Welcome to term 4 everyone. We have had a wonderful start to the last term of the year. Throughout this term students will consolidate their previous learning, while still highly engaging in new learning.

I have spent time in several classes this week and am very impressed by teaching and learning. Students have been fully engaged in highly challenging and well supported learning tasks.

2016 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards

I am very proud of the many achievements of RPS staff and students.

Mrs Andrea Lindner was 2016 SA Excellence in Public Education awards finalist, with the presentation dinner being held in Adelaide on the last Friday of the holidays.

While Andrea was not the actual winner of her category, I am very proud of her achievement and of our school for nurturing such high quality educators.

It was a pleasure to attend the dinner and share her success.

2016 Australian STEM Video Game Challenge Winner

yr.5-8  Game maker/Gamestar Mechanic category

CONGRATULATIONS, Aizaz Irfan (room 12)

Aizaz Irfan recently participated in and won his category in the Australian STEM Video Games Challenge – a nationwide competition that encourages the development of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills through designing and developing an original video game. This is a huge achievement for Aizaz; he is one of only seven winners out of more than 2,000 entries.

Aizaz, his father, and teacher Mrs Kym Diepgrond will attend the awards ceremony in Melbourne on Saturday November 5th, as part of PAX Australia, one of the largest games and interactive entertainment exhibitions in the Southern Hemisphere.

Attendees will see Aizaz’s game and he will receive feedback from experts in this field.

We are so proud of Aizaz, his peers and teachers for their encouragement and support and of our school for providing this opportunity. Seven students from our school entered the competition, so a big congratulations to each of them.

2017 Staffing and classes

2017 school planning is well under way. If you have particular requests for your child’s 2017 class placement based on their educational needs, please let me know in writing by the end of next week. We don’t consider requests concerning teachers.

Several staff will definitely be leaving us at the end of this year. Mrs Kym Diepgrond and her family are moving to Adelaide to be closer to their family. They will be greatly missed. I’m sure they will return regularly to visit their many Riverland friends.

Mrs Kristy Williamson will be on maternity leave in 2017; she and her husband are very excitedly awaiting the birth of their first child in February. Kristy will also be greatly missed; we look forward to meeting baby Williamson in term 1.

Several new teachers will be welcomed to RPS; staff and students will meet them before the end of this year.

I will inform everyone of staff changes as they arise.
ICAS Mathematic Results 2016

Big congratulations to all students who participated! Keep up the excellent work.

Participation
Yr 3 - Fred Bahrami, Gemma Francis, Jayden Ratcliffe
Yr 4 - Martika Hurrell
Yr 5 - Tyrone Adams, Lachlan Goody, Jesse Robins, Reegan Schultz
Yr 6 - Tarja Cesaro, Ben Heywood, MacGregor Lane, Brooke Perrin, Stephanie Schier
Yr 7
Maddison Holmes, Nick Tzanos

Merit
Alleena Antony – Top 40% of Year 3 in Australia
Sakina Qambari – Top 43% of Year 5 in Australia
Alex Teakle – Top 37% of Year 5 in Australia
Lochlan O’Brien – Top 37% of Year 7 in Australia

Credit
Kaitlynn Ward – Top 33% of Year 2 in Australia
Amber Teakle – top 27% of Year 2 in Australia

Nature Play

The consultation process to form our Nature Play space has started. Students have provided ideas about what they like to do outside and this information will be shared with a Nature Play consultant who will help us design this space.

I welcome parents/caregivers who would like to be on our Nature Play Committee, to share their ideas and help us with our planning. Please let me know if you are interested.

We will work with student reps and staff members.
Nature Play spaces are wonderful natural play and learning spaces, allowing children to create, imagine, construct and use natural materials in their play. We hope to create two such spaces. I will know more once I have met with the consultant on November 16th.

Fruit Donations

Thank You to parents/families who have donated fruit. The children love their Crunch and Sip.
If anyone has spare fruit or vegies, donations are always much appreciated.

Enrolments for 2017

Please collect your enrolment pack from our front office if your child/ren is starting school in 2017.
Parent Information meetings for 2017 Reception parents will be held on Tuesday 15th November and Wednesday 16th November, in the Resource Centre.
Pre-school students start their familiarisation visits on Tuesday 15th November or Wednesday 16th November.
Please call the school if you require further information.

PAL leaders

Our PALS have planned fun games to play with the Lower Primary at lunch times. This is a great way to support younger students with turn taking, following rules of games, playing safely and making friends.

PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2016

Digital Technology
Staff Professional Learning

OSHC available for families requiring child care.
Please call 85864481 to book.
Thank you to our school community for granting us this Pupil Free Day.
In Geography, the year 6’s have been studying ‘A Diverse & Connected World’, while the Year 7’s have been studying ‘Water in the World’. Also in History we’ve been focusing on a significant event in Australia’s history since Federation. Below are some finished work samples and feedback from the students in Room 11 & 12.

