There is a buzz in the air at Reynella South and I’ve been thinking about what creates this positive atmosphere. It could be a reflection of healthy relationships built on restorative practices. It could be a return on our investment of time and resources into the mental health and wellbeing of our students and their families. Perhaps it is the outcome of listening to the collective parent and student voice? Or it could be the shift toward using growth mindset strategies and our willingness to feel uncomfortable through the process of learning. It feels good to be here.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Congratulations to the new and returning officers of our Governing Council.

Crystal Dodson – Chairperson
Claire Howell - Treasurer
Renee Freeman – Secretary
Sara Rogers
Amanda Rooney
Janelle Thomas
Jenne Thompson
Alice Nicholson.

INVITATION TO JOIN 2016 SUB COMMITTEES

The Governing Council has set up a number of committees to provide parent voice in the decision making and implementation of initiatives across a number of key areas in the management of the school. Are you able to contribute some time to add value to one of the sub committees? Please approach one of the Governing Councillors or a member of leadership if you are able to join one of the following committees for 2016;

Promotions: increasing awareness of RSS in our community – signage, website, kindies/childcare liaison.

OSHC: governance of OSHC policies and operations

Facilities: facilities maintenance/development

School Operations: policies affecting day to day running of the school eg. dress code, SunSmart

Fundraising: organising community fundraisers, helping to apply for grants

KidsMatter: further develop our positive school community through initiatives such as the Open Air Cinema, wall mural, sports clinics and nature playscapes.
WELCOME
Please offer a warm welcome to Mr Doug MacLean and Ms Freya Byrne who have joined our team. Doug will join us next week as Deputy Principal for this term and Freya has already started getting to know your child in her role as PE/Science teacher. Both Doug and Freya will be working two days per week (Mondays and Tuesdays).
Please also welcome new students Tyronne and Anthony.

VALUES RECOGNITION AWARD
The following students will receive a Values Recognition Award recognising outstanding behaviour, action and learning at Reynella South School.
Brandon for always being co-operative and extremely helpful. Takes responsibility to pack up after himself and treating the preschool space with respect.
Ryan for trying really hard and being successful at increasing his independence at preschool, carrying his bag in by himself and taking responsibility for doing his morning jobs.
Taya for displaying an excellent work ethic and always striving to do her best.
Lara for demonstrating leadership skills and a good application to her learning.
Siobahn for taking leadership to ensure safety in the yard.
Ferdaws for willingly helping students in the computer room and for overseeing the correct way to leave a room after using it.
Da’Nieka for willingly helping students in the computer room and for overseeing the correct way to leave a room after using it.
Matthew for willingly helping students in the computer room and for overseeing the correct way to leave a room after using it.
Mary for demonstrating care and pride in her work and always being a role model for Room 2.
Brock for putting in 100 percent into his learning and always demonstrating respect for others.
Keana for always giving 100 percent effort during all learning tasks and completing extra learning at home.

ADVANCE NOTICE: SPORTS DAY
2016 is the year of the Rio Summer Olympics, so we are scheduling our Sports Day in Term 3 to encourage students to engage with this major world event.
Salli-Jane
(on behalf of the Sports Day Committee)

NATURE PLAYSCAPE CONSULTATION GROUP
The KidsMatter Action team is calling for Expressions of Interest to be part of a consultation group to develop nature playscape and outdoor learning spaces on the school grounds. You can give as little or as much time as you would like, but we want your creative ideas, resourcefulness and perhaps a little brain for some working bees. The Consultation group will feed into a much smaller Planning group (a parent, staff and student representative) to refine the big ideas and plan the details. Please put your name down on the list at the front office or speak to a member of the KidsMatter Action team if you would like to be a part of this project.
Tracey
(on behalf of the KidsMatter Action team)

We need donations of chocolate or small fluffy Easter toys to fill as many baskets as possible. Please send them to the front office or your child’s teacher.
The raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 24 March 2016 at our special Easter Assembly. Each child that returns their sold raffle book will receive an Easter egg as an incentive.

REMINDER
All Parents are invited to a free tea and coffee morning at 8.50am before Assembly on Fridays, in the Community Café (Old Canteen). On behalf of the Kids Matter Action Team
**ASSEMBLY**

This week’s Assembly is  
Friday, 26 February  
9.10am  
Hosted by Room 18

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Lunch Order days**
- **MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

All families should have received the Canteen Price List with new prices for 2016. We ask you use the new prices when ordering your child’s lunch. Copies of the Menu and Order forms are available in the Front Office.

Many Thanks to Sam Cooper, Amanda Rooney and Natasha Baxter for volunteering to collect lunches. Thanks Ladies

Anita Barnes

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**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

*These are now available for purchase after running out of stock.*

**Easter Raffle Tickets/Money due Money, 21st March**

**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 debit is paid in full, including all debt collection fees.

Anita Barnes
In Room 3, we started off the year by designing our classroom, which has started to take shape. However, there are a couple of things missing! A tree and a spa.... all donations are welcome.

Please pop in and take a look.

Students voted on our class name.

We are called the **Inside Out Classroom**.

To set the scene, we have been learning about stretching ourselves as learners and developing a Growth Mindset. We have also been figuring out why this is important to us and how it connects to the Code of Behaviour.

To show their understanding, the students have made booklets about themselves.

The first is called, 2 Truths and 1 Lie and the other is about what they would do when they face a challenge or have made a mistake.

To show the positive power of learning from mistakes, we made **Beautiful Oops** pictures using KidPix. The students were asked to put a splash or a spurt of colour on their page and then turn it into something beautiful.

Here are a few examples.