



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

Cross Country Win!

Congratulations to the Renmark HS team who won the Interschool Cross Country Competition at Loxton this week. A fantastic effort by those involved against some strong competition!

2017 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards

These awards are a chance to recognise someone in our school community. Whether you're a student, parent, colleague, or have been inspired by an educator in some way, please help recognise these important role models by nominating them. A nomination is simply a great way to say thanks to your favourite educator in appreciation of their work - so if you know someone who's doing a fantastic job in a school or preschool, be the one to nominate them and encourage them to apply for an award. Nominations are open until next Wednesday 31st May.

Deputy Principal

Congratulations to Kirralee Baldock who is in the role of Deputy Principal while David Crouch is on leave until the end of week 9. We are in the process of appointing an Assistant Principal to backfill Kirralee for this time.

Drama Production

Tuesday night I attended the year 10/11 Drama production Juvie. Students are to be congratulated on a great job of performing in front of a live audience of family and friends. Thank you to Wendy and her small band of helpers who enable students to have these opportunities. I encourage you all to book tickets for the upcoming Bats performances also by our very own Renmark HS students.

Pastoral Care Worker Support

The group that does some great work to support the Pastoral Care Workers

at Renmark HS, Renmark PS and Renmark North PS needs some new members. If you think you might be able to assist please have a chat to Pammy.

Mat Evans, Principal

Robotic Arm - Year 12 Research Project

Year 12 RHS student Sukraj is making a robotic arm for his research project. Sukraj has always been interested in technology beginning with building with lego. In 2008 he was further influenced after watching the movie, Iron Man, which featured robots and technology. To design and build a robotic arm for his research project seemed like a natural progression.

"I already had experience with computers and I used those skills to learn how to use the school's 3D printer. The first thing I printed was a cube. In year 8 Tech I learned to use CAD.

I used CAD to produce the first designs of my robotic arm. I also used CAD software to test the freedom of movement and joint strength of the design. When the design was good enough I used the 3D printer to make the components. One of the challenges has been keeping the 3D printer working as there have been frequent breakdowns that have delayed the print. The different plastics also perform differently and I have used a trial and error approach to find the best one.

I will have finished enough of the design of my robotic arm to complete my Research Project by the end of term. However I will continue to work on refining the design."

Sukraj, Year 12 Student

Week 4, Term 2

Friday, May 26

2017

Upcoming events

Week 5

Reconciliation Week

Wed 31/5 Assembly

Thur 1/6 Adelaide Cross Country

Week 6

Tues 6/6 SRC Leadership Camp
(3 days) at Monarto

Fri 9/6 Student Free Day

National Reconciliation Week 27th May – 3rd June

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation journey.

To help celebrate this occasion and to raise school community awareness of this event Renmark High School will be holding a free sausage sizzle for the whole school at lunch time on Wednesday 31st.

Nadia Mills, Aboriginal Teacher

Science and Engineering Challenge

This is an exciting, hands on interschool competition. Tasks in previous years have involved building mini hovercrafts, engineering bridges and making bionic hands. The event is being held at Waikerie this year in week 10 and we need you! No experience is necessary for this challenge, any students interested are welcome.

Jess Farrelly, Science Coordinator



'Juvie' Presented by Year 10/11 Stage 1 Drama Students

Our dramatic and emotional Year 10/11 Stage 1 Drama performance, 'Juvie' by Jerome McDonough was performed in front of a large audience in the Drama Room.

'Juvie' is set in a juvenile detention centre and focuses on the lives of 13 juvenile delinquents who are locked up, scared and lonely. The play sets its sights on the individual journeys each character takes, through elaborate back-stories and interactions with other cellmates, as their lives are forever changed within the 45 minute performance. Our performance featured a cast of 14 exceptional actors on Tuesday night with both believable conviction and heart touching emotion.

One of the reasons I chose 'Juvie' was because of its emphasis on character development. I wanted the students to do a performance that gave everyone the opportunity to participate in a meaningful way. Each of the characters gets their own scene in which they share their story with the audience, yet at the same time, the entire cast works together to make it a success.

