Dear Families,

As we prepare for our end of year celebration tonight, I’d like to thank you for your support over the course of the year. It has been a year of many achievements and the community involvement has been pivotal to this. I do hope that you’ll join us for an informal picnic from 5pm tonight before our concert begins at 6pm to celebrate this success.

2017 STAFFING

This afternoon, students had the opportunity to visit their new learning space for 2017 to meet with their new classmates and teachers. Our staffing model has been designed to support strong relationships and maximise continuity for all students and staff, particularly by expanding the roles of our PE and Indonesian teachers to include the 4/5 and 3/4 classes respectively.

CLASSES

Preschool: Jill Brooking, Jasmyn Aitkin, Lucy Corbett
Year F/1: Marie Scott - room 4
Year F/1: Pam Mitchell - room 2
Year 1/2: Salli-Jane Campbell - room 5
Year 3/4: Kate Tretheway & Tracey Middleton – room 17
Year 4/5: Karyn Hancock & Freya Byrne - room 20
Year 6/7: Pauline Hoare - room 19

Specialist Subjects

Indonesian: Kate Tretheway
Performing Arts: Cheryl Clarke
PE: Freya Byrne

Leadership

Principal: Karen Knox

Deputy Principal: Jo Meredith
Counsellor: Tracey Middleton

2017 CURRICULUM

Science will be taught by classroom teachers to increase our focus in this curriculum area. The opportunities to connect the learning in science with other curriculum areas such as Mathematics and Technologies will be presented on a daily basis which means students are supported to engage more frequently in scientific thinking. The Australian Curriculum includes 5 subjects within The Arts Learning Area as you will have noticed in students’ reports. Three of these subjects will be provided within a Performing Arts framework by Ms Cheryl Clarke and we look forward to presenting our first Whole School Musical in 2017.

FAREWELLS

It is with sadness that we farewell Mark Hopkins, Martin Reiter and Kelly Bennett at the end of this week.

With a teaching career spanning some four decades, Mark Hopkins will retire from his permanent teaching position at the end of this year. Mark has left quite a legacy including the popular ‘pink ball’ game, numerous creative Book Week assemblies and the establishment of Student Wellbeing and KidsMatter Action teams. There are thousands of people who have been impacted by Mark’s generosity, dedication and commitment to students and their families and this is evident by the number of people from all generations who glow when they speak of Mark.
We look forward to more of Mark’s humour when he returns in 2017 as a relief teacher and community volunteer.

Martin Reiter has provided an engaging learning program for year 3/4 students in Room 2 this year and developed strong connections with staff, students and parents across the school. We thank Martin for his support with supervision of the after school sports program, his involvement in the KidsMatter action team and for sharing his guitarist talent which we will all enjoy at the Concert tonight!

Perpisahan dan terima kasih Bu Bennett! Kelly Bennett has whet our appetites for all things Indonesian over the past 2 years, including the organisation of a whole school Indonesian feast prepared by students an Indonesian dance workshop for P-7 students. Kelly has been an active member of our Student Wellbeing team, and has also supported Student Voice for learning with a focus this year on developing feedback systems for students and teachers.

**ASSEMBLY**

Our final assembly will be held tomorrow at 1:40pm in the Hall. At this assembly our House Captains and Vice Captains will announce their counterparts for 2017 and present the RSPCA with a cheque for the money raised as our school charity.

Have a wonderful, safe holiday break with your families and I look forward to working in partnership with you again next year as we soar to new heights for Reynella South School’s 50th Anniversary.

---

**GOLD COIN DONATION**

Money raised donated to RSPCA

We will be presenting a cheque to a representative of the RSPCA at our final Assembly, 1.40pm Friday, 16 December, 2016

---

**FIRST DAY**

**TERM 1, 2017**

**MONDAY, 30 JANUARY**

---

**ASSEMBLY**

This week’s Assembly Friday, 16 December 1.40pm