PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

RENMARK HIGH GRADUATE SUCCESS AT VOCATIONAL AWARDS

The Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards, held by Rotary District 9520, have been recognising the talents and skills of apprentices and trainees in local businesses since 1982. I was proud to be at the 2017 Awards Ceremony held two weeks ago when the high quality of two of our own Renmark High School graduates was recognised.

Stavroula Kalantzis, who graduated from Renmark High School in 2017, was awarded Runner Up Australian School Based Trainee. Stavroula was a school based trainee in Community Pharmacy, studying through the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, and is employed by Priceline Pharmacy in Renmark.

Chloe Rudd, who graduated from Renmark High School in 2014, was awarded the Riverland and Mallee Apprentice of the Year. Chloe is employed by Print DNA in Renmark and has been undertaking a Certificate III in Print Communications through TafeSA.

The awards are well deserved and it is fantastic to see the successes of two previous Renmark High students being recognised in this way. We offer our congratulations to Chloe and Stavroula and wish them both well in their future endeavours.

DAYMAP

As we move into our focus on reporting student progress in a more engaging way, we encourage parents to please make sure you are able to access our school DAYMAP system. DAYMAP not only enables you to access feedback to students from teachers but it also provides access to subject outlines and assessment tasks. DAYMAP is a reliable, easily available source of the school Newsletter. Please refer to the parent information sheet or contact the school if you need assistance to log in.

EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW

The Department for Education and Child Development conducts an External School Review (ESR) of all schools across South Australia.

The purpose of these reviews is to support schools to raise student achievement and sustain high performance. This transparent process will contribute to the realisation of the department’s strategic plan to build a high performing system and to provide quality assurance and support where required.

Last week, Renmark High School completed their ESR with 2 panelists traveling from Adelaide to conduct a comprehensive and thorough evaluation of processes, talking to parents, students and staff.

We are embracing the opportunity to identify creative and exciting ways to drive improvement across all areas of Renmark High School and look forward to working collaboratively with students, staff and parents as we continue our journey of school improvement.

Mat Evans - Principal
“In May 2017, I was nominated by Tafe SA to compete in the South Australian LIA Graduate of the Year where I won and went on to Nationals in November to compete against 9 other state competitors across Australia. The awards night was hosted at the Pullman Hotel which coincided with the Queensland PICA Awards. I had to compile a business plan highlighting what I would like to do with the scholarship prize money, which included courses, experiences and trade shows I would be interested in over a two year period. After winning the 2017 National LIA Graduate of the Year, I will continue to work at Print DNA where I would like to expand their services with web development, business and digital marketing, frontline management and a trip to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to see a label/packaging factory.

In February 2018, I was crowned the Riverland & Mallee Apprentice of Year where I had to submit an application form answering the questions supplied by the judging panel. They asked about my future commitments, community involvement and why I chose to become a Graphic Designer & Digital Pre Press Printer. An interview process was undertaken followed by an official dinner highlighting all the successful applicant’s abilities throughout the Riverland & Mallee.

This experience has been a rollercoaster and I am excited for what the future holds.”

Regards
Chloe and the Print DNA Team

**CARLY RYAN PRESENTATION**

On Wednesday 28th February, Sonya will be presenting to all of our year 8-10 students in the Chaffey Theatre.

7:00pm on Wednesday 28th February, there will be a free information session for parents at the Renmark Hotel

**POWER WORKSHOP**

Daniel Giles (ACEO), Adriana and Joshua with Port Adelaide players Paddy Ryder, Jake Neade and Wade Thompson after their Port Power Workshop at the Riverland SAASTA academy.

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IN THE LOOP

School Photo Catch Up
Renmark High School is happy to announce that the school photographers will be returning for a catch up day on Wednesday 28th Feb at 1pm in the Drama Room. We encourage all students who did not have their photo taken to attend. A reminder that these photos will also be used for the student ID cards.

Student Free Day - Friday 9th March
Renmark High School will be closed on Friday 9th March due to staff undertaking training and development. Please note this day is aligned with the Student Free Days planned for Renmark, Renmark North and Renmark West Primary Schools.

RHS Sports Day will be held on Friday 16th March. Please keep a look out for forms coming home with more information. RHS is also hosting the Interschool Sports day to be held on Wednesday 4th April. It would be great to see parents, friends and community members come along.

2018 Year 8 School Immunisation Program
Immunisation clinic will be held at Renmark High School, Friday 23rd March 2018.

Students in Year 8 are offered free vaccines under the National Immunisation Program to protect them from Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, and Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

Year 8 consent cards have been handed out to students in week 4 and are to be returned to Care Group teachers by Friday March 21st. Please return the consent card even if student will not take part in the Immunisation Clinic.

