Welcome to the 2017 school year. Let’s make it the best one yet by working closely together for our students. We all want them to be wonderfully successful, to love learning, happy and proud of themselves and each other.

We have settled quickly into establishing new relationships and are working hard to build the classroom and school culture based on our school values.

It’s very important that students understand their role in supporting each other to be the best they can be. A Growth Mindset is essential in accepting and learning from all challenges and accepting responsibility for our own actions. We talk to students about their choices; “A” choices (positive) lead to positive outcomes and “B” choices (negative) lead to negative outcomes for themselves and often for others. We are embarking on a strategy where students learn to understand their emotions and triggers, and strategies to manage well when they feel anxious, angry or overwhelmed. More about this later.

I am very pleased to welcome our new teachers and wish them all a fantastic year at Renmark Primary School.

Miss Kerry Chambers            Mr David Stewart-Peters
Yr 5/6                               Science and yr 5/6

Miss Chantel Nunn                            Mrs Erin Stoeckel
yr 6/7                                                 School Counsellor

I have seen great learning in many classrooms and hope to highlight this regularly in our newsletters.

Today I was in a year 6/7 Greek lesson where students were revisiting and learning the sounds of the Greek alphabet. They were using **Jenga** and task cards to practise letter sounds and were thoroughly engaged; learning from and with each other.

It’s wonderful to see the students having a lot of fun in their learning. Well done Mrs Pipinis and room 11 year 6/7 students. It was great to be part of your lesson!

**“MEET & GREET”**

**WELCOME Night Information**

Tuesday 14th February 2017

5.00 – 6.15pm

Please come along to our “Meet and Greet” next Tuesday, 5.00 – 6.15pm.

Your child will be really proud to show you around our school, meet their teachers and show you their classroom. Notes have gone home. 

Please return the reply slip by this Friday.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Erin Stoeckel and I have taken up the position of Student Counsellor for terms 1 and 2 at Renmark Primary School this year. After spending 10 years living and working in Adelaide as a class teacher and Student Counsellor, I am thrilled to be back in my home town of Renmark.

As a passionate teacher my main focus when working with children and families is wellbeing and developing strong relationships. Part of my role at RPS is to ensure student wellbeing is the best it can be. I can help support students’ mental health and assist in the development of strong positive relationships.

I have a background in psychology and work regularly with a mix of students on a number of different issues including, friendships, attendance, and behaviour.

In particular, this term I will be working with class teachers to develop a 5-Point Scale plan for each child to assist them in learning to regulate their emotions; more information to come on this at a later date.

Should you have anything you would like to discuss with me regarding your child’s wellbeing please feel free to contact me at the school.

I look forward to working with the students and families of RPS during semester 1.

Erin Stoeckel
Student Counsellor

BEHAVIOUR LEARNING

Our Behaviour Learning processes are based on our school values of being kind and respectful to everyone, and understanding that everyone has the right to teach and learn in a happy, safe environment.

We also help students to understand that every behaviour has a consequence, positive or negative.

If a student/s causes another student/s to feel unsafe or impacts their ability to learn, we work with the student/s to understand that this is not acceptable and then to restore the relationship with the person/s they have wronged.

We want all students to have a Growth Mindset and “Live Above the Line” – accept that they may have made negative choices and the consequences.

We have changed some aspects of our Behaviour Learning Process to reflect our support for students; we do not take a punitive approach.

Staff will use the language of “take a break”, “take time to calm”, “take some thinking time” when students need to reflect on their behaviour. If the behaviour is ongoing and a range of strategies have been implemented in class, senior staff will become involved and further actions, including a Take Home will be taken. The revised Behaviour Learning Process is on our Face Book page and school website www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au

Play For Learning in Room 17 & 18

W.A.L.T – Develop competent oral language skills within a social, creative and engaging environment.

W.I.L.L – Students will be engaged in a range of play experiences.

T.I.B – These skills are basis for successful literacy learning.

Levi and Annika with box making.

Noah and Farhad playing with Lego.

Declan, Amalia and Darcy using Playdough.

