

## News from the Principal

### 2017 Renmark Primary School Governing Council

A big thank you to the parents who attended our recent AGM. It was great to see you all!

Welcome to our new and existing Governing Council members for 2017.

We greatly appreciate your time and input into our school, and taking an active role in making our school the very best it can be for each and every child!

<u>Position</u>	<u>Councillor</u>
Chairperson	Danielle Evans
OSHC PAC	Cassandra Stoeckel
Deputy Chairperson	Britnie Hocking
Parent Group Rep	Britnie Hocking
Secretary	Jesse Lang
RPS Staff Rep	Brenda Pfitzner
Finance Rep	Biljana Elliott
Deputy Secretary	Amanda Thiel
Grounds Rep	Raj Singh
RPS Principal	Lyn Bretag
Parent Rep	-
Community Rep	-

I must acknowledge the contribution of several 2016 Governing Council members who have retired.

Kylie Demtchuk, Sharon Letton and Ryan Diepgrond have been wonderful contributors to the GC and a great support to the school during their various lengths of time as GC members. I most sincerely thank them for their time, ideas and encouragement; it's been amazing.

I wish you all the very best in 2017 and beyond.

### Parent Group

Thank you to the Parent Group for the delicious fruit platters they prepared for all classes on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Your work to support our students and school is much appreciated by the whole school community.

Parent Group are also providing a Special Lunch – Hotdog and Juice on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Notes have gone home.

### Our school values in action!

I see the vast majority of our students demonstrating our school values every day. I feel very proud whenever I see students making such responsible and considerate choices.

I see our school values reflected when students are engaged in rich learning, playing well at break times, speaking respectfully to each other and staff and enjoying being at school. I see them receiving awards and being given greater responsibility in the classroom and school.

Unfortunately, senior staff and teachers also have to speak to students who are not following our school values.

Speaking disrespectfully, not putting their best effort into their learning, disrupting teaching and learning for others, rough play, teasing and not allowing others to enjoy their play time, deliberately trying to upset someone – this behaviour is not what we expect of our students in representing our school.

Lately a number of incidents have arisen from inconsiderate actions – taking someone's hat, saying unkind things, refusing to cooperate in class which is hugely disruptive, rough play and deliberate antagonising.

I would like parents to discuss this with their children and encourage them to always make positive choices. We work very hard to support all students. For ongoing disruptive behaviour, children will be sent home so others can learn without such interruptions.

We really want every child at school every day enjoying the wonderful opportunities that our school provides.

## Attendance Matters!

Children are required to attend school from when they turn 6 until they are 16 years of age (Section 76 of the Education Act 1972). Regular attendance and participation in schooling is an important factor in educational and life success. Students who skip school are at risk of alienation from education that can lead to decreased options for future pathways.

### Valid absences

Valid reasons for parents to keep student/s away from school include:

The student is too sick to leave the house or has an infectious disease like chicken pox, mumps or measles.

The student has an injury preventing movement around school.

The student is going with his or her parents on a family holiday which cannot be arranged in school vacations. This should be arranged with the Principal prior to the absence by applying for a school exemption.

The principal is provided with any genuine and acceptable reason preventing the student's attendance.

### Notification of absences

On a student's return to school, a note must be supplied to cover the days missed. Parents are also encouraged to contact the school if their child will be away.

If a student has seen a medical practitioner, e.g. doctor, dentist etc., a note or appointment card from the practitioner may be provided to verify the absence.

The following benefits summary comes from DECD's Attendance Improvement Package.

<b>Benefits of regular attendance for students</b>	<b>Benefits of regular student attendance for parents/caregivers</b>
Getting the <b>maximum benefit</b> from school will optimise your life choices.	By encouraging regular attendance, you will know that you have <b>positively influenced</b> your child's education.
Attending school regularly will develop skills and attitudes that will help you to be <b>successful in later life</b> . These include self-discipline, punctuality, being organised and sticking to routines.	You will know that your child is <b>safe at school</b> and not at risk elsewhere.
Regular attendance leads to an increased likelihood of being <b>successful at school</b>	You will know that your children are <b>learning</b> more appropriate things than if they were truanting.
Attending regularly leads to <b>making friends</b> and learning to <b>maintain relationships</b> over a length of time.	Regular attendance by your child will ensure that you have <b>fewer contacts with government agencies</b> .
You will learn <b>social skills</b> necessary to live and work successfully with others.	You will have peace of mind in knowing that children who <b>attend school regularly are less likely to break the law</b> and go to jail in later life.
You are <b>safer at school than on the streets</b> .	You will enjoy <b>more structured family routines</b> .
People will be <b>more positive</b> about you if you have a good attendance record.	Your child is <b>more likely to finish year 12</b> and have broader opportunities.

## 2017 SRC and Little Leaders -

### Term 1

Yesterday, we welcomed Mayor Neil Martinson to our assembly to present the 2017 – Term 1 SRC's and Little Leaders with their badges. Congratulations!

**Rm 1: Emmy and Ashton**      **Rm 2: Adullah and Gemma**

**Rm 3: Riely and Zoe**

**Rm 4: Amber and Ollie**

**Rm 5: Lealia and Fred**

**Rm 6: Tori-Lee and Rylan**

**Rm 9: Matika and Cody**

**Rm 10: Amina and Caleb**

**Rm 11: Kayln and Mac**

**Rm 12: Tyler and Amy**

**Rm 15: Kiana and Sarsho**

**Rm 16: Taylem and Sian**

**Rm 17: Shynae and Amalia**

**Rm 18: Ella and Olivia**



## House Captains and

## Student leaders

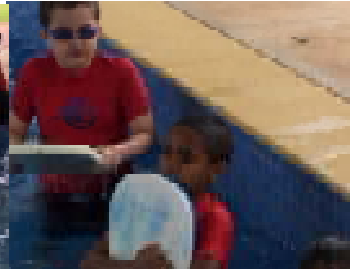
Our House Captains and Student Leaders were presented with their badges at our week 4 assembly. Congratulations to you all!

