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◆ Respect ◆ Excellence ◆ Self Belief ◆ Trust

News from the Principal

Term 2 is passing very quickly. Our focus remains very strongly on the whole school community understanding that **all students are at school for learning** which encompasses many aspects; **the curriculum, developing a broad range of strategies to use to learn new things, getting along well with others, being able to manage their own emotions and behaviour and having goals and knowing how to achieve them.** All of these aspects enable students to develop into very successful and well-rounded lifelong learners.

Our teachers work very hard to engage all students and are constantly reflecting on how they do this. We understand that some students find it more difficult than others to engage well in their learning for many reasons, some of which are beyond the school. Teachers and senior staff provide a great deal of support so that all students can engage. If students still cannot settle after a range of support has been given, we will go to the next level which is a Take Home or removal from class to work elsewhere if the student can manage that.

We thank parents/caregivers for their support in this. All teachers and students have the right to teach and learn in a positive and harmonious environment.

As we are now in the last half of term 2, it's a great time to chat to your child to see how they are going in each of these areas and what extra support they may need.

I congratulate students who are very focussed, have high expectations of themselves and are engaged in their learning. Some students may not quite be there yet. Teachers, parents and students must work together so that every child has the best chance of being a successful learner with high expectations of themselves.

PUPIL FREE DAY – Tomorrow Friday 9th June

Thank you to the Governing Council and parent community for granting our staff a pupil free day to engage in learning with the Renmark and Loxton schools about Visible Learning – strategies that help students to become active and highly motivated learners.

OSHC AVAILABLE – Bookings are a must on: 85 864 481

RPS 'Making a mark in 2016'

In 2016 RPS remained committed to delivering a curriculum that fosters inquiry, creativity and curiosity for all learners.

We encouraged every child at RPS to become an independent learner through learning how to learn, developing planning and communication skills while interacting successfully with others.

The RPS Making a Mark in 2016 booklet reflects the curriculum goals we have set and achieved throughout the 2016 school year.

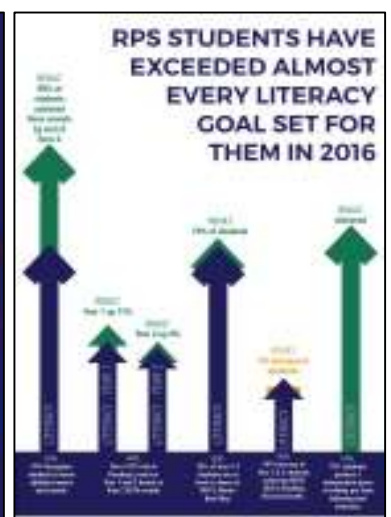
The booklet is now available to view on our school Website and Face Book page:

www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au

➤ Reporting ➤ 2016 RPS Overview 'RPS Making a mark in 2016'

Renmark Primary School –Official 

Hard copies of the booklet have been ordered for any families who'd like pick one up from the front office. Families will be notified when they arrive.



Active listening:

Communication with children

Active listening is a communication skill that can bring greater connection and understanding to build positive relationships with children. Often when listening to children, adults may be distracted by something else, fidget, rehearse what they want to say in their head, interject before the child has finished talking/expressing themselves, or have closed body language. All of these things can cause misunderstandings and conflict, affecting whether children will open up about their thoughts and feelings again.

Active listeners have the intent to listen to the complete message and its meaning by paying attention to what children are saying, how it is being said. It involves being aware of body language, voice tone, overall attitude and the meaning of what children are saying to validate communication and help children feel supported and understood.

Why is active listening important?

By being active listeners, parents and careers can strengthen their communication and relationships with children. Some benefits of active listening for communication and relationships are:

helping children to feel valued, connected, validated and understood

building trust and credibility with a child

helping clarify a child's thoughts and feelings

avoiding conflict and misunderstandings

making it more likely a child will talk to you, express themselves and seek your views in the future

Relationships Australia Sessions

Relationships Australia work with parents and caregivers on their journey in raising healthy children, and provide opportunities to build stronger connections to their family, friends and community.

