From the Principal’s Desk

I was speaking to a parent recently and he (pleasantly) outlined what he believed to be a community held view about mobile phones at Renmark High. The belief is that there is uncontrolled use of mobile phones at Renmark High. Our policy is very clear. Students may, at the discretion of the teacher, use a mobile phone, however, teachers use a variety of strategies to control their use. These include:
- placing phones on desks in full view,
- making sure that they are turned off and are out of sight
- confiscating phones if they are misused.

Mobile phones are treated in the same way as any other distraction in class. Conversely, mobile phones can be a very valuable tool for learning. They:
- provide ready access to the internet and are often the device of choice for doing this;
- can be used as a video (e.g. to video a teacher demonstration); or a camera to take a photo of notes;
- are a productivity tool - calendars, to do lists, reminders - for assignments etc.;
- are used to access Daymap - our learner management system;
- can store electronic copies of learning information.

Smartphones are in effect computers and most uses that we can conceive for a computer in learning, can be replaced with a mobile phone function.

An apology: In the photo of Governing Council in Week 6 newsletter I incorrectly listed the name of the SRC Rep. It should, have been Shikiba, who is our female school leader in 2016.

Have a good Easter with your family!

Back to the 80’s
The Totally Awesome Musical
Rehearsals are well under way in class with 28 students working hard - both on and off stage. We also have Pammy Main assisting with props and Tara Camilleri on Costume. Students have been learning about the 1980’s history, icons, actors, television shows and bands in class. As you can imagine there have been laughs, confusion and a lot of interest.

Dance rehearsals have also started as well 3 days a week during lunch with Rosemary Clark (from Rosie Clark’s School of Ballet and Tap) on choreography which has been spectacular.

Some dates to save for the musical next term are:
Wednesday 22nd June and Thursday 23rd June at the Chaffey Theatre
All are welcome to attend.

Wendy Matulic
Director

Year 12’s Celebrating Harmony Day

Harmony Day
To celebrate Harmony Day, a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home, The Year 12 Cohort decided to cook foods from the cultures of our peers. The students formed small groups and researched foods from various cultural groups. From this research, they then chose a recipe that could be cooked and was suitable to share as part of a buffet lunch. The groups had to work together to submit a food order, collect ingredients and get ready for the practical day. The students prepared and cooked our foods, with some group members giving us a lesson on traditional ingredients and cooking techniques. The session ended with a shared buffet lunch.
‘Year 12’s’
Sports Day

Sports day, held last Friday, proved to be a very successful event. Windy conditions meant that hurdles events were postponed until Tuesday, consequently individual trophy winners were unable to be determined on the day.

Results:
Most Dedicated, is an award for students who are most helpful on the day for their house and is awarded by house captains. Tintra: Mitchell; Sturt: Damon; Murray: Vagelli; Chaffey: Sasha.
Most Improved:
Tintra 1817, Murray 1711, Chaffey 1696, Sturt 1665.

Championship Shield:
Murray 1711, Tintra 1575, Sturt 1574, Chaffey 1292.
Ball Games Shield:
Sturt 247, Tintra 238, Murray 227, Chaffey 199.

Thank you to all who made the day possible. To our sponsors: Townsends Bus and Travel, Emmetts, Berri Bubble Wash, Lellmann Crash Repairs, AA Canvas, Renmark Hotel/Motel and also Leonie Whitehead, our students who attended, participated and supported and parents and staff.

Individual Trophy Winners
Boys:
U14: 1st Haidar; 2nd Benedict; 3rd Cohan; 3rd Aidan.
U15: 1st Lloyd; 2nd Dion; 3rd Corey.
U16: 1st Nathan; 2nd Jake; 3rd Austin.
U20: 1st Nathan; 2nd Jake; 3rd Matthew.

Girls:
U14: 1st Abbey; 2nd Chloe; 2nd Felicity; 3rd Tayla.
U15: 1st Gemma; 2nd Christie; 3rd Eleni.
U16: 1st Claire; 2nd Eva; 3rd Mikayla.
U20: 1st Brooke; 2nd Abby; 3rd Stacey; 3rd Cassandra.

Computer Coding is on Again
The project to teach computer coding skills has recommenced for 2016. This project is conducted in conjunction with UniSA, with a lecturer attending every fortnight to teach students. Students write the code for a game of their own design. The project was initiated through Regional Development Australia against an identified shortage of people with these skills in the local workforce.

Canteen News
Canteen will be closed on Interschool Sports Day 6th April 2016.

Chickens and roosters for sale.
Please contact Stephen Cawte at the School. 85866974

From Pammy - PCW
I have just had a Year 12 student pass on the quote: “Do not let distractions get in the way of what I have to do”. I have been sitting at my computer procrastinating about what to say and what to write about. How often do we allow outside influences to come in and take us off track from what we should be focussing on. This is something I am going to think about and strive to achieve when being busy tries to stop me from starting and finishing something. Easter is not far away and for me this is a rather special time of the year and I do look forward to all that it entails for me and for my family. I hope you all have a wonderful time this week and stay safe and keep smiling... Pammy PCW