As the audience entered the Drama room they were firstly confronted with a line-up of criminals in the juvenile detention centre's Holding Room. Once in the Drama room, two large prison cells, side by side, filled half of the room with the bare necessities of a bed, bucket and a stool in each cell. It immediately captured the dark mood of the play.

The students' performance was

outstanding off stage with lighting design by Jade and costume and prompt by Jaclyn, as well as on stage. Actors brought their troubled characters to life and gave the audience an insight into their lives. The students made these characters 'real' through their research, focus and character development. I was very proud of these talented students who had worked hard over the past 9 weeks to analyse the play, learn their lines, capture the mood and style of the play and understand their own characters well enough to bring them to life.

Wendy Matulic, Drama Teacher

Student Reflections

Juvie was a deep, touching and tragic play. This is shown in the ways the characters seemed real and the way everyone was engaged in the emotional, intense monologues telling each character's story. Through the play I learned better control over my mood changes and the way I may seem angry even when I'm not speaking. It is a life skill being able to control your moods. **Kirsty**

Our play was dramatic and touching and had the audience captivated throughout. **Jaclyn**

Our performance as a class captivated the audience. A lot of us were told afterwards that our characters were believable and our delivery was excellent. I learnt more about movement around the stage and how last minute refinements can change a lot. **Brock**

The intense and emotional play, 'Juvie' was very confronting and realistic. The audience found the play convincing and very believable. Through performing this play I learnt how to act on stage in a more realistic manner. **Amber**

The on stage combat felt and looked extremely real and received a lot of gasps of shock from the audience. I learnt a lot about how to use

stage combat during a performance. **Gabrielle** The strengths of the performance were that we had realism in each character, and we had realistic combat scenes. I learnt that plays need ambition and passion to give an amazing performance. **Zoe**

The atmosphere on stage was very intense during every scene and you could pretty much taste the intensity in the audience. **Jack**



RHS Cross Country Results 2017

The School's annual Glass and IGA Foodland cross country event was held on Wednesday 17th May, with 200 students participating. Jordan Murray won the shield in convincing form with final house points being: Murray 923, Sturt 671, Tintra 625, Chaffey 510. Thank you to our sponsors: Townsend Bus Travel, Emmetts, AA Canvas and Shades, Renmark Hotel, Riverland

U14 G

1st Charlee M 7:21.52
2nd Olivia T 7:25.18
3rd Jordyn S 7:25.90

U15 G

1st Georgia M 7:53.28
2nd Chloe T 7:59.15
3rd Tayla T 8:02.98

U16 G

1st Christie M 7:06.41
2nd Emmerson C 8:11.61
3rd Gemma S 8:24.42

U20 G

1st Brooke M 6:16.40
2nd Della M 8:08.49
3rd Stacey M 8:23.84

U14 B

1st Aiden C 6:10
2nd Connor S 6:30
3rd Dylan C 6:42

U15 B

1st Jake S 6:41
2nd Nash M 6:50
3rd Benedict C 6:57

U16 B

1st Mitchell T 9:06
2nd Serhat T 9:07
3rd Lloyd T 9:43

U20 B

1st Nathan T 8:10
2nd Mitchell T 8:31
3rd Dimitrios M 8:35

From Pammy

Tuesday night I was a very small part of the intensely, unpredictable and tragic year 10/11 Stage 1 Drama performance 'Juvie'. I have a new found respect for the Drama students whose realism in the portrayal of their characters was truly inspiring. Once again Wendy Matulick (Drama Teacher) wowed those present by showing how she has managed to bring out the best in each student and encouraged growth

and confidence so obvious in the presentation of each of their roles, in this, challenging production. It was a privilege to be part of this experience and I am really looking forward to the upcoming School Production "Bats", so come along and experience young talent at its finest at the Chaffey Theatre in the form of "Bats". Have a great week!

Pammy, PCW