

58 Murtho Street, Renmark, SA, 5341
Phone (08) 8586 5737
Fax (08) 8586 4020

Website: www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au
Email: dl.0376_info@schools.sa.edu.au
Principal: Ms Lyn Bretag

Department for Education and Child Development
T/A SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOL
Renmark Primary School
CRICOS Provider No. 00018A 

No 11/2017

Term 3, Week 4

Thursday, 17th August 2017

◆ Respect ◆ Excellence ◆ Self Belief ◆ Trust

News from the Principal

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK OPEN AFTERNOON, WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Literacy and Numeracy Week, Aug 30 – Sept 6 is almost here and we will celebrate with special activities during this time. We'd love parents and our school community to join us for an open afternoon.

On **Wed 6th Sept, 2.15 – 3.20pm**, classrooms will be open for parents, caregivers, grandparents and friends to experience literacy and numeracy learning with their child/ren. Our students will be the teachers, so please come join us.

We will start with a short assembly at 2.15pm then visitors will go to classrooms until 3.20pm.

We hope to see as many people as possible enjoying literacy and numeracy learning with us!



NATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF WEEK

This week is National Support Staff Week. Our SSOs, ACEO and PSW are all amazing and their work in our school is invaluable.

They not only support students in a wide range of ways, they support families, connect students and families to support agencies, contribute to whole school events and ensure the smooth running of our school.

I'd like to most sincerely thank each one for their work and contribution to RPS.

We hope that you enjoyed your morning tea, special certificate and gift. Thanks to Mrs Smith and the student leaders for organising a special celebration.

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT DISCUSSIONS

Parent-teacher-student discussions are being held 4th - 15th September.

Notes will come home next Monday. These discussions are very important. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's learning progress, areas for further development and raise any other issues. The main purpose of the discussion is to focus on learning goals and strategies to achieve them.

Teachers will provide you with your child's latest achievement data, together you will discuss their goals as outlined in the Learning Support Plan and ensure that your child is on track to achieving their goals. It is extremely important that your child's learning is closely monitored at every stage; we want every child to at least achieve their year level benchmarks and work towards achieving at their highest level.

Our priority is to provide high levels of challenge that stretch children's thinking – it's not learning if students are doing work they already know how to do.

We aim to have a discussion with every child's parent/caregiver so look forward to your prompt reply; you will receive notification of your discussion time.

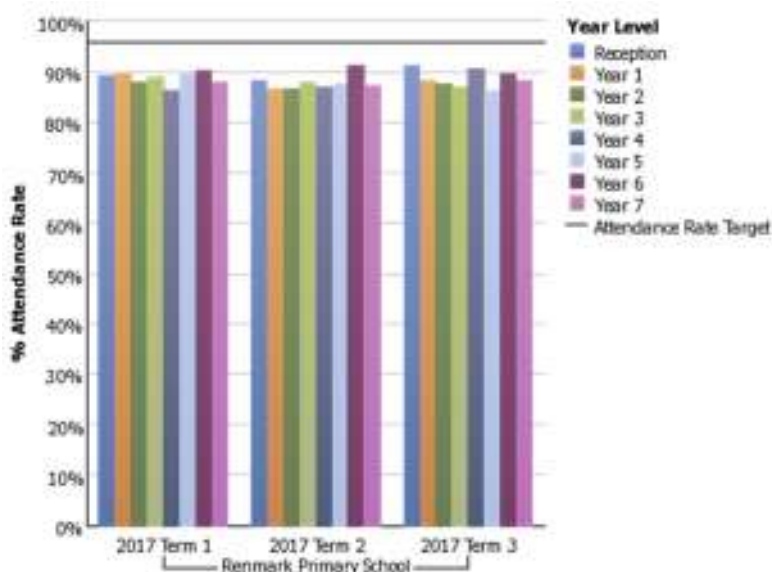
NEW GAMES FROM PROJECT PLAYGROUND

Last year Mrs Wainwright worked with SRC to choose some new games for our play areas. Students were asked what they'd like, that information was collated and final choices made. Today the new games are being laid.



