End of the school year.

We are fast approaching the end of our school year. It is a busy time with many things to do – but also a reflective time, where we look at the past year and consider the challenges which we have overcome, the many successes we can attribute to the school and the questions we are left with as we plan for next year, 2017. It is also a time of giving thanks to the many people who have contributed in any way to the success and milestones of our core business - the education of our children. This includes our Governing Councillors who have been a strength over the past 2 years of Principal uncertainty, especially the Chairperson, Mike Alder; teachers, support staff and groundsmen who create the conditions for good progress and learning for our students; the many volunteers who contribute in a myriad of ways to our school community; parents and families who get their children to school with a mindset of success and also the many people in the wider Barmera community who support the school very generously in many ways. We must also acknowledge the support of our colleagues in the Berri Regional office who are generously responsive to our many requests.

It is also a time to farewell people who are moving on from Barmera PS. We are saying goodbye to -

Felicity Zeigler, our Finance officer will be working at Ramco Primary School next year, much closer to her home in Waikerie. Thankyou Flick for the past 6 years of your efficient management of our finances and office. We hope we can maintain the standards you have set!

Renee Fielke will be working in Loxton next year and Tiarne Dalby will be travelling the world. We also say goodbye to, Keesha Albanese, Kerry Harrigan and Flora Drakoulis. Thank you to these teachers for their contribution to the education of our children.

Of course huge thanks must go to our students, most of whom put in a great effort to learn and socialize happily at school and who accept the many challenges we give them.

A special farewell and thanks goes out to our 32 Year 7 students and some of their families who will be moving on to a new era in their education in Secondary school. We will be honouring their years at Barmera Primary next week at their Graduation ceremony and dinner next Wednesday evening.

I look forward to continuing as the Deputy Principal next year working with Natasha Hefford, Principal for the Terms 1 and 2.

Ruth

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Bel Clark, Wade Greig, Dallas Fitzpatrick, Harry Banks, Emily Passmore, Shenae Jansen, Carly Jansen, Jesse Doupis, Jimmy Williams, Alyssa Perry, Charli Hamood

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The students have been doing a wonderful job with their pottery this term. Barmera Primary purchased a kiln recently and it has been working perfectly this term. It has been great for the students to see the whole process, from a ball of clay, to creating their work, decorating, bisque firing, glazing and then seeing your finished piece come out of the kiln.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in pottery this term. You made some very creative pieces and I loved your enthusiasm!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and school break and I look forward to seeing you in 2017!

Best wishes, Erin Harrald (Pastoral Care Worker)
Summer School Holidays are just around the corner and we have loads of things to keep the kids entertained. From Christmas Crafts, a visit from Santa, Summer Reading Competition, to a Magic Workshop and a visit from Batman and much more.

- **2016 Tuesday 20 Dec** 2pm Santas galore Santa will be making a visit
- **2017 Monday 3rd January, 10th January, 17th January & 24th January.** Awesome craft activities at 2pm on Tuesday 3rd January, 10th January, 17th January & 24th January. Super hero **Batman** will be our special guest on 10th January.
- **Friday 13th January** we are holding a Magic Workshop for school aged children at 2pm—4pm and bookings for this are a must to hold your spot. Ring 85882872

Ask us about our Summer Reading Competition with a major prize being drawn on Tuesday 24th January.

For more information please ring 85882872

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**Developing Resilient Children**

Resilience is an important skill in being able to cope with and overcome adverse situations and experiences. The Developing Resilient Children course helps parents build and strengthen their children’s resilience to cope with challenges in their lives.

Parents will benefit from the course by becoming more reflective, pro-active and in tune with their children's needs. The course is **FREE** and is for parents of children 12 and under.

- **When:** Thursday, 8 December 2016
  10.00am to 12.30pm
- **Location:** Relationships Australia SA
  9 Kay Avenue, Berri
- **To book:** Call Chelsea on 08 8582 4122 or drop into the Relationships Australia SA office.

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**Kids obstacle course**

- **Saturday 11th kids night run**
- **Sunday 12th February - 8am to 12pm**
- **At Loveday 4x4 Adventure park at Barmera**
- Unlimited fun for only $18 per child

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END of YEAR SCHOOL CONCERT TONIGHT Wednesday 7th December

Concert starts 6:15pm sharp
All students are to meet in their classroom as notified by their teacher.

Look forward to seeing everyone there!

Premiers Reading Challenge

We had a fantastic result for the Premier’s Reading challenge this year. Tomorrow morning we will be presenting certificates and medals to all the students who completed the challenge. Reception to Year 2 will be presented at 9:15 in the hall followed by the rest of the school at 10:00am.

Well done everyone for terrific Reading.