

Reynella Primary School

GRAPEVINE

Term 1 Week 4
25h February, 2016

DIARY DATES

March	
Tues 1st	School Tour 2pm GC Business 7pm
Fri 4th	Schools Clean up Australia Day National Ride 2 School Day
Fri 11th	PUPIL FREE DAY
Mon 14th	ADELAIDE CUP DAY

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INFORMATION SENT HOME LAST 2 WEEKS

- Year 6/7 Choir
- Descant Recorder Lessons
- Letter Re Bomb Hoax
- Urgent Child Protection Memo
- Footsteps Dancesport R -5
- Hearing Tests for Aboriginal Students
- Year 6/7 Aquatics

PAYMENT DUE DATES

Monday 29th February

Year 6/7 Aquatics

Monday 7th March

Footsteps Dancesport R-7

Friday 18h March- 4pm

Early bird payment for school fees \$245 per student

PARTNERS IN LEARNING

You may have noticed that 'school' doesn't look and feel quite the same as it did when you last attended. In today's classrooms, yesterday's rows of passive learners has made way for active and engaged learners working and talking together, asking questions, giving feedback to each other and their teacher, thinking critically and exploring real world issues. Schools are preparing students for a fast changing and complex world that we can't predict and maybe not even imagine. Parents and schools need to work together to equip our students with the skills and capacities that will prepare them for the challenges and changes ahead.

That doesn't mean that students don't need to become good readers and writers, spell well and know their tables; developing literacy and numeracy proficiencies will continue to be a focus for all students. However our children are learning new concepts that weren't around 20 years ago and learning about them in new and different ways due to the rapid onslaught of digital technology and easy access to information. There is a strong emphasis on developing deep understandings of key concepts and applying them in different situations. We also know that students who are engaged with their learning, resilient and have a growth mindset are destined to succeed.

The challenge for us is to work together, as partners in learning: students, teachers, parents and community, to provide increasing educational opportunities for all students. By working together we are not only giving our children the best possible chance to be responsible and productive global citizens but instilling in them the desires and capacities to be lifelong learners. We will be offering all parents the opportunity to learn more about teaching and learning at Reynella Primary School in the weeks ahead.

Michele Russell
Deputy Principal



PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

BEING SAFE

The media has recently highlighted issues around safety of young people in our community. As such I wanted to clarify what happens at school in order to keep your child safe.

Before school, students are asked to stay at the front of the school until the 8:30 am bell goes. This is the area that we monitor prior to school starting and so we do not want students to come onto the school grounds prior to that time. At 8:30 am two teachers go into the yard to be with the students and they wear fluoro vests. A teacher is also on crossing duty to ensure safe access for students of all ages.

At recess time and lunch time, teachers are on duty in allocated areas throughout the school. Teachers wear a fluoro vest and carry a two way radio that links to leadership and the front office, as well as to each other. This allows for quick communication should the need arise such as an injury etc.

After school, a person is stationed at the rear car park to watch over students and another is also on crossing duty.

There are 23 duty areas throughout the day that teachers are allocated to in order to watch over students. We also have two senior first aid people and all staff are trained in basic first aid. All staff, teaching and non-teaching have the authority to approach any person who is on school grounds and direct them to the front office if they are not wearing a current visitor's badge to indicate they have signed in.

Teacher's work with all students from reception to year seven in how to behave safely and who to seek help from and carry out lessons from the Child Protection Curriculum. This works to make school a safe place for all students.

Steve Freeman
Principal



SPECIAL GRANDPARENTS' EDITION OF THE GRAPEVINE

This year I joined with other grandparents the world over to share in the excitement and nervous trepidation of their first grandchild venturing into the unknown world of "big kids' school". It was far less traumatic than when my own children started because I could watch from a distance and be there to reassure and encourage without having to deal with the stress of getting everything organized. Our regular visits now include conversations about school life, listening to the latest Jolly Phonics sound, reading the new book from the library and what the teacher said that day.

At the end of the second week of school, I received a special gift from my grandchild - a copy of their school newsletter written just for the grandparents. What a great idea! Lots of useful information about the school in one place for grandparents to refer to when called upon to help out. I contacted the school to compliment them on the great idea and asked the Principal if we could do something similar for our grandparents at Reynella Primary School. She was only too happy for that to happen. Schools in our area regularly share good practices with each other.

Thanks to Pimpala Primary School, today you will find a special edition of the Grapevine inside the regular newsletter for your child to share with his/her grandparent/s. We hope they enjoy their special gift.

