



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

#### 1. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

##### EDUCATION WORKS – D DAY!

Term 2 will be "T-Term" for us. In week 6 (or thereabouts), the long-awaited Planning Study should arrive from the EDUCATION WORKS team. It will be 'presented to the community' during this week. Our Governing Council will also closely study this, what was previously called, "facilities solution overview". The Council will decide (probably in Week 8) about whether to proceed further. If a vote is to occur, it will probably occur in Week 10 of this term. I ask that everyone remains alert to possible public meetings as advertised in the local media.

Included in this newsletter is a letter from Mr. Brian Featherston, Assistant Regional Director, which provides further information.

**Bevin Brooks**  
**Principal**

*"Dear School Community,*

*Over the last three years, school leaders have been meeting to discuss educational options for our young people. We did this because when we entered the 21<sup>st</sup> century some Riverland Schools and Preschools faced a range of complex issues. These ranged from diminishing enrolments, unsuitable facilities, technology provision and changing needs of our new generation of children and students. Things have changed even more since then with the drought issues we face.*

*Our leaders have been committed to working together to consider all options that could provide the best learning conditions for your children and all children for years to come. We have reached the time when we would like to share with you where we*

*are up to and what's ahead over the next 10 weeks. We want to communicate with you regularly and consult with you all. We have an opportunity to create an exciting future for all young people given the state government is committed to its Education Works policy and the Australian government has its Building Education Revolution (BER). These two government initiatives are now combining to potentially open up opportunities that once were probably not possible.*

*We would like to work with you over the next ten weeks to find out your thoughts, so keep an eye out for community meetings that are being planned.*

*As we near the end of this term, Governing Councils if they wish to, can pass a motion at a meeting to poll their parents about whether or not to proceed with the recommendations of a Planning Study, which is underway. That will be their decision.*

*Therefore, we want you to know that if and when we received all of the information and details we have asked for from the Education Works team, you will be provided with them.*

*You may soon be voting for something very different for your child(ren) and all children in the future.*

*If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me.*

*This term we want to outline what is currently being drawn up as a Planning Study. When it has been done by the architects we would like to hear your thoughts.*

*The Planning Study will consider:*

- *Closure of some schools*
- *Relocation of students to a new facility and small schools within a precinct*
- *Our schools linking to the new Berri Barmera Recreation facility*

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#### SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR

12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 9 NAPLAN Reading Test
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
29 <sup>th</sup> June – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Mt Gambier Exchange – Mt Gambier
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Term 2
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Start Term 3
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> September	SCHOOL CLOSURE – Riverland Field Days

- New learning plazas using 21<sup>st</sup> century technology
- A leadership structure that has expertise for the early years, primary years, middle years, senior years and special education
- An education precinct specifically designed for young people with special needs
- A one stop shop for families incorporating other agencies
- Maintaining agriculture and horticultural special programs
- Links with TAFE and Trade School
- Specialised opportunities for social interaction"

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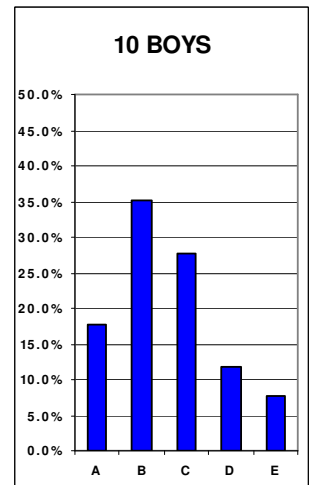
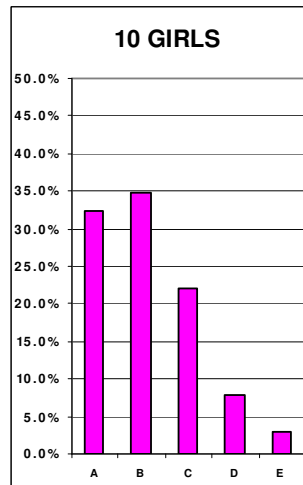
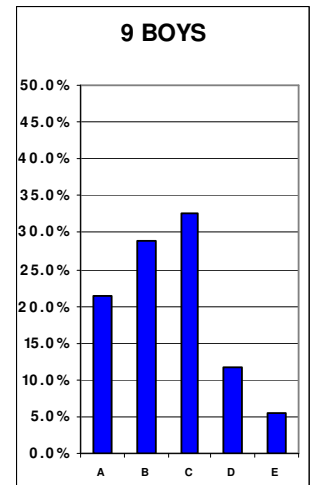
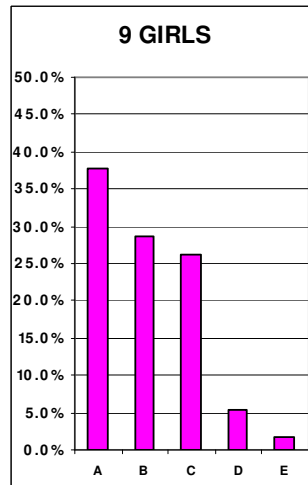
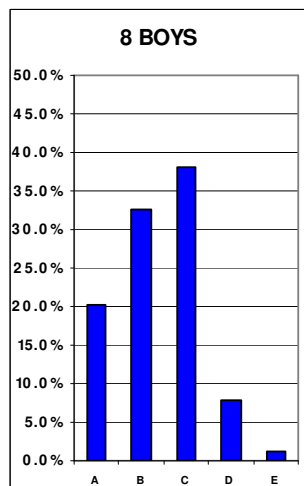
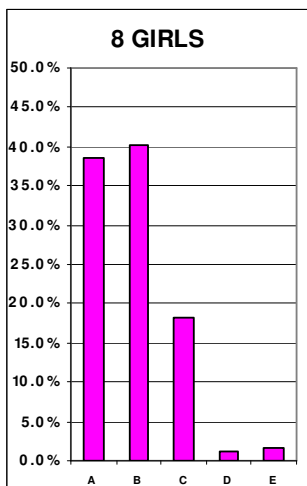
## 2. DECS LETTER RE: INFLUENZA

