News from the Principal

We are nearly half way through term 4 already. There is a lot happening at school and for families as the end of the year fast approaches.

It is really important to keep routines so students don't slip into holiday mode too early! We tend to see this as excitement builds around year 7-8 transition, kindy-school transition, end of year concert and year 7 Graduation. We are very understanding however if it disrupts teaching and learning, we will address it. A reminder to your child about this would help if you feel they are letting a few things slip.

In class, students will be working right up until the last few days; unless they are engaged in challenging learning tasks, they become bored and easily off task.

ATTENDANCE and LATE ARRIVALS

Attending every day, arriving on time and staying until the end of the day are crucial for your child's learning progress.

Arriving late starts their day feeling rushed, disorganised, missing time with their class mates before school and missing important information.

School starts at 9.00 a.m. Students are expected at school well before then to ensure they are ready for a 9.00 a.m. start. Classrooms open at 8.40a.m.

DECD expects students to attend 96% of the school year, having no more than two absences per term. Of course students can be ill for longer than this but this is our goal.

We regularly meet with the DECD Attendance and Engagement Officer to monitor students whose attendance is concerning, and we follow up. Please ensure your child is at school every day unless they are ill or there are extenuating circumstances.

2017 CLASSES

If you have a particular request for your child's 2017 class placement based on their educational and social needs, please put it in writing to me as soon as possible. We are staring the student placement process very soon. We don't consider requests for particular teachers.

SUPER STAR COMPOSERS and SINGERS

Congratulations to Samara and Martika from room 6, for winning 2nd place in their category in the ASME Young Composers Awards.

The girls worked together to write their own song, and are invited to perform at the awards concert in Adelaide at the end of this month.

They competed against SA's primary school students and have done extremely well. Well done girls!

NEWSLETTERS in 2017

From the start of 2017, our newsletters will be emailed, on our website and posted on our Face Book page. Please provide Sarah or Rachel, our Administration Officers, with your current email address if you wish to have your newsletter emailed each fortnight from the start of 2017.

We will print 20 copies to collect if you'd like one.

A BIG THANK YOU TO SUNFRESH

Con from SunFresh regularly donates delicious fresh fruit to our school, and we'd like to say a very BIG THANK YOU! Such generosity and support is very much appreciated and our students do love the fruit.
People who have a growth mindset believe that they can learn, change and develop needed skills. They are better equipped to handle setbacks and know that hard work can help them accomplish their goals.

Parents the most important thing you can do to help your child develop a growth mindset is to praise them for effort rather than for talent.

You can help by saying messages like:

- “Good job to hang in there and I liked how you used different strategies to read that word,”
- “I like the way you tried to ……..,”
- “That seemed to be too easy for you; let’s do something more challenging.”
- “What mistakes did you make that helped you learn something?”
- “You haven’t got it YET, let’s try again another way”

Teach your child that effort is something that they can benefit from and will help them achieve their goals.

Rm 3 have been choosing and promoting daily growth mindset statements that others can say to themselves to remind them that they can do it, but it takes effort.

Regards Vanessa Wainwright

Renmark & Paringa

Carols in the Garden

Jarrett Memorial Gardens
4th December 2016
7.30pm
Please bring a chair or rug to sit on.
We learnt that with the stars you can see pictures in the sky. I saw a goat and scorpion.
Rashelle Yr 1 Room 15

I learnt that the one with rings around it had poison dust so we can’t go on it.
Some of the planets are Saturn, Venus, Mercury and Earth.
Emily Yr 4 Room 6

I learnt that Sky Dome makes you very sick because it feels like you are in a small space. I saw how the sun went down. The Earth is actually turning anticlockwise.
The stars make all different shapes and they were discovered ages ago.
Toni Yr 7 Room 11

I learnt about the stars making pictures in the sky. The sun goes to different spots in the morning and afternoon. This is because Earth rotates around the sun and Earth spins.
Shaylee Yr 7 Room 11

I learnt that when the meteor that killed the dinosaurs hit that it landed in the water and when it hit the bottom of the ocean it created a giant heat wave across Earth. After a while it killed off the dinosaurs but our smaller mammals survived.
Emily J Yr 5 Room 10

We got to feel a real asteroid on Tuesday. My favourite bit was the lava bit. The tent was like an igloo. It was in the gym and it was like we were floating. I knew Venus was the hottest planet before I went because of the solar system song. It tells you lots about space.
Abdullah Yr 1 Room 16

I remember there were lots of planets. It was scary when the lava part came up.
Charlie Yr 2 Room 1

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Our focus in Science this term is Earth and Space Sciences. In week 2 all classes went into the sky dome to learn more about our universe.

