

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Welcome to the 2024 school year! Wow - what a busy but positive start to the year we have had! We have welcomed 10 new students and 8 new families into our school, most in our Junior Primary area. All students have transitioned well and are beginning to understand the routines of school and are successfully building a love of learning at school.

All of our returning students have settled well into their new classrooms with our wonderful teaching and SSO staff. For the first time in many years we were able to secure access to the Term 1 Water Safety Programme for Years 3-12, which was very successful. Thanks to all staff for your support in ensuring students access this vital learning activity (particularly those who went in the pool), and to those parents who assisted with transport and supervision when required.

This week we have a scheduled Student Free Day on **Friday 16th February** (tomorrow) as communicated in information provided to families last year, and regularly since the beginning of the school term. The focus of this session is on developing positive mental health and wellbeing in students and adults to support goal achievement in school, at home and in life. We also have a Student Free Day scheduled for **Monday 29th April (Week 1, Term 2)** which is the first day of Term 2. Please save this date.

Lastly, our staff are committed to developing positive relationships with you and your child/ren and to assist you in their overarching education, wellbeing and support needs. If you require anything, please do not hesitate to make contact with us for assistance.

Kindest Regards,

Natalie Coote

Dates To Remember:

Friday 16th Feb

STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 20th Feb

6:30pm AGM / Governing Council Meeting

Monday 26th Feb

School Leader Induction

Wednesday 6th March

School Photo Day

SAVE THE DATE!

Open Day & Expo

Wednesday 27th March

ARTWORK BY THE ROOM 5 REDGUM CLASS!



2024 TERM 1 CALENDAR

Celebrating Ability

TERM 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29 January	30 January	31 January	1 February Swimming Rm 5-8	2 February Swimming Rm 3-8
2	5 February Swimming Rm 3-8	6 February Swimming Rm 3-8	7 February	8 February Swimming Rm 3-8	9 February
3	12 February	13 February	14 February	15 February Bakery Lunch	16 February STUDENT 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



TRANSPORT

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

LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES

If your child arrives late to school or leaves early, the parent / caregiver is required to sign them in or out at the Front Office.

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



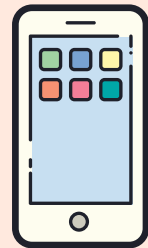
STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away, please make contact with the school, stating whether it is for illness or family reasons.

We are required to follow-up any unexplained absences. Thank you.



**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.

Please make sure you are checking your messages from school staff on the ClassDojo app.

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:

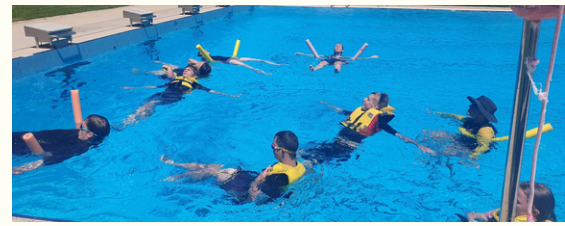
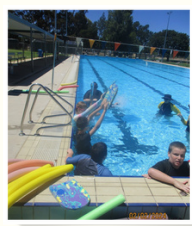
Please make sure the school has the latest information for your child. This includes contact numbers, address & medical information. Please update the school when these details change.





Welcome

Welcome to our 8 new Reception students: Jaden, Kai, Janaya, Cooper, Kaydon, Gabriella, Darrell & Lucas. A big hello to Mila & Daniel who have transferred to our school. Mila is in Year 1 and has also joined the Desert Pea Class. Daniel is in Year 7 and has joined the Wattle Class. We can't wait to watch you all grow and learn! A BIG welcome to the Riverland Special School to all our new families.



Week 1 & Week 2

SWIMMING LESSONS

Celebrating Ability

Congratulations!

Well done to our newly elected Prefects! Our Student Leaders, including Prefects and SRC will be inducted at our assembly in Week 5 on Monday 26th February. Families are welcome to attend.



Celebrating Ability

1ST AID COURSE:



Last week, our Senior students participated in a First Aid course here at school. Thank you to the trainer, Angela from Alert First Aid & Training for supporting our students to learn new skills.



APOLOGY DAY:



Last Friday we had a visit from Sam Mitchell from Riverland ADAC who spoke to our students about Apology Day. This was a great opportunity for our students to acknowledge, honour & remember members of the Stolen Generations. Student also participated in some craft activities.



