From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

I sometimes wish that I was a student at Renmark High in the current era. This is a statement about the range of opportunities and experiences that are available to students. On Monday night there was an information session about a study trip to France. On Friday this week there is an information session about another overseas travel opportunity, called the World Challenge. Next week there is a Drone Course, as a part of a developing entry program into aviation. Every Thursday, there is a Doorways to Construction program running and almost every day (including the weekends) drama production rehearsals are underway. The band is playing in the music room. Volleyball training is occurring every morning in the gym. There is additional maths tutoring happening in the study space. A UniSA lecturer is here on Mondays, teaching students to code computers and the 3-D printer is humming away making all sorts of weird and wonderful things. A group is in the Pastoral Support Worker’s office and another in the library at lunchtime, using computers. Last week students ran their cross country at Bookmark Creek where the SRC cooked a BBQ, and Year 9s participated in a wetland study of Bookmark Creek. We are filling teams for the Science and Engineering Challenge, 9 A-side football and hockey competitions. Today, even while it is raining the students are able to play basketball and soccer under the COLA. All of these opportunities are extra-curricular and add to the richness of the experience at RHS. Thanks to the staff who make them happen.

Recently we have seen the release of the new public websites for the Department of Education and Child Development. These websites are a resource for parents and carers and have been designed to enable you to find the information you are seeking. The resource is available at: www.decd.sa.gov.au and www.families.sa.gov.au

On another note, Congratulations to Daniel and Jessica Farrelly on the birth of their son Jackson Connor recently.

The Canteen
The canteen at RHS is fantastic. The service that this provides goes beyond the mere service of quality food, which we now take for granted. As the food is good (and EFTPOS facilities available), there is reduced temptation for students to go outside of the school for food. Previously criticism has been levelled at the school about the number of students who leave for this purpose. Thanks to Corbin Dingle and the small band of helpers for their efforts. You can support the canteen by putting your name down to help if you can spare a morning or two every now and then. You can also support us by not giving permission for students to leave school to get food.

Facebook
It has come to our attention that some of you may not be getting all Facebook posts due to some of the available notifications being switched off. To fix this, click on the ‘Like’ Tab on our site and make sure that the ‘All On’ is selected in the Notifications section.

David Crouch, Principal

Week 4, Term 2
Friday, May 27
2016

Upcoming events

Week 5
Tue 31/5 Interschool Cross Country
Thur 2/6 World Challenge Parent Information Evening
Fri 3/6 Year 8 Immunisations

Week 6
Wed 8/6 SRC Excursion
Thur 9/6 Adelaide Cross Country
Fri 10/6 Student Free Day

Week 7
Mon 13/6 Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Thur 16/6 9 A-side Football, Waikerie

Week 8
Mon 20/6 Governing Council 21/6 RAP Presentation by MFS
Wed 22/6 Back to the 80’s Musical
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From Pammy

I was talking to a couple of year 12 girls the other day about Prom dresses and just generally about the Prom. How exciting to have the opportunity to finish your High school years with a once in a life time event with peers who have shared with you all the ups and downs of high school life. It’s a rite of passage and I really want to urge all year 12 students to celebrate each other as you take part in this significant milestone. Fun, laughter and great memories will be made to last a lifetime. So go for it and don’t allow metaphorical hurdles to get in your way. Just a thought...keep smiling and be kind to each other as you prepare for PROM.

Pammy – PCW
Back to the 80's .... a totally awesome experience
Join the graduating class of William Ocean High School as they live through their final senior year - as they experience the fun, the heartbreak, the loves and the loneliness of growing up.... all set to the biggest hits of the 80's!!
Tickets for this years' musical go on sale on Monday (week 5) at the Chaffey Theatre for Wednesday 22nd June and Thursday 23rd June 7pm. Cost of tickets will be $15 for adults, $10 for students, and children under 5, FREE.

School Based Apprenticeships
Renmark High School students who have recently received School Based Apprenticeships.

Shimona and Tyson attend SAASTA Aboriginal Power Cup
From the 18th to the 21st of May, SAASTA students, Shimona and Tyson participated in the 2016 Aboriginal Power Cup. This event aims to improve the lives and futures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by promoting physical fitness and high academic achievement.
Students participated in an amazing variety of activities throughout the week, which included playing a series of 9 A-side football games, attending a 'Careers Expo' (which exposed the students to ideas and pathways they may like to consider in their future years), dinner and a blue light disco, as well as learning a traditional cultural dance. They performed the dance as a curtain raiser to the Port Adelaide vs West Coast Eagles game.
On Saturday morning there was an awards ceremony at UniSA's City West campus, attended by all SAASTA students and many VIP's from various organisations. Our Riverland Academy won the 'Curriculum Excellence Award', based on all the tasks we have had to hand up each week, compared with all the SAASTA academies from around the state, which was a fantastic achievement.

Success for RHS student Jakob
Recently Jakob travelled to the Gold Coast to participate in the Australian junior boxing titles. Jakob won a silver medal in a closely fought final missing out by one point in a split decision from the judges. Jakob has now got his sights set on competing in the state titles later in the year. Outstanding effort Jakob.

Congratulations Georgia
Georgia has been selected to represent Secondary School Sport SA at the forthcoming School Sport Australia, Australian Football Championships. to be held in Maroochydore in July. We wish you well Georgia.

Library Competition Winner
Congratulations to Year 8 student Efthyia, who guessed the highest number of correct tweets characters in popular young adult books would make if they could.