Governing Council AGM
7:00 pm Wednesday 21st March - School Library
supper provided please encourage other parents to attend and become involved in the governance of RHS. Governing Councils form valued partnerships with school leaders, working together to develop future directions.
These are exciting times for the Renmark High School community and we look forward to working together in our continued pursuit of great outcomes for all of our students.

Bullying Production
9:00am Wednesday 7th March.
A performance will be held in the Chaffey Theatre for Years 8, 9 and 10 students, centered around the impacts of bullying and harassment.
This 50-minute performance looks at the changing face of bullying - from physical violence - to texting - to cyber bullying. The performance will be free of charge for students. We ask that students are prompt to Care Group. In Week 7 we will celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence – a positive day of action that provides a focus for school communities.

After School Activity - Gaming
If you are interested in gaming why not join
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS - giving you the opportunity to engage in imaginative, compelling and hysterical gaming scenarios.

Where: Renmark High School Library
When: Week 5 - 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Consent form is needed to join - please see Mr. Watkinson for more details

HAS THE DOG EATEN YOUR NEWSLETTER?
Don’t forget you can access your RHS newsletter 24/7 via DAYMAP and FACEBOOK

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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Yr. 8 Camp Kedron

This week our Year 8s enjoyed a 2 day camp in Barmera. Joined by their Care Group teachers and other staff, the camp was a positive way for students to begin secondary school, get to know their teachers and make new friends. During the camp, students participated in wellbeing, sporting and aquatics activities.

Here’s what some of our students had to say:

It was fun, it made me happy
- Stephanie

I love camp because it’s a new experience for me to try new things and make new friends - Richard

The camp had a very campy vibe the aquatics were fantastic. I loved trying new things and meeting new people
- Tyron

I enjoyed the aquatics the most because it was my first time skiing for me and a lot of others it was amazing being able to see others try new things and be resilient. I think I made many more friends and it gave me a good start to the year
- Isabella

FROM THE LIBRARY...

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2018

All students have the opportunity, particularly in years 8-9, to participate in this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge. The challenge is designed to encourage students to both enjoy and read a wide variety of books. It runs from the beginning of this year until the 7th September during which time students are encouraged to read 4 titles from the Premier’s Reading Challenge booklist and 8 of their own choice. The challenge is supported and promoted through the library. Students in years 10-12 can also participate by reading 12 books of their own choice. The type of award students receive depends on how many years they have participated in the challenge. The booklist and student reading records are available in the library but also via the library website at http://remarkhs.sa.libguides.com/library.

For further information please contact me at the school.

Mandy Smith
Teacher Librarian
SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a very busy start to the year for our Senior School and it is great to see RHS students and teachers embracing the challenge of the new (and final year for year 12’s) with vigour.

Final fine tuning to SACE courses has been completed (thanks to the hard work of Ms Hooper and Mrs Pater) and all students have a pathway that offers great opportunities post school. Many are gearing up to achieve high ATARs and entry into the university of their choice, whilst others are pursuing a VET pathway as one of the many flexible learning options available. There are also many hybrid courses. Currently over 70 students are studying one of the 20 VET courses on offer. Students are encouraged to check their SACE pattern by logging online:
https://apps.sace.sa.edu.au/students-online/login.do

Login details: SACE student ID
Original Password Access: Day and month of birth

All year 12 students have been allocated an Academic Coach which will be one of the many teachers who have volunteered their time to aid students in the pursuit of their dreams. The SMART goal of Academic Coaching is for every RHS student to improve by at least one grade.

Students are reminded that effective use of home study is vital and to please ensure you to sign in and out.

What is Coaching?

RENMARK HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

RHS STUDENT BREAKS 20 YEAR SCHOOL SWIMMING RECORD

With some hot weather expected on the day, a discussion about postponing the event was quickly thrown out and the decision was made to start the carnival earlier and continue with the usual program (races/splash events).

Some students stayed away for various reasons but overall the turn-out was great and there was a buzz around each house. Who would be the 2018 CHAMPIONS? could Murray take it out for the third time in a row?

The competition throughout the day looked pretty even with the majority of captains working hard to fill each event. In the end, MURRAY were too strong and won the event by over 100 points. Strong performances by Year 8 Madelyn (gaining maximum points in the Under 14 and Open age groups), Georgia (maximum points), Kel and Dylan made it difficult for the other houses to close the gap.

Chaffey continue to improve each year, taking out the Most Improved shield. Both Jordan and Dylan scored maximum points, along with 2 new records (over 20 years old) from Dylan (Open 100m Backstroke 1:12.98 and U15 Backstroke 33.83).

