Welcome to Term 4 – a period of nine weeks that always promises to be fast-paced and full of action! We are hitting the ground running this week by issuing our newsletter and hosting a whole-school assembly in an odd week as a variation to our usual routine. You may have noticed in the Term 4 planner that all assemblies will be held in odd weeks this term to work around various excursions for F-7 students.

YARD CHANGES
I’m sure that you will have noticed the school grounds looked quite different after the shade-sail over the sandpit was destroyed by stormy weather over the holidays, and several trees have been removed. We are saddened to lose these trees, but the decision was based on the risk assessment of a qualified arborist and student safety will always be our first priority. The tree rounds and branches are being collected to build nature play environments for our students and when the arborist has finished at our site, we will collect the useful pieces and position safely them in the yard for student use.

ATTENDANCE
We know that regular school attendance is linked to educational achievement outcomes, and for this reason we remain focused on improving attendance with the DECD goal of 95% attendance across the school. So far this year we are tracking 89% attendance, so we have a lot of work to do in this area. If your child is absent, you will be receiving communication from the school in the form of a letter, note in diary, phone calls or request for meetings to identify ways in which we can partner with you to support improved attendance for your child/ren.

STAFFING
Cheryl Clark is on leave for the first 3 weeks of the term and Tracey Fakes will be taking Music classes in her absence. Tracey is a regular relief teacher of music at our school, and we welcome her contribution this term. Please make yourself known to Tracey if you see her in the yard.

A reminder that this term Tracey Middleton has taken on the dual role of Counsellor and Deputy Principal. If you have any concerns or queries, Tracey and I are always willing to discuss them with you and encourage you to make an appointment to see us through Marcia or Larissa on the Front Desk.

PRESCHOOL SPECIAL PASTA LUNCH
Many thanks to all the families who supported our annual fundraiser, the Special Pasta Lunch. Many preschool families donated their time and culinary and organisational skills. It was very successful with over 100 orders. We are thrilled to have raised $505 for the preschool which now means our wish list is considerably shorter.

Jill Brooking
CARPARK
Concerns have been raised by many parents about safety in the staff carpark in the mornings and afternoons. We will be moving toward a model of closing the gates in the main driveway during drop off and pick up times to improve the conditions for student safety. Parking is available in the side streets adjoining the school and in the carpark next to StateSwim. Please be respectful of local businesses.

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

Saphira for encouraging a student with positive comments about their reading.
James for caring about the way the computer pod next to room 4 is left and asking others to respect the area.
Jai for joining in activities and being willing to have a go.
Chey for making a commitment to improve her reading skills and not giving up.
Chloe for persevering with the formation of letters.
Youniss for demonstrating great dispositions for learning that include persistence, collaboration and a growth mindset that allows him to embrace challenge.
Kody for showing great independence in managing his choice of learning activities in the morning.
Jetta-Lee for using diligence when problem solving in mathematics.
Liam for using resilience whilst working towards achieving his sight word goal.
Jesse for using diligence when applying reading and comprehension strategies.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
“Every day teachers come to school ready to tackle a job that is critically important, extraordinarily complex, often joyful and at times heartbreaking. In essence teachers help others become their best selves and I can think of no work more important” -Anne Duncan

Tuesday the 25th of October is World Teachers’ Day and while we hope our teachers at Reynella South School know how valued they are, we want to take this time to say thank you for all the hard work, dedication and passion they put into teaching, caring for and encouraging our children each day. We appreciate all that you do in our school and in the lives of the families at Reynella South School.

Crystal Dodson
Chairperson, Governing Council

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2017
During this term we will be making decisions about your child’s class placement for 2017. We will take into account:
- Your child’s learning needs
- Friendship groups
- Issues of personality and maturity
- Number of students in each Year Level

Throughout the year, teachers and parents have made many opportunities to maintain contact. If you have additional information you believe needs to be considered in regard to your child’s placement we would like to hear from you. To streamline parent input, we have developed a “Class Placement Sheet” which can be obtained from the front office.

