2017 Classes

Students met their 2017 teacher/s yesterday, chatting and eating recess with new class mates and teacher/s. A note advising their 2017 teacher/s and room number has gone home. A great deal of time and a wide range of information have been considered in placing all students. Classes work closely together so students will maintain close contact with friends, and of course make new ones.

Reports and Learning Journals have been sent home today. Please share them with your child; they should be very proud of their 2016 learning journey.

2017 Teachers/Roles:

Principal: Ms Lyn Bretag
Deputy Principal: Mrs Brenda Pfitzner
School Counsellor: Mrs Erin Stoeckel (Terms 1, 2)
Rec/1: Room 18: Mrs Charmaine Willett
 Room 17: Mrs Mellodie Wittwer
 Room 16: Mrs Sharyn Beavis (M,T)
 Mrs Naomi Darby (W-F)
Yr 1: Room 15: Mrs Jo Cole
Yr 2/3: Room 1: Mrs Jayne Ferber (M-Th)
 Mrs Sofy Pipinis (F)
 Room 2: Mrs Andrea Lindner
 Room 3: Miss Nicole Casement
Yr 3/4: Room 4: Mrs Jan Hood (M,T)
 Mrs Ruth Burdon (W-F)
Yr 4/5: Room 5: Mrs Kym Harrington (M-W)
 Mrs Sarah Burnett (Th-F)
 Room 6: Mrs Ann Sluggett
Yr 5/6: Room 9: Miss Kerry Chambers (M-W)
 Mr David Stewart-Peters (Th,F)
Yr 6/7: Room 10: Miss Chantel Nunn (Terms 1-2)
 Room 11: Mrs Chris Blanden (M,T,Th,F)
 Mrs Justine Talbot (W)
 Room 12: Mrs Penny Golding

Aboriginal Education Teacher: Mrs Martine Turnbull
Integrated Learning Program Yr 3-7: Mrs Martine Turnbull
Oral Language R-2/3: Mrs Jan Hood (W)
Intervention and Data: Mrs Sofy Pipinis
Greek: Mrs Sofy Pipinis
Science: R-3: Mrs Kim Tzanos (T-Th)
 Yr 3-7: Mr David Stewart-Peters (M-W)
PE/Health R-7: Mrs Beth Hueppauf
Choir/Music: Mrs Justine Talbot
Visible Learning Impact Coach: TBA

SSOs and Support Staff:

Brenda Orchard, Karen Sever, Simon Clark, Vicki Menz
Sharon Irlam, Julie Gray, Maria Willis, Grant Schwatzkopff,
Sharyn Robinson, Sarah Humble, Narelle Hooper, Grant
Stoneham & Rachel Morrison.
ACEO: Chris Laxton PCW: Maria Dowzard

LEAVING US THIS YEAR:

We are sadly farewelling a number of staff.
Mrs Kym Diepgrond is moving to Adelaide. She is a wonderful educator, mentor and supporter to students, staff and families. We will miss Kym and her family very much, wish them the very best and look forward to seeing them when they visit Renmark!

Mrs Dee Barnett is going to Monash Primary School. Dee’s contribution to Renmark Primary school has been fantastic; we thank her for all she’s done and wish her all the best.

Mr Micheal Singh has been a contract teacher this term. We hope that he’s enjoyed his time here, learned a lot and will take this into his next role. We thank Micheal and wish him well.

Ms Kelly Mangan is returning to Glossop Primary School. We thank Kelly for her work this year supporting leadership and teaching. We wish her well for 2017.

Mrs Kristy Williamson will be on leave next year. She and her husband will welcome their first baby early in February. We wish...
them both all the best and look forward to meeting baby Williamson!

We are also farewell a number of SSOs who have provided outstanding support and care to our students and been invaluable support to teachers.

Moira, Rhett, Bec, Iris, Daniel, Julie Goody, Luke, Bianca, Kingson and Sam will finish their contracts at the end of this week. We thank them so much for all they have done and wish them well in 2017.

We have not finalised our SSO contracts yet so we may see some of them back next year.

Finally thank you to Maria Kampyli who has been the Greek Support teacher working with Mrs Pipinis for the last three years. Maria and her family are moving to Melbourne.

We have loved having Maria at our school and wish her all the best for the future.

**Finance News**

*Materials & Service Charge for 2017* will be $210.00.

This can be paid online directly into our account

BSB: 105 035   Acc No:  157 000 040

We will be open for payments and for School Card Application processing Monday Jan 23, Tuesday Jan 24th and Wed Jan 25th.

A reminder that school card does need to be applied for each year, it isn’t an automatic roll over.

Thanks, Brenda O. Finance Officer

I would like to thank the amazing teaching and support staff at RPS for a fantastic year. Everyone is fully committed to providing the best learning environment and opportunities for our students. The strong relationships they build with students and each other provide a solid foundation for learning. The school community should feel very proud of RPS staff and students.

Our school values, a growth mindset, goal setting, being kind and considerate of others and the school environment are so important. Staff work with students very hard on these attributes so that amazing learning happens!

Thank you to parents, volunteers in our school including Parent Group, LAP, Governing Council, Woodworkers, mentors, class helpers, members of our school community and everyone who has so willingly supported our school this year. Your support is invaluable and very much appreciated by all.

