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# Renmark Primary School Newsletter



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## News from the Principal

### THRASS SESSION

Thank you very much to the small but very interested group of parents who attended the THRASS Parent session last Thursday evening. All staff (teachers, SSOs working with students) attended the THRASS training which was extremely valuable. We have some specific directions in THRASS for the remainder of this year, and by the end of this year, will have reviewed our current approach to Spelling.

I know that you certainly came away from the session with a deeper understanding of THRASS, and how it helps your child to read, write and spell.

Thank you very much for coming, especially because the weather was so awful.

I also thank Governing Council on behalf of our school community for approving our Student Free Day, 9 Aug. If you would like to know more about THRASS, please contact your child's class teacher.

### SMOKE FREE POLICY

Concerns have been raised that a number of parents/caregivers and community members are smoking along the perimeter of the school while waiting for their children at the end of day.

Please be aware that this is against the Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products Act 1997 and department policy.

"Smoking and using electronic cigarettes is prohibited at all department premises and activities, including all buildings, structures, outdoor areas and government vehicles, and is **not permitted within 10 metres of a children's playground or perimeter of a department premise.**"

*Department for Education Smoke free policy – May 2019*

An expiation notice of \$105 can be issued. The maximum fine is \$750.

**Please refrain from smoking within 10 metres of any point along the entire school boundary.**



### PARENT – TEACHER – STUDENT DISCUSSIONS

Parent-teacher-student discussions are being held 2-13 September. We have moved to an online booking system, a "How to book" fact sheet was sent home this week.

This enables parents and caregivers to more easily book, including consecutive discussion times if necessary and cancel and reschedule times from home.

**For those who don't have access to the internet, please come to the front office for assistance.**

### WEEK 3, TERM 3

#### GOVERNING COUNCIL CATCH UP

A quick catch up from the Governing Council Week 3 Term 3 meeting held on the 5th August. Excited to hear that even in the middle of Winter, our school attendance rates are sitting above 90%, something that we know staff have been working hard to help support.

We are continually discussing play equipment options and the outdoor spaces of the school while we await the commencement of the Nature Play space area. Feedback is that the students are enjoying some of the new items around the yard, and we thank the local businesses and volunteers who have donated their time, equipment or materials, helping the school to achieve these additions and improvements.

Governing Council formally endorsed the chaplaincy service provided by our Pastoral Care Worker position (Maria Dowzard) and the school will apply for National Schools Chaplaincy Program funding for the program to continue for another 3-year term 2020-2022.

Governing Council and the staff would love to hear from you if you think there are any ways communication between staff and care givers can improve. We want you to feel informed and remember to access the school's Facebook page, website and newsletters to keep you up to date. These points will also highlight any upcoming school events and activities, some of note are parent/teacher/student discussions (moving to an online system) and possibly one of the biggest school events of the year – Sports Day.

**Until Week 8, Jesse Lang Secretary**



The power of kind words and kind gestures can be inspirational. Demonstrating kindness to others can occur through our thoughts, feeling and actions. Kindness can be defined as the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate. Being kind often requires courage and strength. We are teaching our students that words do hurt. We want to help our students understand that what they say and how they say it matters a lot. It is fine to give constructive feedback, it is okay to be angry or upset, but how you respond matters; it cannot be taken back once it is given. We want to teach our students about social media and that everything posted stays in cyberspace forever, even after pressing “delete”.

Every day we observe students being kind to others, sharing toys, helping each other with their learning, including others in their games and giving compliments. We all experience difficulties, but it is very important to remember that when we are having a bad day, we should never be unkind to someone else.

**Remember, kindness is contagious, sprinkle it everywhere!**

### Attendance at School

Every day matters in the school life of a child or young person. Each day's attendance has a positive effect on their development and future success. As early as preschool, regular absences can be indicative of later poor attendance patterns. Missing one day a week of school from Reception to year 10 equates to missing 2 years and 1 term of schooling.

Long-term studies have shown that not completing school can be linked to poor physical and mental health, poverty and involvement in the criminal justice system.