Other strong performances included Bree (maximum points), Cohen (maximum points), Christie, Alan, Tianna, Layla, Darcy, Kale, Adele, Tina, Gemma, and Josh.

Thank you to Kerri Donaldson for your continued support and our sponsors, BusBiz, Emmett’s, Renmark Vitor Swimming Club, Renmark Hotel Motel, Renmark IGA and Renmark Club

TRIATHLON

Congratulations to the junior mixed triathlon team Madelyn, Max and Isabella who finished first.

Congratulations to our individual triathlon athletes (Georgia, Aidan, Madelyn and Mason) who competed

Aiden - 2nd U17 Boys
Madelyn - 2nd U15 Girls
Georgia - 3rd U17 Girls
INSPIRING WORDS
FROM PAMMY

Last year I had a student from year 12 telling me one of the things that helped her in Year 12... here it is.

"Do not let any distractions get in the way of what you have to do"
She applied this to both herself and to her studies.

I have been sitting at my computer procrastinating about what to say and what to write about. How often do we allow outside influences to come in and take us off track of what we should be focusing on? This is something I am going to think about and strive to achieve when being busy and life issues try to stop me from starting and finishing something.

Here also is a little snippet I found interesting and encouraging. "Some of the best lessons we ever learn, we learn from our mistakes and failures. The error of the past is the success and wisdom of the future." Tyron Edwards (1809-1894).

Keep smiling and have a great week.

Matt Abbott - Student Wellbeing Leader

New penalties for supplying alcohol to minors

There are now stronger penalties for people who illegally supply alcohol to anyone under 18. Big parties and events where large groups of teenagers are supplied with alcohol will be targeted. Teens under 18 who are caught with alcohol illegally can face penalties of up to $2,500.


The Development of Positive Education at Renmark High School

As a Wellbeing team we are undertaking Professional Development in Positive Education. In the following months elements of this will be implemented across the school in a number of ways. Positive Education is based on the work of the world-renowned psychologist Professor Martin Seligman and others. Positive Education is the practical application of Positive Psychology within the school. This highly regarded branch of psychology focuses on building a person’s wellbeing to enable them to flourish in life.

Given the prevalence of adolescent depression and anxiety, and the rapidly changing world we live in, Renmark High School is committed to developing a culture that promotes the development of wellbeing in staff, students and the society we live in.

Professor Seligman uses the acronym PERMA, to define wellbeing, and by building PERMA we provide “an inoculation against poor mental health.”

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WELLBEING

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PERSONAL APPOINTMENTS IN SCHOOL HOURS

We understand that many students require offsite appointments within the school hours of 8.40am-3.30pm. If your student has an appointment during this time, it is the responsibility of students and parents/guardians to ensure they have either a note signed by a parent/guardian or a phone call to the school is made. Staff cannot allow students to leave school grounds without permission.
If an appointment is made during the day, please call Reception on 8586 6974 and we will do our best to contact your student to notify them.

PERMISSION TO STUDY AT HOME - YEARS 11/12

If your year 11 or 12 student does not have scheduled lessons at the beginning or end of the day, they have the opportunity to study at home by completing the parental consent form – sent out in week 1.
This DOES NOT include lessons that occur during the school day, including ‘double’ lessons, or at lunch time. Under DECD Duty of Care policy, students are required to sign in and out if they have permission to leave the school site during the day.
Please ensure you have returned your consent form, or contact Student Services on 8586 6974 for another form to be sent home.
If students have not gained consent and returned their form, they are required to arrive at school by 8.40am and may not leave school grounds until 3.30pm each day.

E-NEWSLETTER COMING TERM 2

From Term 2, Renmark High School would like to announce a new delivery service for newsletters.
Sign up using the form below to receive the RHS letter directly to your inbox and return the form to Reception.

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“Trust   Respect   Responsibility   Accountability   Fun”
We are fortunate at Renmark High School to have an enthusiastic Governing Council who supports our school in delivering the best possible outcomes for students. In 2018 we have 12 positions vacant due to council members finishing their tenures. School Governing Councils undertake the following roles and are a fantastic way to be involved with your child’s education.

- Set broad direction for the school (in conjunction with school staff)
- Support the implementation of Education Department policies
- Initiate and approve recommendations and strategies
- Monitor and report on school progress

We urge all interested parents to attend the RHS Governing Council AGM being held at the RHS Library on Wednesday 21 March. Governing Council meetings are held at 7.30pm Monday evenings on week 3 and 7 of each term, and involve a balance of school business and social interaction.

Nominations can be via the tear off slip below and returned to the school or received on the night. Please don’t hesitate to contact the school on 8586 6974 if you would like any further information. Councillors are generally elected to a two year term.