



# Cobdogla Primary School

Together We Thrive

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It's hard to believe that Easter is just around the corner! On behalf of all the staff at Cobdogla Primary School, we'd like to wish our students, families and wider school community a very happy and safe Easter break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of **Term 2 on Monday, 28th April**.

### Reward Day

On Monday, Students attended Barmera Play Space/Skate Park for Reward Day to acknowledge their outstanding learning and behaviour throughout the term. The Barmera Play Space/Skate Park was a great location for Reward Day and all the students had a fantastic time and enjoyed the activities. Thank you for your ongoing support in encouraging positive behaviour and academic success.

### Riverland SAPSASA Athletics Carnival, A Huge Success!

On Wednesday of Week 10, 23 enthusiastic students from Cobdogla Primary School proudly represented our school at the Riverland SAPSASA Athletics Carnival.

We are thrilled to announce that Cobdogla Primary won first place in the medium school category, finishing with an impressive 193 points! In addition, we were honoured to receive the Most Improved School Shield, reflecting the dedication and progress of our amazing students.

Throughout the day, our students showed fantastic sportsmanship by cheering each other on, giving their best effort in every event, and proudly wearing our school colours. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the way they supported one another.

A big thank you to the parents and families who came along and supported the team. Your encouragement means a lot to the students and the school community.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 3 of their events:

Discus – Lane Hahn 1st

Shot Put – Chase Johnson 2nd, Harper Noye 2nd

High Jump – Ellie Henderson 2nd

Long Jump – Olivia Harwood 1st

800m – Jasmine Douglass 1st

1500m – Jasmine Douglass 2nd

### Library Excursion

On Tuesday, our Reception to Year 2 students enjoyed a fun and engaging visit to the Barmera Library. During the excursion, they took part in a creative Easter activity and made some Easter Bunny art.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our younger students to explore the library, enjoy stories, and get crafty just in time for Easter.

\*Kindness

\*Honesty

\* Personal Best

\*Resilience

## SAPSASA Hockey

On Wednesday, our SAPSASA Hockey team represented Cobdogla Primary with great determination and team spirit. The team finished the day with 2 wins and 2 losses, showing strong effort and teamwork throughout each game.

A big thank you to Ali Suchenko for supporting the group and to Jason Bowers for coaching the team.

### Early Finish

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 11th April is an early finish with school ending at **2:15pm**.

Kind Regards,  
David Ness  
Principal

# REMINDERS



## Upcoming Events

**Friday April 11th – End of Term – early dismissal 2:15pm**

### Term 2

**Monday April 28th – Term 2 Begins**

**Tuesday April 29th – PBAC Ambassador visit**

**Wednesday May 14th – School Photos**

**Important Dates  
to add to your Calendar**

#### Term 2

Friday June 6th - Student Free Day

Monday June 9th - Public Holiday

## Communication

### Family Details

It is important to keep us updated if any of your details change, eg email/address/phone number/emergency contacts.

Please inform the front office by emailing; [dl.0721.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0721.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

### Student Absentees

In the event your child is absent from school please call or send a dojo message with the reason as soon as possible.



Please note: it is a Department requirement that schools must be advised of any student absences as soon as possible

### Medication Plans

It is important that your child's medication and/or care plan is kept updated so that we are able to give the adequate treatment if required.

If your child needs to have their asthma or health care plan reviewed, the school holidays is a good opportunity to get on top of those updates necessary. Please bring a copy of their plan into the front office if there are any changes.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## How to stay connected with Cobdogla Primary School

### Facebook

Like our page  
'Cobdogla Primary School'



### Class Dojo

Photos, events,  
reminders



### Emails

All consent forms and  
other correspondence



### Newsletter

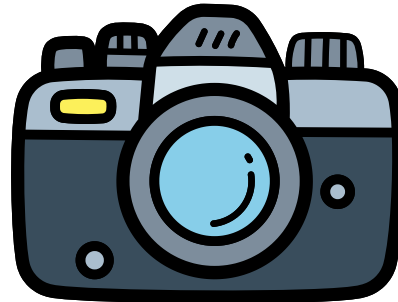
Fortnightly newsletters



## School Photos

**Wednesday 14th May 2025**

Photo envelopes have been sent home.  
All photo envelopes must be returned to the  
front office by Friday 9th May 2025, even if  
you are not ordering.