Kweli and Mia doing painting.
**Parent Reminders...**

**Term 1 PUPIL FREE DAY**
Monday 27th March (week 9)

**Term 1 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**
Monday 13th March (wk 7) Adelaide Cup
Friday 14th April (wk 11) Good Friday (last day of term)

**Assemblies**

- **Week 3** – Friday 17th Feb 9:10am
- **Week 6** – Wednesday 8th March 2:50pm
- **Week 9** – Tuesday 28th March 2:50pm

**Meet and Greet Welcome Night**
Tuesday 14th February 5 – 6:15pm

**Governing Council AGM**
Monday 27th February at 6pm

**Parent Group AGM**
Tuesday 14th February at 9:15am (See Insert)

**Book Club due to the Front Office**
Thursday 16th February

**Swimming Lessons**
Weeks 3-5 (See Insert)

**Breakfast Club**
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.

**Don’t forget to check out our School website @ [http://www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au](http://www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au)**

**Riverland Domestic Violence Forum**

- Welcomes
- Speaker
- Q&A

**2017 Swimming Lessons**

**2017 Lunch Order menu**

**RENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIAL**

**RIVERLAND SAPSASA**
WHAT'S ON ???

Community Notices

Riverland Oral Health Centre (school aged dental) –
Address: 10 Maddern Street, Berri SA 5343. Open Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm Phone: 85802700. In an emergency or after hours advice call: 1800022222.
Renmark School Dental Closed as of December 2016.
Dental care is free for most children-SA Dental bulk bill Medicare.

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 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.

Dates to Remember

Term 1

Week 2
February 10  ‘Nature Play’ Visits RPS

Week 3
February 13-3  Swimming Lessons
February 13  Governing Council Meeting 6pm
February 14  Parent Group AGM (see flyer)
February 14  Meet and Greet Welcome Night
February 14  PAFC players visit 10:30am

Week 4
February 24  SAPSASA Swimming

Week 5 + Week 6
February 27  Governing Council AGM 6pm

Week 7
March 13  PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Adelaide Cup
March 13-24  Parent-Teacher-Student Discussions
March 17  SAPSASA Sate Swimming

Week 8
March 20  Governing Council 6pm
March 21  Harmony day

Week 9
March 27  PUPIL FREE DAY
March 30  SAPSASA District Cross Country

Week 10 +
April 3-7  SAPSASA State Softball

Week 11
April 10  SAPSASA District netball/football
April 12  Reports and Learning Journals home
April 13  Last Day Dismissal at 2:30pm
April 14  PUBLIC HOLIDAY –Good Friday

Please Note: Dates are subject to change

Parent Group 2017

• Want to be more involved with Renmark Primary School?
• Want to enjoy participating in some fun activities with your child’s school?
• Do you have creative ideas you would like to see in action?
• Would you like to be a part of:

SPECIAL LUNCHES, FUNDRAISING, MOTHER’S DAY, FATHER’S DAY, SAUSAGE SIZZLES, WALK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST, FRUIT DAYS...

JOIN PARENT GROUP TODAY

You are invited to:
What: Parent Group AGM
When: 14th February 2017
Time: 9:30am
Where: Renmark Primary School

Come along enjoy some light refreshments and meet other parents who love being apart of a fantastic team.
Community Events

**Community Events**

**Tacker Attack!**

-Kids obstacle course
-Saturday Feb 11th kids night run
-Sunday 12th February - 8am to 12pm
-At loveday 4x4 Adventure park at Barmera
-Unlimited fun for only $10 per child

www.dirtwaspupil.com

**Port Adelaide Football Club Auskick Super Clinic**

**Monday, 13th February 2017**

**4:30pm - 6:00pm**

**Berry Football Club - Fiedler Street, Berry**

The session will include a football clinic run by your favourite Port Adelaide Football Club players followed by an opportunity for autographs. Free sausage sizzle available for participants.

**We Are Port Adelaide**

**Renmark Triathlon**

-Friday 21st February

-Join the fun and finish your first triathlon
-Can't swim? Grab a friend and make a team

**Distances**

-**Sport Race** 200m swim / 5km run
-**Triathlon** 200m swim / 10km run

-Win $500 of sports equipment for your school or club

-Register the event to go into the draw