Welcome to the 2016 school year! We achieved so much as a school community last year and have already started the year with engaged learning, community participation and the development of plans for continuing improvement in 2016.

In 2015 we made great progress in:

- Enhancing students capacity to learn through the explicit teaching of the benefits of a Growth Mindset
- Developing opportunities for authentic student voice to impact learning in both Literacy and Numeracy
- The continuing review all our practices through the lens of the KidsMatter framework to improve the mental health and well-being of all our school community members.

On Wednesday we will come together as a community for Acquaintance Night. There will be a sausage sizzle, a treasure trail and activities followed by the Annual General Meeting. It’s a great opportunity to come along and connect with your child’s class teacher and staff new to the school and say hello to Governing Council members. Councillors staying on for their second year are Sara Rogers, Crystal Dodson, Claire Howell, Di Simmons, Renee Freeman and Alice Nicholson. We have a number of spaces to fill on Council. Would you be interested in joining? Speak to Barb or Jo if you are. No election is necessary if we don’t go over our maximum number as defined by the constitution. A full list of Councillors will be published as soon as possible.

There have been a number of changes in staffing for 2016. We welcome Salli-Jane Campbell and Martin Rieter as teachers in the year 1 / 2 class and 3 / 4 class respectively. To complete our school team we welcome back Lucy Corbett providing support in the preschool, Jo Leonard, Jenny Clarke and Lynne McCourt for special education support, Kelly Bennett as Indonesian teacher and Cheryl Clark as Music teacher. Welcome or welcome back!

Please make a time to speak with me or a member of the leadership team if you wish to discuss any concerns or if you wish to provide
feedback. Through feedback we know what we are doing well and what we need to fine tune to improve our service to the community. Please find attached to this letter a term calendar of events for your diary planning.

**STAFF MEMBERS 2016**

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

**Aaliyah** for being a positive, helpful student and setting herself for a positive year of learning.

**Blake** for taking responsibility for his own learning and setting an example for his classmates.

**Hamish** for using lots of detail in his classroom design.

**Tahlee** for demonstrating fantastic independence a very mature approach to problem solving in her learning.

**Xavier** for including others in his play and learning at all times in a gentle and friendly way.

**Marty** for playing co-operatively and with safety in PE.

**Aden** for challenging yourself during PE.

**Brody** for having a go and showing persistence to do your best in PE.

**Saphira** for supporting and encouraging others with their learning in Science.

**Jett** for giving new things a go in Science.

**Youssif** for respect and care whilst looking after school equipment for PE.

**Logan** for encouraging others and offering assistance to new class members.

**Japji** for producing high quality work with attention to detail.

**Siobhan** for showing responsibility and school pride by putting up the flags in the mornings this year.

**Aaliyah** for showing responsibility and school pride by putting up the flags in the mornings this year.

**Emmely** for being an active learner and great role model in sharing an excitement for Science and the natural world.

**Tobi** for being an active learner and great role model in sharing an excitement for Science and the natural world.

**POLICE CLEARANCE CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS**
Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at our school to support their child’s learning. To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures. As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening. This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner.

A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep-overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students.

As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our
school. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day. Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour. Find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe at www.decd.sa.gov.au

If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with school staff. **Marcia Bailey**

**CHOIR NEWS**

This year’s Festival of Music choir will officially start rehearsals on Friday 19th February. Students from Year's 4-7 have had a "taste" of what choir is about and have two weeks of rehearsals to decide if choir is for them. Once our choir membership is definite, notes will be sent home with information about our year.

Our first major rehearsal is in week 7, Friday 18th March where our school will be the hosts of a cluster rehearsal (where several schools meet to rehearse together with one of the leadership conductors from the Festival).

**Cheryl Clark**

**MONSTER TRUCK VISIT & PANCAKES**

Did you enjoy the surprises we've provided to add some excitement to the beginning of the term? We had a monster truck visit last week and free pancakes were on offer to students and their families before school on Tuesday.

**INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS**

Just a reminder that the school is again lucky enough to be able to offer lessons on piano and guitar through private providers. If interested please speak to Marcia in the front office.

I have had enquiries about drum lessons also; if we can get 4 or more students interested in lessons we may be able to get a drum teacher. Please leave your name and number with Marcia if interested.

**Cheryl Clark**

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Lunch Order days**

**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

A Canteen Price List with new prices for 2016 has been sent home with this newsletter or by email. Please use the new prices when ordering your child’s lunch. There are copies of the Menu and Order forms in the front office if you would like a supply of them.

We require a volunteering parent to collect lunch orders on Mondays from Reynella Primary School and bring back to Reynella South. Collection time is between 12.30 - 12.45pm. If you are able to assist please see Anita Barnes.

**Anita Barnes**
~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:  $229.00

SCHOOL CARD
If you still have your application to complete please do so and return to school asap. Please be aware that no student will be automatically approved for school card, a new application must be completed each year. If you have students at more than one school, an application must be completed for each school.

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. Application Forms were sent with invoices.

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

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
Room 4 would like to share with you what they think being at school is all about.

Kartik enjoys doing school work. Chey loves playing with her friends.

Riley White likes having fun.

Jamie is all ready to learn to write. Lochlen loves playing on the playground.

Jai loves eating.

Da’ Nieka wants to earn more maths. Caitlin loves playing with her friends.

Kaleb thinks we need to learn about dinosaurs.
Jaiden likes climbing the web.

Alyssa is keen to learn how to write.

Matthew wants to work on new things.

Riley Connell wants to do writing.

Ruby wants to do number work.

James is keen to learn anything.

Ferdaws likes learning to make things.

Saphira enjoys playing with lego girls.

Chloe is all ready to do lots of playing.