



Important Dates

SA Schools
Adelaide Athletics
Carnival
Wednesday 12 April 2023

Early Finish -
2:15pm Last Day of
Term 1
Friday 14 April 2023

Rowing Regatta -
Masters and Grade
Regatta at West
Lakes
Saturday 15 April 2023

First Day of Term 2
Monday 1 May 2023

Parish and College
Mass
Wednesday 3 May 2023

State Mountain Bike
Challenge
Championship
Friday 12 May 2023

Yr 7 & 8
Vaccinations
Tuesday 16 May 2023

Yr 7 & 8 Vaccination
(catch up
vaccination clinic
only)
Thursday 25 May 2023

REMEMBER If you are reading this newsletter from your email don't forget to click 'read more' to expand your view and access all of our feature photos!

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we meet today on Meru Country, and recognise the Erawirung and Ngintait peoples 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.



From the Principal

Holy Week – A Celebration of Life and Love

Last weekend we celebrated Palm Sunday, the Passion of the Lord and the beginning of Holy Week.

The three day period of observance made up Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday is known as The Easter Triduum and begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. We remember the night before his suffering and death when Jesus gathered to celebrate the Passover Meal with his apostles.

The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday are celebrated in our churches across the Our Lady of the River Parish. We are reminded that Good Friday is a day of both abstinence (refraining from eating meat) and fasting (eating less food).

At our Masses on Easter Sunday, we renew our Baptisms and are blessed with the Easter water before receiving Holy Communion.

Easter Weekend times:

Holy Thursday

Berri 7.00pm

Loxton 7.00pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross

Barmera 3.00pm

Berri 9.00am

Renmark 3.00pm

Easter Sunday

Barmera 11.00am

Berri 9.00am

Loxton 6.00pm

Renmark 11.00am

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a beautiful, traditional practice for Roman Catholics to take part in during the Lenten Season. We recall and meditate on the events of the Passion of Christ and are reminded of all that Jesus endured for our redemption, and how deeply he loves us.

Our students participated in a live recount of the Stations of the Cross after lunch on Holy Thursday as the last thing we did a school together before heading into the Easter Weekend.

2024 Enrolment of Students

I am very pleased to see that the College is experiencing significant demand in relation to enrolments. Current projections indicate our two year 7 classes will fill to capacity and parents planning to enrol their child are encouraged to do as soon as possible. To assist with our medium and long-term planning I encourage parents to lodge an enrolment form with the school as soon as they have decided to enrol their child at the school.

Should you wish to discuss this further please contact our College Registrar, Claire Smith (phone 8595 4500, or email claire.smith@assisi.catholic.edu.au).

St Francis of Assisi College – Stage 2 Build Program

Works have now started on the Stage 2 build program at the College, the initial scope includes:

- Year 10 -12 Building

- Two senior science laboratories

- Technology Centre – metal machinery fit-out

- Kitchen Garden

During term 2 there will be a range of opportunities for parents and families to see and hear more about the development.

Nathan Hayes, Principal

Leader of Learning



Leaders of Learning Workshop

On Monday 27th of March, the College hosted Leaders of Learning from across the Riverland Catholic Schools for a Leader of Learning Workshop on Assessment Task Design. From our Conference room the group was able to video link with Leaders of Learning from Catholic schools across South Australia, proving to be an excellent way of connecting, both face to face and virtually.

This workshop focused on the purpose of assessment and types of assessment. As a College, we are committed to supporting our teachers to becoming assessment literate and understanding the importance of ongoing assessment to inform teaching and learning. This will ensure students achieve the best possible learning outcomes and are able to regularly receive feedback, self-reflect and set goals for their learning.

Parent/Home Group Teacher/Student Conversations

Thank you to those families who attended this term's parent/teacher/student conversations. We greatly value these conversations as it builds a strong relationship between families and teachers. These relationships allow parents and teachers to work together to best support the child's learning and development. We also appreciated the involvement of students in the conferences, as they are at the center of what we do, therefore it is important for them to communicate and listen to their learning achievements. If you were not able to attend the interviews, but would still like to meet with a teacher, please contact the school on 8595 4500.

Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning



Easter Egg Hunt

Cleo and Imogen (Year 9 – Ignis) organised an Easter Egg Hunt today for the whole school to join in on! This was done as part of their Religious Studies lessons and an excellent example of building community spirit and culture. The students were very excited this morning hearing about the hunt and finding eggs in between classes!



SLC Bake Sale

The Bake Sale was a resounding success on Wednesday! We managed to raise nearly \$200 for Project Compassion. Thank you to the Student Leadership Council and their families for the donated baked goods and to the SLC students for manning the canteen!

And lastly, congratulations to the winners of the Guess the Jar Competition!

Jar	Actual Amount	Winning Guess	Winning Entrant
Skittles	265g	265g	Henry Dring
Sultanas	283g	300g	Mrs Burgess
Sour Patch Kids	400g	400g	Mrs Burgess
Snakes	60 total	55	Alexander Foley-Jennings
Freckles	97 total	68	Mitchell Walker



Expressions of Interest - Laudato Si' Action Group



Laudato Si' Action Group

If any students are interested in joining the Laudato Si' Action Group, please complete this form using the QR code above, or click [here](#)

Laudato Si' Action Group	
Bookmark Creek	Peer Support
Inclusion and Diversity	Arts Development
Student Clubs	Community Outreach

Wellbeing Article

[Exploring Depression](#)

Tony Attwood and Michelle Garnett are internationally recognised experts in autism and have a combine experience of over 70 years as clinical psychologists, authors, researchers and consultants.

In this weeks resource, you can access free audio recordings from Tony and Michelle who lead through some awareness and relaxation activities to assist with self-regulation. A valuable resource for not only families who live with autism but also for anyone wishing to find

some time to relax and be more in tune with their emotions and body.

Depression is common among people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and has particular features and causes.

Below are a variety of free audio recordings to accompany the highly regarded book and resource on depression, Exploring Depression, and Beating the Blues.

[Read & Listen Here](#)

"Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching."

– C.S. Lewis

Have a wonderful easter break!

Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing

Parish and College Mass

The whole school and members of the Parish came together on Wednesday to celebrate Holy Week Mass. Fr Hau brought in palms from Palm Sunday and handed them out to all the students and blessed them. Thank you to Class 9A for hosting the Mass!



Catholic Co-Educational Athletics Carnival - U/14 Placed Second

Congratulations to our whole team and particularly to our under 14 athletics competitors who finished overall second in Pool B (250.5 points) of the Catholic Co-Educational Athletics Carnival. A mere 2.5 points behind Xavier College!

This is a mammoth achievement given the newest and size of our College, competing against long established metro and regional based schools across South Australia. And it follows up a great under 13 performance of last year when we won the shield.



Mountain Bike Trial

Students enthusiastically participated in 30 minute trial on the College mountain bike track on Wednesday. Congratulations to all the riders and a big thanks to the volunteers who helped keep riders safe. What an awesome event and we super proud of the sportsmanship shown by everyone!

Overall winners covered a distance of 9.5km at an average of 18kph through some heavy traffic and soft corners. Selection have now been finalised for the State Mountain Bike Challenge on Friday 12 May 2023.

Thank you to event sponsors [ALVANOS EARTHMOVING](#)

RESULTS

Year 9

- 1st. Ryan Prokopec
- 2nd. Blake Francis
- 3rd. Ethan Thomas

Year 8

- 1st. Harry Pfeiffer
- 2nd. Armaan Kahira
- 3rd. Max Cozens

Year 7

- 1st. Jenson Sheene
- 2nd. Lewis Brown
- 3rd. Seb Coote

Overall Winners

- 1st. Jenson Sheene
- 2nd. Harry Pfeiffer
- 3rd. Ryan Prokopec
- 4th. Louis Brown



Congratulations - Sophie Robertson



Recently Sophie came to the aid of a teacher from St Joseph's Renmark, who had been bitten by a snake near the Renmark Rowing Club, where Sophie had been attending rowing training.

Sophie was formally recognised during an St Joseph's School Assembly with a Champion Citizenship Award.