This term RPS has partnered with Relationships Australia and will be offering a series of free workshops design for parents based around Emotion Coaching and working with children

Relationships Australia SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Emotion Coaching and Sorting Behaviour

A four session program for parents

Date: Wednesdays, 7, 14, 21 and 28 June 2017
Time: 1.45pm - 3.30pm
Where: Renmark Primary School, Murchie Street, Renmark

We will discuss with you ideas about:

- Understanding Behaviour
- How To Handle Challenging And Testing Behaviours
- Choosing Your Strategy, The Three Choices
- Using Emotion Coaching To Encourage Good Behaviour
- 7 Ideas For Encouraging Good Behaviour

Please contact Rebecca, Relationships Australia SA, Berri - 8582 4122 or Erin, Renmark Primary School 8586 5737 to book.

"What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!"

Bringing Up Great Kids

An interactive Workshop for parents and caregivers
 Presented by Relationships Australia South Australia

Learning more about the origins of your own parenting style
 Identifying important messages and how to convey them
 Understand the messages of your child's behaviour
 Discover ways to take care of yourself and find support
 Develop strategies to manage your parenting approach, in your busy world

Session details:
 Fridays, 16 and 23 June 2017
 9.30am - 12.30pm
 Relationships Australia SA
 9 Kay Ave, Berri.

For more info contact Miriam or Rebecca
 (08) 8582 4122

Developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation

On Being Male navigating life in 2017

All men are welcome to attend this free group, for men, in the Riverland. Facilitated by local men from Relationships Australia SA and Country Health SA, we will explore some of the challenges of being a male today.

We will talk about relationships, understanding parenthood and fatherhood, learning where our values and ideas come from and how they shape us. Most importantly we will discuss how we deal with everyday challenges in life and relationships.

Topics for discussion include:

- The masks we wear
- How our childhood has shaped us
- Communication in relationships
- How we deal with stress and emotions

Starting on Wednesday, 7 June and running for 4 consecutive weeks.

We will meet at Relationships Australia SA, 9 Kay Ave Berri, for a 6pm start and finishing at approximately 7.30pm. Tea and coffee provided.

Please register your interest with Brad or Mike at Relationships Australia SA on 8582 4122 or email berri.intake@rasa.org.au and we will give you a call.

Government of South Australia SA Health

Relationships Australia SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Reconciliation Week



Reconciliation week May 27th - June 2nd. Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

The theme for NRW 2017 is 'Let's take the next steps'

This National Reconciliation Week we reflect on two significant anniversaries in Australia's reconciliation journey—50 years since the 1967 referendum and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision.

Classes have been engaged in many activities celebrating Reconciliation Week. Here are a few pictures from class displays.



'Big rain coming' Paintings -
Rm 18 + 17



Pathway to Learning -
Rm 18 + 17



Aboriginal Flags - Rm 18 + 17



Footprints representing
'Let's take the steps' - Rm 3

2017 Aboriginal Power Cup

Renmark Primary and Glossop High School SSO **Daniel Giles** coached a team of high school aged girls in the 2017 Aboriginal Power Cup held last week.

The Aboriginal Power Cup is a program aimed to provide students with the skills, resilience and motivation to stay at High School to give them the best opportunity for future success.

2017 marks ten years of the Aboriginal Power Cup (APC), which is an early intervention strategy that uses football as a tool to engage Aboriginal secondary school students in their education and provide pathways to workforce participation. Daniel coached his team through to the Grand Final where they played before as Port Power match on Adelaide Oval. Well Done Daniel!



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,

Berri OLOR Primary School Gym on Thursday's 6-7pm. 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.

Dates to Remember

Term 2

Week 6

June	5-9	SAPSASA Netball/Football Carnival
June	9	PUPIL FREE DAY

Week 7

June	13	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Queen's Birthday
June	14	Assembly 9:20am Gym
June	14	ICAS Spelling
June	15	SAPSASA District Tackle Rugby

Week 8

June	22	SPORTS DAY
June	23	Yr 2/3 AFL

Week 9

June	26-30	SAPSASA Soccer/Hockey Carnival
June	29	Assembly 9:20am Gym

Week 10

July	6	SAPSASA District basketball
July	7	DISMISSAL 2:30pm

Please Note: Dates are subject to change

2017 Term Dates

Term 2: 1st May – Friday 7th July (10 wks)

Term 3: 24th July – 29th Sep (10 wks)

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

Parent
Reminders...



Assemblies

Week 7 – Wednesday 14th June 9:20am

Week 9 – Thursday 29th June 9:20am

Pupil Free day and Public Holiday

Pupil free day Friday 9th June

Public Holiday Monday 12th June – Queen's Birthday

Fruit Donations

Thank you to those parents/families who donate fruit.

The children love their crunch and sip. If anyone has excess fruit /vegies, donations are always much appreciated.