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RENMARK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Term 1, Week 1

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From the Principal

Welcome to the start of the 2021 school year. It was so exciting to see so many smiling faces on today as students entered their classrooms and reconnected with friends and staff. We are all excited for the year ahead continuing with clear directions of developing School Culture and Improved Learning Outcomes for all.

WELCOME

A special welcome to all our new Preschool children that will commence next Monday 1st February: **Akus, Sofia, Adele, Wesley, Fletch, MacKinley, Scarlett, Gurnoor, Nate, Flynn, Zoe, Jackson and Evie.** We hope your time at RNS is enjoyable.

A special welcome also to all our new Reception students: **Tyler, Della, Billy, Priya, Oscar, Mitchell, Rubina, Lily, Zachary, Eda, Madeline, Riley, K'Leigh, Hayden, Rikki, Kendall, Isaac.**

We also welcome some new staff: Year 4/5 teacher Mr Jarrad Kilsby, Greek teacher Mrs Flora Drakoulis, Science and Languages Miss Kim Axon, Student Support Jane Menzel, Preschool teacher Mrs Elisha Hill

QR CODES

SA Health has a plan to gradually rollout the COVID Safe Check-in system across the state. As of **Wednesday 3rd of February** all adults (including staff and parents) entering the site must check-in by scanning the QR code or completing the paper recording log template. Children and students do not need to check-in. Please note the COVID Safe Check-in is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes and doesn't replace your normal visitor sign-in process. All guests should continue to sign in at the front office/reception on arrival.

February	March	April
15 SAPSASA Swimming @ Loxton	8 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	2 Good Friday
16 Yellow Brick Road Welcome Nigh	9-19 Student Led Conferences	5 Easter Monday
16 Governing Council AGM Meeting (TBC)	15 GRIP Student Conference in Adelaide	6 SAPSASA Football @ Netball @ Loxton
	16 GC Meeting @ 7pm	9 Last Day of Term—2:15 Dismissal
	22 Student Free Day	
	24 SAPSASA Athletics Day @ Waikerie	



DISPOSITIONS : We are Brave - Persistent - Resilient - Adaptable - Communicators

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

2019 NEW STAFF



Hello,

I'm Elisha, the Preschool Teacher for this year.

This is my first year at Renmark North School. Last year I was on maternity leave, previous to that I was at Barmera Kindy for 4 years. My teaching philosophy is centred around inquiry based learning, guided with the principles of respect, communication and community. I facilitate this through many open opportunities for exploration, discovery and play.

I love the outdoors and enjoying facilitating learning outside.

We have some exciting things coming up this year and look forward to getting to know you all.

Hi, my name is Jarrad Kilsby. I originally come from Penola in the South East. My wife, Sami and I moved up here four years ago to be by the river. We have recently had a new addition to our family, a little champion called Ziggy.

I enjoy playing music and being outdoors, either playing sports or testing out my survival skills by getting lost in the bush. As for my teaching, I have been in the profession for 11 years, teaching a range of ages from Year 2 through to Year 7, from Alice Springs to my hometown of Penola. I love incorporating music in the classroom and hope to do so here. I am looking forward to meeting you all and I can't wait to see what this year brings to our school community.



Hello! My name is Kim Axon and I am very excited to be joining the team at Renmark North School, teaching Greek (Yrs 3-7) and Science (R-7). This will be my first year teaching and I am very much looking forward to all the learning, fun and adventures ahead!

I hope you have had a wonderful break and I look forward to meeting you from next week!

Kind Regards

Kim

Hello everyone!

Many of you may already know me from my work as a Greek teacher and as a Relief teacher at Renmark North School. I am very excited to be part of the professional and collaborative team at this school, I will be teaching Greek (R-3), and I am looking forward to being a part of your child's learning.

Regards,

Flora Drakoulis

Welcome to the 2021 school year!

I hope all families have enjoyed their holiday break and are ready to take on the new school year. The staff are very excited to get familiar with their students and hear about all about their holiday adventures.



My role looks a little different, as I will be taking on the Student Wellbeing Leader role while Dani Woolford is enjoying time with her new baby girl. I will be working as the Student Wellbeing Leader on Wednesday and Thursdays and spending the rest of the week teaching in the Year 6/7 room. I am very excited to work with and support all of the students and families at our school and promote wellbeing across all classes.

We will be continuing our programs and activities this year including Breakfast Club, Buddies, K for Kindness and Children's University. Student Leader (Years 3-7) and House Captain (Years 6-7) elections will be happening over the next few weeks. I will get around to classes this week to explain the election process and to help students prepare their speeches. There is a lot to learn from Leadership roles, so I encourage all eligible students to give it a go!

