



Important Dates

National Reconciliation Week 27th May - 3rd June Tuesday 27 May 2025	R-2 Berri Fire Station Visit Wednesday 28 May 2025	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 1st- 7th June Sunday 1 June 2025	Choir Rehearsal at Berri Town Hall Monday 2 June 2025
Student free Day Friday 6 June 2025	Parish Picnic at Lake	Pentecost Sunday Sunday 8 June 2025	World Environment Day Thursday 5 June 2025
			Kings Birthday

Bonney
Sunday 8 June 2025

Public Holiday
Monday 9 June 2025

Football Clinics
Wednesday 11 June 2025

House Day
Friday 13 June 2025

The Frog Prince
Performance
Thursday 19 June 2025

Showcase
Friday 20 June 2025

First Holy
Communion
Sunday 22 June 2025

Reports Home
Friday 27 June 2025

SAPOL Road Safety
presentations
Tuesday 1 July 2025

Last Day of Term 2
Friday 4 July 2025

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we meet today on Meru Country, and recognise the Ngawait people as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We recognise their continuing connection to the earth and waters, and thank them for protecting this land and its ecosystems since time immemorial. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging and extend that respect to all First Nation peoples present here today.



Religious Identity and Mission



Both Reconciliation Week and Laudato Si' Week challenge us to think beyond individualism and embrace the richness of community living, where every person is valued, every voice matters, and we recognise our role in healing relationships and caring for creation.

Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18: 20

One holidays I took the opportunity to re-watch the complete Harry Potter movie series. Admittedly it was quite a marathon! When I watch movies for a second or even third time it often happens that side story lines suddenly stand out. Smaller storylines I had not noticed the first time around. Watching the series, it struck me how the character of Severus Snape was prepared to be excluded from the cosy Hogwarts community in pursuit of a higher aim. This got me thinking about the meaning of community; what it means to be part of a community and to actively contribute to its cause.

It is impossible for men to meet with God and love him without at the same time meeting with and loving one another.

Theologian John Baillie

The biblical meaning of community invites us to consider the significant relationship between Jesus and us. Jesus intended to fuse people together in groups where they could grow in character and live generously. Community is about two or more people who make a deliberate choice to accept one another. To commit to each other in this context is no incidental event. It requires discipline, humility, selfless love, grace, and the heart of a servant. It demands staying power, flexibility, and loyalty.

And when such a community is in place, familiar words from the Bible suddenly become relevant;

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another

John 13: 34-35

As we become part of a community, Jesus expects something special from us. In the same way the Nike tick or the bitten Apple are signature images for famous products, it is my belief that community is the signature image of our Catholic Faith and indeed St Joseph's School Barmera.

True community and true fellowship take people beyond empty words and jokes. It demonstrates care for others, inclusiveness even where there are disagreements, opportunities for accountability, and a sharing of ideas that can change the world whilst giving God glory.

God, our maker,
we praise you for the gift of community
Thank you for the community in which we
live and work

Thank you for the community, which is
your Body, the Church
Fill us with your Spirit today so that, as
one, we reflect your light and love to each
other and the world

In Christ we pray

Amen

C  mmunity



Everyone invited to gather
as we join together to celebrate our

OLOR PARISH PICNIC

on Pentecost Sunday : 8th June 2025
beginning with a Multicultural Mass at 11am
at St Joseph's School in Barmera

PLEASE BRING REFLECTING YOUR CULTURE:
A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE AND A FLAG
ALSO BYO DRINKS AND CHAIRS

From the Principal



As we reach the halfway mark of Term 2, I want to acknowledge that it's been a challenging few weeks for many in our school community. A bout of illness swept through students and families earlier this term, and while we had hoped for calmer waters, I've recently been made aware that some students are now experiencing a second wave of illness. We continue to keep those who are unwell in our thoughts and hope for a swift return to health and vitality.

Despite these challenges, we have continued to engage in rich and meaningful learning experiences together as a school community. In Week 3 we celebrated Catholic Education Week and in Week 4 we joined Catholic communities around the world in celebrating *Laudato Si' Week*, marking the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical. *Laudato Si'* continues to be a transformative call to action, reminding us of our deep interconnectedness with all creation and our responsibility to care for our common home. As we reflect on this milestone, may we be inspired to live lives of care, gratitude, and stewardship.

This week, we also recognise *National Reconciliation Week*, a time of national significance and reflection. From May 27 to June 3, Australians commemorate two major milestones: the 1967 Referendum and the 1992 Mabo decision. At St Joseph's, we honour this week by learning about and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history, while committing ourselves to truth-telling, justice, and unity. The theme for 2025, "*Bringing Now to Next*," invites us to take meaningful action today that contributes to a more inclusive and equitable tomorrow. As a Catholic school, this aligns deeply with Jesus' teachings of compassion, understanding, and love for all.

