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Term 1, Week 2

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

◆ Respect ◆ Excellence ◆ Self Belief ◆ Trust

## News from the Principal

Welcome to all students, especially those new to our school. It's been a very smooth and settled start to the year, so thank you to parents, caregivers, staff and students for making it so.

I extend a warm welcome to new parents and caregivers. We highly value strong relationships between school and home so I encourage you to come into the school regularly, make yourself known to your child's teachers, our admin and senior staff.

If you would like to meet other parents and contribute your time to our school and students, please consider joining the **Parent Group**. Parent Group meet a couple of times a term to plan wonderful activities for our students i.e. special lunches, fruit platters, Mothers' and Fathers' day activities. Please contact the front office for more information.

**The Parent Group AGM will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am.** All parents interested are welcome to come along.

Another way to become involved in our school is to consider joining the **Governing Council**. Meetings are twice a term, on Monday weeks 3 and 8, 6.00 – 7.00pm

It's a wonderful way to find out more about and contribute to the management of our school and contribute ideas for future. We welcome everyone and would love to have more Governing Council members this year.

**The Governing Council AGM will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm.** More information to parents next week.

I'd strongly recommend that every parent attend the free **Carly Ryan Foundation Parent forum, Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00 – 8.30pm at the Renmark Hotel**. This session is an absolute must for parents whose children access the Internet,

especially social media i.e. Face Book, Snap Chat, Instagram... How safe are our children? What can you do to better monitor and ensure their safety online?

Bringing Sonya Ryan to our school is a great opportunity for all of us to learn more.

**“MEET & GREET”**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

**2:40pm – 5:00pm**

**Please come along to our  
“Meet and Greet” next Tuesday**

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



### Pupil Free Days & Public Holidays

To help with parents/caregivers organising childcare/days off, below are approved Pupil Free Day dates and upcoming public holidays.

<b>Term 1 - Week 6 PFD</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Week 7 PH</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Week 9 PH</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Week 10 PH</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April

<b>Term 2 - Week 4 PFD</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
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<b>Term 3 - Week 4 PFD</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug
<b>Week 5 PFD</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug

# STAYING SAFE ONLINE



## Safer Internet Day Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Day (SID) is an annual, worldwide event held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to help encourage a better internet, with this year's theme '**Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you**'.

During the week, students viewed clips and discussed what it means to be respectful online, how being online makes you feel and how you can respond to something upsetting online.

If you would like more information on Safer Internet Day or would like to know more about how to stay safe online, please visit the Office of the eSafety Commissioner.

[www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

## Carly Ryan Foundation



This year, as we continue to focus on building students knowledge, skills and capacity to be safe online, we have asked Sonya Ryan from the Carly Ryan Foundation to visit our school. She will be here to

education students, families, staff and the community about internet safety.

The Carly Ryan Foundation is a non-profit charity established 10 years ago by Carly's mother Sonya, after her daughter was tragically murdered by an online predator.

### **Carly's Story:**

*In 2006 Carly Ryan thought she had met her dream boyfriend online. His name was Brandon Kane, a 18yr old musician from Melbourne. Brandon was in fact fictitious. An internet construct, the cyberspace alter ego of Gary Francis Newman, a 50yr old predator and paedophile. Carly fell in love with the Brandon construct during 18 months of online contact and phone calls.*

*Gary Newman spent months masquerading as Brandon Kane to win Carly's love. When he tried to seduce her in person pretending to be Brandon's father "Shane", she rejected him. Angry, Gary Newman returned to Melbourne vowing to "fix Carly up." He used his alter ego to lure Carly to a final, fatal meeting.*

*In February 2007, Gary Newman convinced Carly to meet him. He took Carly to a secluded beach at Port Elliott, South Australia. There, he bashed her, pushed her face into the sand, suffocating her, he then threw her into the water to drown. She was only 15yrs old.*

**On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Sonya will be working with all of our year 5-7 students. She will be also meeting with staff.**

**On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a free information session for parents and the community and the Renmark Hotel Function Room, beginning at 7.00. We look forward to seeing you there.**



Over the next few weeks, we will be including fact sheets with our newsletter, giving you all the information you need to know about applications your children may be using at home. If you would like more information on these, please visit:

<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au>

# Maths in Room 17 & 18



Throughout the week Room 17 & 18 work together on Maths.

We use whiteboards, listen to instructions, practice our numerals.

I like using whiteboards for maths. **Avani**

I like making number cards because it has the clothes I wear. **Henry**

I like using whiteboards because you can practice your skills. **Charlotte E**

I like maths because it's fun and you learn new things. **Bethany**



## Parent Reminders...

### Assemblies

**Week 3** – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 9:10am

**Week 6** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2:40pm

**Week 8** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9:10am

### RPS Meet & Greet

Open Afternoon TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> February 2:40pm – 5:00pm.  
See insert on Page 5 for more details

### Student Leaders, Sports Leaders, SRC and Little Leaders

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, we will be having our first assembly. Mr Neil Martinson, Mayor of Renmark Paringa Council will be here to present all of the school leaders with their certificates and badges. Assembly will begin at 9.10am in the hall.

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**Week 9** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March Public Holiday  
**Week 10** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April Public Holiday

**Term 2 - Week 4** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May Pupil Free Day

**Term 3 - Week 4** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug Pupil Free Day  
**Week 5** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Aug Pupil Free Day

### Swimming Lessons

**Week 3 - 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
Rooms: 12, 10, 6, 17, 18

**Week 4 – 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February (see catch up lesson)**  
Rooms: 9, 5, 4, 1, 15

**Week 5 – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Rooms: 11, 3, 2, 16

### Book Club

Book Club orders to be at the office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### 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 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.

