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Term 1 Week 9 Newsletter 2020 Issue 5

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 9, as we move day by day towards the holiday period, it is now only two weeks away! The last two weeks have certainly been busy ones with much happening in the world, but also with many positive and exciting learning activities that students have participated in at school and in the wider community.

We were lucky to be able to have our CoKoMo Sports Day on Thursday 12th March which was another great success. All of our students participated to the best of their ability with sportsmanship and pride in their achievements. We had many age group winners, as well as students who actively participated in events that last year they wouldn't attempt - it was wonderful to see. As you know this year we were provided with the opportunity to organise the lunches and catering for the day, along with Moorook Primary School. This was a great collaborative success between the schools with the selling of sweets donated by many families and staff across the two schools, and the organisation of a hot dog lunch. We raised a total of \$1064.45 on the day with \$338.00 going towards the purchase of the ribbons and medallions that students were awarded, leaving \$363.00 fundraising for each school. A big thank you to Sassy Brews, Nippy's and Woolworths for supporting and donating to ensure the success of the day. Thanks to Mick Kelly for the use of his PA System; Carl Doubikin for the use of the Shade and helping with setup and packup; John Scott and Brenton Poole for the linemarking and assisting with setup and packup; All of our parents and families who donated sweets, assisted with the preparation of lunch (Naomi Marks, Noni Mader, Leanne McKinnon, Michelle Pope, Alison May), and were there to support our students; All of the staff who assisted with the planning and organisation prior to and on the day in particular Bronwyn Foote, Kerry Albrecht-Szabo and Vicki Packer - we are so very lucky to have such a great whole school community with people willing to go over and above to provide support and assistance with these important activities.

On Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th we were able to fit our Year 3-7 Camp into the timetable and it was awesome! Our students had a wonderful three days where they were relaxed, pushed outside of their comfort zones, and tried every activity with a smile on their faces. Having students from Cadell Primary School and the Riverland Special School join us, enabled our students to mix with others and make new friends. It was fantastic to see them encouraging each other and spending time together throughout the three days, it was like we were one slightly larger school! Thanks to the families for supporting our participation in camp at a time where things in Australia were quickly changing, thanks to all of the staff who attended and gave much of their own family time to ensure that our students had the opportunity to experience everything that this camp had to offer, and thanks to the students for being inclusive community members and embracing fun, excitement and new learning opportunities.

In these trying times it is important that we highlight these things that make our school community united, and appreciate the ongoing support that we have for each other now and into the future

Kindest Regards,

Natalie Coote

 Term 2 starts Monday April 27th 

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to inform the school of any planned or unplanned student absences. This may be a written, verbal or phone explanation prior to, or 'on the day' and a follow up note in your child's message book/diary the next day.

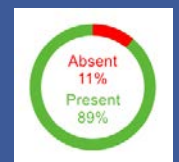
This will help the school to maintain accurate records.

Our 2019 attendance target is 96% or greater



Year to Date (2020)

The average daily attendance rate Year to Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 23/03/2020

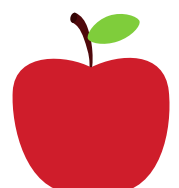


Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 23/03/2020



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PLAYGROUP



Last week at playgroup we celebrated Madison's birthday with the Reception and Year 1 students as the older students were at Woodhouse Camp.

We also created lots of fun things with coloured playdough and spent time outside with the school children.

Note: There will be no further playgroup sessions for the remainder of the term, we will keep you updated on when this resumes. Thank you for your understanding.

WOODHOUSE CAMP



Last week me, Lillian and Laylah went on camp to Woodhouse in Adelaide. On the bus we played 'try not to laugh'. Lillian sang a very funny song and Laylah laughed so she was out first. I didn't laugh, it took a little while but they tickled me. When we got there and we unpacked, then we did Challenge Hill.

- Taylor O, Year 3

Last week we went to camp. It was fun. We went on the bus and sung songs like superman and we will rock you.

When we got to Woodhouse we got our luggage, then we went to our cabins. Then we did Challenge Hill and we played mouse trap, it was fun.

- Lillian M, Year 3



**Woodhouse
Activity Centre**

COKOMO SPORTS DAY



Last Thursday our students completed in the our annual CoKoMo Sports Day at the Cobdogla oval. Our students represented our school wonderfully and competed well against the other children whilst always showing good sportsmanship, support amongst their peers and great manners.

Congratulations to the following students who received ribbons for their placings on the day for their age groups:



2nd Cooper - 12yr Boy Taylor - 8yr Girl Lillian - 9yr Girl	1st Jarrod - 11yr Boy Wesley - 12yr Boy Laylah - 8yr Girl	3rd Sameika - 11yr Girl
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Overall from the sale of sweets and lunches, we raised a total of \$363 for the school so thank you to all parents and carers who baked goods for/or assisted on the day with our fundraising.

A big thank you also to Nippy's for the drinks, Sassy Brews for their coffee van on site and to Woolworths in Waikerie for their donation of fruit for the day.



YEL AT MARTINS BEND

YOUNG ENVIRONMENT LEADERS

On Wednesday week 8 we went to YEL it stands for Young Environmental Leaders. Wesley, Jarrod, Rylee D, and Sameika went too. First we had a conversation with people that have lived here for their whole life and telling us all about the traditions and what they used to do. We all got to hold the special carving made out of wood; it was amazing. We also got to do some weaving which I think was one of our favourite things. After all of that we got to go on a nature walk, it took a while but we made it in the end and we even saw a blue tongue lizard. Then we got to lay on the grass and have some relaxation. It was quite, nice and peaceful. When all of us got back we were very tired and shaky but I'm pretty sure we will all want to do it again next year.

By Sameika Wright



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Helping our Community GROW

In light of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, we recommend checking the World Health Organisation's website for the most accurate and up to date information. If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed or seeking additional support, then we recommend the following services:

HEADSPACE

e-Headspace, a free online counselling platform: <https://eheadspace.org.au/>

KIDS HELPLINE

Phone counselling: 1800 55 1800 (free and confidential)

REACHOUT

Professionally reviewed self-help tools-and apps:
<https://au.reachout.com/tools-and-apps>

YOUTH BEYOND BLUE

Phone counselling service: 1300 22 4636



Helping your Children Grow a Bright and Healthy Smile

Did you know eligible children (2 to 17 years of age) can receive up to \$1000 of basic children's dental services over two consecutive years at no out of pocket expense to parents!

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.

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Help needed!

We are seeking grocery catalogues for use as a numeracy resource in the classrooms - can you help collect some for the school?

If you are able to assist with collection, please bring them to the front office or send to school with your child.