News from the Principal

SSO NATIONAL WEEK

This Week we have taken time to acknowledge the wonderful contribution our SSOs and support staff make to our school. They not only support staff and students to achieve learning outcomes but they also support in many other ways. Many students talk to our SSOs and support staff about a range of things outside of their learning so their listening ears and kind words are always welcome.

On behalf of the Renmark Primary School community, I wish our SSOs a great week and thank them all for the work they do each day, often over and above their role.

Thank you to Mrs Smith, Maria Dowzard and student leaders for providing a special gift and morning tea on Tuesday for our SSOs.

Pupil Free Day

Just a reminder it’s Renmark Primary School’s Pupil Free Day on: **This Monday 17/8/2015.**

Staff will be engaged in further learning about Maths teaching and learning and also developing their knowledge and understanding of working with students with special needs.

If child care is required, please call Renmark OSHC on 85864481.

Thank you to the Governing Council for supporting staff learning.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS TERM

This term our students have been involved in the Festival of Music, Sports Day, National Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day celebration and the Book Fair.

I’d like to say a huge thank you to the staff involved in the organisation and running of these events.

Everyone involved has really enjoyed these opportunities and I have received many positive comments from staff, students and parents about each one.

Thank you also to the community for supporting them.

SURVEY REMINDER

We’d like parents to respond to our survey. We are required to seek information about our school from staff, parents and students each year.

The survey is available online [https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/ftahZmpQ](https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/ftahZmpQ) or you can complete a paper copy.

The information helps us with future planning and is very important.

The online survey is open from 3rd - 21st August.

BOOKTOPIA

Every Friday at recess time, students are invited to join Ms Bretag in the Resource Centre for Booktopia, a Book Club where students can share their favourite books with each other. Students from all year levels have come along and really enjoyed their book sharing time. Our guest presenter last Friday was Vickie Menz who shared one of her favourite books, “Hairy McClairy at the Vet” which the children loved!

Perhaps you could ask your child about Booktopia and encourage them to join us tomorrow at 1.15. Mrs Pfitzner is our guest presenter tomorrow.
DEMAC Open

On Monday and Thursday lunch times, the DEMAC is now opening. Students are welcome to come and play board games and use construction materials, such as blocks and lego.

Thank you

Last week, we received a phone call from Tony, Steve and Mark from the Variety Car Bash, 1966 team. Their car had broken down, and they couldn’t make it to our school, however, they donated lots of gifts to our students, from pens and paper, balloons, tennis balls and bags. We were very lucky to also receive a phone call from Renmark Woolworths also donating some special items to our students. Every child in our school received something special this week!
Sports Day 2015

Congratulations Calperum!!!
Team captains: Corey, Kasey, Haidar and Aiden
Results

Champion house – Calperum - 515
2nd – Chowilla – 304
3rd – Murtho – 268
4th – Bookmark – 235

Sports Day was a great day for students of Renmark PS. Upper Students competed in 9 different athletic disciplines while the Lower Primary students held their own activities, very similar to the Upper primary, in and around the gym.

In the afternoon we conducted the relays and had some very slick changes with the baton. Before the presentation of the trophy, Mrs Martine Turnbull and our indigenous students demonstrated throwing boomerangs they had decorated. They were very spectacular and sailed across the oval at various heights.

Thank You!!!!

Thank you to Renmark High School for their students who worked as assistants on events. Also the parents who offered their assistance on the day.

Thank you to the Parents group who sold delicious cakes and make the day that bit more special.

Records were broken for this day.
Friday we had fun playing team games with our Buddy classes.

Sports Day Feedback...

It would be great to hear some feedback about our sports day from our families.
What works well??? What can we improve on?????
Any suggestions for future sports days?????
Your feedback will be much appreciated. Thank You.

Please Email us at:
dl.0376_info@schools.sa.edu.au

Athletics Records 2015

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Last Wednesday, August 5th, our year 5-7 choir participated in the Riverland Primary Schools’ Music Festival.

The performance was held at the Chaffey Theatre, and involved a combined choir comprising of students from Renmark Primary School, Renmark North Primary School, Renmark West Primary School, St. Joseph’s School Renmark, Our Lady of the River Catholic School, Glossop Primary School and Berri Primary School.

Our students did a fantastic job, including Sarah, who performed as one of the student comperes, and Olivia, who performed both as a soloist and part of a quintet. Well done to our choir for their wonderful performance! This has been the culmination of all their hard work over the past two terms of choir rehearsals.