# 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: 8580 2700.

In an emergency or for after hour's advice call:1800 022 222.

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: 8586 4481 for bookings.

### National Karate Academies Renmark

For R-7 at the RPS Hall on Wednesdays (enter from 19<sup>th</sup> St. Renmark). Phone Jeff on 0417 938 076.

### Fun Fitness Sessions with Iris

Renmark Primary School Gym on Thursday's 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Cost is \$5.

All ages & abilities welcome. For more info Ph: Iris on 0420552626.

### 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 Susy on: 0430017553 for more information.

### Tutoring/After School Help

Brianna Glekas is pursuing her career in teaching. Brianna has experience in tutoring grades R – 7 and will ensure your child/children perform to the best of THEIR ability.

For further enquires or to book a time, call Brianna on 0455136077.

## School Uniform Donations

Do you have any second hand school uniforms; particularly T-shirts that you would consider donating?

Any school uniform donations are very welcome.

Second hand uniforms can be purchased from the front office for a gold coin donation.

## 2018 Term Dates

**Term 1:** 29<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> April (11 wks)

**Term 2:** 30<sup>th</sup> April – 6<sup>th</sup> July (10 wks)

**Term 3:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 28<sup>th</sup> September (10 wks)

**Term 4:** 15<sup>th</sup> October – 14<sup>th</sup> December (9 wks)

## Dates to Remember

### Term 1

#### Week 2 + 3

February	12	Governing Council 6pm
February	13	Parent Group AGM – All Welcome
<b>February</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Meet &amp; Greet (see pg 5)</b>
February	14	<b>Assembly 9:10am in the Gym</b>

#### Week 4

February	23	SAPSASA Swimming
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#### Week 5

February	26	<b>Governing Council AGM 6pm</b>
February	27	Carly Ryan yr 5-7 cyberbullying ses
February	28	Carly Ryan Parent Forum (see pg2)

#### Week 6

March	6	<b>Assembly 2:40pm in the Gym</b>
March	8	Girls AFL Nines Berri
<b>March</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>

#### Week 7

<b>March</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>ADELAIDE CUP</b> (public holiday)
March	16	T20 Blast Berri

#### Week 8

March	19	Governing Council 6pm
March	21	HARMONY DAY
March	21	<b>Assembly at 9:10am in the Gym</b>
March	23	SAPSASA State Country Swimming

#### Week 9 + 10

<b>March</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> (public holiday)
<b>April</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b> (public holiday)

#### Week 11

April	9-13	State Softball Carnival
April	13	Last day Term 1 – 2:30pm dismissal

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

**“MEET & GREET”**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**2.40 – 5.00pm**



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This year we are holding an *Open Afternoon* on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2.40 – 5.00pm** so you can meet your child’s 2018 teachers and see their new classrooms which are all fantastic learning spaces.

We’d love all parents/caregivers to come along at 2.40 pm to join in a learning activity with their child focusing on Curiosity, Persistence and Self-Management, our key Learner Dispositions. It will be a lot of fun.

For those who can’t come at that time, classes will remain open after school until 5.00pm. Activities will be set up in classes for you to try with your child.

Students will also be encouraged to take their parents/caregivers to meet their PE, Science, Greek and Oral Language teachers, and also our Aboriginal Education staff and EALD teachers.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL HERE!!**

**Tacker Attack!**  
**Kids obstacle course**  
 Sunday Feb 18th - 8:30am to 12pm  
 At Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park at Barmera  
 Unlimited fun for only \$20 per child

**iPlayTherapy**  
**Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park**  
[www.droversurvival.com](http://www.droversurvival.com)

February 10th  
 10:00am - 1:00pm

Full training will be every  
 Saturday after, at 10:00am -  
 \$5. 11AM, 12noon Free

Come and try sailing at Lake Bonney Yacht Club on Saturday, February 10th. Carboen will be open

For more details contact Dorothy (08) 8598 7185

**Lake Bonney Yacht Club**  
**Sailing Come & Try**

**Rhythmic Drumming Riverland**

Presents...

**Childrens Rhythmic Drumming Lessons**

Venue to be confirmed, but will likely be held at a central location in Barri

Cost: \$15 per 45 minute session, or \$180 for pre payment of 12 sessions in line with school terms.

All equipment and materials provided by Rhythmic Drumming Riverland

**Benefits of Rhythmic Drumming for Children**

- Develop self awareness and self-esteem
- Develop ability to stay "in beat"
- Improve listening skills
- Increase Frustration Tolerance
- Channel aggression/defensive impulses into creative and positive activity
- Develop self control, patience and cooperation

Contact 0843 40482200, [open@rdr.com.au](mailto:open@rdr.com.au)  
 or via Rhythmic Drumming Riverland Facebook page

# Being With Big Feelings

‘Being With Big Feelings’ is focused on supporting parents to better understand the emotional world of their children. This program is being run in partnership with Relationships Australia SA and the Renmark Children’s Centre.



**When:** Commencing Wednesday, February 14 for 4 weeks.

**Where:** Renmark Children’s Centre

**Time:** 1pm - 3pm (every Wednesday)

**Cost:** Free

To book in or find out more please contact Sarah at the  
Renmark Children’s Centre on 85866063



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