Accompanying this newsletter you will find a detailed letter from the Department of Education outlining precautionary measures to protect ourselves from the possibility of contracting Swine Flu. These protective measures are also excellent guidelines in the prevention of other, more common diseases such as colds/flu and gastroenteritis.

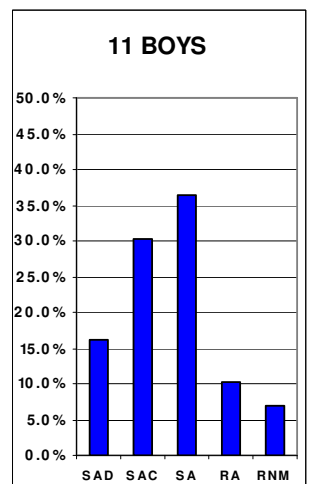
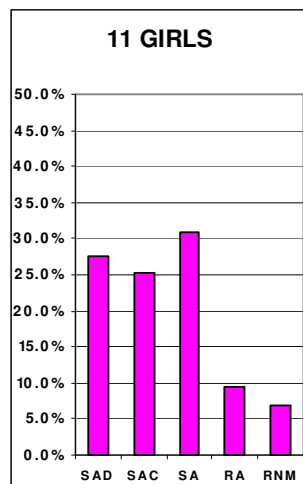
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 Principal

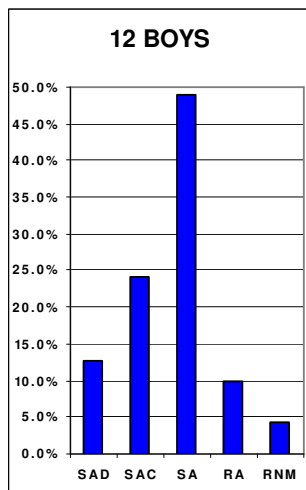
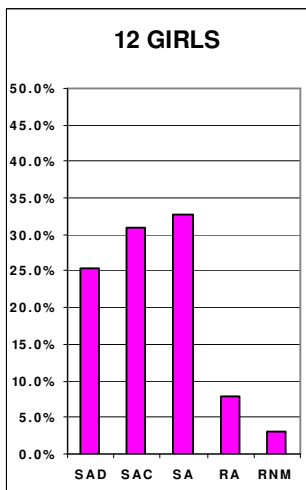
## 3. TERM 1 PERFORMANCE GRAPHS

GRADE	8 BOYS	9 GIRLS	9 BOYS	10 GIRLS	10 BOYS
A	20.2%	37.6%	21.3%	32.4%	17.7%
B	32.7%	28.8%	28.8%	34.7%	35.1%
C	38.0%	26.3%	32.6%	21.9%	27.8%
D	7.9%	5.4%	11.8%	7.8%	11.8%
E	1.2%	1.8%	5.5%	3.1%	7.6%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



GRADES	11 GIRLS	11 BOYS	12 GIRLS	12 BOYS
SAD Distinction	27.5%	16.2%	25.4%	12.6%
SAC Credit	25.3%	30.2%	30.9%	24.2%
SA Satisfactory	30.8%	36.5%	32.8%	48.9%
RA Recorded Achievement	9.5%	10.2%	7.8%	9.9%
RNM Requirements Not Met	7.0%	6.9%	3.1%	4.4%
	100%	100%	100%	100%





**Bevin Brooks-Principal**

#### 4. ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION 2009

Representatives from both campuses took part in the parade and ceremony to mark Anzac Day 2009.



