RENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Mon. 16 March, 6.00 p.m. in the Resource Centre

What is the role of Governing Council?
Parents, Community and our school working together!

The Governing Council with the Principal is jointly responsible for the governance of the School.
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- Involves parents and school community
- Looks at the educational needs of the local community and developments within the school
- Ensures the cultural and social diversity of the school community is considered
- Sets broad direction and vision of the School
- Develops, monitors and reviews the objectives and targets of the strategic plan
- Gives parents and community the opportunity to contribute to whole school decisions including financial, operational, strategic, human resources, asset management
- Builds and nurtures a sense of community

Meet new people, learn more about our school and take an active role in making our school the very best for each and every child!

Kylie Demchuk, Governing Council Chairperson
Lyn Bretag, Principal

STAFF UPDATE
Mrs Julie Raggett has been appointed as our Reading Support Teacher, supporting the Lower Primary staff for one day a week.
Danielle (Dee) Barnett has been appointed for 3 days a week for the rest of the year to support identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Literacy improvement and to support Oral Language in the Lower Primary years.
Welcome to our school Dee!

SCHOOL LUNCHES
Students and staff are really enjoying their Friday lunch orders from Renmark High School canteen. The High School prepares 60 – 80 lunches a week for us so they are certainly popular.
If anyone can volunteer at the High School canteen on Friday mornings, even if it’s just once, please contact Corbin Dingle, the Canteen Manager. Volunteers need to have a current Criminal History Screening and have attending the Responding to Abuse and Neglect—EC training.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
If anyone has any school uniform items that their child may have outgrown and are still in good condition, please bring them into school. We are always looking for extra uniform clothing!
Summer is almost over and we will start having some cooler weather so we’d appreciate summer and winter clothing.
Thank you very much.

FRUIT DONATIONS
We have appreciated the many donations of fresh fruit that we regularly receive. The students love the fruit and we certainly would like it to keep coming! Thank you to our generous school community.
EVERY DAY COUNTS:

Attending school every day is the single most important factor in ensuring your child’s successful education. Students learn new things at school every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will enable their success in the later years of school.

Did you know?

Missing one day a week of school from Reception to year 10 equates to missing two years and one term of schooling. There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement. Frequent absences make it difficult for teachers who have to continually re-teach information and skills.

Being half an hour late to school each day from Reception to year 10 equates to missing one year and one-and-a-half terms of schooling. Patterns of attendance/absence are established in the early years of schooling.

Being absent for five days a term from Reception to year 10 culminates in more than one year of missed schooling. Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.

For further information on attendance, please read: [DECD information for parents/carers](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/speced2/pages/attendance/attendanceInfo/?reFlag=1)

CONGRATULATIONS

On Wednesday 25th February, the semester one SRC/ Little Leaders were presented with their certificates and wristbands.

Meetings are held every Tuesday fortnight (in even weeks). Our first whole school competition has begun, with all students invited to design new assembly certificates, representing our school values Respect, Excellence, Self-Belief and Trust.

Congratulations to our new Peer Mediators who were also recognized at last week’s assembly. They received their red hats and are now visible in the yard as students who can help others solve their problems.

HARMONY WEEK

Week 8 is Harmony Week! The Harmony Week message is that everyone belongs. It is a time to reflect on and celebrate Australia’s diversity. This year we will celebrate with a week of activities, including cooking, art and physical education activities. If you have a current criminal history clearance and RAN-EC certificate and would like to assist in classes with cultural activities, please contact Renee Smith.

ACTIVE TRAVEL DAY – Friday 13th of March

Preparations are well under way for Active Travel Day for Friday, 13th March. To celebrate riding, walking, skating and scooting as fun ways to travel to school, some staff members from Renmark Primary School will meet students at the: Skate Park at 8.20am or Parade Mini Mart at 8.15am.

We support our students to walk or wheel to school because Students feel fresher and more alert at the beginning of a school day after exercise.

There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.

Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.

Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

Parents can join in the fun by walking or wheeling with the students. All students on wheels are required to wear helmets.

[National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence][1]

[Harmony Day][2]

[Helmet Fit Guide][3]
In PE, I design a session with a spectrum of experiences. Balancing high energy activity with some more subtle aspects, group activity contrasted with individual challenges and partner work, providing opportunity for free exploration alongside the development of a specific skill – it is important that we all accept the challenge and be prepared to explore the unknown.

My programme is based on The Bluearth principles – sessions are inclusive and largely non-competitive with the focus being on each individual’s experiences during the lesson. Providing the opportunity to give and receive feedback is an important aspect of the lesson, encouraging students to reflect on their participation and notice what happens for them – this is when significant learning can take place.

The six components of Blueearth are:

- Co-ordination and agility
- Skills activities
- Core movement
- Dynamic movement control
- Movement challenges and games
- Moving in the environment

The elements I like to see in each lesson are honesty, fair play, consideration for others, cooperation, quality of attention to skills, ability to concentrate and stay focused, awareness of others and to improve behaviour and make good choices for themselves.

Also we are involved in other activities, such as clinics offered by various sports: Basketball SA, SANFL Football, Hook into Hockey, Rugby SA and our partnership with Tennis Australia with the “Hot Shots” programme. Students will soon get their Hot Shot t-shirt and are now also eligible to secure a second t-shirt – details on the Hot Shot website. When you register online the school receives financial help to purchase new tennis equipment.

Children have set themselves goals for this year or term. My goal for the year is that 75% of our children can throw and catch competently. A national survey found that only 30% of children ages between 5 and 14 could catch and throw correctly!

