No 5/2015 Term 1, Week 10 Thursday, 2nd April, 2015

**News from the Principal**

This is the last newsletter for term 1 so I’d like to thank the school community for its support during what has been a very productive and exciting term.

Some activities and events include swimming lessons, Harmony Day activities, success in SAPSASA events, and involvement in a wide range of leadership activities.

Parents have had the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher and discuss their learning as they all step into a new school year. It’s pleasing to see that students have settled in well, are focussed on learning and enjoying their opportunities at school. All of these activities have been successful because the school and families have worked closely together to ensure the best opportunities and outcomes for every child.

**STUDENT TOILETS**

It has come to my attention that people other than our students have been using the lower primary and main building student toilets during school hours and at the end of the day, often while waiting for their child.

**Student toilets are definitely only use by our students; they are not to be used by anyone else.**

This is a Child Protection issue for our students and it’s also about protecting any adults and young people on site. We don’t want anyone putting themselves in a situation that could come under scrutiny at any time.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY STUDENT TOILETS. ASK AT THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED TO USE THE TOILETS.**

**GARDEN BEDS**

Thank you to The Garden Taskforce members from Parent Group for tending our garden beds in front of the DEMAC. They will soon look neat, tidy and be producing again!

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

Please consider donating any school uniform items to the school if your child has outgrown them. We are always in need of clothing items for emergencies and to support students to wear a school uniform every day.

The winter uniform is navy blue long pants/shorts, a navy blue/navy blue and white polo shirt and a navy blue windcheater or jacket. Items in other colours are not part of our school uniform and students will be asked to remain in Area 1 if they are not in full school uniform. We realise that many parents will update their child’s school uniform in the holidays.

**EXTERNAL REVIEW**

Next Tuesday – Thursday, Mr Rob Harkin, the Review Officer from Adelaide and Mr Matt Saunders, the Review panelist, will be in our school reviewing the following aspects of our school:

- Student learning
- Effective Teaching
- Effective Leadership
- School community partnerships
- Improvement agenda

While in our school, the review panel will speak to the leadership team, teachers, students and Governing Council. It’s a rigorous process and one which will provide us with great feedback about aspects in which we are doing very well and those where we need to focus more intentionally.

I am looking forward to this opportunity.

**NAPLАН TESING**

All year 3, 5 and 7 students will sit the NAPLАН Literacy and Numeracy tests from Tues. May 12th – Thurs.14th May. Notes home today about the testing.

We expect all students to participate as it provides excellent data for the teachers to better support the students.

**SCHOOL UPGRADES**

During the holidays, the Lower Primary passageway will undergo a face lift – new carpet and painting. Joinery will be installed in Rooms 15 – 18 and 1, 2. New school signage has been installed and looks fantastic. Now everyone will know who we are!
Year 7 Leadership Day 2015

On Friday 27th March, Year 7 students from Renmark North, St Joseph’s, Renmark West and Renmark Primary, gathered at the Renmark Football Club for the annual Year 7 Leadership Day.

Students spent the day learning skills in teamwork, leadership and goal setting through a variety of activities, including go-kart building, cooking, drumbeat, netball, tennis and karate.

We would like to thank Renmark Woolworths, Paringa Bakery, Renmark Foodland and Vu’s Fruit for their generous donations, Jon, Iris and Ashley from Freestyle Karate, Mick Scordo from Centacare, Chris Laxton, Danielle O’Rourke, Brett Stokes from SAPOL, Kristy O’Brien from Headspace, Maria Dowzard, Sara from Riverland Youth Theatre and John Pick for giving up their time to organize and run all of the activities, and all of the teachers, SSO’s, School Counsellors and parents for assisting on the day.

“At the beginning of the day, we were all so shy, but before you knew it, at the end of the day, we were all comfortable around each other.” Kira

“I hope in the future we have Leadership Day once a term, so we can continue to meet new people.” Haidar

“To start off the day, group 5 had Riverland Youth Theatre. My first thoughts were, it would be acting and I would hate it. It turned out it was probably one of my favourite activities!” Nash

Harmony Week

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“I liked Headspace because you got to know people a little better.” Justice

Harmony Day in Rooms 17, 18 & 19

SCHOOL DISMISSES at 2:30pm

Next Friday (Friday, 10th April)

Casual Day Friday

Students can wear casual clothing on the last day as a reward for wearing throughout the term!

Term 2 begins on Monday, 27th April
SWIMMING LESSONS 2015
**SAPSASA State Softball Carnival Adelaide**

Renmark Primary School was represented at the SAPSASA State Softball Carnival in Adelaide last week by Eleni Tzanos, Lochlan O’Brien and Lara Brauer. Our three representatives played very well and learnt many new skills in softball. They were valuable team members and showed their skills in the field and with batting. Mrs Hueppauff Manager Girls Softball Team 2015

**Students Reports**

**Eleni** - Going to Adelaide to play softball was so much FUN! I played catcher and I did well at it. I took a fabulous catch out in the outfield and got a few people out. This was a great experience and I learnt HEAPS!

**Lochlan** - I really enjoyed the week in Adelaide. It was a great time to learn new things and meet new people. This also gave me the chance to see the field from a different angle apart from squatting behind the batter as the catcher.

**Lara** - It was fun and I played well as the pitcher. I also played first, third, short stop and centre field. I tagged many runners out on first!

To help us celebrate our week in Adelaide Eleni made these “softball” biscuits to share at our parent-players game on Wednesday. They were delicious; we enjoyed eating the ball and our softballer!

