On Thursday this week we celebrate Friendship Day. We believe that positive relationships with each other are fundamental to creating a Nurturing Community of Active Learners. Students and children across the site will be exploring ‘friendliness’, and reading the book 'Rainbow Fish' in buddy classes and will use art to explore the concept of friendship. Come and check out their learning at assembly on Friday at 9:10am!

I would also like to congratulate the team who successfully applied for $2600.00 through the Sporting Schools Programme Delivery Grant! The funds will be used in terms 3 and 4 to support sport-based activities after school. Students will be able to participate in football and basketball clinics, made possible by a dedicated band of teachers and parents. A separate note going home today will explain how to get involved.

Please be aware that swimming lessons will be happening for the Reception to year 4 students in week 10 this term. Watch out for the note going home soon.

Students all received Semester 1 reports at the end of last term. Parents are invited to connect and make an appointment with the class teacher if you would like to discuss any aspect of the report. Please make an appointment directly with the class teacher or ask Marcia in the front office to arrange one for you.

Watch out for information about a Move-A-Thon, our major fundraiser for the year. Students will be getting active and asking you to sponsor them. Information will be published early next week about this event.

Thanks for your ongoing support and keep an eye on the term calendar for events coming up.

VALUES RECOGNITION AWARD

The following students will receive a Values Recognition Award recognising outstanding behaviour, action and learning at Reynella South School.

Ooshna for always demonstrating school values.

Ethan for improved effort in his learning.

Blair for being really well involved in lots of different activities this week.
Jesse for sharing his thoughts in a group and asking for help when he needs it.
Billie for showing initiative in her leadership role.
Ashley for being a loyal and considerate friend.
Jack for being a loyal and considerate friend.
Isabella for being a good friend to new people in the class.
Millie for being a good friend to new people in the class.
Mitchell for always being helpful and considerate of others.
Liam for continuing to learn and grow in all aspects
Bobbi for always willing to lend a hand to anyone at any time.
Elisha for encouraging others to stay on task and to keep having a go.

Bob

READING TIPS FOR CHILDREN
Popular author, Mem Fox, has some tips for encouraging children to read:
Books for babies and toddlers should be very short, and as rhythmic and repetitive as possible. Ask friends and librarians which books little kids love, because babies are able to fall in love with books at a very early age – they can be riveted by picture books at two months.

Jo Meredith

Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.
Students who complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge before the end of August will earn points for their House.

Who will Win? Light is currently in Front!

**House Captains**

**ASSEMBLY**

This week’s Assembly is Friday, 31 July 9.10am

Hosted by Room 4

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2015 PROGRAM**

The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program is running again for 2015. Up until Tuesday, 8 September, 2015 when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn and Learn Points. For every $10 you spend you will earn 1 Woolworths Earn and Learn Point. Stick the points collected to the Earn and Learn Points Sheet (extra sheets available from the Front Office) and once complete, simply place the Points Sheet in the Collection Box, located in the Front Office. There is also a Collection Box located at Woolworths at Old Reynella.

This is a fantastic way to support the school.

**Marcia Bailey**

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**SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE**

Final Notice letters have been posted and DEBT RECOVERY PROCEDURES WILL COMMENCE SOON.

A number of families have unpaid school fees.

Please come in to see Anita Barnes (Finance Officer) to organise payment of your child/ren’s school fees.

If you are eligible for School Card and have not yet applied, please collect your 2015 School Card Application from the Finance Officer ASAP.

School Card must be applied for each year.

**Payment Options for School/Preschool Fees:**

- **EFTPOS** - payments at the Finance window
- **Credit Card payments** in person, by mail or by phone
- **Direct Debit by Instalment** (see Finance Officer for paperwork)
- **In person** - payments at the Finance window

**PAYMENT REQUIRED**
We have been building and testing bridges that we made in technology this term. We tested the strength of our bridges by placing weights on them. The maximum weight that we could test was 5.6kg. We were surprised by how much weight they could hold before they broke. Three designs got our tick of approval for withstanding the maximum weight.