This is due to the Principal no later than Friday, 4 November, 2016.
Information will only be considered if in writing on the sheet provided and received by the due date.
It is not appropriate to request specific class teachers, and combinations are determined by our staffing allocation.

Staffing for 2017, year level combinations and room allocations will be finalised before the end of the year and parents will receive notice of their child’s placement with their reports on Wednesday, 14 December, 2016.
HOT WEATHER POLICY
At Reynella South School our policy is when the estimated forecast is 36 degrees or over, students will have a shortened lunch break of 15 minutes from 1:00-1:15pm. At 1:15pm they return to their classroom under the supervision of teaching staff and participate in appropriate inside games and activities. Sunscreen is available to all students.

ASSEMBLY
This week’s Assembly is Friday, 21 October 9.10am
Hosted by Room 19

Students attending Reynella East College
And Mitcham Girls High School
For Year 8 2017
Transition Visits Wednesday, 9 November
Wirreanda High School is having an information night at 6.00pm

111 REASONS TO USE YOUR SCHOOL CROSSING.
Reason 1:
Nearly one in every eight road deaths in South Australia is a pedestrian. In addition to fatalities there are on average just under 100 pedestrians seriously injured as well as many more who receive minor injuries each year.

Reason 2: Your child will learn about pedestrian safety by watching you, so use safe behaviour around cars, roads, footpaths and car parks. Always stop, look, listen and think before crossing a road, and use pedestrian crossings wherever possible. Always cross at the safest point, even if you have to walk further out of your way and if you’re crossing at the lights, wait for the green man!

Reason 3: Queensland’s Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety recently conducted an Australia-wide survey of parents focused on keeping kids safe around roads and cars. They found until the age of NINE, children’s perceptual and cognitive abilities are not sufficiently developed to enable them to make sound judgements when they are crossing roads. Holding hands with your children is the best way to keep them safe around a school crossing.

Reason 4: The Australian Road Rules states that a pedestrian must not cross a road within 20 metres of a crossing (including a school crossing) except at that crossing.

And the other remaining 107 reasons? That’s the amount of the fine ($107) that can be issued by SA Police for failing to cross within 20 metres of the school crossing. So keep an eye out for any hazards and keep holding hands until you’re all safely in the school yard or in the car.

This article has been prepared by A/Sgt Nigel ALLEN of the Road Safety Section, South Australia Police. If parents have any questions about school crossings please contact the Road Safety Section on the telephone number 82076586.

STUDENT FREE DAY
MONDAY
31 OCTOBER, 2016
OSHC AVAILABLE
The Qkr App for ordering your child’s lunch is now available for parents to access. Term 4 will be a transition period with the goal of all Canteen orders to be done through Qkr in 2017. In the newsletter, Week 10, last term, was a letter, factsheet and website link explaining how it works and the benefits it creates. If you did not receive this information please see Anita Barnes.

We are looking for parents to volunteer picking up lunch orders from Reynella Primary School at 12.30pm on Mondays and Thursdays in Term 4. With outsourcing to Reynella Primary we rely on assistance from parents to keep canteen availability open for our children. A huge thanks to those parents who have volunteered their time this year. If you are able to assist please come and see Anita Barnes as soon as possible.

**Chalk and Parent Direct Catalogues**

Here’s an opportunity to start your Christmas shopping. If you wish to order anything from these catalogues please could you bring the ORDERS INTO THE FRONT OFFICE BY 31ST OCTOBER. NO CASH IS HANDLED AT SCHOOL. ORDERS ARE BY CHEQUE, MONEY ORDER OR CREDIT CARD. If you have any questions please come and ask Marcia or Anita in the Front Office.

**SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE**

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

A number of families have unpaid school fees.

**SCHOOL CARD**

If you haven’t completed a School Card Application form this needs to be done immediately.

**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 or WHITE**
  - $1.50 ea

**SCHOOL FEES DUE NOW:**

- **$229.00**
- **PRESCHOOL FEES DUE NOW:**
  - **$60.00**

Anita Barnes