WELCOME TO TERM 4
The final term of the school year is one of consolidation and new learning. All students are also involved in extra activities this term, making it busy and fun!
The year 7 students are involved in extra visits to the high school and end of term transition days, a combined schools year 7 Leadership Day this Friday, and the year 7 Graduation ceremony on Monday 30th November.
All students will soon be practising their class item for the Let’s Celebrate concert on Thursday December 3rd.
45 pre-school students will visit the Reception classes over Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in weeks 5-7 for familiarisation visits.
Year 6 students will attend the RAP Red Carpet event at the Chaffey Theatre on Wednesday 9th December. They have had an amazingly successful year in the Renmark Arts Program (RAP) learning resilience through the Arts. Its benefits will impact students in every aspect of their school and out of school life. They now know that they can do things they didn’t think they could.
Year 7 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island students who have achieved the attendance and behaviour criteria this year, will receive their Just2Deadly Award in Barmera on Thursday 19th November.
It is wonderful to acknowledge success and as we near the end of another school year, students can be very proud of their achievements. Staff are also very proud. I commend them for their work every day, with our students.

CONGRATULATIONS
Brenda Pfitzner, Martine Turnbull and Sarah Humble were finalists in the 2015 Excellence in Public Education Awards. The award dinner, held in Adelaide on Monday September 28th, was attended by finalists, their invited guests, and senior DECD staff to celebrate the excellent work of our educators.
We are extremely proud of our staff! Special recognition was given to Martine Turnbull and Sarah Humble who were winners in their categories.
This is excellent recognition of their high level of commitment and professionalism which I believe reflects our site. We can all be very confident that every child is receiving high quality care and education at Renmark Primary School.

STAFF CHANGES
I congratulate Julie Raggett on winning a Senior Leader position at Norwood Primary School. Julie has been a wonderful teacher, leader and mentor at RJPS and now RPS since 2000.
Sherrell Dyer will also move to Adelaide at the end of this year. Sherrell has been a wonderful teacher and leader in the Riverland since 1988, most of that time at RJPS and now RPS. Julie and Sherrell will be sorely missed by staff, students and many families. We wish them all the best as they finish their last year with us.
Welcome to our new teacher, Alyce Bertelsmeier in room 6 and SSOs, Rebecca Cook and TraciLee Jones for term 4. I wish you all a great term with us.

FOR SALE AND GIVE AWAY
The following items are for sale and are in very good condition.
1 modular rain water tank, cream colourbond: $200
2 x 9000 litre Plastek Poly rain water tanks: $500 each
Student desks, small filling cabinets, student chairs – to give away. Call 85865737 first to arrange an inspection.
**SRC/ Little Leaders**
**Riverland Christmas Appeal**

On the final day of Term 2, students were asked to wear their favourite onesie, dress in the favourite football colours or wear neat casual to school and donate either a new toy or a gold coin to the 2016 Riverland Christmas Appeal.

Thank you to all the families who participated. Not only did we are able to present a box of new toys, but we were able to donate $160.55 to the appeal! What a fantastic effort!

**Student Survey Results**

Towards the end of last term, students from year 1 to 7 were asked to complete an anonymous survey on their thoughts about bullying at Renmark Primary School. After the data was collated, all classes were required to analyse the data.

Here are some questions, answers and analysis of the results.

**What is bullying**

- Repeatedly hurting someone and making them feel uncomfortable emotionally, verbally, or cyber bullying.
- When people look for a reaction.
- Bullying is doing something to another person and not stopping. Someone is continuously doing something mean. Bullies can hurt you, punch or push you, make fun of you, tease you, force you to do something you do not want to do.
- Bullying is when someone does something to physically or emotionally hurt you on purpose. This includes cyber bullying.
- Bullying is when someone makes you feel bad everyday.
- Bullying is constantly calling people names or hurting them.
- It is when someone doesn’t like you and wants to hurt and harm you (teasing, hurting, kicking, getting angry, punching, bossing you around, threatening, fighting, name calling).