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**SAPSASA Riverland Football & Netball Carnivals**

Aiden Courtney, Richard Hunter, Jacob Pinyon, Brayden Rasheed and Morgan Edwards represented Renmark in the Riverland Football Carnival held in Berri on Monday. They played four games and completed the day undefeated. Renmark were the overall champions of the day and Aiden Courtney was also selected to be part of the Riverland Football Squad.

Kasey Bonner, Zahli Gartery, Yasemin Al, Eleni Tzanos, Anna Son, Grace Nuske, TeRa Gray, Beehannah Baker and Chelsey Trenwith also represented RPS at the SAPSASA Netball Carnival. They had a very successful day and displayed fantastic sportsmanship and team spirit. Just like the footballers, Renmark were the overall champions and Yasemin, Grace, TeRa and Kasey were selected to train with the Riverland Squad.

Congratulations to all students involved and we wish you the best of luck for your future selections to represent the Riverland.

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**Easter Basket Raffle Winners!!**

Thank You to all the families who donated wonderful Easter gifts and sold tickets.

We had 8 lucky winners of the Easter Prizes – **CONGRATULATIONS to:**


The prize for the child/family who sold the most amount of raffle books – goes to **Lachlan Willis**!

Lachlan and his family sold 16 books - great effort Lachlan!
Post Separation and Family Law Information Session

Relationships Australia South Australia and the Riverland Community Legal Service are jointly delivering information sessions for service providers who may work with families and would find information about options for parents or families following separation useful.

The information session will highlight information for service providers should they be working with families who are using a mediation service or requiring family law information (or both).

If you are a service provider who would be interested in having these information sessions delivered to your staff, please contact us to arrange a time.

The information sessions are free and bookings are essential.

Bookings: Relationships Australia South Australia
Berri Office
Phone: (08) 8582 4122

MyTime is a FREE Program for mums, dads, grandparents and anyone caring for a child up to the age of 16 with a disability, chronic medical condition or special needs.

MyTime Group
Tuesdays during school terms
Time: 11.30am to 1.30pm
Venue: 1025 Old Sturt Highway, Berri (in a room at the Berri Church of Christ)
For more information please contact:
Riverland Facilitator: Tracy Minogue
0487 315 416

Support 2 Achieve

Support 2 Achieve is a free 7 week education program for adults 17+ who are not enrolled in school or study. All participants will be linked into the Career Development Centre at the end of the program for further career planning & support.

Topics include:
- Basic Life Support Training to Support Employment
- Volunteer Options Locally
- Education Options Locally
- Employment & Repayment
- Community Participation Opportunities
- Getting Job Ready

Next Course Starts: Wednesday
29th April 2015
10.00am - 2.00pm
Riverland Development Group
3 Broulee Drive Berri

For more information contact Rebecca Proctor
Ph: 8582 2823
E: rdgp@riverlandgroup.org.au

ARE YOU A PARENT OR CARER OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?

MyTime Provider
Supporting parents with disabilities

FREE CRECHE
Available for children 0 – 5 years

When
Thursday 16 April
5.00—6.00pm (AEST)

Where
Visit:
headspace.org.au/get-help/
hheadspace-live-info-session
**What’s On**

### Dates to Remember

**TERM 1**

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**PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR TERM 2 - 2015**

- Monday 18th May 2015
- Friday 5th June 2015

### Community Notes

**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** – For babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers & 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

**Renmark Olympic Soccer Club** - 2015 Player Registrations. Registrations are to be done Online, go to the website and follow the prompts at. www.myfootballclub.com.au Payment can either be made online or a cash payment can be made at the soccer club. For further information please contact the club Registrar Kerryn Van Dyk on 0408 169 532

**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 0417999373 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 scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 to request a booklet of international students.

**AUS Kick** - Season Begins: Term 2 – Sat May 2nd 9-10.30am - Find us on Facebook – “Auskick Renmark” Contact: Sally Kroemer 0429 693 706 / Darren McAllister 0414 270 018

**YOUNG RMS (Riverland Musical Society)**
Production of “ALADIN” One weekend only SATURDAY 11th APRIL 1pm & 3:30pm & SUNDAY 12th APRIL 1pm & 3:30pm
All tickets $10.00 available at door
BONNEY THEATRE BARWELL AVE BARMERA

**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.

**Renmark Paringa Council, Riverland Youth Theatre (RYT)**
‘Cirkidz Workshops’ for National Youth Week 2015. workshops held from Saturday 11 to Monday 13 April with a community performance on the Renmark Riverfront on Tuesday 14 April.
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<td><strong>Barmera Play Space &amp; Fishing Competition</strong>&lt;br&gt;Under 9 Exploring the playground.&lt;br&gt;Fishing in the lake for over 9. Who can catch the biggest fish?&lt;br&gt;BYO fishing rods&lt;br&gt;Leaving 10.30am returning 2.30pm&lt;br&gt;Free Sausage sizzle lunch.</td>
<td><strong>Messy day</strong>&lt;br&gt;Lots of Messy activities on offer today. Remember to wear your old clothes.&lt;br&gt;Special Lunch&lt;br&gt;Spaghetti Bolognaise and garlic bread and Juice box.&lt;br&gt;Cost 5.00</td>
<td><strong>Movie day</strong>&lt;br&gt;Home (PG)&lt;br&gt;3D&lt;br&gt;Tickets $11.50 +$1.00 if you need 3D glasses&lt;br&gt;Return : Approx. 4.00</td>
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<td><strong>SPORTS DAY</strong>&lt;br&gt;Over 9 Boot Camp&lt;br&gt;Ash Lindner is coming in to run a boot camp for Over 9's. Under 9 Swimming at Rec centre&lt;br&gt;Under 9 will be walking to the Rec centre to have a swim in the heated pool leaving at 10.30am returning at 1.00pm</td>
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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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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.