From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

Another very full week at Renmark High School!

This week, we are hosting 14 students and a teacher from Hachioji Junior School in Japan. This project is part of a program involving 6 schools in SA as part of an inter-governmental agreement. Thanks to Keryn French and Wayne Elliott who are organizing this program and to the host families who make it possible.

I’d like to draw your attention to the Future Planning Expo on August 17th, (Wednesday week). This is the night that we commence our subject selection process for 2017. There will be many subject area displays and demonstrations, information about subjects and presentations about subject patterns and requirements. Look for the program in advance to plan the night. This is a night not to be missed.

Mobile Phone use

We have recently reviewed the processes that teachers use to manage student use of phones. (The policy has not changed.) Teachers, direct how and when mobile phones are to be used and impose consequences in line with our Student Development Policy. A sticking point comes from direct parental contact with students, during lessons. This creates a source of conflict between students and their teachers and can create alarm in classes. You are asked not to contact your children during lesson time.

If you need to contact a student urgently, please do so via the front office or during breaks.

Recess - 10:40am - 11:05am,
Lunch - 12:55am - 1:40pm
End of Day is 3:30pm.
Please help us to support the education of our children.

David Crouch, Principal

Pedal Prix Report

Last weekend 5 Renmark High School girls, Imogen, Le-Tesha, Adele, Sarah and Sunandip raced against 169 other teams in the Pedal Prix Adelaide race held at Victoria Park. The girls started well with Imogen completing the fastest lap for the race on lap 1, but they were soon in the pits in lap 3 with a flat tyre. Our helpful pit crew made a quick tyre change and the team was back in the race. Over the six hour race there were no further mechanical problems and the girls did a fantastic job of keeping the bike going. Both Imogen and Adele rolled the bike and the rest of the team got themselves into some bumps and scrapes. Sarah and Le-Tesha put in a fantastic effort over the last half hour, moving us up another position. Overall, the team managed to complete 93 laps during the six hours and came 44th in their category. Renmark High’s bike was very noticeable with its striking graphics. We would like to again thank our major sponsors Tri-State Graphics. We would also like to thank our parent helpers Peter Ellis, Grant Geyer and Deanne Baptie for their efforts over the weekend.

Alison Coleman, Team Manager.
Maths Olympics

Who would think that a team of two Year 9's and a Year 10 would win against a horde of other Year 10 teams?

In week 9 of last term a group of students from Years 8-10 travelled to Loxton High for the 1st ever Riverland Math’s Olympics. This was a day long competition consisting of four events all requiring Maths.

The first event was an online quiz, each question allowed only twenty seconds to answer resulting in quick and critical thinking.

The second event was a mystery puzzle which required answering confusing Maths questions in order to receive clues.

The third event was a general knowledge and a maths/other topic worksheet which had to be completed in twenty minutes.

The final event was a building competition and our group was required to create a delivery device that could safely fall to the ground from extreme heights.

Overall, it was a stressful but exciting day containing plenty of laughs. The feeling of winning the Year 10 team competition was one that is still very difficult to describe. My team is still proud yet surprised. I highly recommend this event to all students that like a sense of thrill and the use of mathematics in many situations.

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Josephine, Math’s Student

Hachioji Junior School Visit

This week it has been the community of Renmark High School’s pleasure to host 14 students from Hachioji Junior School.

These students are experiencing life in rural Australia. At school their program includes participating in ESL lessons, visiting the Renmark Primary School, witnessing and participating in a Cultural Dance and Didgerdoo playing session, learning how to play AFL, showing us how to play 10 Pin Bowls, visiting Banrock Station Wetland, making ANZAC biscuits and having an amazing time in Mr Young’s Science class. Within their Australian host families these 14 year old children are learning to communicate in a foreign language, trying different food’s and being an ‘Aussie’.

Thank you to host families and all staff who have supported this program.

KO Cup Hockey

On Wednesday 27th of July, 13 students travelled to Berri to represent Renmark in the Open Mixed Knock- Out Cup tournament. Our first game was against Faith College. Within 3 minutes, Renmark had scored with a ‘wee ripper’ of a goal. Nathan and Jayden continued to use their pace and skills, linking well through the midfield allowing for our strikers Ben, Summer and Codye to penetrate the ‘D’, on numerous occasions. Ben and Jayden continued to destroy Faith’s faith and dominate their defence finishing with a 4-0 win.

Our second game against Waikerie was the real test however, Renmark’s defence took up this challenge with uppermost strength over the ball with Christina, Zac, Ashleigh and Matt’s perfect distribution of the ball keeping the score line to 2 all at half-time. With limited subs, and injuries left, right and centre, the midfield continued to work hard with Hayley and Christie holding their own against the boys. A hat trick was scored by Ben with a ‘rad’ tomahawk but even this was not enough to slow Waikerie’s charge, despite the amazing work rate of ninja goalie, Allan. Super Coach Mrs Weeks made the most of her 0 subs until the final buzzer sounded and Renmark was defeated 4-7. Unfortunately, Renmark will not be progressing to the Adelaide tournament, however we had a great day and thank Mrs Weeks for her time and efforts.

Matt, Brooke, Ben – Great Hockey Players

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THE FUTURE PLANNING EXPO

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

From 5:30pm to 8pm

at Renmark High School,

This informative open night provides an opportunity for current and prospective families to visit the school’s facilities, meet staff and collect information about the 2017 curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities available to the school community.