Welcome to term 2. I'm sure that everyone made the most of the break and enjoyed the last of the warm weather!

The cooler weather is here for a while and with that renewed interest in winter sport; football, soccer, netball. It's great to see the students really enjoying these games. The physical activity outside provides a “brain break” and the chance to use up some of their boundless energy.

I'd like to congratulate the many students who resolve any disputes without resorting to inappropriate language or physical aggression. It's fantastic to witness a group of students sorting things out, often without needing an adult's support.

A reminder to everyone that tackling, tripping and deliberate hard bumping is not allowed.

Unlike organised sport, there are no umpires to ensure the game is flowing smoothly. We want all students to enjoy their games without anyone getting hurt.

**NAPLAN TESTING**

The National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy is taking place next week, Tuesday to Thursday.

All year 3, 5 and 7 students will participate in the tests unless parents have already spoken to me about any concerns and signed withdrawal forms.

Teachers will not be putting undue pressure on students during this time or in the lead up.

The tests are part of the yearly assessment schedule and provide teachers, parents and students with great information about what the student can do well and the areas for further development.

All students are expected to complete the tests and our encouragement and support will help them to feel confident and positive.

I know they are all well prepared; they will do their best and feel very proud of themselves for doing so, as we all will!

**EMERGENCY LUNCHES**

If your child has been sent to the front office for an emergency lunch, it's because they have informed their teacher or staff have noticed that they have no lunch or recess.

The office staff will send a note home to advise you that your child has been given a lunch or recess. We are monitoring this very closely and you will be contacted if required.

Please ensure you are providing your child with a healthy lunch, recess and Crunch'n'Sip every day. Without adequate food during the day, children really struggle to focus on their learning.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss this further.

**EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW**

During the last week of term 1, our school underwent an external review by a Review Officer and a Review Principal from outside of our region.

All schools will undergo a review as part of the DECD priority of ensuring high quality teaching and learning in all schools.

The process was very rigorous with the panel talking to students from yr 2-7, all staff and representative parents from the Governing Council.

The panel focused on our learner achievement data and how we as a school ensure all students progress well. They examined student work, teacher planning, a vast range of data and our processes for ensuring that all we do aligns with the DECD strategic plan and our Site Improvement Plan.

It was very valuable to go through the review and a report of the review findings will be available later this term.

Thank you to the Governing Council members who gave of their time to talk to the Review Panel; they really enjoyed meeting you and hearing about the school from a parent perspective.
ANZAC Day

On Saturday 25th April, six students represented our school at the ANZAC Day service. Our SRC/ Little Leader’s worked together to make our paper wreath, which was laid by these students. Thank you to Dana, Samara, Marley, Tori-lee, Rachel, Grace and their families for attending this event.

“Above the Line”

Staff and students are learning about living “Above the Line.” It teaches students how to think responsibly about their learning and behaviour, and encourages them to self-correct when they fall short. We remind students to take responsibility and empower them to acknowledge their thoughts, feelings and actions.

The other key component is helping students to correct Below the Line behaviour; denying that something has happened, blaming others for their thinking and actions, justifying or giving up. When students are living Below the Line, staff or class members, assist students to re-think. This means brainstorming different strategies to move to “Above the Line.”

National Walk to School Day

WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015!

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Teachers will meet students at the Mahli Mini Mart in 21st St. or the Skate Park on Renmark Ave. at 8.15 a.m. and walk with them to school.

Parent Club are planning a special ‘eggcellent’ breakfast for students when they arrive at school!

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Week 4 – 18th May and
Week 6 – 5th June

OSHC is available.
Please phone 85864481 for bookings
Room 2’s Lunch Box Challenge...

It can be a challenge to provide both healthy and appealing lunches for children. We were invited by the Renmark High School (RHS) Year 12 Child Studies students to participate in a special lunch day.

The RHS students surveyed Room 2 students and parents about their food likes, dislikes and dietary requirements. They then planned and prepared bento-style lunch boxes, and gave us the containers to keep. The individualised boxes included many tasty items including different kinds of fruit and vegetables cut into shapes or threaded as kebabs, healthy sandwiches, oat biscuits, muffins, ham and cheese scrolls.

