News from the Principal

Wonderful learning has taken place this week as we celebrate Harmony Day, 21st March, throughout the week.

The school and broader community reflect on the richness and value of our cultural diversity. We also learn that respecting and valuing others is very important, whether from a different culture, having a different way of life and different beliefs and traditions.

Harmony Day reminds us that we can all live together harmoniously and we all benefit.

Students have been cooking foods that represent a range of cultures, have been involved in Art and craft activities and have focused on doing so in harmony with each other.

Thank you to Mrs Smith for supporting staff and students in Harmony Day activities. Thank you to all teachers and support staff for helping our students in their activities.

2015 GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council AGM was held on Monday night. Thank you to parents and community members for attending; your support and willingness to be involved in the governance of Renmark Primary School is very valuable and so important.

Our 2015 Governing Council comprises:

Chairperson: Kylie Demtchuk
Deputy Chairperson: Nicole Nuske
Secretary: Brenda Pfitzner
Deputy Secretary: Sharon Letton
Britnie Hocking Samantha Stevens
Amanda Jarrett
Sharon Letton Danielle O’Rourke
Amanda Thiel Ryan Diepgrond
Biljana Elliott Lyn Bretag

Thank you to the 2014 Governing Council for their work. Jo Cole and Melissa Haines have resigned from 2014 Governing Council and we all thank them very much for their valuable contribution.
Play At Lunch Times (PALs)

This year 54 year 6/7 students trained to become 2015 Play at Lunch Time leaders. The Play At Lunchtimes (PALs) program encourages students to engage in structured play during lunch and recess times by taking part in a range of games and activities including skipping and chasing games like ‘What’s the time Mr Wolf?’ and ‘Catch me if you can’. The program promotes physical activity and leadership and gives students something fun and engaging to do in their breaks. PAL’s supports students in reception-year 3 on Wednesday lunch times in the hall.

Active Travel to School Day Friday 13th March

On Friday just over 30 students participated in Active Travel to School Day. Congratulations to all students for walking and wheeling to school in the Active Travel day! We would love to see our students keep up the walking and wheeling throughout the year as we believe the benefits greatly assist in the students’ personal and academic development.

Thanks to Mrs Lindner, Ms Burdon, Mrs Hood Mrs Raggett, Mrs Diepgrond and parents/ carers for assisting on the day.

National Day of Action against Bullying

The National Day of Action provides a focus for schools and the wider school community, including parents and carers, to strengthen their everyday messages against bullying and violence.

Talking to your kids about bullying by the Australian Government Department of Education (Students First, Engaging parents in Education)

Conversations are critical to ensuring your child feels safe at school. You can have a positive influence on your child’s social, emotional and academic development by talking with them and being engaged in their education. While conflict is a natural part of growing up and learning how to socialise, bullying can have long-term effects on the wellbeing of your child.

What are the common signs that my child is being bullied?

Knowing whether your child is being bullied is sometimes hard to work out. Some common indicators to look out for could include:

- unexplained crying, moodiness or anger
- not wanting to go to school
- less social contact with friends
- frequent disagreements with you or their siblings
- unexplained missing personal property
- a decline in the quality of their school work.

How should I talk to my child about bullying?

If you think your child is being bullied, the most important thing to do is to talk to them about it. Try to:

- stay calm and let them know you’re happy they’ve told you
- listen to them and tell them you believe them
- explain that it’s not their fault and it’s never ok to be bullied
- ask them what they want you to do
- let them know you are there to help them practise responsible ways to respond to bullying.

You may also like to contact your school to ensure teachers know about the situation and find out if anything is being done to address it.

There is also a range of resources out there to help you and your child deal with bullying, including: Safe Schools Hub - www.safeschoolshub.edu.au

Through the Safe Schools Hub, the Australian Government is empowering parents with information and advice on how families can support a safe school culture and manage problems when they arise. The Safe Schools Hub for Parents provides you with information and resources that you may find useful in helping to make your child’s school experience a positive and happy one. On the Hub you will find links to many of the websites listed below.

Bullying No Way - bullyingnoway.gov.au/parents/index.html

Bullying. No Way! has a dedicated parent’s portal providing useful information for parents and carers specifically about bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence in schools.

Cybersmart – www.cybersmart.gov.au

Cybersmart is a national cybersafety and cybersecurity education programme managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority, as part of the Australian Government’s commitment to online safety.

Department of Communications - www.communications.gov.au/online_safety_and_security

The Australian Government Department of Communications provides links to Australian Government measures to improve online security and fraud awareness and includes information about online safety for children.

Think U Know - www.thinkuknow.org.au

ThinkUKnow is an Internet safety programme delivering interactive training to parents, carers and teachers.

If you know that your child is being bullied or is bullying others, please make an appointment to see Lyn Bretag, Brenda Pfitzner or myself. For further information, please see:

Room 9 Maths in Art

**Maths skills are transferrable!** Take a closer look at what you are doing in everyday life and in subjects you are learning about and you’ll discover the numerous maths skills you use to do tasks.

Room 9 have been studying Famous Artists and learning their technique. Piet Mondrian was known for art work on white canvas with **horizontal and vertical lines**, and **rectangular shapes** filled with **primary** colors.

Wassily Kandinsky was famous for abstract art and used **shapes** and colour to represent feelings.

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**Maths Skills…**

- Drawing shapes
- Measuring the size of rectangles
- Ruling up columns and rows
- Locating and arranging shapes

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From our Pastoral Care Worker

This term has started with me looking for new volunteers for woodwork and our school garden. I have been pleasantly surprised at the response I have had from our local community and our school community. The Riverland Woodworkers have been amazing. Four men from the group have offered their time, knowledge and experience to work with our students. This year the students have been given the opportunity to design something that they would like to have a go at making. They have had to draw a picture of their design, this included working out the size and dimensions of their project, before they could actually cut and assemble it. There have been some amazing ideas and work done by the students.