Attendance

At Renmark Primary School we believe that student attendance is essential to ensuring that all students are successful learners. In 2017, DECD attendance target is 96% for all students.



School Attendance Rate Summary

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Total
Reception	89.3%	88.3%	91.3%	89.2%
Year 1	89.4%	86.7%	88.2%	88.1%
Year 2	87.9%	86.7%	87.5%	87.4%
Year 3	88.9%	88.0%	87.0%	88.3%
Year 4	86.2%	87.1%	90.5%	87.2%
Year 5	89.4%	87.5%	86.1%	88.2%
Year 6	90.4%	91.3%	89.5%	90.6%
Year 7	88.0%	87.2%	88.3%	87.7%

Helping children learn

What you can do in primary school

https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net691/f/helping_children_learn-primarieschool.pdf

When families and schools work together, children are more likely to build good relationships and do better at school. There are simple things you can do at home, and with your child's school, to help your child to be their best.

What you can do

Parents/ Carers play a big role in helping their children to be confident and enthusiastic learners by encouraging them to believe they can do well at school, and that trying hard and doing their best is important. Parents/ Carers can also assist their child with organisation, navigating challenges and solving problems.

Aim high – believe in your child's potential

When a parent holds high aspirations for their child, they do better at school.

Showing your child that you believe in them and their ability to do their best at school is really powerful – it builds children's confidence and helps them see themselves as someone who can do well.

Research shows that what parents believe about their child's ability to do well at school is linked to their actual achievements.

- Praise your child for trying hard (not just for doing well) and celebrate little successes.

- Aim high – let your child know you think that learning and school are important and that trying hard matters.

- Discuss children's dreams for the future with them– this is important at any age! Talk to your child often about their hopes or ideas for the future.

Talk with and listen to your child

Spending time talking with your child helps them to learn and grow.

Simple ways to do this include talking about what they're learning at school and what they enjoy or find difficult. Listening is a really important job!

You can also reminisce and chat about the times your family has spent together, your own childhood, or talk about big ideas – such as the things you and your family believe in, your culture, science and nature or important issues that are happening in the community or the country.

- Talk with your child about what's happening at school. Ask about activities, topics, what they are learning or what they found interesting or fun in their day. Talking like this helps them believe in themselves and gain confidence.

- Ask specific questions to out draw information – instead of 'yes' or 'no' questions, try open questions that encourage discussion. •How do you think you went with your maths or reading today?

- What made you laugh today?

- Who did you see being a helper today?

- What was the most interesting thing you did today?

- Keep trying, even if the answers are 'good' or 'nothing'! Find out what your child's favourite subjects are and what they are learning about.

- Talk with your child about current issues and ideas. Exploring big ideas together is a way to get children thinking critically and being curious about how things work. Children can enjoy learning and putting their thoughts into words.

- Ask about friendships and relationships at school. Get to know who their friends are and how they spend their break times.

Learn about the world together

Parents, more than anyone, can help their children enjoy learning new things. Children learn by exploring and finding new interests. Children can learn about the world doing everyday things like cooking, shopping, cleaning, gardening, or playing sport. There are plenty of free things to do too.

•Give your child the opportunity to discover new things, to explore new interests and to participate in their family, community and culture. These all help to develop a positive attitude towards learning and school.

•Talk about your own learning – tell your child about what you are currently learning or what you remember about being their age. Share the message that learning is important at all ages. Explain how you plan, solve problems and think about the future.

•Head out to libraries, museums, free concerts, sporting and cultural events together. Check out activities for children such as after school programs, holiday activities and free community programs.

Make reading a family affair

Reading to children from a very early age has a lasting positive effect. Reading together can broaden vocabulary, create an environment for learning together and give you things to talk about later. Having your child read to you is also a safe and nurturing way for children to practise and learn.

