

WHO: ALL community members can attend.
BBQ Brunch, Arts and Crafts, Music

This is a drug and alcohol free event!

For more information please contact The Riverland Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol council :
23 Cornwall Street, Berri SA 5343 | PH: 08 8582 2880
www.adac.org.au



AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST



Friday 26 January 2024
Berri Riverfront

- 7.30 am Community Walk
- 8.00 am Breakfast
- 9.00 am Award Ceremony

Join us on the Riverfront for a BBQ breakfast and kids activities



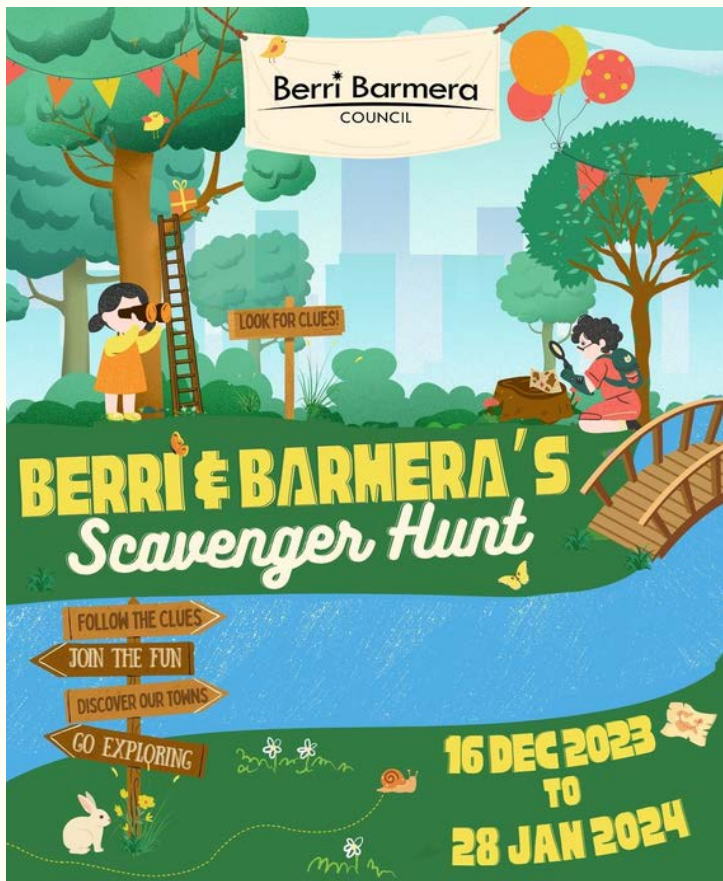
SUMMER
School Holiday Guide
2023-24



AVAILABLE NOW!
Scan the QR code to find out how to download or collect a printed copy of the guide

Berri Barmera COUNCIL

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Collect your entry form from:
Barmera or Berri Visitor Information Centre
Berri and Barmera Libraries

Between 16 December 2023 and 28 January 2024

Follow the clues and return your entry for your chance to win a Toyworld gift card.

Winning entry will be drawn on the 31 January 2024

Are you a Carer?

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



Is this you?

You are invited to
PARENT'S PEER SUPPORT GROUP
Wednesday 10th January
10am to 11:30am
ASG Building - Conference Room

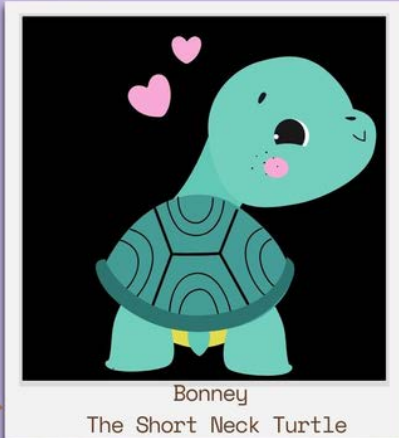
RSVP Required
Hannah Ashmore
0490 102 795



Berri Barmera COUNCIL

BERRI Visitor Information Centre

Missing Turtle



Bonney
The Short Neck Turtle

For a chance to win a prize, get your entry form from the Berri Visitor Information Centre and see how many Bonney's you can find hidden in store

Competition starts 16 December 2023
Entries close 31 January 2024, winner will be contacted shortly after

Berri Barmera COUNCIL

BERRI Visitor Information Centre

You're invited!

Elves Magical Workshop

with Tanika from Clover & Rose

Make your own:

- Reindeer food
- Snowman soup
- Paint your own Christmas ornament
- Write a letter to Santa

December 16 11:00am - 2:00pm

\$10 per person

Berri Visitor Information Centre
24 Riverview Drive, Berri

For more information please call
08 8582 5511