

News from the Principal

NAPLAN 2018

NAPLAN testing is over for another year. Thank you to all staff involved, parents for being so supportive and most of all, to every student who rose to the challenge and did their very best.

The reports will provide a snapshot of student growth and achievement. They inform directions for site improvement planning, resourcing and help our students and parents know where each child is doing well and where they need further support.

Students in every class continue to be supported and challenged to do their very best.

National Volunteer's Week

Thank you to our many wonderful volunteers. The support they provide to students and staff is amazing and it would certainly be very difficult to manage without you!

In appreciation of all our volunteers do every day, they are invited to a special morning tea to say thank you.

The volunteers' morning tea will follow our week 6 assembly on Thursday 7th June. The assembly will be held at 10am with morning tea to follow.

A surprising donation

Very recently, Mr David Bennet, who resides in Adelaide, contacted us seeking information about his family, dating back to the 1950's. Sarah Humble did an amazing job finding some very precious photos and information for him, which he has received.

He was absolutely thrilled and to show his appreciation, very generously donated \$300 to our school.

We were very happy that we could help Mr Bennett and certainly didn't expect that! We will give great thought to how this money is used to benefit our students.

Professional Learning

Last Monday, teachers and senior staff from our seven partnership primary schools, attended a Visible Learning professional development day in Loxton. It was very valuable and informs the ongoing work we are doing in every classroom every day.

It'd be great to ask your child/ren about their learning; do they know where they are, where to next and how to get there? Can they talk about learner dispositions (Curiosity, Persistence and Self-Management), do they value feedback to improve their learning and do they aspire to be the best they can be?

Ongoing professional learning in our priority areas is crucial to staff development. Our students receive a high quality education based on the latest research because staff continue to learn too. On behalf of the staff, I thank the Governing Council for approving our professional learning days and thank parents for their support.

Finance Statements

Dear Families, finance statements for overdue accounts are being sent home next week. If you have an outstanding balance at the end of next month, you will receive a Final Notice from Governing Council prior to your account being forwarded to Department for Education Debt Recoveries Unit to commence Debt Collection.

Payment options are available, please see our friendly office staff to make cash or eftpos payments. Please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Officer if you have any questions. Thank you. Finance Team

Public Holiday – Monday 11th June
Queen's Birthday Holiday

National Walk Safely to School Day



On Friday 18th May we celebrated National Walk Safely to School Day. We would like to thank all of the students and their families for being involved on the day, parent club for cooking us breakfast and to Glenview Poultry and Food Bank for providing the ingredients for our breakfast. A wonderful morning had by all!



Relationships Australia

Rebecca Cook

Rebecca Cook, Children and Parenting Support at Relationships Australia will once again be working at Renmark Primary School every Wednesday. Rebecca offers both formal education groups and 1:1 conversation around brain/child development, strategies around big behaviours and emotions, relationships (including step families), wellbeing, transition times (e.g. kindy to school) and everyday challenges that come with being a parent.

She has a flexible service and can have appointments at the office on Kay avenue in Berri, at the school, phone support as well as from some other locations in the Riverland.

If you would like any more information on this service, please see the staff at our front office, or email Renee Smith on Renee.Stilo114@schools.sa.edu.au.

Is It Rude, Mean or Bullying?

The difference between Rude and Mean behaviour is the intention.

People who are rude, inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts someone else, like burping in someone else's face or jumping ahead in the line.

People who are mean, purposely say or do things that hurt someone else, for example calling other people names. Make no mistake; mean behaviours can wound deeply and adults can make a huge difference in the lives of young people when they hold kids accountable for being mean. Yet, meanness is different from bullying in important ways that should be understood and differentiated when it comes to intervention.

Bullying is intentionally aggressive behaviour, repeated over time, that involves an imbalance of power. Bullying may be physical, verbal, relational, or carried out via technology. It is important to distinguish between rude, mean, and bullying so that adults and children all know what to pay attention to and when to intervene.

For further information, please visit:
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/au/blog/passive-aggressive-diaries/201211/is-it-rude-is-it-mean-or-is-it-bullying>



Is It Rude, Mean or Bullying? By Room 3

All classes have been learning about the differences between rude, mean and bullying behaviours. Room 3 wrote "Friendship Recipes," after discussing ways people can be kind to one another.

Friendship Recipe - By Rashelle

1 cup of love
1 tablespoon of kindness
4 cups of responsibility
2 kilos of respect
2 cups of friendship
2 tablespoons of trust
For friendship, mix all of the ingredients and in a large bowl.

Recipe for Friendship – By Gemma

2 kilos of cuddles
2 cups of respect
1 teaspoon of trust
2 cups of love
9 cups of kindness
Beating them all up, mixing them up will end up with friendliness and friendship.

Friendship Recipe - By Connor

1 tablespoon of kindness
1 cup of respect
1 tablespoon of responsibility
2 buckets of love
Method:
Put 1 tablespoon of kindness in the blender, add a cup of respect. Blend for 2 minutes. Add 1 teaspoon of responsibility and 2 buckets of love. Blend for 1 minute. Pour and drink.

