Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

On Monday 15th August the Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Catholics give thanks and praise for the holy and blessed life of Mary the Mother of Jesus.

This week, we affirm our belief that Mary is now in Heaven. This feast of Mary originated in a sixth century feast of the Dormition or ‘Falling asleep of Mary’. By the seventh century the feast became known as the Assumption of Mary. The date of this feast commemorated a very ancient harvest festival towards the end of summer, which gave thanks to the Earth Mother for her fertility in producing the harvest. The feast of the Assumption commemorates the glorification of Mary, chosen by God, to be the mother of Jesus the Christ. On this feast we are encouraged to affirm our humanity and work to enhance the dignity of people as daughters and sons of God.

Working Bee
A very big thank you to the Rowan Cresp team for the amazing clearing and work carried out behind the transportable classrooms and in the grounds on the Verran Terrace side of the school last Sunday. We now have another exciting space to create a wonderful garden with the students. The next working bee is on Sunday 11th September. Phil Cresp will be contacting his group in the coming weeks.

Enrolments 2017
Our future enrolments continue to be strong with over eight new families expressing an interest in our school for next year. As term three begins so too does our second phase for enrolment placements. We again seek the support of current parents to inform friends and new families who are considering a Catholic education at Our Lady of the River School to notify the office for an enrolment package or a visit. With many of our enrolment coming from existing families, we do hold aside vacancies for new families and those moving to Berri for working purposes. Due to the size of our school, we accept enrolment applications well ahead of the starting date so it is wise for families to begin their search as early as possible. Our experience informs us that this process ensures that decisions we all make are not rushed but well thought through.

School Canteen
There will be no canteen this Friday. It happens to be a week where we have no regular helpers due to them being away or any people available to prepare the orders. Please contact Stacey Hunter if you have a Friday free to assist in the coming weeks.

Book Week 2016
This annual event is celebrated all over Australia, beginning on Monday 22nd. A note will be sent out about our activities in student diaries by the end of this week.
This week in ‘OLOR kids exceeding expectations’ we congratulate and extend good fortune to Mitch, Darcy, Oscar and Jamie K who are representing the Riverland footy team at the SAPSASA State Finals in Adelaide. At time of print, they have won their first two games; I hear they got out of jail with a goal after the siren to secure the first win!

Mark Le Messurier’s Tip
The ‘not so easy’ art to managing behaviour when things go wrong.

Your new code of practice:

- Choose your battles wisely. A sensible rule of thumb is to allow 90 per cent of your child’s negative behaviours to slip by and only pick up on the 10 per cent that genuinely matter to you. Ensure a healthy relationship.
- When a problem behaviour occurs stop what you are doing and move to your child, no matter what age they are.
- If you’re angry allow your initial flush of emotion to pass. The last thing that will help is a parent displaying the same negative emotions. Be calm.
- Engage in eye contact.
- Use a calm, low, controlled voice.
- For younger children give 2 clear choices that will fix the problem.
- Tell them to think and make their best choice, then walk away. Walking away prevents you from standing over your child and giving further attention to the problem behaviour.
- Praise your child once they have responded positively.

Community and Parish News

St. Catherine’s Ladies Auxiliary presents 51st “Morning at Petticoat Lane”
Berri Senior Citizens Hall, Crawford Terrace, Berri.
Friday 26th August 2016 9.00am – 2.00pm
Light Lunch available
(Assorted cakes, hot beverages, sandwiches & sausage sizzle)
STALLS: Cake, biscuits, produce, plants, white elephant, sweets & craft
Raffles & Door Prize drawn at 12 noon
ADMISSION – FREE ALL WELCOME
Proceeds towards St. Catherine’s, Berri

ALEX REINHOLD Exhbitions & Public Programs Officer
Designed to inspire creativity and curiosity in the youngest of art lovers, the START on the Road workshops are suitable for kids aged 3 to 12 years.
Where: River Lands Gallery, Berri on Saturday 20 August and the Rain Moth Gallery, Waikerie on Sunday 21 August
When: from 11am to 3pm
No bookings required. Please see attached information for further details.
We looking forward to seeing you there!
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