

Renmark North Primary School NEWSLETTER

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STARR VALUES - Success – Team Work – Acceptance – Respect – Responsibility

From the Principal

Thank you to the families that came along to the Welcome and Information night on Tuesday 12 February. This was a great opportunity for families to touch base with classroom teachers to hear about expectations for the 2018 school year.

A clear message about Communication from and between staff, students and families shone through—Communicators being our whole school disposition for the first 6 weeks of the Term 1.

Please remember if you have anything you would like to share with me in regards to how the school in general is going please get in contact with me. This can either be by phone for a chat or to make an appointment to see me, 85953274; or email mary.shannon624@schools.sa.edu.au; or I am on crossing duty each day after school (once children have left) for a chat.

SCHOOL CROSSING

Just a friendly reminder for all adults and children to cross the road between the school flags.

Whilst I have been on crossing duty I have seen some children and parents crossing the road **NOT** between the flags. This can be dangerous as cars reversing don't always see children and I have had some family members report near misses to me.

Also remember to drive slowly past the school and crossing. You never know when a child may be crossing!

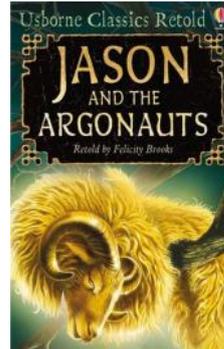
Mary Shannon



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STUDENT VOICE

Book Review : Jason and the Argonauts



Retold by: Felicity Brooks

Recommendation: Yr 4 to Yr 7

Jason and the Argonauts is a book about The Greek Myth. It follows Jason as he goes on a quest to get the Golden Fleece; if he succeeds this will prove his worthiness to reclaim his father's kingdom, from his Uncle Pelias. I recommend this book to readers who either have a love for mythology or a taste for fantasy. It has been worded beautifully and it has very strong characters. My only downside is the story can be very bland at certain moments.

I would rate it ★ ★ ★ stars (3/5)

Reviewed by Elias Drakopoulos

TERM 1 DATES TO REMEMBER

23rd February	SAPSASA Swimming
28th February	Governing Council AGM
7th—8th March	Life Education Van
9th March	Pupil Free Day
12th March	Adelaide Cup
16th March	T20 Blast at Berri
21st March	Governing Council Meeting
30th March	Good Friday
2nd April	Easter Monday
6th April	SAPSASA Football and Netball
13th April	Last Day of Term1

GREEK LESSONS

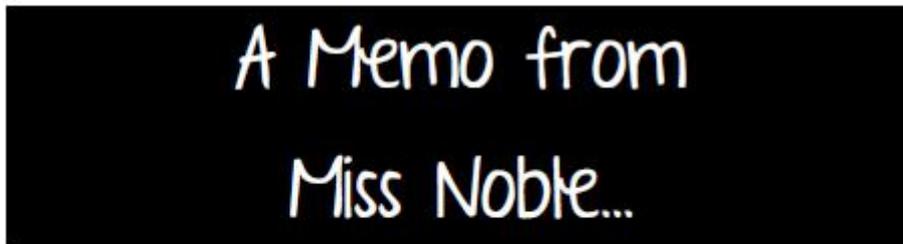
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In Greek lessons we looked at the above quote by scientist Stephen Hawking. Can you work out what it says? I promise you that it's in English! We also noticed that the human mind is able to train itself to read sentences which contain words with jumbled spelling, as long as the first and last letter of each word are in the correct spot. Try to read the following paragraph:

We hvae larent ltos of thgnis in the lsat two wkees, auobt our biarn and how it wrkos!

The reason we have been examining the amazing abilities of the human brain, is because we as a school are on a path of continual improvement. At the moment we are focusing on what makes a visible learner, i.e. a learner who knows where they're at, where they are going, and how to get there. Being adaptable, persistent, brave, resilient and a good communicator are dispositions or qualities which we want to foster. Having students with a positive mindset and who want to learn, is our goal. Learning includes making lots of mistakes along the way. Without mistakes, learning can't happen!

Patty Panagiotopoulos



Hi everyone and welcome to the 2018 school year!

For those of you who don't know, my role at RNPS has changed a little for the first half of the year.

On Monday and Tuesday I am in the Year 5/6 class, sharing with Miss Redden – and on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I am working as the Student Wellbeing Leader (SWL).

I am super excited about my new role, as Student Wellbeing and pastoral care are great passions of mine. This role also enables me to re-connect with students of all ages across the school, which I'm really looking forward to.

Over the next term there will be a lot of familiar programs and activities happening, but also some new bits and pieces will be in the works.

One of these is that our SRC in 2018 will run from Years 2-7. See the attached information sheet for further details. I am really enthusiastic about growing our Student Voice at RNPS and already I have spoken with a lot of enthusiastic candidates who are keen to stand for election this year.

Our Learning Assistance Program (LAP) is also starting to take shape but we are still after volunteers to work with students and help develop and improve self-esteem, personal and social skills and support their overall learning. Check out the Facebook post about becoming a volunteer for LAP, or pop in and see me sometime between Wednesday and Friday.

