Staffing and Classes for 2016:
We will again have 6 school classes and the preschool class at Reynella South School in 2016. Staffing for the 2016 school year is well under way but contract teaching positions will not be finalised until possibly after school finishes. Cheryl Clark (Music) and Kelly Bennett (Indonesian) provide specialist instruction across our school and we really appreciate their dedication to Reynella South.

We are extremely sad to share with you that Victoria White (PE and Science) will be leaving us at the end of the year. Victoria has won a permanent position with DECD at Marryatville Primary School. This means that Victoria can now be secure in her employment and plan her life accordingly! We will miss her greatly. Please be assured that Science, PE, Indonesian and Music will continue to be the specialist subjects offered at Reynella South!

We have valued the work of Martin Heal (Year3/4) who has so ably stepped into the class teacher role, firstly as a relief teacher in term 3 and then as a full time class teacher when Mrs Heather Brooks became ill. Thank you Martin for stepping into the breach at a moment’s notice!

All the best for 2016!

We are honoured to have taught with Mrs Julie Quist who is retiring at the end of the year after a long and industrious career spanning at least a few decades!!! We will miss her professional and kind approach to all that she does. I’m not sure what we will do without Julie’s optimistic and cheerful face around the school.

Kate Perry has given 4 years to the preschool and is currently herself training to become a teacher! We wish Kate well in her next endeavour! Kate will officially be farewelled at the preschool graduation ceremony.

When you see these people over the next week please acknowledge their contribution as part of the Reynella South team.

The work of filling in these gaps will continue throughout December and January and I am secure that we will have a full staff team to start the 2016 school year.
**Governing Council**

On Monday night governing councillors had their last meeting for the year. We celebrated some great achievements with a dinner at TGI Friday and took the opportunity to farewell Tasha Baxter from Council as she retires from the role. Glyndon Gale has also given many years’ service to the school as has our current Chairperson Jo Andrews. We thank Glyndon and Jo for their hours of volunteering, their dedication to improve educational opportunities for children at Reynella South and for taking an active role in their children’s education.

At the volunteers morning tea, held last week we celebrated the role and thanked all our tireless volunteers for 2015. A special congratulations to Sam Cooper from the preschool and Jo Andrews from school who won respective Volunteer of the Year Awards!

**Southgate Plaza Good Cheer**

Today the pre-schoolers and their buddy class of year 5/6s walked to Southgate spreading good cheer singing carols and Reynella South flyers to families out shopping. This was a great way to engage with our school community and promote our amazing school. Reynella South School and Preschool still has capacity for additional enrolments for 2016. Please encourage others to join our community.

Have a family filled and safe Christmas break, and enjoy your time with extended family and friends. Merry Christmas!

**VALUES RECOGNITION AWARD**

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

- **Dwayne** for challenging himself in his learning.
- **Aaliyah** for supporting her mum in the mornings and respecting her needs while she is on placement in the preschool.
- **Brock** for supporting his mum in the mornings and respecting her needs while she is on placement in the preschool.
- **Lachlan** for showing leadership skills in helping with dance.
- **Ethan** for helping in dance and being a great D.J.
- **Ezra** for being a caring team mate on the Light excursion.
- **Dylan** for consistently showing strong leadership and initiative in his role as House Captain.

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS PICNIC AND CONCERT**

*5.00pm – 7.30pm Thursday 10 December*

Please join us for a picnic tea on the Morphett lawns and playground area. Bring chairs or rugs to sit on, a yummy picnic tea to share with your family and something cold to drink for the
children. Please note no food or drinks will be available for sale at school.

**6.00 pm** Please be seated in the hall by 5.50pm as the concert will start at 6.00. The preschool children will be presenting early in the program, with all classes presenting an item.

Please remember that only images of your child can be taken and/or posted on social media.

Please respect the privacy right of others.

So far this year we have raised $600 for our school charity, Legacy Australia. The last day of term will be our final Casual Clothes Day and we are aiming for a grand total of $700 so please bring your gold coin donation on Friday 11 December when you wear your casual clothes.

Thank you,

House Captains

I am trying to organise teachers for next year, and to do this I need to know which instruments students wish to learn. (A teacher will usually only come to the school if there are 4 or more students to teach.)

If your child is interested in learning an instrument next year, please ask Marcia for a form and fill it in and return to school before the end of term. If you have any queries, please speak to me on Wednesdays or Fridays.

Thanks,

Cheryl Clark  
(Music teacher)

A big thank you to Daniel Thomas (William’s dad) for giving his time and skills to alter one of the kitchen cupboards in the preschool to make it more useable.

