

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Wow! What an overwhelming turnout we had for our Expo and Open Day last week, with 30 organisations and over 120 people visiting the school to engage with providers, access information, meet new people and tour our school. We have had some wonderful positive feedback from visiting families, community members, disability service providers and community organisations about how memorable the event was; including its placement within the school, accessibility to the wider community, range of organisations in attendance, professionalism of our students and staff, and how great the atmosphere was! The weather was perfect and the accessibility of information from a wide range of services and organisations provided a key outreach support for families as well as the wider community. We are very proud of the success of the event and thank everyone who attended for their support. We look forward to next year!

Sincere thanks to all of the staff, students and school families who ensured the success of the Expo. Thanks to our prefects and student leaders who were amazing in the lead up and throughout the afternoon, our teachers and SSO staff who stayed at school to support the event, our staff gardening gurus and groundsman who readied the grounds for our visitors, and senior students and staff who assisted with the setup and pack up of the COLA as well as many other tasks in the lead up to the event. Special thanks to staff members Ms Burlik, Jacey, Haylee, Sarah-Jane and Sharon who played key parts in ensuring that the organisation of every aspect of the Expo, Open Day and 10 Year Celebration was considered, planned and catered for. A special thanks also goes out to Grant Schwartzkopff for attending to take a range of photos for us.

Teaching staff have begun to book and engage in One Plan meeting with families. We aim to have these meetings completed by Week 4, Term 2. If you have not yet booked in a meeting, please make contact with your child's teacher to confirm.

The end of Term 1 is nearly here, ending on Friday 12th April with an early finish at 2:15pm. I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break and wish you a safe and enjoyable upcoming school holiday break. The first day of Term 2 (Monday 29th April) is a Student Free Day, with all students returning on Tuesday 30th April.

Kind regards,

Natalie Coote

Dates To Remember:

Friday 12th April

Last day of Term 1
2:15pm Dismissal

Monday 29th April

STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 30th April

1st Day of Term 2

DON'T FORGET

**Student
Free Day
Monday 29th April**





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



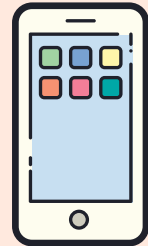
STUDENT ABSENCES

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.

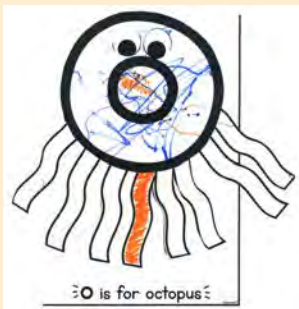


CELEBRATING 10 YEARS AT OUR CURRENT SITE:

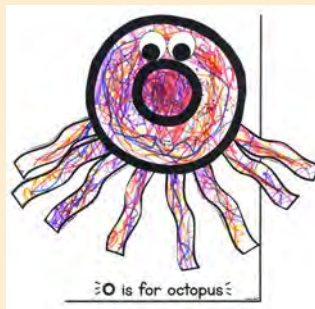
Last week, we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Riverland Special School being on our current site! We did this with the students and staff recognising 10 years with a shared sponge cake, singing Happy Birthday, special '10' biscuits for each student, popping some balloons to count and recognise each year, and then making a human number 10 on the school lawns. We were lucky to have Grant Schwartzkopff take a photo of the celebration and the human '10' using his drone to capture the whole school! The students loved the drone and were very intrigued!



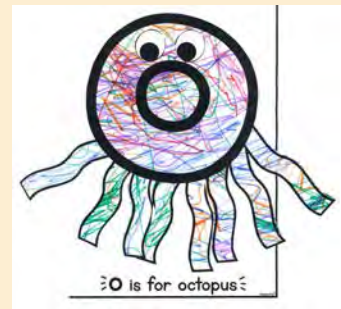
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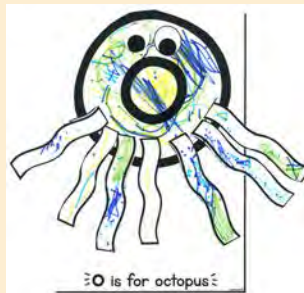


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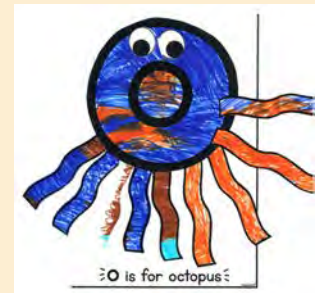
ART WORK FROM THE BOTTLEBRUSH CLASS



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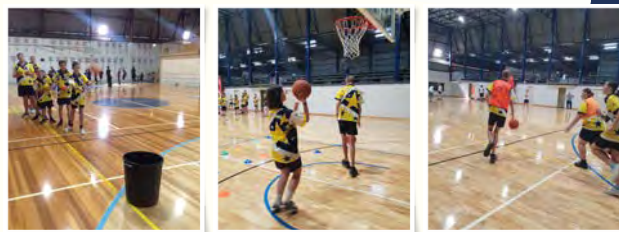


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DISABILITY EXPO & OPEN DAY

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Disability Expo and Open Day last week. With 30 stalls, there was a lot of information available to the community. We hope our exhibitors and visitors found it a valuable event.