### School leaders

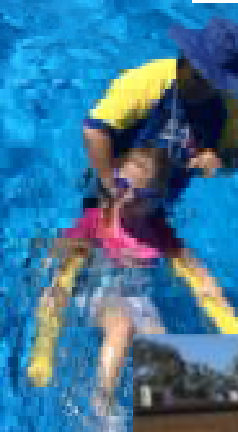
Kieara Irrgang, Haleigh Barnes, Janis Richter, Kira Watts, Sehajveer Singh and Chelsea Humble

### Sports leaders

Brooke Perrin, Stephanie Schier, Aliyah Gabell, Aimee Duncan, Mac Lane, Judd Hansen, Aizaz Irfan, Faith Morgan- Reserve Jacob Edwards



2017  
Swimming  
Lessons



# Parent

## Reminders...



### Term 1 PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March (week 9)

### Term 1 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March (wk 7) Adelaide Cup

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April (wk 11) Good Friday (last day of term)

### Assemblies

Week 9 –Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2.50pm

### Parent Group hot dog day

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, notes to be returned by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

### 5 Point Scale Info Session

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 5.30 – 6pm

### Breakfast Club

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 ensure all lunch orders have the **CLASS NUMBER** on it, not just the class teacher's name.  
**Please Note** – There will be no lunch orders available on the last day of term.

## Jazmyn's Fun Run

Raising Awareness Against Meningococcal Disease

Meningococcal C is **FREE BUT** Meningococcal B you **NEED**

# Save The Date

## Sunday 2nd April 2017

2km, 5km, 10km Fun Run/Walk along the beautiful Murray River in Renmark

Bring the whole family for a fun morning, there will be Music, Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Food, Coffee and Meningococcal Australia tent with all up to date information about signs and symptoms.

To Book go to: [jazmynsfunrun-eventbrite.com.au](http://jazmynsfunrun-eventbrite.com.au)  
Facebook Page: Jazmyns Fun Run - Raising awareness for Meningococcal

Music By Mick Kelly

ALLSORTS JUMPING CASTLE HIRE

MENINGOCOCCAL AUSTRALIA

Bella Lavender Estate

Riverland S.A.

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## nab AFL Auskick

300 NAB AFL Auskick centres operate in schools and local football clubs across South Australia

There's bound to be a centre near you!

YOUR LOCAL NAB AFL AUSKICK CENTRES IN THE RIVERLAND ARE:

- BARMERA MONASH FC – FRIDAY – 4:30PM
- BERRI FC – THURSDAY – 4:30PM
- BSR – WEDNESDAY – 6:00PM
- COBDOGLA FC – THURSDAY – 4:30PM
- LOXTON/LOXTON NORTH – SATURDAY – 9:00AM
- RAMCO – WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY – 11:00AM
- RENMARK FC – SATURDAY – 9:00AM
- SEDAN CAMBRAI – THURSDAY – 5:00PM
- WALKERIE – WEDNESDAY – 4:00PM

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## Domestic Violence Forum

SAPOL, TOGETHER WITH OTHER AGENCIES ARE HOLDING A FORUM IN THE RIVERLAND AREA ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO PREVENT/PROTECT THEM AGAINST VIOLENCE.

WHERE: Berri Town Hall, Wilson Street BERRI

WHEN: Wednesday, 22 March 2017

TIME: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm (Doors open at 6.30 pm)

### GUEST PRESENTERS

Senior Sergeant Sharon Walker-Roberts – South Australia Police  
Debi Alexandridis – Senior Manager Domestic Violence Services  
Professor Sarah Wandt – Flinders University

Guest presenters will join Superintendent James Blandford on a panel at the end of the forum to answer any questions on domestic violence.

Light supper available on the night.

The Riverland Domestic Violence Forum is proudly funded by Sportsworld International of South Australia

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Government of South Australia

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

Martial Arts Australia Freestyle Karate – Renmark Primary School Hall – Mondays, Renmark High School Gym on Wednesdays, Berri Town Hall – Tuesdays.

Juniors 6:00-7:00pm \$6 and Seniors 7:00-8:30pm \$7

Ph: Iris on 0404 019 977. First lesson free.

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 Laura Strout: 0429 953 495 for more information.

### Lyrup Lions Colts U15s

If interested in playing football you're welcome to come and join the Lyrup Lions. We are currently doing pre-season training Sundays at 10.30am yet to be changed to a week night. If interested, please contact Jason Marr on 0449 865 015

## Reminders

**Public Holiday this Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**Pupil Free ( week 9 ) 27<sup>th</sup> March**

OSHC is available.

For bookings phone 85 864 481



## Dates to Remember

### Term 1

#### Week 4 + 5 + 6

February	24	SAPSASA Swimming
February	27	Governing Council AGM 6pm

#### Week 7

March	13	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Adelaide Cup</b>
March	13-24	Parent- Teacher-Student Discussions
March	17	SAPSASA Sate Swimming

#### Week 8

March	20	Governing Council 6pm
March	21	Harmony day

#### Week 9 + 10

March	27	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
March	29	Parent info Session – 5 Point Scale
March	30	SAPSASA District Cross Country
April	3-7	SAPSASA State Softball

#### Week 11

April	10	SAPSASA District netball/football
April	12	Reports and Learning Journals home
April	13	<b>Last Day Dismissal at 2:30pm</b>
April	14	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY –Good Friday</b>

*Please Note: Dates are subject to change*

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

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