Sophie Robertson

Awarded for her extreme bravery and competency when
administering first aid for a snake bite.

She showed great care whilst supporting and reassuring the casualty.

Her ability to provide this level of care is truly exceptional and real credit to her,

she should feel very proud. We feel very honoured and thankful for her

service to our community.

Congratulations - Miss Newman



Our fantastic receptionist Annika has completed Certificate III in Business. She undertook her studies through Sports Ready Education and Employment while she gained on the job experience.

Rowing Program Update



This week our Rowing Program students took part in their final ergo testing for the season. Nine out of the twelve students pushed themselves through the 1km race yesterday, with the final three to be completed next week. We undertook the test by connecting all the machines, simulating a race environment. See short video of their ergo testing [HERE](#)

This test is a great indicator of all the hard training this group have committed themselves to over the past few months. All nine produced outstanding results, smashing their PB's! This really demonstrates their growth in fitness, strength, understanding of how to row hard and efficiently, but most importantly how to push themselves to achieve great things!

Congratulations to all!

2:15pm Finish Last Day of Term - Friday 14 May



St Francis
of Assisi College
Laudato Si'

2:15 PM FINISH

Last Day of Term 1
Friday 14 April 2023



ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2024

We anticipate our Year 7 enrolment capacity will fill quickly for 2024! To ensure your child's position at the College, please contact Claire Smith on 85954500 or claire.smith@assisi.catholic.edu.au

Enrolments can be made for students in Years 8, 9 and 10!

Students currently attending the College do not need to re-enrol.

Twentyfirst Street Road Closure

Renmark Paringa Council advise that Twentyfirst Street remains closed to the public as the bridge is not safe to be re-opened.

For safety reasons Council has taken measures to prohibit access and are requesting the public find alternate routes to school during the closure.

RYT April School Holiday Program

APRIL HOLIDAYS

RIVERLAND
YOUTH THEATRE

BOOKINGS:

RYT.ORG.AU/APRIL-HOLIDAYS

YOU PERFORM!

OBSESSION PARTY AT MALLEE FOWL! FREE

You know that thing that makes you light up? Lego or HPC University or a TV show that's been off the air for 25 years? Here is your chance to tell everyone about it. Learn what makes our weird and wonderful brains glow and celebrate obsession.

Oh and **THERE'S A TWIST**: some participants will have workshoped their presentations with guest artist Mary Angely during the afternoon and some will be handed a slide show they have never seen before and present on something they know **NOTHING ABOUT!**

Berri Town Hall, Workshop, April 20, 1pm-5pm

Mallee Fowl Restaurant, April 20, 7pm
Book via Mallee Fowl: 0439 340 664



MUSICAL CABARET FREE

Join us for a musical night by talented local performers. This is the brainchild of Year 11 student, Elise Lambert. Elise is inviting the community to come together to create a night of fun where performers of all ages (yes, that includes you, grownups) can share their musical talent.

Rehearsals Thursday April 27
Performance Friday April 28 at 7pm
Renmark Institute



HOME TURF: POP UP PROJECTION FREE

Come and learn more about the art of projection mapping and see artwork by local young people (and you!) projected BIG. Riverland projection artist Nic Tubb will be on hand to answer questions, brainstorm ideas and help see a blank wall in a new way.

Blanchetown, April 17, 6pm
Pinnaroo, April 18, 6pm
Lameroo, April 19, 6pm
Waikerie, April 20, 6pm
Morgan, April 21, 7pm



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PERFORMANCES

GRIEF LIGHTNING: A SATIRE IN 78 SLIDES \$10



Reviews for Grief Lightning

"A captivating hour that reflects commitment to fandom culture in comedic glory." ★★★★★ - On The Record

"Every now and again, a show tumbles out ... as the start of something much, much bigger. This is one of those shows." ★★★★★ - Stage Whispers

Part-theatre, part-standup, part-PowerPoint Presentation. One lecturer desperately tries to prove a popular Grease fan theory: that Sandy drowns in the opening beach sequence and the rest of the film is her coma fantasy.

