HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY

Thank you to all staff for your hard work, commitment and focus on improved learning outcomes for every child throughout term 2.

It has been an extremely busy term; teaching and learning of course is at the core of all we do, sport, RAP, staff professional learning and the Amalgamation official opening last Friday.

Report writing takes a huge amount of time and work. I thank teachers for ensuring that parents and caregivers know what their children can do well, the areas for further development and their engagement in all aspects of school life.

Parent-teacher discussions will be held in weeks 7 and 8 next term. Parents/caregivers are always welcome to come to the school to discuss any aspect of their child’s schooling at any time. Please make an appointment with the teacher first so they can give you the time required.

Thanks again to our wonderful volunteers, Parent Group, Governing Council and parents/caregivers for your support of our school. Positive relationships between the school and home are vital for your child’s progress at school.

I wish you all a happy holiday and look forward to seeing students return on Mon 20th July, ready for term 3.

AMALGAMATION OPENING – A HUGE SUCCESS!

What a great day we had last Friday! The Hon. Susan Close, Minister for Education and Child Development, a DECD representatives involved in the amalgamation process, local school and community representatives, parents and community members attended the assembly to officially open our school.

It was an absolutely wonderful assembly! I extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to the following people:

- The Student Leaders, House Captains and Mrs Smith for doing an outstanding job organising the Hall seating, the school tour, welcoming our guests, showing them to the Hall, and announcing items.
- Our lovely SSOs who organised the beautiful staffroom lunch and ensured all the extras were attended to.
- To the ATSI students and Mrs Turnbull, Greek students and Mrs Pipinis, the two choirs and Mrs Talbot for beautiful choir items. You were all terrific and our guests all commented on your items.
- Teachers, support staff and students for making sure the audience behaved beautifully.
- Parents and guests for attending and being so warm and appreciative of our staff and students.

The whole day was a resounding success and another event that the whole school community can be very proud of.

Wear Red Day and $1.00 Disco Tomorrow!

On Friday 3rd July, we are encouraging all students to Wear a touch of Red and help us raise money for the Salvation Army. We will be also having a $1.00 disco in the hall @ 11.00-11.30.

Currently we have 60 non-perishable items to give to the Salvation Army to hand out to families in need. Please keep your items coming! We will be collecting items until Friday 3rd July!
LOST PROPERTY

All items not claimed by Friday will go to the Opportunity Shop. Please ensure all items are named for the start of term 3 so we can return them.

SRC/ Little Leaders

Thank you to all the students who have been SRC and Little Leader in Terms 1 & 2! Your contribution to our Student Voice program has been outstanding. At our first assembly in Term 3, our new SRC/ Little Leader representatives will be presented with their certificates and wrist bands.

Holiday Activities

10 Crossing Midline Exercises

What is Crossing Midline?

Crossing midline is an important part of development in a child. They need it for reading, writing, and many other important school activities as well as play activities.

What is midline? If you were to draw a line down the middle of your body, starting at the head, that is your midline. Every time you cross that line with either side of your body, this is crossing midline. Crossing midline is a skill that children can learn from infancy.

So what does it look like if your child is having difficulty crossing midline?

Your child may actually “get stuck in mid-reach and have to switch hands to continue. They may compensate by moving their whole trunk to reach toward the opposite side. Poor mid-line crossing will affect how your child reads (tracking with the eye from left to right) and writes (using their dominate hand across the writing page). So if your child is demonstrating poor crossing midline skills, or even if they aren't, here are 10 activities that you can do to encourage crossing midline skills in your children.

10 Crossing Midline Exercises for Kids

Playing cars on a large path – draw a line on a large piece of paper or make a large path on the floor with blocks for your child to drive their toy cars. Put lots of turns in the path. Encourage your child to just use one hand to drive the car. Use large (adult size) paint brushes and/or rollers and let your child paint the sides of the house with water. Encourage using one hand at a time.

Washing the car – Encourage your child to use his/her dominant hand and reach in all directions. Wash the windows. Practice windmills or cross crawls (hand to opposite foot or hand to opposite knee).

Practice step and throwing with a water balloon.

