



Cobdogla Primary School

Providing a Caring & Challenging Environment

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Principal's Message

Newsletter issue: 4 term 1, week 9 March 28th 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

NAPLAN TEST

Over the last 2 weeks, students in year 3 and 5 have put in lots of effort to complete the NAPLAN test. The NAPLAN test is an important assessment tool used to measure student performance in literacy and numeracy in Australia. The test helps teachers to identify strengths and areas that need to improve, in order to provide targeted support.

It's important to celebrate the hard work that students put in for the test, regardless of their results. Encouraging a growth mindset and a focus on effort rather than just outcomes can help students develop resilience and a love for learning. It's also important to acknowledge that test results are just one measure of a student's progress and that there are many other factors that contribute to their success.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF AREA

It's important for parents and carers to pick up and drop off their children from the front of the school on Dolan St or McLeod St. This helps to ensure the safety of all students and staff, and prevents any unnecessary congestion or disruption on nearby streets.

By following this pick-up and drop-off procedure, parents and carers can help to minimize the risk of accidents or incidents involving students. It also helps to maintain a smooth and efficient flow of traffic around the school, making it easier for everyone to get to where they need to be. If you have any questions or concerns about the pick-up and drop-off procedures, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school.

Harmony Day

Students at our school celebrated Harmony Day on Tuesday, 21st March by wearing orange and learning about respect and getting along. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate diversity and promote respect, inclusiveness and a sense of belonging for everyone, regardless of their cultural background or identity.

By wearing orange, our students showed their support for these important values and their commitment to a harmonious and inclusive school community. Learning about getting along is also a vital part of this process, as it helps students to develop the social and emotional skills they need to build positive relationships with their peers and to appreciate the differences that make us all unique.

Personal Devices at School

A reminder that mobile phones and smart watches are not allowed during school time. Children must hand them into the front office on arrival, and collect them at the end of the day.

SAPSASA Athletics

Tomorrow, Wednesday 29th March, SAPSASA Athletics will be held at Loxton HS Oval. Good luck to all the students that have been selected for this event.

New Student

Last week, we welcomed to our school a new student, Harri into the R/1 class.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held during Week 9 of this term. This is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teachers and gain insight into their academic and personal development.

Each interview will last for approximately 15 minutes, and we kindly ask that you arrive on time for your scheduled appointment. If you are unable to attend the scheduled time, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative time.

Attendance

Attending school is vital for your child's learning and academic success. Research shows that students who attend school regularly perform better academically, have higher levels of engagement and are more likely to achieve their full potential.

We are proud to announce that the school's attendance rate for the 2023 school year is currently at 92%, with the year 2 class leading the way on 95%.

Regards,
David Ness
Principal

*Respect

*Honesty

*Responsibility

*Personal Best

REMINDERS

Upcoming Events

Week 9 – Parent / Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 29th March – SAPSASA Athletics

Friday 31st March – Instrumental Music Hub Band

Monday 3rd April – Year 3 Excursion to Paringa

Tuesday 4th April – Governing Council Meetings

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th April – Life Education Visit

Wednesday 5th April – YEL Excursion

Friday 7th April – GOOD FRIDAY

Monday 10th April – EASTER MONDAY

Wednesday 12th April – SAPSASA Hockey

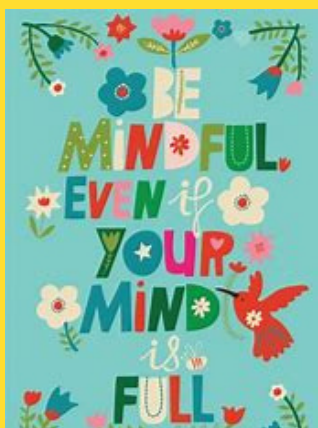
Thursday 13th April – Reward Day

Friday 14th April – End of term 2.15



Wellbeing Corner

MINDFULNESS



While mindfulness is designed to be a practice that is beneficial to practise regularly, it can also be a really useful tool when you or your child might be experiencing specific challenges. Mindfulness can be as simple as taking a slow deep breath in through the nose, counting silently, 1 . . . 2 . . . 3, and then slowly letting your breath out through your mouth, counting silently, 1 . . . 2 . . . 3.

