



Moorook Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 1 - Thursday 2nd February 2017

From the Principal



Happy New School Year to all

of our Moorook families!

Our staff composition for 2017 is as follows:

Principal:	Sonya Warren
Upper Primary:	Terri Miller Nadia Clarke (every 2nd Friday)
Junior Primary:	Paulene Dawe
Finance Officer:	Brigit Frazer (Wed, Thu & Fri)
Admin/IT Officer:	Jacey Koop (Mon, Tue & Thu)
Curriculum SSO:	Chris Jantosik (Wed, Thu & Fri)
PSW:	Brenton Poole (Thu & every 2nd Wed)
ECW Playcentre:	Betty Hedley (Mon and Wed)
Impact Coach for Ren/Lox Partnership:	
Based at Moorook Primary School	
	Cheryl Broughton

A very warm welcome to our new Upper Primary Class teacher, **Terri Miller**. We also welcome **Nadia Clarke**, who will be working across the school every 2nd Friday to release teachers for planning and working on other school commitments.

Welcome also to our new **Reception** students commencing this week, **Sam, Eden, Caleb** and **Amiliah**.

We also happily welcome a new family to our Moorook School Community, **Emma, Adrian** and **Bella Hogg**.

We sincerely hope that you ALL enjoy your time at Moorook Primary School and being a part of our school community.

We have had an excellent start to the school year! I would like to sincerely thank Terri and Paulene for the many tireless hours they have spent setting up their classrooms during the last few weeks. They have created *fantastic, colourful, educational and motivating learning environments* for our children.

We are holding an **Acquaintance Evening** next **Tuesday 7th February, 6:00pm**. Please come along and see the classrooms and meet with your child's class teacher/s. The teachers will share some of their routines and expectations for students during this evening. Mrs Dawe will have her classroom open from 6:30-7:00pm and Ms Miller from 7:00-7:30pm.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 7th March at 7:00pm**. All welcome to come along! New Governing Council members will be elected on this evening.

Over the next three years our school has committed to the **Visible Learning Collaborative Impact Program** along with others schools in our Renmark Loxton Partnership.

Visible Learning is professional development for *teachers and school leaders* that explores how **evidence** can be used to **create innovation** in the **learning environment**.

Our staff attended the first of two **Visible Learning workshops** to be held this year, last Wednesday. We began to look at the research completed by *Professor John Hattie* and strategies that work **BEST in Raising Student Achievement**. It was a great first training and we are excited about sharing this information with parents and caregivers over the coming weeks and using strategies learnt from this Training and Development in our classrooms.

Sonya Warren

Diary Dates

Tues 7th Feb

6pm WELCOME NIGHT at School

Thurs 9th Feb

Cuppa & Chat with parents after school drop off

Fri 10th Feb

2:45pm Assembly hosted by JP class

Mon 13th Feb

Visit from Pt Adelaide Football Club

2016 TERM 1 CALENDAR

On page 2 is a **Calendar** of events for **Term 1**. Please put these important dates in your diaries. Please also remember that there may be changes and additions through-out the term but we will keep you updated. Thank you.

YEARLY CONSENT FORMS

Our yearly **Consent Forms** were distributed earlier this week. Please ensure that this information is returned to the school ASAP. Thankyou.

MATERIALS & SERVICES INVOICE

The invoices for school fees are being sent home today. If there is any one who would like to check their eligibility for School Card, please contact Brigit in the Front Office. Thank you.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

Great place to GROW



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1.	30 January <i>First Day of School Year</i>	31 January	1 February	2 February Newsletter	3 February
2.	6 February	7 February WELCOME NIGHT	8 February	9 February Cuppa & Chat with Parents	10 February Assembly
3.	13 February <i>Visit from Pt Adel Football club</i>	14 February	15 February	16 February Newsletter	17 February
4.	20 February	21 February	22 February	23 February Cuppa & Chat with Parents	24 February SAPSASA swimming Assembly
5.	27 February	28 February	1 March	2 March Newsletter	3 March <i>Loxton High Continental</i>
6.	6 March	7 March <i>AGM Governing Council meeting</i>	8 March	9 March Cuppa & Chat with Parents Choir Rehearsal 10-1pm Berri Town Hall	10 March Assembly
7.	13 March <i>Adelaide Cup</i> PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14 March	15 March	16 March Newsletter	17 March
8.	20 March HALOGEN CONFERENCE	21 March HARMONY DAY	22 March	23 March Cuppa & Chat with Parents	24 March Assembly
9.	27 March	28 March	29 March	30 March SAPSASA Cross Country Newsletter	31 March <i>Daylight savings ends Sunday 2nd April</i>
10.	3 April <i>Three Way Interview Week</i>	4 April	5 April	6 April	7 April Assembly
11.	10 April SAPSASA Football/Netball	11 April	12 April	13 April <i>Last day of Term One</i>	14 April Good Friday PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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.