It is recommended that Primary aged children should only have 2 hours of screen time a day as we are sitting longer and it is affecting our health as a nation. Even if you are not achieving the two hour limit, you are not failing if you are putting rules in place that limit the screen use and encourage your child to do physical activity and plus be with their friends, then you’re doing right!

Students are swimming now and in Health we are studying Sunsmart protection based on the slip, slop, slap, slide and seek shade. Children from Renmark PS will have the opportunity to be involved in SAPSASA district and state carnivals. Congratulations to Hamish McDonald and Luke Koina who participated in Swimming on Friday. Also Lochlan O’Brien, Lara Brauer and Eleni Tzanos have been selected in the Riverland SAPSASA Softball teams to play in the State carnival on 16 – 20th March in Adelaide. Coming up soon, Riverland SAPSASA District Carnivals in football, netball and cross country.

Beth Hueppauff - PE Co-ordinator/ Riverland SAPSASA Convenor
**Fundraising**

**Committee members wanted!**

If anyone is interested in joining our Fundraising Committee we would be delighted to have you. We have a short meeting once a term in the Primary School meeting room, from 3:45 pm to organise events that raise funds to benefit our students. If you would like to be involved please contact our Fundraising Committee Co-ordinator, Sharyn Robinson at the Primary School.

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**MATERIAL & SERVICE CHARGES**

**REMINDER** Materials and Service Charges are now due. Payment can made at the school or DIRECT DEBIT into the following account.

**BSB:** 105 035  
**Account Number:** 157 000 040  
Please use the Invoice Number for reference.

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**SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS**  
**ARE DUE IN ON THURSDAY’S** – Ready for delivery on Friday’s.

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**Fruit Donations**

Thank You to those parents/families who have donated fruit. The children love their crunch and sip. If anyone has excess fruit /vegies, donations are always much appreciated.

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**School Based Health Education Programs**

Renmark Primary School is lucky enough to be included in a ‘Tackling Smoking and Healthy Lifestyle Program’ which is run by the Murray Mallee Community Health Service.

The following activities will take place in our school in term 1 and 2.

- **March 13th** whole school healthy lunch FOR ALL STUDENTS - probably yiros or wraps.
- **March 25th** The Adelaide 36’s will run a physical activity session with students from rooms 9, 10, 11 and 12.
- **May 5th** Sessions on Tobacco, Nutrition and Physical Activity will be run in classes with students from rooms 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Please feel to contact Martine Turnbull, Aboriginal Education Teacher if you require further information.

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**Hookin2Hockey Come ‘N’ Try Day**

To start the 2015 season off we welcome all children from the age of 5-10 years to join us with the official opening of the season with the Hookin2Hockey Come ‘N’ Try Day.

**Date:** Sunday 15 March, 2015  
**Location:** Glassey Park, Berri  
**Time:** 10am-11.30am

For more info contact: BJ Hammerstein on 0428233529 or email on fabbeejay@gmail.com

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**Berri Hockey Club Sign-On and Come and Try Evening**

Would you like your children to play an active non-contact sport? Try Hockey! Berri Hockey Club is having its sign on evening for the 2015 season.

**Where** - Glassey Park  
**When** –Tuesday March 31

All ages from under 9 to seniors. New players always welcome. If you have any queries please contact Gavin McMahon on 85 822739 A/H or mobile 0419038962.

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**RENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL – OFFICIAL**
What's On

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

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

FFSA FREE Junior coaching clinic held on Saturday the 21st of March at Steve Poutakidis Soccer Grounds. Ph: Tina on 0412680042 or see notice board for details.

Marsters Games Dates are 26th – 29th of March. Registrations close 6th of March. Contact 1800 242520 or go to www.claremastersgames.com.au

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

What’s On

Dates to Remember

TERM 1

Week 6
Mar 2-6 Swimming Rooms 1, 2, 15-19

Week 7
Mar 9 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Mar 10 Yr 6. RAP
Mar 10-13 Swimming Rooms 3, 5, 6, 10
Mar 10 Safe Internet Day
Mar 13 National Ride to School Day

Week 8
Mar 16 6.00 Governing Council AGM
Mar 16-20 Swimming Rooms 9, 11, 12
Mar16-20 SAPSASA State Softball
Mar 16 Governing Council Meeting, 6pm in the meeting room
Mar 18 Camp Quality Performances 9.15am, 10am
Mar 19 Harmony Day Celebrations Assembly 12:25pm in the Hall
Mar 20 National Day of Action Against Bullying

Week 9
Mar 24 Yr 6. RAP
Mar 27 Year 7 Leadership Day

Week 10
Mar 30 SAPSASA District Football/Netball-Berri
Apr 3 Good Friday Public Holiday

Week 11
Apr 6 Easter Monday Public Holiday
Apr 7 Yr 6. RAP
Apr 8 SAPSASA District Cross Country-Berri
April 10 End of Term Dismissal, 2:30pm

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
PARENT GROUP 2015

• Want to be more involved with Renmark Primary School?
• Want to enjoy doing some fun projects with your child’s school?
• Do you have fun creative ideas you would like to see in action?
• Would you like to be part of helping with activities at school?

❖ SPECIAL LUNCHES, FUNDRAISING, RAFFLE TICKETS, GARDENING, MOTHERS DAY, FATHERS DAY, SAUSAGE SIZZLE, WALK TO SCHOOL DAY LUNCH, FRUIT DAYS…..

Who is responsible for all of these great activities and projects?

PARENT GROUP!!!

If you are interested in joining, or just want to find out some more, please return the slip below to the school office and someone from Parent Group will contact you.

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Please contact me; I am interested in finding out some more about PARENT GROUP at Renmark Primary School.

Name: ________________________________

Phone Number: _________________________

Child’s Name & Room Number: ____________________
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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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.