Dear All,

On the Pupil Free Day our teaching staff enjoyed the opportunity to work with staff from our neighbouring schools – Lyrup, Cobdogla, Moorook and Kingston-On-Murray on the Australian Curriculum – Maths.

There are further sessions planned during the year where staff share their classroom experiences, students’ work and knowledge.

Many thanks to staff and students for their support in keeping the school running smoothly while I attended the Murray and Mallee Regional Leaders’ Residential. I had the privilege of listening to Dr Neil Carrington who focussed on quality and effective leadership.

The Year 6 students did an excellent job of organising the tent in activities. They showed quality leadership and cooperation.

Many thanks to all the families who provided food. Thank you to Mrs Bradtke for staying the night and Mrs Kregar for helping out with tea and breakfast. It was great to have Kelsee Kregar join us for the night.

VALUES: Respect, Honesty, Caring, Cooperation, Responsibility, Self Discipline

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‘Loveday Primary strives for learning and growing together in a fun and safe environment.’

20 Days to the BER Recognition Ceremony

* Monday 12th March
* Thursday 15th March
* Friday 16th March
* Wednesday 21st March

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Adelaide Cup.
S.A.P.S.A.S.A. Athletics.
National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.
Pancake Day Lunch.

Harmony Day.
Parent Teacher Interviews.
Governing Council Meeting.
BER Recognition Ceremony.
S.A.P.S.A.S.A. Cross Country.

Last day of Term 1. GO HOME AT 2pm
Good Friday.

Friday 6th April

Monday 23rd April

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**SWIMMING**

A very successful week of swimming was enjoyed with Lyrup Primary School at the Renmark Pool. After travelling by bus, Loveday students and Lyrup students participated in swimming lessons. The students enjoyed working with swimming instructors Paula and Belinda. Paula kindly brought along her underwater camera and photographed the students.

Many thanks to Mr Trobianni and the Lyrup students for providing a yummy lunch of mini hot dogs and fruit jelly on Friday. Please enjoy the children’s comments.

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**AQUATICS DAY**

The Year 6 students joined Cobdogla Primary School for an aquatics day at Lake Bonney. Our students enjoyed sailing, knee boarding and windsurfing before the cold wet weather stopped all activity. Please enjoy the students' comments.

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**FLINDERS UNI SURVEY**

Thank you to the families and students who participated in the OPAL (Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle) survey. The school received a $50.00 food voucher for being involved.

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**HOME READING REWARDS**

Congratulations to Jessica, Leanne, Brittany, Emma and Jamie on achieving Home Reading Rewards by reading 20 nights or more in the past 5 weeks.

Please encourage students to read every night and sign the Home Reading Diary 😊

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**GOVERNING COUNCIL – A.G.M.**

Thank you to families who attended the meeting or gave an apology. Thank you to Gaynor Kregar, Cassie Ricketts, Brigit Frazer, Roxanne Bratton, Veronica Bratton, Jody Wilkinson-Thompson and Mel Lewis for being our 2012 Governing Council members. We look forward to working together again in 2012.

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**HARMONY DAY – PANCAKE DAY**

March 21st is celebrated as Harmony Day – Everyone Belongs. Students are invited to wear orange. S.R.C. with help from Johnny Kregar will be making pancakes to raise money for Uniting Care. Order forms are with this newsletter. Please make sure your order is back with the money to Brigit by Monday 19th March. SORRY we cannot take late orders 😞.

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**BER – RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

We have received news that Senator Alex Gallacher will now officiate at our ceremony on Friday March 30th.

All children must wear a hat; bring a water bottle and healthy eating (fruit or vegetables) every day.

Keep Smiling,

Raelene Trimper 😊
Hello everyone 😊

I hope you have had a great couple of weeks. I have been away after some unexpected circumstances, but I am so glad to be back at Loveday Primary!

I have been thinking about how we spend our time and the notion of ‘spare’ time and what we do with it. It implies we have time left over after our normal tasks. However, I have come to realise it is just as important to do the things you enjoy, as to work to pay the bills (which hopefully you enjoy also!). Rather than fitting it in if you have the time, we should set some time aside to do these things for our own wellbeing (physical, emotional, mental and spiritual).