How is your child's Premier's Reading Challenge going?

### What is the Challenge?

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

- Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading
- Improve literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

The school holidays are a great time to get some reading done. Happy reading!



Premier's  
**be active.**  
Challenge

Premier's Be Active Challenge begins in Term 2.  
We will have a Be Active Ambassador Rebekah Thomson, a Gymnast who will visit our school on Tuesday 29th April 2025

# SCHOOL NEWS

## SAPSASA Athletics



**Winner of Medium Schools  
&  
Most Improved School**



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Young Environmental Leaders (YEL)

On April the 3rd, the Young Environmental Leaders (YEL), went to the PIRSA Research Centre in Loxton to learn about the environment. We learnt about the Queensland Fruit Fly. Did you know, the Queensland Fruit Fly is an invader to South Australia?

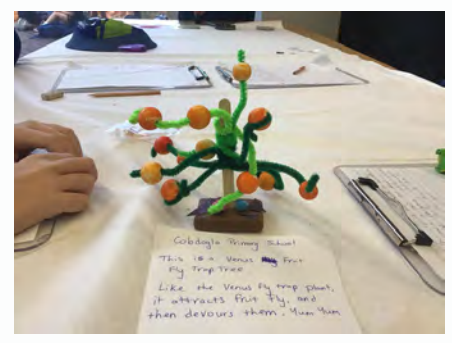
We learnt that Fruit fly have 4 different life stages. And that the fruit industry in the Riverland is worth over \$1,300,000,000!!

Our favourite activity was when we invented our own ways to stop fruit fly. Our team came up with a Fruit Fly Eating Orange Tree...like a Venus Fly Trap plant, the fruit will eat any fruit flies that land on it.

We had a tour around the research centre and visited the greenhouse where we saw tobacco and cucumber plants which were being infected with white fruit fly and other pests.

Helpful parasitic insects like wasps are introduced to see if they will eat the pests. For the last activity we talked about what it means to be a Young Environmental Leader and how we will share our information with others. We all received a bag tag and when we tell others what we learnt we can have new beads added to our chain. Soon we will be visiting other classes to pass on what we learnt.

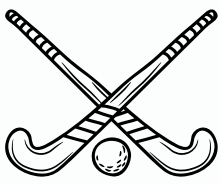
***Chase, Dexter, Evelyn and Amalia***



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Reward Day





# SCHOOL NEWS

## SAPSASA Hockey



Yesterday some of our year 5/6 students participated in hockey. It's great to see some students trying a new sport. All students worked as a team, encouraging each other throughout the day and showing their personal best, with our team winning 2 games.

Congratulations to Brooke for being the recipient of the 'Good Sports' Award ★

Thank you to Jason Bowers for coaching and Cassie Bowers and Ali Suchenko for your support and transporting students on the day, it was a wonderful day.🏒





# COBBY KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY



**“Cobby Kids in the Community”** an initiative to highlight what our students are doing out the community, with the goal of encouraging even more participation. Whether your child participates in a sporting event, an art activity, or just being active, like visiting a playground or going fishing, we would love to see it!



Damo - Fishing



Ruby, Aubrey, Jayda & Mia -  
Tennis - Grand Final Winners



To be included, simply email a photo of your child in the community to [dl.0721.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0721.info@schools.sa.edu.au). Please place in the **Subject Line “Cobby Kids in the Community”**. If your child is featured, they’ll receive a prize! We can’t wait to see all the wonderful things our students are involved in!







