Further to the last Grapevine, there is more news about staff for 2016 which I wish to share.

We have two new teachers coming from the country to work in our school. Belinda Feely is from Whyalla Stuart Primary School and Shelley Arbuckle is from Mount Gambier North Primary School. Both are keen to be at our school and are passionate about making a difference for children in their care. Early next year they will be introduced via the newsletter in greater detail.

Four of our teachers have been successful in getting contracts at Reynella Primary School for 2016, Denise Patterson, Michelle Woosnam, Clint Rowland and Annie Stiffle. We welcome them back, they add significantly to our successful teaching team in place for 2016. Jimmy Marin has taught French and on occasions Performing Arts. At this stage Jimmy is yet to find out what he might be doing in 2016. Kelly Wheaton is taking another year’s leave while expecting the birth of her first child early in 2016. Laura Brand is taking another year’s leave to look after her young one as well.

Maria Woodland as our School Counsellor has yet to be placed for 2016 and there is a chance that she may be here for terms one and two next year. Some placements take longer to be determined and so we hope to know shortly if this is possible. We get funded for a counsellor for one day per week and we chose to make that two days per week for half a year. This has only been available since 2014.

Leon Mickan has worked for many years as our groundsman. Next year he takes up a position at Murray Bridge High School and we wish him well. He has a home close by and this will reduce his travelling considerably. As yet we don’t have a person to fill that position but we will by the start of 2016. Sam Jones has successfully won her position back in the Library for 2016.

A special thank you to all staff who have contributed to the learning for students from reception through to year seven. Our NAPLAN and PAT results have demonstrated the positive impact of their work. We wish Kathy Rowland and Ken Allen all the very best for their retirement. We will miss their involvement in the school and appreciate all that they have done. Karen Thorburn will be returning in her role as Assistant Principal in 2016. A big thank you to Karina Romanovskis for very capably filling this role for the last two terms.

On Monday night we see thirty eight year seven students graduate from their primary years of schooling. It is a time where we see them as being ready for year eight, with teachers being aware of the impact that they have had across their years at school. A number of our staff attend each year to see the students who they worked with in some cases right from reception, ready to move to another phase of their life. We congratulate all of the year sevens and look forward to keeping in touch with their progress during future years of high school and even after that.

At the same time we have 83 reception children starting in 2016. They will be placed across 5 classes and there has been a lot of work to create appropriate class groupings.

Thank you to all parents who have supported our teachers, leadership, SSO’s and students throughout the year.

Kind regards,
Steve Freeman (Principal)
2015 END OF YEAR REPORTS
Next Wednesday the children will bring home their 2015 End-of-Year Report, where you will notice a different format to that of the Mid-Year Report. It is based on a sample provided by DECD.

No longer are the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards for each subject detailed. Instead parents will be provided a link (www.australiancurriculum.edu.au) where each Achievement Standard is explained.

Teacher comments for English and Mathematics are now made separately instead of being incorporated into the general comments section. These comments are based on the child’s performance based on the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard for English and Mathematics.

In Years 3-7 there is now a new subject: Civics and Citizenship, whilst in Years 5-8 there is also Business and Economics. These are under the umbrella of Humanities and Social Sciences, which also include history and geography.

The Arts is now also based on the Australian Curriculum and includes 5 separate subjects: Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music and Visual Arts.

The general teacher comments are now focussed on the child’s social skills and work habits.

As per the mid-year report, Reception students are not given a grade for any curriculum areas. Grades are only required of Years 1-7. All students R-7 are given a description of their effort.

Students with a Negotiated Education Plan, where their disability impacts on their ability to access the curriculum, will be assessed using the level of Achievement Standard documented in the child’s N.E.P.

We hope you find your child’s report informative.
Kathy Rowland
Deputy Principal

FAREWELL FROM KATHY ROWLAND
I have been here at Reynella Primary School for the past 11 years, arriving fresh from 3 years working with teachers in the USA. This is the longest that I have ever spent in the same school.

I couldn’t ask for a better school to end a very long teaching career, which started in 1972. (Yes, before many of you were even born!) Reynella Primary is a very strong community of staff, students and parents and I feel privileged to have worked here and met so many wonderful people.

In particular, I thank Steve Freeman, Karen Thorburn and Karina Romanovskis, my 2015 leadership team.

Next year I am planning to turn off the alarm clock, do some grandma duties, do some travelling and get some exercise. (I’ve already started thinking about dusting off my bike that has been gathering dust for the past 11 years!) I am a local, so will probably bump into some of you out and about. Please come up and say hello.

I will always think of the Reynella Primary School community fondly.

