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News from the Principal

YEAR 7-8 TRANSITION LETTERS
Parents/caregivers of year 7 students are reminded that the letter and form indicating your child’s enrolment in year 8 must be returned to school by Friday August 14th.

SCHOOL SURVEYS
Schools are required to collect client opinion data every year. It’s very important that we consider the opinions and ideas of staff, students and parents in our planning.

This year’s survey is accessible online from 3rd – 21st August; go to [https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/ftahZmpQ](https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/ftahZmpQ)

You can choose to do a hard copy version and return it to the front office. All surveys are anonymous.

This feedback is invaluable and we’d like as many surveys completed as possible. Staff and students will also be completing similar surveys. Thank you for your time.

PASTORAL CARE SURVEY
Parents are asked to complete a very simple survey about the work of our PCW, Maria Dowzard. The survey is with this newsletter.

We are required to present school and parent feedback to the Schools Ministry Group that employs PCWs and our Governing Council.

We really appreciate your time in completing this survey. Please return it to the front office by Thurs. 6th August.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC
Mrs Talbot has been working very hard this year with the senior choir students who will perform in the Festival of Music at the Chaffey Theatre on Wed. 5th August.

They will join choir students from other local schools on stage to present what is always a wonderful night of entertainment. Tickets available from the Chaffey Theatre so please come along and support this fabulous event.

Maria is our wonderful Pastoral Care Worker. We nominated Maria for the 2015 SA Schools Ministry Group award because of her outstanding work with our students and families.

Maria has brought many community people into our school to work with students including; mentoring & woodwork.

Maria was the runner up for this award; I was told that it was very hard to decide between Maria and the winner.

We are very proud of Maria and congratulate her on being recognised for her excellence as our Pastoral Care Worker. Maria was presented with a card of congratulations and bouquet of flowers at yesterday’s assembly.
Wear Red Day 3/7/15

On the last day of Term 2, we held a $1.00 disco and students were asked to wear red so we could raise money for the Salvation Army. We raised $270, which is outstanding. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your contribution.

The Student Representative Council also ran a food drive. We collected 87 non-perishable items. We presented these to Catherine from the Salvation Army at our first assembly.

SRC/ Little Leaders

Congratulations to all our SRC/ Little Leaders! We presented our Semester 2 SRC/ Little Leaders with their certificates and wrist bands at our assembly yesterday.

Cyber Smart  www.esafety.gov.au

www.cybersmart.gov.au has moved!

Did you know that the Cybersmart programs have moved to the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner? From 1 July 2015 you’ll find Cybersmart’s excellent online safety resources on the new website, as well as a range of up-to-date information, tips and links.

At www.esafety.gov.au, you will find information for parents, children and educators of esafety, games, apps and social networking, and also a place where children who are experiencing serious cyberbullying online can make a complaint to the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner.

Who can make a complaint?

You can make a complaint if you are an Australian child—that is, you are under 18 and live in Australia.

We can accept your complaint if you are 18 years old and were cyberbullied as a child, provided you make the complaint:

- within a reasonable time of becoming aware of the matter; and within six (6) months of your eighteenth (18th) birthday.
- We also accept complaints from adults who are:
  - a parent or guardian of an Australian child; or authorised by the child to make a complaint on behalf of that child.

What can you complain about?

You can complain about cyberbullying material targeted at an Australian child, where the effect is likely to be: seriously threatening, seriously intimidating, seriously harassing or seriously humiliating.

What material is included?

You can complain about material:

- posted on social networking sites (including photo and video sharing sites), posted on apps with messaging or comment function, posted on chat services (phone and online based), posted on blogging sites and apps with messaging or comment functions sent via phone-based text messages and MMS pictures, sent via email, video sharing and instant messaging in the form of data, speech, music, photographs and visual images in an online game where users can play with others online.


Practising for sports day!

I’m looking forward to the sack race - Jackson W.

Go Murtho!
I like the running race - Matthew H.

I like that you go around with the teacher - Tahlia P.

Go Bookmark!

Renmark Primary School
Sports Day
Next Thursday 6th of August

Opening our sports day for 2015 will be our Official Guest, Elif Sen.

Elif has represented Australia in Fiji for soccer, was a Calperum house captain and STILL holds 2 records for the 200m at RPS.

Event Dates and Times

Friday 31st July
400m and 800m races will be held at 2pm on the oval.

Thursday 6th August
Sports Day

Friday 7th August
Team Games: 2:20pm – 3:30pm on the oval.

Please ensure you child is wearing appropriate footwear and has plenty of fresh water and snacks for the day.

Come and join the fun!!!
SAPSASA Basketball
RPS Girls team
2nd July – The girls finished 2nd place in their division. Well Done!

Kiran, Grace, Kasey, Yasemin, Te’Ra, Chelsey, Hazal, Taneisha, Shaelea and Anna.

FAMILIES SA
are looking for responsible friendly people who enjoy working with children young people and their families.