If you ever have any questions for me, feel free to come visit or give the school a call. Looking forward to working with you in 2021!

Miss Yates.

From Your Pastoral Care Worker...

I want to extend a huge, warm welcome to any families starting new this year and a big welcome back to everyone else! I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to any families who don't know me yet. My name is Narelle Fielke and I have been the Pastoral Care Worker at Renmark North School for 2 years. My job is to support our whole school community: students, staff, families. In the past, I have done this in a lot of different ways, including organizing care packages through Foodbank for families who are going through a rough patch, providing emotional support for students and encouraging and affirming our staff in their roles within the school. So, if there's a way that I can support your family feel free to contact me! My regular work days are Tuesday and Thursday and you can contact me by phoning the school or sending me a message on dojo or email: narelle.fielke729@schools.sa.edu.au

Breakfast Club

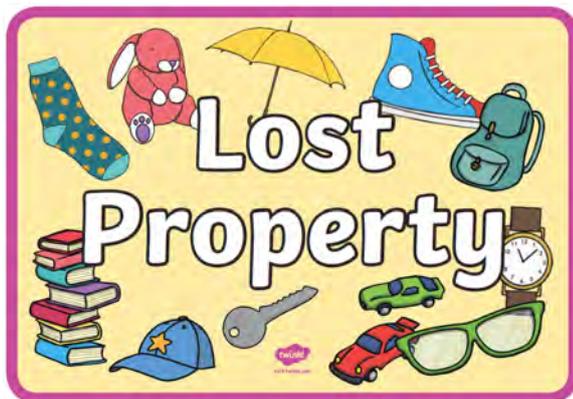
In the past, supported by Foodbank, I have also provided Breakfast Club and I will continue to do so in 2021, starting **Week 2, Term 1**. Breakfast Club will happen from **8:30am** on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings, but closes with the morning bell. We understand that mornings are busy and sometimes we run out of time for breakfast, but a meal in the morning helps to kickstart our brains ready for learning! I will also take on some volunteer student helpers to serve toast and cereal and do the dishes.



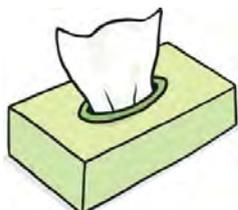
Blessings, Narelle

WE HAVE A LARGE AMOUNT OF LOST PROPERTY AT THE SCHOOL, WHICH INCLUDES LUNCH BOXES AND MANY JUMPERS THAT ARE NOT NAMED. PLEASE REMEMBER TO WRITE CHILDREN'S NAMES ON THEIR BELONGINGS SO IF THEY ARE LOST, THEY CAN BE RETURNED.

ANY ITEMS THAT DO NOT HAVE NAMES ON THEM WILL BE WASHED. AND ON SALE AT THE FRONT OFFICE FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION.



COULD ALL STUDENTS PLEASE BRING A BOX OF TISSUES INTO THEIR CLASS TO SHARE



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JUST A FEW FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING HAS HIS OR HER NAME ON IT.

NOW THE WEATHER IS GETTING WARMER, CHILDREN NEED TO WEAR A HAT.

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN HAVE THEIR DRINK BOTTLES EVERY DAY, AS THE DRINK TAPS ARE STILL NOT IN USE.

THANK YOU.



Welcome back to Playgroup

Welcome back to a new term and a new year at Renmark North Playgroup.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are fully recharged for the New Year ahead.

I'm looking forward to welcoming some old faces back, as well as meeting and getting to know all our new children over the next few weeks.

Playgroup is held in the Preschool room from 9:00am – 11:00am

Cost: \$1:00

Please bring a piece of fruit to share and remember your hat.

We welcome babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their parents.

See you next Friday Morning the 5th of February

Barb Chamberlain (Playgroup Coordinator)

Allergy Awareness

You may be aware that we have children within our school with various allergies.

These include children with **SEVERE ALLEGIES to NUTS.**

We are working hard to ensure that the whole school community is aware of this.

We ask that you take this into consideration when packing your child's recess and lunch.

If your child has eaten something containing nuts before school please ensure that their face and hands are thoroughly washed before coming to school. Thankyou for your support in this very important matter.

DID YOU KNOW ?????

