



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,  
 This week students have been involved in Harmony Day events and discussions. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging. As a school community we can support each other in ensuring that every student feels included, respected and that, no matter what is happening in the outside world, they have a strong sense of belonging in our Renmark High School environment. I was aware that the cultural diversity of RHS was a strength of our school even before I began my position as Principal at RHS, this was a strong contributing factor in my decision to come here. Our cultural diversity contributes in many ways to the

rich learning environment at RHS, not only in the obvious ways (such as the fantastic range of foods that the year 11's shared last week in their Beyond Tomorrow session) but in many ways that are less obvious to many of you who have grown up in this environment but can be seen easily by someone like myself who has recently joined this community.

So thank you to the students, staff and community members who helped us this week to celebrate our diversity and I encourage everyone in our RHS community to continue these positive attitudes and approaches to each other throughout the year.

**Mat Evans, Principal**

### Renmark Legend visits year 8 HASS students

On Wednesday of week 7 Mr Files' Year 8 HASS class experienced a special treat – the visit of former Renmark High School student and dual Olympian, Pat Mickan. Pat attended Renmark High School from 1969-1974 and was the 1974 Footprints in the Sands of Time winner. Pat has, among her many sporting achievements, played 150 basketball internationals for Australia and participated in the 1984 Los Angeles and 1988 Seoul Olympic Games. Pat spoke to the class as part of the HASS Local History unit and shared many stories

about life at Renmark High School during the 1970's, growing up in Renmark and of course her Olympic journey. Students were able to ask Pat a series of questions in a session that lasted over an hour, but seemed to be over so quickly. Students were inspired to hear from an Olympian, who like them, had sat in Renmark High School seats and classrooms not that long ago. Thanks very much to Pat for her detailed, valuable and insightful stories – a true legend of Renmark High School.

**Ben Files, Year 8 HASS**

### Year 12 Modern History Students travel to Adelaide for Research

On Thursday of Week 7 Mr Files and Mrs Elliott took the Year 12 Modern History class to the University of Adelaide Barr Smith Library. As part of the Year 12 Modern History course students are required to complete a 2,000 word Individual Research Essay worth 20% of their final grade. To assist in the research and construction of this task, students had a day at the Barr Smith University Library. Students were given a tour of the library and a lecture on how to use its facilities. Students were also issued with borrowing cards and 'log-ons' for the computer

system at the library, before being given time to search for resources to assist with their research essay. Students found the library an inspiring place with so many resources, many, many people and an eerily quiet atmosphere – yet they did not feel out of place one bit! The trip was a raging success with students borrowing many resources and excitedly talking on the way back to Renmark about not being able to wait until university starts after having a taste of it today!

**Ben Files, Year 12 History Teacher**

Week 8, Term 1  
 Friday, March 24  
 2017

## Upcoming events

### Week 9

Mon	27/3	Stage 1 Outdoor Ed. Canoeing Trip (3 days)
Thur	30/3	Year 10 Geography Coastal Excursion

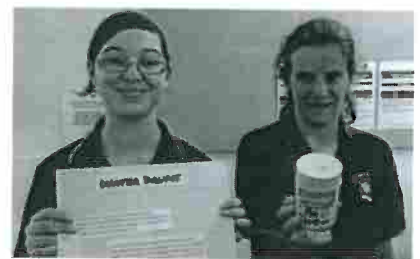
### Week 10

Wed	5/4	Interscholar Sports Day
Fri	7/4	Immunisation

## Making Sound with Science

Students in year 9 Science have been learning about sound. This requires them to understand how sound waves are created, how sound waves travel and the effect of different mediums on the transmission of sound waves. Using the knowledge and understanding of sound, students in Mr Singh's class created their own musical instruments and were able to explain the Science concepts they used to make them work.

