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NEWSLETTER Term 2, Week 1 - Friday 4th May 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's wonderful to see that our students have come back relaxed, refreshed and recharged for a new term of learning! We have had an excellent start with all students quickly settling back into school routines and expectations.

Last term we received the final copy of our External School Review and the feedback was very positive.

The outcomes of the External School Review 2017 were as follows:

Students are able to talk confidently about learning, thinking and behaviours that support a growth mindset. Moorook Primary School is working effectively in partnership with the school community. This work has positioned the school well for future improvement.

The principal will work with the education director to implement the following directions:

1. Further strengthen and deprivatise pedagogical practice within the school and across the Professional Learning Community.
2. Work on learning design and engagement to meet the range of learning needs and interests, including providing greater intellectual stretch in learning.
3. Refine the school's assessment and data collection processes, and use this data for more targeted and personalised planning, and to track the levels growth across the school over time.

Based on the school's current performance, Moorook Primary School will be externally reviewed again in 2021.

I will explain in future newsletters how we have planned to address these directions and ensure that they are implemented.

Also, please note: students in Year 3, 5 & 7 will be taking part in the NAPLAN testing beginning on Tuesday 15th May. As we have been selected as a NAPLAN online school for 2018, our students will be taking their tests online. Please remember that these tests are just a snapshot of your child's learning and there is no need for your child to feel anxious. If you have any concerns, please speak to myself or Ms Miller.

Thank you,

Sonya Warren



Now that the weather is cooler, it is great to see our students using the Nature Play area again. How creative they have been!



Diary Dates...

- Today - SAPSASA Cross Country
- Monday 7th May - Shop orders available
- Tuesday 8th May - 7:30pm Gov Council Meeting
- Wednesday 9th May - No shop lunch orders
- Tuesday 15th May - NAPLAN Begins
- Friday 18th May - Choir Rehearsal in Berri
- Monday 21st May - **STUDENT FREE DAY**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1.	30 th April Brigit on leave	1 st May Choir Soloist Auditions in Monash	2 nd May	3 rd May	4 th May Newsletter SAPSASA Cross Country
2.	7 th May	8 th May 7:30pm Governing Council Meeting	9 th May	10 th May	11 th May Walk safely to school Day
3.	14 th May	15 th May NAPLAN BEGINS Writing	16 th May NAPLAN Reading Choir Compere Auditions @ Berri PS	17 th May NAPLAN Conventions of Language & Numeracy	18 th May Newsletter Choir Rehearsal @ Berri Town Hall
4.	21 st May <u>STUDENT FREE DAY</u>	22 nd May	23 rd May	24 th May	25 th May SAPSASA Soccer
5.	28 th May	29 th May Proposed Evening Assembly	30 th May	31 st May	1 st June Breakfast Club Newsletter
6.	4 th June Brigit Back	5 th June	6 th June	7 th June SCHOOL PHOTOS	8 th June
7.	11 th June <u>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</u>	12 th June	13 th June YEL Excursion	14 th June	15 th June Newsletter
8.	18 th June	19 th June	20 th June	21 st June	22 nd June <u>STUDENT FREE DAY</u>
9.	25 th June	26 th June	27 th June	28 th June	29 th June Breakfast Club Newsletter
10.	2 nd July	3 rd July	4 th July <u>REWARDS DAY</u>	5 th July SAPSASA Basketball	6 th July Newsletter Choir Rehearsal @ Berri Town Hall 2:15pm Dismissal Mid-Year Reports to go home

PLEASE NOTE: There may be some changes and/or additions to the above calendar through-out the term, but you will be kept up to date through newsletters and our Facebook page, thank you.

visible Learning



Flexing Felix

Thinking and learning flexibly

We would like to introduce you to: FLEXING FELIX who thinks and learns with flexibility. Flexible thinking lets students shift gears and think about things in different ways. This skill is a key part of problem solving. Some tips to encourage Flexible thinking:

Bend the rules. While rules can certainly come in handy at times, fixating on specific rules can make it hard for kids to get along with others. When kids learn that rules aren't always set in stone, they begin to approach problems from new directions.

Teach self-talk. Teach your child to take a few deep breaths, state the problem, consider at least three solutions and choose one. When kids learn to talk their way through problems, they experience less frustration and are better able to cope with unexpected change.

Tweak the routine. Even small changes, in routines show kids that it's okay to do things in a different way.

Get a joke book. Rigid thinkers tend to struggle to understand jokes. Joke books can be a great way to talk about the different meanings of words and think about how changing the meaning of a word makes it funny.

When kids develop flexible thinking skills they are better able to solve problems, engage in positive peer interactions and focus in school. When they learn to shift their thoughts in the face of new information, they can work through change and transitions. It takes time to develop this important skill set, but it helps kids thrive for years to come.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday 8th May at 7:30pm

If you would like any issues or concerns raised or items added to the agenda, please see Sonya or Jacey. Thank you.