Renmark Institute, April 21, 8pm
For ages 16+

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH GUTHRAK FREE

Join us for a work in progress showing and chat about the making of Guthrak! Guthrak is an interactive theatrical experience for ages 12+ inspired by the tabletop game Dungeons and Dragons. Guthrak combines live music, interactive storytelling, a luscious hand-crafted tabletop map and gameplay mechanics to question what it takes to heal our hurts and remake the future.

Morgan Sporting Complex, April 21, 6pm
Renmark Institute, April 22, 6pm

APRIL HOLIDAYS

RIVERLAND
YOUTH THEATRE

17-28 APRIL

PRESCHOOL

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Games, songs, dance & stories.

Renmark Institute, April 17 & 24, 9am

Berri Main Street Pavillion, April 18, 10am

No bookings required

FREE

SECONDARY

3RD PLACE

FREE

Just a chill hang out. Play games, swap memes or just chat with your friends.

Renmark Institute April 17 & 19, 2pm-6pm

RAINBOW AWARDS

FREE

What does it mean to feel safe at school? How might teachers proactively work to create classrooms that celebrate difference? Create awards, badges and ridiculous trophies to showcase kindness and advocacy in your school with guest artists Calamity Tash and Sage Wilde.

Renmark Institute April 24-26, 10am-4pm



FRRR
Foundation for Rural
Regional Renewal

PRIMARY

PLAY IT LOUD

FREE

Come and try musical instruments with music teacher Alistair Ward!

Renmark Institute, April 18,

Sessions: 10am-11am, 11:30am-12:30pm & 1pm-2:30pm

Waikerie Lutheran Primary School, April 19

Sessions: 10am-11am and 11:30am-12:30pm

HOME TURF: TAKE IT APART CLUB

FREE

Break and Re-Make Technology with Packin I.T.

Swan Reach School Gym, April 17,
10.30am-12pm

Blanchetown Community Hall, April 17,
2pm-3.30pm

Lameroo Community Library, April 18,
10am-11.30am

HOME TURF:

FILMMAKING & CREATIVE CLUB

FREE

Explore the art of **Filmmaking** in a 4hour practical session with Laura Franklin and Nic Tubb. Or drop into **Creative Club** with RYT's Community & Digital Artist Alysha Herrmann and work on your own creative projects with support.

Filmmaking 1pm - 5pm

Creative Club 2pm - 4pm

Pinnaroo Hub, April 18

Lameroo TBC, April 19

Waikerie Library, April 20

Morgan Activity Centre, April 21

BOOKINGS: RYT.ORG.AU/APRIL-HOLIDAYS/

MAKING THESE PROGRAMS POSSIBLE

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RYPEN SUNRAYSIA

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT

April 21-23, 2023

About Us

RYPEN provides a group of people aged 14-17 the opportunity to develop self-awareness and valuable leadership skills. This weekend long program will see you engage with like-minded people, while having fun and learning new skills in areas such as problem solving and public speaking. RYPEN will also give you a chance to put them to practical use, through debate and physical activity.



Our Advantage

- ✓ Develop skills for your career and life
- ✓ Open doors to other Rotary youth programs
- ✓ Builds your confidence
- ✓ Gives you a network of lifelong friends

Rotary



District 9510

<https://rypen9510.org/>



Applications for the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) are now open!

Shrek Jr April School Holidays Event



YOUNG RMS production of



SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture
and the Book by William Steig

BROADWAY JUNIOR COLLECTION®

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford
"I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond

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APRIL 22nd & 23rd 2023 @ 1PM & 3.30PM

BONNEY THEATRE, BARMERA

Tickets available from trybooking.com/CGWTA





COME AND TRY!

Music Alive is planning some "Come and Try" sessions for new and interested students and their parents. On

Tuesday 18th April

we will be running 3 sessions for potential students to try out piano, violin, trumpet, guitar and drums in a lesson type setting.

This is for Primary-aged students who must be accompanied by a parent.

