From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

Renmark Partnership of Schools

There is a priority for the public schools in Renmark to work cooperatively to ensure that students are considered holistically as they move from early childhood to senior secondary education. This includes identifying best practice in literacy and numeracy so it can be standardised across schools. This will enable a smooth transition to the benefit of all young people. The Partnership has identified key threads to this journey around support, care and success.

To release this concept we are having a public launch of the Renmark Education partnership. This event will be held at the Renmark Hotel on Wednesday 28th September at 4:00pm. You are very welcome to attend this event. Please RSVP to the front office at Renmark High or Brian Featherston on 0401122969 by September 26th.

Industry Involvement

We are currently involved in an Apricot variety trial with the Fresh Fruit Association at the Farm Management Centre.

The purpose of this field trial is to investigate fruit quality and the yield of many new varieties as they transition from scientific breeding programs to commercial planting. This is a great learning opportunity for our students and of real value to the Fresh Fruit Association.

Exchange Student

Welcome to Eevi Joki-Korpela, an exchange student from Helsinki, Finland. Eevi, who will be here for 10 months, is being hosted by the Weeks, Venables and Schier families. She has had a very interesting induction, with her first three days at Renmark High being part of the Rock Climbing Outdoor Education Camp.

David Crouch
Principal

Year 9 Ag. Aquaculture

Meet Annika, Jaydn, Mitchell, Ollie and Dino who are the Renmark High School Year 9 Agriculture Aquaponics Managers. Currently they are researching the equipment required and cost to set up two tanks for aquaculture at school. These students drew inspiration for this innovative move into aquaculture from a recent visit to Brenton Parker’s Cod Farm.

Mr Parker has offered to provide technical support for the students whose plan is to start by initially growing yabbies, with a view to eventually farming fish. Students are very enthusiastic about this venture and hope to have their own aquaculture centre by next term.

Raj Singh
Year 9 Agricultural Teacher

Week 8, Term 3
Friday, September 16, 2016

Upcoming events

Week 8
Fri 16/9 Year 8/9 KO Cup Volleyball
Fri 16/9 Field Days Performance School Band and Actors

Week 9
Mon 19/9 Meet the Principal Evening
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 Celebrate Public Education
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
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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

RENMARK EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
CELEBRATE A NEW ERA FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION IN RENMARK.

Wednesday 28 September 2016
Renmark Hotel
4:00-5:00pm
Guest speaker - Stacey Lymberry
RSVP to brian@cleverlittlefeather.com or 0401122969 by September 26
R U OK? DAY

On Thursday of Week 8 Renmark High School celebrated R U OK? Day, an annual day in September dedicated to reminding people to ask family and friends “R U OK?”, in a meaningful way, because connecting regularly and meaningfully is one thing everyone can do to make a difference to anyone who might be struggling.

In a 12-month period, it is estimated that 65,000 Australians make a suicide attempt, with an average of 2,320 people suiciding every year. In fact, around 45 per cent of Australians will experience mental illness in their lifetime, while 20 per cent are affected every year. At some point in your life, you are likely to be impacted by suicide.

On the day, we held a gratitude activity outside of the Flexi Space and enjoyed fresh fruit and jelly cups. We know that suicide prevention is an enormously complex challenge and it’s the lack of connection or belonging that we want to prevent. By inspiring students to take the time to ask “are you ok?” and listen, we aim to help people struggling with life to feel connected and valued. Are you Ok? If not, please come and have chat to a counsellor in the Flexi Space!

Tamara Hooper
Senior School Counsellor

RHS Reading Group

Ms Smith would like to start a book club (we can come up with a better name) which meets a couple of times a term in the library (either recess or lunch) to share and chat about books and reading. If you enjoy reading and want to share this with like-minded people come into the library and let myself or Miss Bower know.

Mandy Smith
Teacher Librarian

Tournament of the Minds

Held at the Flinders University, students of Renmark High School participated in Tournament of the Minds on Sunday the 11th September. The team included Allan, Brock, Chelsea, Jai, Jack, Jade and Ruben. Tournament of the Minds is an international program designed to give students the opportunity to participate in creative activities involving open-ended challenges that rewards divergent thinking.

Students were able to foster cooperative learning and teamwork skills while developing initiative and problem-solving skills. The challenges encourage students to risk take and expend their critical thinking under time constraints while working with others. Renmark's team impressed the judges with their vibrant energy, ability to work under pressure and the spirit of respect, trust and compassion they demonstrated towards each other and themselves.

One of the challenges the team chose to participate in included the Language Literature division bringing together characters of all walks of life with one true desire; to not be lonely and be accepted in the world that surrounds them.

The team spent six weeks preparing and practising for both challenges with a determination that paid off. We are proud and honoured to have been able to give these students the opportunity to rise to an occasion that they can be proud of and share together, but most importantly prove that any challenge can be solved despite the journey it takes to get there.

Chantel Nunn, Team Facilitator

Bangarra Dance Theatre - Terrain

Bangarra Dance Theatre is one of Australia's leading contemporary dance organisations. They will be performing at the Chaffey Theatre on November 19th in a production called Terrain. The show explores the relationship Indigenous people have to country and how landscape becomes a second skin.

The company is offering workshops for local students with one being targeted specifically to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students. Workshops will be held at RYT on Friday 18th November. If your child is interested in attending please see Mrs. French by Friday 23rd to collect a consent form.