Children and young people who do not attend school regularly also miss out on planned learning experiences, sequences of instruction and class participation. The impact of this loss is compounded with each absence. It is also more difficult for them to build positive relationships with others.

### Student attendance has 2 categories:

- Habitual non-attendance: a student has 5 or more absences for any reason in a term (average of 1 day per fortnight)
- Chronic non-attendance: a student is absent for 10 days or more days in a term for any reason (average of 1 day per week).

### Shared responsibility

Ensuring regular attendance at school is a shared responsibility between parents/caregivers, preschools and schools. If you are having problems with your child's school attendance, first contact their school to talk about it and ask for help.

Education is so important. Any barriers to attendance, learning and wellbeing must be investigated so children and young people can be present and engaged in their learning.

### Varied reasons why children miss school

Many factors affect children's attendance at school such as:

- illness or injury
- family problems
- medical or dental appointments
- family holidays or culturally significant occasions.

### When it's acceptable for children to be absent

It is acceptable for a child to miss school when:

- they are too sick to leave the house
- they have an infectious illness such as gastroenteritis, chicken pox or measles
- they need to attend medical or dental appointments that could not be made out of school hours
- they have been granted an exemption from school
- they have been sent home or suspended from school for disciplinary reasons
- the school principal is given a genuine reason that prevents the child from attending school.

If a student is absent due to reported illness for 3 or more consecutive days, the principal can ask for a medical certificate.

### Exemption from attending school

A parent or guardian must apply for an exemption from school attendance if they wish to take their child out of school temporarily or permanently. Students must attend school regularly until an exemption has been approved. Exemption from attendance at school is often sought because of:

- family travel or holidays
- medical or health reasons
- home education
- full-time employment
- disability or behaviour problems requiring part time exemption from school.

For further information, please visit:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/health-e-safety-and-wellbeing/attendance-at-school>

## BUILDING ATTENDANCE HABITS

How to help your child build a habit of going to preschool or school every day.

 <p>regular evening and bedtime routine and enough sleep</p>	 <p>limit the use of electronic devices in the evenings</p>	 <p>help your child be organised in the morning to get them to school on time</p>
 <p>arrange alternative transport in case something unexpected happens</p>	 <p>take family vacations during school holidays</p>	 <p>make appointments outside of school hours or in school holidays</p>
 <p>talk positively about school</p>	 <p>show interest in what your child is learning, their progress and their friends</p>	 <p>regularly communicate with your child's teacher</p>

## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

All schools are required to collect information about the numbers of students receiving adjustments under the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) and Disability Standards of Education.

This data is used as the basis for national funding. The NCCD involves collection of the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students, the level of adjustment provided to students and student's type of disability - if known.

Under the model, the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health and mental health conditions.

Your child's data will be included in this year's data collection if they have been identified as requiring adjustments.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact Ms Lyn Bretag (Principal) or Mrs Brenda Pfitzner (Deputy Principal) at your convenience.

Further information can also be found at:

<http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

## SCHOOL PHOTOS



Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 August 2019

Special group photos will be taken on Tuesday 27 August. Class and individual photos will be taken on Wednesday 28 August.

**Focus School Portraits are no longer accepting cash payments, please see the back of the order form for 'how to pay' details.**

**Please send back the photo form by Friday 23 August 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 Wednesday. Sibling Photo order forms are available for collection from the front office.

**Groups** will include SRC/Little Leaders, Graduation, Student Leaders, Sport Leaders, Peer Mediators, Instrumental Music and Choir. \*Group photos will be available for purchase at a later date.

## STUDENTS GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2020 (Current yr. 7's)

Please return your high school preference form to the office as soon as possible. Renmark High School enrolment forms can be taken to the RHS front office or alternatively to the RPS front office to be handed on to the high school.

## CHAPLAINCY RENMARK HIGH SCHOOL INC.

### Support needed.

As chairperson of Chaplaincy Renmark High School Inc. I would like to appeal to members of our community to join our small group of volunteers to help support our pastoral care Workers Pammy Main (Renmark High) Maria Dowzard (Renmark Primary) and Narelle Fielke our new PCW (Renmark North).