Adjectives and Tier 2 words to describe the items in our lunchboxes:
- Colourful
- Appetizing
- Delicious
- Appealing
- Magnificent
- Perfect
- Fresh
- Tasty
- Soft
- Scrumptious
- Delightful
- Healthy
- Variety
- Yummy
- Organized
- Excellent
- Smooth
- Chewy
- Rough
- Hard
- Runny
- Gooey
- Creamy
- Crunchy
- Shaped
- Cold
- Warm
- Hot
- Salty
- Sweet
- Sour
- Fruity
- Sticky
- Crumbly
- Lumpy
- Mouthwatering
- Chocolaty
- Thick
- Thin
- Filling
- Juicy
- Crispy
- Elegant
- Tender
- Long
- Short

Chaplaincy – Renmark High School Inc.

Please support Renmark’s Pastoral Support Workers;

Pammy Main – at the Renmark High School and
Maria Dowzard – at the Renmark Primary and Renmark North Primary Schools

By attending our AGM on Monday 25th of May at 7:30pm in Maria’s Room at the Renmark Primary School – near the Dental Clinic (will be sign-posted or see Front Office for directions).

- Come and hear about their wonderful programs
- Give us ideas for ways to continue to support them
- Enjoy a tasty Supper

Ellen Traeger Lorraine George
Chairperson Secretary

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
“Early Days” is a series of workshops for families of young children (0 – 8 yrs. old) who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder or who are going through the assessment and diagnostic process.

There are 2 upcoming workshops, held in Berri:

**Understanding Behaviour – A Step by Step Guide for Parents**

Location: Berri Venue TBA  
Date: 20th May 2015  
Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm

*During this practical workshop you will learn:*  
- How to understand your child’s behaviour  
- Ways to select and teach your child new behaviour  
- How to promote positive behaviours

**Helping My Child Cope With Change**

Location: Berri Venue TBA  
Date: 21st May 2015  
Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm

*During this practical workshop you will learn:*  
- Change is challenging for all children on the autism spectrum. During this workshop participants will look at why change is challenging, and how it impacts on the behaviour of young children.  
- Strategies for preparing the child for the changes everyday life brings will be shared during this short 3 hour workshop.
We would like to say a big "Thank You" to Riverland Sunfresh for their offer to donate fresh fruit to our school for the children’s ‘Crunch and Sip’ snack-time!

**Parent Reminders...**

**Book Club**
All Book Club orders are to be at the front office by Wednesday the 25th of Feb (week 5).

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

**School lunch orders**
Are on Friday’s – orders need to be in by 9am on Thursday’s.

**Naidoc Week Products**
If you would like to purchase a Naidoc week Merchandise product please send back the attached order form with your payment by Monday the 18th of May.
A poster of products you can order is up in the Front Office for you to view.

**Riverland SAPSASA**

**District Cross Country**
8th April at Martins Bend Berri

All students from Renmark Primary completed the course under the time limit. Several of our students were selected for the Riverland team to compete at Oakbank on June the 4th. These students are training hard every Monday, under the guidance of the Riverland Coach Richard Coote, to prepare for the strenuous course.

**District Hockey Carnival**
Friday 1st May at Glassey Park

On Friday I went to Berri for the carnival. It was a great experience for me. I played on the ALLSORTS team. I played all positions and our team came third out of ten teams. It was a fantastic day!
Our coaches and umpires were Luke Dowzard (LHS) and Christina Glekas (RHS). They did a very good job and helped us all. My other team mates came from Loxton Lutheran, St Albert’s and Berri.

Rachel Humble
What’s On?

**Dates to Remember**

**TERM 1**

**Week 2**
May 8  SAPSASA District Soccer - Renmark

**Week 3**
May 11-15  **NAPLAN**
11-15 National Volunteers Week
11  Governing Council Meeting, 6pm in the Meeting room
15  Assembly 12:25pm, in the Hall

**Week 4**
May 18  **PUPIL FREE DAY (Monday)**
22  Walk to School day
22  Festival Choir cluster practise (Berri T/Hall)

**Week 5**
May 25  SAPSASA Netball/Football State Carnival
26  National Sorry Day

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

**Week 7**
June 9  **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 1:50pm in the Hall

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

**TERM DATES 2015**

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**COMMUNITY NOTES**

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.

