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News from the Principal

2015 EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

DECD has recently announced the finalists for the 2015 Excellence in Public Education awards. Out of 1400 nominees across the state, three RPS staff members have made it to the finals.

Brenda Pfitzner, Martine Turnbull and Sarah Humble are all finalists, three of just over fifty altogether.

I am extremely proud of all staff at RPS; they work very hard to improve learning outcomes for students and make our school and safe and challenging learning environment. Such recognition of our school's focus on the provision of high quality education and service to our community is a real credit to our school. I am very proud of our finalists!

They have been invited to attend an awards dinner in Adelaide on Monday 28th September where the final winners of each category will be announced.

We all wish them every success!

NAPLAN RESULTS

The year 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN results have arrived. Parents/caregivers have been invited to collect their child’s report from the office. Those that haven’t been collected will be posted.

We have chosen to post them to ensure their security and confidentiality.

Teachers also have a copy of your child’s results and will be discussing them, along with school data, at the upcoming Parent-Teacher-Student discussions.

Parents can download a brochure explaining the report from:

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT DISCUSSIONS

Parents/caregivers would have received information from their child’s class teacher about Parent-Teacher-Student discussions which start next week.

These discussions are very important because it gives all parties an opportunity to focus on learning, progress, successes and goal setting.

The students are a vital part of these discussions so please ensure you have returned the slip, securing your discussion time.

The discussions focus on learning and outcomes for every child.

ANDREW FULLER: FREE RENMARK COMMUNITY FORUM

Thursday. Sept. 24th, 7.00 – 8.30p.m. at the Renmark Hotel

Andrew Fuller is an internationally and nationally renowned psychologist based in Melbourne, specialising in child and adolescent wellbeing.

He has worked with many schools and organisations around bullying, mental health and wellbeing.

The Renmark Education Community partnership of schools will work with Andrew Fuller helping us to better understand the resilience of our community’s young people, based on data we have collected over the past two years.

Andrew will work with staff and students and speak at a free Community Forum on Thurs. 24th Sept. 7.00 – 8.30 at the Renmark Hotel. Please come along and support this event.

The Renmark Paringa Council is a major partner in this event which is fantastic.

To register for this free event please go to www.eventbrite.com.au/e/building-resilience-tickets-18128603140
As part of our last SRC/ Little Leaders meeting, student representative were asked to talk at their classroom meetings about how they have been learning about “Growth Mindset.” In Rooms 1 and 2, students have been learning about getting stuck during learning tasks, and seeing this as part of learning. They have used the analogy of “A Learning Pit.” When you are at the bottom, it is hard, students say, “I can’t do this!” However, as you leave the bottom of the pit and start to head up the sides, students say “I can do this!” Students are realising that unless you are in the bottom of the pit, you are not feeling challenged or stretched.

Room 11 have been watching videos and reading some of our new pictures books that explain all about having a “growth mindset”.

In Room 3, students have made posters all about Growth Mindset and thinking of ways they can change their thinking.

Resilience

Resilience is not about being the ‘strong silent type’, but rather it is about developing the following:

- willingness to overcome difficulties rather than avoid problems
- problem solving skills
- goal setting with realistic expectations
- social skills and ability to seek assistance from others
- understanding & acceptance of their own strengths & weaknesses
- learning from their mistakes
- self esteem
- self-control
- optimistic thinking patterns
- Ability to recognise their own emotions and those of others.

The role of the family

Family members can play a role in helping to build a young person’s resilience by providing guidance, encouragement and a safe, supportive and nurturing environment.

Some ways to do this are to consider the following when communicating with the young person:

- Listen to them, let them know that you care and are there for them if they need someone to talk to.
- Encourage a young person who is stressed to take a break and try and relax: write in a journal, take a walk or go for a run, or kick a ball.
- Focus on strengths and skills & persuade them to engage in activities they enjoy.
- Encourage the young person to get connected with peers at school or in the community.
- Motivate them to set goals and follow their passions.
- Promote healthy behaviours such as eating nutritional meals and exercising.
- Assist the young person in challenging themselves and developing age appropriate autonomy by allowing them to practice making decisions for themselves.

Resilience is not a fixed characteristic in a person. Building resilience is an ongoing process and is crucial to helping a young people cope with negative events and to maintain mental and emotional wellbeing.