BOOK WEEK 2015

BOOK WEEK is:
Week 6 - Monday the 24th – Friday the 28th

The theme for Book Week is “Books light up our world”

The Lower Primary classes and Rooms 1, 2 + 3 will be visiting the Public library to participate in Book week activities.

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.

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.

HAPPY READERS
READING SUPPORT GROUP

Do you want your reading to improve? Do you want some extra reading practice, or to read with someone different?

Come to the Library before school, 8.30 Tuesday mornings and read with Mrs Talbot, Mrs Turnbull and each other.

SEE YOU TUESDAY!!!

Angels Softball/Baseball

AGM

Wednesday 19th of August at the Renmark Paringa Council Chambers.

Enquiries and Apologies to: Denise Moldavan
All new and existing players and officials welcome.
Parent Reminders...

Pupil Free Day
Week 5 – Monday 17th of August
OSHC is available Please phone 85864481 for bookings.

Term 3 Assemblies
Week 6 – Friday 26th August 9:15 am
Week 9 – Wednesday 16th September 2:40pm

School Photos
Will be held on Tuesday, 25th August.

Parent Survey
To be returned by the 21st of August.

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club will be held every Thursday from 8.15-8.45 am in the kitchen. Any coin donation helps!

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

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!!

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

Keep your kids smiling
Dental care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.
All children aged 0-17 are welcome. To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 8222 8222.

OUR SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC NUMBER IS: 85 866 403
**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 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 0417 899 373 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.

Little Miss Riverland 2015  
Aged between 18 mths – 17 yrs. Held on 21st Nov at 3pm at the Renmark Club Ph Meaghan on: 0409995941 for details.

**Dates to Remember**

**Term 3**

**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  Assembly at 9:15am

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

**Week 8**  
September 7  Governing Council meeting 6pm  
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

**Term Dates 2015**

Term 3  July 20th - September 25th  
Term 4  October 12th – December 11th

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Don’t forget to check out our School website @ http://www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au/
ADOLESCENT SCOLIOSIS
SPINAL CURVATURE
The National Self-Detection Program
Information for schoolgirls in years 7 and 9 and their parents

WHAT IS SCOLIOSIS?
Scoliosis is a lateral or sideways curve of the spine. The spine also rotates on its long axis as it curves. It usually develops during early adolescence (age 10-13 years) when growth is most rapid.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF SCOLIOSIS?
The cause is unknown, but 80-90% of cases occur in otherwise healthy adolescents. This is called idiopathic (cause unknown) scoliosis. We know that scoliosis is NOT contagious and NOT caused by bad posture, a soft mattress, carrying a heavy school bag or junk food.

WHY IS EARLY DETECTION IMPORTANT?
While very small curves are common and of no significance, about 2% of girls have a curve which warrants medical observation during the growth period. Three girls per 1,000 will require treatment during the growth phase. If treatment is required, the earlier it is undertaken, the better the long-term result. This is the basis for screening since in the early stages scoliosis produces no symptoms. The way to detect scoliosis is to look for it!

WHY THIS BROCHURE HAS BEEN PRODUCED
This brochure is designed to make parents of schoolgirls aware of the outward signs of scoliosis. From time to time all government and nongovernment schools in Australia will be asked to download this brochure from www.scoliosisaustralia.org and to distribute it to girls in Years 7 and 9 (11 and 13 years of age in most states and territories).

HOW SCOLIOSIS IS DETECTED
Apart from the outward signs with a teenager standing as illustrated, the reliable Forward Bend Test is used in the diagnosis of scoliosis. This simple visual examination requires the teenager to stand with the feet together and parallel and bending forward as far as she can go with the hands, palms facing each other, pointed between the two big toes. In scoliosis, one side of the upper chest (thoracic) region or the lower back (lumbar) region will be more than 1cm higher than the other. The prominence is most often on the right side in the thoracic region. If the difference between the two sides is less than 1cm, it is highly unlikely that a significant curvature is present and the difference is simply due to asymmetrical growth of the two sides of the body. This is called torso asymmetry and is of no significance.

For further information and to download the Scoliosis Spinal Curvature in Adolescents Brochure please visit:

www.scoliosis-australia.org

A health promotion program recommended by the Spine Society of Australia.

The program is endorsed by the Paediatrics and Child Health Division of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.