NEW TECHNOLOGY AT RENMARK PRIMARY

This year one of our key improvement areas has been technology. Students and staff should have the best technology we can provide to ensure 21st Century teaching and learning.

There are many wonderful applications (apps) to support literacy, maths, problem solving across all curriculum areas. Effective use of the technology relies on staff being highly skilled and informed in this area.

We have recently purchased ninety Ipad minis, to be housed in three trolleys. One trolley will be located upstairs, one downstairs and one in the Lower Primary building. This will enable a whole class to use an Ipad mini during lesson time, groups from each class to have access and share as a team. Classes will still have several Ipads and laptops for “anytime” access.

SSOs who work with students will also have a new Ipad with apps installed that support students with identified needs.

We are very well resourced across all curriculum areas and it is very exciting to continue building our technology resources.

Technology is alive and well at RPS; we use Edmodo, a social learning network enabling teachers and students to connect, collaborate and share content to improve learning outcomes; Book Creator or My Story where students reflect on learning, online assessments and a huge range of online resources used in teaching and learning.

PUPIL FREE DAY, FRI JUNE 5TH

Teachers from the Renmark Primary Schools and schools in local partnerships will engage in Technologies Learning tomorrow.

We are very fortunate to have the IT team from DECD in Adelaide coming up to work with us.

We thank the Renmark School community for being supportive of all staff professional learning.

SPOTLIGHT ON READING

A child who loves reading and can read at or above their year level standard, can successfully access their entire curriculum and competently read many texts outside of school.

Having fluency and meaning making strategies for a vast range of texts are absolutely essential life skills.

At recent meetings with teachers, I have been in awe of the fabulous work being done to improve reading.

Every R-2 class has extra SSO support four times a week, supporting students who need intensive work for one term in specific areas to improve their reading.

Reading groups are another successful strategy. Student data identifies aspects for improvement and is used to form Reading groups. When students achieve their goals, they move into another group to focus on a new goal.

In one class, students at Reading Level 26 or above have increased from 33% to 81% this year which is outstanding. A close focus on the individual needs of the child leads to dramatic improvement.

It’s very important for children to read outside of school, and for younger students to be read to. Sharing a book, encouraging students to read Sports reports, magazines, recipes, instruction for games or making things…. reading is important in life.
Pupil Free Day/Public Holiday

**Pupil Free** Week 6 – Fri 5th June
OSH C is available.
For bookings please Call: 85 864 481

**Public Holiday** Week 7 – Mon 8th June

**SRC/ Little Leaders**

This year, the SRC and Little Leaders have decided to raise money for the Salvation Army. Catherine, from Berri Salvation Army, came to our meeting to first of all thank our school for our continuous support and generosity and to talk to us about how we could help them again. The students have decided to support the Salvation Army, by holding a food drive.

From now, until the end of the term, there will be three red bins outside the counsellor’s office. We are asking for donations of non-perishable items to be placed in these bins, which will then be given to the Salvation Army for families in need.

SRC/ Little Leaders also have decided to have a “Wear Red Day,” on the last day of term and offer a $1.00 disco in the hall at lunch time for any student who would like to attend.

All money raised will be given to the Salvation Army.

Let’s see how many items of food we can get this year!

**Walk Safely to School Day**

Just over 40 students joined staff for our annual Walk Safely to School Day. Parents, children and staff met at the Skate Park or Malhi Mini Mart and walked together to school, where they were greeted with a yummy breakfast provided to staff and students by the Parent Group. We would like to thank Parent Group for cooking breakfast, Glenview Poultry Farm for donating the eggs and staff and SSO’s who gave up their morning to meet the students and their families.

**Spotlight on School Values – Excellence**

Over the past few weeks during classroom meetings, students were asked to discuss the meaning of Excellence, what it feels like and sounds like. Students were also asked to think about how they demonstrate and show Excellence. Here are some of their responses:

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<th>Excellence: What does it mean? What does it feel like and sound like?</th>
<th>How do you know you are showing and demonstrating Excellence?</th>
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<td>Achieving something great I feel happy I think “I can do this! I’m good at this! I did it!”</td>
<td>I am listening I am doing a good job I am doing a fantastic job in all my subjects.</td>
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**Cyber-safety Sessions**

Last week Senior Constables, Chris and Paul, Crime Prevention Officers from SAPOL, visited Rooms 9 & 10 to talk to students about Cyber-safety.

**Did you know…**

1. On agreeing to Face Book’s terms and conditions, once you upload a photo on this site, Facebook actually own the photo and can use it in any way.
2. You must be at least 13 years old to have a Facebook account.
3. Even if your Instagram account is set at private, once you add a #hashtag to the photo, it can become public.
4. You must be at least 17 years old to have a KIK account.

Chris and Paul will continue Cybersafety Sessions over the next few weeks for all year 5, 6 and 7 students. RPS, together with SAPOL, will offer a PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT ON CYBERSAFETY, TUESDAY 23RD JUNE, starting at 6.00.