Draw a large figure eight (the number eight facing side to side, not top to bottom) with sidewalk chalk for your child and have them walk the figure eight OR draw the infinity sign and have your child trace it with their finger of their dominant hand. Set up squirt gun target practice. Use both hands on the squirt gun to try and knock over cups, wash away chalk etc. Water flowers with the garden hose using two hands. 

Mindful Yoga Poses

How many can you do?

Assembly Feedback

Do you have any ideas on how we can improve our assemblies?

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Thank You

http://goldenreflectionsblog.com/crossing-midline-exercises-for-kids.html#_a5y_p=2468150

Here in EAL/D, we have been doing some great learning! Each week, students participate in a range of activities involving THRASS, Oral Language and Writing. Here are just some of the things we have been learning about:

Niki, Shikabah and Faith working on narrative writing.

Zinab, Latesha, Karan and Amitoj playing THRASS words.

David and Ke’An sequencing a story for retelling.

Ioka matching alphabet cards.

Seth and Richard using books to find examples of descriptive language.

Room 15 and 16 join for Maths Groups three times a week. We work in our shape groups to complete six activities over a two week period on an area of Mathematics.

In Week 8 and 9 we have been working on Place Value and have been making and breaking numbers into hundreds, tens and ones. Some of our Place Value activities have been Banker’s Game, Matching Hundreds, Tens and Ones, Highest Number Wins Card Game and Beat My Number.

Brooke matching hundreds, tens and ones.

Zach and Nicholas playing the Highest Number Wins Card Game.

Kristelle and Amber playing, Beat My Number.
SAPSASA Soccer 22-26/6/15

Nisa in Adelaide at SAPSASA Soccer. Nisa’s team came 3rd in their division; Nisa played a great game for the Riverland.

I was lucky enough to be invited to play for the 2015 SAPSASA Soccer team. I made new friends from the Riverland and it was great to share the experience with them. We came 3rd after competing against 9 different teams.

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SAPSASA Cross-Country 4/6/15

On the 4th of June we went to Oakbank in Adelaide for SAPSASA Cross Country. It was freezing, wet and muddy!!!! We were 3 of 165 participants in our race!

Morgan placed 112th, Haidar 128th and Jacob 149th. It was really hard, especially the big hills, then to make it even harder it rained half way through the race. We had a blast!

Morgan, Haidar and Jacob

SAPSASA Netball 25-29/5/15

On the 25th-29th of May we participated in SAPSASA netball in Adelaide. We enjoyed meeting new people and playing against students from around SA.

We learnt lots of new game tactics, ball skills and team plays, which will help us improve our skills for the future.

Yasmin, Kasey, Grace and Te’Ra

Well done to all of our students who have competed in local, Riverland and state sports carnivals! Keep up the great work!
Tuesday 25th August 2015

Photo envelopes should have arrived home Tues and Wed (this week).

Photos will be taken of all classes, siblings & groups on the same day this year.

Please send back the photo envelope on or before photo day even if you don't wish to purchase any photos. It has a special barcode that the photographer needs to match your child's photo to our school system.

Groups will include SRC/Little Leaders, Graduation, Student Leaders, House Captains, Peer Mediators, PAL's (Play at Lunchtime) and Instrumental Music.

-Group Photos will be available for purchase at a later date.

Sibling photos of children attending Renmark Primary School will be taken after the classes are finished. Sibling Photo envelopes are available for collection from the front office.

School Holiday Coaching Clinic

SA Football Academy will be holding a clinic for conditioning and skills session for boys and girls, aged between 9 and 16 at the Berri River Rangers Grounds on the 9th and 10th of July 2015.

All coaches are FFA accredited holding current certificates and licenses to instruct and model FFA training methods. Learn from Coaches that have played at high levels and have extensive successful coaching experience.

For more information on the clinics and costs please visit www.safootballacademy.com.au
Or call Tony on 0413819854

Looking forward to working with the youth of the Riverland district once more.

Recognising Outstanding Educators

SA Excellence in Public Education Awards
Share Celebrate Reward

Nominations are now open for the 2015 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards.

The Awards recognise and reward the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders and support staff from across the state.

Don't miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

For more information and to nominate an employee at your school or preschool go to: www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards

Nominations close 5pm, 3 July 2015

Parent Reminders...

Wear Red Day – This Friday!