*Head Prefect Stephanie Gropler giving an address on behalf of the students at the Berri War Memorial for Anzac Day.*

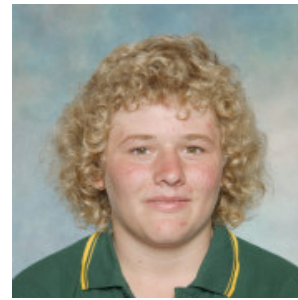


*Representatives from both campuses laying commemorative wreaths at the Berri War Memorial for Anzac Day.*



**Jim Rolfe  
Teacher**

#### 5. CONGRATULATIONS – DANIEL EVANS



Congratulations to Daniel Evans who won a national title at the recent Australian Speedway Kart Championships at Gatton in Queensland. Daniel finished half a car length in front of his nearest rival, giving him a No. 1 ranking in Australia for his age group. What a fabulous effort. Congratulations also go to his sister Lucy (former student) who finished fourth in the KT Modified section. Lucy was the only female competitor in the race.

**Michelle Tanner  
SSO**

#### 6. YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES PERSONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

**Congratulations to the students who successfully graduated from the Personal Leadership Program last term!**

This is the second year the Youth Opportunities program has been successfully delivered in Glossop High School. Last term, 17 students graduated from the course.



#### 7. UNIFORM

Please note that winter skirts have now arrived at Glossop High. These can be purchased from the front office for \$95 each. New girl's winter pants should be arriving at Premier Sports and B & B Fabrics this week. We will let you know shortly when boy's pants are available.

If you have any secondhand uniforms that you wish to donate to the school they would be gratefully received. A remuneration can be collected on your behalf if they are in excellent condition.

**Jenni Victor  
for Uniform Committee**

## 8. CONGRATULATIONS – ART PRIZE

Year 10 Glossop High School student, Taylor Schramm recently won an award at the prestigious annual River Murray Art Prize, held in Waikerie earlier this year.

The artwork, titled 'Secrets Below The Bank', was completed as an art project at school. Taylor was awarded first prize in the 2D Student section and received a \$300 prize.

Well done Taylor on a fantastic effort.



**David O' Callaghan**  
**Art Teacher**

## 9. FORMER STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 graduate of Glossop High School **Becky Richards** has gone on to make a significant contribution to South Australia and to advocacy for human rights. As such, she is one of 5 youth delegates selected from across Australia to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to take place from May 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2009 in New York. The group will accompany 5 well-known leaders of Australia's Indigenous community including Mick Dodson and Tom Kalma. The Forum will focus on issues such as the economic and social development of Indigenous Peoples including the areas of Extractive Industries, Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Corporate Responsibility and the issues facing Indigenous Women.

Becky has just recently returned from South Africa where she was Australia's only delegate at the Culture and Gender Equity workshop held in Durban from April 17<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Some of her other achievements and contributions include:

- ❖ Member of the South Australian Ministers' Youth Council: 2009
- ❖ Oxfam International Youth Partner 2008 – 2010

- ❖ University of Adelaide's Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Representative (2008 and 2009) where she sits on and votes at Faculty of Arts meetings
- ❖ Cadetship at the National Museum of Australia in the ACT, including working at the Museum during University breaks for 12 weeks each year.
- ❖ Oxfam Diplomacy Training graduate 2008
- ❖ The Adelaide University Union ATSI Student Representative 2008
- ❖ Don Dunstan Foundation Youth Forum: Aboriginal Youth Representative
- ❖ Participant in the Brooklyn Gathering (with the Edmund Rice Centre) which submitted and lobbied the Australian Government to pass a Charter of Rights, Indigenous Charter of Rights and recognition of Indigenous Australian People's in the Australian Constitution (2007-2008)
- ❖ Community nominated Native Title representative
- ❖ Completion of the National Indigenous Community Leaders Training program and Advanced Leadership Training Program (with FAHCSIA)
- ❖ Participant in a Young Endeavour youth leadership sailing program January 2009
- ❖ Assistant Director of the Asia-Pacific Model United Nations World Health Organisation committee in 2008 and its only Indigenous Director.

She was recognised for her contributions through the awarding of the Asia-Pacific Model United Nations Personal Achievement Award.

- ❖ Youngest member on the Research Ethics Board of SA (2008-9).
- ❖ Spokesperson for the Mission Australia Indigenous Youth Mobility Program 2007 - 8

All of this has been accomplished while Becky is a full-time student at the University of Adelaide, studying Anthropology and Psychology, and achieving a number of academic honours.

Well done Becky on all your outstanding achievements to date.

**Greg Albrecht**  
**Aboriginal Studies Teacher**

## 10. YCS GATHERING

Next gathering will be held at Loxton on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm until 7pm. Fun activities, movies & tea provided. \$10 per person. Bus pick up times & consent forms available from:

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