Please see flyer (pg 6) for further information.
On Monday 1\textsuperscript{st} June, we presented one of our longest serving volunteers with a very special new award, The Minister for Education and Child Development “Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service” to our school and consequently to our community.

This is the first year that anyone from our school community received the award. We looked for someone who has given valuable service in many ways over time. The nominees were very carefully considered. Each volunteer is very highly valued and it was hard to make a choice. After much consideration, the person we felt most worthy of this award for outstanding volunteer service over many years is Mr Greg Hueppauff.

Greg has volunteered in our school since 1979! This is his 36\textsuperscript{th} year he has been involved in our school, fitting it in around the many aspects of his own life, always making time to help us. What an amazing achievement!

Over that time, Greg has been very involved in supporting students in sport. He has coached a range of SAPSASA sports teams, assisted with First Aid at sporting events, and volunteered at Regional Sports Days and school Sports Days, supporting our students, staff and parents at each one. His encouragement, support and help have not gone unnoticed. He has made a difference to the lives of many students over many years by being there to ensure they have these opportunities.

Greg has also been the bus driver, taking staff and students on excursions and various camps. He has been an integral part of these over many years, supporting a vast range of activities and helping our staff to make them special for our students. Greg has cooked many school barbecues in his time and while he was helping, I’m sure the best part was getting to know the students who no doubt chatted to him at every opportunity.

Greg has continued to provide wonderful support and valuable mentoring to many students especially through LAP and in other roles. Students who have an adult mentor to encourage, listen, care and guide are very fortunate. That close relationship and trust is very special; students remember these relationships long after they finish school and I’m sure Greg will have maintained some form of contact with many of these students. I’m sure he has stopped to chat or say hello to all of these students outside of school.

Greg has been an outstanding volunteer at our school, quietly slotting into whatever has needed to be done, not seeking great recognition or praise.

It was our very great pleasure and honour to present Greg with The Minister for Education and Child Development “Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service”. We hope that Greg has enjoyed every moment and will continue to be part of RPS for many years.
Cyber-safety
Parent Information Session

As the Internet becomes more readily available to our children, the issue of safety and security becomes an increasing priority. Whether accessing the Internet on their computer, tablet or smartphone, our kids need to be protected from the dangers that unrestricted online access can bring.

Hosted by Renmark Primary School, the evening features Constable Christopher Evans, Crime Preventions Officer, Berri Police Station.

Constable Christopher Evans will be presenting information on:
What children are doing online. Popular social networking apps and networking sites, what are they, what are the legal ages to use them and why these rules should be obeyed.
Cyber bullying—What is it? How does it happen? What does it look like? How can you prevent it and what to do if it occurs.
Online grooming—What is it? When/how does it occur? What are the warning signs and what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
‘Sexting’ – the taking and sending of explicit images...what are the REAL consequences. (Primary school students too).
Potential dangers and safety tips – how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online via parental controls and restriction passcodes.
Learn the lingo……..be able to converse with your children in the language of cyberspace.
Be confident in setting rules and boundaries around internet use in the home.

It’s OK to say NO!

When: Tuesday 23rd June, 2015
Where: Renmark Primary School
Time: 6.00
RSVP: Renee.Stilo114@schools.sa.edu.au

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

Renmark Primary School has had one suspected case of Hand Foot and Mouth disease. The child has not been at school.

Some or all of the following symptoms may occur during the course of the disease:
- fever.
- poor appetite.
- sore throat.
- headache.
- irritability.
- painful, red blisters in the mouth, including on the tongue and gums.
- a red rash on the hands and the soles of the feet – this rash may be painful but usually does not itch.

Please seek medical advice if your child appears to have these symptoms.

Incubation Period (time between becoming infected and developing symptoms): 3 – 5 days

Control of spread:
- Exclude from School, child care, OSHC
- Blisters should not be deliberately pierced or broken (the fluid is highly infectious)
- Follow good hand washing techniques and keeping areas clean.
Aboriginal Perspectives through Picture Books and Maths

Many of our Lower Primary classes have been working on maths concepts such as days of the week, and problematized situations based on the Picture Book ‘Too Many Cheeky Dogs’. This book by Johanna Bell and Tennant Creek illustrator Dion Beasley, tells the story of a pack of cheeky camp dogs who keep getting up to mischief.

‘Welcome to Country’ and ‘Acknowledgement of Country’

Our Upper Primary classes have been learning about ‘Welcome to Country’ and ‘Acknowledgement of Country’ and the meanings and traditions behind them. Every student in these classes has written one of their own which they may share at assemblies during the year.

A Welcome to Country is a ceremony performed by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people to welcome visitors to their traditional land. It can take many forms, depending on the particular culture of the traditional owners. It can include singing, dancing, smoking ceremonies or a speech in traditional language or English.

