



# Renmark High School

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

**Welcome back,**

I hope you enjoyed the break, for my own family it was great to see some of the many opportunities offered by the Riverland and Renmark in particular.

Thank you to Josh and Brooke who represented RHS, laying a wreath, at the recent ANZAC ceremony. It was interesting to hear at the service of the significant contributions and sacrifices that past Renmark High School students and families have made in conflicts from World War I to recent times.

Welcome to Daniel Giles who has begun this term working at RHS on Tuesdays in the role of Aboriginal Community Education Officer. Daniel already knows some of our year 8 students through his work at Renmark Primary School. We are looking forward to having Daniel on site as his position is in addition to that of Vickie Taylor, an ACEO who is already working at RHS. The additional presence of Daniel will increase the services we are able to provide.

Congratulations to the many award winners who were recipients of Merit, Academic and Effort awards at the presentation assemblies this week. It was great to be part of the celebration of student successes in term 1. The assemblies were also a chance for all students to reflect on how they might set their mind on successful progress and achievement in term 2.

To assist students in identifying ways to progress and be successful, don't forget that you can support this through attending parent teacher interviews next week. We encourage all parents to attend as all students can benefit from these discussions, wherever their current level of achievement may be.

Last term we welcomed FLO students to the old TAFE site however, I would like to remind students that the FLO site is an independent program and that students should only be at the ILC if they are officially on a program being

offered at that time.

As we continue to work on attendance at our school I will remind students and families that students should not be leaving the school grounds during the day. If they are required to leave (eg attending an appointment) they must have prior parent permission and need to sign out at Student Services. The start of our school day is 8:40 and students are expected to be in classes at this time. If students are late to school (including those who have home study) they must sign in at Student Services.

To students: have a great term, don't forget to ask for help if you are struggling – the shorter days, the dropping temperatures, and higher level of sickness can make things more challenging but we are all here to support you to be successful at RHS.

**Mat Evans, Principal**

### NAPLAN

Next week our Year 9 students will be sitting their NAPLAN tests. As a school we value these tests as teachers use the information gained about student learning to design lessons and assessment tasks.

Students will participate in 4 tests according to the following schedule:

Tuesday May 9th – Language Conventions & Writing

Wednesday May 10th – Reading

Thursday May 11th – Numeracy

To support our Year 9s in their NAPLAN week they are invited to a breakfast on each morning of the tests. Breakfast will be served from our Home Ec kitchen from 8:15. Students will be offered toast, cereal, fruit and the opportunity to share their feelings about NAPLAN with their peers as they are encouraged by their teachers to do their very best.

We wish our Year 9s the best of success with their NAPLAN tests and trust it will be an experience that adds to their growth as learners.

**Kirralee Baldock, Assistant Principal**

Week 1, Term 2  
Friday, May 5  
2017

## Upcoming events

### Week 2

Mon	8/5	Stage 2 Outdoor Ed Surf Trip
	8/5	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tues	9/5	NAPLAN
Wed	10/5	NAPLAN
Thur	11/5	NAPLAN
Thur	11/5	Parent Teacher Interviews

### School Sport

In the last week of first term the RHS Athletics team competed in the A2 Division of the SA Secondary School Sport Athletics competition, held at SANTOS Stadium, Mile End where they were very successful.

The RHS team achieved 2nd overall with the boys coming 2nd on 293 points and the girls 3rd on 287 points.

4 students achieved the Standard for their event/s.

Jai: Shot Put 9.78m (also a new school record); Dion: High Jump 1.85m; Benedict: Discus 37.28m and Javelin 38.84m; Brooke: 1500m 4:51:03m (school record) and 3000m 10:41:21m while Aiden ran the 800m in 2:20:52m, breaking the school record.

We look forward to another busy term in sport, starting with the RHS Cross Country event to be held on Wednesday of week 3, followed by Interschool Cross Country and Adelaide Cross Country.

KO Cup events will commence and the 9 A-side Football competition for year 8 and 9 boys and girls will also take place later in the term.

**Aaron Camplin, Health & PE**



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# New Caledonia School Trip 2017

Ten students from years 9,10 and 11 spent their school holidays living and studying in Nouméa, the capital city of New Caledonia. Fortunately, the following week, the warm sunshine provided perfect conditions for activities and discovering the many hidden treasures of the city. Students attended the Institut Voltaire, French language school for foreigners, which enabled them to be immersed in the language with native French speakers and quickly improve their communication skills. French families from around the city hosted our students in the evenings, allowing further conversation and interaction in French around the dinner table. Kayaking, snorkelling and zip-lining activities in the afternoon, as well as a day trip to the magical island of the Isle des Pins gave students the opportunity to discover other parts of New Caledonia, learn about the environment and the impact of mining and modern life on the nature. A highlight for all students was undoubtedly understanding the life of the native people of New Caledonia, the Kanaks. Approximately half of the population is Melanesian, all who speak one of the 28 languages in the region, with French the only common language to connect them. Meeting and speaking with

some of the Kanak people was a truly wonderful experience. Our students were complimented on their behaviour, motivation, enthusiasm and language skills! They were all outstanding ambassadors for Renmark High School, the Riverland and Australia. Bravo! Plans have already begun for New Caledonia, 2019!

## Student Comments

*Before the trip I was feeling a little nervous but within the first couple days I was really enjoying it. Our host families were amazing and very hard to leave. It was an amazing experience and my French has definitely improved. All the kids on the trip have become very close and we were all incredibly sad to leave.*

-Kelsey

*I loved being able to have an opportunity to experience a new culture and a new way of life. I have improved my French and made some great memories.*

-Jasmin

*Best part of the trip was creating a bond with people I had never talked to before. The highlight would have been swimming with the turtles and exploring different places. Meeting new people and experiencing new things was amazing!*

-Brooke

*A couple of weeks before the trip I*

*was starting to worry about travelling overseas. When we got there it looked pretty awesome and this experience turned out to be one of the best of my life. I had a fantastic time and experienced many things and improved in French and grew in many ways.*

-Lachy

*As the trip was approaching I got really nervous and scared. But at the end, I was sad to leave. It was definitely a trip of a life time and I made many amazing memories and life long friends. It was all amazing!!!*

-Gemma

*Before we left I thought that leaving home and all my friends and family would be the hardest part but after all the amazing things that happened and all the new friends I have made I realised leaving the paradise we were at for two weeks was the hardest part.*

-Kira

**Jasmine Tassios, French Teacher**

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DONATIONS

If you have a new or used musical instrument our Music Department is requesting donations to support our music students. Giving the gift of an instrument will support the musical growth of a student and enable them to share the gift of music with our wider community.

In particular we require an Alto Saxophone and a Trumpet.

If you have an instrument to donate, please drop it off at our Front Office and we will ensure it is looked after and valued by our students and school community.

**Kirrilee Baldock,  
Assistant Principal/Music Teacher**

## From Pammy

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had wonderful holidays and had loads of fun. A big welcome to Daniel Giles who will be sharing the office with me. I am looking forward to working with you and getting to know you better. A big congratulations to everyone who received an award at the assembly today and well done for all the effort you have put in to receive your award. Have a great week and keep smiling and be happy.

**Pammy, PCW**



Above: Students arrive in Nouméa

Below: Students studied French 3 hours a day



Above: Tjibaou Cultural Centre



Sampling the local cuisine