

Renmark Primary School

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General Information

School routine

There is a teacher on duty from **8.30am** each day. For the safety of all children we ask parents to ensure their children arrive at school between 8.30am and 9.00am.

Classrooms open at	8.40am
School commences at	9.00am
Lunch Play	10.50am to 11.20am
Lunch Eating	11.20am to 11.30pm
Recess	1.15pm to 1.35pm
Recess Eating	1.35pm to 1.45pm
School Dismisses	3.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 2.40pm Thursday

2019 School year

Term 1 – 29 January - 12 April	Term 3 – 22 July – 27 September
Term 2 – 29 April - 5 July	Term 4 – 14 October - 13 December

2020 School year

Term 1 – 28 January - 9 April	Term 3 – 20 July – 25 September
Term 2 – 27 April - 3 July	Term 4 – 12 October - 11 December

Accidents

If your child has a minor accident (e.g. grazed knee) they will be treated at school. If the accident is serious the child will be transported to the hospital or surgery and you will be telephoned as soon as possible. Families who do not have ambulance cover, can make a claim through the school for ambulance costs to be covered by the Department for Education.

Illness/Infectious diseases

Good health is vital to school progress. It is wise to ensure all vaccinations are up to date. If your child is unwell please keep them at home and inform the school of the reason for their absence. If your child becomes unwell at school, we will contact you to collect them. Exclusion periods apply for many infectious diseases:

German Measles - Stay at home until recovered or for at least 4 days after the appearance of the rash or until a Medical Certificate of recovery has been obtained.

Measles - Stay home for at least 4 days from the appearance of a rash

Chicken Pox - Stay at home until all blisters have dried

Mumps - Stay at home for 9 days after onset of swelling

School Sores (Impetigo) - Stay at home until treatment has commenced. Sores must be completely covered with a dressing until healed.

Ringworms (Tinea) - Stay at home until day after appropriate treatment has commenced. Keep covered until healed.

Conjunctivitis - Stay at home until discharge from eyes has stopped (unless doctor has diagnosed non-infectious conjunctivitis)

Diarrhoea (no organism identified) - Stay at home until no diarrhoea for 24 hours.

Hepatitis A - Stay at home until medical certificate of recovery received.

Head lice

This can be a problem in all schools. Wherever children play together, this condition is likely to spread. If children become infected, they can return to school as soon as they have been treated (please see pamphlets enclosed). Please inform the school so we can remind all parents/caregivers to check their children's hair and help prevent breakouts.

School Dental Clinic

Riverland Oral Health is located at 10 Maddern Street, Berri. Please contact them for an appointment on 08 8580 2700.

SA Dental Service

Keep your kids smiling



Dental care is **FREE** for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Riverland Oral Health Centre
Phone: 8580 2700
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental

Lost property

If you lose an item, please check the lost property cupboards. At the end of each term, all unclaimed items are taken to the Opportunity Shop.

Lunch ordering

Lunches can be ordered for **Friday** only. The Renmark High School canteen will provide lunch orders. Please fill in a lunch bag stating R.P.S, the child's room number, the child's name, the required order and the amount of money enclosed. There is a lunch box in each classroom and the order is placed in it **by 9.00am on Thursday**. The lunch box is delivered back to the classroom at lunch time on Friday.

Communications

Teachers are usually available to discuss areas of concern and interest with you, either before or after school. Appointments should be made with your child's teacher if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns in depth. The principal and/or deputy principal can also assist you in resolving an issue/concern you may have.

A school newsletter is produced every second Thursday, containing information about school and related community events. Parents can elect to receive newsletters via email at the time of enrolment. School newsletters and other information are also available on the school Facebook page 'Renmark Primary School-Official' and the school webpage

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

Classes have their own newsletters and notice boards to keep parents informed of classroom matters.

Parent involvement

We really appreciate parents volunteering at school. Parents or caregivers volunteering within their child's class do not require a 'Criminal History Screening' however other family members or parents/caregivers volunteering with other groups of children must have a current 'DCSI Criminal History Clearance'. This is easily arranged by Sarah or Rachel, the front office staff. Criminal History clearance checks are paid for by the school.

All volunteers are also required to complete "Responding to Abuse and Neglect" training, this is available online and instructions on how to access this course is included in the volunteer packs available from the front office. All volunteers must complete the requirements before volunteering.

You may like to assist in some of the following areas:

- Classroom level - e.g. listening to reading, helping with an excursion or camp, instructing in a class elective programme
- Taking an active role in Governing Council (opportunities exist to be involved in a variety of Sub Committees including Finance & Grounds)
- Parent Group
- Special Programmes
- Resource Centre
- Parent Working Bees

Mobile phones

Students are encouraged to leave their mobile phones at home. If they bring it to school, it must be turned off and handed in to the front office where it is stored until the end of the day. Students collect their phone from the front office after the 3:30pm bell, unless collected from school earlier. Parents will be contacted if their child disregards the mobile phone procedure.

No hat, no play

All children are required to wear a broad brimmed or bucket hat throughout the year in accordance with the departments Sun Smart Policy. Bucket Hats are available for purchase at the school for a cost of \$5.00.

Banking

Children may bank at the school each Tuesday through services offered by BankSA. Application forms are available at the office.

Bikes and scooters

Students bring bikes, scooters and skateboards to school at their own risk. No responsibility is assumed by the school for loss or damage.

Once students reach the school boundary they are to walk their bike, skateboard, scooter etc along the footpath into the school grounds. It must be parked in the designated bike areas.

- Students are **strongly encouraged** to bring a suitable lock to secure their equipment.
- Students are not to play near this area or touch any bike during school hours.
- Once bikes have been parked in the bike area they should not be ridden again until end of day dismissal or under approval of the principal.
- Only owners should ride bicycles, scooters etc.

Please remind your child that **riding without a helmet is illegal** and that riding on the footpath is illegal for children 12 years and older.

Hot/wet weather

When we experience wet weather or when the temperature is forecast for 36° C or above or the UV rating is greater than 10, students are kept indoors and under shade areas during breaks. Programmes are modified to ensure the children's safety and well-being.

Programs

Choir

Students in years 5, 6 and 7 can elect to be in the school choir. Practices are held weekly working towards a 'Riverland Festival of Music' performance in the Chaffey Theatre.

Instrumental music

Instrumental music instruction is available for students in years 5, 6 and 7 in the following instruments - woodwind, brass, percussion and guitar. The selection process for inclusion involves parent approval and an aptitude test. This process takes place each November for the following year.

SRC/Little Leaders

Renmark Primary School's Student Representative Council (year 3 - 7) and Little Leaders (reception - year 2) provide a voice for the student body and are a vital link in the decision making process of the school. SRC/Little Leaders meet on a regular basis.

This elected group of students have 2 term tenures and:

- 1) Participate in the development and review of relevant school policies.
- 2) Organise school-based functions.
- 3) Consider school issues arising from class meetings.

Each class will choose an SRC/Little Leader representative and a deputy representative. The SRC/Little Leaders are supported by a member of the Leadership Team.

