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News from the Principal

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS
It’s been a wonderful term of outstanding achievement in many areas.
The organisers of Hot Shots tennis, Let’s Bridge the Gap, Tag Rugby, Instrumental Music Students performing at the Field Days, PISEC Science competition, Renmark Arts Program/RYT Festival of Music, to name a few, have all passed on positive comments about how well behaved and engaged our students are when they are representing our school in these events.
It is a real pleasure to receive these phone calls and comments and I congratulate the students on representing our school so well.
Staff and parents involved in many student activities do a fantastic job and also comment on the positive behaviour of our students.
Not only should the staff and I be so proud of the students, parents and caregivers can be very proud too!
I also congratulate the students who have made great progress in their learning. The recent PAT Maths and PAT Reading tests show outstanding growth for many students. This is a result of very focussed and explicit teaching, persistence and a growth mindset of the students and goal setting.
It is great to see students very excited and proud when they and their peers achieve their learning goals.
Attendance is another area where we have seen some great improvement and one we closely monitor every day. DECD requires all students to attend at least 93% of the year.
Students and their parents/caregivers for whom attendance is an issue, are supported through the school and referred to the DECD Social Worker (Attendance and Engagement) if attendance does not improve.
Please contact your child’s teacher or a member of senior staff if you would like support in this area. We understand there are some real challenges for some families and would like to help.
We expect an overall improvement in attendance in term 4.

HOLIDAY SECURITY
During the two weeks of the school holidays, I’d like members of the community to keep an eye on our school.
If you notice anything out of the ordinary, please call the police. They are fantastic support to our school and attend very quickly when we call.
Members of the community are very welcome to use our oval, basketball courts and playgrounds during the holidays if they are using them respectfully.
Unfortunately, recently we have had older boys on scooters on our school grounds who have rearranged tables and other moveable items, to make scooter ramps and jumps. They have also scootered over our garden bed edging, causing it to break and chip. All repairs cost the school money that could be put to better use.
No-one is allowed to misuse school property. It is reported to the Police and trespassing charges can be laid if there are people on site who are misusing our facilities and refuse to leave when asked.
Staff, OSHC and others will be on site most of the holidays and will report any such behaviour.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Students need to be in school uniform every day. Navy/navy and white polo top, navy blue shorts, a navy blue bucket hat and sneakers or closed sandals.
If your child has outgrown their uniform, we would appreciate them being donated to the school if you haven’t handed them on to another child. It’s lovely to see every child in a uniform; it creates a sense of belonging and pride.
Students who do not wear their uniform are asked to play in Area 1 or under the Area 4 LP shelter.

Term 3 FINISHES AT 2.30 THIS FRIDAY.
Have a Fantastic Holiday break!
School resumes on Monday October 12th 2015.
Riverland Christmas Appeal
SRC/ Little Leaders

On Friday on Friday 25th September, the last day of Term 3, SRC/ Little Leaders have organised a dress up day. Students can wear their favourite onsie, favourite football colours or neat casual, sunsmart clothes. We are asking for a gold coin donation from everyone OR families may wish to donate a new toy for a child aged 0-13 years. We will be then donating any money or toys collected to this year’s Riverland Christmas Appeal.
This will be the last SRC/ Little Leaders fundraiser for 2015! Thank you to all.

International Day of “The Dot.”

International Dot Day is a global celebration of creativity, courage and collaboration. It began when a teacher introduced his classroom to Peter H. Reynolds’ book The Dot on September 15, 2009.

The Dot is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to “make her mark”. What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage, igniting a journey of self-discovery and sharing.

Students found and then made Braille writing.

Concentric Circles inspired by abstract artist, Wassily Kandinski.

Bridge the Gap Performance
with Fred and Todd Reid

On Monday our student and teachers were lucky enough to experience an “Aboriginal cultural performance”.
Fred and his son, Todd come from the Daingattie tribe of North Western NSW. Their mission is to bring about a better understanding of Aboriginal people and their culture, delivering this message in a fun and positive way.
Their performance covered music and musical instruments, artefacts, stories of the dreamtime, painting and body art and much more.

“I enjoyed how they explained the different traditions. It was also interesting how the spirits were their religion; I found it moving and learnt a lot” Grace - Rm 12

“I like the way Todd played the Didgeridoo”   Billy – Rm 2

The children and teachers were “raving” about the fun and interactive performance; we look forward to another visit in the future.
2015 PICSE Science Competition

Entering the Competition:
Each year PICSE run a science competition for Year 5-7 students in primary schools. This is the second year we have entered. This year we had 8 interested students who made up 2 groups.
They had to:
• think of a question to investigate
• predict what would happen
• work out a fair test to investigate their question
• do the experiments
• record and graph their data
• analyse their data
• evaluate their investigation
• present all of their information on a board

All of this work was done in their own time during lunch and recess, after school and during the holidays.

Regional Finals:
The students then competed in Loxton in August. The judges came to each group and asked them questions about what they did and what they had learnt from their investigation question, including what they would do to improve their investigation if they had to do it again.
The judges chose winners from each school to compete in Adelaide.
Both teams spoke extremely well and I was very proud of the way they conducted themselves. The judges had an extremely difficult time choosing winners. Aimee, Wyatt, Aliyah and Olivia were chosen to go to Adelaide.

I would like to thank Nicole Nuske and Kylie Duncan for driving the students to the Regional judging along with Aleesha Gabell and Glen Ratcliffe for supporting the students at the judging.

I would also like to thank all the parents of the 4 finalists for supporting the school and their children by transporting and accompanying their child to Adelaide so that they could compete at the Royal Adelaide Show.
Below Aimee explains what happened at the Finals with some exciting news.

