

Reynella Primary School

GRAPEVINE

Term 1 Week 8
24th March, 2016

DIARY DATES

MARCH

Fri 25th GOOD FRIDAY

Mon 28th EASTER
MONDAY

Tues 29th 6/7 Aquatics

APRIL

Fri 1st Discos
Assembly 10:15

Mon 4th SAPSASA State
Softball Carnival

Fri 8th SPORTS DAY

Fri 15th Last Day of Term 1

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INFORMATION SENT HOME LAST 2 WEEKS

- Harmony Day and Bullying No Way
- Sport's Day Sausage Sizzle order form
- Brighton Secondary School
- Reception Book Presentation

PAYMENT DUE DATES

Monday 28th March

F 5 & F 7 Zoo Excursion

Friday 1st April

Sport's Day Sausage Sizzle

PUPIL FREE DAY: Friday 11th March

Pupil free days are a great opportunity for teachers and SSOs to explore new ideas, discuss relevant issues and build on their own knowledge, skills and understandings of teaching and learning. The staff at Reynella PS spent our recent pupil free day doing just that, around the topics of **Executive Functions** and **Digital Technologies**.

The first session was focussed on developing the Executive Functions of our students. They are a group of mental processes that allow you to stop, think and self-regulate. They can be categorised into three groups:

Inhibitory Control: The ability to resist a strong inclination to do one thing, and instead, do what is appropriate and what is needed. It is about demonstrating self-control – the ability to think before you act, resist temptation, avoid jumping to conclusions

Working Memory: Holding information in your mind while mentally working with it or while working on something else.

Cognitive Flexibility: The ability to easily and quickly switch perspectives of the focus of attention, flexibly adjusting to changed demands or priorities

Together they combine a broad range of mental processes, such as planning, reasoning, prioritising, problem solving, task flexibility, execution and monitoring actions. Together, these processes allow you to control your attention, thoughts and actions. We see that many of our students need to develop their Executive Functions and together we looked at strategies to support this. If you are interested in learning more about this significant group of skills I would recommend the following website:

<http://myfuture.edu.au/career-insight/the-adventures-of-you>

For the second part of the day we had a guest speaker from another school. Nicole Tissen, a teacher from Woodcroft PS, shared her experiences in using class blogs and supporting her students to develop **coding** skills. Simply put, code is a tool that lets you write your story with technology. For students today, coding is becoming an essential skill, just like reading, writing, and math. That is why it is identified strongly in the Technologies learning area of the Australian Curriculum. If you would like more information or are interested in getting your child started try this website: <https://code.org/>

Warm regards,
Michele Russell
Deputy Principal

**Have a safe and
Happy Easter**



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We have a keen interest in attendance as students who are either away from school or who continually arrive late (or are collected early) miss out on crucial preparation and learning time. Learning is about continuous exposure to information and experiences on a regular basis.

Illness cannot be avoided and we understand that family holidays are usually attached to work or other commitments, but many absences are quite often a matter of choice. One strategy to reduce the number of days away from school is to endeavour where possible, that medical or other appointments involving children are made outside of school times.

We send home an sms when absences are unexplained. Please ensure that you advise the school of why your child is absent as we are required to follow up all unexplained absences.

Lateness is also a concern as we have a small number of students who arrive between 5 and 30 minutes late to school.

It is important that all students begin the school day on time (8:45 am start in classrooms) so that they can prepare for the day, listen to instructions from the teacher, set up resources that they require for the first lessons, chat with friends and pass on messages to the class teacher etc. When those first few minutes are missed, students are often trying to catch up and it is quite difficult for them.

We want all students to begin the day in a confident and relaxed manner, feeling comfortable with their routines and being able to ask any clarifying questions of their teachers. This does not happen if they are late to school.

We all know that there will be occasional times when the morning at home does not go as planned and a student may arrive late to school. However, this should not be a pattern of lateness as it will begin to effect their learning.

Steve Freeman
Principal

GOVERNING COUNCIL SUGGESTIONS/IDEAS

If you have questions about school or perhaps an idea for improvement, concerns or just a positive comment, these can be brought to the Governing Council's attention by dropping them into the Drop and Go Box. They just need to have Governing Council written on the envelope and they will be given straight to the Chairperson for consideration.

SAFE PARKING ON VERDEILHO CIRCUIT

When dropping off or collecting children in this area, please be considerate to others and stay off private lawns or driveways. Be patient and when leaving the drop off area, turn left and continue around the circuit.

GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Tuesday 8th March, 12 students from Reynella Primary Attended the Grip Leadership Conference at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. The students who attended were: Chloe Patterson, Ruby Reinschmidt-Chuck, Damon Graham, Harry Derecki, Tara Moore, Hayley Pryde, Zac Milne, Kye De Laine, Hailee Smelt, Abbey Reynolds, Campbell Plenty and Nathan Wyatt. They were accompanied by Michelle Woosnam, Shirley Gardner, Julie Mullins and Karen Thorburn. We had to leave school at 8 o'clock to be there on time.



The first thing we learnt was how to grow as a leader. A fact we learnt was that a person doesn't become a leader by being chosen, they become a better leader by continually growing. We learnt that four parts of a tree can help us to become better leaders: the tree roots are core values to a leader; the trunk is about combining with others; leaves and branches are about contributing to what is around you; and the water is constant input. Next we had to watch four movie clips to determine who the leader was and which way to grow they used. The four movie clips were "Minions", "Monsters University", "Home" and "Frozen".

