HOLIDAYS……I’m bored

After what has been an extremely busy term, with too much time being spent inside due to the dreadful weather, the holidays are nearly upon us. For teachers we breathe a collective sigh of relief, for many parents they look forward to the opportunity to spend more time with their children. For some parents they start to worry about what they can do to keep their children busy and avoid the inevitable “I’m bored”.

Being bored is not a new phenomenon; generations of children throughout time have been bored. New research indicates that being bored is necessary as it gives children the chance to explore, daydream, create and use their imagination. More importantly it develops creativity which allows the brain to develop new associations and connections. We know that we can grow our brains so the more we train our brains the better equipped we are to deal with the challenges that life continually throws at us.

In today’s world the easiest option can be to offer children a structured activity or a form of technology i.e. iPad, tablet, computer or TV as that will quietly occupy them for many hours. Although technology offers many new and exciting learning opportunities, we are in danger of creating a generation of children who are addicted to screens. In our schools we see that students have shorter attention spans and tend to give up easily – they lack resilience.

So when your child announces they are bored these holidays – give them the chance to create their own opportunities for fun. Give them time before talking with them about the alternatives. Consider turning the devices and TV off for a while; encourage them to play outside – I am assured that it is spring and there is sunshine on the way.

In closing I would like to thank you all for contributing to another successful term of learning at Reynella Primary School. I acknowledge all members of staff who work tirelessly to create the best learning opportunities for our students. Lastly I must thank Karen Thorburn (acting deputy principal) and Fiona Brown (acting assistant principal) for their extraordinary efforts and professionalism in supporting me to ensure the smooth running of our wonderful school.

Have a great break and I look forward to seeing you all next term for the last term of the year,

Michele Russell
CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2017
We have already begun our planning for 2017 and it is very important that we know the number of students attending as this directly impacts on the number of staff required and the number of classes to be formed. If your child is currently in Reception to Year 6 and will not be attending Reynella Primary School in 2017 please let the front office know as soon as possible.

Likewise, if you are aware of any students that may be coming to our school in 2017, please ask them to contact us so we can plan for next year.

BOOK FAIR
This year’s Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Library Resource Centre between Thursday 17th - Tuesday 22nd November. Times available to view and purchase books will be advertised nearer the time of the Book Fair.

Thank you,
Mrs Priest & Wolf in the LRC.

WAY2GO ACTIVE TRAVEL GRANT
While the new bike shelter was completed during term 2, the new bike racks have not yet been added due to difficulties experienced in removing the old wooden racks and the state of the existing concrete slab. Additional work is required to cut out sections of the concrete around the two circle bike racks, cut off the logs at this lower level and then insert rods and weld mesh before adding new concrete. This will ensure no trip hazards for students in the future. The new racks will then be installed. Due to the size and noise level associated with the job, it will be done in the school holidays. The cost of this additional work will be covered by funds in the Facilities Site Improvements budget.

Karen Thorburn
**Australia’s #1 non-competitive soccer program for girls and boys aged 2 – 12.**

Grasshopper Soccer is back in Term Four at locations close to you.

**Wednesday after school – Aldinga Beach**
**Thursday after school – Bellevue Heights**
**Saturday mornings – Reynella East, Seaford Rise and Pasadena**
**Sunday mornings – Reynella East, Crafers and Brighton Oval**

For more information visit our website, www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au
OR our facebook page, facebook.com/GrasshopperSoccerSouthernAdelaide
OR contact Daniel by phone 0433 422 347 or email daniel@grasshoppersoccer.com.au

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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

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**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME**

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

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**ITALIAN & FRENCH COOKING COURSE**

**FREQUENT: 26 October - 1 December 2016 (6 week course)**

**TIME:** 6:30 – 8:30pm

**COST:** $45 per person (incl. materials)

@ Reynella Neighbourhood Centre
164-170 Old South Rd, Old Reynella

**MATERIALS INCLUDED**

- A chef trained for 25 years in French cuisine with an Italian and Polish background
- Hands-on cooking experience
- Creating delicious and traditional European cuisine
- 3 weeks of French cooking including a Roulette/Coupey
- 3 weeks of Italian cooking Carpaccio, Baked cheese, sourdough bread and more.

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**KIDS ART CLASSES 7-12 YEARS**

**FREQUENT:** Few spaces available—be quick register now

8 week course

**Where:** Reynella Neighbourhood Centre 164-170 Old South Rd, Old Reynella
**When:** Thursdays 20 Oct - 8 Dec 2016
**Time:** 4 — 5:30pm
**Cost:** $64 first child, $54 siblings

**Limited places available**

Be quick these are very popular classes at our Centre
Payment on booking essential
Office Hours: 8am — 4pm Monday to Friday or by ringing 8322 3591

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**TEEN ART CLASSES 12-16 YEARS**

**FREQUENT:** Few spaces available—be quick register now

8 week course

**Where:** Reynella Neighbourhood Centre 164-170 Old South Rd, Old Reynella
**When:** Thursdays 20 Oct - 8 Dec 2016
**Time:** 5:45 — 7:15pm
**Cost:** $64 first child, $54 siblings

**Limited places available**

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**Girls Soccer “Come & Try”**

**October 14th**

7PM

Willsford Taylor Reserve
State Rd, Morphett Vale
Contact: Matthew Cadman
0401 482 806
FOOTBALL
The Panther League School Football season has come to an end for 2016. What a season we had with all the players working extremely hard, improving their skills and having fun playing great football with friends.

Congratulations!
Congratulations to Mark Hall, coach of the Year 4/5 combined Reynella and Reynella East team, who was named the Panther League Coach of the Year. This is awarded to the most deserving coach from all the teams in the Panther League.

A new award this year recognises the good behaviour of players, spectators and officials as voted by the umpires and opposition teams. Reynella received a large number of votes with the Panther League Good Sports Award going to our Year 2/3 Maroon team.

Well done everyone and thank you to all the volunteers and hope to see you all again next year!

INDOOR CRICKET
During Term 3 thirteen boys from years 3 to 7 took part in an Indoor Cricket competition at ICA Morphett Vale. Both Junior and Senior teams played well all season.

NETBALL
After one of the coldest and wettest Netball seasons we have had in a few years, it was lovely to enjoy our sausage sizzle presentation night without being rained on. It has been a pleasure seeing our young girls learning the rules of the game and our older girls learning new skills and even showing interest in becoming future umpires themselves. Every team seems to have enjoyed their season but a definite highlight came when our year 1/2 Reynella Rockets scored their very first goal in the last quarter of their last game followed quickly by a second goal! A big thank you to all of our lovely coaches for volunteering their time, parents for getting children to practice and games on time and all of our players who represented our school in such a positive manner.