NEWSLETTER
Term 2, Week 10 - 7 July, 2016

Reflection is an essential ingredient to the learning process, as it prompts learners to consider opportunities to improve. I urge you to read and discuss your child’s mid-year report together in a way that stimulates their thinking to identify what action they need to take to improve. A great place to start is the Student Reflection on Learning - ask questions to elaborate further on some of the points they have made; “What do you mean by...” “tell me more about...” “what strategies do you have to...” “how can I support you to...” or perhaps, “what do you need to do to get an A/B in this subject?”

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be offered in week 3 next term as a follow up to the written reports. You may use this time to clarify some of the feedback, further discuss how your child can stretch their learning, or to check in to see how they are tracking on the goals they have set. The best results will be achieved with a team approach!

ELECTION DAY – SCHOOL PRIDE
Whilst the outcome of the federal election is unclear, our school has a very clear result from the incredible efforts of a significant team of parents, staff and students on Saturday. Our community raised more than $2,500 and personally gave out 85 bags of playdough to young children while discussing the school’s playgroup, preschool and F-7 programs with their parents.

I’d like to point out that this doesn’t happen by accident. Collectively, hundreds of hours were spent by members of our community to plan, prepare and deliver this fundraising and promotions event. About 50 people contributed in some way, all volunteering their time in a manner that shows an incredible sense of school pride and community. Thank you all for this contribution and commitment to the school.

STAFFING
Congratulations to Mike Lane, who retired today after 30 years of work as a Groundsperson for DECD. We thank Mike for his commitment to the maintenance and upkeep of Reynella South School and wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement.

The recruitment process for a new Groundsperson is underway and will continue through the holiday period for an outcome early next term.

Next term we will have some new faces around the school with 3 Social Work students doing their placement, and a pre-service teacher working in room 19. Our new SSOs, Angelisa and Natalie, will continue offering education support in room 2 and I am very pleased to welcome Doug...
MacLean back to the role of Deputy Principal in term 3.

Happy holidays!

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

Riley White for never giving up and always trying with his work.

Amber Koprivcic for showing perseverance in learning her sight words and always being willing to have a go.

Jai White for sharing his football skills by playing football with younger students in room 4 at recess and lunch.

Jai Gentle-Haworth for building confidence in P.E and participating with energy, enthusiasm and resilience.

Tenzin Rinchen for consistently modelling behaviour in P.E and being diligent in his learning around non-verbal signals in team games.

Kelsey Taylor for listening carefully to instructions in P.E and playing every game with honesty, energy and true sportsmanship.

Siobhan Brock for showing school pride and volunteering on the Year 7 Fundraising Stall on Election Day.

Ivan Avion for showing school pride and volunteering on the Year 7 Fundraising Stall on Election Day.

Jack Dare for showing school pride and volunteering on the Year 7 Fundraising Stall on Election Day.

Joz Ergina for showing school pride and volunteering on the Year 7 Fundraising Stall on Election Day.

Nic Thompson for showing school pride and volunteering on the Year 7 Fundraising Stall on Election Day.

Ashton Bacon for showing school pride and volunteering on the Year 7 Fundraising Stall on Election Day.

Aden Twigden for showing school pride and volunteering on the Year 7 Fundraising Stall on Election Day.

Alyssa Powell for showing school pride and volunteering on the Year 7 Fundraising Stall on Election Day.

Ela Tolentino for showing school pride and volunteering on the Year 7 Fundraising Stall on Election Day.

Harmony McCard for showing school pride and volunteering on the Year 7 Fundraising Stall on Election Day.

Ashley Gaskin for showing school pride and volunteering on the Year 7 Fundraising Stall on Election Day.

INTRODUCING NATALIE & ANGELISA
We extend a warm welcome to Natalie Walker and Angelisa Marino who have joined the Reynella South SSO team as staff members. You will find them working in Room 2 supporting students.

NAPLAN ONLINE – GETTING READY FOR 2017
The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period.

This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child’s teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not
a ‘test’ of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

As part of the trial, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a statewide level. If you have any questions about how this will look at Reynella South School, and how your child may be involved, please contact Jo Meredith as the coordinator of NAPLAN online.

INTRODUCING JENNE THOMPSON

Jenne has returned to Governing Council for her last year at Reynella South School. She is on the Promotions, Fundraising, Facilities and Operations Committees and has a strong interest in helping the school as a parent. Working within the school community enables her to see the school continue to excel. Jenne takes pride in Reynella South because her son Nic is the seventh member of her family to be involved at our school.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The Kids Matter Action Team are putting together a Reynella South School (Preschool-7) magazine for 2016. It will feature all the exciting things the children have accomplished and achieved during the year. Each class will have their own double page and every child will contribute in some way.

A note was sent home yesterday asking for preorders to help assess approx how many copies are needed. The cost to purchase a copy is $17.50 which will be due by end of Term 3 and the magazine will be published mid Term 4.

Kids Matter Action Team

GOODBYE, THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!!

On Friday last week, Christina and Suzy completed their 500 hour placement as part of their Social Work degree at Flinders University. During their time at Reynella South both Suzy and Christina have been engaged in a number of projects including: after school sports, facilitating social and emotional learning programs, supporting students both individually and in small groups, collaborating with staff and students to support community events, facilitating Drumbeat and cooking programs and supporting the breakfast club program. Their support, enthusiasm and care has been very valuable and appreciated by the entire school community and we wish them all the best for the rest of their studies!

Tracey Middleton

ASSEMBLY

This week’s Assembly is Friday, 8 July 9.10am
Hosted by Room 19

LAST DAY TERM 2

FRIDAY, 8 JULY, 2016

EARLY DISMISSAL

2.10pm
ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Room 5 on their class achieving the highest attendance and arrival on time for the first semester of the year.

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2016 Mid Year Reports

Your child/ren received their mid-year report on Wednesday, 6 July, 2016.

You are encouraged to contact your child(ren)’s teacher to discuss any concerns or to seek clarification.

Early next term we will offer scheduled interviews for parents and students as required.

Gold Coin Donation

Money Raised Donated to School Charity - RSPCA

TOUR OF SCHOOL

We will be having a tour of the school for prospective parents on Wednesday, 3 August, 2016

10.30 – 11.15am

If you know of anyone who wishes to be included please advise the Front Office

FIRST DAY
TERM 3
MONDAY
25 JULY, 2016
Lost Property

We have a large number of unnamed jumpers and windcheaters in the Lost Property Bins which are located outside the Finance Window. If you wish to have a look and see if anything belongs to you, please do so before last day of Term, Friday, 8 July, 2016.

Marcia Bailey
Front Office

ELECTION DAY

On Saturday our fundraising team along with staff and parent volunteers braved the cold to help on our BBQ, cake and plant stalls. Although the election results are still not clear we can say for certain that our day was a huge success as we managed to raise $2,284.

Thank you to those that helped on the day – Jo Andres, Justine Ashcroft, Crystal Dodson, Claire Howell, Evelyn Lance, Jasmine Montgomery, Alice Nicholson, Sara Rogers, Amanda Rooney, Janelle Thomas and Jenne Thompson. Also thank you to those who donated items for the stalls and their time before the day.

We would also like to give a big thank you to Mitre 10 for donating plants and plant products for our plant stall.

The year 7 students’ book and trash and treasure stall was also a huge success raising $365 which will go towards their graduation at the end of the year. Thank you to those who donated items and their time to make their stall a big success.

Our next fundraising event is The 5₵ Challenge which will run next term in weeks 3 and 4. More information will come out next term but in the meantime start collecting as many 5₵ coins as you can.

Fundraising Committee