



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

Deputy Principal

Congratulations to Mr David Crouch who has won the Deputy Principal position for semester one. Later this term we will be advertising to fill this position in the longer term.

Meet the teacher night

It was fantastic to see the families who attended our meet the teacher night on Monday. We tried a different format to the previously held pool night and would be interested in any feedback that we can use for next year. The main message that we were aiming to reinforce on Monday night was the importance of communication and the relationships between families, students and staff. After some short presentations, families spent time getting to know Care Group teachers and then returned to the library to meet other subject teachers. The Care Group teacher is an important staff member whose role it is to look after

the students in their group. These teachers are a significant point of contact for parents around attendance, wellbeing and academic successes or concerns. We are also encouraging the use of DAYMAP however, we have come across some issues with year 8 parents accessing DAYMAP at this stage and will notify parents when we get this resolved.

Students leaving school grounds

Students should not be leaving school grounds during the school day without a parent/caregiver as we cannot guarantee their safety and wellbeing if this happens. It is unnecessary to be going down the street at lunchtime as we have a school canteen that provides a range of tasty food and beverages on site. We appreciate parent support in this as we reinforce this expectation of students.

Keep cool!
Mat Evans



Week 2, Term 1
Friday, February 10
2017

Upcoming events

Week 3

Mon 13/2 Power Coaching Clinic at Berri
Tues 14/2 Power Visit to School
Swimming Carnival
Wed 15/2 School Photo's

Week 4

Mon 20/2 Interschool Swimming Carnival
Wed 22/2 Knock Out Cup Triathlon

Week 5

Tues 28/2 Vaccinations

In Brief

Swimming Carnival New Time

The swimming carnival will now be held on Tuesday 14th February in the afternoon. Students will receive a letter from their Care Group teachers. The event will run from 3:00pm - 5:30pm. Only HOUSE CAPTAINS and COMPETITORS will be involved in the event. Everyone else will stay at school and move to lesson 7. Parents will need to collect students from the pool.

School Photos

Families are reminded that Focus School Portraits will be at school to take student photo's next week on the 15th February in the morning.

Sibling envelopes can be collected from the front office.

Correct money must be enclosed in the envelopes.

It is important that students attend as these photos are used for student IDs.



Year 8's at Camp Kedron

On Wednesday and Thursday of week 1, our year 8 students participated in an introductory camp at Camp Kedron, Lake Bonney. Students took part in a range of activities including skiing, knee-boarding, windsurfing and a variety of other water sports. There was a range of team building and 'getting to know you' challenges including a sandcastle competition, volleyball, touch football and other outdoor games.

Student Reflections:

"I loved the aquatics as well as the activities. It was good to get to know different people."

"I really enjoyed the opportunity that I got to meet new classmates."

"At camp, I enjoyed everything."

"The food was amazing."

Ben Files, Year 8 Coordinator

Meningococcal B Vaccine

An information brochure has been sent with this newsletter with regard to the Meningococcal B Vaccine Herd Immunity Study. Renmark High School will be participating in this study.

Students in year 10, 11 and 12 will be given consent forms today. If your child is to participate, consent forms **MUST** be returned by the 28th February 2017.

Year 10 Science

In our current unit on Road Science, students are learning about speed, acceleration and stopping distance. They have had opportunities to design and implement experiments using remote controlled cars and bikes. Students recorded their data to check motorists' speeds through our school zones.

This knowledge and understanding can be applied later in life when students find themselves behind the wheel.

Jess Farrelly, Science Coordinator



Power Visit 14th February

During lesson 2, on Tuesday the 14th of February, representative staff and players from Port Power will visit the school. They will talk to students about their journey to the AFL, nutrition, leadership, resilience and answer any questions you may have. Students are welcome to bring merchandise as there will be an opportunity for autographs to be collected.

On Monday the 13th February, Port Power are running a coaching clinic for any girls interested in Aussie Rules Football. The session will run from 4:30-6:00pm at the Berri No. 2 oval. I would encourage any interested girls to get involved.

Aaron Camplin, HPE Coordinator



From Pammy - PCW

Welcome to week 2 of Term 1 and to all this hot, hot weather! I am so glad that it wasn't this hot last week when we had our Year 8 Camp at Lake Bonney.

It was so good to see the year 8 students mixing with each other, making new friends and having a wonderful time. The activities were very popular and I have to say that the giant scrabble was excellent fun. I want to congratulate all the students who had a go and in particular Arryn, Ashlee, Grace and Luke. You all played amazingly and helped others out. It was so good to see you all helping each other and having fun at the same time. Another wonderful thing was seeing students who have never been water skiing have a go and then within a minute they were up, skiing. Those who didn't get up they straight away had a go at knee boarding and succeeded. Well done year 8's, on a fun enjoyable camp that will help create excellent relationships among staff and students. Take care and keep smiling, you never know whose day you will make much better with your smile.

Pammy, PCW