

# Renmark North Primary School NEWSLETTER

Principal: Mary Shannon  
Mobile: 0419 980 491  
Telephone: 8595 3274  
dl.0377.info@schools.sa.edu.au  
[www.rennorth.sa.edu.au](http://www.rennorth.sa.edu.au)

Wednesday, 14 March 2018

No 4 - Term 1 Week 7 of 11

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

*From the Principal.....*

## AGM

Thank you to everyone that attended the school's AGM last Wednesday night. At the meeting the School's Annual Report for 2017 was tabled as well as the Preschool Quality Improvement Plan. Both of these documents are now available to look at on the school's webpage [www.rennorth.sa.edu](http://www.rennorth.sa.edu)

## GOVERNING COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following parents for accepting and being elected for a position on Governing Council for the 2018 school year.

Chairperson—Veronica Rothe

Vice Chairperson—Susy Vaughan

Secretary—Sarah Parkyn

Treasurer—Stacey Taylor

General Committee:

Tom Drakopoulos, Rachael Morrison, Nicole Clark, Rebecca Kennedy, Kim Coombs, Belinda Morrison, Cassie Phillips, Jacqui Mason

Next Governing Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th April at 7pm, in the Preschool.**

## PRESCHOOL NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS—ASSESSMENT AND RATING

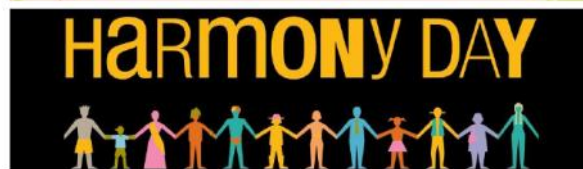
On Wednesday and Thursday the Preschool will be undergoing their NQS Assessment and Rating. This will align with the Quality Improvement Plan document that is the basis for meeting the National Regulations. There are 7 Quality Areas that are reported and evaluated:  
Quality Area 1. Educational program and practice  
Quality Area 2. Children's health and safety  
Quality Area 3. Physical Environment  
Quality Area 4. Staffing arrangements  
Quality Area 5. Relationships with children  
Quality Area 6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities  
Quality Area 7. Governance and Leadership

*Mary Shannon*

## SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders need to be in by Friday 16th March.

### SAVE THE DATE!



**THURSDAY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> (Week 7)**  
(T20 Cricket Carnival is on the Friday)

Renmark North PS will be combining Bullying. No Way! and Harmony Day together once again this year on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Students will be involved in activities and discussions about what they can do to make Renmark North PS a safer and more welcoming school.

All staff and students are also encouraged to wear orange on the day to raise awareness of cultural harmony.

The Student Leaders will be selling decorated smiley face biscuits for \$1, to raise money towards the completion of our Nature Play Space.



## TERM 1 DATES TO REMEMBER

16th March	T20 Blast at Berri
29th March	Assembly 5/6 - SRC Induction 9am
30th March	Good Friday
2nd April	Easter Monday
4th April	Governing Council meeting 7pm
6th April	SAPSASA Football and Netball
13th April	Last Day of Term1



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and  
Child Development



## Handy Maths tips for home!

Parents often ask Teachers if they can help their children at home with Maths. The answer is yes! Below are just some of the ways you are able to help your child practise maths skills and concepts in real life situations.

### Early Years

- Talk about numbers and count things with your child every day.
- Cooking with your child is great for developing early maths skills. Talk to your child about shapes, sizes and quantities while they watch or help you cook. For example, 'I need one large carrot and one small potato' or 'I am cutting our sandwiches in triangles today.'
- Play 'shops' with things from around the house, using shopping bags, old purses or wallets and real or play money.

### Older students

- Discuss how you use fractions in cooking; percentages while shopping; distance in driving; keeping score in sports games and telling the time.
- Work out how many pieces they will need to cut the birthday cake into so that everyone has a slice
- Work out the actual cost of discounted items (e.g. 25% off \$20)
- Figure out when you will arrive at a destination (e.g. "It is 4:15 pm now. It will take us 30 minutes to get home, what time will we arrive?")