Do this at least 3 times and you will start to feel your body relax. It is a really useful tool to help with forms of anxiety, to calm anger, comfort sadness and feel strong in new situations.

SCHOOL NEWS



New Student

Welcome to Hamri!
Hamri joined us last week
and is in year 1.



Parent & Friends Group

Next meeting:

**Thursday 30th March,
2.30pm -3.15pm
at school to discuss 2023
calendar – fundraising,
meetings etc**



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Term 2

Wednesday 31st May

**Flyers will be sent
home soon**

Happy Haven Cobdogla OSHC

Happy Haven OSHC Cobdogla is a service available to our students, it operates after school from 3:15–6:15. For more information you can visit the website:
<https://www.happyhaven.sa.edu.au/cobdogla>

WOW!

Sensational Students



All Reception Students, Mia, Tyson, Riley, Adelaide, Tyler B, Will M, Brayden, Lucy, Duke, Alex M, Jasmin, Sebastian, Jack V, Clara, Rory, Alora, Ethan, Jhakyah, Sasha, Ruby, Rylan, Mason O, Grace, Lloyd, Lacey, Georgia, Harrison, Logan, Olivia, Dexter, Connor, Charlotte, Judd, Kristella, Hunter, Lane, Austin, Khalycia.

Year 6 AQUATICS

What a fabulous day our year 6 students had at Aquatics. There were lots of 'first' experiences, kneeboarding, kayaking and sailboarding, they all had an absolute ball! We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful area and have access to Lake Bonney and this amazing Aquatics program.







What an awesome day we had!

ABC Riverland Radio

What a wonderful morning we had recently with Steph and Matt from ABC Riverland Radio, broadcasting live from our school!

They provided us with a yummy toad in the hole breakfast which our wonderful Parent Group cooked and we raised \$255!

Mr Ness, Mrs Hembling and our school leaders Lacey and Tyler were interviewed and talked about our amazing school. Steph and Matt also joined in with students having a few hits of tennis.

What a wonderful morning, thank you ABC Riverland for choosing our school, we loved having you and WE ALL LOVE WHERE WE LIVE 😊



Harmony Day Activities

We have a beautiful display of "Harmony" in our front office. Students traced their hands showing unity, promoting respect, inclusiveness and a sense of belonging for everyone, regardless of their cultural background or identity.