SUPER STAR

STUDENT AWARDS:

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



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Flinders University Rural and Remote Health SA



Acquisitive First Nations Art Competition - 2024
 Flinders University Rural and Remote Health SA
 Theme – Whole Health, Whole of Community

PRIZES
 Major First Prize in this acquisition competition \$7,000
 (First Prize \$3,000 - Acquisition \$4,000)
 Runner-Up Prize \$1,000

ENTER NOW
 Completed Entry Form and Artwork can be delivered to the Flinders University Rural & Remote campus in your region

WHO IS ELIGIBLE
 Entries are open to anyone aged 16 years and over who identifies as a First Nations Person residing in one of the following South Australian regional areas:

- Murray Mallee/Riverland
- Barossa Valley
- Murraylands/Murray Bridge
- Fleurieu Peninsula/Victor Harbor
- Greater Green Triangle

This competition is FREE to enter. Applications are now OPEN. Entries CLOSE 31 May 2024.

SCAN THE QR CODE OR SEE WEBSITE FOR TERMS & CONDITIONS & ENTRY FORM
<https://www.flinders.edu.au/flinders-rural-and-remote-health-sa/community-engagement>



Community Access and Inclusion Survey

Share your thoughts and experience about access and inclusivity in the community.

Information will be used to improve service delivery, highlight issues and find solutions.

Complete the 3 minute survey by scanning the QR code.



Delivering the NDIS in your community

To learn more about the NDIS, visit the NDIS website www.ndis.gov.au or call Mission Australia on 08 8218 2800

Saver Plus gives you down-to-earth money talk - and a **\$500 incentive** to build your savings!

If you save up to \$50 a month for 10 months (the length of the program), **ANZ will double it.**

What can the \$500 be spent on?

- Laptops and tablets
- Vocational education
- Books and supplies
- Uniforms and shoes
- Lessons and activities
- Camps and excursions

To join Saver Plus

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a Health Care or Pensioner Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355



Take control of your finances

For every dollar you save, you will receive another dollar from ANZ to spend towards educational costs, up to \$500



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 Colour Imagine Experiment

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 at Barmera Library
 February 6
 February 20
 March 5
 March 19
 bookings appreciated 8588 2872

suitable for 8 years +



Have you considered joining the Riverland Special School Governing Council?

THE BENEFITS TO YOU ARE:

- you connect with other parents, share thoughts, opinions & ideas as well as make new friendships
- become better informed about what is happening at our school and understand how it works

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE GOVERNANCE & DAY TO DAY MANAGEMENT?

In your role on Governing Council, you work with the Site Leader to:

- develop & approve local policies
- set the direction and vision of the site & approve budgets & spending
- monitor & review the Site Improvement plan (ie: education outcomes/priorities)
- involve the local community

SITE LEADERS WORK WITH GOVERNING COUNCILS TO:

- give educational leadership
- carry out the site's policies & Site Improvement Plan

Retiring 2024

AVAILABLE FOR RE-ELECTION

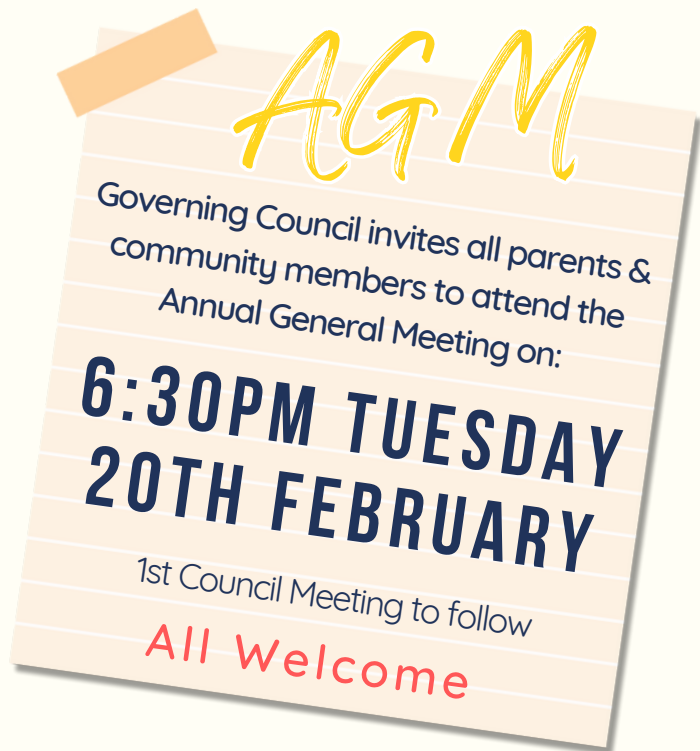
Mingon Smart
Naomi Darby
Jen Johnson
Sam Haby

One Year Left

Caitlyn Mantzoros

Acknowledgment

Karen Vegh
Emilie Brown



New Members Nomination

NAME:

Yes, I would like to join the Riverland Special School Governing Council (please return to school by Tuesday 20th February)