

# Reynella Primary School

## GRAPEVINE

**Term 2 Week 2**  
**12th May, 2016**  
**DIARY DATES**

**MAY**

Tue 17th SAPSASA  
 Cross Country  
 Thurs 9th SAPASA  
 KO Footy  
 Wed 18th Tennis Clinic  
 Thurs 19th Dance sport  
 Fri 20th NATIONAL  
 WALK SAFELY  
 TO SCHOOL DAY  
 WAY2GO Bike Ed  
 Assembly 10:15  
 A5 & F7 hosting  
 Wed 25th Tennis Clinic

**IN THIS GRAPEVINE**

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**INFORMATION SENT HOME LAST 2 WEEKS**

- New Sun SmartPolicy
- Way2Go Bike Ed Program
- Auskick Registration
- Water Education for R-5
- Parliament House & Art Gallery - McRae & Giglio

**PAYMENTS DUE**

**Friday 27th May**

Water Safety Education Group 1

**Monday 30th May**

Parliament House & Art Gallery McRae, Giglio

***NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK, MAY 9TH - 13TH***

Unfortunately due to so many of our students and staff being involved in NAPLAN testing, it was difficult to acknowledge our volunteers in the manner that they so richly deserve.

We truly value the efforts of our many volunteers who contribute in such a variety of ways: assisting in classrooms (listening to reading, cooking, art activities, math, writing and spelling), after-school sport, Learning Assistance Programme, mentoring, Fun Club, canteen, excursions, gardening, Governing Council and Branches, fundraising, covering books in the library, sports canteen, French Fun Day, sports day, etc.... The list is endless. Many of the activities the children currently enjoy would not be possible without this voluntary help.

Each school holidays and even on weekends, we have a number of families who actively patrol our school, keeping it a safe place and reporting any unwanted visitors and/or activity. This has lowered our expenditure on vandalism, graffiti and other general damage.

Visitors to our fortnightly assemblies provide an audience for band performances, plays, presentations, readings etc. We often have more than 30 adults in the audience.

I often hear students talking about their mentor or volunteer who helped in the classroom as well as being appreciative of what a volunteer has done for them. It has never ceased to amaze me how much of an impact a volunteer can have on a young person's life. Sometimes that feedback comes many years later, however it does show why we strive to welcome people into our school to support our students.

In order to protect both volunteers and children, the introduction in early 2000 of Screening Checks has been well received. We continue to require this as we believe that it is an essential element and I know that it is supported by parents and others who work in our school.

DECD requirements for all volunteers still are as follows:

- A current Relevant History Screening at no cost to you. Please see Bev on the front desk if you need forms.
- A child protection related training program called 'Responding to Abuse and Neglect' (RAN). These will be advertised in coming Grapevines and via SMS.
- An induction pack of DECD and school policies and procedures specifically around child protection. These are distributed at the RAN training.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for everything that you do to support our students. If I have omitted any group, please accept my apologies. We value everyone's support which enables us to continue the excellent tradition of Reynella Primary School as a strong member of the local community.

***Regards, Steve Freeman on behalf of all staff at our school.***

***PUPIL FREE DAY JUNE 3rd - OSHC available on the day.***



## SCHOOL WATCH

In National Volunteer Week, we would like to say a huge thank you to the following **11 families** who spent part of their holidays ensuring that any damage to our school facilities was kept to a minimum:

***Christy Arbon, Therese and Richard Artis, Emilie Dalwood, Jodie Derecki, Rebecca Holdstock, Nathan Inglis, Karina Matson, Tania Nenasheff, Jun Pretila, Bianca Russell and Rohan Young.***

While we acknowledge that many people regularly walk through our grounds out of school hours to use or check on our facilities, we do appreciate the fact that our school watch families commit to coming on a particular day to ensure that every day of the holidays is covered.

