

Diary Dates

05.02.18 Whole School Picnic
07.02.18 Assembly – 2.00pm
07.02.18 Acquaintance Night
07.02.18 Governing Council AGM
12.02.18 **STUDENT FREE DAY**
13.02.18 Free Pancake Breakfast

Notices Sent Home

29.01.18 Student Information Updates
29.01.18 Allergy Awareness Reminder
30.01.18 Year 7 Student Information Updates
30.01.18 Year 3-7 Camp 2018
30.01.18 Room 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to the new school year of 2018. We particularly welcome the 29 new families who have joined the Reynella South School community this year. We also welcome two new teachers to our school: Michelle Parslow teaching the Year 1/2 class in Room 3 and Dylan Phillips who will be teaching in Room 19. We know that you will all find the Reynella South School community a welcoming one.



This year our focus for learning is developing a culture of thinking in our classrooms. This will build on the learning that some staff participated in last year with the Critical and Creative Thinking project. This project is based on building the ability of our children and young people to develop as problem solvers, creative thinkers and solution finders. You will discover a bit more about this on our Acquaintance Night when you will be able to participate in a trail of discovery in using creative thinking skills. Please join us on Wednesday 8th February at 5pm to find out more.

Following our Acquaintance Night is our Annual General Meeting. This meeting will share our reflections and review of 2017 as well as looking forward to 2018 with the election of the Governing Council. If you are interested in nominating for Governing Council then please see

Marcia in the Front Office for more information or ask the current Governing Council members.

I look forward to catching up with you all over the next few weeks.

*Kind Regards,
Karen*

DECD VOLUNTEER POLICY

Reynella South School values parents, grandparents and community members who are prepared to volunteer as classroom helpers, on committees or as coaches in the After School Sport Programme.

Late last year DECD developed a new Volunteers Policy to support volunteer participation and aim to ensure their safety and the safety of children, young people, staff and others. DECD now requires a more thorough process to support this.

A Volunteer Information session and RAN training will be conducted on Tuesday 20 February from 1.30-3pm. At this meeting we will outline the new process as well as facilitate the Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN) training, which is a requirement of volunteers at DECD sites.

Application forms for being a volunteer at Reynella South School will be available from your child's teacher on Acquaintance Night or from Marcia in the Front Office. We hope to see as

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many volunteers as possible at the Volunteer Information session.

YEAR 3-7 CAMP 2018

Plans are already underway for this year's 3-7 school camp. The camp will be held at Arbury Park Outdoor School in Bridgewater 30 May to 1 June, Term 2 Week 5. The cost for the camp will be \$115.

To secure a place on this camp please pay the \$40 non-refundable deposit by week 3, Friday, 16 February.

2018 TERM DATES

Term 1 Monday, 29 January – 13 April

Term 2 Monday, 30 April – Friday 6 July

Term 3 Monday, 23 July – Friday, 28 September

Term 4 Monday, 15 October – Friday, 14 December

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

IGNITE PROGRAM FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS AT ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Parents of Year 7 students, are you interested in the IGNITE program?

Aberfoyle Park High School is the only DECD Special Interest School in the southern suburbs that offers an IGNITE program for Gifted and Talented students. This program provides interaction and academic challenge with like minded students in a safe, nurturing environment where they can achieve their personal best.

How do I know if my child is gifted?

Gifted children possess, to an outstanding degree, a demonstrated ability or potential in one or more of the following areas:

- General Intelligence
- Specific academic strengths
- Visual and performing arts
- Psychomotor ability
- Leadership
- Creative thinking
- Interpersonal and intrapersonal skills

Students currently in Year 7 are encouraged to apply for entry into the 2018 program. Selection is based on performance in the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) assessment, which will be conducted at Aberfoyle Park High School on:

**Saturday 25 February 2018
8.45am – 1.15pm**

Applications to sit the test can be accessed via our website: www.aphs.sa.edu.au.

Click on the "Ignite" tab at the top and then "Registrations for Ignite" to access the online registration form. Closing date for registration is Friday 17 February.

For further information email: ignite@aphs.sa.edu.au