•Tell your own stories. Share stories from or about your own family with your child. Tell the stories that have been passed down for generations or that are part of your cultural heritage.

•Read and talk about books and stories with your child. Ask about their favourite character in a book or what they think might happen next in the story. Ask what they liked or didn't like about a story.

•Shared reading activities do not have to be in English to help with learning. If you speak a different language at home, speaking and telling stories in your first language is excellent for your child's education and life experience.

•Praise your child when they make an effort and keep trying, when reading. You could consider setting small milestones for reluctant readers, and involving your child in choosing a book or content that appeals to them.

Support good relationships

Parents can help children develop friendships and get along with other people, including their teacher.

Children tend to do better when they get on with their teacher and classmates. Children also tend to enjoy learning and being at school when they have strong friendships.

•Be positive about school and respectful of teachers – help your child to build and maintain a positive relationship with their teacher.

•Support good relationships with friends and classmates. Skills that help friendships include cooperation, communication, empathy and emotional control.

•Talk about: your child's friends and relationships, how they respond to any problems they are having, their ideas for resolving conflict positively.

If your child has negative experiences at school, you can involve teachers and school staff to help with this.

Renmark Primary School Photos



**Friday 8th (groups) &
Tuesday 12th (whole school)
September 2017**

Special groups will be taken on Friday 8th September and Class and individual photos will be taken on Tuesday 12th September

Please send back the photo envelope before photo day **even if you don't wish to purchase any photos**. It has a special barcode that the photographer needs to match your child's photo to our school system.

Sibling photos of children attending Renmark Primary School will be taken after the classes are finished on Tuesday. Sibling Photo envelopes are available for collection from the front office.

Groups will include: SRC/Little Leaders, Graduation, Student Leaders, House Captains, Peer Mediators, Didgeridoo/Dance group, Instrumental Music and Choir.

Please Note: *Group Photos will be available for purchase at a later date.

AGM of the Renmark High School Chaplaincy Group

This group supports the Pastoral Support Workers (PSW's) working in the Renmark High School, Renmark and Renmark North Primary schools.

Pammy Main and Maria Dowzard

You are invited to come and hear about their valuable work in our schools and what they are doing for the well-being of all students, families and staff.

On the night we will also hear from Paul Hodgson from SMG Adelaide.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, August 22nd at 5pm in Maria Dowzard's room (adjacent to the previous school dental clinic) at the Renmark Primary School

Please consider becoming a part of this essential group in our community by attending. Tea, coffee and nibbles will be supplied.

RSVP – for catering purposes

Ellen Traeger (Chairperson) Ph: 0437819125

Book Week

Monday 21st – Friday 25th August 2017

This year's theme is:

Escape to Everywhere!



The "Escape to everywhere" theme is about escaping into the imagination of your favourite books.

Book Week activities will be running in the Resource Centre every day during book week.

Book Week Parade

Wednesday 23rd August at 9.20am

Students are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book.

Families are more than welcome to attend; we hope to see you there! Lots of giveaways to be won!



Premiers Reading Challenge

Reminder for students – There is only 1 ½ weeks to go until the Premier's reading challenge is finished.

Make sure your form is filled out and signed off by your teacher.

**HAPPY
READING and
GOOD LUCK!**



Parent Reminders...



Assemblies

Week 5 – Wed 23rd Aug 9:20am (book week parade)

Week 9 – Mon 18th September 9:20am

Pupil Free Day

Monday 11th September (week 8)

Book Week

Monday 25th – Friday 25th August. Activities in the Library all week. Dress up Parade Wednesday 23rd August

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 Note – There will be no lunch orders available on the last day of term.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN: Please ensure all lunch orders have the **CLASS NUMBER** on it, not just the class teacher's name.