**In History**

- **Arryn**: In History we had to research a significant event since Federation. I chose to do the 1956 Flood because this interested me, mainly because it’s about Renmark’s history. This is my speech cards and picture.
- **Justin**: In History, I focussed on WWI and wondered how it started. It started by the assignation on Franz Ferdinand.
- **Maddison**: We had to choose a photo of a water source in the world that we knew nothing about and had to research where it was. We had to find the name, type of water, the absolute and relative location, and draw a picture of it.

**In Geography**

- **Shaelea**: In Geography, the year 7’s had to sort different types of water and we had to sort them into groups of potable, hard, green, spring, grey, distilled or blue water.

We also had to include a bibliography.
- **Matthew**: During Term 3, all the Year 6’s worked with Mrs. Wainwright and Mrs. Williamson to learn about countries around the world. I chose Belgium and I learnt that there were more famous sports than I thought. This was my research.
- **Janis**: In Geography, I learnt about France, finding out information about the country and displaying it in one of the following- PowerPoint, Book Creator, Poster, Verbally, or Word.
- **Aimee**: In Geography, I had to research a country and display information in one of the following- PowerPoint, Book Creator, Poster, Verbally, or Word.

**In our projects**

- **Matthew**: In our projects, we looked at statistics like populations, sports, tourist attractions, currency, capital city, animals and religions. We also had to include a bibliography.

**Every student was assigned a country around the world, and made a project about it. One of the things we had to do was make a pie graph, showing percentage of the topics in Excel.**
- **Mac**: This was my graph about Languages in Canada.

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Parent Reminders...

Assemblies
Week 3 – Thursday 3rd Nov Aug 2pm
Week 6 – Friday 25th Nov at 8:00am
Week 9 – Friday 16th Dec at 2:10pm

Book Club Orders
Due back no later than Wednesday 2nd November.

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

School Banking
RPS does school banking with Bank SA every Tuesday.
Applications to open an account can be found at the front office.

School lunch orders
Are on Fridays – orders MUST be in by 9am on Thursdays.
Front office have menus and order bags. Please ensure all lunch orders have the CLASS NUMBER on it, not just the class teacher’s name.
Please Note – There will be no lunch orders available on FRIDAY THE 11th NOVEMBER

For a copy of our fortnightly newsletters, current school policies and up to date information, please visit our school website @:
http://www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au

2017 Bus Letters
Thank You to those parents/families who have returned their ‘Application for school bus travel in 2017’

Forms need to be returned to the front office by:
Monday 31st October to assist with planning.

Please note – Forms submitted after this date cannot be guaranteed bus travel in 2017

Group Photos
Photos of the following groups are available for viewing in the front office:
PAL’s, Peer Mediators, House Captains and House Vice Captains, Didgeridoo & Dance Group, Student leaders, 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.
The closing date for orders has been extended until Monday 7th November; any orders after this time must be placed directly with Focus Photos.
### 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.

**Martial Arts Australia Freestyle Karate** - Renmark
Primary School Hall – Mondays, Renmark High School Gym on Wednesdays, Berri Town Hall – Tuesdays.
Juniors 6:00-7:00pm $6 and Seniors 7:00-8:30pm $7
Ph: Iris on 0404019977. First lesson free.

**Renmark School Dental Clinic** – Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and alternate Thursdays. Phone 8586 6403. If an emergency & clinic closed: Berri 8582 1969. Or for after hours advice call: 1800022222

**Renmark Junior Golf Coaching Clinics**-Starts again Fri 12th Feb (weeks 2-10) For children 5-17 years. Friday’s at the Renmark Golf Club, 4.30pm-5:30pm. All equipment supplied. Free cost. Ph Jamie for enquiries on: 0412185827

**Renmark Music & Movement Group** is for 0-5 yr olds and their carers! Held every Monday during school term (except the first week back) from 9:30 – 10:30 am at the Renmark Uniting Church hall. $2 a family per session. BYO water bottle and fruit snack. Come along when it suits your family. Contact Laura Strout: 0429953495 for more information.

**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.

**Girls Soccer** ‘come a try’ training sessions at Berri for any girl that is interested in playing soccer. Held each Thursday’s 6.00-7.30 on the no. 2 oval (opposite the football oval). Bring either soccer boots or running shoes, shin guards (if any) and water bottle. For further information please contact Stacey Geyer on: s.geyer93@hotmail.com

**Celtic and Irish Dance Association** – The C.I.D.A is looking for interested persons to commence classes in your area. Retired dancers welcome. Classes for ages 4 yrs through to adults. For further info please call 0405244181 or 82505333.

**Australian Air force Cadets** – Parents and children are welcome to come in and check it out Friday nights between 7-9pm. More info at: www.aafc.org.au
Your Local Unit is: BERRI, 603 Squadron. Entre from Foreman Rd, Berri Army Reserves Depot. PH: 85 822 874

### Dates to Remember

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**Please note:** Dates are subject to change

**Term Dates:**

Term 4 - October 17th - December 16th (9 wks)
Term 1 2017 starts on Monday 30th January