From the Principal’s Desk

We have had several events lately, in which students have been able to display commitment to a team. It is interesting to note that this is consistent with our school motto – Non Nobis Solum which literally translates to “not for ourselves alone”. This motto, through the use of the word “alone” says that the RHS experience is both – for ourselves, but not for ourselves ALONE. I think this is what RHS is about – we work with students and families to strive to reach the aspirations of students in an individual sense, but we also promote the sense of teamwork – the team may be the House or a volleyball team in a sporting context, a class group or smaller working group in a class or it may be the whole school as it was at Interschool Swimming on Monday night. The skills and ethics of being able to put the needs of broader group above your own personal interests and to work in a team are highly valued in broader society and admired by those who witness it – especially in the workplaces of the 21st Century. It is for this reason that we run these events, encourage participation in the opportunities provided and attendance at school occasions. Besides this, these are the things we remember and reminisce about at the reunions of the future.

The Annual General Meeting of Governing Council is on next Wednesday night at 7:30pm. This is an important event in the school calendar. It is not just for councillors or intending councillors, so don’t worry that if you come along you will be “roped in”. It is a night where we present the Annual Report and Financial Reports and have some open discussion about school operation and future directions, including an opportunity to ask questions about these topics. Generally, this has been quite poorly attended and I don’t really understand why this is the case – let’s change that this year!

The AGM is in the Resource Centre with a supper to follow.

New staff: This week we welcomed 4 new staff. Chantel Nunn has filled the vacancy created by Kirralee Baldock who has assumed the Deputy Principal’s role. Renae Bower has taken up the role as Library Assistant, Hayley Tripney and Tara Camilleri have taken up roles in supporting student learning as this has become available based on our student numbers. We trust that their time here will be rewarding.

Upcoming events

Week 5
Wed 2/3 Adelaide Swimming 10.00-1.00pm

Week 6
Wed 9/3 1500 metres 8.30-10.00am
Wed 9/3 Parent Info Night 7.00-9.00 pm

Week 7
Sun 13/3 Lions YOY Regional Final 4.00-7.00pm
Tue 15/3 800 metres 8.30-10.30am
Fri 18/3 RHS Sports Day 9.00 am

School Uniform
School uniform dresses (in a range of size) are available for purchase from Students Services Office at a cost of $80.00. Bucket hats with the school emblem on them are also available for $12.00.

Two of our new staff members this week. Chantel Nunn, HASS and English teacher and Renae Bower, Library Assistant.
Interschool Swimming Carnival

What a great night! Those who have been following Facebook would know that Renmark High School had a great result coming second in both the Championship Shield and the Most Improved Shields. It was great to see the students giving their all to support their respective teams. Well done to all those who participated.

Congratulations to all the students, family and staff who came along to support and contribute to make this event a success. I think I was most impressed by the camaraderie that existed between all those in attendance.

Good luck in Adelaide

Brooke and Grandad

The Team

Hachioji Homestay Program

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Japanese students from Hachioji Junior High School will be visiting Renmark High for 10 days, beginning on the 30th July. As part of our annual program the students will attend normal classes, learn English and be involved in special activities. The students are 14-15 years of age.

The most important part of the program is the homestay as this gives us all the chance to learn about a different culture and share what is special about Renmark and our way of life.

We have spaces available in our Homestay program for host families and would encourage you to be involved. The students need a bed to sleep in, but can share a room. If you would like to know more please contact Keryn French, or ring the school to ask for an application form.

For those families who have expressed an interest already, please return the application forms as soon as possible.

Keryn French

From the library

The library has been very busy this term supporting the Languages Faculty's push to encourage students to read for enjoyment. The DECD Numeracy and Literacy Strategy from Birth to 8 presents research evidence as to why educators should promote reading for enjoyment:

- Reading opens doors to our inner and outer worlds, allowing access to knowledge and power
- Those who read more become better readers
- There is a direct link between how much students read and reading achievement in the development of vocabulary, general knowledge, spelling and verbal fluency
- Those who read a lot, on a regular basis tend to achieve success within many subject areas at school.

We have a range of resources from which students can borrow and I also encourage students to recommend any titles which they would like to see in our library collections. Apart from our print collection, we also have a digital eBook and audio book collection which is accessible 24/7. Titles can be downloaded and borrowed to a smart device. Information about this process is available from the RHS library website at http://renmarkhs.sa.libguides.com/ebooks. Students who do not have access to a smart device can borrow an eReader from the library and the library staff will download the book they wish to read on their behalf.


Mandy Smith Teacher Librarian

From Pammy - PCW

Year 8 Pool Night was a great success, I believe, as a lot of parents came and had a sausage or two and commented on how much they enjoyed the evening. I have to thank my four amazing helpers: Michaela, James, Corey and Jordan. Thank you so much! Without you there would have been no sausages or onions cooked at all. It was excellent to see the evening so well supported by everyone. Last weekend I was sitting looking at the river and the trees, so beautiful and it often impacts me because when I go to Adelaide I am often surprised by the amount of traffic. It appears never ending, traffic lights, cars and continual stopping and starting. When I come home to the Riverland I feel so blessed to drive around with no traffic lights and no frenetic driving. What a lovely place to live, sunshine, beautiful river scenery and a great lifestyle. Keep smiling and be blessed Pammy.