***Karen Thorburn***



**Thank You!**

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Mother's Day Stall. We hope that all the mothers and grandmothers were happy with the gifts chosen with great care by the students. We had some very fussy customers who were quite particular about what they wanted and ensuring they received value for their money!

We would also like to acknowledge the mums who volunteered to help on the day by setting up, assisting students with their purchases and packing up afterwards. A special thank you to ***Karina Matson, Belinda Matthews, Jodi Waters, Tara Waters and Jasmine Wilson.***

Thank you also to staff members ***Julie Mullins, Deb Black, Sharon Kasteliz, Kaylene Starczak and Bev Machin*** who helped with processing orders, sending notes/text messages home, answering questions, preparing cash floats, setting up, serving customers or counting money. It was a very busy morning with over 1000 items purchased.

Our Mother's Day Stall is primarily a service to our community but as an added bonus we made over \$1,000 towards our fundraising for this year by selling off all of our surplus stock.

***Karen Thorburn***

## NEW BIKE SHELTER

We have been successful in winning a special **Way2Go** Grant for \$13,294 which will provide a parking space for up to 52 bikes under an 8.7m x 5m shelter in the area near the Childcare Centre where we currently have 2 wooden circle parking facilities (see photo below).

Grants were available for up to \$10,000 and required a fair bit of work. Persistence paid off as the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) decided to give us the full amount so that we did not have to resort to raising funds for the extra \$3,294. They commented:

*"It was decided given your school's commitment to Way2Go and scope of the bike shelter to provide you with the full cost of the facility given that there were sufficient funds available in the program budget at this time."*

The purpose of the grant is to promote safer, greener and more active travel for South Australian schools with a primary component. It is similar to the grant we won for \$1,000 from the Onkaparinga Council through the OPAL program for scooter storage in 2013. Bike storage has been an ongoing issue for students and many claim it has prevented them from riding to school. Hopefully this issue will now be resolved.

We have to finalize the grant by June 30 so I am now liaising with the companies who provided quotes for the work to be done as soon as possible. Watch this space.

***Karen Thorburn***



## SAPSASA News

### Swimming

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of February we had students competing at our Southern Valley District Swimming Time Trials see if they could win a place on our District team. I am happy to say that Lachlan D, Chelsea G, Carlie R and Matt L all made the team and competed at the South Australian Metropolitan Swimming Day at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. All of our swimmers swam well and were a credit to our district. Well done to those 4 and also to our other swimmers who tried out at our District Day.

### Cricket

Our Boys Cricket side played Reynella East College in Term 1 and unfortunately lost, meaning they are now out of the competition. The boys were upbeat and played well posting a competitive score, but just couldn't match Reynella East's batting power.

Mr Rowland

### PETANQUE COMPETITION

On Thursday 7th April, the night before Sports Day, eleven Year 6 and 7 students and their families travelled to Unley to compete in the annual Schools Pétanque Competition where we were defending champions. Our 2 teams consisting of Chloe, Nathan W, Jacob, Campbell, Cameron and Tarkyn ("Reynella 1"), Nathan N, Aryn, Jessica, Sarah and Alannah ("Reynella 2") were great representatives for our school. They were friendly, played well as a team and showed good sportsmanship.

Team 1 played 5 games and Team 2 played 4 games in a round robin competition against teams from Paringa Park Primary, Edwardstown Primary, Bellevue Heights Primary, St Peter's College, and Trinity College. At the end of the round robin, both teams had convincingly won their division and advanced to the semi-finals against Trinity College and Paringa Park. Unfortunately both teams were narrowly beaten with Trinity College Gawler eventually winning the Grand Final and, for the first time ever, took home the Pétanque shield. *Merci beaucoup* to the families who came along to support our teams.