Karen Thorburn
Assistant Principal



PLAYGROUNDS

Students are not permitted to use any of the playgrounds before school. After school, students may only use the play equipment if they are under the supervision of an adult. Students attending OSHC will have priority access to the playgrounds from 3.30pm.

Karen Thorburn
Assistant Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Parent/Caregiver,
Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope this year will be a successful one for you and your family.

This year teachers at your school will be working with your son or daughter to help your child learn and make progress as possible. Your school will be keen to work with you to ensure that your son or daughter is successful academically, socially and developmentally.

Every day at school matters for this development so it's really important that your child is attending school to get the most out of their education.

While we all know it's important, it isn't always easy to support children with their schoolwork.

Schools welcome your involvement in your child's education, and if you have any questions, please ask them. As you know, kids learn best when parents/caregivers and schools work together.

If you are able, I encourage you to get involved in your child's school whether it is through the governing council or volunteering at school events. To make it easier for you to volunteer, the government has recently made some changes to the screening clearance process if you volunteer to support your child at school. Please contact your school if you would like further information in relation to these changes, or visit the website at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

I am proud of the high quality education that we provide in our schools. A strength of our public schools is our community involvement, and working together we can continue to make your school even better.

Simple things you can do to support your child:

- Ask your child what they have been learning in class and link it to activities you do around the home.
- Put up times tables posters around the house and talk positively about science and mathematics with your child.
- Try to read with your child every day or read the same novel as your child so you can discuss the story together
- Encourage your child to share their drawings and projects with you
- Provide a comfortable space at home for your child to do homework and support them to complete it on time.

Some helpful resources:

- The curriculum your child will be following this year <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>
- Ideas for helping your child with numeracy and literacy <http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/parents>

- An app to help you unlock your child's learning potential: <https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/primary-school>
- Parent easy guide, including dealing with peer pressure <http://www.parenting.sa.gov.au/>

Yours sincerely,
Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development



INTRODUCTION

Hi, my name is Shelley Arbuckle and I am the teacher in the Rec/Yr1 class. I immigrated to Australia in 2004 from South Africa. I then taught in Whyalla for 9 ½ years before relocating back to Adelaide. I have 3 children, Kirk, Megan and Zack. Kirk and Megan are both married with children of their own. Kirk to Nicole and Megs to Rohan. My three beautiful grandchildren are Charlotte, Katherine and Elias. My youngest son, Zack, has chosen to remain in Whyalla. I live with my two dogs Bubbles and Rusty! I enjoy reading, scrapbooking and spending time with my family.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS

FREE seminar – Toddlers and touch screens: what should I do?

Touchscreens have become part of our everyday world. Parents are amazed at how quickly toddlers become adept in using them and how easily they hold a child's attention. However, they are also unsure if it is safe for toddlers to use touchscreens regularly.

Come and hear nationally recognised parenting speaker, author and researcher Dr Justin Coulson talk about: the pros and cons of the digital age for children 0 to 5 years how and when to introduce touchscreens and games how to manage electronic media use.

The event will be webcast to accommodate parents and carers who cannot attend in person.

Date and time: Tuesday 5 April, 7.00 to 9.00pm
Venue: City Rooms, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace

[Register online](http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au) at <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au> to attend, or to view the webcast.

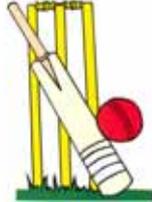
For more information, visit <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/parentingsa/seminars.htm> or phone Parenting SA on 8303 1660

Contact: Senior Health Promotion Officer, Parenting SA, [Dorian Marsland-Smith](mailto:Dorian.Marsland-Smith@parentingsa.gov.au), phone 8161 7159

SAPSASA

If you wish to nominate your child for a state team in their chosen sport the nomination process is now online. Students chosen for a state team must be aged 12 and under at the end of the 2016 calendar year. State Cricket nominations will be the first to close on March 18th. If you wish to nominate please go to the SAPSASA website at www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport/pages/sapsasa and follow the drop down links at the left of screen.