# AUTISM INCLUSION INFO

## BY TORI PARROTTA

### COMMUNICATION

- Communication is speaking, hearing, listening, understanding, social skills, reading, writing, using signs and symbols and using voice.
- \* We communicate to request things, tell others what we don't like or don't want, for social connection and to share our thoughts, opinions and interests
- Your role as a communication partner is very important

### WAYS TO COMMUNICATE

- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
- Body Language and Gestures
- Spoken Words
- Written language and Text messages

#### Social communication



##### Autistic person

###### May struggle to:

- Read "between the lines"
- Overcome other peoples' misconceptions about autism
- Manage sensory distractions

#### The double empathy problem

Both parties may struggle to understand each other's thoughts, feelings, behaviour and differences



##### Non-autistic person

###### May struggle to:

- Form positive first impressions
- Recognise and understand autism
- Imagine autistic sensory difficulties

### WAYS TO SUPPORT

- Use clear language - break down instructions, give one instruction at a time, say what you mean,
- Provide Processing Time - sometimes up to and over 30 seconds may be needed
- Use Visual Supports or picture clues to add more to what you are saying
- Reading comprehension - teaching new vocabulary words and discussing books can support understanding and help make connections
- get to know the person with whom you are communicating with so you what to expect



# TERM 2 LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES



**Just Dance is in the Hall, all other activities are in the Hub unless written).**

## **Week 1**

**\* Tuesday - Library colouring and games, Wednesday - Just Dance**

## **Week 2**

**\* Tuesday - Computing, Wednesday craft - Kite making**

## **Week 3**

**\* Tuesday - Library colouring and games, Wednesday - Just Dance**

## **Week 4**

**\* Tuesday - Computing, Wednesday craft - Painting (on JP porch)**

## **Week 5**

**\* Tuesday - Library colouring and games, Wednesday - Just Dance**

## **Week 6**

**\* Tuesday - Computing, Wednesday craft - How to Draw....**

## **Week 7**

**\* Tuesday - Library colouring and games, Wednesday - Just Dance**

## **Week 8**

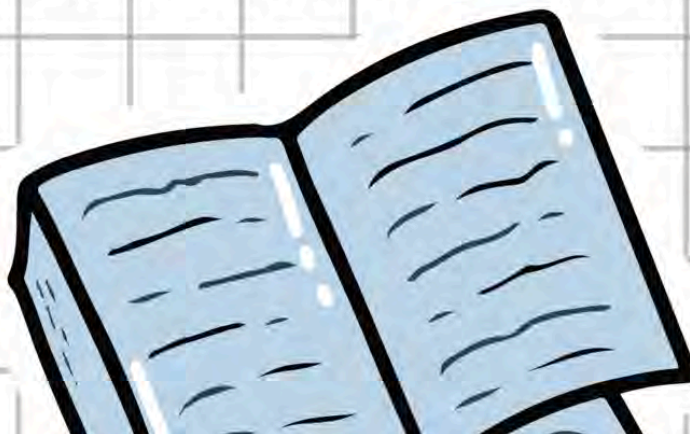
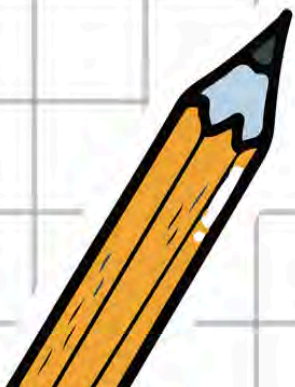
**\* Tuesday - Computing, Wednesday craft - Origami**

## **Week 9**

**\* Tuesday - Library colouring and games, Wednesday - Just Dance**

## **Week 10**

**\* Tuesday - Computing, Wednesday craft - NAIDOC Week Painting (on JP porch)**



# OSHC



**HAPPY  
HAVEN**  
OSHC




## COBDOGLA VACATION CARE PROGRAM AUTUMN 2025

**ADDRESS** 2-12 Dolan St, Cobdogla, 5346  
**EMAIL** [contactus@happyhaven.sa.edu.au](mailto:contactus@happyhaven.sa.edu.au)  
**PHONE** (08) 8155 5451  
**HOURS** 7:30 AM - 6:15 PM