An Acknowledgement of Country is a way of showing awareness and respect for the traditional Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander owners of the land as well as the long and continuing relationship between Indigenous peoples and their Country. At a meeting, speech or formal occasion the speaker can begin their proceedings by offering an Acknowledgement of Country. Unlike a Welcome to Country, it can be performed by a non-Indigenous person. 

Taken from “Welcome to and Acknowledgement of Country” Reconciliation Australia.

Hello and thank you for coming to our assembly.

My name is Courtney Fisscher and I live in Renmark. I love living here because there is enough room to walk around and see my friends. The creek is a special place to me because if I get angry with my sister, I can walk there near the shack house, then I feel free and not so trapped.

My mum’s family come from Raukkan and grew up there. While I wouldn’t want to live there because it is too small, my grandparents live there and I especially remember the plaque that named and honoured the Aboriginal soldiers that fought in World War 1.

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodian of this lands and pay our respects to the elders past, present and future for they hold memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of indigenous Australians.

By Courtney Fisscher
(written to be read at the beginning of an assembly)
Pupil Free Day

Week 6 – Friday 5th June
OSHC is available. Please phone 85864481 for bookings.

Public Holiday

Week 7 - Monday June 8th – Queens Birthday

Amalgamation Official Opening Assembly

Week 9 - Friday June 26th - 11:50am in the hall

Cyber Safety Forms

We would like to remind all families to return your child/ren’s Cybersafety Use agreement & Media Permission forms. Each child must have their forms completed in order to use our computers and ipads. Please return to your child’s class teacher asap, collect forms from the front office if you need another one.

Special Lunch- Lasagne

Our Parent Group Lasagne Lunch is next Wednesday the 10th of June - Orders due in on Wed 3rd June.

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. Front office have menus and order bags.

Boat Licence Evening

A Boat Licence Night will be held on Monday 15th of June in the Renmark Primary School Resource Centre at 7.00pm. Interested persons can ring the school on: 8586 5737 to make a booking. Cost will be $35.00, payable before the night. Handbooks are available from the front office.

You will need to bring the following:

- Persons 18 yrs or over:
  - I.D., e.g. passport or birth certificate
  - driver’s licence
  - Medicare card
  - a pen.

- Students under the age of 18 are to be accompanied by a parent and need to bring:
  - I.D., e.g. passport or birth certificate
  - driver’s licence
  - parent’s Medicare card
  - letter from their teacher on school letterhead, indicating they attend the school.
  - a pen.

Sharyn Robinson, Convenor, Fundraising Committee
**Community Notices**

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

**Martial Arts Australia Freestyle Karate** - held at Paringa on Mondays & Renmark High School Gym on Wednesdays. Ph. Iris on 0404019977. Info: See notice board.

**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.

**Kids’ Club** is where children can have fun while learning new skills. Light meal provided. Gold coin donation per child. Kid’s Club held at R-7 Hall on Fridays 4-6pm for chn. aged 7-13yrs. Info on school notice boards. M. Dowzard.

**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.

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**Dates to Remember**

**Term 2**

**Week 6**
June 1 Assembly 2.40pm, in the Hall
4 SAPSASA State Cross Country - Oakbank
5 **PUPIL FREE DAY** (Friday)

**Week 7**
June 8 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY** – Queen’s Birthday
12 Riverland Tackle Rugby Carnival

**Week 8**
June 15 Governing Council Meeting, 6pm in the Meeting room
17 Yr.7’s Pop Stars 90s –Chaffey Theatre 11:30am

**Week 9**
June 22 SAPSASA Soccer & Hockey Carnival
26 **Amalgamation Official Opening** - assembly at 11:50pm in the Hall (see invitation on page 2)

**Week 10**
June 29 Festival Choir cluster practise (Berri T/Hall)
July 2 SAPSASA District Basketball Carnival

**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

Don’t forget to check out our School website @ [http://www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au/](http://www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au/)
AFTER SCHOOL ART WORKSHOPS

Create With Professional Artist
Sara Scarlet Strachan

Ages 5 – 11: 4pm – 5pm
Ages 12 to 18: 5pm – 6:30pm

4 Sessions For $40
4 Sessions For $60

Painting - Clay Modelling - Mask Making
Puppet Making + More!

Workshops will be held on Wednesday the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th of June
at the Chaffey Community Centre, Renmark
Contact the Chaffey Community Centre On: 85865745
and **book and register today!**
Booking is essential as spaces are limited!

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1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching

For Parents and Families

A three-session program for parents and carers

Date: 17 & 24 June and 1 July 2015
Time: 5.30pm to 8.30pm
Where: Relationships Australia SA

9 Kay Ave, Berri.

We will discuss with you ideas about:

- Discipline Without Arguing, Yelling Or Smacking
- Understanding Behaviour
- How To Handle Challenging And Testing Behaviours
- Choosing Your Strategy, The Three Choices
- Using Emotion Coaching To Encourage Good Behaviour
- 7 Ideas For Encouraging Good Behaviour

Parents will receive a 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

Please contact Relationships Australia SA, Berri - 8582 4122 to book.

What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!