



Cobdogla Primary School

Providing a Caring & Challenging Environment

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Principal's Message

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

JAM Band

Last week, our school was buzzing with excitement as the incredible JAM Band took the stage. Their performance had our students singing, dancing, and laughing throughout the entire show. Our students became part of the act, wearing costumes and using props! We're counting down the days until the JAM Band returns for another unforgettable experience.

SRC/Leaders Assembly

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for the special SRC Induction Assembly! It was an inspiring moment as our Leaders and Student Representative Council (SRC) members delivered short speeches, showcasing their leadership and dedication.

Special thanks to Tim Whetstone for speaking and presenting the leadership badges.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead, filled with leadership, growth, and collaboration!

SAPSASA Swimming

On Tuesday, selected students participated in the Riverland SAPSASA Swimming Carnival. All the students had a great time competing and trying their best. Congratulations to Judd Ivanovic for finishing 3rd in 50m Backstroke and 3rd in 50m Breaststroke. Thanks to Tori Parrotta, Ali Suchenko and Brenton Poole for supporting the students on the day.

Attendance

Ensuring high attendance is a key ingredient for student success, and we're thrilled to share that our school is doing exceptionally well in this regard! Our current attendance rate for the year stands at an impressive 93%. Thank you, students and parents, for your commitment to regular school attendance. Your dedication plays a crucial role in fostering a positive and productive learning environment for all. Let's continue this trend of excellent attendance!

Child Safety/Kiss and Drop Zone

To aid the flow of traffic and ensure students can enter and exit their cars safely, the school has a child safety zone. This zone is marked with dotted lines near the front office. Between 8:30-9:00am and 3:00-3:30pm this is a no parking area with a maximum waiting time of 2 minutes. This zone should only be used to pick up children when they are there ready and waiting.

OSHC

Happy Haven OSHC Cobdogla is a service available to our students, it operates after school from 3:15-6:00. They also operate on Student Free Days and during school holidays. See the flyer in this newsletter to see what they are offering for our upcoming Student Free Day. For more information you can visit the website: <https://www.happyhaven.sa.edu.au/cobdogla>

Student Free Day

A reminder that next Friday 8th March, is a Student Free Day.

Regards,
David Ness
Principal

***Respect**

***Honesty**

***Responsibility**

***Personal Best**

REMINDERS

Upcoming Events

Friday March 1 – Year 6 Aquatics
Friday March 1 – Clean up Australia Day
Friday March 8 – STUDENT FREE DAY
Monday March 11 – Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Friday March 15 – SPORTS DAY
Week 8 – Harmony Week / NAPLAN
Thursday March 21 – Harmony Day
Friday March 22nd – Choir Rehearsal
Week 9 – Parent /Carer Teacher Interviews
Wednesday March 27th – YEL
Friday March 29th – GOOD FRIDAY
Monday April 1st – EASTER MONDAY
Wednesday April 3rd – SAPSASA Athletics
Friday April 12th – End of term 2.15pm



Clean up Australia Day

This Friday March 1st, our school will be participating in cleaning up around our school district. We will begin our clean up from the school at 9am. Could students please bring gloves from home if possible and make sure you have your hat.

Important Dates to add to your Calendar

Term 1

Friday March 8th – Student Free Day

Term 2

Monday April 29th – Student Free Day

Term 3

Friday September 6th – School Closure

Monday September 9th – Student Free Day

Term 4

Friday November 8th – Student Free Day



Iceblocks

Berri Quelch Iceblocks are available for sale at lunchtimes from the wet area, 50c each.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Term 2

Wednesday May 8th
A flyer will be sent home soon.



Congrats!

PRESENTING OUR STUDENT LEADERSHIP FOR 2024



SCHOOL LEADERS

ALORA AND JUDD

Congrats!



SRC

IVY, THAIQUIEN, GEORGIA, ALEYAH, HARRISON, ALEX, AMALIA,
SEBASTIAN, ALORA, ASHER, RORY, JUDD.



YEL

XAVIER, KHALYCIA, BRAYDEN AND CYRUS



CHOIR LEADERS

BROOKE AND GRACE

SCHOOL NEWS



Pancake Day

Students enjoyed yummy pancakes, celebrating Shrove Tuesday on February 13th. We raised \$341 for Uniting Care, to help people in need.