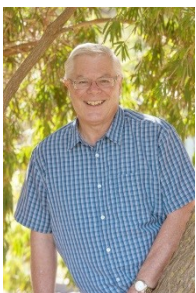


SRC NEWS

MOTHERS DAY STALL

When: During recess next
Wednesday, Thursday &
Friday

Where: Artroom
Gifts of varying prices
Something for everyone!



BRENTON'S BLOG

Today I want to talk about encouragement.

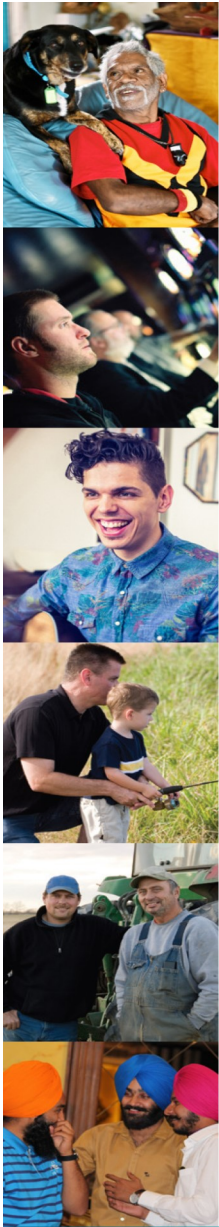
Think of your child as a plant that has been programmed by nature to grow and blossom. If you see the plant has brown leaves, you consider if maybe it needs more light, more water, more fertiliser. You don't criticise it and yell at it to straighten up and grow right.

Kids form their view of themselves and the world every day. They need your ENCOURAGEMENT to see themselves as good people who are capable of good things. And they need to know that you are on their side. If most of what comes out of your mouth is correction or criticism they won't feel good about themselves, and they won't feel you are their ally. You lose your only leverage with them, and they lose something every kid needs: to know they have an adult who thinks the world of them.

Till next time

Cheers *Brenton* - Pastoral Care Worker





Relationships Australia
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What We Do for men in the Riverland

Your relationships

Talking about your relationships can benefit you and your partner through the good times and the hard times.

Looking after yourself

Sometimes life gets tough. We can provide a space for you to talk about what you're worried about. Keeping yourself and your family safe is important and talking about how you are going will help.

Parenting and being a Dad

Being a Dad is one of the most rewarding and challenging jobs you can take on. Chatting about fatherhood and what it means will assist you to focus on the importance of your relationship with your children.

Support through separation

Nobody gives you a manual on how to deal with a separation. Talking with us can support you with putting things into perspective and planning your next steps.

Parenting Mediation/Family Dispute Resolution

After separation, both parents worry about when and how they will see their children. Mediation encourages parents to have conversations about their children, with a focus on your relationship with your children.

Gambling and other addictions

Gambling is something most of us have taken part in at some stage. Have you ever wondered if you are gambling too much? Talking about gambling can help you plan what to do next. Sometimes gambling goes hand in hand with drug and alcohol abuse.

All of our services are free and confidential.

If you would like to talk more, please call us on 8582 4122 or email your name and number to berri.intake@rasa.org.au and we will call you.

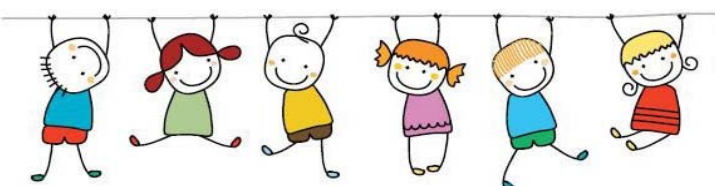
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MOOROOK PLAY CENTRE

Don't forget...

Our Play Centre operates on Monday & Wednesday mornings. Lots of making, craft and learning through play! With both organised and free choice activities, each session is jammed packed with fun and laughter.

Spread the word!



COMMUNITY NOTICES & INFO

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2018 UNISA AUSTRALIAN HPV SERIES LOXTON STREET CIRCUIT

Sunday 6th May
10am - 4pm

Food & refreshments all day
Shops open for Sunday trading

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www.visitloxton.com.au



WALK Safely To School Day



Next Friday we will be taking part in *Walk Safely to School Day*. This day is about reinforcing safe pedestrian behaviour and regular walking habits amongst our students. Once again this year, we are encouraging our students to participate. Younger students are welcome to meet the rest of the group along the way, if they are unable to walk the whole distance.

Starting Point : 8:30am Moorook General Store

A *teacher supervisor* will be waiting at the start point to walk students to the school. Parents/caregivers also welcome to join in!