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NATIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK FOR SCHOOL SERVICES OFFICERS

Week 4 is National Recognition week for School Services Officers. This year’s theme is “SSOs: The Key to Quality Education” We are very fortunate at Reynella to have a terrific team of support staff helping to care for and educate your children, and run our school. Most parents will have met some of the support staff but may not be aware of all of them all:

- Kay Starczak – Business Manager
- Sharon Kasteliz – Finance/Front Office
- Louise Quinn – Classroom support
- Desi Gonis – Classroom support
- Tanya Stephen – Classroom support
- Phil Hillson – IT support
- Liarne Chicco – Classroom support
- Kylie Ashworth – Classroom support
- Bev Machin – Front Office
- Wolf Norkowski – Library support
- Julie Mullins – Pastoral Care Worker
- Mikal Grainger – Grounds
- Brad Espeland – Grounds
- Charlene Heckenberg – ACEO

Please join us in thanking these staff during SSO Recognition Week. We’d be lost without them. In recognition of their hard work the school has planned a special morning tea for all SSOs in week 4.

Thank You!

NATURE PLAY - STAGE 2

On Monday 15 August, students met on the hard play area to officially open Stage 2 of our Nature Play project. This was followed by all classes having a special visiting time before recess.

As with Stage 1, students staff and parents (via the Governing Council) were invited to provide feedback on the original design created by Endemic Environments. Stage 2 includes a natural stage, log seating, a small drainage creek and a digging patch complete with fossils on the rocks. It has proven to be a very popular area throughout the day - not just at break times, as many students manage to walk through the area on route to other areas of the school!

Following many years of planning and fundraising activities, this once water logged area has been converted into a wonderful natural play space for our students. We would like to acknowledge the efforts of the fundraising committee and the school community for supporting fundraising activities over the last 5 years to cover the majority of the project costs. Stage 1 completed in December 2015 cost $21,000 while Stage 2 came in at $10,300. I would also like to acknowledge the great work by Karina Romanovskis who managed the onsite works for both stages as they unfortunately coincided with my 2 secondments to the DECD Central office.

For those who have been unable to visit school recently, here are some photos for you. We hope that this area will be a great asset to our school for many years.

Karen Thorburn
Celebrate Book Week 2016

Children’s Book Week is the longest running children’s literary event in Australia now running for over 70 years. Schools and public libraries across the country spend a week each year celebrating books by Australian authors and illustrators. This year the celebrations run from Saturday 20 - Friday 26 August. The theme for Children’s Book Week this year is ‘Australia: Story Country’ which gives us the opportunity to look more closely at classic Australian literature, modern day literature and the Indigenous Dreaming stories from our first peoples.

Last week our older students enjoyed a presentation from Martin Chatterton who is both a writer and illustrator. On Monday 29 August our younger students will be involved in a performance ‘Fair Dinkum’ which presents some of the short-listed books selected for this year’s Book Week finals, in a pantomime style performance. Both the presentations have been booked either side of Book Week due to the cost involved and it being more affordable outside the Book Week dates.

Next Thursday will be a dress up day for students and staff around the Australian theme. There will be no official parade but I will be going around the school taking photos of the classes to share in a display later. Classes will also be involved in activities during the week around the short-listed titles.

Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)

Just a reminder that PRC forms need to be handed in to class teachers or library staff by Friday 9 September, end of week 7. Thank you to those students who have read the required 12 books and completed their form. To receive a medal, students must complete and hand in a PRC form. For students in R-2 classes the class teacher has recorded the books shared in class and those students will be automatically entered onto the PRC site. Medals and certificates will arrive late in Term 4.

Have a Great Book Week
Sharon Priest

FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY
Saturday 3rd September

Photos taken by a professional photographer for only $15.00.

If you would like your photos taken please get a form from the front office.

Payment can be made on Qkr, BPoint, Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS or Credit Card.

Celebrate Book Week 2016

What - Come dressed up in something Australian

When Thursday 25th August

Who - Everyone - staff and students

Why - to celebrate this year’s Book Week Theme – ‘Australia - Story Country’
Keep your kids smiling
At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.
Call us now for an appointment!
Your local clinic is: Noarlunga GP Plus Dental Clinic
Phone: 8384 9244

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

There will be special Australiana treats next Thursday at the Canteen for Book Week.