## COBDOGLA VACATION CARE PROGRAM - AUTUMN 2025

MONDAY APRIL 14	TUESDAY APRIL 15	WEDNESDAY APRIL 16	THURSDAY APRIL 17	FRIDAY APRIL 18
<p><b>In Day</b> <b>Wheels Day</b></p> <p>Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime</p> <p>Wheels day for riding, skating, and scootering with obstacle courses and crafts. *No Helmet, No Ride*.</p>	<p><b>Excursion</b> <b>Loxton Public Library</b></p> <p>Arrive by: 9:30am Return after: 1:30pm</p> <p>Loxton Public Library day with Story Time, craft, and reading.</p>	<p><b>In Day</b> <b>Easter Eggstravaganza</b></p> <p>Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime</p> <p>Easter-themed day with crafts, cooking, and an egg hunt.</p>	<p><b>Excursion</b> <b>Loxton Pioneer Playground</b></p> <p>Arrive by: 8:45am Return after: 4:00pm</p> <p>Fun day out in the park with games, sports, a playground for children and picnic lunch.</p>	<p><b>N/A</b> <b>Public Holiday</b></p> <p>Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime</p> <p>Sorry, we are closed today.</p>
				
MONDAY APRIL 21	TUESDAY APRIL 22	WEDNESDAY APRIL 23	THURSDAY APRIL 24	FRIDAY APRIL 25
<p><b>N/A</b> <b>Public Holiday</b></p> <p>Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime</p> <p>Sorry, we are closed today.</p>	<p><b>In Day</b> <b>Pyjama Party</b></p> <p>Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime</p> <p>Pyjama day with chill-out activities, movies, and mini pizzas.</p>	<p><b>Excursion</b> <b>Chaffey Theatre</b></p> <p>Arrive by: 12:30pm Return after: 4:30pm</p> <p>Relax in comfort at the cinemas watching Dog MAN. Pack some snacks!</p>	<p><b>In Day</b> <b>ANZAC Day Activity</b></p> <p>Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime</p> <p>Honouring Australian and New Zealand Troops with crafts, medals, and ANZAC biscuits.</p>	<p><b>N/A</b> <b>Public Holiday</b></p> <p>Arrive by: Anytime Return after: Anytime</p> <p>Sorry, we are closed today.</p>
				



# COBDOGLA PLAYGROUP

**Friday Mornings**  
9am - 10:30am  
Cobdogla Primary School

Playgroup is FREE  
All children 0-5 are welcome to attend

Bring a hat, water bottle and a piece of fruit

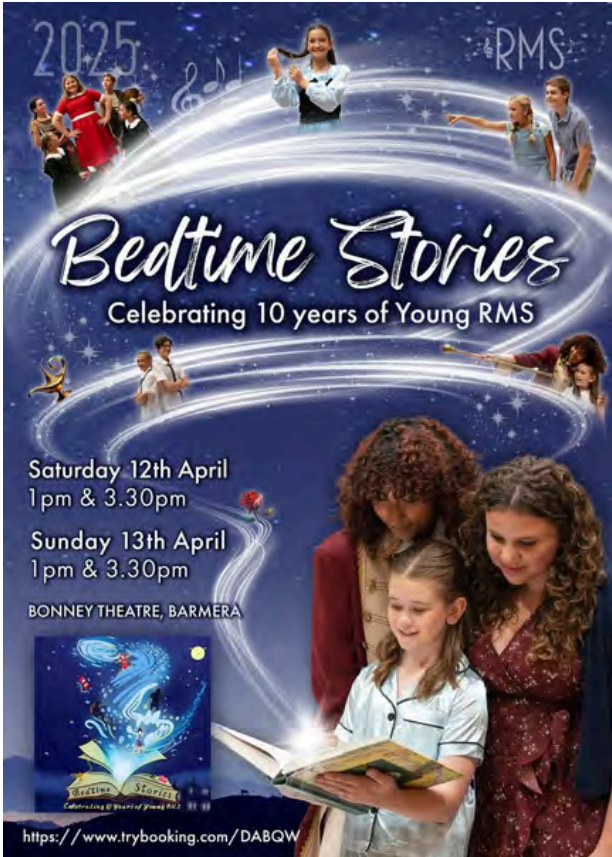
**PLAY EXPLORE LEARN**

For more info call the school on  
8588 7131  
or visit Facebook Group





Cobdogla Playgroup



2025  
RMS

# Bedtime Stories

Celebrating 10 years of Young RMS

Saturday 12th April  
1pm & 3.30pm

Sunday 13th April  
1pm & 3.30pm

BONNEY THEATRE, BARMERA

<https://www.trybooking.com/DABQW>



Wishing Mia all the best for her performance in the Young RMS Bedtime Stories this weekend. Tickets still available if you would like to watch this performance.