Hello 2017



Hello everyone,

My name is Terri Miller and I am so happy to be teaching here at Moorook Primary School.

A little about myself..... I have lived here in the Riverland my whole life and have recently

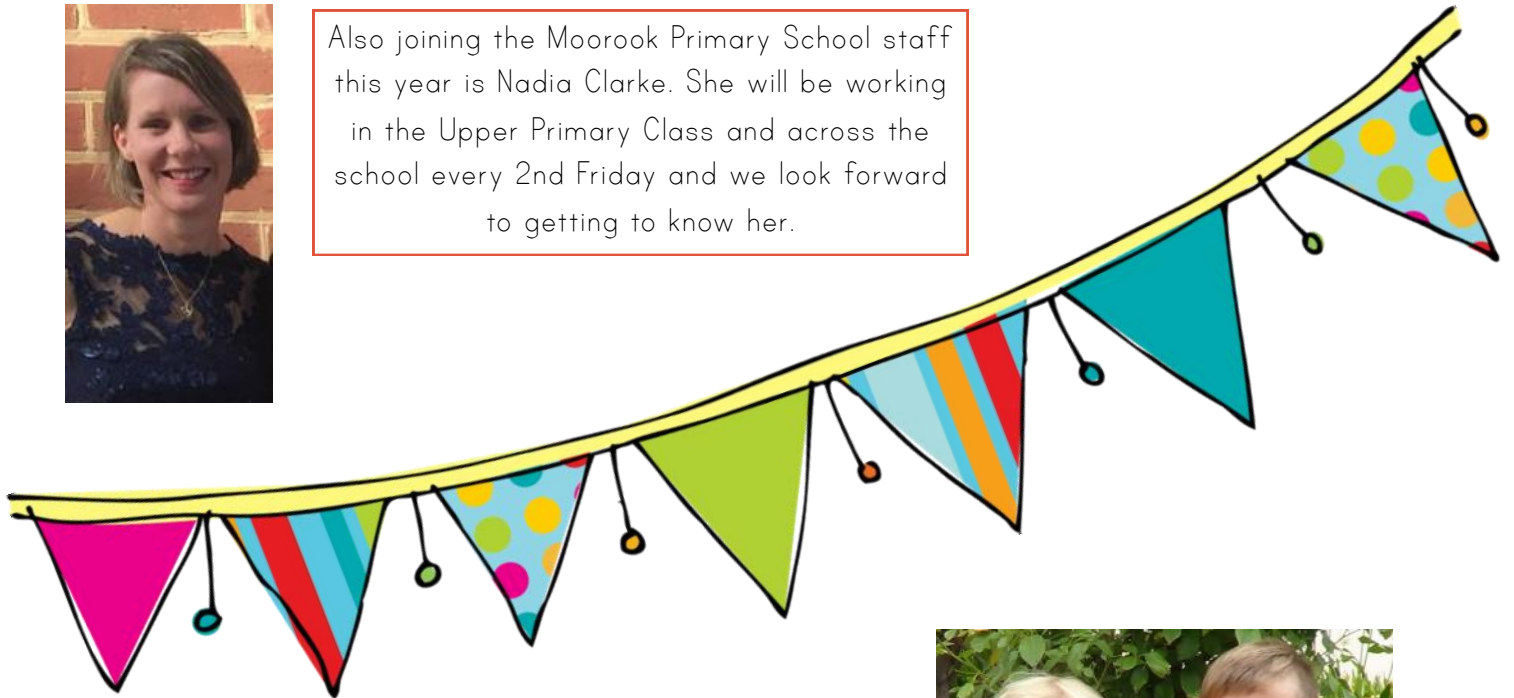
moved from the Barmera area to Renmark. I have an amazing blended family and together we have 7 children, 3 boys and 4 girls ranging in age from 8-18. We are a ridiculously busy family with the boys playing basketball and football for Barmera, a daughter playing basketball and netball for Renmark and others attending dance with Rosie Clarke and participating in RYT. I have also had the opportunity to be the host mother to 2 Spanish exchange students who have now become part of our extended family.