Then there will be Buddies, Breakfast Club, and the completion of our Nature Play Space... so many things happening within our fantastic school!

We are always on the lookout for parent support and volunteers so if there is an area you think you could lend us a hand with then please let us know!

Miss Noble
Student Wellbeing Leader

Student Leadership (SRC) Renmark North PS 2018



In 2018 we are looking to make a little shift in the direction our Student Leadership is heading.

Through our review and reflection, we see the value of increased student voice, creating a more welcoming school community and building greater leadership opportunities for our senior students.

This year our Student Leadership Group will involve Year 2 to 7 students with an increased presence in our upper primary. This year we will elect 4 SRC Reps in the Year 6/7 Class along with 2 proxies. Preference will be given to Year 7 students as per House Captain Elections.

The role of SRC Leaders and House captains is one of privilege, pride and responsibility. It is more than just a title and a badge. It requires dedication and commitment from the students elected for the entire year and requires the successful candidates to bring skills and ideas to the role. Along with this is the need to be willing to dedicate their own time and effort to attend meetings, organise school activities and support their fellow students.

Characteristics of a Student Leader:

- Friendly, approachable and well presented
- Organised and committed to planning and organising events
- Able to communicate and talk with staff, students and the wider community
- The ability and desire to act responsibly and be a role model for other students
- Reflect and display the school values and learner dispositions

As a School Leader you will be expected to:

- Be a positive role model and ambassador for our school
- Be enthusiastic and committed about the programs and activities at RNPS
- Work as part of a team and take on additional responsibilities
- Plan and coordinate activities and events throughout the year

Specific Responsibilities as School Leaders:

- Work with other SRC members to facilitate and assist special events such as fundraiser days, greeting visitors at our school, attending events such as the Anzac Day Service, leading school tours etc
- To motivate students to fully support and participate in RNPS, its programs and values
- To attend assemblies, present updates about events, certificates of achievement and awards based around our values
- To work and liaise with the Principal, Student Wellbeing Leader and Staff about Student Voice, developing activities across the school to improve inclusion and build a positive culture within our school community
- To act as a positive role model

Those students wishing to stand for election this year will be supported over the next week to write a speech to present to class. Elections will be held in Week 4. The successful candidates will be announced to classes on Tuesday Week 5 (Feb 27th) with a letter of congratulations sent home on Wednesday Week 5 along with an announcement in the newsletter.

Thank you for your support in working towards continued improvement at Renmark North PS.
Miss Noble ☺

Literacy and Numeracy Corner



Did you know that Research shows that repeated reading of favourite books can boost vocabulary by up to 40%

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

With so much new learning taking place this year, it's important that we keep our families up to date with our happenings at school and ways in which you can continue the learning outside of the classroom. Please stay tuned for more links, tips and tricks in the coming newsletters for ways in which you can assist your child at home in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. With reading being a major focus this year I have decided to begin with some ways in which you can support your child with reading at home.

Why is reading important?

Reading aloud with your child each night helps in many ways including - developing fluency, expanding their vocabulary and teaching them comprehension skills.

Fluency

Tip: Choose a book and take it in turns reading a sentence, modelling fluency. You might read a sentence or a page first then your child repeats the same part.

Expanding Vocabulary

Tip: Flick through a book, before reading it with your child for the first time. Look for any interesting words or words they may not have seen before and talk about these words.

Comprehension Skills

Tip: Have conversations about what the book; might be about and have a go at predicting the story before you start to read it. Discussions during and after the book has been read are also great ways to monitor your child's understanding.

Don't forget....

Reading at home should be a fun and enjoyable experience for both you and your child. Reading materials don't just have to include books, they can include things like:

Magazines, timetables, recipes, newspaper articles, ingredients on the back of packets, blogs, catalogues, brochures, poetry.

