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Renmark Primary School Newsletter



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◆ Respect ◆ Excellence ◆ Self Belief ◆ Trust

News from the Principal

TERM 3 2019

Term 3 promises to be another term of focused teaching and learning. Parents and caregivers will receive their child's mid-year report on Thursday. The report, Learning Journal and data print out will give you a very comprehensive picture of how your child is progressing so far this year.

We want every child to make progress and achieve their best. Perhaps more important is the effort given to their learning, how they receive challenges, and interact with others, especially whether they are kind and considerate to everyone.

Please take time to talk with your child about their report, acknowledge their effort and where they have done well, and identify areas to work on. We are all lifelong learners, well after we leave school, so understanding that we can always improve when we know how to do so, is essential.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's schooling, please make an appointment for early term 3 with their teacher, senior staff or Student Wellbeing Leader; whoever can best assist with your enquiry.

I thank students for their efforts and expect every student to develop and improve as the year progresses. I also thank staff for their absolute commitment to every child's learning. Without their care, guidance, support and high expectations, our students would not have the wonderful learning opportunities that they do. Finally, I thank parents and caregivers. Your support and encouragement of your child and the school is very important. A strong, positive home-school partnership provides a wonderful framework for every child to succeed at school.

Holidays are almost here! During the break, please ensure your child has a full school uniform ready to start term 3, no casual clothes or items varying from navy blue and white. Any donations of uniform items no longer required are much appreciated.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays. If students and families are out and about or travelling, stay safe. We look forward to welcoming every child to the start of term 3.

Please remember the Pupil Free Day on Friday 9th August. All staff will be engaged in THRASS training.

EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW

An External School Review was conducted at Renmark Primary School on Tuesday 2 – Wednesday 3 July. All Department for Education schools are reviewed every three years, to identify highly effective practices and provide directions for continuous improvement in teaching and learning.

The focus is on highly effective teaching and learning, aligned to our School Improvement Plan.

During the two days, the Review Officer, Simon Harding, and Review Principal, Marg Erwin spoke to and documented information gathered from all teachers, the leadership team, SSOs who work with students, groups of year 2-7 students, Governing Council and a parent group. This information is very comprehensive and provides the evidence for a school report, which we will receive in the latter half of term 3.

The report will provide several directions for our school improvement and when we are next reviewed, our progress against these directions will be measured. It's a very thorough process.

I thank everyone for their involvement, especially parents who were invited to attend and met with the panel. Your willingness to support the review is much appreciated.

NEWSLETTER

From the start of term 3, our fortnightly newsletter will be shared only on FB and the school website, www.renmarkr7.sa.edu.au. We will no longer email newsletters. If anyone requires a hard copy they will be available at the front office for collection.

STORY TIME IN THE RESOURCE CENTRE

Starting in term 3, the Resource Centre will be open from 3.10pm on Wednesdays for parents and their pre-school children to come and listen to a story read by a staff member. It's a great opportunity to share beautiful stories in the 20 minutes before you collect your child from school. Come in with your child, sit with them, relax and enjoy a story! Reading is so important and the more books the better!!

VEHICLES IN THE BUS/OSHC AREA

I have received recent reports about vehicles in our bus bay and OSHC area while students are on site. *Vehicles are not allowed in the bus bay area or OSHC staff car park area between 8.15 – 9.00am and 3.15 – 4.00pm.* Vehicles in this area at these times pose a significant safety risk to students coming and going, and to the bus drivers trying to get in and out of the school within a tight time frame.

We don't want any child hurt or worse by a vehicle in this area, so please adhere to these safety rules.

Also, to community groups using the Hall, please don't allow children to run through the car park area before or after their session; it's getting dark early and it can be hard to see a child from an incoming or outgoing vehicle.

ENROLING FOR 2020, Reception – Year 7

If your child is starting in Reception at RPS next year; you wish to discuss your R-7 child's specific needs; or are new to or moving into our community, we'd love to chat to you and show you around.

Please call the office and make a time to do so. We offer rich, challenging learning for every student in a safe and very supportive environment.

REMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Enrol now for 2020

Families are welcome to drop in to:

- Collect an enrolment pack
- Arrange a school tour
- Chat about your preschooler's transition to Reception.

Any other questions? We are happy to help!