**Year 3 Harmony
Artwork**

Reception / 1 Class Harmony Day



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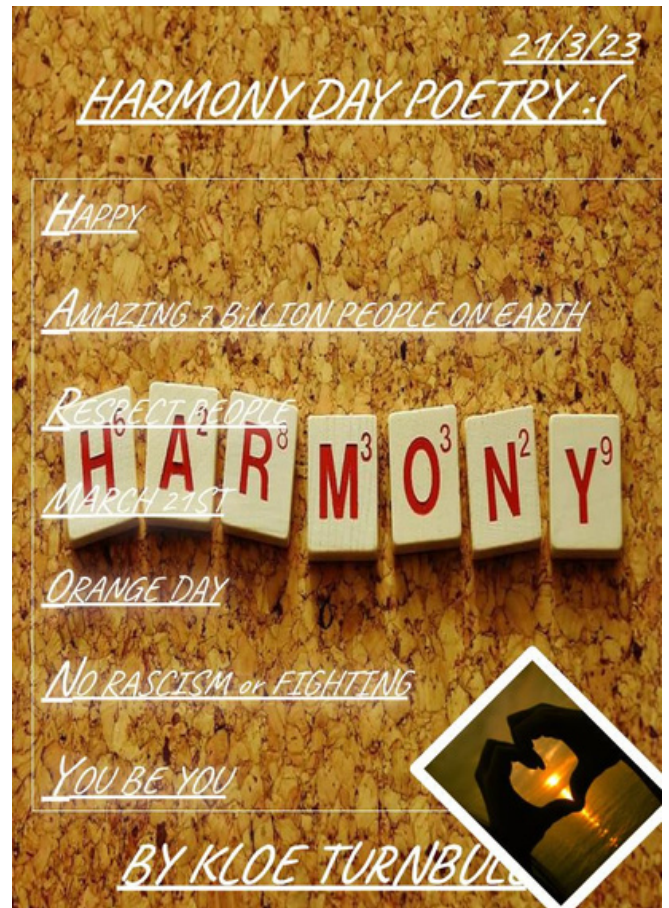
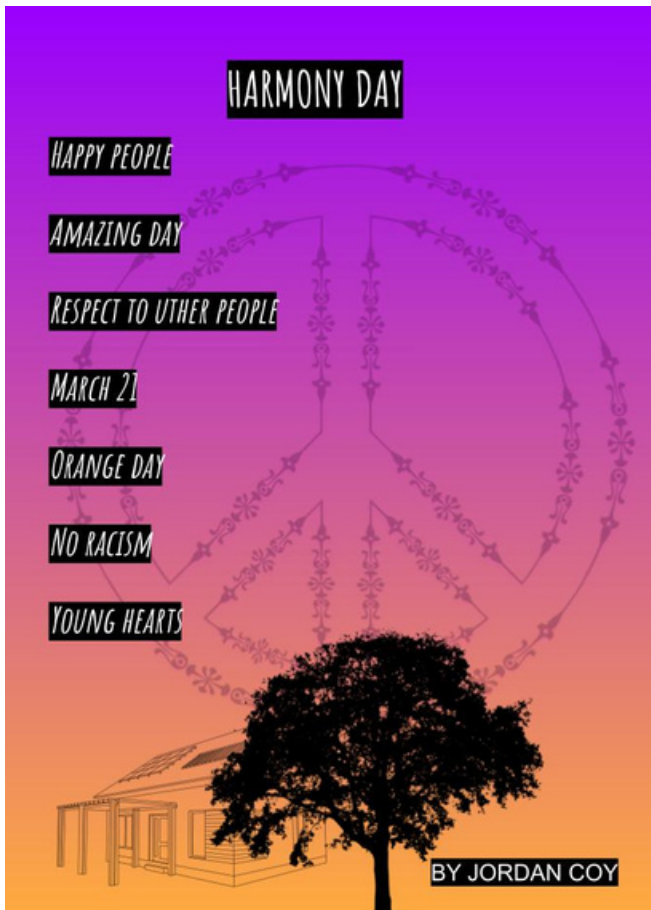
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Year 4 Class Harmony Day Acrostic Poems

Year 4 students discussed the meaning of Harmony Week. It is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Students created acrostic poems. In an acrostic poem, the first letter of each line spells out the subject, "Harmony"





Brenton's Projects



Have you seen the new artwork in the year 2 locker room? We had a wall that needed to be beautified and our wonderful Pastoral Support Worker Brenton, worked his magic to produce this beautiful artwork featuring our school values.



Life Ed is coming!

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Your school has chosen Life Ed to support the school's health and drug education. Life Ed SA will be visiting your school from Tuesday 4th to Wednesday 5th April.

Life Ed is Australia's largest preventive health organisation empowering children to make safer and healthier choices so they can live happier lives. Life Ed provides a unique learning experience for children, giving them the skills needed to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing. We cover topics such as:

Pre School

Body knowledge
Personal safety
Healthy lifestyle
Social skills

Primary

Body knowledge	Medicines
Safety	Cyber safety
Nutrition	Decision making
Physical Activity	Alcohol
Relationships	Tobacco/Vaping

Secondary

Peer pressure
Decision making
Tobacco / Vaping
Alcohol
Cannabis
Other Drugs

Each class will have the opportunity to experience Life Ed's unique, fun and exciting sessions in the Life Ed Dome (the inflatable classroom). We will provide your school with a comprehensive set of resources to continue delivering positive health messages throughout the year.