Thanks,

Jill Brooking  
Preschool

**CHRISTMAS LETTERBOX**

One of the traditions we have at Reynella South is our Christmas letterbox in the front office. Students can ‘post’ cards to each other or staff (no cost) and the Christmas elves deliver them daily. Just remember to put the student’s name and class number on the envelope!

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS**

We currently have 2 instruments being offered for tuition at school - piano and guitar. This is where a private tutor comes to the school and takes students for lessons during school time. Lessons are paid for by parents, directly to the music tutor. Lessons are once a week. Students need to have an instrument to practise on at home, and need to commit to regular practise. The costs range from $15 for a paired lesson to $28 for an individual lesson. All tutors are strictly DECD checked and are qualified on their instrument.

**BANKING**

There will be no banking on the last week of term. I hope all families have a happy and safe holiday.

Jo Leonard

**FRIDAY 11.12.15**

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**2.10PM EARLY DISMISSAL**

**01.02.16 – FIRST DAY**

**TERM ONE**
SA Water VACSWIM is a program to waterproof the confidence in young South Australians, in and around the water. It is a South Australian Government supported initiative to provide children aged 5 to 13 years with opportunities to develop a range of skills and positive experiences in the areas of water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures.

These skills are delivered at over 130 pools, beaches and lakes throughout South Australia by one of three primary program providers – Royal Life Saving Society, Surf Life Saving and YMCA – who engage qualified instructors to teach the children of South Australia.

The majority of programs take place from Monday 4th to Tuesday 12th January 2016; they run for 45 minutes a day for 7 days.”

SCOOTER
If anyone has lost a scooter
Please come and see me.
Jo Leonard
Room 3

CASUAL DAY
FRIDAY, 11 DECEMBER
GOLD COIN DONATION

Money raised donated to Legacy

LIBRARY NEWS
All Library books are to be returned to school NOW as stocktake has started. Students will be able to access readers and classroom story books. If books are not returned by this date an overdue notice will be sent home and payment will be expected.
Sandy,
Library SSO.

FINANCE NEWS
FEES for 2016
$229 per student

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

I would like to wish each family a wonderful Christmas and hope you enjoy the school holidays.

Anita Barnes
Finance Officer
URBAN FIRE PREVENTION

Fires can cause serious harm to people and properties. Whether deliberately lit or caused by reckless or negligent actions, fire can kill. Know your responsibilities, take positive action and report suspicious behaviour to police.

To help keep your property safe from fire, consider implementing these crime prevention tips:

- Maintain vegetation around your property and remove plant debris.
- Erect fences, gates and warning notices to identify your property boundaries.
- Immediately repair or replace any damaged sections of fencing or gates.
- Inspect your property regularly to ensure rubbish, including glass bottles, are disposed of immediately.
- Store flammable fuels, fertilisers and chemicals in a secure area.
- Be aware of any restrictions when using incinerators, BBQ’s, welding or cutting equipment or farm machinery during the Fire Danger Season and on Total Fire Ban days.

If you see anything suspicious immediately call police on 131 444. Keep a note pad in the car and record helpful details including:

- location of the suspicious activity i.e. RPA number and property name, road name, or identifying landmarks
- vehicle details i.e. registration number, make, model, colour and any distinguishing features (e.g. denis, stickers)
- characteristics of anyone acting suspicious i.e. age, gender, weight, height, hair colour and clothing.

For further information contact your local police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au

If you see anything suspicious immediately call the Police Assistance line on 131 444. If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.
The Children have been busy being creative using the Magnext and Lace Boards

LEARNING OUTCOME 4 –
CHILDREN ARE CONNECTED CONFIDENT AND INVOLVED LEARNERS
- Children develop dispositions such as Curiosity, co-operation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.
- Children use a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesizing, researching and investigating.
- Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.

Thanks to our Coles Junior Landcare grant we have been able to purchase 2 ‘Little Rotter’ Worm Farms for our veggie patches.

The children have enjoyed starting up the worm farms and love going out to check on the worms and making sure they have enough food. We use our scraps from afternoon tea to feed them.

We also made our own compost work and research lots of interesting facts about them. Some interesting things we found out about our worms are -
- They do not have eyes or teeth and they breathe through their skin.

LEARNING OUTCOME 2 –
CHILDREN ARE CONNECTED WITH AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR WORLD
- Children develop an increasing knowledge of, and respect for natural environments.
- Children demonstrate an awareness of the impact of human activity on environments and the interdependence of living things.

LEARNING OUTCOME 4 –
CHILDREN ARE CONNECTED CONFIDENT AND INVOLVED LEARNERS
- Children use a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesizing, researching and investigating.

LEARNING OUTCOME 5 –
CHILDREN ARE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS
- Children use computers to research.

Our garden is growing well and looking great! We have even been able to eat some of our fruit and veggies for afternoon tea.