Welcome to a new school year at Reynella South School. I am delighted to be the Principal of this school and I am especially looking forward to meeting all of the families over the coming weeks. Please come up and introduce yourselves if you see me in the yard or at the Acquaintance Night next Wednesday.

The children and students have settled in very well and have done some amazing learning already. During the first few weeks there is a focus on working together, the dispositions for learning such as resilience, being resourceful, reflecting and thinking about our learning and treating everyone with respect. This really sets children and students up for a successful year as learners.

This year we are going to be involved in some special projects to assist our children and students to be as successful when learning as they can be. We are part of a Federal Literacy project that will help to build learning for all in the school community about Reading. Kay Bosworth will be working at RSS each Monday for the year to help teachers, parents and students to think more deeply about how the English language works. I will also be running Parent workshops so that we can all help our children become strong users of Literacy. I look forward to meeting you and sharing some tips on how you can help your children.

Kay Bosworth

LITERACY PROJECT
I would like to introduce myself. I am Kay Bosworth and I am the Educational/Literacy Consultant who will be working at Reynella South School on Mondays for the year. I work for the Adelaide Primary Health Network which helps to coordinate this project. The project aims to build the capacity in teachers, SSOs, parents, children and students with the knowledge and skills to improve reading, writing and spelling abilities. I will also be running Parent workshops so that we can all help our children become strong users of Literacy. I look forward to meeting you and sharing some tips on how you can help your children.

Kay Bosworth

WELCOME
Welcome to new students and their families: Ace, Koda, Ernest, Harlia and Jacob in Room 2, Tyson, Linh, Tida and Noah in Room 4, Ella and Maddison in Room 5, Sheri in Room 19 and Ethan in Room 20.
PICNIC AND MONSTER TRUCK DAY

We are so excited to have a Monster Truck visiting our school on Monday! All classes will be able to get up close to the Monster Truck, listen to a short talk from the driver and have their photo taken if they wish. We are also having a whole school picnic lunch for students to celebrate a great start to 2017. Due to the weather forecast, this will be on site and if you are able to send in a clearly named picnic rug for your child to share with their friends that would be most appreciated.

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT AND GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Please join us from 5pm on Wednesday 8th February to meet staff and to visit the learning spaces around the school. Sausages will be available for $1, or you are welcome to bring a picnic dinner. You are encouraged to attend the Governing Council AGM in the OSHC room and to use the crèche services in the preschool (for children 8 and under) or the hall (year 3-7 students). The AGM is expected to conclude at 7:15pm. Please consider nominating to become a Governing Councillor.

CALENDAR

Please ensure you have the updated Term 1 planner, and have noted the change of date for Sports Day which is now in Term 2, week 1.

PERMISSION NOTES

Please find attached to this newsletter the Student General Consent Forms (green) and the permission slips for Electronic presentations (yellow) for 2017. These need to be completed and returned to the Front Office as soon as possible.

STUDENT SAFETY

One of our new students has a condition called Osteogenesis Imperfecta, also known as Brittle Bones. To ensure Maddison’s safety at school, we are putting a number of plans into place, such as the establishment of ‘Go Slow Zones’ and ensuring walkways and corridors are kept clear of trip hazards. Maddison is in the process of meeting all classes and tomorrow you will receive a letter from Maddison and her family - please keep an eye out for it!

CANTEEN NEWS

The Qkr! App for ordering your child’s lunch is now replacing the paper orders. A factsheet is available from front office and if you have any queries don’t hesitate to ask. Please note the cut-off time for orders is now 9:00am each day. Canteen order days are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We are looking for parents to volunteer picking up lunch orders from Reynella Primary School at 12:30pm on Thursdays. With outsourcing to Reynella Primary we rely on assistance from parents to keep canteen availability open for our children.

If you would like to volunteer please come and see Anita Barnes as soon as possible. 

Anita Barnes

HEAD LICE

Back to school for another year and unfortunately this often means the start of the head lice season too. We see an increase in the number of head lice cases in the February to March period, particularly amongst school aged children.

Head lice are extremely contagious. Early treatment is recommended to kill the lice and their eggs and to limit school and family contamination.

. Avoid sharing clothing, especially hats, ribbons, head bands and helmets.
. Discourage children from playing with each other’s hair.
. Don’t share brushes, combs, towels and pillows. Keep long hair plaited or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other kids.

Marcia Bailey