Contact us: 85 865 737 or dl.0376_info@schools.sa.edu.au
Or visit: 58 Murtho Street, Renmark

RESPECT EXCELLENCE SELF BELIEF TRUST



Friday 5 July 2019

Last day for Term 2 –
Dismissal 2:30pm
Casual Day

Term 3 2019

Pupil Free Day – Friday 9 August (wk 3)
School Photos – Tue 27/ Wed 28 August (wk 6)
Sports Day – Thursday 19 September (wk 9)

SA School Sport Newsletter

For all your SA School Sport news, check out the latest edition of 'THE SPORTS BRIEF'.



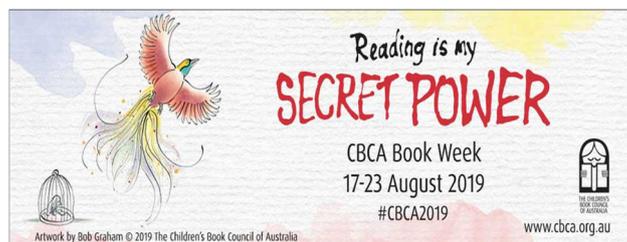
<https://mailchi.mp/28c6d8398e02/the-sports-brief-school-sport-sa-news-week-3-term-2>

Book Fair

Tuesday 30 July – Wednesday 7 August.
In the Resource Centre.

Book Week

Monday 19 – Friday 23 August 2019. This year's theme is **"Reading is my secret power"** Each year across Australia, the CBCA brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Book Week. For more information regarding book week activities and our annual book week parade, keep an eye out in our term 3 newsletters.



Excess furniture

We have some excess furniture that you may be interested in. If you'd like to find out what is available, please call the school and Grant will make a time to discuss it with you. Minimal cost, negotiable.

Online Safety

Start the Chat

eSafety.gov.au

Being Cybersmart

Teaching your child to be cybersafe will help them to engage with the online world safely, responsibly and discerningly and can assist to protect them from online risks. Sometimes children are faced with online situations that they simply don't know how to handle. Common cybersafety issues for children include cyberbullying, accessing or sharing inappropriate content and protecting their personal information.

The office of eSafety provides the following tips and advice on helping your child have safe and enjoyable experiences online.

Good habits start young - A guide for parents and carers

Parents and carers play an important role in helping children to develop digital intelligence — the social, emotional and practical skills needed to successfully navigate the digital world. Even for preschool children, it is never too early to instil good habits, and as your child gets older it is useful to keep reminding them of these basic digital intelligence principles: respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. These are also principles you can emphasise with your child when things go wrong.

Promote respectful communication

Encourage your child to use the same positive manners and behaviour they would use offline, understanding that others may have different cultures, backgrounds or points of view. If it is not OK to say or do something face to face, it is not OK online. Remind them to avoid responding to negative messages and to tell you or another trusted adult if they receive them. Tell them it is OK to report others who are not being nice. Emphasise the positives. For example, *'I know what a kind and respectful person you are, and it makes me so proud to see you acting the same way when you're online. You are such a great friend — I can see how much everyone looks up to you at school.'*

Encourage safe and responsible behaviour

Work on achieving a healthy balance in your child's online and offline activities and set boundaries for digital device use in your home. Remind your child of the importance of safeguarding personal information that can be used to identify or locate them. Explain why they should be suspicious of unsolicited messages and emails, and avoid clicking on pop-up ads on websites. Some pop-ups that seem safe can lead to inappropriate sites or ask for personal or financial information. Help them configure the strongest privacy settings on all the social media apps and sites

they use. It is best that only their circle of friends can view their information, tag them in a photo or share posts. Get them to check their settings regularly as updates can sometimes change them back to the default. Ensure your child uses strong passwords on devices and accounts, and explain the importance of not sharing passwords, even with friends.

Encourage empathy

Help your child to imagine being in someone else's shoes, so they can relate to diverse opinions and understand what might make people behave in different ways. For example, you might say something like: *'I noticed that Sam seemed a bit sad when she came over yesterday. Have you noticed anything? What do you think is wrong? Would that make you sad? What can we do to help?'*

Teach them to question

Encourage your child to think critically about what they see online. Teach them to ask questions so they can identify content or messages that may be misleading or exploitative. Talk to them about 'fake news', or false information that is designed to look like a trustworthy news report, and how quickly it can spread on social media. Teach them to fact check news sources and do their own independent searches on issues, so they can see the variety of opinions on a particular issue and make up their own mind. Remind them to be careful when making new friends online as people may not be who they say they are. We are increasingly seeing 'Finstas' (fake Instagram accounts) and other impersonation accounts, so it is important to question whether what they are seeing online from their friends is real or not. If it seems out of character, it could be from a fake account. Alert your child to the dangers of meeting someone in person that they have been talking to online. Advise them to never arrange to meet an online friend unless a trusted adult is with them and it is during the day in a public space.

