



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

Staffing

This week we welcome back Deputy Principal David Crouch from his leave this term. We are also pleased to announce David has been successful in winning the role of Deputy Principal of Renmark High School for the remainder of this year.

In other staffing news for Term 3: Amy Evans is returning to RHS from her leave, Ben Files, Athina Papametis and Dennis McInerney will be away on leave and Alexandra Woodman and Nikki Kazantzis have teaching contracts for Term 3.

ABW

It has been great watching the Year 11 students energetically engage in the ABW program. David has more detail on this year's program in this newsletter, however I would like to take the opportunity to thank the community mentors. These community members have taken time away from their businesses to support students during this week. We appreciate the commitment of mentors to the program, as the experiences and knowledge you bring is invaluable to the learning of our students.

Future Planning Expo Wednesday 16th August

Please put the Future Planning Expo in your diaries; this is an important night for students and families in the decision making process for 2018 and beyond.

Stay safe and warm in the holidays.

Regards

Mat Evans

Rotary Exchange Student

Eevi, Reflects

My year in Australia has been so different from what I ever expected. I've learned so many new things and had some great experiences. I have been able to travel which has opened my eyes to the diversity in Australia. Not just its diversity in nature but also its beautiful cultures. I've had the chance to make some lifelong friends from all around the world. Travelling made me appreciate spending my year in Renmark, I have been able to experience things that I could never have done in cities like being surrounded by chooks, fruit blocks and the beautiful river. This is completely different from my home city Helsinki. The hot Renmark summer was sweaty, but a nice change to the freezing Finnish weather. It's getting close to midsummer in Finland and it is still as cold there as it is in Renmark now.

My time at Renmark High has helped me find my interests, improve my English and has given me a chance to get to know some amazing people. I have had an opportunity to study subjects which we don't have in Finland including; Digital Media and Outdoor Ed. Both of which I have really enjoyed. I've been introduced to another way of learning and participated in fun excursions, which I wouldn't have been able to do in Finland. Everyone at Renmark High has been so outgoing, friendly and welcoming towards me, including the teachers and I wanted to thank you for giving me the opportunity to spend my school year here.

Eevi Joki-Korpela
Rotary Exchange Student

Week 10, Term 2
Thursday, July 6
2017

Upcoming events

Week 10

Fri 7/7 Last day of Term 2

Week 1

Mon 24/7 First Day Term 3

Wed 26/7 Awards Ceremony

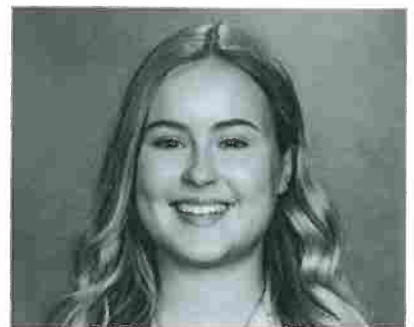
Thur 27/7 Hachioji Homestay students arrive

From Pammy

What a busy time it is as school.... On Tuesday I went to Waikerie High School to support the 23 students who entered the Science & Engineering Challenge. There were 6 High Schools involved and again the students were really challenged with their Science and Maths skills. What a great day.

So we have reached the end of Term 3 and I trust that everyone has wonderful holidays, enjoys themselves and stays safe. Until next term, a little something to think about, Teachers open the door, you enter by yourself. Keep smiling.

Pammy, PCW



Farewell Eevi, all the best



Students Address Mental Health

This semester Mrs Turk's Year 8 H&PD class completed a unit on Mental Health. Students learnt about the Mental Health Continuum, evaluated mental health information, identified stressors and developed coping strategies. To demonstrate their understanding they produced personalised 'Mental Health Kits'. Students put items including playlists, physical activities, photographs, stress balls, fidget spinners and even small amounts of comfort food in their kits. When students identify they are feeling down or anxious they can use their kit to help them cope with the stressors of life.

"When I'm feeling stressed over anything I can go to the kit where I put a fidget spinner, photos of me playing football, basketball, my family and friends." (Declan)

"I included items like photos of family, friends, food, music and interests of mine because they remind me of the good and fun times I have. All of my items are included because they can relieve my stress and make me

happy." (Sasha)

"I have been really impressed with how the students have engaged with the unit, especially their ability to talk about mental health issues with no stigma attached. I think it demonstrates how much young people value their mental health. Their kits are very creative and thoughtful and I hope they come in handy in times of need." (Mrs Turk)

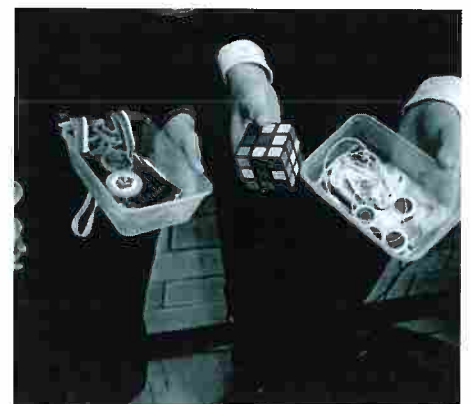
Students included the names and contact details of several organisations including Kids Helpline and Beyond Blue within their kits.

If students are having trouble coping with the daily stressors of life or feel like they are always at the 'unhealthy' end of your mental health continuum, these organisations may provide answers, some coping strategies or even just someone to talk to. Renmark High School students have access to Headspace, Chaplain Pammy Main and Student Wellbeing Leaders Mr Abbott and Mrs French.

Kerri Turk
Health and PE Teacher



Students displaying the 'Mental Health Kits' they have produced



Australian Business Week Underway

ABW is underway this week. In this competitive business simulation program, teams of Year 11 students operate a café for 8 trading periods. They are required to make the financial decisions, mount a trade display, generate a shareholder's report, and make a TV commercial. Each team appoints its Chief Executive Officer and department managers who lead various functions in the company.

This is conducted in an adult learning environment. Students dress the part, make decision collaboratively and work in teams against very tight deadlines. The excitement is building toward Friday when the winners are known.

Many thanks to community business mentors, who give up their time during a very busy period for them, the staff who take on extra duties and to Glenys and Dave Benda who are the prime organisers of the program.

David Crouch
Deputy Principal



Above: ABW students monitoring their groups financial status
Below: Eirene is about to make a start on her Companies Report



Year 10 Youth Opps Students Graduate

The following Year 10 students graduated from the Youth Opportunities Positive Empowerment Program last week and were presented with certificates at their Graduation Ceremony on the 28th of June. Hannah, Paul, Parris, Letishia, Lachlan, Chloe, Gemma, Ollie, Nikita, Lia, Molly and Vi. It was an honor to listen to each student's speeches outlining the benefits of the 10 week program including the development of successful habits, clearer goals, communication strategies and positive relationships. Students in the remaining Year 10 Care Groups also had the opportunity to apply for next terms Youth Opportunities program and letters will be given to students if they have been successful.

Mandy Smith
Year 10 Coordinator