Week 8, 18th June 2015

DIARY DATES

JUNE
Fri 19th Coffee n Chat 9:00
Assembly 10:15
Mon 22nd SAPSASA State Soccer/Hockey
Tues 23rd SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thur 25th Vision Testing yr 5’s
Fri 26th Red Nose Casual Day Quiz Night

JULY
Fri 3rd LAST DAY OF TERM 2 STUDENTS FINISH AT 2:30

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- Changes in Staffing
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- Credit Union SA
- LAP

INFORMATION SENT HOME LAST 2 WEEKS
- Cyber safety
- Letter re Karen Thorburn
- NCCD on Students with Disability
- Soccer for Juniors

PAYMENT DUE DATES
Tuesday 30th June
Festival of Music T Shirt orders

OVERDUE
- After School Sport Fees
- 2015 School Fees

CHANGES IN 2015 STAFFING
We have a number of changes that are happening in classrooms and the school over the next few weeks and also in some cases till the end of the year.

Karen Thorburn has been asked to join a working group exploring the setting up of a bi-lingual French school in Adelaide. She will be on the working party till the end of the year and then returns to our school in 2016. Karen’s expertise has been evident in many situations including when we had the President of New Caledonia here on a visit several years ago. Karen also recently took part in a study tour to the French island of Reunion where she spoke to the politicians and representatives of their Education Department as a representative of DECD. We wish her well in this new role.

As a result there was a vacancy for the Senior Leader position and it is with pleasure that I can congratulate Karina Romanovskis as the successful applicant. A panel was formed and a process of selection was followed. She brings to the position a wealth of experience and knowledge in Early Years pedagogy, highly developed understanding of literacy from Reception through to year 7, as well as having a strong interest in our school garden, being responsible for its oversight and management, plus previous acting experience in leadership at our school and a strong understanding of student voice. We welcome Karina to the role of Senior Leader.

We have Rick Gillies away till the end of the term and Michelle Woosnam (previously Napier) is taking his class. Cinzia Giglio is away for the last two weeks of school and Steve Melonie will be in her room.

Jimmy Marin has taken on a French teaching role as Amanda Marin reduces time to look after their young child. He has also been working in Di Cock’s role as Performing Arts teacher on occasions, but will now focus mostly on French. Between them they will cover all French classes from Reception to year 7.

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR
As a part of our Arts curriculum Di Cocks works with the three choirs at our school. One of those if the Festival Choir and each year they have to meet a strict assessment in order to perform at the Festival of Music at the Festival Theatre. On Tuesday of this week the DECD assessor met with the choir and put them through their paces. It is a credit to Di that they received an “A” rating for their assessment.

The assessor in part said: ‘Very well done Reynella. Great memorisation and solid learning of parts.” The choristers had; excellent use of ‘dynamics’, having a good ability to use the loud and soft parts of songs; were always clear with precise ending to consonants; had fully memorised the songs; sang rhythms correctly; were always on pitch and had interesting and ‘bright’ singing faces. Well done choir.

Steve Freeman
Principal

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QUIZ NIGHT
Tables are still available for our Quiz Night next Friday 26th June commencing at 7:00pm in the hall. It promises to be a fun night with lots of games and activities as well as some curly questions. Thank you to those who have donated prizes for the event. Donations are still being gratefully received. We will be running a Silent Auction during the evening (with prizes including an overnight accommodation voucher), lucky squares, the traditional coin toss for adults and one for the children, heads and tails and “Who am I?” games. If you have lost your flyer, please just call the office to let us know your details including the number of people on your table (maximum 10 per table). We have deliberately kept the entry fee low to allow more people to attend. Entry is $5 per person including school aged children. Remember to bring your own food and drinks to keep your brains active. We will have tea and coffee available for a gold coin donation.
Fundraising Committee

SENSORY GARDEN UPDATE
How exciting it was to see the reaction of the students when we opened the Sensory Garden for the first time on Tuesday at lunch time on my last day at school for a while. The word soon spread and students came from everywhere to walk on the colourful stepping stones through the lovely garden. We soon discovered that we needed to have one way traffic – at least until the novelty wears off! With a large number visiting at the same time, children started at the step closest to the library door and followed the path ending up at the step closest to the tech room door. We will paint “start” and “finish” on the edge to remind the children. Many staff members had a turn walking through as well. At bin bell time, it was amazing to see the number of student monitors travelling to the office to collect their message bags via the garden and returning that way as well, even if they had come from Kaurna or Billabong! After school, the area was also very popular with younger brothers and sisters.

We hope that this area will be very popular with all of our students and families especially as the plants grow. One student told me that “It looks really great Madame! When can I touch the plants?” I explained that they are a bit small at the moment, so we have to look after them, but we can watch them grow and change colour. He seemed happy with that response and happily went for another walk through the garden. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in this project. Next time you visit the school, please take a few minutes to take a walk through the area yourself (located between the library and Reynell buildings). Remember to walk only on the stepping stones.
Karen Thorburn
We would like to congratulate Stefan K from Mr Gillies class for getting into The State and Country Soccer Championships. He played on the June long weekend at West Beach with a total of seven games. His under twelve team won their division for Noarlunga District. Stefan has also been selected to play in the State Talent Identification Championship in July. Well done Stefan!

CASUAL DAY/ RED NOSE DAY 26th JUNE

On Friday 26th June all students are invited to wear a red nose or something red to school and bring a gold coin donation to help raise funds for Sids and Kids South Australia.

Reynella Primary School has a strong tradition of helping others, so we hope that all students will be able to participate in helping this worthy cause!

Karina Romanovskis

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Karina Romanovskis
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Would you like to make a positive change & a real difference to a child’s life?

Then becoming a LAP Volunteer at Reynella Primary School might be for you. No special skills are required, only your time, patience & a good listening ear :O)

The Learning Assistance Programme (LAP) runs with the support of volunteers who come to the school once a week (for approximately 45-60 minutes per week), to spend time 1 on 1 with a child, supporting their confidence and self-esteem.

If you would like more information, please contact Tanya Stephen on 8381 1493.