From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

Growth Mindset

The education profession has developed an understanding of the impact of positive psychology on learning success and many other factors leading to “life happiness” for students.

It is implicated in traits like persistence, resilience, confidence and self-esteem. These traits are strongly associated with success, not only at school, but in most endeavours and relationships through life.

At Renmark High School we have “Growth Mindset” as one of our improvement priorities.

This project is based largely on the work of Carol Dweck an international educator. (If you are interested please Google or search You Tube). An important feature of the project is that it affects a person’s disposition repeatedly as they approach new challenges. The critical thought is “How can I do this?” rather than simply, “I can’t do this! Stop!” This ‘can-do’ attitude is the one that leads to achievement.

Growth Mindset is the subject of our learning at the Student Free Day, next Friday, 10th June.

Student Safety

There are occasions, when schools have situations requiring an emergency response, which we plan for and practise like most businesses I suspect. Critical incidents are occurring in many places around the world but thankfully are not common here. Despite this we need to be prepared. These responses are for things like fire or gas leaks which require evacuation, or intruders and bushfire which require invacuation.

In anticipation of an intruder alert, we had an invacuation drill yesterday. The concern was raised that in such an incident, your child may contact you by phone, resulting in your response being to come to the school to collect your child.

We urge you, in the strongest possible terms NOT to do this. The first reason is that in leaving the school, students may put themselves into direct personal danger. You may also put yourself in danger, and consequently someone else (teacher, police) could also be endangered. In addition, this creates chaos in our systems for accounting for every student. We have instructed students to NOT use their phones.

If such an event occurs, you will be notified at the first available opportunity.

David Crouch, Principal

Down 2 Buusiness

Students from Renmark High are working with Finding Workable Solutions in a Small Business Enterprise Program. Students will develop business skills, teamwork and life skills in a “hands on” environment.

In the photograph below students are using recycled timber to make furniture.

Week 5, Term 2
Friday, June 3
2016

Upcoming events

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

Week 7
Mon 13/6 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Thur 16/6 9 A-side Football, Walkerie

Week 8
Mon 20/6 Governing Council
Tues 21/6 RAP Presentation by MFS
Wed 22/6 Back to the 80’s Musical
Thur 23/6 Back to the 80’s Musical

Week 9
Year 11 Exams

Week 10
ABW
Year 12 Exams

Could you be a Host Family?

In third term (30th July to 9th August) RHS will be host to 13 Japanese students who are part of the Hachioji Study Tour. This tour provides Japanese students with an opportunity to a week long experience of life in country Australia. All students and families involved with this program find it a very enriching and rewarding experience.

Currently we are seeking at least one more family to host a student. If you are able to help, please contact Keryn French by ringing the school on 85866974.

Keryn French
Hachioji Study Tour Coordinator
Language Perfect World Championship Results

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Language Perfect World Championships, which came to an end last Thursday. Once again, we have demonstrated our passion and enthusiasm for all languages, along with a great competitive spirit.

In our category, Renmark High School placed 8th in Australia, out of 92 schools. Globally, we placed 18th out of 145 schools.

In South Australia, we placed 11th out of 41 schools.

Interestingly, in South Australia, we achieved 1st place in Maori out of the 18 schools competing and 1st place in Arabic out of 20 schools.

Our most impressive result is placing 1st in French nationally ahead of 71 schools.

In 2016, the top students at Renmark High School are:


Top Year 11 student: Vanessa
Top Year 10 student: Indy
Top Year 9 student: Isabella
Top Year 8 student: Josh

The top student at Renmark High School this year is Vanessa Vu, who competed for our school whilst on exchange in France. Of the 300 000 students worldwide competing this year, 975 students earned an Elite award, in which you must score over 10 000 points. This year, Vanessa was one of those students. Once again, congratulations to all of our students!

Mrs Tassios
French Teacher

Year 10 Essential English Workplace Literacy

Over the term the Year 10 Essential English Class has been investigating workplace writing and literacy. We have looked at the entry requirements for apprenticeships and specific site induction policies and procedures. Students visited local businesses including Agri-Exchange and The Berri Waste Transfer Station to see these policies and documents implemented in the workplace. They also had a local Refrigeration Mechanic visit the class to take them through the daily literacy requirements needed for repair work. As a result of these visits, students will write their own Safe Operating Procedures for equipment in our Tech Room and will undertake a written workplace safety assessment.

Amy Evans
Year 10 Essential English Teacher

Leana interviewing students Smart Start style

Rosie Clark of School of Ballet and Tap in action with students during one of their lunchtime choreography sessions as they practise moves for 'Back to the 80’s' the musical. Performances will be held in the Chaffey Theatre, Wednesday 22nd June and Thursday 23rd June 7pm. Tickets are available from the Chaffey Theatre.

Biljana Elliott
Numeracy Mentor

Congratulations Indy, Isobella and Josh