

# Volunteering @ Reynella

Volunteering is an integral part of the day-to-day operation of Reynella Primary School. The staff and students greatly appreciate the time given to them by parents, caregivers and families. Included in this brochure is a brief summary of how you may be able to assist around our school.

All volunteers at Reynella PS must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC), Department for Education (Dept) RAN certificate and online Induction and a Site Induction. Further information for volunteers can be found on the Dept Volunteer website, with links to RAN Training and the Dept online Induction:

https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parenting-and-child-care/volunteers

All volunteers must sign in and out on the Sign in Computer each time they are on-site.



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# How can you help?

## **Classroom and Student Programmes**

This could involve reading with students, supervising on excursions, transporting to sporting events, coaching/refereeing SAPSASA teams, cooking, art/craft or generally assisting the teachers with class activities.

Time: Any time during school hours in consultation with class teacher.

# Learning Assistance Programme (LAP)

Our school's LAP programme is offered to any students who would benefit from individual time with an adult volunteer of any age. The relationship-centred programme provides mentors with heart-warming experiences in which qualities like empathy, patience and confidence-building thrive. LAP volunteers support students in a range of activities such as cooking, gardening, playing games, pursuing a child's or volunteer's interests. *Time: Once a week for 45 min - 1 hour, during school hours.* 

# Governing Council (GC)

A group of parents, the Principal and staff and is responsible for: monitoring of broad policy and direction, funding allocation in some areas of the school budget, major decision making for recommendations from the Branches and reporting to the school community through the AGM and Annual Reports. People who volunteer for this committee have an insight into the operation of the school which is informative and rewarding. There are several subcommittees and groups which report to Governing Council, which you join without being a member of GC (more information overleaf)

Time: 2 night meetings per term (approx. 1 1/2 - 2 hours)

### Canteen

The Canteen is a business of the Governing Council, reliant on its dedicated volunteers. The staff warmly welcome anyone who is willing to help at any time that suits them. Duties include: preparing lunches, filling lunch orders and serving at recess and lunch time. The children always enjoy seeing a family member in the canteen.

Time: Weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or even an hour or so, any help will be appreciated.

### **Community Connect Committee**

A parent committee of the Governing Council responsible for: providing feedback on policies, managing the Governing Council Charter, overseeing After Hours Sport, Dress Code and facilitating parent workshops. Members have the opportunity to be informed about the programs and resources being used at the school, with updates on curriculum being a feature of the meetings.

Time: 2 meetings per term (approx. 1 - 2 hours)

## Finance Advisory Committee (FAC)

Finance related discussions are held and decisions are made at FAC. These decisions are presented to the full Governing Council for ratification. You don't have to be a financial expert to join. Members find out how much it costs to effectively run the school, how the funding is allocated and allows them a say in how it can be allocated in some budget lines. *Time:* **1** - **2** night meetings per term (approx. 2 hours)

#### **Fundraising Committee**

The Fundraising Committee plays a vital role in planning events to assist the school in purchasing a range of items not covered by our regular school budget. If you are unable to be part of the Committee, you may like to join our Fundraising Helpers Group and assist with a particular event e.g. Mother's/Father's Day stall, Major Fundraiser when more help is needed.

*Time: One planning meeting in Term 1 for about 2 hours, then meetings on a needs basis.* 



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