**Some great habits to get into:**

**Have more sleep!** – Getting 7-8 hours a night helps you manage stress better and keep your weight under control, and brings your blood pressure down.

**Laugh!** – Even if something isn’t that funny, chuckling can lower blood pressure levels.

**Take small steps!** – Every day, ask yourself one question: ‘What will I do for my health today?’ Then do it.

**Exercise!** – I know it has been drilled into us, but many of us still find it hard to fit exercise into our day. Exercise is good for your physical and mental wellbeing. It has been proven that exercise is a natural way to help overcome depression. I know that when I am feeling down, going for a walk and listening to my favourite music for 30 minutes does wonders for my mood.

Just some food for thought! I hope you have a wonderful week and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Love, Erin

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**Birthday wishes go to:**
Jessica Wilkinson-Thompson 7th March

**Student of the week awards**
Maddy (week 3) Joe (week 5)
Brittany Emma

**Congratulations to the students who received a Mathletics Award**

**Silver**
Emma Jamie

**Bronze**
Brittany Joel Leanne

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**JOKE CORNER**
A cowboy rode to an inn on Friday.
He stayed two nights and left on Friday.
How could that be?
His horse was called Friday!

By Jamie

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**Swimming**
In week four we had swimming lessons. We learnt lots of ways to swim. My favourite way was backstroke. We also used life jackets, flippers and had to find things on the bottom of the pool. It was really fun when we made a raft. I had a really good time.

Leanne
Swimming was fun. My favourite day was Friday because we made rafts and had free time.
Jamie

In week 4 we went to Renmark for swimming lessons. My favourite days were Wednesday and Friday. I liked Wednesday because we used flippers and got our pictures taken under water. I enjoyed Friday because we made rafts and had free time. Our raft stayed together. In free time Lea and I were trying to get the fish from the boys.
Brittany

The flippers and the rafts were the best.
Jessica

It was fun on Friday when I was jumping in the deep end.
Joe

When we had free time I jumped off near the deep end.
Maddy

I put my head under water and blew bubbles.
Letesha

I went under the water and collected dinosaurs and some disks.
Aidan

COMMUNITY NEWS

BERRI HOCKEY CLUB SIGN ON DAY
Would you like your children to play an active non contact sport? Try Hockey! Berri Hockey Club is having its sign on day for the 2012 season.
Where - Glasey Park in the club rooms
When - Saturday 17 March - 10 am to 2 pm.
All ages from under 9 to seniors
New players always welcome
If you have any queries please contact Gavin McMahon on 85 822739 A/H or mobile 0419038962.

AC. CARE
Local kids need local foster carers.
Foster caring is sensitivity, ability and commitment. Together ac.care provides carers with guidance, training and partnership 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you are considering becoming a foster carer and want to find out more about today’s foster care, contact ac.care on 08 85822344 or visit the web site www.accare.org.au

ST. JOSEPH’S GALA NIGHT
St Joseph’s School Barmera will be holding their annual Gala Night on Friday 23rd March, 6pm – 9pm
There will be a “Colouring In Competition” and the “Art’n’Craft and Photography Competition”. There are great prizes available. For entry forms for the colouring in competition, art and photographic competition please visit the website: www.stjobarmera.catholic.edu.au go to news and events, Gala Night and print off entry form required.

BARMERA LITTLE JOEYS PLAYGROUP
Barmera Little Joeys Playgroup is a playgroup for the Barmera community which will be held at St Joseph’s Primary School. It will start next Wednesday 14th March and will be held each Wednesday morning 9.00am-10.30am. Please enter through McBride Street (behind the school). A fruit platter will be provided each session by the Parents and Friends for the children to share and tea and coffee will be available for parents. Come along and bring your friends.
Cost: $2.00 per family.

BARMERA MONASH FOOTBALL CLUB
UNDER 11 FOOTBALL TRAINING
All intending players for season 2012 - Under 11 registration night and brief training session will be held on Wednesday 21st March at the Barmera Oval from 4pm-5pm - a sausage sizzle will follow training - further information or apologies to Justin Bannear 0419817672.