Chris Blanden-Teakle
Science Teacher

Grace, Aryn, Corey and Travis formed one group. Their investigation question was “Does temperature of an elastic band affect how much elasticity it has?”

The other group was Aimee, Wyatt, Aliyah and Olivia. Their question was “Does air affect how something floats?”

PICSE Science Finals at the Adelaide Show
At the Adelaide show there were a lot of competitors. As we entered the Jubilee Pavilion there were a lot of high school kids and quite a lot of Year 7s. As the time went on, our butterflies in our tummy grew bigger.

Three judges came up to us and asked multiple and difficult questions like “what made you do this question?” and “how did you get all of the different results?”. Each judge spent about 5 minutes with us.

After about an hour, our lunch came out. There were glasses of soft drink and sandwiches. At 1:30p.m the organiser, Claire called us all down to the floor and said excitedly that it was time to announce the winners.
First it was Primary schools. She said that in third place in Primary schools are students from Renmark Primary School. We were so excited as she said our names. Everyone started clapping but we didn’t know if we had to go up or not.
Claire said, “Are they here? Can they come up?” We went up. As we got our ribbons we all couldn’t get the smiles off our faces.

Afterwards, we got a photo with Tim Whetstone, the member for Chaffey, and he congratulated us. We are going to get $100 prize money which we get to share between us.
We liked doing PICSE Science competition because it provided us with many opportunities and new knowledge. We all want to do it again next year.

By Aimee!
Parent

Reminders...

Last day of Term
School finishes at 2:30pm and refer to Pg. 2 for casual day info.

Breakfast Club
Just a reminder that the 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 have menus and order bags.

Junior T20 Blast

A fun game of Cricket played by Juniors 7-11 years of age.
Where: Renmark No2 Oval.
Starts: Thursday 15th October. 5-6PM
Runs for seven weeks before Christmas and seven weeks after Christmas
Cost: $60.00
For more information Contact Kaine Aston Mob:0421 567 522
WHAT'S ON ??

Community Notes

Renmark North Primary School CONTINENTAL
Friday November 20th 5:30pm – late.
Lots of delicious food available, jumping castle, silent auctions, plants and produce stalls, and entertainment and much more. Warrego Street, Renmark Nth. PH: 85953274

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.

Renmark Cricket Club
Club are holding their registration day on Sunday 27th September, 10am at the cricket nets behind the football Oval. This is for the u/14, u/17 and B grade teams. Drinks will be available and a BBQ will follow the training session. Subs for the year are $80 for juniors (under 18), with a $20 deposit on the day.
Please call Cody Jarrett on 0434394992 for more information.

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. Contact: Laura Strout 0429953495

Song Birds with Hayley Ramsay - Songbirds is a singing school in Renmark offering lessons to primary and high school. 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.

Dates to Remember

Term 3

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

Term Dates 2015

Term 3 July 20th - September 25th
Term 4 October 12th - December 11th

Renmark Primary School – Official

For a copy of our Fortnightly Newsletters, current School Policies and up to date RPS information please out our School website @:

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.
PLAYGROUP SA ARE COMING TO THE RIVERLAND!!!

Parent Interest Workshops
10-11am  Music & Movement
11-12 noon Messy Play
12.00  BYO Lunch
1-3pm  Playgroup Coordinator Workshop

Playgroup Members FREE
Non-members $40
Playgroup membership $40

When: Friday, October 16th
Where: Monash Kindergarten
To register, please call: 85836041 and leave your name

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the Coordinators Workshop will provide you with all the information and skills necessary to assist in these roles!
This workshop includes invaluable tips on how to effectively run a Playgroup, establish a Routine, as well as creative play ideas and useful information on the value and benefits of play. This is also a great opportunity to connect and brainstorm with other Playgroup Coordinators and Playgroup SA staff in developing your own Playgroup support network.
# Renmark Out of School Hours Care

**Vacation Care**

*September 28th – 9th October 2015*

**Bookings Essential**

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<td><strong>Beach day</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Enterprise day</strong></td>
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<td>Come dressed ready for the beach. We will be having sand castle building competitions, and turn the OSHC room into an underwater wonderland.</td>
<td>Put your aprons on and get ready to learn some new cooking skills. And try some food from around the world.</td>
<td>We are off on the bus today to the Loxton Pioneer playground. Leaving OSHC at 10.30am returning by 2.30pm</td>
<td>“Pixels” (PG) 3D</td>
<td>Today is all about finding a way raise money so ROSHC can purchase some new I Pads. We will be having a car wash and a cake stall! Come and support Renmark OSHC.</td>
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|  |  | Pie, pasty or sausage roll and juice box | Leaving ROSHC at 1.40pm returning by 4.00pm
Cost $11.50 + $1.00 if 3D glasses are required **Baking Day** |
|  |  | **Special Lunch** |  |  |
|  |  | Chicken fried rice and juice box Cost $5.00 | Help make items for our cake stall. |
|  |  | Technology From Home Day |  |  |

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<td><strong>MOVIE DAY</strong> Rated(G)</td>
<td><strong>Spring</strong> We will be running a basketball skills session today. We will be having the ROSHC Basketball Knock Out championship in the afternoon. <strong>Special Lunch</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Fluro Disco day</strong> Disco Party Day come dressed in your brightest Fluro outfits dance the day away. Party lunch supplied by ROSHC</td>
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<td>LEAVING ROSHC AT 1.40PM RETURNING BY 4.00PM COST $11.50 <strong>Special Lunch</strong> Hamburger with salad and juice box cost $5.00 “No Stay Back”</td>
<td>We will be running a basketball skills session today. We will be having the ROSHC Basketball Knock Out championship in the afternoon. <strong>Special Lunch</strong> Tacos and juice box cost $5.00</td>
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Spring is finally here!!! We will be working in our garden. And lots great of spring carfts