In July last year, I had the privilege to travel to Spain with my eldest daughter and stay with our Spanish family. This was the most wonderful experience and it was amazing to see the similarities between Valencia and the Riverland.

I look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks and thank you for the overwhelming welcome and support.



Also joining the Moorook Primary School staff this year is Nadia Clarke. She will be working in the Upper Primary Class and across the school every 2nd Friday and we look forward to getting to know her.



Welcome

to our new Reception students!



Cuppa & Chat Catch up

Sometimes life can just get busy!

Take some time and catch up with other parents...

You are welcome to join a “cuppa and chat” time next Thursday morning 9th February after school drop off in the Playcentre. This time is not a normal Playcentre day where the focus is on the kids (they are still welcome to come along!) But this is about YOU!



School Lunches

As most of you would know, the Moorook General Store now has new owners. We thought this would be a good opportunity to look at the school lunches and see if any improvements could be made to this service. Please fill in the short survey below to have your say. Please return your forms to our child's class teacher. Thank you.

FAMILY NAME: _____

- ☐ We are happy with the current menu
- ☐ We would we like to suggest some changes: _____

Any other comments: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHES AVAILABLE
FROM THE SHOP TOMORROW 3rd Feb

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Community notices & Info



Cooking with Confidence is a FREE 10-week nutrition and cooking program for adults aged 17+ who are unemployed and not enrolled in school or study. Students will cook a different meal each week, learn about healthy eating on a budget, safe food handling, how to read food labels and as a group will produce a cookbook. All participants will be linked into the Regional Development Australia Career Development Centre at the end of the program for further career planning and support.

No cooking experience required

Starting: Thursday, 16th March 2017
Time: 10.00am - 2.00pm
Where: RDGP Office
 3 Riverview Drive, Berri

Contact: Rebecca Flack
 Ph: 8582 3823
 E: info@riverlandgp.org.au

Transport: Transport is available, bookings are essential



BARMERA TENNIS CLUB



Upcoming events

A number of events and fundraising opportunities are coming up over the next 2 months. Players, parents, friends and families are all needed to make these events successful. Please keep these dates free and help your club.

- **18th February - Quiz Night @ Golf Club**
- **21st February - Bingo Night @ Barmera Football Club**
- **Mid March – date TBA Presentation Night**
- **25th March - Junior & Senior Grand Final Day @ Barmera**



'Hot Topics for Parents' Series

Join us for our series of 'How to' workshops! These have been developed especially for parents and caregivers to help them navigate the start of the school year and beyond. Each session will run for approximately 90 minutes.

Wednesday 8 February 2017, 6.00pm
How to...Build resilience with your children

Build and strengthen your child's resilience to cope with challenges in their lives.

Wednesday 15 February 2017, 6.00pm
How to...help your kids settle into school

Starting school is a huge life change for children. Learn ways to support this change and create a smooth transition for your child.

Wednesday 22 February 2017, 6.00pm
How to...help your kids with their big worries and fears

Has your child been stressed by something they have witnessed on the news? Or repeatedly have the same worries and fears? Children need support in managing their big worries and fears, come along and learn new ways to assist your children through these tricky times.

All workshops will be held at Relationships Australia SA,
 9 Kay Ave Berri. Register now by calling 08 8582 4122

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Children and Parenting Services is provided by Relationships Australia South Australia Ltd and funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



Relationships Australia South Australia are offering a program called "I am Me" which is a therapeutic womens group to build identity, value and self worth.

This 3 week program for women is free of cost and lunch will be provided.

When: Mondays, 6, 13 and 20 February 2017
 10.00am - 1.00pm

Where: Relationships Australia SA
 9 Kay Ave, Berri

For more information about this program or to register, please contact our Berri office. **Phone: 8582 4122**

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