

Reynella Primary School

GRAPEVINE

Term 2 Week 8
23rd June, 2016

DIARY DATES

JUNE

Fri 24th Quiz Night

JULY

Mon 4th Swimming
A5, B1, B6, F1, F7 & F5 (Year 5's)

Fri 8th LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Finish at 2:30pm

Mon 25th FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

IN THIS GRAPEVINE

- Student Attendance
- Canteen Roster
- French Fun Day
- Quiz Night
- Community Notices
- Peter Combe's Visit
- Stage 2 Nature Plan area

INFORMATION SENT HOME LAST 2 WEEKS

- 2016 Southern Valley Netball Trials
- 2016 Southern Valley Football Trials
- Festival Soloist Auditions
- SAPSASA Girls Soccer

PAYMENTS DUE

OVERDUE - School Fees

OVERDUE After School Sport

QUIZ NIGHT

7 pm Friday June 24

Tickets still available.

Contact the Front Office on Friday to reserve your place.

Adults - \$ 10

School Aged Children -\$ 5

COMMUNITY EVENT: *Building a Culture of Learning across Reynella Primary School*

Wednesday 3rd August, 6.30 – 8.00 in the School Library

This is an opportunity for you to hear about the exciting learning that is emerging at Reynella Primary School. Students from Reception to year 7 will be sharing what is happening in their classrooms to support students to *'engage in productive struggle'* and we will present current research which underpins our approach.

We will be explicitly sharing how we are building the capacity of our students by focussing on:

- Growth Mindset
- The Learning Pit
- Executive Functions
- Feedback

Making the thinking visible (metacognition)



Our **Student Learning Committee** will be presenting our *'Mindset for Learning'* which is a whole school approach to building a positive disposition to learning.

We hope to see as many of you here as possible on **Wednesday 3rd August**. This is a great opportunity for parents to be better informed about our approach and how you can build on this at home so our children have the greatest opportunity to be successful not only in school but in life.

We will be offering a crèche and light supper on the night. A note will be coming home early next term to remind you of this important event and an attendance slip.

Warm regards,

Michele Russell, Deputy Principal

GRAPEVINE goes ONLINE

Term 3 - Week 2

A letter was sent home on June 15 to all families advising of the changeover from printed to online newsletters.

This letter is available on our Skoolbag website if you missed it.

The Grapevine will be uploaded each fortnight to our:

website **www.reynellaps.sa.edu.au**

and our **Skoolbag Smartphone App**

If you are unable to access our website or Skoolbag, please let our Front Office staff know and we will email the Grapevine to you each fortnight.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

In the Term One Week 10 Grapevine, I included several tables of information to demonstrate our attendance patterns.

The following information is to add to that, as we are tasked as a school to meet an Attendance Target of 95% for 2016. This is quite achievable for Reynella Primary School, however we are falling slightly short of the mark overall, as the figures next to this show.

Year 3 and year 5 have maintained 95% or higher attendance and the overall attendance rate is only 0.6% below the target, at a very respectable 94.4% average. Years 1, 4 and 7 are only just below the target.

If we break this down for term two, the following table shows that we have slightly lesser attendance than in term one. Interestingly week seven of this term (the short week with the Queen's Birthday), had a 96.6% attendance average.

	Student Count	% Attendance Rate
Reception	84	93.70%
Year 1	64	94.80%
Year 2	57	93.90%
Year 3	52	95.70%
Year 4	61	94.10%
Year 5	54	95.20%
Year 6	48	93.70%
Year 7	55	94.90%
	475	94.40%

	2016 Term 2 Week 1	2016 Term 2 Week 2	2016 Term 2 Week 3	2016 Term 2 Week 4	2016 Term 2 Week 5	2016 Term 2 Week 6	2016 Term 2 Week 7	2016 Term 2 Top of Form
Year 3	98.3%	98.7%	95.0%	96.2%	95.4%	92.0%	98.2%	96.2%
Year 5	95.7%	97.4%	96.1%	91.9%	98.1%	91.9%	98.1%	95.6%
Year 1	97.3%	95.6%	91.0%	90.6%	91.7%	96.5%	97.0%	94.2%
Reception	93.5%	93.5%	93.3%	90.7%	92.6%	93.0%	97.4%	93.4%
Year 7	96.7%	97.2%	94.1%	93.3%	89.6%	89.3%	93.0%	93.3%
Year 4	93.1%	94.5%	91.4%	88.8%	94.1%	92.2%	96.2%	92.9%
Year 2	93.3%	95.6%	90.7%	90.7%	93.9%	90.7%	94.7%	92.8%
Year 6	91.7%	93.1%	92.5%	89.8%	92.3%	85.8%	97.7%	91.8%
	94.9%	95.6%	92.9%	91.4%	93.4%	91.7%	96.6%	93.8%