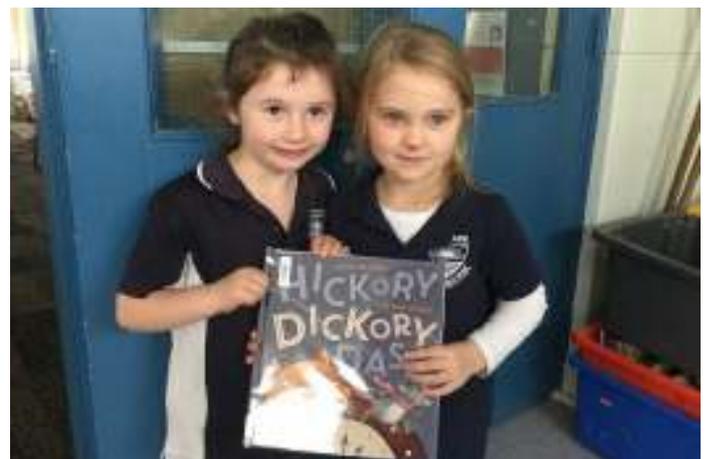
National Simultaneous Story time 2018 – Wed 23rd May

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) is pleased to announce that Wednesday 23rd May 2018, marks the 18th National Simultaneous Story time event, an annual advocacy campaign hosted by ALIA. Each year, a picture book is selected for a simultaneous reading event in libraries, schools, pre-schools, family homes, childcare Centre's, bookshops, children's hospitals and communities across Australia.



Room 1 and 2 students read the picture book

'*Hickory Dickory Dash*' by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood. They completed some fun literacy and numeracy activities related to the story as part of National Simultaneous Story time. You can read the story at www.alia.org.au



Is it bullying?

WHEN SOMEONE SAYS OR DOES SOMETHING UNINTENTIONALLY HURTFUL AND THEY DO IT ONCE, THAT'S

RUDE.

WHEN SOMEONE SAYS OR DOES SOMETHING INTENTIONALLY HURTFUL AND THEY DO IT ONCE, THAT'S

MEAN.

WHEN SOMEONE SAYS OR DOES SOMETHING INTENTIONALLY HURTFUL AND THEY KEEP DOING IT, EVEN WHEN YOU TELL THEM TO STOP OR SHOW THEM THAT YOU'RE UPSET, THAT'S

BULLYING.

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.

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 19th 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.

Family Activities Program

Follow the link below to access a fantastic 'Family Activities Program' put together by the Renmark Paringa Council. The Program includes activities suitable for all age groups.

<http://www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/familyactivities>

ART Classes

Starting: Monday May 7th 2018. Jacqui offers 3 age appropriate classes for kids and an adult class.

For more information contact Jacqui Mason on: 0457355579 or visit www.jacquimasonart.com

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 2: 30th April – 6th July (10 wks)

Term 3: 23rd July – 28th September (10 wks)

Term 4: 15th October – 14th December (9 wks)

Dates to remember

Term 2

Week 4

~ National Volunteers Week ~

May 25 District Soccer

Week 5

~ National Reconciliation Week 27/5-3/6 ~

Week 6

June 5 World Environment Day
June 7 **Assembly 10am**

Week 7

June 11 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY –Queen's B-day**
June 13 ICAS Spelling Test
June 15 Tackle Rugby Berri

Week 8

June 18 Governing Council 6pm
June 21 **SPORTS DAY**
June 22 AFL Nines (mixed)

Week 9

June 25 Football/Netball Carnival

Week 10

July 4 **Assembly 2:40pm**
July 5 District Basketball Loxton
July 6 **CASUAL DAY/ 2:30pm DISMISSAL**

Please Note: Dates are subject to change

Don't forget to check out our School Website @<http://www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au>

And



REMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

Are you considering working in the disability sector?

The Disability Workforce Hub and Enhanced Career Services are running information sessions in Berri and Murray Bridge for people considering working in the disability sector.

PRESENTATIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- Overview of the disability sector
- What working in the disability sector looks like
- What jobs are available in the disability sector
- What qualifications you might need to work in the sector
- The ins and outs of recruitment processes
- What services you can access to help you explore the sector
- Assess your suitability to the sector
- NDIS in our region

FREE EVENT

Register with your referring agency or directly to our Disability Workforce Hub:

Melissa Taylor
08 8535 7170

mtaylor@rdamr.com.au



iPlayTherapy presents

Children's Mindfulness Sessions

- *Meditations, Mandala's, Djembe Drums, Mindfulness Craft, Belly Breathing, Grounding & learn how the brain, emotions and senses work in a playful, small group setting*
- *For children 7 years to 12 years of age*

INVESTMENT: \$25 per session or \$110 for 5 sessions

WHERE: iPlay Therapy, Shop 6/7 Chaffey Colonnades, Fourteenth St, RENMARK

BOOKINGS AT: iplaytherapy@outlook.com or 0427157803

WHEN: Wednesdays 4.30 to 5.30pm starting 23rd May

NB: groups will be up to 8 participants only