Well done to our SRC on their first event of the year, such great team work!

Big shout out also to Brenton for cooking the pancakes in such hot conditions.

Thank you everyone for your support.





SCHOOL NEWS

SAPSASA SWIMMING!

Last Tuesday, Cobby had 6 amazing swimmers compete in the School Sport Swimming Competition.

Alora, Grace, Sophie, Judd, Connar and Lane all showed great sportsmanship, improved on their school times and had fun, playing to learn. We are super proud of you all!

Well done to Judd, who also came away with 2, 3rd place ribbons for backstroke and breaststroke. Judd's performance has earned him a place in the Riverland SAPSASA Swimming team that will compete in Adelaide during week 11.

Thank you to Mrs Parrotta, Mrs Suchenko and Brenton for supporting the students on the day and Miss Owens for giving the students the opportunity to train each lunch time in our pool.





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BARMERA LIBRARY VISIT



Students in the year 4/5 class had a visit to the Barmera Library last Wednesday for new author, Paul Easter's book launch. Students learnt how Paul, (who lives in Canberra) attributes his passion for writing children's books from his Auntie.

He has dedicated these books in her memory and has gifted them to the Barmera Library in honour of his Auntie, his inspiration. Weekly email exchanges to Paul became a cherished connection to his Auntie and the hometown (Barmera) where his family members grew up.

Students from Barmera Primary also joined our students on the day and they were all treated with a story written by Paul, 'The Red Ants' read by Librarian Sue.

Sue also organised the students with props to make the story into a little play. The wonderful Library staff also organised activities for the children to do, embracing the storyline.

It was a wonderful morning and a great experience for the students. They learnt that you can be inspired by others, to follow a thought, dream or a passion, you never know what spark may ignite.



SELF PORTRAITS

Year 1/2



Miss Cordy's class have drawn some wonderful self portraits. These will be on display all year long on their classroom window facing the cola.





Wellbeing Corner

Mindfulness Monday

held lunchtimes, 1.15-1.30 in the 'Hub'

ABOUT MINDFULNESS

Our minds are constantly active. You might be watching television – but also thinking about the past, or worrying about the future, or wondering what you're going to have for dinner.

Mindfulness is focusing your complete attention on what's happening right now. It's also letting your thoughts and worries come and go without judgment.

You can be mindful of your internal world – for example, what you're thinking, how your breath makes your chest rise and fall, or how an emotion feels in your body. Or you can focus on what's around you – for example, the sun on your skin, the smell of your coffee, or the sound of a bird. You can be mindful anywhere and with anything. For example, you can be mindful while you're eating, walking, listening to music or sitting.

When you practise mindfulness, you'll feel generally calmer, more focused and better able to concentrate. And in moments of stress, you'll be able to pause, relax, see things more clearly and make better decisions. For children and teenagers, mindfulness can be a way to deal with the stress of study, work and play as they get older.

Mrs Gillespie



Brenton's Blurb

TWEENS

Hi everyone,

Let's talk about tweens (aged 10-12)

Today's precocious pre teens often shock parents when they begin to act like teenagers. Don't be fooled, they are still children. They will astonish you with their ability to conceptualise to argue brilliantly, and then do foolish things.

These school years are a time of magical blossoming, but like all transitions in our kids lives, they are filled with ups and downs. As with parenting toddlers, parents who don't accept and constructively negotiate their child's blossoming independence invite rebellion, or even worse deception.

The biggest danger for tweens is losing their connection to parents while struggling to find their place and connect in their peer world. The biggest danger for parents is trying to parent through power instead of through relationship, thus eroding their bond and losing their influence on their child as she moves into the teen years.

More about this interesting age group next time.

Till next time

Brenton



COBDOGLA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

COBKOM SPORTS DAY 2024

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH
COBBY PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL
8.30-2.30pm

All families welcome to join us!

LUNCH AVAILABLE

Parents & Friends Group will be providing a special meal deal. More info to be sent home.

Little Miss Daisy Coffee Van available

- respect
- honesty
- responsibility
- personal best



Mindfulness Monday



BREATHE in...123 BREATHE out...123

Every Monday

lunchtime @ 1.15 – 1.30

in the Hub

All welcome

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LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES



Just Dance in the Hall, all other activities in the Hub.