INCLUSIVE SPORTS DAY

On Tuesday 19th March, some of our students had the opportunity to attend a fun and inclusive day at the Alan Coulter Recreation Centre.

Thanks to Variety, Abilities Unleashed Kids and Disability Sports Australia for organising this wonderful event that allowed our students to discover local sport and active recreation opportunities in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

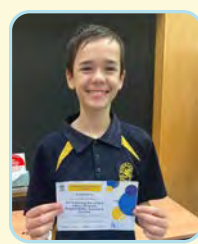


Thank you to Mrs Sully, Mrs Crowhurst & our Girl Guides who recently took the time to do a little rubbish pick-up around our school grounds. It is amazing how quickly litter builds up and it helps if we can all do our part!



STUDENT AWARDS:

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



STUDENT WORK:



Do you recognise any of these crazy characters?



UNIFORM ORDERING:

With the cooler weather coming, if you would like to order a new jumper or jacket ready for Term 2, please let the front office know before the end of Friday 5th April.

PLEASE NOTE: payment is not required until uniforms are ready for collection.



FAMILY WELL-BEING SUPPORT

We have been very lucky to have partnered with the 'Food on the Table' organisation who are based in Adelaide to offer a food service to our families. We have available to us a number of pre-cooked and frozen meals which we can distribute free of charge to our school community. We would sincerely like to thank the Food on The Table team for their organisation of this program and the extra support it is providing to our school families.

If you would like more information about this program, please contact the school.



Thank you to Nippy's for transporting the meals from Adelaide to their Moorook factory.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOUNG RMS
production of

2024



Disney
FROZEN JR.

Music & Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

Book by
Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee
and directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

Saturday 20th April & **Sunday 21st April**
1pm & 3.30pm*
sensory friendly

BONNEY THEATRE, BARMERA
www.trybooking.com/CPZOG



FREE Dental for Children!

Did you know eligible children (0 to 17 years of age) can receive up to \$1095 of basic children's dental services over two consecutive years at no out of pocket expense to parents!

Regular dental check-ups are very important to your child's future smile, health and well-being.

If you haven't scheduled a dental check-up recently, for you and your children, be sure to give us a call today!

At Berri Dental, we are passionate about helping your family grow a bright and healthy smile, assisting you in developing and maintaining positive oral health habits.

Call us today on **(08) 8582 1944** to schedule your next appointment!



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Community Art Workshop

Paint and Create Poppy's for Anzac Day

With Lyn Anstey

FREE



Saturday 20 April
11:00am - 1:00pm

Berri Visitor Information Centre
24 Riverview Drive Berri
Bookings Essential
To book please call 08 8582 5511

Please join artist Lyn Anstey in our exclusive workshop where you can paint and create poppy pictures in memory of our ANZACS. Artwork will contribute to the Berri Visitor Centre ANZAC window display.

Berri* Barmera
COUNCIL

Kids' Pizza Making Class

With Chef Vincenzo
From Italian Cuisine Made with Love

BOOK NOW



Thursday, 18 April 2024
11:00am - 1:00pm



Berri Visitor Information Centre
24 Riverview Drive Berri



All welcome, bookings essential
To book call 08 8582 5511

\$ 10
Per Person

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TOM CURTAIN

WHY WE LIVE OUT HERE TOUR
KATHERINE OUTBACK EXPERIENCE,
CHRIS MATTHEWS, MELISSA FRASER & LAURA FRANK
Family friendly event:

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

LOXTON
SUN 7 APR 2024



LOXTON HORSE RIDING CLUB
GATES OPEN 3:00PM | SHOW 4:00PM-6:30PM

ONLINE TICKETS: ADULT: \$40 | SENIOR: \$35 | STUDENTS (6-17YR): \$25 | KIDS (5YR&U): FREE | FAMILY: \$117
COMPANION CARD ACCEPTED | *SMALL ONLINE BOOKING FEE | DOOR TICKETS \$10 MORE | DOOR FAMILY: \$135
FOOD AND DRINKS AVAIL | BYO CHAIRS | OUTDOOR EVENT

TICKETS: WWW.TOMCURTAIN.COM.AU



Are you 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?

You are invited to
PARENT'S PEER SUPPORT GROUP
Second Wednesday of the month
10:30am to 12pm
ASG - Conference Room


RSVP Required
Hannah Ashmore
0490 102 795



Carer Gateway
An Australian Government Initiative



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MURRAY RIVER STUDY HUB

Are you struggling with distractions while studying at home?

The Murray River Study Hub offers free support and quiet, purpose designed study space to help you achieve your study goals without leaving the Riverland

Free high speed Wi-Fi,
charging points, kitchen facilities
located at the Berri TAFE SA campus
8:45am - 5:00pm Mon-Fri

Contact Wendy at
wendy@mrsh.org.au or 8539 4202



LOXTON COMMUNITY DANCE CLUB
ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 NOW OPEN

Intermediate for students aged 13-17
Seniors for students aged 18 and over
More class options available, check out the below link!

Scan the QR code to enroll a student and find out more about what is available in 2024



Find us on Facebook at 'Loxton Community Dance Club'
Email us at LoxtonCommDanceClub@gmail.com
QR Code won't work? Type in this link: <https://forms.gle/xZ2CAaUH1PdJchFP7>