Clint Rowland
PE Teacher



CANTEEN ROSTER

WK 5	Monday	29th Feb	Denise Steer
	Tuesday	1st March	Karina Matson
	Wednesday	2nd March	Help needed
	Thursday	3rd March	Help Needed
	Friday	4th March	Brook Treloar
WK 6	Monday	7th March	Denise Steer
	Tuesday	8th March	Karina Matson
	Wednesday	9th March	Help Needed
	Thursday	10th March	Help Needed
	Friday	11th March	PUPIL FREE DAY

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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



Mitchum Girls High School
OPEN NIGHT
9th May 2016
9 -11am and 5- 8pm

REYNELLA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE urgently need small glass jars. (not large like coffee or pasta sauces etc.)

Please hand them in to the Centre at 163-170 Old South Road, Old Reynella Monday and Friday between 9am – 4pm. Thank you



Keep your kids smiling

SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18at the School Dental Service.



Please call now for an appointment.
Noarlunga GP Plus Dental Clinic
Phone: 8284 9244

Out of School Hours Care Booking Pupil Free Day



**Friday 11th March
2016**



Out of School Hours Care will be open on Friday 11th March from 6.30am to 6.30pm. We will be walking to the park on Callander Avenue, Reynella between 11.00am and 1.30pm. We will also have a selection of craft/leisure activities provided throughout the day.

The cost for the day is \$52 per child Fees are reduced for families eligible for childcare benefits. Children are required to bring their own recess and lunch.

If you wish your child/children to attend please fill in the consent form below and return it along with \$5.00 per child deposit to OSHC by Monday 7th March 2016.

Linda

Out of School Hours Care Booking Pupil Free Day Friday 11th March 2016

I require childcare for

between the hours ofand.....

I consent to my child/ren walking to the park as mentioned above.

Enclosed is \$.....deposit.

Parent/Caregiver
signature.....

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- 11/03 Pupil Free Day
- 14/03 Adelaide Cup Holiday
- 25/03 Good Friday
- 28/03 Easter Monday
- 8/04 Sports Day

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Agreements
- Assemblies
- Bell Times
- Buddies
- Calendar
- Late Arrivals / Early Pick Up
- Parking
- Playgrounds
- Special Events
- Volunteering
- Website
- What do you think?

ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016

- 18/03 Student Leaders
- 1/04 Feely 1/2 & Redman 1/2
- 15/04 Student Leaders
- 20/05 Brown R & Morse 4/5
- 17/06 Arbuckle R/1 & Woosnam 6/7
- 1/07 Mallee 4/5
- 12/08 TBA
- 26/08 Turner 2/3 & Gillies 5/6
- 9/09 Romanovskis 2/3 & Button 6/7
- 23/09 Stiffle 1 & Giglio 3/4
- 28/10 Patterson R & Gardner 6/7
- 11/11 Student Leaders
- 25/11 TBA
- 16/12 SRC - This final assembly for the year starts at 10.00.

Special Grandparents' Edition

Welcome to this special edition of the Grapevine written for the grandparents of students attending Reynella Primary School. Schools in our local area regularly share good practices with each other. Thank you to Karen Knox and the staff at Pimpala Primary School for sharing their Grandparents' Edition of the *Pimpala Press* with us and allowing us to create our own version for you.

This year I joined with other grandparents the world over to share in the excitement and nervous trepidation of their first grandchild venturing into the unknown world of "big kids' school". It was far less traumatic than when my own children started because I could watch from a distance and be there to reassure and encourage without having to deal with the stress of getting everything organized!

The role of grandparents is very important in a child's life - providing unconditional love and support. For some of our families, grandparents have become the primary caregivers for our students, while for others the role occurs over a due to grandparents living a long way away. Many of our students regularly share stories about special times spent with their grandparents.



Grandparents are an important part of our school community. We often see you in the yard dropping off or collecting the children, helping with reading, working in the canteen, attending assemblies or special events. If you have some spare time on your hands, we are always looking for volunteers and would appreciate any assistance you could provide. To ensure the safety of all students, volunteers are required to be cleared to work with children by the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to Bev or Sharon in the front office to complete a form. There is no cost to you and all that is required is 100 points of ID. You will also need to participate in Responding to Abuse and Neglect training which is provided at school for all volunteers. Office staff can let you know when the next session will be held.

I hope that you find the information included in your special Grapevine helpful in understanding what happens at Reynella Primary School. Thank you again for being part of our school community.

Kind regards

Karen Thorburn

Assistant Principal

AGREEMENTS

At Reynella Primary School we value: *Persistence, Confidence, Getting Along, Organisation* and *Resilience*. Our “golden rule” is to:

Treat others as you would like to them to treat you.

Members of our school community have adopted 5 whole school agreements:

Attentive Listening

We listen with our eyes, ears and hearts.

