

Reynella Primary School

GRAPEVINE

Term 2 Week 10

7th July 2016

DIARY DATES

JULY

Fri 8th	LAST DAY OF TERM 2 Finish at 2:30pm
Mon 25th	PUPIL FREE DAY
Wed 27th	SAPSASA Girls Basketball
Thurs 28th	SAPSASA Boys Basketball

IN THIS GRAPEVINE

- Busy Term
- Quiz Night
- NAPLAN on line
- Artwork from F1

INFORMATION SENT HOME LAST 2 WEEKS

- Basketball for Juniors
- Kidz Biz Busy Bodies Year 4/5
- Kidz Biz Family Info Session
- Kidz Biz Guess What? Year 6/7
- Fundraising Meeting
- 2016 Water Safety
- School Watch
- SAPSASA 6/7 Basketball Carnival
- Community Event



PAYMENTS DUE



Friday 8th July

SAPSASA Yr 6/7 Basketball
Girls and Boy

Tuesday 26th July

Kidz Biz Guess What? Yr 6/7

Monday 22nd August

Kidz Biz Busy Bodies Yr 4/5

WOW – What an incredibly busy and interesting term we have had! When I looked back at our calendar I was amazed at all the exciting extra learning opportunities our students have been involved in. Many of them were physical including: Dancesport, Bike Education, Tennis and Hockey clinics as well as Water Safety. In addition to that, many of our older students have been representing Reynella PS through different SAPSASA sports like boys and girls netball, cross country, footy, soccer and hockey; I'm exhausted just thinking about it. Our younger students also enjoyed a concert by Peter Combe and year 3/4 students visited the Art Gallery. This is on top of all the great learning experiences that being a student at our school offers.

Lots of our families and friends enjoyed attending our recent Quiz Night. It was a great night raising over \$1 800 to go towards stage 2 of our Nature Play Space. Many thanks must go to Karen Thorburn and her team of volunteers who put much energy and effort into pulling off such a successful evening.

On Friday your child will be bringing home their school report. Reporting student progress is an essential part of the communication and partnership between home and school. This report is designed to provide a "snapshot" of achievements and highlights individual student progress as well as the efforts they have put in. It is always a great idea to sit down with your child and read through the comments that the teachers have made as they give more depth to their progress rather than just focussing on the grade. If you have any concerns about your child and their learning, please make a time with the class teacher to talk through your issues.

Your child will be bringing a note home about our upcoming 'Community Event' held here on Wednesday 3rd August. We will be sharing how we are building a culture of learning and I would encourage as many of you to attend as possible. If your child has been invited to present on behalf of their class you will receive notification early next term.

Thank you to everyone who contribute so much to our school community and make Reynella such a great place to learn. Have an enjoyable break over the coming two weeks and I look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 26th July** for another rewarding and busy term.

Warm Regards,
Michele Russell,
Deputy principal

PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday 25th July



QUIZ NIGHT

A huge thankyou to the 65 + parents, students, family members, friends and staff who attended our Quiz Night on Friday 24th June in the hall. Through your participation we have been able to add **\$1821.20** to our fundraising total for the year. While the event was essentially to raise money towards Stage 2 of the nature playground for the students, it was also planned as a social occasion for members of our community and from comments on the night, we managed to achieve both goals.

Participants tested their knowledge in 8 categories selected at random: Care Factor Zero, Easy as ABC, It's about time, Name that tune, Reynella Rules, What's New?, Where is it? and Winners are grinners. Table groups also worked together to match 20 famous celebrities with the names they were given at birth and tested their knowledge of the Olympic host cities.

During the half time break, the Mitchell family displayed their expertise in the coin toss competitions with Logan winning a \$30 Cinema Voucher in the student section and father Steven taking home the bottle of Dimple Scotch. Participants had several opportunities to win other prizes in a series of games of "heads and Tails" and "Who am I?" between rounds.

It was a very close competition for our final winners. Congratulations to the tables which came in 1st (96 points) 2nd (93 points) and 3rd (92 points). Commiserations to the table of 6 who persisted throughout and were provided with a note pad and pen to help them study for the next quiz night and a chocolate to keep them going.