Sessions run for 45 minutes from **10.00**, **11.00**, or **12.00**. Places are limited and registrations are required. Sessions will cost \$10 per child. Bookings can be made at TryBooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/CGVKF>

Music Alive

Ph: 08 8584 5561



FOOTBALL
SOUTH
AUSTRALIA

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS

Football SA is hosting high quality football experiences across the Riverland during your school holidays.

- ✓ Skills and ball techniques
- ✓ Footwork exercises
- ✓ Strategy and teamwork exercises
- ✓ World Cup competition.



CAMPS

Advanced Multi Day Training Camp

Date: Wednesday, 19 April to Friday, 21 April.
Time: 9am to 3pm (all three days).
Venue: Barmera Soccer Club
Ages: 9 to 12 and 13 to 17.

COMPS

Futsal World Cup Carnival

Date: Monday 17th April.
Time: 9am to 3pm (dependent on number of teams entered).
Venue: Berri Recreation Centre.
Ages: 9 to 17.

SINGLE DAYS

Berri

Tuesday, 18 April

9am to 3pm

Loxton

Wednesday, 26 April

9am to 3pm

Renmark

Thursday, 27 April

9am to 3pm

More Information

james.wallace@footballsouth.com.au

'Come n Play Soccer'



Are you ready?



We Want You

**COME'n'PLAY
SOCCER**

Grades available U6 U8 U10 U12 U14 U16
Season starts 30th April
Training on Wednesday at the Barmera Soccer Oval

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	barmeraunited@gmail.com		barmeraunitedsc

G1 Youth is Riverland Central Church's NEW Youth Ministry

G1 Youth

Term 1 Dates

PLEASE NOTE: We will be meeting at 11 Mortimer Road, Berri fortnightly from 7pm with pick up between 8:45-9:00pm (unless otherwise specified)

Week 4- 25th Feb Youth Service

Week 6- 10th March Launch Party

Week 8- 24th March Connect Groups

Week 10- 6th April Thursday Easter Service

Week 11- 14th April Quiz Night

RIVERLAND CENTRAL
C H U R C H

A safe, fun, engaging Christian Youth Group.

For more details contact the Riverland Central Church Office on: 0478243685 or message through our FB, Insta pages. Or parents can turn up on the night to register your young person(Emilie Menadue G1 Youth Leader).

RIVERLAND CENTRAL CHURCH, 11 Mortimer Road, Berri SA 5343



Mental health support for children and young people impacted by the River Murray flood

Families living in the River Murray flood affected areas, who have a child or young person experiencing severe and/or complex mental health concerns, are encouraged to contact their GP or other Health Practitioner.

They will help direct you to the most appropriate service for your child. Where that is the Child Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), please call 1300 222 647 during office hours.

CAMHS offers appointments through its Berri and Murray Bridge offices, outreach locations and telehealth.



For any urgent injuries, illnesses or mental health, contact the Child and Adolescent Virtual Urgent Care Service, 7 days a week, from 9am to 9pm.

For more information visit wchn.sa.gov.au/camhs



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Women's and Children's
Health Network

SYMPTOMS OF MURRAY VALLEY ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS

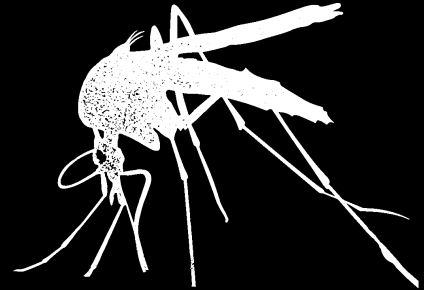
- **fever**
- **drowsiness**
(excessive sleepiness)
- **confusion**
- **headache**
- **neck stiffness**
- **nausea and vomiting**
- **tremors**
- **seizures (fits)**
- **additionally in infants,
irritability and floppiness.**



Information about Murray Valley Encephalitis virus (MVEv) can be found [here](#) and at [You've Got What](#).

★ FIGHT *the* BITE ★

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM MOSQUITOES



Mosquito bites can cause serious diseases that can make **you very sick**.

Do these things to prevent mosquito bites:



Wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing.



Use an insect repellent containing the chemical DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (PMD).



