REYNELLA PRIMARY SCHOOL WELCOMES ITS NEW RECEPTIONS

Over the past few years, each year we have welcomed our new Reception students with a book to commemorate the start of their learning journey with us. This year on Wednesday, February 18th Steve Freeman, the Reception teachers, Helen Kenyon, Fiona Brown, Lyn Modistach and myself presented a book to each of the fifty seven 2015 new receptions.


And into Lyn Modistach’s R/1 class we welcomed: Aurora, Clay, Hunter, Alannah, Jack, Tahlia, Noah, Hayden, Harley, Gabriella, Jazmin, Bradley, Tayla, Maddie and Mason.
SCHOOLS CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
On Friday 27th February, Reynella Primary students joined thousands across the country to participate in the annual Schools Clean Up Australia Day. Many classes worked with their buddies to clean up every area of the school grounds including those hard to get at places where rubbish seems to accumulate: the back of the oval and soccer pitch, garden beds and the air conditioner cages. Some of our students also ventured into the local community to clean up the Gladys Reynell Reserve and the footpath along States Road. Among the interesting items found there were a shower hose, a wooden musical instrument, some garden hose and an arrow!

At the end of the clean-up, students deposited their rubbish bags at the archway near the staff car park. We are very pleased to share that the amount of litter collected this year is considerably less than last year.

Karen Thorburn

WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH JULIE?
Julie Mullins has worked at our school for the past 3 years as our Christian Pastoral Support Worker. Last year the Federal Government made some changes to the nature of this position following a decision in the High Court. We had to then apply to the State Government to continue the fantastic support Julie has been providing for students, parents and staff in our school community. Fortunately our application to maintain the services of a Pastoral Care Worker (Julie’s new title) was successful, however we did not receive the amount of funding and hours expected.

In previous years we received the maximum available from the Federal Government - $20,000 equal to 15 hours per week. This amount was then topped up with school funds with the support of the Governing Council, first to 20 hours per week in 2012 and then to 25 hours per week in 2013. For 2015, the South Australian Government will provide $15,000 to all schools which applied for a PCW regardless of whether they had an existing program or not. In effect we have lost funding as many more schools applied and the money had to stretch further.

In order to maintain a consistent number of hours across the year, the government funding and a voluntary school payment will provide a total of 18.5 hours per week. We have decided that the best option is for Julie to work as follows:

- Tuesday 9:00 – 3:30
- Wednesday 9:00 – 3:30
- Friday 9:00 – 4:00

which means that she will not be here on Mondays or Thursdays.

Julie is now located in room C2 in the Morphett building (next to the computer room). If you would like to meet with Julie, please call the office to make an appointment.

Karen Thorburn

DRESS CODE REMINDERS
Thank you to the many students (and parents) who support our school’s dress code. Just a reminder that all clothing from the waist down should be navy blue i.e. shorts, skirts, track pants, leggings (with navy skirt), trousers, tights and parachute style pants. Shorts and skirts should be mid-thigh or longer.

The only acceptable jewellery is studs or sleepers (in the ears only) and a watch. Items required for medical identification are exempted.

Make up and nail polish should not be worn to school.

Karen Thorburn
KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE ON THE ROAD!
Safety is a prime concern around all schools and ours is no different. I have noticed several behaviours that are quite dangerous and need to cease. In addition I have recently received a report of speeding and inattention by a parent of our school that could have easily ended in tragedy.

Please ensure that you:
Give yourself time to stop at the school crossing on Concord Drive when the lights are flashing. Some drivers have assumed that the crossing monitors are going to lower their STOP signs and have approached at a speed that would not allow them time to stop if the signs remained up. Others have driven through at speed just because there are no monitors in action at the time.

Keep to the speed of 25 kph or lower in the entire designated zone. In a number of instances drivers are accelerating directly after travelling through the actual crossing. We also have children who occasionally cross the road at places other than the crossing itself and so drivers need to be alert at all times for the unexpected.

Be vigilant around our school as students will still be exiting the school often up to 6:30 pm when OSHC finishes.

Our aim is to ensure the safety of all students, children and adults who choose to use the school crossing. Several of our parents who are in the police force do, from time to time monitor the roads around our school. In addition some patrols visit during drop off and pick up time. All of our monitors are trained by the police prior to being allowed to be on the roster. Please help us to keep every person safe around our school.

Steve Freeman
Principal

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We are in desperate need of volunteers. If you have some free time please come and see us in the canteen.
Free coffee and laughter provided.

WANTED: Cooks for the BBQ on Sports Day Thursday 9th April. Any help from Mums, Dads, Grandparents etc. would be appreciated. If you can help please see Deb in Canteen or the front office.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING
On Thursday 26th February, 12 year 7s woke up bright and early to be at school ready to leave at 8:00am for the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Entertainment Centre where we joined over 800 other student leaders from primary schools across South Australia. The first thing we talked about was how to make the most of leadership opportunities by standing up for what it right, standing up for others and standing up for ourselves.

After the recess break, we started off with “Pay It Forward” and learnt about the impact of random acts of kindness. Generosity is a habit of giving to someone else without expecting anything in return. In session 3, we found out how to look for opportunities to lead by writing down some of our ideas to about ways we could serve other students, our teachers, our school and the community.

After lunch, we looked at developing a leadership plan for our school. In small groups, we had to focus on something to improve our school. Our priority area was rubbish! We ended the day with a Question and Answer session with the GRIP team before heading back to school, arriving a few minutes before for the bell. We would like to thank Ms Button, Mrs Gardner, Julie Mullins and Mrs Thorburn for providing transport and supervision and the school for paying for us to attend.

Ben and Cassidy
(on behalf of the Student Leadership Group)