**What is the difference between teasing and bullying?**

- Teasing is a form of bullying. Bullying is repetitive, teasing is a one off experience.
- Teasing means being mean, tricking people, calling people names, but if it is only one time, it is not bullying. If it is lots of times, it is bullying.
- Teasing is name calling and a single incident. Bullying is on going, it happens consistently, it rapidly increases with multiple things happening.
- Bullying is when something happens more than once. Teasing is only a little bit.
- Teasing is to make fun of someone and call them names. Bullying is constantly trying to hurt someone’s feelings, it is not a once off.
- Teasing is with words, bullying can be hurting as well.
- Teasing is name calling, saying ‘ha ha’, being mean, might only happen once or twice and then it stops. Bullying is taking things from you, stealing, hurting your feelings, doing it all the time.
- Teasing is when someone is just not nice to you. Bullying is when it happens over and over.
Why is the oval a place where people have been bullied or have seen bullying happen?

- There are lots of kids on the oval.
- The oval is big.
- Older kids play there.
- Sports are played on the oval, so it might get rough.
- Football causes tackling and fights.
- Soccer and Football are really bad for bullying as people blame others, people who bring the balls to school make the rules and teams uneven.

What can we do about it?

- Tell leadership.
- More teachers doing yard duty on the oval.
- Divide the oval into halves.
- Lines on the soccer oval, football oval and chasey place.
- Have trustworthy peer mediators
- Peer mediators need to have a place where others can go and see them.
- Tell them to stop hurting others.
- Tell them that bullying is not a good thing to do at our school.
- Say you are sorry, let people join in, walk away.

Do you know what to do if you see someone getting bullied?

- Get a teacher, let the child who is being bullied play with you, help them.
- Tell an adult, tell a friend, tell a peer mediator, tell the office.
- Ask them if they are ok. Tell them to walk away. Tell them to tell a teacher.

Resilience Ambassadors Workshop—Andrew Fuller

Students from years 5, 6 and 7 were invited to work with Andrew Fuller to become Resilience Ambassadors. Resilience is ‘the happy knack of being able to bungey jump through the pitfalls of life’.

During the sessions, students investigated the role of the brain in becoming a resilient person. Andrew highlighted the importance of learning how to learn to make mistakes, being prepared to make them, why it is important to be creative and to think like a genius.
“READ EVERYDAY”

W.A.L.T – Learning to read.
W.I.L.L – Reading on my own.
Reading with a buddy.
Reading with the Teacher.
Reading books from my book box.
T.I.B – We want to become better readers.

Abdullah reading on his own.

Reading in a group with Teacher.

SAPSASA State Carnival Athletics

RESULTS:

Luke Koina - Bronze medallion — boys discus
Anna Son – 200m - Silver medallion & 100m - bronze medallion & relay – bronze medallion
Aiden Courtney – relay silver medallion
Aaliyah Brady – long jump -19th
Kasey Bonner – 800m - 7th
Miri Gray – Discus -14th shot put – 12th
Hairdar Qambari - 5th relay – silver medallion

All represented Renmark Primary extremely well and supported other Riverland athletes on the day.

Group Photos

Photos of the following groups are available for viewing in the front office: PAL’s, Peer Mediators, House Captains, Junior & Senior Choir, SRC & Little Leaders and Instrumental Music.

All group photos are at a cost of $22.00.
If you would like to place an order please see the front office staff.
Orders for group photos will close on the 30th of October.
Any orders after this time must be placed directly with Focus Photos.

Work Hard – Play Hard

A limited number of copies of the publication “Work Hard – Play Hard” One Hundred Years of Education at Renmark Primary School 1888-1988 have been discovered in the store room.
If you would like a copy of this book documenting the first 100 years of RPS history please collect one from the front office.
The Vitor Renmark Amateur Swimming Club

Annual registration day will be held at the clubrooms located in the Renmark Swimming Centre on Monday the 26th of October from 5:30pm. Training for new members will commence following registration on the night. Swim for fun, fitness or to compete, you’ll be coached according to your goals and intentions. Take advantage of our free 2 week Come ‘n’ Try programme which can be started at any time during the season.

For enquiries please contact: Club Registrar – Jodie Binder 0422 128 244 OR President – Kerri Donaldson 0488 533 431

Alternatively you can email enquiries to vitorrenmark@gmail.com

Please note: training for existing members commences on Monday the 26th of October at 5:45pm

For up-to-date information “like” the ‘Vitor Renmark Swimming Club’ on Facebook.

Boat Licence Evening

A Boat Licence Night will be held on Monday 26th October 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:
Person 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

Come and Try Sailing
All welcome
Sunday 1st November
11:00am to 2:00pm
At Lake Bonney
Canteen will be open
For more information
ph: 8588 7186 Dorothy Dunk
Pupil Free Day

**WEEK 5 – FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER**

OSHC is available Please phone 85864481 for bookings.