For further information on how to develop resilience, or to read this full article, please see: https://www.beyondblue.org.au
National Science Week
Theme: ‘Making waves – the science of light’

Activities have been held in the Demac this week with Mrs Zimmermann and Mrs Blanden exploring the properties of ‘Light’.

The Demac has been a wonderland of light and shadows. Students have been able to go into a magical place at lunchtimes where there have been lots of activities about the science of light. Science is so exciting!!

Living Safely with Pets programme with Kerri and Shiloh

Last Wednesday we welcomed Kerri and her Australian Shepherd, the gorgeous Shiloh. Kerri and Shiloh were here to present to the junior primary children the ‘Living safely with pets programme’. The programme is a resource for educating primary school children about the responsibilities of pet ownership, how to approach and interact with animals, your pets body language and more.

All the children enjoyed the presentation and I’m sure they’ve learnt some important tips. For more information on this programme you can visit: www.livingsafelywithpets.com.au

Book week Activities

The 2015 Book Week theme is ‘Books Light Up our World’.....

Our school has been celebrating with a range of different activities. Rooms 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 have been to the Public Library where they made fireworks hats. All students have made tea light night lights and the library has been full to overflowing at lunchtimes with students making joke books and paper animals. There have been colouring and ‘Guess the Book’ competitions and raffles which will be drawn at Friday’s assembly. Some classrooms will be taking part in a dress up Book Week parade on Friday morning. Teachers may have sent home notes if your child is involved.

WOW!!!! WOW!!!! WOW!!!!!

We sold a massive... $4,491 of books at our book fair!

Which means we received...$1,600 of free books for our school library (30% of total sales of books)
They will be available to borrow on Friday 😊

That’s fantastic!
Thank You to our RPS families!
Regional SAPSASA Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 18th August 45 students from RPS competed in the Riverland Regional Athletics Carnival at Glossop High School. It was a fantastic day, and RPS finished 3rd overall. Mrs Williamson and Mrs D are super proud of all our students as their team spirit, behaviour and positive attitude was faultless!

A special congratulations to......
Aiden Courtney, Miri Gray, Anna Son, Haidar Qambari, Luke Koina and Aalyah Brady who all won their events on the day and have been selected to represent the Riverland in the SA Athletics Carnival in Adelaide later this term.

Mrs Blanden and Mrs Hueppauff on “official business.”

Max Fatchen Literary Awards Poetry Writing Competition

This year all Room 3 students entered the Max Fatchen Literary Awards Poetry Writing Competition. There were a huge number of entries this year and we are very pleased to announce that from the 316 entries in the Year 3-5 category, Ayjay Moxham received 3rd place and Harlen Trimper received a Highly Commended award. Congratulations boys!

Parent Survey Reminder

As a school, we always strive to provide the very best education and support for your child/ren as possible. To do this, we need feedback from parents, students and staff. Parent surveys were due in last Friday 21st of August. We have extended this due date and would like to ask families to assist us with future planning, by completing a parent survey.

The survey is only very short and is available online at: https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/ftahZmpQ or you can complete a paper copy, available at the front office.

All responses are anonymous; your feedback is much appreciated and very important to us. Thank You.

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2015

Sticker sheets can be collected from the front office or Woolworths. When your sheet is complete; it can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths. Promotion will end on Tues 8th of September

Thank You for your support!! Happy collecting!!!

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

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.
Term 3 Assemblies
Week 6 – Friday 28th August 9:15 am
Week 9 – Wednesday 16th September 2:40 pm

Parent Group Lunch
Fried Rice - Sep 9th Notes have been sent home this week and are due back by Thurs 3rd Sep.

Book Club
If you’d like to order from the book club brochures, please have your orders in by Friday 4th September.

Parent/teacher discussions
Aug/Sep 31-11 Parent-Teacher discussions will be held, please make a time with your child’s teacher, if you haven’t already. If you cannot make your discussion time please ring the front office and we will find another suitable time.

Yr 2/3 ALF Footy
It’s on again!!! Friday Sep 4th from 2pm. Notes will go home asap.

Parent Survey
The survey is only very short and is available online at: https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/ftahZmpQ or you can complete a paper copy, available at the front office.

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 has menus and order bags.

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

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!!
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 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.

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 4 Yr. 2/3 AFL Footy 2pm

Week 8
September 7 Governing Council meeting 6pm
September 8 R-yr2’s Patch Theatre @ 10am
September 9 Parent Group Special Lunch
September 11 SAPSASA tag rugby Berri

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

Please Note: Dates are subject to change

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