**Thank You!**

We would like to express our most sincere thanks to the Renmark Rotary Club and Tri State Graphics for their kind donation of $1200 next year towards the cost of food for our breakfast program, crunch and sip and emergency lunches. Community support is much appreciated and certainly very important.

It shows that you truly value what we do for our community’s young people; we are a partnership.

A huge thanks must also go out to Sun Fresh and our parents/families for their donation of fresh fruit throughout the year. The children love fresh fruit for their crunch and sip.

**Year 7 Graduation**

The year 7 Graduation held on Monday 12th December at the Chaffey Theatre, was wonderful.

The students very proudly received their Graduation certificates.

This year Lochlan OBrien and Maddison Holmes received the Values awards. Their peers voted Lochlan and Maddison as the two students who mostly highly demonstrated our school values of **RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, SELF-BELIEF** and **TRUST**. Congratulations and very well deserved.

Thanks to Italo Vardaro and the Renmark Paringa District Council for contributing to the award prizes.

Anna Son and Morgan Edwards received the Sporting Blues award for their contribution to school and community sport and in recognition of their sportsmanship. ‘Well done!’

**The Parent Group provided a fabulous Year 7 Graduation cake.**

A big thank you to Parent Group for supporting our Graduation Pool party. They supplied the wonderful cake and drinks.

We wish all year 7’s a wonderful holiday and a fantastic start to High School in 2017.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing about your high school adventure!!

**FRIDAY 16th EARLY DISMISSAL at 2:30pm**
**Parent Reminders...**

**NO LUNCH ORDERS**
**THIS WEEK**

**2017 Reminders**

- **MEDICAL/MEDIA/CONTACT DETAILS UPDATES**
  - Please ensure you return these forms ASAP. It is vital to have your child's details up to date.

- **EMAIL ADDRESS/NEWSLETTERS**
  - Please provide the front office with your email address if you’d like the newsletter emailed to you. We won’t be printing copies in 2017. The newsletter is available on our Face Book page, **RENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL-OFFICIAL** and on our website [www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au](http://www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au)

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**And**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Thank you to our families for your wonderful support again this year. It makes a huge difference to the success of your child’s education.

Thank you to the students; staff at Renmark Primary School think you are all amazing! We are very proud of each of you.

Thank you to the staff at Renmark Primary School.

Your commitment, care and passion for our students and school is second to none.

I wish each of you a very happy and safe Christmas and holiday.

I look forward to seeing you all ready for another great year, in 2017.

*Lyn Bretag*

**SURPRISE, GRANT!!**

Our special assembly guest, Mayor Neil Martinson, had a wonderful surprise announcement to make yesterday in front of the whole school.

Grant Schwartzkopff has been named the **Renmark Paringa Council 2016 Citizen of the Year** for his contribution to the community, through his photography.

Grant attends nearly every sporting event throughout the year, taking wonderful photographs that are then seen in the local paper, on Face Book, the Advertiser and more.

He also photographs local landscapes and events such as the recent pageant and the changes we are all seeing in the River Murray at the moment.

His photography promotes our town and region near and far, with many overseas people following Grant’s photographs and videos.

Grant is a very well-known and highly respected member of our community. As a school we are so lucky to have Grant on our staff, he is much loved and respected.

We all say a big **CONGRATULATIONS** to Grant and invite our school community to attend the **Australia Day Breakfast and Australia Day Awards ceremony** to see Grant receive his award.

**HOLIDAY SECURITY**

Families and young people are welcome to use our playgrounds, the oval and basketball court during the holidays HOWEVER we ask that you respect our property.

No smoking or drinking alcohol on site and no misuse of the facilities or equipment.

We take great pride in our school, we want it to be enjoyed by our community and want it to be looked after.

Various staff members will be onsite throughout the holidays, we have security cameras and the police will patrol regularly.

If community members see any suspicious behaviour, please call the police on 131444
Our wonderful presenters Shaelea and Caseylee
**WHAT'S ON ???**

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**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 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: 0412165827

**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 1030 – 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.

**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

**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

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**Dates to Remember**

**Term 4**

**Week 9**
- December 12: Yr 7 Graduation
- December 15: Reports & Learning Journals Home
- December 14: 2017 Class Visits
- December 15: Class parties
- December 16: DISMISSAL 2.30pm

Please note: Dates are subject to change

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**Term Dates 2017**

**Term 1 2017** – Jan 30th – April 13th (11 wks)
**Term 2 2017** – May 1st – July 7th (10 wks)
**Term 3 2017** – July 24th – September 29th (10 wks)
**Term 4 2017** – October 16th – December 15th (9 wks)

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For a copy of our fortnightly newsletters, current school policies and up to date information, please visit our school website @:


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**Don’t miss out! VACSWIM enrolments closing soon!**

Registrations for SA Water’s summer school holiday VACSWIM program are closing fast and families are reminded to book now before it’s too late! VACSWIM provides children with the opportunity to develop skills and positive experiences in the areas of water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures. Enrolments close December 19 (which is very soon!). Don’t miss out, visit [www.vacswimsa.com.au](http://www.vacswimsa.com.au) to register your child today!

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RENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

RIVERLAND SAPSASA

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Out of Hours Care Holiday Program. Bookings are essential phone: 85 864 481

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Don't forget to wear old clothes!