These dedicated ladies are making a difference in the lives of students, staff and families and are well respected by all. Our group is responsible for supporting their work with extra hours and providing resources for the programmes and activities they run in their schools.

The Renmark Paringa Council, Renmark Paringa Lutheran Churches, Renmark Uniting Church and Renmark Anglican church all donate money to support their work and each school provides resources as well.

For our group to continue we are in need of a treasurer. We meet once each term and the job is not very demanding, our present treasurer is willing to teach someone the ropes. We use internet banking which makes things much easier. Our AGM will be held at the Renmark Lutheran Church Fellowship Centre 17<sup>th</sup> Street Renmark at 7pm on Tuesday 20 August. Your support would be much appreciated.

Lorraine George Chairperson.  
Contact 0401317557





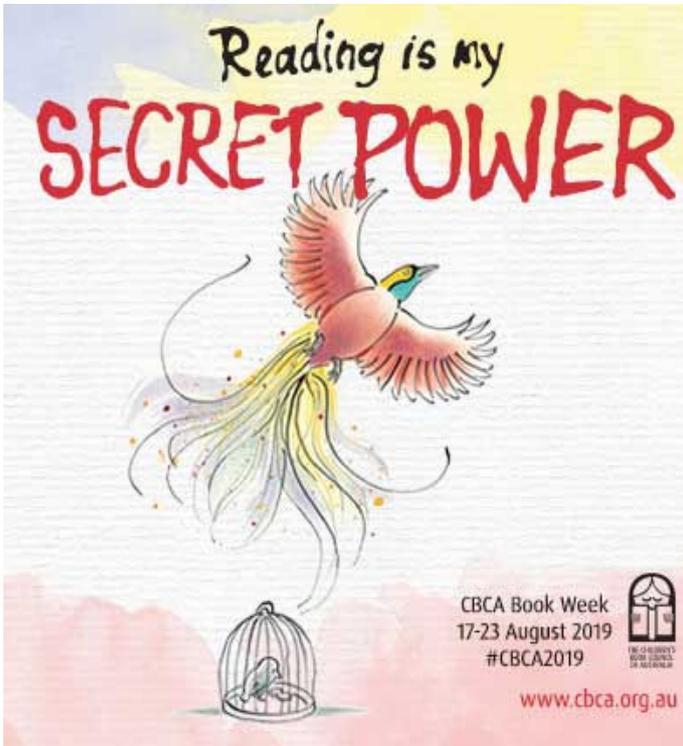
## SCHOOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you to our families for supporting our school Book fair!

We raised an amazing \$3,883 which gave us \$1,350 of free books for our library!

How wonderful!

*Narelle and Vicki*



### BOOK WEEK PARADE!

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
August

9.10am in the Hall.

Come dressed as your favourite book character or super hero!



## Parent Reminders...

**Sports Day** – Thursday 19 September

**School Photos** – Tuesday 27 and Wed 28 August

**Book Week** – Monday 19 – Friday 23 August

### Assemblies

**Week 5** Wednesday 21 August – Book Week parade

**Week 9** Tuesday 17 September

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is held every **Thursday from 8.15-8.45am**; in the kitchen.

### School Banking

Bank SA school banking occurs every Tuesday. Applications are available from Bank SA.

### School lunch orders

**Fridays only** – orders **MUST** be in by 9.00am on Thursdays. Menu's and order bags are available at the office. Please ensure all lunch orders include the **CLASS NUMBER**, not just the class teacher's name.

**PLEASE NOTE – NO LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**

### Tri State Graphics

Have introduced an online store. Shop from the comfort of home, order and pay direct online and receive a contact message when your goods are ready, or request that your goods be shipped out to you direct.

<https://www.tristategraphics.com.au/shop/>

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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>

## 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 3:** 22 July – 27 September (10 wks)

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

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

And



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## Dates to remember!

