



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

Governing Council AGM Wednesday 1st March 7:30pm

We encourage parents and caregivers to attend our AGM for the presentation of the Annual Report and discussions on school directions. Please also consider joining our RHS Governing Council on the night.

Site governance is the partnership between a school's local community as represented on its Governing Council, and the school principal working together to develop the future directions for the site. Jointly, they monitor and report progress to continually enhance the performance of the school and the achievement of its students.

If you have any questions about being involved (or about the AGM) please enquire at the school or speak with an existing member.

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to the parents, families and friends who attended our Swimming Carnival on Tuesday night. We appreciate the arrangements students and families made to attend the alternative date after we had to cancel the event last Friday with the heat. Congratulations to all award winners and well done to Murray for taking out the shield. With Sturt only 28 points behind Murray, it shows the difference each participant can make and the importance in having a go to support your team!

Merit Awards

Recently Renmark High School students Ebony Forsyth, Connor Bakaj, Laura Marafioti and ex-Renmark High School student Dalyce Jenner attended the SACE Board Merit Ceremony at Government House.

This is a fantastic achievement and we look forward to the upcoming successes of this year's school leavers!

Vocational Awards

Congratulations to Braydon Eckermann who was runner up in the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards Australian School Based Apprentice of the Year for 2016. Braydon completed Renmark High School as a year 12 last year while undertaking a School Based Apprenticeship with G.J. Dix Engineering (studying a Certificate III in Mechanical Engineering). This is a great achievement and recognition of the commitment, attitude and success Braydon has shown in his vocational pathway. Thank you to GJ Dix and all of our other School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship employers for providing a valuable opportunity for students such as Braydon.

Year 8 first impressions

I asked our year 8 students how they were finding life at high school?

"Year 8 is very different compared to primary school."

"There are a lot more people."

"We have gone from the top to the bottom."

"We are still learning our way around."

"I was very nervous about the first day but when the first day came everything was fine."

"I really like high school."

"I like meeting new friends – everyone comes together."

I like having different teachers for different subjects."



Year 8 students: Maggie, Emily, Jessica and Jessica

Week 3, Term 1
Friday, February 17
2017

Upcoming events

Week 4

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

Week 5

Tues 28/2 Meningococcal B Vaccination
Consent Forms Due
Wed 1/3 Governing Council AGM

In Brief

UniSA Visit

A UniSA parent evening for Senior School students and their parents will be held on Wednesday 8th March from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. This is a valuable opportunity for parents and students to learn about the UniSA course options for 2018. Everyone is very welcome.

Interschool Swimming

Interschool Swimming Carnival is scheduled for Monday the 20th of February and will be hosted by Waikerie. Events commence at 6:30pm. The venue for this event will be confirmed on Facebook as soon as we receive notification from Waikerie.

SSSSA Swimming Championships

Secondary School Sport SA Swimming Championships will be held on Monday 6th March. Renmark has been promoted to Division C after a successful 2016 campaign.

SSSSA Triathlon

The Secondary School Sport SA Triathlon will be held at West Lakes on Wednesday 22nd February. Renmark High School has a squad of 35 students competing in individual and team events.



RHS Swimming Carnival Results

After some scorching weather, the event was postponed to another day where a twilight event was organised. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, and pool bookings, we were unable to run the popular splash events, as we were required to get through the championships events in preparation for the Inter-School and Adelaide events. The carnival was still a success with a great deal of support from the students and parents.

Murray were again successful in winning the Championship Shield in 2017 with another great team effort. Strong performances from Jessica, Kel, Georgie and Christie guided Murray to their 2nd win in as many years.

Chaffey have a promising future with a great performance from Dylan who scored the maximum points in both the U14 and Open Boys at his first RHS Swimming Carnival. Other strong performances included Bree, Layla, Tina, Traeden, Adele, Gemma, Ollie (maximum points) and Clayton (maximum points). The Most Improved Shield (Handicap) was won by Sturt, who were only 1 point in front of Murray. Well done to everyone involved, to ensure this event was a success.

Thank you to our sponsors, Townsend's Riverland Tours, Emmettes, Renmark Vitor Swimming Club, Berri Bubble Wash, Renmark Hotel Motel, and Hoops Auto & 4WD.



12s are bonding in BT

There was much fun and laughter in the year 12 Beyond Tomorrow lesson this week as the Care Groups participated in a series of bonding exercises devised by Mr Young. The first activity had students open mouthed as they attempted to catch smarties being delivered to them by their fellow classmates. The second activity was called the river crossing where students had to cross an acid river using magic paper plates as stepping stones as their only aid. Next, an interesting version of musical chairs and finally a team building exercise where students needed to develop a method of helping their team mates over a series of ropes set at different heights.

The overall winners 12.1 will be proud custodians of the trophy until the next Bonding Games are held.



Above: Ready to catch that smartie



Students working together to problem solve



Age cup winners

Under 14 Boys:

1. Dylan, 36 (C)
2. Aidan, 28 (C)
3. Aiden, 27 (S)

Under 15 Boys

1. Ollie, 36 (S)
2. Cohan, 31 (T)
3. Brayden, 19 (M)

Under 16 Boys

1. Clayton, 36 (S)
2. Dylan, 30 (M)
3. Thomas, 22 (M)

Over 16 Boys

1. Kel, 32 (M)
2. Matt, 29 (T)
3. David, 23 (S)

Open Boys

1. Dylan, 48 (C)
2. Ollie, 33 (S)
3. Kel, 28 (M)

Under 14 Girls

1. Bree, 36 (S)
2. Tina, 30 (S)
3. Charlee, 25 (M)

Under 15 Girls

1. Layla, 31 (C)
2. Georgia, 24 (M)
3. Abbey, 22 (M)

Under 16 Girls

1. Gemma, 35 (S)
2. Christie, 34 (M)
3. Ainsley, 30 (M)

Over 16 Girls

1. Jessica, 32 (M)
2. Adele, 29 (T)
3. Tegan, 23 (C)

Open Girls

1. Jessica, 31 (M)
2. Tegan, 27 (C)
3. Sophie, 26 (S)

Most Dedicated

Chaffey: Allan
Murray: Matthew
Sturt: Rachel and Beanna
Tintra: Tori

Most Improved Shield

1. Sturt, 784
2. Murray, 783
3. Chaffey, 683
4. Tintra, 663

Championship Shield

1. Murray, 783
2. Sturt, 755
3. Tintra, 529
4. Chaffey, 466