Mutual Respect

We always show respect for others and property.

Safety

We will always think of safety first.

Personal Best

We will always achieve the best we possibly can.

Appreciation and Acknowledgement

We will always talk kindly to each other and acknowledge what others do for us.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held on Fridays once a fortnight from 10.15 - 11.00am in the hall. This building is officially named the Pop Pearce Memorial Hall, after the grandparent of students attending Reynella Primary School when it moved from Peach Street to Concord Drive. Mr Pearce volunteered hundreds of hours to help with the establishment of the “new” school site including gardens and paving.

Classes take turns to host assemblies and often do so with the help of their buddies. Assemblies are a great way for students to share their learning and for groups within the school to hone their performance skills in front of an appreciative audience. Please check the front cover for this year’s assemblies and their hosts.

BELL TIMES

- 8.30 Students enter yard
- 8.45 Lessons begin
- 11.00 Recess break
- 11.30 Lessons resume
- 1.00 Supervised eating in class (classes often start eating earlier depending on the age of the students)
- 1.05 Lunch break
- 1.35 Lessons resume
- 3.05 School day ends

BUDDIES

One of the many positive programs to support student learning at Reynella Primary School is our Buddy Class Program which involves two classes, usually of different age levels, working together in a variety of ways – both formal and informal. This year’s buddy classes are:

R	Brown	Year 4/5	Morse
R	Patterson	Year 6/7	Gardner
R	Modistach / Rowland	Year 3/4	McRae
R/1	Arbuckle	Year 6/7	Woosnam
Year 1	Stiffle	Year 3/4	Giglio
Year 1/2	Feely	Year 1/2	Redman
Year 2/3	Turner	Year 5/6	Gillies
Year 2/3	Romanovskis	Year 6/7	Button

As we have an uneven number of classes this year, Mr Mallee’s Year 4/5 class will work with other groups during the year, but does not have a designated buddy at this stage.

CALENDAR

Key dates for 2016 are listed on our google calendar which can be found on our school’s website.

LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY PICK UP

Lessons commence at 8.45 each morning at which time teachers record attendance. Students arriving after the 8.45 bell are deemed to be late and need to report to the front office to sign in on our automated system. If you are asked to pick up your grandchild before 3.05pm, please come to the front office to sign them out.

To ensure student safety, all visitors to the school after 8.45am and before 3.05pm are asked to report to the front office on Concord Drive and collect a Visitor or Volunteer badge.

PARKING

Please observe the Onkaparinga Council signs around the school and park in the appropriate places. As with most schools, parking is at a premium before and after school. To ease congestion, we operate 2 “kiss and drop areas”, where teachers are on duty to ensure student safety. They are located on Concord Drive and Verdeilho Circuit.

The car parks on Concord Drive and Verdeilho Circuit are restricted to staff use only with the exception of one disabled car space for the convenience of authorised users. Please help us to keep your grandchildren safe by ensuring they use the pathways into the grounds and do not walk through the staff car parks.

PLAYGROUNDS

Students are not permitted to use any of the playgrounds before school. After school, students may use the play equipment under the supervision of an adult. Students attending OSHC will have priority access to the playgrounds from 3.30pm.

SPECIAL EVENTS

We have a number of special days each year when family members are invited to share in our learning programs. Please note the following dates:

<i>Friday</i>	<i>8th April</i>	<i>Sports Day</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>28th June</i>	<i>French Fun Day</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>14th September</i>	<i>Grandparents Day</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1st December</i>	<i>School Concert</i>

Details of these events will be provided closer to the day.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are a highly valued part of our community, providing a service to our students and enriching their lives through shared experiences. Grandparents are most welcome to join the many volunteers who listen to children read, work in the canteen, supervise excursions, help with fundraising, provide support through our LAP program or help in our garden compound. (Please note that DCSI approval to work with children and RAN training is a prerequisite to volunteer in any capacity.)

WEBSITE

Our school website at www.reynellaps.sa.edu.au contains lots of information about the learning programs offered at Reynella Primary School; the OSHC and VACCARE services; our canteen menu; an online copy of the current and past newsletters; and some interesting items from our long history dating back to 1858 when the school first opened.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We are always keen to hear your thoughts and suggestions for improvement. Feel free to contact us by phone; email at dl.0379.info@schools.sa.edu.au; or speak to Steve, Michele or Karen from the leadership team or any member of our friendly staff.