GREETINGS EVERYONE!
The Harmony Day Assembly yesterday was a great example of celebrating diversity within our school community. Congratulations to the preschool children and Mr Hopkins’ class for organising such a fun celebration!

On Wednesday afternoon in the staff professional learning time (3 – 5pm) Reynella South teachers collaborated with Pimpala and Coorara teachers to further their learning in setting “rich learning tasks” in Maths. Fifty teachers worked in year level groups reviewing, sharing and moderating student learning tasks. Working collaboratively with other primary schools across the partnership will help develop professional links, and improve student learning outcomes through shared professional learning.

Please be aware that as a response to some student safety concerns we are locking the 4 main large gates 9am – 3pm. The 4 smaller pedestrian only gates will be shut but not locked. Please ensure you slide the bolt across to shut these gates when you use them. Even the visual barrier of a shut gate will be helpful and increase student safety. We hope this will only be a temporary measure. Please continue to feel welcome to continue to visit and volunteer and be on site. If you have any concerns please be in touch as the safety of all students is of paramount importance to us all.

VALUES RECOGNITION AWARD
The following students received a Values Recognition Award recognising outstanding behaviour, action and learning at Reynella South School at the Harmony Day Assembly held yesterday.

Ashley for her inclusiveness towards all students. Eric for always being very reliable and responsible and showing great initiative.

Barb
READING TIPS FOR CHILDREN
Popular author, Andy Griffiths, has some tips for encouraging children to read:
Expose your child/children to a wide range of books in order to find out what sort they like. Make it a habit to visit bookshops, libraries, op shops and second hand bookstalls at school fetes. Buy lots and leave them around the house. You never know when you might stumble across that particular book that your child won’t be able to put down.
Jo Meredith

HARMONY DAY
On Wednesday the school celebrated Harmony Day with many students wearing orange. The theme for the Assembly was Everyone Belongs where students from every class presented items based around this theme. The Assembly ended with a whole school song Hello to the Children of the World. It was another excellent community event hosted by Room 18 and the Preschool.
Mark Hopkins

HEADLICE
They are on the move again. We have recently received notification of cases of head lice. We urge parents/caregivers to check your children’s hair each week and to treat their hair if any eggs or headlice are found. It is essential to repeat the treatment up to a week after the first treatment. One treatment is not enough to completely kill the eggs.

SOME HEAD LICE FACTS
- Head lice are not found in the classroom
- Head lice do not live in hats
- Less than 50% of infested children experience an itch
- House fumigation is not necessary
- ALL conditioner will stun head lice for 20 minutes.
  (white makes it easier to see eggs)
ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS
Thank you to everyone who notifies us when your child is absent and the reason. We would like to remind parents that it is a DECD legal requirement to do so and would ask that ALL parents provide this information. We always follow up on any unexplained absence with a phone call. To avoid this, you can notify us of your child’s absence by any of the following methods:
- Phoning the school on 8381.1407
- Emailing the school at dl.1044_info@schools.sa.edu.au
- Writing a note to your child’s teacher before the absence if it is pre-planned.
Please note: we are not able to assume a child’s illness eg if you ring the school on Monday to say your child is sick, we cannot assume they are sick on Tuesday if they are not at school. We need a further communication from you on Tuesday. Alternatively, if you know on Monday that your child will not be at school Tuesday, let us know when you contact us on Monday.

Children are NOT to be on school grounds prior to 8:30 am unsupervised.
Parents need to be aware that there is NO supervision for children on the school grounds prior to 8:30am.
Teachers commence duty at 8:30am in the yard.
Children on school grounds prior to 8:30am need to be either accompanied by an adult or booked into OSHC.

VOLUNTEERS
Volunteering in our school community delivers benefits directly to your child/ren and to the community.
An induction session for volunteers will be held:
Tuesday, 31 March, 2015
9.00am – 10.00am
In the Library
Please register with Marcia at the Front Office if you are a volunteer at our site and will be attending.
Jo Meredith

~Finance News~

AVAILABLE AT FINANCE OFFICE:
SCHOOL HATS WITH LOGO
Wide Brim Hat S,M,L,XL $8.50 ea
Bucket Hat S/M, L/XL $9.00 ea

SCHOOL LOGOS FOR POLO SHIRTS IN NAVY AND WHITE
$1.50 ea

SCHOOL FEES DUE: $226.00
EASTER RAFFLE BOOKS & MONEY DUE 30TH MARCH
PRE-SCHOOL PASTA LUNCH DUE TODAY 19TH MARCH $6.00

Payments overdue:
Festival of Music Choir Fee due 27th February

SCHOOL CARD
If you are applying for School Card please send your form in as soon as possible.

DIRECT DEBIT REQUEST
If you are interested in establishing a direct debit plan for school fees, to suit your budget, please come and discuss this with Anita Barnes. There has been interest shown in this facility being offered new in all schools in 2015.

DEBT COLLECTION
We urge you to pay all accounts and instalments promptly and without costly reminders. Our Governing Council has a Debt Recovery Policy and all outstanding M&S Charges will be recovered through DECD Debt Collection.
It is important that you realise that once the school hands a debt over to our Debt Collector, your credit rating will be affected until the debt is paid in full, including all debt collection fees.

Anita Barnes
REYNELLA SOUTH SCHOOL APRIL VACATION CARE

Vacation Care booking forms are now available.
For further information, questions or to make a booking please see Larissa or Lynne at OSHC.

BOOKINGS CLOSE THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2015

$5.00 BOOKING FEE PER DAY PER CHILD IS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM BOOKINGS

13TH APRIL - 17TH APRIL

**MONDAY**
INCURSION
Pinball Machine & Photo Frames

**TUESDAY**
Cooking & Dream Catchers

**WEDNESDAY**
EXCURSION
Noarlunga Cinema HOME

**THURSDAY**
Amazing Maize & Treasure Hunt

**FRIDAY**
Wheels Day

20TH APRIL - 24TH APRIL

**MONDAY**
Plasticine Art & Indoor Games

**TUESDAY**
INCURSION
Jumping Castle Jungle Adventure

**WEDNESDAY**
EXCURSION
Noarlunga Aquatic Centre

**THURSDAY**
Cooking & Picnic & Play at the Park

**FRIDAY**
Shrinkies & Ice Cream & DVD

PLEASE REMEMBER

Children need to bring with them each day –

- Recess
- Lunch
- Drink Bottle (Water)
- Piece of fruit or Vegetable to share
- Sunscreen
- Sun Safe Hat (No caps)
- Appropriate footwear (No thongs or flip flops)
- Shirts with sleeves (No Singlet Tops)