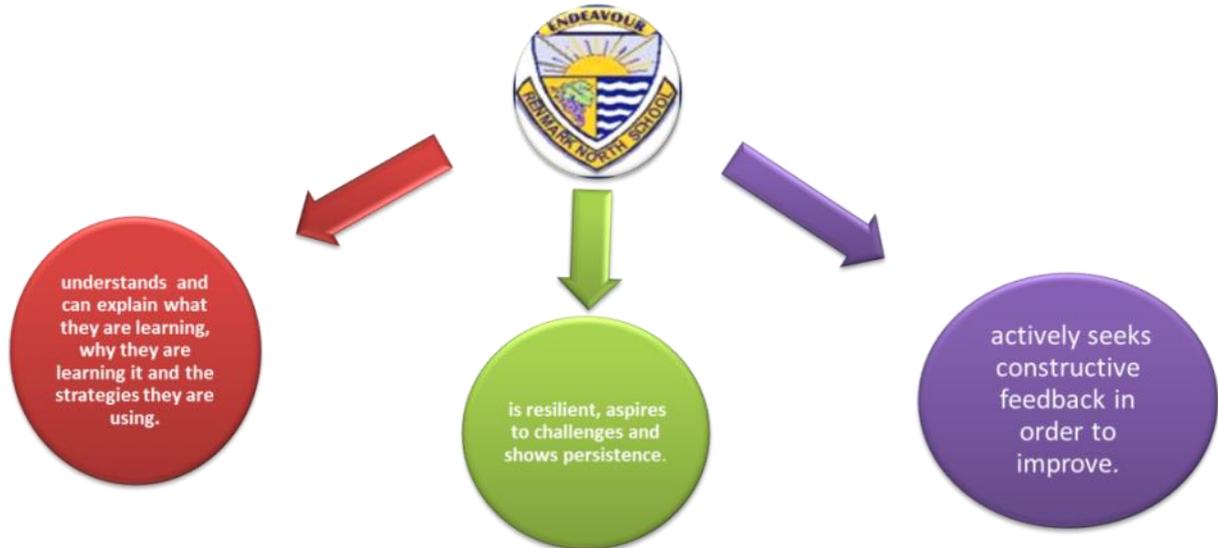
Ashlyn Brown

Literacy and Numeracy Improvement

Visible Learning

The staff at Renmark North Primary is involved in a three year commitment to Visible Learning professional development. As part of this learning, as a staff we came up with our shared definition of what a visible learner looks like at Renmark North Primary School. After much discussion this is what we have all agreed on and this will form the basis of everything we do.

A visible learner at RNPS:



As well as this, the staff, students and Governing council came up with the top 5 dispositions which enable us to be good learners.

We are:

Persistent

Resilient **Brave** **Adaptable**

Communicators

As a staff we looked closely at what each of these dispositions means in Week 0. The students have been introduced to each of these learning dispositions and are focussing on communicators at the moment. It would be great if you could have conversations at home about these dispositions and encourage your child to explain to you in their own words what each of these means. The students are designing visuals to go with each of these and we will be looking for your input in choosing them. **Watch this space.**

SPECIAL LUNCHES

There is an exciting change to Special Lunches in 2018!

We are very fortunate that the Paringa Bakery have very kindly offered to supply our lunches on Fridays this year. To place an order simply place your order on the brown paper bags located at the Front Office by writing your child's name, class and order on the bag and placing the correct money inside. Orders can also be paid using EFTPOS at the Front Office.

Orders need to be placed NO LATER than 9:00am each Thursday. No late orders will be accepted.

Special Lunches will begin in Week 4 on Friday 23rd February.

We will require volunteers to pick up lunch orders from the Paringa Bakery and help to deliver them to classes. If you are able to assist in any way please let the Front Office staff know.



COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS 2018

Our school is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools program this year. For every \$10 spent at Coles supermarkets you will receive 1 voucher that can be returned to school to enable us to redeem for sports equipment for our students. Vouchers can be collected until 3rd April 2018.

Vouchers can be placed in the collection box that is in the front office. Thank you for supporting our school.



SCHOOL FOYER

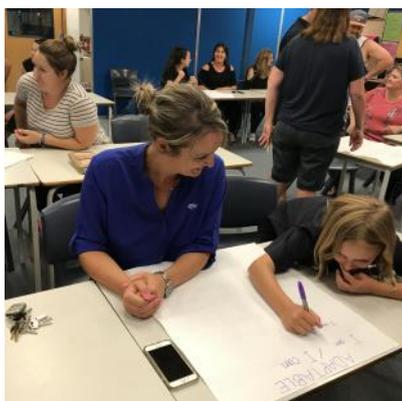
Have you visited our front office recently?

We have relocated the beautiful emblem that was donated to our school by Adrian and Karen Webb for the official opening of our hall.

Keep an eye out for some more transformations that will happen in the front foyer.

2018 WELCOME NIGHT

It was fantastic to see so many parent and family members at our welcome night last night. We hope you all enjoyed learning about classroom expectations and our dispositions for 2018 and had a chance to have a chat with your child's teachers.



Paringa Bakery Lunch Orders

FRIDAYS ONLY

Lunch orders need to be in the office by

9am Thursday mornings.

No late orders will be accepted.

Plain pies.....	\$3.50
Party pies.....	\$1.00 each
Potato pies.....	\$4.00
Pasties.....	\$3.50
Vegetarian pasties.....	\$3.00
Sausage rolls.....	\$3.00
Pizza slice.....	\$3.50
(Supreme or Hawaiian)	
Chicken nuggets (6).....	\$3.00
Sauce for Nuggets extra	\$.10c
Spinach feta & pumpkin triangles.....	\$4.00
Meat & Salad roll or wrap.....	\$6.00
Meat & salad choices:	
Chicken, beef, ham.	
Tomato, cheese, lettuce, onion, cucumber, olives & dressing	
Ham & cheese sandwich.....	\$4.00
Vegemite & cheese sandwiches.....	\$2.00
Meat & salad Packs.....	\$6.00
Small iced donuts.....	\$1.50
(Chocolate, Strawberry or cinnamon)	
Finger buns.....	\$1.50