All volunteers must undergo a criminal history check, and orientation training.
To take part in this rewarding work, phone 8595 2400, or email lauren.grieger@sa.gov.au

SAPSASA Basketball
RPS Boys team
2nd July – The boys finished 6th place in their division. Well Done!

Haider, Seth, Sohan, Lochlan, Jacob, Aiden, Brayden & Austinn

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.

RENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL – OFFICIAL
Don’t forget to check out our School website @


Renmark Primary School
Photos
Tuesday, 25th August, 2015

Please note: Photos will be taken of all classes, siblings & groups on the same day this year.

Please send back the photo envelope on or before photo day even if you don’t wish to purchase any photos. It has a special barcode that the photographer needs to match your child’s photo to our school system.

Groups will include: SRC/Little Leaders, Graduation, Student Leaders, House Captains, Peer Mediators, PAL’s (Play at Lunchtime) and Instrumental Music. (Group Photos will be available for purchase at a later date)

Sibling photos of children attending Renmark Primary School will be taken after the classes are finished. Sibling Photo envelopes are available for collection from the front office.

Material and Services Charges
Thank you to the parents who have finalised their M & S charges.
Final notices have been distributed. Please finalise your account as soon as possible. If there are any difficulties, please come to the school and arrange a payment schedule.

Kids Club
Unfortunately; due to unforeseen circumstances, Kids Club will not be running for the rest of the year. Hopefully it will up and running for 2016. Thank you for your understanding.

Maria Dowzard

2015 Woolworths
Earn & Learn
Promotion.

Renmark Primary School is participating in the Sticker sheets can be collected from the front office or Woolworths.

All stickers must be attached to a sticker sheet and only completed sheets count! When your sheet is complete; it can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

Stickers are available from Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th. Thanks for your support!!

Health Notification
Dear Parents/Caregivers,
We wish to advise that there has been a suspected case of Hand, Foot and Mouth reported amongst Renmark Primary School students.

Symptoms to look out for:

- Slight fever, tiredness, loss of appetite.
- Blisters in the mouth and on hands and feet and a sore mouth for a few days before the ulcers or blisters appear.

If you have any concerns feel free to come in and chat to us at the front office.
Should your child show any symptoms, please seek medical advice.
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 – 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 Strat 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.


Dates to Remember

Term 3

Week 2
July/Aug 27- 5 Book Fair
July 29 Assembly at 12:25pm
July 29 Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
July 28 - 29 ATSI Hearing tests

Week 3
July/Aug 27 - 5 Book Fair
August 3 Governing Council meeting 6pm
August 3 - 28 School Survey available online
August 3 - 28 National Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day
August 5 Festival of Music rehearsal 10am-1pm
August 6 Festival of Music 7:30pm

Week 4 & 5
August 10 PSW Surveys sent out
August 12 Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
August 17 Pupil Free day
August 17- 21 Science Week
August 18 Riverland Athletics Day

Week 6
August 24 - 28 Book Week
August 25 School Photos
August 26 Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
August 28 Book Week Breaky & Assembly at 9:15am

Week 7
Aug/Sep 31-11 Parent-Teacher discussions
September 4 Yr. 2/3 AFL Footy 2pm

Week 8
September 7 Governing Council meeting 6pm
September 9 Parent Group Special Lunch
September 9 Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
September 11 SAPSASA tag rugby Berri

Week 9 and 10
September 16 Assembly at 2:40pm
September 21 SAPSASA State Athletics - Adelaide
September 23 Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Please Note: Dates are subject to change
CIRCULAR TO PARENTS – SPORTS DAY

22nd July, 2015

Dear Parents,

The annual Renmark Primary School Sports Day will be held on Thursday 6th August on the school oval.

The program for the day consists of an official opening at 9:30am followed by athletic events for the older students and the younger students doing the tabloid events.

The aim of the day is enjoyment and participation in physical activity with different sections of the day catering for the whole range of student’s abilities and skills. We invite you to join in the day and share the fun and efforts of the children.

To organise the success and smooth running of the day, parental assistance as judges and officials is important. I am particularly interested in parents being able to help teachers on the athletic events. Parents can assist younger children at tabloids by being with their child’s class.

If you are able to help please fill in the form below and return it to the front office as soon as possible. Further contact will then be made with you regarding your involvement.

Yours faithfully,

Beth Hueppauff - Sports Day Co-ordinator
Lyn Bretag - Principal

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE FRONT OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Child’s name:_________________________ Teacher: __________________ Class:_____
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TIME | EVENT | TIMES I CAN HELP (Please write name of adult helping)
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9:45 | Athletics 1 | XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
10:15 | Athletics 2 | 
10:45 | Recess | XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
11:00 | Athletics 3 | 
11:30 | Athletics 4 | 
12:00 | Athletics 5 | 
12:30 | Lunch | XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

PLEASE NOTE:
If you have a preference for a particular athletic event please indicate next to your name.