From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

It was a great pleasure to acknowledge students who had shown sustained improvement over years 8 and 9 through their NAPLAN results. Why improvement? If we look at the learning trajectory – the slope of the learning graph – we can be confident of sustained improvement over time, and students will reach, and indeed exceed the highest level of achievement.

Congratulations to all students who were identified at the assembly.

This is a critical period for our year 12’s as they enter the lead up to the end of the year. As the pressure mounts, students will need to make concessions in other areas to achieve success.

These include:
- Working hard 3 hours per night is normal
- Attending every lesson (goes without saying)
- Cutting back on work commitments
- Meeting all deadlines – completing assignments and homework on time
- Using study time effectively
- Being honest (to themselves) about how hard they are studying
- Committing the upcoming holidays to school work

This is not the time to ‘duck and weave,’ it is clearly a race to the finish. Let’s not look back on this period later with regret!

We are happy to (and do) support, but it is vital that students hold up their end of this bargain.

David Crouch, Principal

Wear it Purple Day

On Thursday of Week 5, Renmark High School celebrated Wear it Purple Day as part of our commitment to the Safe Schools Coalition, a national network of organisations working with schools to create safer and more inclusive environments for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students, staff and families.

Renmark High School believes that all students have a right to feel safe and belong as part of the school community. This is vital for student learning and enables all young people to have a fair go in their education.

We value the health and well-being of students and agree that bullying of any kind is harmful and should not be accepted. Across religions and cultures there is a shared belief in the right of people to be safe, happy and healthy and to be treated with dignity and respect.

Research tells us that thousands of young people across Australia experience homophobic and transphobic behaviour, discrimination and isolation in schools. These experiences have serious consequences on their health and wellbeing, including self-harm and academic achievement.

Students enjoyed the day with a free sausage sizzle outside of the Flexi-Space at lunch, accompanied by rainbow cupcakes and jelly cups kindly made by the Home Economics staff and students.

Remember – you have the right to be proud of who you are!

Tamara Hooper, Counsellor

Week 7, Term 3
Friday, September 9, 2016

Upcoming events

Week 8
Sun 11/9 Tournament of the Minds
Mon 12/9 Debating at Waikerie
Mon 12/9 Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Rockclimbing
Tues 13/9 Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Rockclimbing
Wed 14/9 Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Rockclimbing
Thur 15/9 E-Challenge Program
Thur 15/9 Defence Force Recruiting
Fri 16/9 Year 8/9 KO Cup Volleyball
Fri 16/9 Field Days Performance
School Band and Actors

Week 9
Tues 20/9 Outdoor Ed Camp
Wed 21/9 Outdoor Ed Camp
Wed 21/9 White Card Training
Thur 22/9 Outdoor Ed Camp
Thur 22/9 Venture Showcase

Week 10
Tues 27/9 Connect to University Camp
Wed 28/9 Connect to University Camp
Thur 29/9 Connect to University Camp
Thur 29/9 E-Challenge
+ Cert 111 in Micro Business
Fri 30/9 E-Challenge
+ Cert 111 in Micro Business

MEET THE PRINCIPAL EVENING

Monday 19th Sept, 2016
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Information evening for families of year 7 students who were unable to attend the Future Planning Expo.
Light Supper Provided

Please RSVP to RHS 85866974
Year 8's Visit Local Council

Last Friday students in Mr. Clark’s year 8 HASS class visited the Renmark Paringa District Council as a part of their Civics and Citizenship unit. Students learnt about the role the council plays in governing our area and the services the council is responsible for funding and maintaining. Mayor Neil Martinson addressed the group and put them through a simulated proposal where students were asked to discuss an issue within our local area and elected class councillors were required to vote on the subject.

Daniel Clark,
Year 8 Hass Teacher

Meet our Year 9 Ag. Poultry Managers
Gemma, Lia and Jasmin

Below: Mayor Martinson and the year 8 HASS class.

Year 9 Ag. Poultry Group

Gemma, Lia and Jasmin are the Renmark High School Year 9 Agriculture Poultry Managers. They have been investing their time in making sure our poultry section is working effectively. Moving chickens to a bigger area, cleaning and organising water and food, egg collection and distribution, and keeping an eye on the overall well-being of our poultry are some of their jobs. They are also looking at designing a new chook pen and are currently finalising their design, measurements and materials. The girls have also decided to bring in 4 new chickens to increase our egg production.

From Pammy

This week, our year 10 students are out in the community for work experience. This can be quite a daunting time for many who may not ever have had any experience in the workforce. However, there are ways to help these young people succeed and to feel validated in this rite of passage. One of the ways is by noticing them and daydreaming with them about all the huge possibilities their future could hold and all that they could achieve.

During the weeks leading up to the year 10 work experience I see many young students getting stressed about what to wear and how to present themselves and how to just “be” in an alien environment. When it’s over they are so pleased with themselves. The majority find it a very rewarding and valuable exercise.

So remember to be patient and kind with these young people as they make their way through this important voyage.

Have a great week and keep smiling and be the best person you can be.

Pammy, PCW

Year 12 Digital Media

The year 12 Digital Media class have been busy creating some very impressive designs.

Some of the skills Ebony and Shenae have learnt are how to operate Adobe programs and how to use their acquired skills and knowledge to create effective graphics to design logos, mini apps, websites, animations and more.

Both of these students feel a great sense of satisfaction each time they complete a project and realise how much more advanced their skills have become.

Ebony is looking forward to being able to do her own freelance work creating logos, invitations and art work and Shenae is looking forward to using her skills to make invitations and creating designs.

The piece pictured below was for my juice bar sign. I worked in 3D to take the effects to the next level. I enjoyed working in 3D. Shenae

Pictured below is one of Ebony’s first projects using Adobe Illustrator. In this picture every single shape and colour has been created ‘from scratch’ by drawing it with a digital range of tools.