Help them build resilience

Keep your cool if your child experiences a negative experience online. Remember, the choices they make as they navigate difficult situations can help them learn. Our 2017 'State of Play' research shows six in ten young people were able to identify some positive impacts from a negative online experience. Remind your child that they can screen who they accept as online 'friends'. Make sure they know how to block and report users or pages on the sites they use. If they have a negative online experience, find out how they are feeling about it, offer support and encourage them to keep things in perspective at the same time. For example, you might say: *'What that person has done is not OK. They must be feeling pretty bad about themselves to treat you like this. How are you feeling? Let's block them to stop their messages coming through.'* Build your child's confidence and encourage positive ways of thinking — looking on the bright side, thinking rationally, and understanding that difficult times are a part of life but there is help and support available.

For more advice, please visit:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/good-habits-start-young>

ROBOTICS

with Room 4

Room 4 went to see a man called Lee in the Science Room on Tuesday the 11th of June to do a robotic lesson. I liked that the lesson was going onto the computer to make a plan for the robot to do. Sometimes the robot wouldn't work for some people. The people that it didn't work for had to start over again.

On the laptop I dragged a block, then plugged in the robot, pressed the circle button, downloaded it, unplugged the robot, and pressed the triangle button so the robot would move.

I would like to know how long has the business been making robots. Also, Lee how long have you been working for this business?

Kiana



My class went to robotics before lunch on Tuesday 11th June.

Lee told us that robots do not have a brain so they have to listen to us. If robots don't listen to us they will crash into the wall.

Lee said boys are big whiney babies because they will not let girls touch their toys. Also there are lots of other types of robots. Robots can cost over 1,000 dollars. When I was in robotics I had to put a cord into the bottom of the robot. Then the robot did what I told it to do.

Thank you for reading my recount.

By Declan



Robotics time!

On Tuesday 11th of June after lunch (11:30 till recess 1:15) room 4 visited Lee in the Science room. Lee is a program code master. He taught us some skills about robots. I was partners with Olivia. The thing that we did well together was brain storming ideas for our program. We did a dance party and we had to program the robot to dance.

But the problem was we kept forgetting to press the button on the robot. I asked Olivia if she pressed the button, she said yes, but she didn't press it.

The interesting thing was how we communicated from the computer to the robot. I am curious, could he program more than one robot at a time?
It was awesome!!! Well that's my recount.

Sophie, over and out!



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

OSHC opening 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.

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>

Dates to remember

Term 2

Week 10

July	4	Assembly 1.50pm
July	5	2.30pm DISMISSAL (Casual day)

Please Note: Dates are subject to change



RIVERLAND GYMNASSTICS ACADEMY

School Holiday program

for 5 - 18 year olds

Tuesday 9th July 2019 11:30am - 1:00pm	Tuesday 16th July 2019 11:30am - 1:00pm
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"Gymnastics for All" session "Tumbling and Trampoline" session

Please wear comfy gym clothes (no buckles, belts or zippers) and bring your water bottle.

PRIOR BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL via website link below
\$15 per session (pay on the day)

www.rivgymacademy.org.au/programmes/holidayprogrammes/

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.

2019 Term Dates

Term 2: 29 April – 5 July (10 wks)

Term 3: 22 July – 27 September (10 wks)

Term 4: 14 October – 13 December (9 wks)

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

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RENMARK PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

MAKE-UP AND SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOP

FOR GIRLS IN YEARS 7-12

THURSDAY 11 JULY

TWO SESSIONS:
9.30AM-12.30PM or 2PM-5PM

\$15 PER PERSON
INCLUDES MORNING OR AFTERNOON SNACK
AND MAKE-UP GUIDE BOOKLET

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
www.thebeautyheartist.eventbrite.com.au

TO BE HELD AT CHAFFEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
86 NINETEENTH STREET, RENMARK. PHONE 8586 5745.