The second topic was about Bye Bye Bullying and the three ways to say bye bye to bullying are: to spot it out, speak out and stamp it out. Bullying is the result of people's wrong actions. To stamp out bullying the action of leaders is required.

The next topic was about people to influence. People we all could influence are: younger students, students in our year, our teachers and the wider community.

We then learnt about traffic light leadership. The red light means negative areas that should be stopped. The amber light means areas that could be slowed. The green light means areas we could go forward with.

We also had a lot of fun playing loud noises. Loud noises was like a brain break so everyone could join in and have some fun during the day. The training was very helpful to every single leader out there.

Nathan Wyatt and Campbell Plenty



CANTEEN ROSTER

WK 9	Monday	28th March	EASTER MONDAY
	Tuesday	29th March	Karina Matson
	Wednesday	30th March	Rebecca Tozer Mulyano Trimboli
	Thursday	31st March	<i>Help Needed</i>
	Friday	1st April	Bianca Kolar/ Brook Treloar
WK 10	Monday	4th April	Denise Steer
	Tuesday	5th April	Karina Matson
	Wednesday	6th April	Rebecca Tozer Mulyano Trimboli
	Thursday	7th April	<i>Help Needed</i>
	Friday	8th April	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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

OPEN TIMES FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Wirreanda High School

Wednesday 6th April 2016

Principal address at 6:00pm, then tour of the school.



Brighton Secondary School Special Interest Music Information Evening

Parents and students from years 6 and 7 are invited to an information session regarding the entry process into the the Special Interest Music Program.

When: 6pm Thursday 14th April

Where: Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall

Please RSVP to Pam Parsons by Monday the 11th April by:

Phone: 8375 8215 or

Email: pam.parsons@brighton.sa.edu.au

If you have any specific questions that you would like answered on the night, please include these with your RSVP. This will be followed by a free concert showcasing our Big Bands and Concert Choir beginning at 7pm for those able to stay.

Kids Karate at Reynella Primary School

Help your child develop focus, fitness, self-defence and respect in a positive and fun environment, through learning Traditional Shotokan Karate.

Every Tuesday and Thursday

6:00-6:45pm

\$6 per session.



Contact Adam on 0450662812 or email

Adam.pearce220@schools.sa.edu.au

www.tskfa.com.au

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SPORTS DAY NEWS

If you haven't yet caught up with the news on our Google Calendar, **this year's Sports Day is planned for Friday 8th April**, the second last week of this term.



As always, parents and extended family members are very welcome to come along and support the students. The format will be similar to last year with students and staff divided into our four houses of **Booth** (red), **Hardy** (yellow), **Liston** (blue) and **Reynell** (green).

Students will compete in tabloid events with year level groups and be awarded points for their houses. Photos from last year are on display in the front office. More detailed information about Sports Day will be sent home soon including a reminder about your child's house colour.

Karen Thorburn

WANTED: Cooks for the BBQ on Sports Day Friday 8th April. Any help from Mums, Dads, Grandparents etc. would be appreciated. If you can help please see Deb in the Canteen or the front office.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2016

Thanks to Jasmine Wilson and Jodi Waters for joining me on the fundraising committee. While the aim of the group is to raise additional funds for the school, some events are arranged to provide a service to the community, while others can be more social in nature.

We have planned the following events for this year:

Term 1: Easter Raffle - Drawn 24th March

Term 2: Mothers' Day Stall - Friday 6th May

Quiz Night - Friday 24th June

Term 3: Fathers' Day Stall - Friday 2nd September

Family Portraits - Saturday 3rd September

Term 4: *POSSIBLE Twilight Fair*

A fair will only be considered if we have plenty of support from the parent community. Please watch out for the survey to be sent home next week to gauge your interest and willingness to help.

Our aim is to raise \$14,000 to maintain the current hours of our Pastoral Care Worker, Julie Mullins, who provides invaluable support to the students, parents and staff at Reynella Primary School. Our current government funding provides only 8.5 hours per week. Money raised above that target will be directed to other projects.



While we understand that many people do not like meetings or being part of a committee, we know that people are often willing to help with a particular task or event. If you have any ideas or can help in any way please let me know.

Karen Thorburn

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

Last Friday our student leaders hosted assembly and introduced the topic of bullying with a game for all of the students, staff and parents to play. One by one, members of the audience were eliminated from the game if they: were wearing a white shoe; did not have an earring in the ear they were touching; were wearing a watch; or had blue eyes. The game showed that people are often left out and can be bullied because of how they look, what they wear or don't wear and sometimes things they cannot change.

The students then presented a very entertaining role play in 3 parts about a student who was bullied because he was short. The messages were very clear:

1. Tell an adult if you are bullied.
2. Don't be a bystander - do something if you see someone being bullied.
3. Be brave, stand up and don't let the bullies have all of the power.

The leaders' group will be running a special campaign during the year to help us all say Bye Bye to Bullying at Reynella Primary School. All students received a special **BULLYING - NO WAY!** wrist band purchased by the school.

Karen Thorburn

HARMONY DAY

On Monday 21st March, the school was a sea of orange with classes making time to work and play together to celebrate the fact that **Everyone Belongs!** At 10.30am, classes ventured out to share in another whole school Play is the Way games session. Some then shared recess with their buddies.

Karen Thorburn