Illness cannot be avoided and has always been a recognised reason for being absent from school. Understandably many families can only take holidays at certain times and we recognise that. We do however encourage families to schedule holidays for school vacation time if at all possible. On occasions student medical appointments etc have to be made during school time, particularly with specialists. Pressing family issues sometimes make it impossible to avoid keeping a child out of school for a day.

Our concern is for those students who do not need to be absent from school. Reasons given can include; going shopping, having a haircut, accompanying parents to appointments, being tired, hard to get out of bed in the morning and so on.

By missing out on days at school, students often miss important learning that occurs and over time if that pattern continues, can discover that they struggle with aspects of reading and maths.

If you are having difficulty with regular attendance of your child, please contact the school. We do follow up repeated non-attendance, as do the Education Department's Attendance Counsellors. However, it is far better to try and resolve the issues early, before they escalate into a major concern.

**Kind regards,
Steve Freeman
Principal**



CANTEEN ROSTER

WK 8	Monday	27th June	Denise Steer
	Tuesday	28th June	Karina Matson
	Wednesday	29th June	Rebecca Tozer
	Thursday	30th June	<i>Help Needed</i>
	Friday	1st July	Bianca Kolar/ Brook Treloar
WK 9	Monday	4th July	Denise Steer
	Tuesday	5th July	Karina Matson
	Wednesday	6th July	Rebecca Tozer
	Thursday	7th July	<i>Help Needed</i>
	Friday	24th June	Bianca Kolar/ Brook Treloar

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Deb and Amanda are always looking for new volunteers for the canteen. Drop in and see us!

NEW MENU ITEMS

Have you seen our *NEW* menu items in our Qkr app? This will change periodically, some items will be added to our regular menu, some will just be short term.

FRENCH FUN DAY 16th AUGUST

For those of you who may have checked our Google Calendar earlier in the year, we had planned to hold a French Fun Day next week. Due to my short term secondment to central office, the date has been changed to Tuesday 16th August (Week 4 of Term 3).

Detailed information about this whole school event will be sent home during Week 10 this term when I will be back at school in the office and in my French classroom.



Karen Thorburn

QUIZ NIGHT

If you have not booked a table for tomorrow's quiz night but would like to come along and join in the fun, please contact the school in the morning so that we can make sure we have a table ready for you. The Quiz Night is being held in the hall from 7.00 pm Entry is \$10 per adult and \$5 per school aged child, payable on the night. Please bring your own supper. Tea and coffee will be available.

Karen Thorburn

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please check our community noticeboard on the library wall for more information about the following.



Enrolments for Kindy for 2017

Mary Bywaters Memorial Kindergarten

54 Corn Street, Old Reynella



- Do you have a child who turns 4 between 1st May 2016 and 30th April 2017?
- Are you considering enrolling your child at Mary Bywaters Kindergarten?

If you answer 'Yes' to both questions, we look forward to hearing from you.

*We have a limited number of places available for 2017.

Please take a slip with our contact details, and either phone or email us.

Phone 8381 2904
Email dl.3649.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

WOODCROFT HEIGHTS CHILDREN'S CENTRE

PLANNING GROUP INVITATION "SURVIVING AND THRIVING AFTER FAMILY VIOLENCE"

*Thursdays between 10am -12pm
from 9th June.*

Mums are welcome to join the group anytime during Term 2 and 3 and young children 0 - 5 years old are welcome to accompany their Mums to the group.

There will be coffee, tea and some children's activities, available at each group meeting.

Ring Bonnie on 8381 8005.

PETER COMBE'S VISIT



STAGE 2 OF NATURE PLAY AREA