Remove water around your house to stop mosquitoes breeding.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
VISIT WWW.SAHEALTH.SA.GOV.AU/FIGHTTHEBITE

★ **FIGHT** *the* **BITE** ★

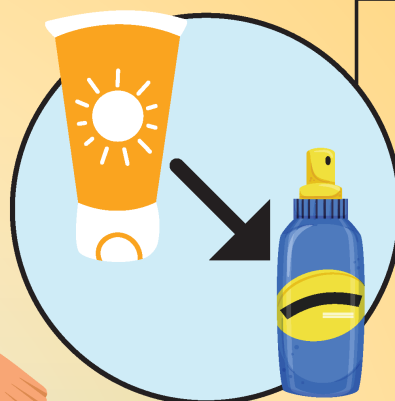
HOW TO CORRECTLY APPLY MOZZIE REPELLENT



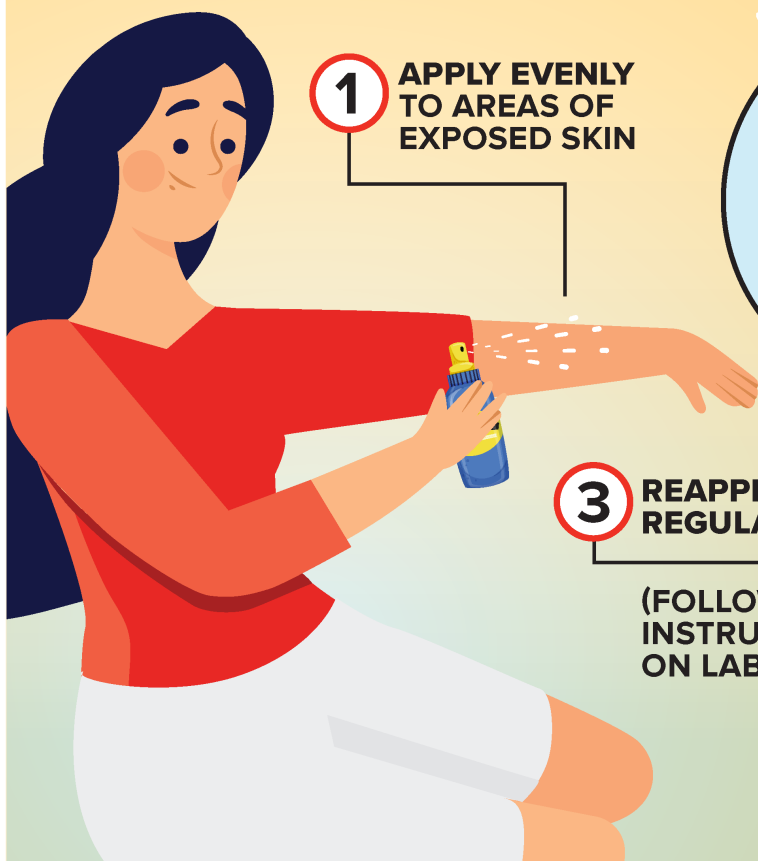
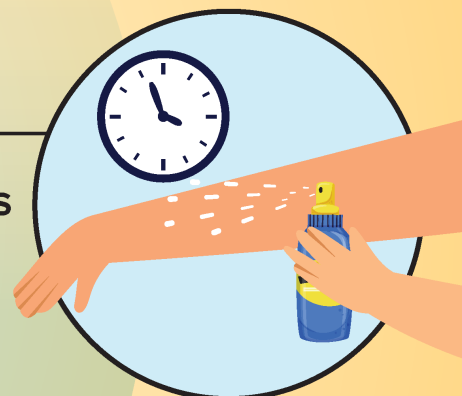
**FOR THE BEST PROTECTION, USE A
REPELLENT CONTAINING EITHER DEET,
PICARIDIN OR PMD.**

2 APPLY AFTER
SUNSCREEN

1 APPLY EVENLY
TO AREAS OF
EXPOSED SKIN



3 REAPPLY
REGULARLY
(FOLLOW
INSTRUCTIONS
ON LABEL)



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