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Join us at  
**Cobdogla**  
 NETBALL CLUB  
**Thursdays**  
**at 3:45pm**  
 Cobdogla Netball Court  
 Shueard Rd, Cobdogla

Woolworths **NETSETGO!**  
 From first pass to final whistle, the fun starts here!  
**Starts May 1st**  
 Join in the joy of Australia's leading grassroots netball program, for all kids aged 5-10.

**Registration Options**  
**Thursday Net Set Go session at Cobby only - \$110**  
 5-7 year olds & 8-10 year olds not wishing to play Fridays  
<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/802fcc>

**Thursday Net Set Go session at Cobby & Friday Intertown GO matches with Barmera - \$140**  
 8-9 year olds  
<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/6c5d87>

For more information or registration assistance please email [cobbynetball@outlook.com](mailto:cobbynetball@outlook.com) or contact Kate on 0427 038 529

Woolworths **NETSETGO!** **BARMERA**  
 Netball Club

The fun starts here.  
 All children welcome!  
 Starting term 2, Wednesday 30 April  
 4.30pm @ outdoor courts.

We're a provider!  
**Sports Vouchers Plus**  
 Save up to **\$200**  
 per child per calendar year on sports, after registration and purchase.

Go to the Barmera Netball Club facebook page to register.

Net: 5 years old to year 1.  
 Set/Go: year 2 to 9 years old (or 10 if not playing 11u). Set/Go also play modified games against other towns on Friday after school, starting around week 3, term 2.

Each participant will receive a NetSetGo participant pack containing:  
 Size 4 netball / T-shirt- Suncorp Super Netball Team branded (choose size when registering) /  
 Netball key chain - Suncorp Super Netball Team branded.

**nab AFL Auskick**

**GOOD CLEAN FUN**  
**PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK**

**BARMERA MONASH FC**  
 Friday Nights  
 2nd May - 4th July  
 4:30pm-5:30pm  
 Free with your ORSR Sports Voucher!



**BERRI HOCKEY CLUB** **2025 SEASON** **Hockey SA**

**Come and Try - Thursday**  
 27 March & 3 April  
 Juniors 5-6pm  
 Seniors 7pm onwards

Sausage Sizzle and a drink for the kids

Trainings on Thursday  
 Games on Friday Night or Saturday

Please email expressions of interest to Club President, Brett Stokes  
 Email - [berri.hockey5343@gmail.com](mailto:berri.hockey5343@gmail.com)

Join us on Facebook and Instagram

If interested in trying Hockey, feel free to contact the Berri Hockey Club or attend a training session on any Thursday in the lead up to the season.

**RENMARK EASTER FAMILY CARNIVAL**

Renmark riverfront, Murray Avenue, Renmark  
 18-21 April, 10-5pm.  
 Rides & Games range from \$8-\$10.

**Hamilton amusements**

[www.thevillageloxton.com.au](http://www.thevillageloxton.com.au)

**LOXTON HISTORICAL VILLAGE**

**ALIVE DAY**

**EASTER SATURDAY, 19th April, 2025**  
 10am - 4pm

Operating Exhibits; Blacksmith, Shearing & Printing  
 Demonstrations; Stationary Engines;  
 Whip Cracking; Food Stalls; Horse & Cart rides;  
 Kids Crafts, Games & more ....

\*\* Members & Year Pass Holders FREE \*\*  
 Adults \$12 - Conc \$10 - Child \$6 - Family \$30

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL

## School Holiday Guide



**12-27 APRIL 2025**

AVAILABLE NOW!  
Scan the QR code to find out how to download or collect a printed copy of the guide.

