Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope that you all had a relaxing Easter break and managed to spend time with your family. As has been the case over the last few weeks, we have another busy fortnight ahead with several SAPSASA events and Parent/Teacher interviews in week 10.

Last week the school was reviewed by the DECD External Review Panel with a report to be released later in the term. The panel members were impressed with the school and the manner in which the students talked enthusiastically about their learning and their school. The review team closely examined school processes and discussed in depth our attendance policy, attendance improvement plan and our data. Thank you to the Parents and Governing Council members who made time available to attend and talk with the panel as part of the review process.

Parent/Teacher interview forms have been sent home and most parents have selected times and options for their interviews. The three-way interview process provides students with the opportunity to talk with parents about their work, show examples of completed work and to explain aspects of their learning that they enjoy. It is important that students attend the interviews in order to fulfil their part of the process. Interviews require a great deal of preparation and effort by teaching staff and they certainly appreciate parents being prompt in arriving for their appointments. Where circumstances prevent you from being able to attend your interview at the agreed time, please ensure that you contact the school to notify the teacher and to also arrange for an alternative time.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Raffle, either through donations towards the raffle or through the selling or purchasing of tickets. A special thank you to the parent group who organised the raffle and congratulations to the Britten/Coulter family who won the prize for selling the most raffle books.

Regards,

Trevor Broughton
Principal

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**Diary Dates**

- **Friday 1st April**  SAPSASA Cross Country
- **Week 10**  Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Thursday 7th April**  Whole School Assembly
- **Friday 8th April**  R/1 Excursion
- **Friday 8th April**  Choir Cluster Practice
- **Wednesday 13th April**  SAPSASA Netball/Football
- **Friday 15th April**  REWARD DAY (see attachment)
- **Friday 15th April**  End of Term 2:15pm
- **Monday 25th April**  ANZAC Day in school holidays (school to lay wreath)
- **Monday 2nd May**  Term 2 begins

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**Easter Raffle**

Thank you to everyone that supported our raffle and congratulations to all our winners. We are pleased to announce that a total of $1096.35 was raised! This is a fantastic effort.

1st  Bernie  
2nd  Stewart McLaughlin  
3rd  Steve Bowers  
4th  Amanda Garoufalis  
5th  Tyler Klingbiel  
6th  Riley Johnson  
7th  Mr B  
8th  Jack Britten

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**Term 2 Lunch Order Support**

- Term 2 Lunch order support
- Reward Day consent / lunch order
  (return by Thursday 7th April)

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**Our School Values:**  
* RESPECT  
* HONESTY  
* RESPONSIBILITY  
* PERSONAL BEST
Effective decision making is a skill that children can learn
To be able to make good decisions children must learn to:
- recognise when there is a choice for them to make
- understand that they are responsible for making the decision
- take others’ needs into account
- think of different possible choices or solutions and decide which is best

Children learn skills for effective decision-making when they are taught the steps and given opportunities to practise using them to solve problems. Reminding children to use them could have helped them make better decisions.

Being able to plan ahead and choose wisely are very important skills that help children succeed at home, at school and in life. Parents and carers can help by teaching children how to think through decisions and giving them opportunities to practise their skills.

Sensational Students:
Olivia Thompson, Nevaeh Smith, Mia Johnson, Carmen Debnar, Tayla Douglass, James Swinstead, Riley Johnson, Tredrea Aplin, Lauren Bowers, Sean Thompson, Joel Hoffman, Kiara Benham, Aidan Coulter, Brody Scordo, Jack Crossfield, Sophie Nettle, Adele Hoffman, Jack Britten, Cooper Klingbiel, Lexi Hettner, Joshua Garoufalas

BRENTON'S BLOG . . .

What do children need to succeed in life, in work, as future parents and as community members? Essential are long term relationships with many positive adult role models, caring schools, opportunities to serve, and a community of people and places that value young people. These things are called Developmental Assets. They are concrete, positive experiences and qualities that are essential to raising young people. Research has shown that there are 40 essential developmental assets and that most young people in Australia experience less than half of them. Over the next few newsletters I will talk about these Assets that children need to have the best opportunity to succeed in life. In the meantime here are 25 Ways to show kids you CARE by building their assets.

1. Notice them
2. Ask them about themselves
3. Be yourself
4. Cheer their accomplishments
5. Go places together
6. Introduce them to new experiences
7. Expect their best; don’t expect perfection
8. Catch them doing something right
9. Laugh at their jokes
10. Suggest better behaviours when they act out
11. Hug them
12. Be curious with them
13. Play outside together

14. Delight in their discoveries
15. Be available
16. Create a safe, open environment
17. Daydream with them
18. Make decisions together
19. Magnify their magnificence
20. Build something together
21. Let them make mistakes
22. Inspire their creativity
23. Have play days
24. Listen to their favourite music with them
25. Love them, no matter what

How many did you score?

Have a great week!
Brenton – Pastoral Care Worker
Kids’ Voice!

SRC Induction
Last Wednesday we held our SRC Induction in the school gym. Special guests, Senior Constables Paul Wood and Chris Evans presented the SRC with their badges. Afterwards there was an afternoon tea for the SRC and their families. Congratulations to Emily Crossfield, Megan Norman, Sophie Nettle, Hayden Carter, Aiden Scordo, Connor Scordo, Jack Crossfield, Lily Tsakarellos, Emily Carter, Noah Suchenko, Natasha Dawe and our School Leaders for 2016, Lucy Nettle and Katie Milonas.

Harmony Day
On Thursday the 17th of March our school celebrated Harmony Day. Most of the students wore orange and we had a lot of fun.

TENNIS GAMES
Round the Race Track is a fun tennis game for children to play by themselves. To play this game you will need a tennis ball and a racquet. The aim of the game is to try and get the ball around the rim of the racquet without it falling off and to get it in to the little triangle just in front of the handle. Good Luck!

Halogen Young Leaders’ Day
On Tuesday the 22nd of March the School Leaders and the year 6/7 SRC students went to Adelaide for the Halogen Young Leaders’ Day. The students that went were Meg Norman, Aiden Scordo, Connor Scordo, Emily Crossfield, Lucy Nettle and Katie Milonas. We heard four speakers, Manal Younus, Dylan Parker, Nathan “Dubsy” Want and Leonie McKeon. The panel was Emma Charlton, Andrew Barns and Durkhanai Ayubi. They talked about what they have done to become a leader and told us how we can improve our leadership skills and become a better leader.

Interviews
Connor - Young Leaders’ Day was great. My favourite speaker was Dylan Parker. Dylan Parker is a professional paper plane thrower.
Katie – Young Leaders’ Day was fantastic. I really enjoyed all the speakers. My favourite thing that was said by Leonie McKeon was “It’s not difficult it’s just different”.
Meg – Young Leaders’ Day was the best thing I’ve been to and hopefully I get to go next year.
Aiden - I thought that Young Leaders’ Day was great, all the speakers were interesting.
Lucy - I had a fantastic day. My favourite speaker was Dylan Parker because even though he had a tumor on his brain he thought positively.
SOCCER

There will be a couple of ‘come a try’ training sessions at Berri for any girls that are interested in playing soccer. The trainings will be run each Thursday’s 6.00-7.30pm on the no. 2 oval (opposite the football oval). Girls need to bring either soccer boots or running shoes, shin guards if they have any, and a water bottle.

There will also be try outs for state and country championships at the start of April for any girl that will be playing soccer this year (have to be registered)

My email address is s.geyer93@hotmail.com if anyone requires further information.