In the sky dome we saw pictures of our galaxy and a movie of the moon and Earth. The movie showed the Earth being eclipsed by the moon. It also showed the Earth being hit by a meteorite. It explained the Earth being created. Dean also showed us the constellations that are visible from our perspective of the sky. I really enjoyed the lesson.
Amber Yr 7 Room 9
I learnt about lots of the constellations and all of the zodiacs. It was interesting that a whole asteroid can wipe out an entire species of animals. I think it was smart but also a bad idea that people tried to get on the moon because they spent too much money.
Cody  Yr 5 Room 5

I thought the experience was rather awesome and I learnt, and found interesting, how the meteorite had so much impact on Earth and the creatures that live on it. I did not know that it affected the ocean and how dinosaurs were extinct and smaller mammals were saved. I would love to know more about the solar system, the stars, Earth and how it works and the interesting facts about it.
Rane  Yr 5 Room 10

It was fun because it was dark and I got to see the moon and stars.
Declan  Yr 1  Room 18

On Tuesday year 1s went to Sky Watch. We learnt that the sun is a star. It felt like a roller coaster. We got to hold an asteroid. We nearly got hit by an asteroid. I got dizzy. It was the best day ever.
Jemma Yr 1  Room 16

I learnt that a meteorite can be small but it is very heavy. Some planets you can’t see because they are really light coloured. There are lots of planets in the solar system. When it is an eclipse the moon shadow is on the Earth.
Tahlia  Yr 3 Room 2

What I found interesting was that the asteroid was the size of say Mexico, when I thought that it would have to be the size of China to wipe out the dinosaurs. What I learnt from the experience was that later on, in the future if you were born on the moon, where there was little gravity you would feel like you’re being crushed on Earth because of the sudden change of gravity and the same thing if you spend around three years on the moon.
Tyrone  Yr 5 Room 10
Parent Reminders...

**Assemblies**

Week 6 – Friday 25th Nov at 9:00am  
Week 9 –  Friday 16th Dec at 2:10pm

**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

And

**Group Photos**

Orders will now need to be placed directly with Focus Photos:  
08 83899002  
All group photos are at a cost of $22.00. Group photos can be viewed at the front office.

**2017 Bus Letters**

Thank You to those parents/families who have returned their ‘Application for school bus travel in 2017’  
If you have not returned your application yet, please do so **ASAP**.  
Please note – Late applications **cannot be guaranteed bus travel in 2017**.

**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.
**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: 180002222

**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. Enter from Foreman Rd, Berri Army Reserves Depot. PH: 85 922 874

**Dates to Remember**

**Term 4**

**Week 4**
- November 8 Parent Group Special Lunch
- November 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY
- November 11 Yr 5/6 Softball carnival

**Week 5**
- November 15/16 Pre-School Visits/PRE-SCHOOL MEETING 9.20am
- November 17 Just 2 Deadly Awards 1 – 3.30pm

**Week 6**
- November 21 - 25 SAPSASA Cricket + Tennis
- November 22/23 Pre-School Visits
- November 25 Assembly 9am

**Week 7**
- November 29/30 Pre-School Visits

**Week 8**
- December 5 Governing Council 6pm
- December 8 Let’s Celebrate

**Week 9**
- December 12 Yr 7 Graduation
- December 14 Reports Home
- December 14 2017 Class Visits
- December 15 Class parties
- December 16 Assembly 2.10 – Hall
- December 16 DISMISSAL 2.30pm

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

**Term Dates 2016**

Term 4 – October 17th – Dec 16th (9 weeks)

2017 starts on Monday 30th January