Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

**Renmark Partnership**

**Important reminder:**

Next Wednesday at 4:00pm at the Renmark Hotel, we are launching the Renmark Education Partnership. The Partnership is comprised of all DECD schools in Renmark and has the charter of working collaboratively to provide education with care and support to encourage student achievement.

This launch is a celebration of education in Renmark and will be compered by Stacey Lymberry, breakfast announcer at ABC Riverland. Nibbles are available. Please contact the school for catering purposes.

Currently the Renmark Education Partnership is in the process of producing a combined newsletter which is to be distributed with the end of term package, to be posted home next week.

**David Crouch**

**Principal**

**Field Days Excursion**

Local produce, including some grown by students from our school, was an integral component of RHS’s entry into the High School Cooking Challenge at the Riverland Field Days on Friday. The RHS team comprising Le-Tesha, James and Monique tested their skills against students from the three other Riverland High Schools. Students produced a honey lemon and avocado chicken salad for the main and a blood orange parfait with pistachios for dessert.

In addition, the Year 10 students attended the field days to participate in the Careers Connect Trail and listen to guest speakers discuss their professions and their journey. Students then ‘walked’ the trail speaking to different professionals in various fields and collecting vital information for their possible future pathways. The feedback from students was that they found it particularly valuable to be able to speak to people working in professions they don’t usually have the opportunity to interact with in the Riverland.

**Alison Coleman**

Health & PE Coordinator

**Yr 9 Ag Block Maintenance Managers**

Meet Lachy, Isabella, Tamika, Felicity, Cameron and Connor who are the year 9 Ag Block Maintenance Managers.

Their role is to ensure the smooth operation of the Ag block. Currently these students, along with the help of rest of the groups, have been involved in cleaning the tool shed, reorganising tools and making a list of items which need to be replaced or purchased. Part of their role will include researching the procedure for preparing a purchase order required to buy new equipment. Their ongoing job is to maintain the Ag block and equipment and present a clean and tidy environment, free of any hazards.

**Raj Singh**

Year 9 Agriculture Teacher

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**Youth Opportunities Program**

Carly Johnson and Kirsty Johnson, our Youth Opportunities trainers, will be speaking about this program to 10.1, 10.5 classes and any new Year 10s who started in Semester 2, next Wednesday during Beyond Tomorrow. In term 4 Youth Opportunities will run for one day per week (Wednesday) at the Renmark TAFE. There will be a maximum of 18 students. The program components include: goal planning, the development of successful habits, positive attitude and communication skills which will help students succeed at school, home and in their futures. After the presentation, students will have opportunity to nominate themselves for the program and speak to the trainers in a short interview. If they are successful, they will be contacted by the trainers before the end of the term.

**Mandy Smith**

Year 10 Coordinator
Year 11 Outdoor Ed Rock Climbing Camp

In week 8 the Year 11 Outdoor Education Class went on a rock climbing camp. Although the weather was rough, wet and windy the students were able to climb regardless.

After our journey to Adelaide the students visited the indoor rock-climbing gym at Holden Hill, Vertical Reality, where they participated in climbing, belaying, bouldering and other activities indoors.

On Tuesday the students set out from Woodhouse for Morialta Conservation Park to test their skills at top rope climbing and abseiling. Students had the opportunity to climb, belay and abseil from various levels ranging from quite easy to more complex. All of the students had a go at climbing and belaying. They all enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to take some risks and challenge themselves.

The main objectives of the camp were not only climbing but included general camp craft and the organisation required to undertake any outdoor camping experience. Some members of the group have been studying menu planning, cooking with a trangia, risk assessment and planning and organisational skills. The camp provided the opportunity to practise and refine these skills. The main attraction was climbing, which enabled students to take risks, step outside their comfort zone, challenge their boundaries and sense of safety, and stretch both their emotional and physical limits.

I am very proud of the students who achieved these goals, overcame fears and challenges and all pushed themselves beyond their comfort zone.

Matt Abbott
Student Inclusion Coordinator

Performing Arts Entertain Audience at the Field Days

Last Friday some of our Performing Arts students took centre stage at the 2016 Riverland Field Days.

Proudly wearing our brand new RHS Music shirts, our school band performed our debut public performance. The effort invested in after school rehearsals and individual practice was rewarded by a confident and lively performance.

A team of students from the School Production joined the band for a combined version of ‘Centrefold’. They also performed two more items ‘Get Outta My Dreams’ and ‘Footloose,’ entertaining the audience with singing and dancing.

Our performance concluded with Josh Josephine and Brianna performing instrumental solos.

It was great to have the opportunity to showcase some of the Performing Arts options offered to our students. Well done to all students and a big thank you to the family and friends who gathered in the audience to support us!

Kirralee Baldock & Wendy Matulic
Music & Drama Teachers

From Pammy

School holidays are almost upon us and I am sure students are looking forward to having a break. With that to look forward to it still seems a way off as there is a lot going on in our school community.

Next Monday is the Lions Youth of the Year Dinner which is an exciting and challenging time for three of our students. I have the privilege of going to the dinner and hearing the young people speak on their chosen topic and watching them present themselves in the process. I believe that they will look back on this time with the knowledge that they gave it their all. A student showed me a quote today and I thought I would pass it on to you “Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself!” I found that to be very insightful and thought how true it is. I hope you all have a wonderful, happy and safe holiday and have loads of time to do the things you want to do. I am going on a Youth Camp for the first week and then spending the second week doing, not a lot.

Keep smiling and be kind to each other.

Pammy
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