Week 1

- Wednesday craft - Mosaic

Week 2

- Tuesday Computing, Wednesday Just Dance

Week 3

- Tuesday Hands on activities and games, Wednesday craft - foil art

Week 4

- Tuesday Computing, Wednesday Just Dance

Week 5

- Tuesday Hands on activities and games, Wednesday craft - Kite Making

Week 6

- Tuesday Computing, Wednesday Just Dance

Week 7

- Tuesday Hands on activities and games, Wednesday craft - Harmony Day activities

Week 8

- Tuesday Computing, Wednesday Just Dance

Week 9

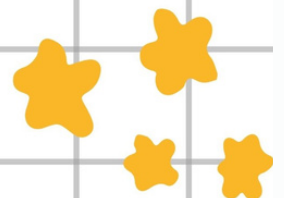
- Tuesday Hands on activities and games, Wednesday craft - Easter Egg art

Week 10

- Tuesday Computing, Wednesday Just Dance

Week 11

- Tuesday Hands on activities and games, Wednesday craft - Free Drawing



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COBDOGLA PLAYGROUP

Friday Mornings

9am – 10:30am

Cobdogla Primary School

Playgroup is FREE

All children 0-5 are welcome to attend

Bring a hat, water bottle and a piece of fruit

For more info call the school 85887131

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the *Carly Ryan* foundation. APP FACTS **AMONG US**



Among Us is an online multiplayer social deduction game. The game takes place in a space-themed setting, in which players each take on one of two roles, most being Crewmates, and a predetermined number being Impostors. The goal for the crewmates is to use their detective work to vote out the imposters before they eliminate all the crewmates.

Although *Among Us* is suitable for ages 9 and above, the game relies heavily on communication. It is always a good idea to make sure your child is supervised and understands how to stay safe before giving them access to a game that allows them to communicate with strangers.

Challenges

- Inappropriate usernames
- Abusive language & inappropriate chat
- Online grooming
- No report functionality
- Focus on getting users to private chat applications (i.e. Discord)

A Focus On Discord

The *Among Us* experience can be enjoyed on computer and mobile devices, but the app itself only offers communication through text giving a limited user experience. YouTube and streaming personalities have popularised the use of voice chatting through Discord while playing *Among Us* to enhance the gameplay, inciting players to do the same. Players who are strangers commonly exchange Discord details to meet on private chat servers; a safe practise if a user only communicates about the game, but can quickly become confronting and uncomfortable if the conversation diverts to personal information.

How Do I Report A User?

Unfortunately at this time *Among Us* does not offer an option to report users.

How Do I Censor Chat?

Note: These steps are for Among Us mobile




1. Open up your *Among Us* app
2. Click circular cogwheel icon at bottom
3. Confirm that 'Censor Chat' is on, if not tap the button and activate the filter. The box around the button should be green.

It is worth highlighting that as easy as it is to turn on, the same can be said for turning it off.

Like any game, *Among Us* can be a positive social activity that keeps you connected. Just be mindful of screen time and be aware of who you are connecting with. We always encourage open conversations around privacy and personal safety.

App Fact Sheets available from the Carly Ryan Foundation. Please email: info@carlyryanfoundation.com

carlyryanfoundation.com

 TheCarlyRyanFoundation  @thecarlyryanfoundation  @TeamCarlyCRF

 Carly Ryan Foundation Inc 2020



We understand that putting children into OSHC isn't always a desire, it's a necessity. Respecting this, we strive to make children feel nurtured, providing opportunities to grow and develop as confident individuals by exploring their world through play.

COBDOGLA


ENROL NOW

- 1. Scan the QR code**
- 2. Enrol on our website**
- 3. Download the Happy Haven OSHC App**
- 4. Activate account on desktop**
- 5. Access and manage all information on app**



NEED HELP?

 happyhaven.sa.edu.au

 **08 8155 5444**

Join us for the Pupil
Free Day at



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MINECRAFT MADNESS

FRIDAY 8th MARCH

7:30am – 6:00pm

- Craft
- Games
- Activities
- Cooking

Bookings can be made via OWNA - on your bookings screen, select the Pupil Free Day session type.