Renmark Out of School Hours Care

Vacation Care: July 8th - 19th 2019

Bookings Essential

Phone: 8586 4481 Email: renmarkoshc@internode.on.net



Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
<p>Arts and Craft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Air drying clay Jewellery ☆ Sand art ☆ Hamma beads ☆ String Art  <p>Special Lunch Apricot chicken or sausage casserole with rice and juice box \$5.</p>	<p>Movie day TOY STORY 4 3D</p> <p>We will be leaving for the Chaffey Theatre at approx. 1.40pm and returning by 4.00pm. Cost \$13.00 Plus \$1.00 if glasses are required</p> 	<p>Challenge Day</p> <p>Are you up for the challenges we have in store for you!!</p> <p>There will be a Hand Ball Comp, a Paper Plane contest and Marble Run Challenge!</p> <p>Macramé at Chaffey Community House A small group of 8yrs plus children will be walking to the Community House to learn about Macramé leaving at 1pm</p>	<p>Cooking day & Woolworth Discovery Tour</p> <p>We will be walking down to our local Woolworths to do a discovery tour. Leaving At 11am returning by 12.30pm</p> <p>For afternoon tea we will be cooking Pinwheels and Milo balls with the ingredients we buy at Woolworths</p> 	<p>Wellbeing Day</p>  <p>Come along and have a relaxing day making some bath bombs, lip glosses or bath salts. We will also be cooking healthy treats for afternoon tea.</p> 
Monday 15th	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th
<p>Movie Day</p> <p>Secret Life of Pets 2</p> <p>We will be leaving for the Chaffey Theatre at approx. 1.40pm and returning by 4.00pm. Cost \$12.00</p> 	<p>Calperum Station visit</p> <p>We will be traveling to Calperum Station by bus leaving at 10am and returning by 4pm. Children will be participating in a variety of environmental and cultural activities. Cost \$10.00</p> <p>Please bring a packed lunch, water bottle and wear old clothes and good walking shoes.</p>	<p>Princesses & Pirates</p>  <p>Come along dressed as your favourite princess or pirate.</p> <p>Make a tiara or bandana, wand or sword. And go on a scavenger hunt.</p> 	<p>Dr Seuss Day</p>  <p>A small group of children will be walking to the Chaffey Theatre to see Cat in the Hat Live on stage. Leaving OSHC at 9.45am returning by 11.15am. Cost \$12.00 (Limited spaces first 20 to book)</p> <p>Lunch At Community House A small group of 8yrs Plus will be walking to the Community House to Make soup and scones for lunch. Leaving at 10am</p>	<p>Pajama Day</p> <p>Come along in your PJ's we will be watching some movies, cooking and relaxing</p>  <p>Special Lunch Lasagne, garlic bread & juice box \$5. Profits from lunch will be donated to the Pajama Angle foundation.</p>

Renmark Paringa Council

Below are a few of the fun activities held in the school holidays.

Have you seen the school holiday program for the July holidays yet?! Download a copy at:

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

July
School Holiday Activity

Macrame Wall Hanging
Wednesday 10 July
10:00am - 12:00pm

Come along, and test your skills. Learn different styles of knots to make an owl macrame wall hanging.

Suits ages: 7 - 13
Cost: \$5.50

Bookings are essential with Eventbrite: www.cccmacrame.eventbrite.com.au

robotics

- Sphero SPRK+
- Ozobot Evo
- Bee Bots
- Little Bits Kits

WEDNESDAY July 17
200pm

Bookings Essential
Phone 8586 5544

July 2019 School Holidays

Horrible Science

at the Renmark Paringa Library

Renmark Paringa Public Library

SCIENCE WITH A TWIST

FREE SHOW

Renmark Paringa Public Library

Tuesday July 9 2.00pm

Come along & watch James the Magician's super cool science tricks

Renmark Paringa Council

July
School Holiday Activity

Soup & Cheese Scones
Wednesday 17 July
10:00am - 12:30pm

Come along, cook and share a delicious lunch. Make pumpkin soup and cheese scones.

Suits ages: 7 - 13
Cost: \$5.50

Bookings are essential with Eventbrite: www.cccsoup-scones.eventbrite.com.au

Fun School Holiday Netball Sessions



Come join in the fun with games and activities to suit all age groups with some netball twist. Team leaders will be assigned to age groups helping gain confidence and knowledge about netball and the skills involved with some our senior Renmark Netball Club Players.

Included in session kids will receive a fruit box, packet of chips and a chance to win some netball goodies in our colouring in competition which announced on the Friday the 19th of July.

When: Monday 8th July

Where: Alan Coulter Recreation Centre

Duration: 1 hr

Time: 11am session 1 – Age 5-9 (20 spots available)
12pm session 2 – Age 9-12 (20 spots available)

Cost: \$5.00 per child

What to bring: Appropriate footwear, water bottle.

Children wanting to attend a session will need to be booked, to secure a session please call or email us on details below.

Phone: 85 866072

Email: alancoulterrc@belgravialeisure.com.au

