

Rendelsham Primary School Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the holidays. Thank you to the staff for your preparation to have classrooms and learning programs ready for the commencement of another busy term. Students have settled back into routine smoothly.

A highlight of the week was the drawing of the Mother's Day 'Pamper Hamper' raffle which raised \$620 towards the whole school camp.

A huge thankyou to - Nat and Kathy who organised the vouchers for the prize, to everyone who sold tickets (especially the mums who gave time to sell them in Millicent) and to those who contributed to the hamper. This has been an outstanding success. The lucky winners were



1st prize Donald Tilley

2nd prize Brenda Sutherland

Parent Club

Next Parent Club meeting is Monday the 15th at 9.00am. All welcome.

Pupil Free Day

All the schools in the Limestone Coast district will be closed for the **Regional STEM**Training and Development Day, Friday May 27th

This day will provide teachers the opportunity to listen to guest speakers and participate in STEM related workshops to build their capacity and awareness to teach these areas in the curriculum.

I highly recommend that families take advantage of the chance to attend the local community events organised for the weekend of May 28th and 29th, with families having the opportunity to attend various free events at the Mt Gambier Library and Main Corner Complex (Saturday) and the Railway Lands (Sunday).

Pre - Service Teachers

You may notice some new faces at the school this term. We are pleased to be able to support students who are undertaking study to become teachers and this year, Jane and Emma are mentoring UniSA students Hannah Wilson and Sally Mueller who will both spend time in our classrooms.

NAPLAN

This week the Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests are being conducted throughout Australia for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9.NAPLAN assesses skills in Literacy and Numeracy, providing a snapshot of how students are progressing against the national standards for all Australian students. The NAPLAN website www.naplan.edu.au has a parent tab which is very useful and informative.

Regards

Sandy

PRINCIPAL

Sandra Stewart
GOVERNING COUNCIL
CHAIRPERSON

PARENT CLUB
PRESIDENT

Kathy Rasmussen
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DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>May</u>

10th NAPLAN

11th NAPLAN

12th NAPLAN

15th Parent Club Meeting @9.00am

20th Naracoorte Cross Country

26th SRC Pet Show

27th Pupil Free Day

<u>June</u>

13th Queens Birthday
Public Holiday

TERM DATES

Term 2 2016

2nd May – 8th July

Term 3 2016

25 July – 30th September

Term 4 2016

17th October – 16 December

STEM

What is STEM?

STEM Education is a term used to refer collectively to the teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Why is STEM important?

STEM touches every aspect of our lives, from our smartphones to the technologies that enable us to explore the world around us and outer space. In the future it is predicted that there will be a high demand for STEM related jobs, such as ICT professionals and engineers. We know that not every student will become a scientist or mathematician, and that is the way it ought to be, but we do want them to be aware of the role that STEM plays in their everyday lives and how important it is that



STEM knowledge continues to grow. By cultivating an interest amongst students in these areas it is hoped that they will gain a greater understanding of these subjects, show improved engagement and be more likely to continue studying STEM areas as they get older.

STEM subjects are well placed to teach skills that are relevant to an 'information-rich' society such as problem solving and creative thinking. Building STEM capacity in our students aligns with our current strategies to support children to develop a growth mindset and become powerful learners. Fostering these areas will help them develop the confidence and curiosity to:

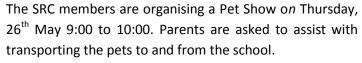
- Actively participate in their learning
- Make decisions based on sound evidence
- Skilfully solve problems and deal proactively with new situations
- Communicate effectively in a variety of forms
- Collaborate with others.
- Believe that they are capable of learning and achieving with effort.





COMING EVENT

Pet Show



The SRC will provide more details soon.





School Notices

Term 2 Canteen Roster		
FRIDAY	13 th May	Leanne Carlson
FRIDAY	20 th May	Kathy Rasmussen
THURSDAY	26 th May	Anna Thomas
FRIDAY	3 rd June	Tammy Mueller
FRIDAY	10 th June	Nat Chambers
FRIDAY	17 th June	Sam Bennett
FRIDAY	24 th June	Leanne Carlson
FRIDAY	1 st July	Kathy Rasmussen
FRIDAY	8 th July	Anna Thomas

Rendelsham Primary School

Relief Bus Drivers wanted for school bus run Southend – Rendelsham

Requirements: MR licence and DECD Driver Accreditation. Details to obtain Accreditation are available from the school or online at www.sa.gov.au

Register interest by contacting the school 87354236 or email dl.0375.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Sandy Stewart Principal Rendelsham Primary School



Well done to our award winners for week 1 of term 2. Sidney, Leni and Lacey

Community Notices



1st Millicent Scout Group



Starting Tuesday 17th May

Joeys (age 6 to 8) 5:00 to 6.00pm

Scouts (age 9 to 14) 6:00 to 8.00

Scout Hall, Stark Ave Millicent

See you there

Contact: Heather Lowndes 042833402800