A reminder to families that *Friday, June 6 (Week 6)* is a Student-Free Day, as staff engage in professional development. This day will focus on using student data to inform and strengthen our teaching practice, supporting the effective implementation of our teaching structure.

In partnership with Cybersafe Families, we're hosting an important Cyber Safety Information Session for Parents and Carers on Monday, June 2 at 6:30pm in the school library. This free session, presented by Todd Murfitt, who is endorsed by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner. He will provide families with practical strategies to help you navigate the complexities of the digital world safely and confidently.

Topics will include:

- Popular social media platforms

- Cyberbullying and online grooming
- Starting difficult conversations
- Screen time and wellbeing
- Online safety and AI
- Where to seek help

We encourage all families to attend. Every child is on a unique digital journey, and we are here to support you in guiding them safely through it.

Students in Years 5 and 6 will take part in age-appropriate Cybersafe Families sessions with Todd on Tuesday June 3. These engaging workshops aim to build students' understanding of online safety, digital citizenship, and respectful behaviour in their digital lives.

Mid-Year Intake for 2025 is now open for children turning five between May 1 and October 31, 2025. If you know of any families considering starting school mid-year, please encourage them to contact our Front Office to learn more or book a Principal's Tour. Enrolments for Reception 2026 are also open, and we warmly welcome all new enquiries.

As we move into the second half of Term 2, I look forward to the many exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we continue working in partnership to nurture your child's growth, faith, and sense of belonging in our school community.

Nanda de Winter

Principal

Free Parent Cyber Safety session



Cybersafe Families

Parent Evening

St Joseph's Barmera

Cybersafe Families parent sessions provide parents and caregivers strategies to make their home environment cybersafe.



**MONDAY
2nd JUNE**



6.30PM



**ST JOSEPH'S
BARMERA**

***It's important for families
to understand the
opportunities and the
threats of the online world.***



For More Information
WWW.CYBERSAFEFAMILIES.COM.AU



Catholic Education Week 2025





SANFL Football Clinics



House Cup Carnival





Shine with Open Hearts





St Francis
of Assisi College
Laudato Si'

2026 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

for Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12

For more Information:

Contact Claire Smith,
Executive Administrator.

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info@assisi.catholic.edu.au



We're coming to town

Give life. Give blood at the Renmark

12 June to 13 June



Renmark Pop-up Donor Centre
Greek Orthodox Community Hall,
Twentyfirst Street, Renmark SA 5341

Book your donation now



 **13 14 95**

 **give blood**

The fun starts here.

All children welcome!

Starting term 2, Wednesday 30 April
4.30pm @ outdoor courts.

Go to the Barmera Netball Club
facebook page to register.

We're a provider!

**Sports
Vouchers
Plus**

Save up to

\$200

per child, per calendar year
on sport, active recreation
and music fees.



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.



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!





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BERRI ROWING
CLUB



COME AND DISCOVER ROWING!



Are you an adult looking for a new low-impact activity to enjoy on our beautiful Murray River?

- Social, positive club atmosphere
- Low membership fees (all year round)
- No experience needed
- Ages 18 and up
- Rowing on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons



The Berri Rowing Club invites you to **'Come and Try' Rowing** during Autumn.

A fantastic time of the year to be out on the water!

*Only **\$5 per session** for the first three sessions (to cover insurance).



Contact Sue for more information or to register:

0418 824 914 or
sue1672@gmail.com

MONDAYS

Music & Movement
9:30am | Ages 0-5

Dungeons & Dragons
4:30pm | Ages 13-18

TUESDAYS

Teen Ensemble
4:00pm | Ages 13-18

Online Creative Club:
Visual Arts
5:30pm | Ages 13-18

TERM 2

WEDNESDAYS

Storytellers
4:00pm | Ages 13-18

Online Creative Club:
Creative Writing
5:30pm | Ages 13-18

THURSDAYS

3rd Place
4:00pm | Ages 13-18

SUNDAYS

Pondi
TBC | Ages 13-18



REGISTER



Back On Track — A Men's Group for Positive Change

Thinking about making positive change in your relationships?
The Back on Track 12 week program can help.

- Are you hurting or scaring someone you care about?
- Is violence causing problems in your relationship?
- Would you like different ways to deal with your anger?

If you are thinking about making changes to become a better partner and/or father, you don't have to go it alone. Join us for a 12 week program.

To find out more or to register, contact the RASA Berri office.
Phone: (08) 8582 4122