Thank you to everyone who provided or sourced prizes for the event (see list below). Particular thanks to the following for their contributions to our Silent Auction:

- ◆ **Ascot Teak** for donating a Steamer Chair and Cushion valued at \$480 and won with a bid of \$120 by Nick Coliero.
- ◆ **Prime Medical Placements** for donating a voucher for 1 night's accommodation at The Bluff Retreat valued at \$360 and won with a bid of \$215 by Steven Mitchell.
- ◆ **Oaks Hotels & Resorts** (care of David Wilson) for donating a voucher for 1 night's accommodation in a sky view apartment at the iStay Precinct valued at \$264 and won with a bid of \$163 by Nick Coliero.
- ◆ **Blackwood Golf Club** for a round of golf for 2 people including buggy hire and drinks valued at \$168 and won with a bid of \$65 by Brad Stockman.
- ◆ **Salon Hair Care Wholesalers of Reynella** for donating a Hair Dryer and Hair Care Products valued at \$95 and **Studio M on Burlington** for donating a voucher for Haircut and Blow Dry valued at \$55 won with a bid of \$70 by Nick Coliero.
- ◆ **Flinders Mitre 10 Reynella** for donating a Charmate Charcoal Spit Roaster valued at \$149 won with a bid of \$71 by Nick G.
- ◆ **Woolworths Old Reynella** for donating Capino Coffee Capsule machine + 3 packs of capsules valued at \$118 won with a bid of \$86 by Brooke Hendry.

As with any major events, there are many people who contribute to the overall success. I would like to thank the following people:

- * the front office staff – Bev Machin, Kaylene Starczak and Sharon Kasteliz for their assistance with bookings, donations and answering lots of questions!
- * all of those present who helped to stack and put away the furniture at the end of the evening.
- * Laura Thorburn for helping the committee on the night.

Lastly, I would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of my colleagues on the Fundraising Committee - Jodi Waters and Jasmine Wilson - for their work prior to and during the quiz night especially while I have been out of the school.

Karen Thorburn



Thank You!

TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO OUR QUIZ NIGHT:

Allen Jewellers - Southgate Plaza

Ascot Teak

Blackwood Golf Club

Bunnings - Noarlunga

Chemart - Old Reynella

Chemplus - Woodcroft

Chemplus - Woodcroft Market Plaza

Credit Union SA

Vicki Fielder

Desi Gonis

Domino's - Reynella

Good Price Pharmacy

Hair & Day Spa - Old Reynella

Amber Lemon

McDonald's Reynella

Carol McRae

Mitre 10 Reynella

Oaks Hotels and Resorts (David Wilson)

Prime Medical Placements

Salon Hair Care Wholesalers

Kylie Spence

Studio M on Burlington

Chris Thorburn

Karen Thorburn

Tracey

Jodi Waters

Whiteley Corporation (Darren Oakes)

+ 2 Anonymous Donors

NAPLAN Online – Getting ready for 2017

The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period.

This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child's teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.



Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not a 'test' of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

As part of the trial, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a statewide level.

NAPLAN Online – answering your questions

What is NAPLAN online?

NAPLAN online is an initiative of the Australian Government and involves the transition of NAPLAN from pen and paper to a computer-based assessment.

Why is NAPLAN going online?

Moving NAPLAN online allows for better and more varied assessment tasks and a personalised test experience. It also means your child's results will be more precise and available to you within a couple of weeks, rather than several months.

When is it happening and who is doing it?

The Education Council, comprising state, territory and commonwealth education ministers, has agreed that NAPLAN online will be implemented from 2017 over a 2-to 3 year period.

DECD is encouraging as many schools as possible to move to NAPLAN Online from 2017.

Who is managing the move online?

Education Services Australia (ESA) have been commissioned to develop and trial the platform which will deliver NAPLAN online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will continue to be responsible for all aspects of development of the NAPLAN tests.

In South Australia, DECD is responsible for preparing schools to move online.

What is the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial?

The NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial is a practice run of the NAPLAN online platform. Schools will complete as many test sessions as they need to develop their understanding of the system and their readiness for the 2017 implementation. It is also an opportunity for schools to provide detailed feedback on their experiences and readiness.

