Due to Covid-19, the Term 1 and 2 SRC were only able to meet for a few sessions. As a result we have decided to keep the elected SRC for the second semester. They are excited about starting up again and already have some great ideas to help improve the school.

As we are now able to have volunteers back at school Mrs Pendle and Mrs Andt are happy to hand the running of Breakfast Club back to volunteers. A big thank you to Mrs Pendle and Mrs Andt for keeping the Breakfast Club running during the Covid-19 crisis.

I have already been able to secure parents to supervise for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We just need one parent for Friday mornings, who is available to supervise the students in the Hall between 8:30 to 8:55.

If you are available on a Friday morning to supervise students having breakfast in the Hall please let me know asap.

Likewise, you may have a grandparent who has some spare time and would be interested in supervising Breakfast Club, if so please pass this information on to your extended family.

Last year, Mrs Fairey’s 2/3 class organised the collection of plastic bread tags to help buy wheelchairs for people in need in South Africa.

Renmark West Primary School along with the Riverland Special School raised a total of 32kg of bread tags.

Thank you to everyone who supported this by bringing in their bread tags. Well done to Mrs Fairy’s 2/3 for organising this. The SRC will be taking over the Bread Tags for wheelchairs for the remainder of the year.

Please bring in your bread tags to the office in the hope that we can reach a larger total for the second half of the year.
From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of Renmark West,

COVID 19 Restrictions - Term 3

Cleaning
Additional cleaning has been allocated for Term 3 although there will be no cleaning of the playground equipment during the school day.

Assemblies
We will commence our assemblies in Week 3 of this term however due to social distancing of adults we are unable to invite parents to attend. Once the weather improves we may look at having some outside assemblies where we will be able to invite parents to attend whilst safely social distancing. We will keep you informed about this during the term.

Volunteers
We welcome back our volunteers this term and look forward to working with you again. Christina has been recruiting parents to help with Breakfast Club in the morning and our Junior Primary teachers are keen to reconnect with parents who can listen to reading on a regular basis.

Parents in Classrooms
Please avoid entering the classroom. If you need to see the teacher please make an appointment. Our classrooms are not large enough to allow appropriate social distancing of adults.

Excursions and SAPSASA
We are now able to organise excursions within the state for our students. We will inform parents once teachers have identified any suitable excursions for their classes.
SAPSASA is up and running again however we are not able to use car pooling as we have done in the past. This will mean that parents will need to arrange to take their own children only to SAPSASA events.
There are a few events this term where we will hire a bus to transport larger groups of children to participate in SAPSASA.

The first of these is a soccer carnival which will be attended by our Year 7 students.

External Review
In Week 5 of this term we will be having our external review. On Tuesday 18th August the review team will be available in the morning in the Resource Centre to speak with parents who would like to contribute to the review. I will remind parents again closer to the time.
The review team will also meet with teachers, Governing Council and students to develop a picture of how our school operates.
A report from the review team will be published on the website later in the year.
There will be more information about the review shortly.

Student Free Day
Monday the 10th of August is a Student Free Day which has been allocated for staff training in the Berry Street Model. We commenced this training in Term 1 and this will be the second training day offered.
Please make alternative arrangements for your child on this day. Out of School Care may be available if there are enough bookings prior to the day.

Year 7s to High School
2021 will be the last year when there will be Year 7s at our primary site. This means that at the end of 2021 our Year 6 and Year 7 students will be leaving us and preparing to start at high school in 2022.
Special arrangements for this transition process will be organised and advertised early next year.
We will continue to publish updates as information becomes available.
SAPSASA Soccer

The Soccer Carnival is on Friday, 24th July at Renmark’s Soccer grounds. Students will be transported to the grounds by bus.

The SAPSASA Coordinators
Liz Pendle and Georgia Tzanavaras
Term 3

Week 4 10 - 14 August
Monday 10 Student Free Day

Week 7 31 August - 4 September
Tuesday 1 School Photos

Tennis Coaching begins in Week 2 of Term 3 at the following times:

Monday
3.30 - 4.30 for Orange ball players - approx 7-10 years old
4.30 - 5.30 for Green ball players - approx 10 years and over
Orange and Green ball tennis is modified with lower compression balls which make it easier for children to play the game.
Orange balls are 50% slower than the standard yellow ball and the green ball is 25% slower than the standard yellow ball.
Orange ball tennis is also played on a smaller court.

Wednesday
3.30 - 4.30 Orange and Green ball players
4.30 - 5.30 Green and Yellow Ball players

Thursday
3.30 - 4.15..free 5 week HOTSHOTS for children 6 - 9 years
This is a continuation from last term which proved popular with a number of children.
Racquets supplied.
Red balls are used which are 75% slower than the standard yellow ball.
We are very keen to attract new players to our club and they can be easily accommodated into one of the time slots.

Can you let me know of your child's involvement by this Friday July 24th please?

Cheers
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School Uniform
School uniforms can be ordered online from Tri State Graphic, see link below, search for “Renmark West School” https://www.tristategraphics.com.au/