Healthy Harold, the much loved Life Ed giraffe mascot, is always a highlight. The sessions are entertaining, interactive and will extend the children's understanding of the topics covered. Life Ed's programs are designed to grow, develop and change with the children as they navigate their own life journey.

Class teachers will be able to give you information about which module your child/children will be participating in. You can also access Life Ed's extensive range of parent information from their website at www.lifeed.org.au/families/resources-for-parents-carers/

From the team at Life Ed SA





COBDOGLA PLAYGROUP



Friday Mornings
9am - 10.30am
Cobdogla Primary School



All children 0-5 are welcome to attend

- Playgroup is FREE
- Activities planned to nurture curiosity, enhance creativity, create social connections, early learning development in literacy and numeracy, music and movement and so much more!
- Please bring a hat, water bottle and a piece of fruit
- A welcoming environment for Parents/Carers to connect
*tea and coffee facilities available



For more information please
contact the school on 8588 7131



Cobdogla Playgroup



PLAY • EXPLORE • LEARN

COMMUNITY NEWS



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN for netsetgo for 2023

*The Program will begin Term 2, Week 1
Wednesday 3rd May*

NetSet - Born 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
5:15pm - 6:00pm

Go (U9's) - Born 2014
5:15pm - 6:00pm*

**Our U9's are also invited to train with our U11 teams each week from 6:00pm-6:30pm and will also have the opportunity to be involved in some games against other Riverland towns throughout the season.*



Please Register for netsetgo on Play HQ via the link provided on our Facebook Page. Children must be attending school to register.



@barmeranetballclub



barmeranetballclub@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS



Net Set GO!

Thursdays 4pm

Commencing 4 May 2023 | 13 sessions



Who can participate?

5 - 10 year olds, girls and boys, no previous experience required

Cost

\$100 per participant (includes shirt and ball)
Sports Vouchers accepted

Registration Link

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/89f33b>

For more info contact the club - cobbynetball@outlook.com



**FOOTBALL
SOUTH
AUSTRALIA**



SCHOOL

START DATE

FINISH DATE

TIME

COME ON !! join the program in Schools today



**FOOTBALL IN
SCHOOLS**

CONTACT: GAMEDEVELOPMENT@FOOTBALLSA.COM.AU

What is Football in Schools?

Football in Schools works with the National MiniRoos program to deliver football in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. It consists of weekly sessions that build skills through progressive football exercises and games, and focusses on fundamental movement skills. All participants receive a participant pack and giveaways.

More Information

08 83403088 gamedevelopment@footballsa.com.au
Matildas Drive, Gepps Cross 5094



COMMUNITY NEWS

LOXTON HISTORICAL
VILLAGE



ALIVE DAY

EASTER SATURDAY
8th April, 2023

- Operating Exhibits 10am - 4pm
- Blacksmith, Shearing & Printing Demonstrations
- Stationary Engines
- Whip Cracking
- Food & Market Stalls
- Kids Crafts, Games & more



Members & Year Pass Holders FREE

ADULTS \$12 • CONC \$10 • CHILD \$6 • FAMILY \$30

www.thevillageloxton.com.au



COMMUNITY NEWS

New Age Stem Club

At the Berri Library

Join us for Art and Science activities

Focusing on Stem odd weeks throughout the term

even weeks Art & Craft



Thursdays – 2.45pm – 3.45pm

These sessions are FREE

and are suitable for ages

STEM 6-12 years

Art & Craft 2-5 years



No booking required

Children will require assistance of
a parent or carer

During school terms only

Contact the Berri Library for more information

Kay Ave, Berri

(08) 85952666



COMMUNITY NEWS



At the

Berri Library

Come along and create a masterpiece

Friday 10.00am

During school terms only

Open to all children between 2 - 4 years

Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer

No booking required

It's free

Contact the Berri Library

For more information

Kay Ave, Berri

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COMMUNITY NEWS



JOIN THE FUN!

BARMERA-MONASH FC

Barmera Oval

Fridays 4.30-5.30pm

Dillon Millard 0439 688 038

Centre starts: May 5

play.afl/auskick