There are no automatic rollover of bookings from Before or After School to the Pupil Free Day.

Bookings made after the 1st of March will attract the short-notice booking fee.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST for netsetgo for 2024

*The program will begin in Term 2 with a link to
register and pay fees coming later:*

Net - Born 2019
Set - Born 2017, 2018
Go - Born 2015, 2016*

**Our Go participants will also have the opportunity to be involved in
some games against other Riverland towns throughout the season. More
details to come closer to the program commencing.*



Please register your interest for
netsetgo on Play HQ via the link
provided.



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barmeranetballclub@gmail.com

NetSetGo (Ages 5-9) – Register your Interest
<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/726acb>



2024 SEASON TRIALS INFORMATION

Barmera Recreation Centre, James Terrace

Sunday 18th & Sunday 25th February

Sunday 3rd March

11:45pm - 12:45pm - 11U (2013,2014)

12:45pm - 1:45pm - 13U (2011, 2012)

1:45pm - 2:45pm - 15U (2009, 2010)

2:45pm - 3:45pm - 17U (2007, 2008)

3:45pm - 5:00pm - A1 / A2

5:00pm - 6pm - B & C Grade

All players trialing
must attend at least
two trials to
support selection.

Apologies or questions to:
barmeranetballclub@gmail.com



Register to trial via Play HQ.
Link in Instagram Bio and on facebook



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Register to Trial – Junior (9+) and Senior
<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/42c101>

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2024 TRIALS Cobby Netball Court

Wednesdays

14/02 | 21/02 | 28/02

5:30pm - 6:30pm Juniors born 2007 - 2015

6:30pm Seniors

Please register at PlayHQ using this link:

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/84cbb0>

or searching for Cobdogla Netball Club



Net Set GO!

Thursdays

Commencing 2 May 2024

3:45 - 4:15pm Afternoon Tea

(fruit donated by Woolworths Berri)

4:15 - 5:00pm NetSetGo session

Cost

Who can participate?

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

\$100 per participant

(includes participant pack - redeemed through NetSetGo shop)

Sports Vouchers accepted

Registration Link

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/cfcf17>

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

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BERRI BARMERA
LIBRARY SERVICE

Berri Barmera
COUNCIL

Inventive Explore Make
Colour Imagine Experiment

Get Creative with the Barmera Theatre Gallery Artists

Explore different styles of art, learn new techniques and create original artworks

Get Creative

suitable for 8 years +

FREE

Tuesday's 4:00-5:00pm
at Barmera Library
February 6
February 20
March 5
March 19
bookings appreciated 8588 2872

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



Berri Barmera
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RIVER FRINGE 2024
16 FEB - 16 MAR FRINGETIX

VILLAGE FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY
9th March
12pm-4pm

FREE

Dance, Circus sessions,
Face-painting, Demonstrations
& other fun activities....

**MAD HATTERS
FIT-TO-FLY CIRCUS**



Spinning plates, flying cats,
and a somersaulting Alice!
Come & see Fit-to-Fly Circus
Arts perform at the Mad
Hatter's Tea Party. A high tea
you don't want to miss!

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& THRIVE**



Bringing performers and
audiences together through
interactive & immersive fun
for all, creating good vibes,
through the use of music,
image & movement.



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tickets via the QR Code
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<https://adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/river-fringe-family-fun-af2024>





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RARE SPARES

Riverland Auto

STREET PARTY



LAKE BONNEY BARMERA
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

March 9th - 2024

- A Street Party for all special interest vehicles
- Cars, trucks, & bikes, old, new & everything in between
- \$10 ENTRY FEE per vehicle - in aid of Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Registration & Parking: 9am - 11am / Street Party: 11am till 3pm
- Special Interest & Auto MARKET STALLS
- Lots of FOOD & DRINK - LIVE BAND - Many Awards
- Sunday 10th - Breakfast, Coffee & Cars, Cruising
- Further information: Phone 0419 807 837



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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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come find your awesome

BARMERA-MONASH

Barmera Oval

Fridays at 4.30pm. Starts May 3



play.afl/auskick



COME AND TRY

SOCCER

MEET THE COACHES + REGO

AT BARMERA UNITED SOCCER CLUB

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20TH 4:30PM

All Ages welcome U6 - Seniors



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