Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

This Sunday we hope dads (or significant males) and parents are able to join together and celebrate with one another as a family. Although it is termed ‘Fathers’ Day’, it is appreciated that many other significant adults and mothers play the role of ‘dad’ in children’s lives. The prayer below is for all.

God, bless all the fathers and caregivers in the world. 
Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. 
Help them to be caring, supportive and full of wisdom. 
Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen!

NAPLAN Results
NAPLAN reports for students in Years 3, 5, and 7 who sat the national tests in literacy and numeracy earlier this year, will be sent home with students early next week. Your child’s report shows national information including how your child performed in relation to other students in their particular year group, and against the average score for each of the Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy tests. Parents are invited to speak with class teachers should they at all have any queries.

Kiss and Drop
Currently Water SA is replacing the water pipes surrounding our school I encourage families to continue to use the drop off areas on especially Verran Terrace and Macintosh streets carefully and be patient as there will be minor disruptions occurring until the end of this term. In the afternoons, we have an increasing number of students waiting to be picked up and sometimes this is well after the end of school time to 3:45pm. It is important that the school is informed of children being picked up by someone different to an immediate family member so that the safety of all concerned is adhered to. Your children are our children too and hence their safe care is paramount.

Working Bee
Next Sunday at 9.30 am, team Phil Cresp will be gathering together to continue the work on making the school look amazing as people drive past. Phil’s team will be working on the hard-court space, lawns and areas around the perimeter of the school. Thank you to the parents who are available to attend. Please bring along gardening gloves if possible.

Footy Colours Day 2016
Students can enjoy the experience of wearing their favourite football code sports colours next Friday.
Ros Oates
This week as a part of the school’s Arts and Physical Education Program the children have experienced the ‘Footstep’ Dance program. Dance is a vehicle to develop students’ inter/intra personal skills, fitness levels and this program has provided our teachers with classroom resources to use dance as a starting point to presenting a performance at each class’ next assembly. All the students have found the program exciting and fun and we have discovered many talented young dancers this week.

Sports Day 2016
Due to trying our very best in coordinating a day and date that fits around not interfering with most community events and the availability of the Berri town oval the date for our Sports Day has been moved forward to Wednesday 28th September, Week 10. Further information will be sent out in next week’s newsletter.

Mark Le Messurier’s Tip
Optimistic relationships count most
More than anything, a loving relationship is what enables cooperative behaviours to be stretched and reshaped. Healthy connections bubble to the surface as a smile, a wink, a nudge, a joke, saying “I love you”, a thumbs up a kind or reassuring comment. The benefits arising from a quality relationship are remarkable. They provide the scope for everyone to make mistakes without causing a catastrophe, to allow the word ‘sorry’ to be exchanged more freely and offer us little more leverage to influence the children to change behaviours that are not working for them.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
A reminder that all Reading Challenge forms are due in this Friday, 2nd September. Well done to the students who have completed the Challenge this year. Presentation of Awards should take place in November. Regards, Sandy Sando

Book Fair
A big thank you to all who supported our Scholastic Book Fair this year. We were able to select $400 worth of books for our Library from the commission we received from sales. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped with the Fair, your time was greatly appreciated. Kind regards, Sandy Sando

Community and Parish News

Family Fun Day – Riverland Special School
Riverland Special School 4th September 2016, 10.00am to 2.00pm
Step Up! For Down Syndrome - Special Events and entertainment organised. Free Entertainment for the children.
Further enquiries to Riverland Special School 8582 1258.