Karen Thorburn



## CANTEEN ROSTER

WK 3	Monday	16th May	Denise Steer
	Tuesday	17th May	Karina Matson
	Wednesday	18th May	Rebecca Tozer
	Thursday	19th May	Help Needed
	Friday	20th May	Bianca Kolar/ Brook Treloar
WK 4	Monday	23rd May	Denise Steer
	Tuesday	24th May	Karina Matson
	Wednesday	25th May	Rebecca Tozer
	Thursday	26th May	Help Needed
	Friday	27th May	Bianca Kolar/ Brook Treloar

### VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Deb and Amanda are always looking for new volunteers for the canteen. Come and meet other parents and learn about our canteen. Any offers of time will be appreciated (eg a few hours, weekly, fortnightly, once a term). Please come and see us in the canteen and chat about it.

To be a volunteer at Reynella Primary School you will need a Child Related Employment Screening. School pays for this clearance. For further information please see Bev in the front office.



Free coffee and laughter provided.

A big thank you to Richard Artis  
for cooking the BBQ on Sports Day.



## Win a Mazda3

Buy a new Allianz comprehensive car insurance policy through Credit Union SA for your chance to win a brand new Mazda3 Maxx, valued at \$28,000.

Call your School Community Representative:  
Northern area - Dimitri Carapetis 8202 7673  
Southern area - Mark Kohler 8202 7675,  
or visit [creditunionsa.com.au](http://creditunionsa.com.au)

Hurry, competition closes 1 July 2016.  
\*Conditions apply.

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## Library News

### Parent Library

Our school library is now offering a small but growing collection of books for parents to borrow. Available are books and articles dealing with a range of parenting and education issues. There is also a selection of picture books to share with your child on families and relationships as well as a range of social issues.

Parents are welcome to register at the library for a borrowing card and may borrow for a period of 2 weeks. This can be extended at your request. Feel free to come in and browse the collection which is located near the library photocopier and library office door.

### Can you help?

The library is on the lookout for a second hand lounge or chairs in reasonable condition for students to use while in the library. If you are updating furniture and would be happy to donate a lounge or chairs please see the library staff.

### Volunteers

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who helped in the library last term or managed to take books home to cover. We are always on the lookout for more help even if it's to put a few books away or to straighten library shelves for a short while after drop off in the morning or before pick up in the afternoon. Speak to Sharon or Wolf if you would like to help out.

**PRC** Most students are well on the way to completing the Premiers Reading Challenge! The challenge finishes early September so there is still time for students to read the minimum requirement of 12 books and record it on the PRC sheets located in the library.

**Happy Reading,  
Sharon & Wolf**



### Donations for LAP

Can you help? We are looking for donations of mixing bowls, whisks, wooden spoons, spatulas, muffin trays and baking trays.

Thanks Tanya



## Using the School Crossing

As adults we are important role models to our own and other people's children. Sometimes what can seem a small part of our life has incredible impact on young people.

One of the areas that we try to promote as part of our "*Keeping children safe*" is to get all families to use the school crossing in the morning and after school.

I have noticed several people who are taking a short cut to get to the junior primary classrooms. In relation to the law this is illegal due to the proximity to the designated school crossing, however more importantly is the need for all parents to model safe behaviour. Please help us to keep all children safe by utilising the School Crossing.

Thanking you in anticipation of your help.

### Governing Council Suggestion Box

A reminder that any suggestions, comments or feedback can be placed into an envelope marked "*Governing Council Chairperson*" and dropped into the "Drop and Go" box in the office. It will be passed onto our Chairperson, Amanda Carne for her consideration.

### Karen Thorburn - a shared role for term 2

Karen Thorburn has been asked to assist in DECD with the continued implementation of the Chinese and French Bi-lingual school programs. She will be sharing her time between Central Office in Flinders Street and Reynella Primary School for the rest of this school term. This is a continuation of the work that she carried out last year.

Steve Freeman  
Principal

### Skoolbag

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent/student community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag App (instructions are included in this newsletter). We can send out notifications to parents, upload newsletters, excursion notes and much more.

We are still developing the app, but please download it and watch as it develops.

