Well, 7 weeks Long Service Leave has been and gone and at times it feels like I have never been away! As expected the school has continued to run smoothly under Rosey’s capable leadership and I thank her, Nat and the admin team for a job well done. As usual classroom staff and students were busy and productive and lots of plans and exciting activities are in the air. On Thursday evening, I was fortunate enough to visit the Basketball Camp, that 17 of our students and 4 Glossop High School students attended in Adelaide, last week. How proud I was, of the way our students participated in their games and in their camping responsibilities at Adelaide North Special School. We owe a huge thank you to Principal, Byron Stuut and the staff at ANSS for their warm welcome and generous hospitality to allow RSS and GHS staff and students to camp in their school hall for 2 nights. We hope that some of them can come and visit us, one day. Other highlights, this term, past and future include: the DOE Rock Climbing camp, Questicon, the excursion to Mrs Krause's farm and the upcoming Fashion Parade.

Congratulations to the following staff members on their impressive achievements.

Lesley Heinrich, winner of the SMG 2015 Outstanding Care and Support Award:
Peter Andrews, finalist in the 2015 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards Lifetime Achievement
Cherie Walkington, finalist in the 2015 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards, School Support Officer.

There is always something to learn, celebrate and enjoy at Riverland Special School. Finally, please don’t forget our Student Free Day on Monday 7th September, when staff will attend professional learning in Intensive Interaction, presented by Dr Mark Barber PhD. Mark has worked internationally as a Special Educator, Teacher Mentor and Consultant for over 30 years. He now lives and works in Melbourne and frequently travels interstate and overseas to advise and support schools and other agencies involved in working and caring for people with Severe-Profound Intellectual Disabilities and Severe Communication Impairments. Intensive Interaction is “a way of learning to communicate and build meaningful relationships with people who don’t use words or any other obvious forms of communication.”

Mark will be here until Thursday, to observe and share his knowledge and experience with staff.

Regards
Carolyn Trifonoff

Birthdays
Best Wishes to everyone having a special day including.

Matthew R.

Jaime

Joanne

The students enjoyed the Questacon Science Circus visit.
Thanks to those who went to the Tuesday show at Renmark.

RIVERLAND SPECIAL SCHOOL
FASHION PARADE
On THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER at the MONASH CLUB. Meals available from 6pm.
Parade starts at 7pm.
Fashion parade tickets $7.
All tickets and table bookings to be made through the school—ask for Cherie

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1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING

For Parents and Families.

A three—session program for parents and carers.

Date: 4, 11 and 18 September 2015
Time: 10.00am to 1.00pm
Where: Relations Australia SA

9 Kay Avenue, Berri.

Discipline Without Arguing, Yelling or Smacking.

Understanding Behaviour

How to handle challenging & testing behaviours

Choosing your strategy, the three choices

Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour

7 Ideas for encouraging good behaviour

Bookweek Parade