#### Great website / App for parents!

Learning Potential is a website created by the Australian Government, which aims to provide parents with activities to help their children at home with Literacy and Numeracy. You can also download the free app called 'Learning Potential'

<https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/category/activities-and-games>

**Ashlyn Brown**

**Literacy and Numeracy Improvement**

## Visible Learning

The metaphor of the Learning Pit is often used to help children face new challenges, build resilience and persevere when things get tough. This is something teachers are talking about with their students and helping them to embrace challenge.

Like our students we all find ourselves in 'the pit' sometimes and it is important for them to see their teachers and Parents as learners too.

Leona Rover designed this fantastic visual to remind us all that it's Ok to feel like this when we are learning something new. Positive self-talk, conversations with others and team work can help us get out of the pit and reach our goals. It is important for us all to recognise and model this behaviour so that we can develop a positive mind set alongside our students.

**Cheryl Broughton**

**Impact Coach**



# Student Book Review

**By Elias Drakopoulos**

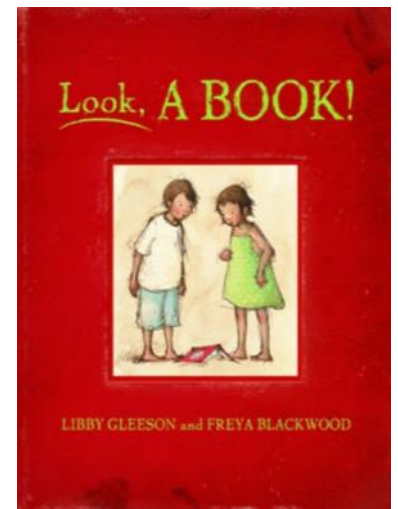
## **Look, A BOOK!**

Written by Libby Gelson and Freya Blackwood

Recommended for all ages

Look a Book! Is a narrative with a hidden meaning and is also a good book for children starting to read. On the outside it is a book about teaching children the value of taking care of their books. Its hidden meaning is how we are killing our world. A great book for all ages to read. I rate it 4.5/5 stars.

Quick thanks to Connor for suggesting this book for me.



## **HEAD LICE**

Head Lice are very common in school aged children. Cases of lice often increase following school holidays. They can't be prevented, but with regularly checking you can ensure early detections and provide treatment if necessary.

### **To help prevent the spread of head lice, we ask that you:**

Notify your child's school as soon as you detect head lice or eggs in your child's hair.

Take advice as to the best treatment for your child and family and follow the pharmacist's instruction.

### **What your school will do:**

The school will notify you if there is reason to believe your child has head lice.

You will be asked to collect and treat your child's hair.

Your child is able to attend school once treatment has been provided.

The school will **NOT** administer treatment to your child.

For further information on head lice symptoms, prevention and treatment you can visit:

[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au)

## **UNSW GLOBAL EXCELLENCE TESTS**

Once again, you child/ren will have the opportunity to sit for the UNSW Science, English and/or Mathematics Excellence Tests. All of the tests are year 7 tests. If you would like your child/ren to take part, please indicate below. Places are limited and we need to apply for the tests soon. Our school will cover the costs, up to a limit. Please fill in the form below if interested, and return it to Patty Panagiotopoulos.

✂ \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Tests: (please tick the ones your child wishes to sit)

Science  
29/5/18

English  
31/7/18

Mathematics  
14/8/18



*From the Student Wellbeing Leader.....*



The Alannah & Madeline Foundation's Better Buddies Framework is an initiative designed to create friendly and caring primary school communities where bullying is able to be reduced.

The Alannah & Madeline Foundation is a national charity protecting children from violence and its devastating effects. The Foundation was set up in memory of Alannah & Madeline Mikac, aged 6 and 3, who were tragically killed along with their mother and 32 others at Port Arthur, Tasmania on 28 April 1996.

Through Better Buddies, older and younger students in primary school buddy up and learn the values: *caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility.*

Better Buddies enables younger children to feel safe and cared for while older children feel valued and form a sense of responsibility.

At Renmark North PS we integrate the Better Buddies program into our whole school activity days throughout the year. This week, the students will be meeting for a Harmony/Bullying No Way! Day activity on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Some classes have met already to familiarise themselves with their Buddy, and on Thursday they will be creating a Friendship Wristband together.



Kristy Noble