Principal’s Piece

Terry Wheeldon will be retiring from Barmera Primary School and the Education Department at the end of this year. Terry has been in the Education Department of SA as a highly respected Teacher, Principal and Regional Consultant for over 40 years in Adelaide, Yorke Peninsula and the Riverland. He has had a huge impact on many children, their families and teaching staff. Terry’s diligent management and considerate leadership skills have meant that the schools or offices where he has been in leadership have been great places in which to work and learn. We particularly thank Terry for the 12 years of leadership and service he has given to Barmera Primary School.

We will be having a farewell to Terry next Wednesday, 30th November at the Barmera Golf Club – from 6pm to 7:30pm. Parents, carers and present and past school staff are invited to attend. Please let our office staff know (on 85882198) if you wish to attend at any time from 6 – 7:30pm. The bar will be open for you to purchase drinks and we will supply nibbles.

Principal 2017: Natasha Hefford, currently one of the Deputy Principals at Glossop High School will be our Acting Principal for terms 1 & 2 next year- during which time the position will be advertised state-wide. Natasha was also the Principal of Kingston–on–Murray Primary School prior to going to Glossop High School.

I am electing to return to my position as Deputy Principal and Jayne Foulds returns to her position as School counsellor. We will be farewelling Cate Robins who has been in the Counsellor role for the past 2 years.

2017 classes

Staff are currently working through the process of allocating children to classes for next year. We consider friendships, academic progress, behaviour and well being when placing children in class groups. We do attempt to put children with at least one or two of their nominated friends – however, at times, with the configuration of classes this may not be possible. Your child’s 2017 class and teacher will be written on their Term 4 report which is sent out in the middle of week 9.

Ruth

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Will Harris, Zak Nowlan, Sonny Westcott, Bobby Singh, Lucy Clarke, Ebony Johnson, Charlie Vanderwoude, Alesha Taylor, Alaura Michalski, Josh Aplin Billy Clayton, Dallas Fitzpatrick, Danielle Constable, Amaya Neilson, Maddison Rossack, Kayla Tsonrotiotis, Daniel Drumm, Drew Frankel, Deepkiran Kaur, Enoch Villanueva

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The “Light Horse” memorial trough was built in 1920 to commemorate the working horses of World War 1. On the 11th of November (Remembrance Day) four of our students (Brodie, James, Brody, Steven) represented our school at the Horse Trough memorial. Pictured here with Chester King Barmera’s RSL Representative. The students read the ‘Ode to the Horse of the Great War’, laid a wreath, listened to the Last Post and reflected one minute of silence.

We will gather here each year
For a service that’s quite rare
It is not for men or women
But the horses that were there

They carried out their many tasks
Around the battlefield
And rarely lacked endurance
Or vitality and zeal

So here each year we will lay a wreath
For the one who feared no chore
A very gallant animal
The horse of the Great War.

Lions International Peace Poster

During Term 3, Ms Inwood’s 6/7 class designed and illustrated a Lions Club Peace Poster to enter in an international competition with the theme, “A celebration of peace.”

Our posters went to the Barmera Library to be judged. At assembly it was announced that my poster had won. The message behind my poster was that “peace gives the world colour”, which I used as my quote.

My poster was sent to Adelaide to compete in the district level, which includes Darwin to Mt Gambier, half of Adelaide, Broken Hill and Sunraysia. A couple of weeks later, Mr Marks came into our classroom and delivered the exciting news that I won at the district competition.

In May 2017, my poster will be judged in Tasmania against the whole of Australia.

Written by Emily Muller
Team Josh invites you to

Barmera’s LIGHT THE NIGHT
Supporting the Leukaemia Foundation

Saturday 3rd December
5:30pm-10:00pm
Lakefront Barmera
Entertainment by McKenzie
Food and drink stalls
· Listen to inspiring stories
· Participate in lantern lighting and a gentle walk
$20 donation entitles you to a lantern
Contact Meg or Monique Gillespie 85830170 for more info
Sign up a team for Barmera’s walk or donate to Team Josh
https://lighthenight.org.au/event/barmera
www.lighthenight.org.au
find us on Facebook “Light the Night Barmera”

The Leukaemia Foundation receives no ongoing funding from the government and relies on community support. All money raised will fund vital research to find cures.

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BARMERA TENNIS CLUB
BOAT LICENCE NIGHT

When: Wednesday 7th Dec
Time: 7:00pm
Where: Barmera Tennis Club, Hawdon St Barmera
Price: $40

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Phone: Justin 0419817672 or
Katie 0400 438 455

PLEASE BRING DRIVER’S LICENCE OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE ON EVENING

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Boat Licence Night

When: Wednesday 14th Dec 2016
Where: Moorook Club at 7pm
Cost: $30 per person (cash only)

Please book through Moorook Primary School
Phone: 8583 9284 or
email: DL 0280.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Please bring along your Driver’s Licence or Birth Certificate
Meals available at the Club from 6pm

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Carols by the River

Berri Riverfront in the Playground
BYO CHAIR or RUG and TORCH

Saturday 3rd December at 7.30pm

Presented by Berri Barmera Christian Churches

Riverland Christmas Appeal Fundraiser
BINGO BINGO

Thank you to everyone who attended our Bingo fundraiser last week.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle, donated sandwich fillings and baked a beautiful array of sweets.

Thank you to our team of volunteers, without your help it would not have been possible for us to have such a successful night.

We raised a total of $694

GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

The Blood Service Mobile Blood Donor Centre will be visiting:

Berri
Senior Citizen Centre
1 Crawford Terrace

Thursday 15 December
Friday 16 December

12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
7.30 am – 12.00 pm

Make an appointment today.

To make an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au