### Term 3

#### Week 4

**August 15** Yr 7's RHS visit 11am -1pm

#### Week 5

### 'Children's Book Week 19- 23 Aug'

**August 21** Assembly 9.10am – Parade  
**August 23** SAPSASA Basketball - Waikerie

#### Week 6

**August 27** School Photos - GROUPS  
**August 28** School Photos – SINGLE/SIBLINGS  
**September 1** Fathers' Day

#### Week 7 and 8

**September 9** Governing Council 6pm

#### Week 9 and 10

**September 17** Assembly 9.10am  
**September 19** **S P O R T S D A Y**  
**September 27** 2.30pm DISMISSAL (Casual day)

*Please Note: Dates are subject to change*

## Have you seen our chairs???

Unfortunately, we've had three outdoor chairs stolen from our school staff area over the weekend. Very disappointing because to date, our school property and grounds have been very well respected by our community.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of our school chairs, please contact the school ASAP.

Information treated confidentially. We will review security camera footage and contact SAPOL.

Thank you. Lyn Bretag



SA CIRCUS CENTRE, THE HOME OF CIRKIDZ PRESENTS

# CIRCUS WORKSHOPS AUGUST



### THE WORKSHOPS

Participants will be focussing on developing a variety of fundamentals in various circus disciplines including tumbling, juggling, trampoline, acrobatics, balance and more! Improve coordination, strength and flexibility via games, activities, structured play and group work.

### SATURDAY AUGUST 31st

*Introduction to Circus Arts*

**Tackertz (5 - 8 years) 80 mins**  
9:00am - 10:20am

**Tweenz (9 - 12 years) 80 mins**  
10:40am - 12:00pm

**Teenz (13+) 2 hour workshop**  
1:00pm - 3:00pm



### IMPORTANT STUFF!

**PRICE**  
Each session \$10

**VENUE**  
Renmark Institute,  
54 Ral Ral Ave,  
Renmark (enter via James ave)

**COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS PERFORMANCE SHOWING FROM 4:00PM!**

**BOOK AT**  
[www.ryt.org.au](http://www.ryt.org.au)



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Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

# YOUTH GRANT FUNDING



### ARE YOU:

- An individual or team of youth aged 22 years & under?
- Representing the district, state or country in an event such as sport & recreation, performing arts, visual arts, debating/youth parliament, culture & heritage, music, environment or something else?
- Looking for funding to help you attend your event?

Renmark Paringa Council offers youth grant funding to assist youth attend these events. All you need to do is complete the application form and submit to Council to be reviewed and assessed.

Download the application form at [www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/youthgrants](http://www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/youthgrants) or contact Emma Warner for more information - 8580 3000 or [ewarner@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:ewarner@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au)



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### Come'n Play Sport

# Riverland Tennis Fun Day

## At Renmark Tintra Lawn Tennis Club

Project Six Foundation is proud to present in partnership with Renmark Tintra Lawn Tennis Club, High Performance Tennis and Renmark Paringa Council, 'Riverland Tennis Fun Day'. We invite you to come'n play tennis and have a great day of fun and fitness for 5-15 year olds.

**It all happens on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of August from 1pm - 3pm**

**Followed by Foundation Cup coaching clinic from 3pm - 5pm**

**Entry is FREE!**

- Everyone's welcome!
- First time - no worries
- Bring your own racquet (optional)
- Racquets and balls provided
- Games and fitness circuits

Enter through main football oval gates  
(Renmark vs Berri will be playing)



BRING A FRIEND  
HOT SHOTS TENNIS  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
PRIZES  
GIVEAWAYS

Come'n hit with  
**Luke Saville**

(Professional ATP Tennis Player and Cobdogla local)

For more details visit [p6f.org](http://p6f.org)

Presented by



Renmark Paringa Council

**Are you 5 or 6 years of age?**

**Are you interested in making friends, having adventures and having fun?**

### Join Joey Scouts

Renmark Scout Group is holding 'come and try' sessions for interested children.

*Wednesday Aug 14th & Aug 21st*

*Wednesday Sept 4th & Sept 11th*

**4:30-5:30pm**

Renmark Scout Hall

100 Thurk Street, Renmark

[renmarkgl@gmail.com](mailto:renmarkgl@gmail.com)



Scouts SA

Please note: a guardian must remain at the hall during come and try sessions