Thank you all.
Kathy Rowland

MONEY MATTERS
In January next year a pack will be sent home to every family with school fee invoices, forms to fill out and other information to assist families in having a successful start to 2016. Please watch out for it and if you don’t receive it, let us know ASAP.

We are now able to offer several options to families for paying school fees, including Direct Debit from a bank account. Please consider setting up an Instalment Plan at the start of the year to assist the financial burden.

Kaylene Starczak

BASKETBALL
Our Reynella After School Sport programmes are almost at an end. Our three Basketball teams will have their breakup this Friday. Basketball games are played on weekdays at Morphett Vale and they play through all four terms, so a great sport to keep children active all through the year.

A huge thank you must go to Kiri De Boar for co-ordinating and coaching and to Alan Barnes and Jun Pretila for coaching for the whole year. Thank you to the players and parents for your commitment to the teams and helping our coaches on game day.

Kaylene Starczak
SCHOOL CROSSING MONITORS
Recently your child’s school took part in School Crossing Monitor Training conducted by the South Australian Police. This involves students in years 5, 6 and 7 being trained by Road Safety Educators from the SA Police Road Safety Section. After the training is complete the student will receive a Certificate of Authority issued on behalf of the Commissioner of Police which, under the Road Traffic Act 1961 authorises the student to work as school crossing monitor. The certificate authorises the student to stop traffic using a Stop Sign or using Pedestrian Actuated Traffic Lights, as well as give reasonable directions to pedestrians for the safe and efficient movement of traffic at or on the crossing as in their opinion is necessary.

The training involves learning how to safely stop vehicles at a school crossing and performing safety assessments on when it is safe for children to cross the road (this includes asking the monitors to check that all vehicles have stopped prior to pedestrians walking onto the crossing). The session also includes safe sign handling techniques and positioning within the crossing.

It is extremely important that all people (including parents) use the crossings and become good road safety role models, by following the School Crossing Monitor’s directions, not only for their safety but the safety of all students and road users.

If parents have any questions about the training the Road Safety Section is happy to receive these inquiries on the telephone number 82076586.

Road safety is everyone’s responsibility.

Thank you

Acting Sergeant Nigel ALLEN
Program Co-ordinator Road Safety
South Australian Police

To Vicky Davey and her Dad for the logs for the Nature Play area.
**Canteen Roster**

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**Volunteers Welcome**

Deb and Amanda are always looking for new volunteers for the canteen. Free coffee and laughter provided.

**Blake’s Bakery**

Shop 2/ 11-15 Main South Rd, Reynella. For supplying the delicious Donuts for our End of Year Concert.

**Community Notices**

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

**Have your say on early childhood reform**

The Premier of South Australia is committed to leading early childhood education reform. As part of this commitment, feedback is being sought from South Australian families and service providers about early childhood education services that are needed to support young children.

“The South Australian government wants to hear your ideas for improving early childhood education and support for families.

Research shows that access to services such as preschools can reduce the effects of disadvantage, giving children a better start to schooling, creating benefits that continue into adulthood. It also tells us that it is more effective to support children’s development during their early years than attempting to ‘fix’ problems when they are older.

Share your views and ideas about before and after preschool care, services for disadvantaged children, and greater flexibility and choice for families when accessing preschool.

Have your say by visiting the [YourSAy online consultation](#) until 4 December 2015 and go into the running to win one of three prizes.”

**Club Marion**

**Presents**

**Kids Christmas Party**

Sunday 13th Dec at 12:00 pm

$12.00 per child

Bookings essential on 8296 8444

**Adelaide Strikers**

**Milo T20 Blast**

Sessions from 7th - 28th January

Sign up now by visiting [adelaidestrikers.com.au](http://adelaidestrikers.com.au) or call us on 1300 go strikers

**Pink Panthers**

**Come & Try Session**

South Adelaide Panthers Women’s Football Club (soccer) is holding a

**Come and Try Session**

For girls born in 2005 or after in preparation for the 2016 season.

Pink Panthers are looking for girls that want to play in an all-girls team. Pink Panthers are the only club in the Southern Suburbs that fields teams in all age groups - Junior Girls through to Senior Women.

**Saturday 12th December from 9.00am**

Our club is located on Gawler Way, O’Shullivan Beach. No previous experience necessary - beginners are more than welcome.

**For further queries please contact:**

Lars Petersen 0413 962 809 or Darren Clay 0415 326 021

**Call Mark on 8202 7675 to find out how you can help support your school.**

**School Community Rewards**

Supporting your school is as easy as:

**WIN a family Zoo pass!**

Join School Community Rewards by 31 January 2016 and you’ll go in the draw to win a 12 month family zoo pass!

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