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are asked to trial the online system and new question style. As part of this trial all students will log in with an anonymous student code so they cannot be identified.

The trial will involve students completing 2 assessments

- a test for each year level containing sample NAPLAN online questions based on reading, numeracy and convention of languages (spelling, grammar and punctuation)

- a separate writing test for each year level.

Across Australia, the test is called the Platform Test Readiness Trial (PTRT).

Why is the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial important?

The trial will provide information about the school's internet capabilities and confirm that there are sufficient devices to run the test successfully. It will also allow staff to 'test drive' the new processes and trial classroom logistics.

What about schools that do not have the necessary bandwidth to undertake online assessment?

The Australian Government is developing a 'low bandwidth' solution for schools that are experiencing issues with internet connectivity. This will ensure that all students are also able to experience the online test.

Can students use their own devices?

Yes, many schools have a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy allowing students to use their own computer at school and in most cases these devices will be able to be used. Students will also be able to use their own headphones for the spelling test.

Honey-eaters On Bottlebrush

Pencil, Crayon & Watercolour
Wash

Year 3&4

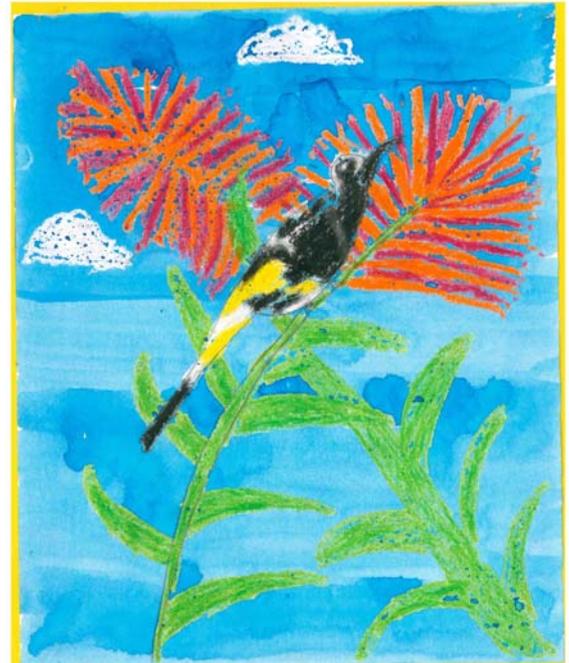
F1 Ms Giglio's Class



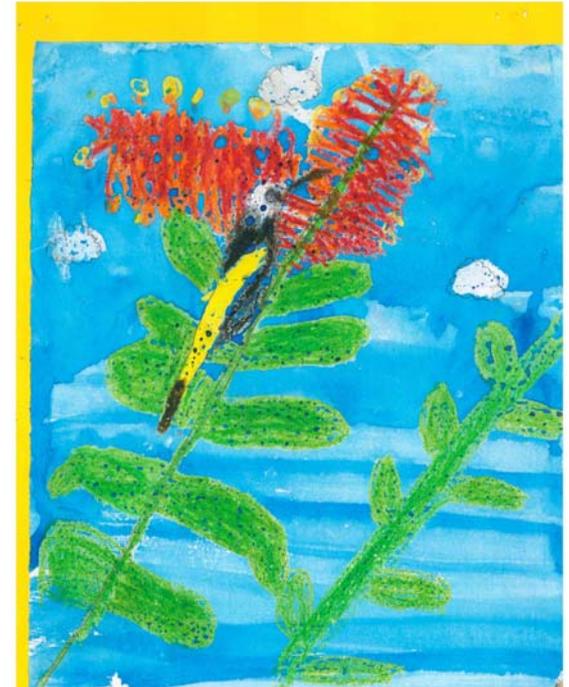
Lachlan



David



Zaidee



Nicola

We enjoyed seeing many of artist Gladys Reynell's original works while on our excursion to the Art Gallery.

She loved to draw animals and wildlife that she saw on her family's farm in Reynella.

Perhaps she also sketched Honey-eater birds on native Bottlebrush!