From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

This week we have had a number of events that are part of our Enterprise Academy program. The Year 9’s presented their pitches for their business ideas as part of the integrated English and Hass unit on Business and Economics. There were some fantastic products and a great deal of learning about generating and marketing to an audience.

This week is also Australian Business Week for all Year 11’s. Again students are engaged in group activities in a simulated business environment. Students are required to manage the business strategy, the financials, mount a trade display, prepare a 30 second TV commercial and write 2 substantial reports.

In the RHS Enterprise Academy, this extends to the E-challenge, a real business start-up program conducted by Adelaide University and the Certificate III in Microbusiness Operations. Coincidentally the ABC program 4 Corners dealt with exactly this topic in its Future Proofing episode on Monday night. The conclusion was that students need skills that are transferable from one job to another as a result of the dynamic work environment, largely under the influence of digital technology. In particular their skills in:

- Being innovative;
- Creative and critical thinking;
- Communication and presentation;
- Teamwork;
- ICT;
- Problem solving.

This program is definitely worth watching, as a family. It can be found at [http://iview.abc.net.au/programs/four-corners/NC1604H023500](http://iview.abc.net.au/programs/four-corners/NC1604H023500)

Year 11’s dressed for business during ABW week

This week is the last week of term and you will receive your child’s report in the mail. Please make time to discuss this with your child and to help them plan their improvement efforts for next term. Often this is around organisation but equally it is about how to cope when they encounter difficulty with learning and the strategies they can use. Research indicates that it is these problem solving strategies and the resilience and persistence traits that drive them that are critically important to success.

Please also contact your child’s teachers if you want support with this, because research also says that the involvement of family is very important.

I trust that you have a happy and safe time over the next two weeks.

David Crouch
Principal

Upcoming events

Week 10, Term 2
Friday, July 8
2016

Week 10
Fri 8/7  Last Day of Term 2
         2.30 Departure

Term 3

Week 1
Mon 25/7  Start Term 3
Wed 27/7  Awards Ceremony

Week 2
Mon 1/8 Hachioji Homestay Visit
Thur 4/8 Interschool Debating

Yr 9 Enterprise Academy presenting their business ideas

"Advertising needs to be eye catching and appeal to our market"
The Future of Work Megatrends

Australian Jobs 2016 identifies Megatrends, or major changes that will reshape business and policy. The Megatrends most relevant to labour market change are:

- Growth in computing power, connectivity, data volumes and artificial intelligence;
- Changing employment markets and organisational structures;
- The era of the entrepreneur;
- Divergent demographics;
- Continued growth of the service sector.

These Megatrends will affect the ways in which people manage their careers, the manner in which companies manage their workforces and how governments regulate and manage the labour market. Key issues include:

- Education and training will be increasingly fewer jobs in the service sector of the economy which do not require skills;
- New capabilities are needed for new jobs of the future;
- Digital literacy is needed alongside numeracy and literacy. Australians will need to be literate, numerate and digitally literate. These capabilities will be basic requirements for most jobs;
- The importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) will change. STEM skills are likely to be needed in many of the better paid jobs of the future;
- New aptitudes and mindsets will be needed to handle a dynamic labour market such as adaptability, resilience, buoyancy and entrepreneurial capabilities.

Three Act Science

Last Friday a number of the Science teaching staff and a group of students headed to Waikerie to take part in the second session of the Three Act Science Understanding Program. This program is run by DECD to help improve the teaching and engagement in science.

The first session of the day focussed on, ‘How does the teaching of science need to change to create more student engagement?’ There was great discussion amongst the teachers and students present. During this first session students and teachers also worked together to create a device every household would want in the future. Renmark’s group decided to make an all in one cleaning robot, which also doubled as a child minder. There was much fun and laughter during this session.

The second session focussed on more inquiry based learning and techniques for finding out misconceptions students have about a topic before it has been taught. The final session of the day saw the students and teachers split. The teachers looked at ways of converting a current activity into a Three Act Science task, involving more classroom engagement. Overall it was a very worthwhile session.

Jamie Illman
Science Teacher

United Nations Youth of SA

A group of University students representing United Nations Youth of SA visited Renmark High School this week. They ran workshops with Year 10 History classes to raise awareness with students about equal rights for our indigenous culture. Students found their presentation to be extremely informative and engaging.

Snow Trip

19 students and 4 staff will be travelling to Mt Hotham. They will be leaving Renmark for the annual RHS snow trip on Saturday the 16th of July and will be away until Saturday the 23rd of July. We hope that there is plenty of snow and that they have an uneventful, enjoyable trip.

From Pammy

Here we are in week 10 already half way through the year. Year 12’s are doing exams and the year 11’s are taking part in the Australian Business Week (ABW). How exciting for them, because in one short week the students learn how to run a small business from the ground upwards. And then at the end of an exhausting, thrilling week they present their finished business via a mock trade display. I personally think it is an excellent learning experience for these young people. Two weeks holidays are about to be upon us. A time to recharge, have fun and keep warm. Those of you who are going away I pray that your travels are safe and filled with joy, fun and lots of laughter. My family and I are staying home these holidays with our fur babies and plan to enjoy time off and await the exciting arrival of our first grandchild. Wow the thought of it blows me away. What a privilege it will be. RHS community, have awesome holidays stay safe and be kind to each other.

Pammy PCW