Don't forget to check out our School website @

<http://www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au>

And



RENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIAL



RIVERLAND SAPSASA

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 19th St. Renmark). Phone Jeff on 0417 938 076.

Fun Fitness Sessions with Iris

Renmark Primary School Gym – Mondays 7:30-8:30pm, and 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.

Lost Property

We have lots of unclaimed items in our front office lost property, including – Reading glasses (3x pairs) toys, playing cards, jewellery & fidget spinners.

2017 Term Dates

Term 3: 24th July – 29th Sep (10 wks)

Term 4: 16th October – 15th Dec (9 wks)

Dates to Remember

Term 3

Week 4

August 15 ICAS Maths

August 18 - 25 Book Week

Week 5

August 18 - 25 Book Week

August 22 Yr 2/3 Football

August 23 **Assembly 9:20am (Book Week parade)**

Week 6

August/Sep 30/8 – 6/9 National Literacy & Numeracy Week

September 1 SAPSASA District Tag Rugby

Week 7

September 30/8 – 6/9 National Literacy & Numeracy Week

September 4 – 15 **Parent/Teacher/Student Discussions**

September 8 **School Photos (Groups only)**

Week 8

September 11

September 12

Pupil Free Day

School Photos (Whole School)

Week 9

September 18

September 18

Assembly 9:20am Hall

Yr 6/7 AFL Nines

Week 10

September 18

September 29

SAPSASA State Athletics

2:30pm DISMISSAL

Please Note: Dates are subject to change

School Uniform Donations

Do you have any second hand school uniforms; particularly 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.



This information session will offer people general information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The session will cover topics such as:

- What is the NDIS and how does it work?
- Who is eligible and when can the scheme be accessed?
- What kind of support can be accessed through the NDIS?
- Where can I get more information?

Session dates and times are as follows:

Loxton

Loxton Hotel, 45 East Terrace, Loxton

Tuesday, 29 August 2017 at 10:30am - 12:30pm

RSVP: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/56793> or phone 0475 971 403

Berri

Berri Senior Citizen Club, 4 Draper Street (Cnr Crawford Terrace), Berri

Wednesday, 30 August 2017 at 12:30pm - 2:30pm

RSVP: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/56795> or phone 0475 971 403



RENMARK MONDAY NIGHTS
(7.30PM-8.30PM)

at
RENMARK PRIMARY
SCHOOL GYM

RENMARK THURSDAY NIGHTS
(6.30PM-7.30PM)

at
RENMARK PRIMARY
SCHOOL GYM

**COST OF ONLY
\$5 PER PERSON**

Circuits, drills, games, and Mixed Martial Arts techniques

**ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME
ALONG**

Like our Facebook @ "Fun Fitness Sessions" to keep up to date with what's going on and important information!

CONTACT US for enquiries or questions

PH IRIS: 0420 552 626 **EMAIL:** info.funfitness@gmail.com

FACEBOOK: Fun Fitness Sessions

Local kids need



local foster carers

Your care can make all the difference in a child's world.

We support you on your foster care journey 24/7 365




Limestone Coast: 8724 9211
Adelaide Hills Murray & Mallee: 8532 6303
Riverland: 8582 2344
e: care@accare.org.au
w: www.accare.org.au
Like us on Facebook
A charity started in Country SA



"Every day volunteer foster carers play a vital role in our communities. We need more foster carers for children and young people"

- Foster Carers help children remain in their local area with access to familiar interests like sport, school, friends and relatives.
- Respite care provides full time foster carers with a short break and is a great way to experience foster caring.
- ac.care provides specific training and 24/7 understanding and professional support to all foster carers.
- Today's foster carers are female or male, single or couples, with or without children, work full time or part time, unemployed, retirees or students (aged over 25).




opportunities for life ... for rural people



www.accare.org.au
Anglican Community Care Inc. | ABN 53 440 435 445 | A member of Anglican Australia
Diversity Licence CD0119A