**Assembly**

*Week 3 – Wednesday 28th October 12:25pm*

**Parent Group Lunch**

*Thursday 5th November – Sausage in bread roll and milk drink $5 – Orders due back by Fri 30th October*

**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!

**Book Club**

Book club orders are due into the front office by next Thursday the 29th October.

**School lunch orders**

Are on Fridays – orders need to be in by 9am on Thursdays. Front office have menus and order bags.

***PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE TERM – FRIDAY THE 11TH DECEMBER!***

**Parent Group Special Lunch**

The Term 4 RPS Parent Group lunch order will be on Thursday 5th November. Sausage in a bread roll and a strawberry or chocolate milk drink for $5.

Order forms went out yesterday to every child. Orders must be in no later than Friday the 30th of October.

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**Preschool Drowning Awareness Forum**

*When:* Wednesday 28th October 2015, 7pm – 8.30pm

*Where:* Berri Town Hall, Wilson Street in Berri

*Who:* Rae Szulawa, Robin Stansfield and Julie Wilson

*Target:* A forum to raise awareness about drowning in children under 5, and JP students

*Who:* This forum is aimed at potentially saving the lives of children under, primary school students and others in the community.

*What:* Rae will give the statistics about drowning across the world, in Australia and in particular our Riverland Region. Robin will talk about the risks of drowning in under 5’s then a panel of experts can answer your questions.

*What:* There will be information packs for the Kindergartens and Child Care centres that attend and an opportunity to ask a panel of experts about ways to save our kids from drowning.

*Cost:* Gold coin donation - Light supper provided afterwards.

Rae Szulawa has coached at the highest level with international experience and has a passion for water safety and awareness across many levels.

Robin Stansfield has been an educator for swimming and water safety courses for many years presenting many seminars about Preschool water safety.

Julie Wilson is from AustSwim SA.

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**High School Dresses**

Renmark High School dresses will be here in week 3. They will be available for families to try on for sizing. Orders will need to be placed at the High School

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**Adelaide Credit Union Christmas Pageant**

Once again we have had the opportunity to order tickets for the Credit Union Christmas Pageant community site on Saturday 14th November 2015.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for when the tickets have arrived. **Only a limited number of tickets are available.** *Please note every family member attending requires a pass.*
RPS Choir at McHappy Day!!

Last Saturday our choir students were invited to perform at Renmark McDonalds to celebrate “McHappy Day”.

They sang a number of songs, the speaker was hooked up to the SES 4WD which made it nice and loud.

Well done to our students who took part, you all sang beautifully!
WHAT’S ON ???

Community Notices

Renmark Out of School Hours Care
Open out of school hours 6:30am-8:30am & 3:15pm-6:30pm, Pupil free days and School Holidays 6:30am-6:30pm. Please Call: 85 864 481 for bookings.

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 – Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and alternate Thursdays. 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.

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. No bookings needed - 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.

Riverland Softball Association 2015/16 season starts on 24th of October. Still time for interested players to join your club. Clubs in most riverland towns. Please phone Heidi on: 0417842190

Term Dates 2015

Term 4 October 12th – December 11th
Term 1 2016 starts on 1st February 2016

Dates to Remember

Term 4

Week 2
October 21 Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) 8pm
October 23 Yr 7 Leadership Day – RHS & Monash

Week 3
October 26 Governing Council meeting 6pm
October 28 ASSEMBLY AT 12:25PM
October 29 Music Count us in

Week 4 & 5
November 3 Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) 8pm
November 5 PARENT GROUP LUNCH
November 10/11 Pre-School Transition Visits 9-10:50am
November 13 PUPIL FREE DAY

Week 6
November 17/18 Pre-School Transition Visits 9-10:50am
November 17 ASSEMBLY AT 2:40PM
November 18 Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) 8pm
November 19 Just 2 Deadly Awards –Barmera PS

Week 7
November 24/25 Pre-School Transition Visits 9-10:50am
November 27 SAPSASA Softball

Week 8
November 30 YR 7 GRADUATION
November 30 Governing Council meeting 6pm
December 2 Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) 8pm
December 3 LET’S CELEBRATE

Week 9
December 9 RAP Red Capet Event – C/Theatre
December 10 End of Year Class Parties
December 9 End of Year Assembly at 2:00pm

Please Note: Dates are subject to change