**Raj Singh,  
 Year 9 Science Teacher**



Above: Eleni and Amy on Drums

Below: Layla, Te Ra, Jasmin and Jade on the Strangalo



## Wish Me Luck – WW2 Veterans

Last Wednesday the year 10's had the great privilege of listening first-hand to the stories of three local WW2 Veterans. The panel style presentation was MC'ed by Tony Guster and the guests of honour were Renmark veterans Doug Pedler (Navy), Howard Hendrick (Air Force) and Harry Lock (Army). This opportunity was made possible through the Wish Me Luck exhibition, which forms a part of the state's Anzac Centenary commemoration activities, honouring 100 years of ANZACs. Along with the presentation, students also had the opportunity to view the gallery showcasing portraits of South Australian WWII veterans, which will occupy the Chaffey Theatre foyer until ANZAC Day. The Wish Me Luck exhibition coincides with the Year 10's current learning about World War 2 in History and in particular Australia's involvement in the European

and Pacific arenas. Prior to the presentations, students had the opportunity to create questions for the veterans to answer. To hear the stories and memories of these three great veterans was unforgettable and a priceless learning experience. To hear about the way the veterans grew up and worked in Renmark, playing local football and working on their parent's blocks, to then take on significant roles in WW2 was inspiring. Howard Hendrick's stories of flying Lancaster Bombers

over Germany, Harry Lock's stories of life in the trenches at Tobruk and Doug Pedler's memories of Navy conflicts with the Japanese will add a new depth of understanding students will forever hold. In an effort to save these great stories, the presentation was recorded by a Glossop High School film crew and we hope to be able to share the video with the school and wider community in the near future.  
**Simon Turk,**  
**Hass Coordinator**



World War 2 Veterans pictured with Renmark High School Students

## Sports Day 2017

RHS Sports Day started in week 6 with 1500 metre run where all students are encouraged to participate and earn points for their house. In week 7, on Tuesday the 800 metre event was run and Friday saw the major event. Weather conditions were perfect and the oval was immaculate. There was a feeling of anticipation, excitement, and enthusiasm among all who were present. House areas had been decorated setting us up

for a great day. I was constantly impressed throughout the day by the sportsmanship, camaraderie and good nature displayed by the students.

Congratulations to all the students involved as spectators, or participants. On the day, there were 3 records broken: Dion: U/16 Men's High Jump; Benedict: U/15 Men's Shot Put; Jai: U/16 Women's Shot Put and Stacey established a new record for U/20

Women's hurdles. Murray House were the great achievers winning the Ball Games Shield, the Most Improved Shield and the Championship Shield.

A big thank you to our sponsors, Townsends Bus and Travel, Emmetts, IGA Renmark, Hoop's Auto & 4wd Centre, Renmark Hotel Motel, Yates Menswear and Leonie Whitehead.

Well done to Aaron Camplin and all of his assistants for organising an extremely successful day.



Students enjoying sports day



### Under 14 Boys

1. Nicholas (M) 58
2. Connor (S) 56  
Aiden (C) 56
3. Aiden (S) 51

### Under 15 Boys

1. Benedict (C) 60
2. Nash (M) 54
3. Jake (S) 52

### Under 16 Boys

1. Lloyd (T) 58
2. Dion (M) 57
3. Dylan (M) 50

### Under 20 Boys

1. Simon (M) 59
2. Benjamin (T) 53
3. Nathan (T) 45  
Jack (M) 45

### Under 14 Girls

1. Jessica (C) 55
2. Anna (T) 54
3. Charlee (M) 53

### Under 15 Girls

1. Abbey (M) 57
2. Tori (T) 49
3. Chloe (T) 45

### Under 16 Girls

1. Christie (M) 58  
Gemma (S) 58
2. Isabella (C) 43
3. Demi (M) 40  
Jess (M) 40

### Under 20 Girls

1. Brooke (M) 60
2. Vanessa (C) 53
3. Stacey (M) 44

### Most Dedicated

- Chaffey: Ayjay  
Murray: Jackson  
Sturt: Jaydn  
Tintra: Sarah  
**Championship Shield**  
Murray: 1985  
Tintra: 1590  
Sturt: 1568  
Chaffey: 1509

### Most Improved Shield

- Murray: 1985  
Chaffey: 1973  
Tintra: 1763  
Sturt: 1740

### Ball Games Shield

- Murray: 283  
Tintra: 279  
Sturt: 238  
Chaffey: 151