Wear Red day and $1 Disco run by our SRC's

Last Day of Term

Friday is the last day of Term 2 – Dismissal is at 2:30pm
All buses will run straight after school (from 2:30pm)
Term 3 will commence on Monday the 20th of July

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that the Breakfast Club will be held every Thursday from 8.15-8.45 am in the kitchen.
Any coin donation helps!

School lunch orders

Are on Fridays – orders need to be in by 9am on Thursdays.
Menus and order bags available from the office.

Book Fair – Term 3

WHAT'S ON ???

Community Notices

Renmark Out of School Hours Care
Open out of school hours 6:30am-8:30am & 3:15pm-6:30pm, Pupil free days and School Holidays 6:30am-6:30pm. Please Call: 85 864 481 for bookings.

National Karate Academies Renmark - at R-7 Hall on Wednesdays (enter from 19th St. Renmark). Phone Jeff on 0417 938 076.


Renmark School Dental Clinic – Phone 8586 6403. Emergency nos. when clinic closed: Berri 8582 1969 or Waikerie 8541 2434. See Dental Clinic notice board for important information regarding clinic services, dates open and emergency details.

Guitar Mania – Free Guitar lessons for 5-10 year olds and their parents in Term 3 & 4, Wednesdays, 3.30-4.00pm. Bookings are Essential. See notice board for details or phone Wendy on 85866063.

Renmark Junior Golf Coaching Clinics- For children 5-17 years. Friday's at the Renmark Golf Club, 4.30pm-5.30pm. All equipment supplied.

Renmark Music & Movement Group is for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their carers! It involves children’s songs, nursery rhymes, instruments, a story and more. It is held every Monday & Friday morning during school term. 9:30-10:30am, Renmark Uniting Church Hall, $2 a session per family. BYO water bottle and fruit snack for afterwards. TERM 2 Theme: ANIMALS! No bookings needed - just come along when it suits. Contact: Laura Strout 0429953495

Song Birds with Hayley Ramsay - Songbirds is a singing school in Renmark offering lessons to primary and high school students who love to belt out a tune! For more information, call Hayley on 0417899373 or search for Songbirds on Facebook

Renmark Hockey Club
Hook In2 Hockey for children aged 5-10 is free! RHC’s accredited coaches will run Hook In2 Hockey sessions on: Thursdays 3:40-5pm at the Renmark High School COLA.

Little Miss Riverland 2015
Aged between 18 mths – 17 yrs. Held on 21st Nov at 3pm at the Renmark Club Ph Meaghan on: 0409995941 for details.

Renmark Out of School Hours Care

Dates to Remember

Term 2

Week 10
June 29 Festival Choir cluster practise (Berri T/Hall)
July 2 SAPSASA District Basketball Carnival
July 3 WEAR RED DAY & $1 DISCO!
July 3 EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2:30pm

Term 3

July 27 – Aug 5 Book Fair
Aug 6 Sports Day
Aug 24 – 28 Book Week
Aug 17 Pupil Free day

Term Dates 2015

Term 1 January 27 – April 10
Term 2 April 27 – July 3
Term 3 July 20 – September 25
Term 4 October 12 – December 11

Kids Club

Unfortunately; due to unforeseen circumstances, Kids Club will not be running for the rest of the year.

Hopefully it will up and running for 2016. Thank you for your understanding.

Maria Dowzard

Like Us On Facebook

Don't forget to check out our School website @ http://www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au/
## Vacation Care July 6th - 17th 2015

Bookings essential: 85 864 481

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Renmark Primary School
Attendance Information

Facts and Figures

93% Attendance is required by every student (DECD)

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10 minutes late to school each day = 33 hours lost in one year

95% Attendance
9.5 days absent = 2 weeks of school in one year

90% Attendance
a child has missed 19 days of school, which is more than a term over three years

85% Attendance
28.5 days = 6 weeks of school or 120 lessons in one year

70% Attendance
11.5 weeks of school missed or 230 lessons in one year

Term 1 and 2 School Attendance Rates by Year Level

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2015 Term 1 | 2015 Term 2

Renmark Primary School
Amalgamation Opening Photos!

The Hon. Susan Close, Minister for Education and Child Development opened our Special assembly.

It was great to see our Special Guests in attendance.

The children done a fantastic job with their performances and showing their work.

The children enjoyed their special little treat to celebrate the Amalgamation Opening!