[berribarmera.sa.gov.au](http://berribarmera.sa.gov.au)

Berri Barmera COUNCIL


## Needle and Nibble

Just for the kids aged 8+

at Barmera Library  
**Monday April 14 at 10am**  
**Tuesday April 15 at 10am**  
Bookings essential 8588 2872

Berri Barmera LIBRARIES

Berri Barmera COUNCIL



## EASTER RABBIT PORTRAITS

at Barmera Library  
**Tuesday April 15 at 2pm**  
Bookings essential 8588 2872

Berri Barmera LIBRARIES

Berri Barmera COUNCIL

## Easter COLOURING COMPETITION

April 12- April 27

Get creative and colour in for your chance to win!  
Visit the Berri Visitor Information Centre to collect your colouring-in sheet.  
Want to win a prize?  
Simply return your picture by Sunday 27 April to go into the draw

Berri Visitor Information Centre  
24 Riverview Drive, Berri

Hop on over for

## Barmera's EASTER Twilight Market

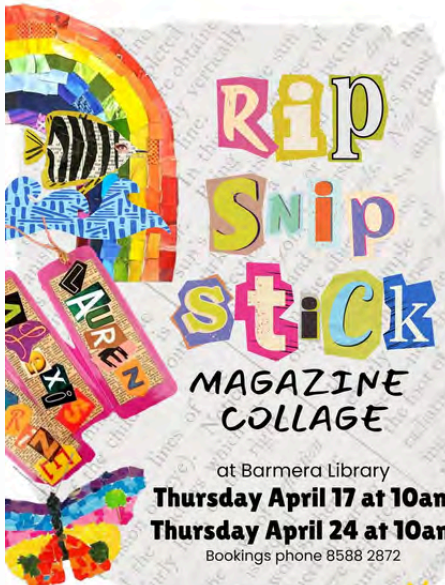
Sunday, April 20th 2025

Sargent Park, by the Lake front

From 2pm-6pm  
Open air cinema to follow

Live music by Rhee Armfield, large variety of market stalls, food and coffee, lawn games, face painting, a visit from Easter Bunny and open air cinema playing The Wild Robot (PG)

P: (08) 8588 2289 E: [vic@barmeratourism.com.au](mailto:vic@barmeratourism.com.au)  
W: [www.barmeratourism.com.au](http://www.barmeratourism.com.au)



## RIP SNIP STICK

MAGAZINE COLLAGE

at Barmera Library  
**Thursday April 17 at 10am**  
**Thursday April 24 at 10am**  
Bookings phone 8588 2872

Berri Barmera COUNCIL

Berri Barmera LIBRARIES

## YOU'VE GOT MAIL

12 April 2025 - 27 April 2025

Love to draw and write?  
Then this FREE activity is for you!

Explore the awesome town of Berri, then pop into the Berri Visitor Information Centre for a super fun activity!  
Grab some supplies and design your very own postcard, draw, colour, and write a special message!  
Send it to your family, friends, or even your future self!

Get inspired by the cool things at the Visitor Centre and discover how exciting Snail Mail can be!  
Who doesn't love getting a surprise in the mailbox?

Berri Visitor Information Centre  
24 Riverview Drive Berri  
For more information: 08 8582 9500

## Cirque Bezerk!

Aerial Arts  
Diablo  
Hula Hoop



Juggling  
Plate Spinning  
and more!

April 14th and 22nd

9-11am  
\$45/student

AGES 6-15

Contact: [areyoufittofly@gmail.com](mailto:areyoufittofly@gmail.com)  
Enquiries/registers

fit to fly

NEW

## DUO WORKSHOP

THURS APRIL 17TH  
5:30-7PM  
AGES 6+  
ADULTS ENCOURAGED!

\$45 PER PERSON  
\$80 PARENT/KID DISCOUNT

@ fit to fly

EMAIL: [AREYOUFITTOFLY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AREYOUFITTOFLY@GMAIL.COM)