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 – For babies, toddlers, preschoolers & their carers. Mondays 9:30-10:30am at the Renmark Uniting Church Hall. $2 a family per session. Contact Laura Strout for more information on 0429 953 495

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

Student Exchange - Would you like to host an overseas exchange student? Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student or call 1300 135 331 for more information

Take home a big brother or sister - Give your children the wonderful experience of having an international 'big brother' or 'big sister' by hosting one of our exceptional, carefully-screened international students for a 3, 5 or 10 month program. Arriving in July 2015. Visit us on Facebook or at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 to request a booklet of international students.

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. Contact Laura Strout (President) on 0429953495 or email renmarkhockey@gmail.com Visit our website and like us on Facebook to find out the latest news.
NAIDOC WEEK MERCHANDISE

If you would like to purchase merchandise to celebrate NAIDOC week please complete this order form and return to the front office with your payment by Monday the 18th of May (term 2). Items are available for order at the discounted price.

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NAME: ___________________________  
ROOM: ___________________________  
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: ______________

There is a poster on display in the front Office if you would like to view the 2015 Naidoc Week Merchandise before ordering.
RENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

IS YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL?

- Lesson times are 9:00am to 3:30pm.
- A teacher is on duty from 8:30am for students to begin arriving at school.
- If a student is going to be away, please ring the school to let us know or send a written note when the student returns.
- If the student is late please remind them to report to the office personnel.
- The school will contact you if any absence is unexplained or regular absences occur.

IMPACT OF BEING LATE OR AWAY FOR YOUR CHILD BY YEAR 10:

- 5 days a term away equals more than 1 year missed, 220 days.
- 1 day a week equals 2 years and 1 term missed.
- ½ hour late equals 1 year and 1½ terms away.

COMPULSORY ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Under the Education Act of South Australia, parents or caregivers are held responsible for regular attendance of all children in their care.

IS ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

YES: Missing too much school means that children fall behind in their learning and are at risk of not forming strong friendships with other students.

SHOULD MY CHILD ARRIVE ON TIME?

YES: Arriving late can make children feel embarrassed. Entering a class late disrupts the class and distracts other children from their learning.

MUST I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

YES: Parents/Caregivers are legally obliged to ensure their child/ren’s attendance and punctuality at school until they are 17 years of age.

MUST I SEND MY CHILD EVERY DAY?

YES: Unless your child:
- is sick.
- has an infectious disease (like chicken pox), is vomiting, or has diarrhoea.
- is incapacitated by injury preventing movement.
- is accompanying the family on a holiday, that cannot be arranged in school vacations.

The school must be provided with an acceptable reason for the child’s non-attendance.
EXEMPTIONS: Any absences of 3 days or longer require the completion of an Exemption form (ED175) available from the Front Office. The principal can approve temporary exemptions for family or overseas travel for up to 12 months. Applications for family travel greater than 12 months must be sent to the Central Delegate for approval.

MUST I NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF MY CHILD HAS BEEN AWAY?

YES: You are required to notify the school of any absences on the day or as soon as possible. A phone call to the Front Office or a note in the student’s diary is acceptable.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD NEEDS TO LEAVE SCHOOL DURING THE DAY?

Where children are required to leave school during the day, a note, phone call or personal message from the Parent/Caregiver is required. The child must be signed in and out of the Front Office as they leave and return.

WHENEVER POSSIBLE, DENTAL AND MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

SHOULD I NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF MY CHILD REFUSES TO GO TO SCHOOL?

YES: Contact your child’s Teacher, the School Counsellor or Principal. We will work together to assist attendance. It is best to let us know sooner rather than later.

WHAT ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE IF STUDENTS REFUSE TO ATTEND SCHOOL?

The School Counsellor will make a referral to the DECD Student Attendance and Engagement Officers if necessary. Student Attendance and Engagement Officers are members of professional teams providing services to students, parents, caregivers and school staff to help resolve issues that may prevent children from attending successfully.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF AN ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER?

Officers assist by:

- Visiting parents and students at home and consulting with parents or caregivers.
- Identifying reasons for non-attendance and making appropriate referrals.
- Monitoring student attendance and reviewing progress as necessary.

The 2015 DECD attendance target is that all students attend school for at least 93% of the year.

That means no more than 15 days absence during the year. Learning is significantly impacted if students miss too many days of school and it is very difficult to catch up.

As a school, we are not achieving that target so improving student attendance is a high priority. Parents, please ensure your child is at school and on time unless they are ill or there are extenuating circumstances. We offer a great range of support to students and families to ensure student attendance and monitor absence and lateness very closely.