Welcome to the start of the 2017 school year! I trust you all had a restful holiday.

I have had a wonderful start as Principal and feel it is such a great privilege to be working here. Many of you will know me from Glossop High School where I worked as Deputy Principal. I actually also went to Barmera Primary School many, many years ago! I am so excited to be working here and am passionate about the learning happening at Barmera Primary School.

Continuous school and student improvement and a commitment to achieving success continues to be an important focus and I have really felt a sense of this priority over the past few weeks. The students, staff and families have been so welcoming and I look forward to getting to know you all throughout my time here.

Our Barmera PS leadership team in Term 1 and 2.

**Principal** Ms Natasha Hefford  
**Deputy Principal** Mrs Ruth Pfeiler  
**Counsellor** Mrs Jayne Foulds

**Welcome to our teachers**

- **Year 6/7** Denise Melynky, Nikki Kazantzis  
- **Science** Joanna Whitehead  
- **Year 3/4** Julie John and Sam Rashleigh  
- **Year 2** Wendy Hamood  
- **Year 1** Lisa Millard and Domenica Tootell

**Health and Physical Education** Martin Barber  
**Year 5/6** Peter Fletcher  
**Teacher** Kathyrn Buhlman  
**Year 1/2** Sarah Wright and Ruth Pfeiler

**Resource Centre/Environmental Education** Glenys Matthews  
**Aboriginal Education Teacher** Cate Robbins

**Erin Harrald** continues as our Pastoral Care Worker. Erin works closely with our School Counsellor and mentors, providing much valued support to our school community. *Ernest Van Niekerk* begins as our Finance Officer.

Thank you to the many families who came in on the 19th and 20th January to collect the children’s stationery pack, pay school fees and complete the necessary forms required. The cost of class stationery is included in your school fees. If you haven’t already organised payment please talk to our Finance Office, Ernest Van Niekerk, for information about Payment by instalment, School Card or Centrepay.

It is very important that we have your correct family and child’s details. During the school year if your family circumstances or contact details change please contact the front office staff. This enables us to keep our database up to date and contact you in an emergency.

Swimming lessons will be held during Week 4 & Week 8 of Term 1 for all Reception to year 5 classes. A detailed note will be sent home shortly.

The school canteen is OPEN on Wednesdays and Fridays. An updated Canteen Price List accompanies this Newsletter. We thank our Canteen Manager, Renate for continuing to provide good food for us all.

Our first assembly will be held Friday 10 February at 2:40pm in the Hall. Assemblies are held every fortnight on a Friday. We love to see a good crowd of family and friends at our Assemblies. *You are all very welcome to attend.*

Student Medication/Health Care Plans. If your child/children require any medication whilst at school a Medication Authority form must be completed. Any child with an ongoing Health/Medical condition must have a documented health care plan. Please see Joy in the front office.

Our of School Hours Care continues to be provided after school, during school holidays and on Student Free Days. For further information you may either contact Kirsten (OSHC Director) on 0408839709 or see the Front Office staff.

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Our Barmera Primary School Facebook page is a communication strategy we use to communicate events, newsletters and exciting happenings in classrooms with you. When you enrol your child/ren at school you sign a Department of Education and Child Development permission note to enable us to publish your child/ren’s photograph in newsletters and local media. If you wish, you will have also signed a permission note for publishing photographs on the Internet which includes our website and Facebook page. Please contact the school if you wish to adjust this permission.

Please contact the school on 8588 2198 or communicate with your child/ren’s teacher if your child/ren are to be absent. We are required to follow through on unexplained absences.

Please contact your child’s teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns by telephone on 8588 2198 or in person.

Parent/carer, student and staff relationships are a priority to us here at Barmera PS. We look forward to working with you all.

Have a great week!

Natasha

Want to give back?

Be a mentor.
Opportunities are available now.

Barmera PS is looking for mentors to work with students for one hour a week. Mentors work with a student as a positive role model doing activities which could include gardening, cooking, craft, sport, wood work, reading, etc. Whatever skills you have, you can bring to mentoring. The school will match up you and your skill sets with a student. No prior experience needed. If you, or someone you know would be interested in mentoring for one hour a week, please contact Jayne Foulds or Erin Harrald at the school.

We would love to hear from you!

Upcoming EVENTS

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SUN SMART

Please be aware that on days of estimated 40°C or over students remain inside during the lunch break. On days of 38°C students can be outside but are restricted to shaded areas.

Hats are essential when outside in Terms 1 & 4 and the provision of water bottles from home is essential.

Please ensure all of your children’s hats and jumpers are named.

COUNT ME IN!
Volunteer

We are looking for some more helpers to join our wonderful team of volunteers to cut up fruit for the students on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

The volunteers start at 8:45 and finish by 10:00am. If you are happy to help, please speak to some in the front office.
2017 Player Trials

Seniors (A1 - C2 Grades)
Tuesday 14th and Sunday 19th February, 7pm
at the Barmera Rec Centre

Juniors (All U17, U15 Grades and the Development Squad)
Thursday 16th and Monday 20th February, 6pm at the Barmera outdoor courts.

** Further trial dates to be advised if required.

All other Junior Grades (U13, U11, U9 & Net Set Go) will start their trials later in Term 1.
All new players, families, coaches and umpires welcome!

NATIONAL KARATE ACADEMIES
www.nationalkarate.com.au

TUESDAY NIGHT
COLOR Primary School Hall, Berri
JUNIORS: 6PM – 7PM
SENIORS: 7PM – 8:30PM
FOR INFORMATION: INSTRUCTOR SCOTT MITCHELL- 0417827517
E-MAIL: nsmitch@bigpond.com
FREE FIRST LESSON
Learning self defence and discipline in a FAMILY FRIENDLY Martial Arts

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‘Hot Topics for Parents’ Series

Join us for our series of ‘How to’ workshops! These have been developed especially for parents and caregivers to help them navigate the start of the school year and beyond. Each session will run for approximately 90 minutes.

Wednesday 8th February 6:00pm
How to…. Build resilience with your children.

Wednesday 15th February 6:00pm
How to... help your kids settle into school

Wednesday 22nd February 6:00pm
How to…. Help your kids with their big worries and fears

Berri Greek School News 2017

Just letting you all know that Berri Greek School will be operating again this year.

Any student wanting to study Greek from years 1 to 7 are welcome. Enrolment will be this Thursday the 2nd of February from 6-7pm at the Glossop Primary School site. Normal lesson will commence the following Thursday the 9th of February from 5:30pm till 8pm. Fees are $100 per student per year for members of the Greek Orthodox Community and $150 for non members. For further information, contact Athina Papametis at Renmark High School or on 0417821310.

Thank you
WELCOME
new staff and students
2017