We have also had five parents offer to help myself and teachers establish our garden. I’m hoping that by having these parents offer their time it will give teachers a bit more flexibility in being able to send students out to spend time in the garden, re-planting, weeding and hopefully picking some of their produce.

Maria Dowzard
Responding to Abuse and Neglect in an Education and Care Training (RAN-EC)

All volunteers who provide ongoing assistance to education and care sites and settings must be provided with the Responding to Abuse and Neglect - Education and Care (RAN-EC) Induction Session for Volunteers. Volunteers must also hold a current Criminal History screening check.

Ongoing volunteer assistance can be regular or irregular. This might mean:

- once a week
- once a fortnight
- every day for a term
- once a term
- whenever it can fit around other commitments.

Renmark Primary School will be holding a RAN-EC training on Wednesday the 25th of March from 9-11am in the library. There is no cost.

If you would like to attend please call the school on: 85865737 or email: Renee.Stilo114@schools.sa.edu.au

Free Autism Workshop for families in the Riverland

Like all school-age students, children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community.

Details for the upcoming 1 day workshop

**Dates:** Wednesday April 1, 2015  
**Venue:** Resort Hotel, Berri SA 5343Berri  
**Cost:** Free - including resources, lunch, morning tea and refreshments

Full details and online registration at www.positivepartnerships.com.au

Registrations are preferred to be done online. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to attend, please come to the front office to fill out a registration form and we can then fax it off for you.

The workshop is funded as part of an Australian Government Department of Education initiative to support school-age children with ASD across Australia.

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.

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

RENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL – OFFICIAL
### RENMARK AusKick 2015

Registration & Payments Online Only
(no cash payments received during sessions)

**Great News!! $50 SPORTS VOUCHERS PROGRAM**
Every child from Rec to Year 7 is eligible to a $50 rebate.
You can use your $50 voucher for Auskick registration
Just have your Medicare number ready when you register online & you will only pay $10
(providing you haven’t already redeemed your voucher at another sporting club)

**Cost Options:**
- $10 plus Sports Voucher Payment Online
- $60 Payment Online (without voucher)
- $7 Trophy Fee payable at Auskick Session (not online)

Whichever payment method you choose, this will gain you full registration & the relevant Auskick Pack.

**Information Night 31st March Renmark Rovers Football Club 6.30-7.30pm**
(if you wish to speak to us in person, we will be available to answer any questions you have)
Contact: Sally Kroemer 0429 693 706 / Darren McAllister 0414 270 018 **Volunteers Required**

**Season Begins:** Term 2 – Saturday May 2nd 9-10.30am

Find us on Facebook – “Auskick Renmark”

### The Renmark Hockey Club

Invites you to participate in our **Family Registration & Sausage Sizzle Day!**

**When:** 12pm Sunday 22nd March
**Where:** On grass area near Tower Tavern, Renmark
**What:** We can register you directly online & give you a snag for lunch!
**BYO:** salad, drinks, chairs, rug

**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.
Participants will receive a medallion at the end of the 12 week game-based program.

**RHC Turf Training nights for U12 to Senior grades are Mondays at Glassey Park**

$50 Sports Vouchers are available for R-7 children junior
For more information: [www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au](http://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au)

Contact Laura Strout (President) on 0429953495 or email renmarkhockey@gmail.com
Visit our [website](http://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au) and like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) to find out the latest news.

### SAPSASA Australian Rules Football

Trials for the selection of the 2015 Sate SAPSASA Australian Rules football team commence during the first three days of the upcoming holidays.
They are to be held at Norwood Oval from 9.30 am to 2.00 pm on Monday April 13 to Wednesday April 15
We are seeking some volunteer coaches for the first two days to assist in the selection process.
We anticipate upwards of 150 boys who are divided into eight teams for the two days and as such need a coach for each of those teams.
If you would like to help out please contact
Coach – Stuart Burns 0403192792
sburns@westminster.sa.edu.au
Manager – Gus Wenzel 043984642 rjwenzel@bigpond.com
Also a reminder that students wishing to try out must register online through the school sport website [www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport) and follow the process
Thanking you in anticipation of your support.
What’s On

**Dates to Remember**

**TERM 1**

**Week 8**
- Mar 16: 6.00 Governing Council AGM
- Mar 16-20: Swimming Rooms 9, 11, 12
- Mar 16: 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

**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, 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.

**Masters 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

**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
School Sport Australia age eligibility for primary school aged championships is 12 years and under in the year of competition and a minimum of 10 years of age in the year of competition. The one exception is the current age dispensation for girls’ cricket. (Refer to the details in the table below)

To be eligible for selection students must attend a school affiliated with SAPSASA, both State and Independent Primary Schools. All students who wish to be considered for selection in a SAPSASA 12 and Under State Team must nominate on-line. The nomination must be completed and submitted by the due date by accessing the following web address www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport then click on SAPSASA, go to List of Sports and drop down to the relevant sport and locate the nomination form in the interstate section of that sport. If you have any problems please contact the unit on 8416 5900. A confirmation email will be generated within 2 working days of nominating.

Nominations for state trials will be taken as acceptance of attendance at trials. Please note that SAPSASA will not send reminders however prior to trials commencing some specific details for each trial may be emailed to each nominated student. Students are expected to attend all selection trials probably in Adelaide, and if chosen in a team must attend all practices at their own expense.

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Touch Boys and Girls shall have an age dispensation for up to three (3) players who turn 13 years of age in the year of the competition.
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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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.

If ordering polo shirts please indicate size & quantity here:
S x _____ M x _____ L x _____ XL x _____ XXL x _____ XXXL x _____
TOTAL: $____________