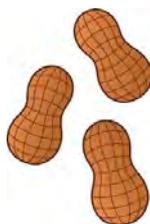
- ★ 1 in 20 school aged children suffer from food allergies and some of these will experience a severe, potentially life threatening allergic reaction called anaphylaxis?
- ★ Australia has one of the highest allergy rates in the world, and the problem is growing.
- ★ Currently there is no cure for food allergy so avoidance of the food trigger is the only way to prevent a reaction.
- ★ A severe allergic reaction can be rapid in onset and commonly occurs within 20mins to 2hrs after eating the food or being in contact with it.
- ★ The 9 foods that cause 90% of food related allergic reactions are PEANUTS, TREE NUTS, FISH, SHELLFISH, EGGS, MILK, SESEAME, SOY and WHEAT. These are commonly consumed on school grounds.

Peanuts are the leading cause of severe allergic reactions, followed by tree nuts, shellfish, fish and milk.

Adrenaline/epinephrine is the first line treatment for severe allergic reactions and can be administered via auto-injector, called the EpiPen®.

To learn more about anaphylaxis and food allergies, go to www.allergyfacts.org.au and www.allergy.org.au

As the only way to manage a food allergy is avoidance, the school has implemented several strategies to help prevent a severe allergic reaction. We can never totally eliminate the risk of an anaphylaxis but we can all do things that will help lessen the risk. Please consider the child with food allergy when packing your child's lunch or when sending in food for any occasion, including school excursions. Foods that 'May contain traces of xx or xx' are fine for the non allergic students to consume at school as long as they do not share food.



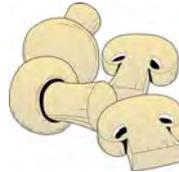
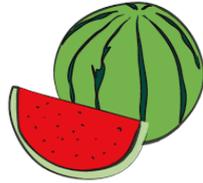
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PIRSA FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK

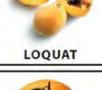
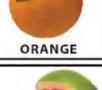
Due to the recent Fruit Fly outbreak in the Renmark area PIRSA have stated that only certain fruits and vegetable are allowed to be packed in school lunchboxes . Fresh and safe alternatives for lunchboxes include:

- Pineapple
- Melons (watermelon, rockmelon, and honeydew)
- Cucumber
- Carrots
- Lettuce
- Broccoli
- Celery
- Mushrooms
- Asparagus



Other options include cooked fruit, processed fruit (such as fruit straps), fruit puree , canned or frozen fruit.

Qld and Med Fruit Fly (FF) Host Check List

 ABIU	 ACEROLA	 APPLE	 APRICOT	 AVOCADO	 BABACO	 BANANA	 BLACK SAPOTE	 BLACKBERRY	 BLUEBERRY	 BRAZIL CHERRY	 BREADFRUIT
 CAIMITO	 CAPE GOOSEBERRY	 CAPSICUM	 CARAMBOLA	 CASHEW APPLE	 CASIMIROA	 CHERIMOYA	 CHERRY	 CHILLI	 CHOKO	 CITRON	 COFFEE BERRY
 CUMQUAT	 CUSTARD APPLE	 DATE	 DRAGON FRUIT	 DURIAN	 EGGPLANT	 FEIJOA	 FIG	 GRANADILLA	 GRAPES	 GRAPEFRUIT	 GRUMICHAMA
 GRAPEFRUIT	 GRUMICHAMA	 GUAVA	 HOG PLUM	 JABOTICABA	 JACKFRUIT	 JEW PLUM	 JU JUBE	 KIWIFRUIT	 LEMON	 LIME	 LOGANBERRY
 LONGAN	 LOQUAT	 LYCHEE	 MANDARIN	 MANGO	 MANGOSTEEN	 MEDLAR	 MIRACLE FRUIT	 MONSTERA	 NECTARINE	 MULBERRY	 NASHI
 OLIVE	 ORANGE	 PASSIONFRUIT	 PAWPAW	 PEACH	 PEACHARINE	 PEAR	 PEPINO	 PERSIMMON	 PLUM	 PLUMCOT	 POMEGRANATE
 PRICKLY PEAR	 PUMMELO	 QUINCE	 RAMBUTAN	 RASPBERRY	 ROLLINIA	 ROSE APPLE	 SANTOL	 SAPODILLA	 SHADDOCK	 SOURSOP	 STAR APPLE
 STAR FRUIT	 STRAWBERRY	 SWEETSOP	 TAMARILLO	 TANGELO	 THAN LUNG	 TOMATO	 VAI APPLE	 WAX JAMBU	 WHITE SAPOTE	 QLD FF	 MED FF

ICECREAMS EVERY
THURSDAY AT RECESS
50C - \$1.00 EACH



SAVE THE DATE!

YELLOW BRICK ROAD

Tuesday 16th February (week 4)

More information to come!