



# NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 1 - 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

## Diary Dates

04.05.20	Governing Council Meeting 7pm
10.05.20	Mother's Day
27.05.20 – 03.06.20	Reconciliation Week
08.06.20	Public Holiday – Queens Birthday
22.06.20	Governing Council Meeting 7pm
03.07.20	Casual Clothes Day Early Dismissal 2.10pm

## Notices Sent Home (via email)

07.04.20	Blended Learning Information
09.04.20	Seesaw Program Information Rm1,2,3,4,5,17
09.04.20	Google Classroom Program Information Rm 16,20
09.04.20	Letter From The Minister
23.04.20	A Message From The Principal
27.04.20	A Message From The Principal

## #RSS LEARNING TOGETHER 2020

It has been a very exciting start to Term Two! Our Blended Learning model means that we have welcomed our children and young people into our classrooms whether they are learning from home or school. It was delightful to hear the recorded "Good Morning" messages from the children at home alongside those at school or the check-ins through Google Classrooms. The sharing of learning throughout that first day was outstanding. There was such pride by teachers as the plans they had worked on tirelessly were eagerly taken up by our children and young people within their virtual and real classrooms. The RSS children and young people have shown a real strength in dealing with this unprecedented situation. In these uncertain times it is great to know that our school can provide a place where there is comfort in routine, predictability and friends.

We look forward to sharing more learning with you as the term progresses.

Thank you for your support and belief that we do the best we can for the RSS school community.

*Kind Regards*  
*Karen*

## WELCOME TO TERM 2

While some of our students are working from home and some of our students are working at school we still welcome everyone back to the school term!

We are using Google Classroom, it was hard at the beginning but it became easier with practice. Some students find using Google Classroom easier than writing with a pen and paper. The best part is that we can connect with our friends in a different way!

It's good for the older students because it's like High School where you have a due date and you have to submit work. This will help everyone going to High School next year succeed.

We hope this year will be a different but, fun year even if we have some students working from home.

*By Charli, Asifa, Adelaide and Isabella*  
*House Leaders*



*A Nurturing Community of Active Learners*



## REPORTING SCHEDULE

Early this term the plan was to conduct Three Way Conferences (previously known as Parent Teacher Interviews) as part of our reporting schedule. Unfortunately due to the COVID situation we are unable to continue with this plan as we cannot conduct face to face conversations. If you have any concerns or would like to have a conversation with your child's teacher about their learning please feel free to contact them using the online platform, email or phone. RSS teachers are more than happy to chat to you about your child's learning at any time across the term.

## LEARNING AT HOME

Thank you to those families who have engaged with learning at home. Each day most parents/carers have ensured that their child/children have connected with their teacher using Seesaw or Google Classroom. This daily connection must occur as part of the attendance record process. Late last term those parents/carers who made the decision that learning was going to be conducted at home were required to complete a Department for Education permission slip. If you have not filled this in then please return it as soon as possible otherwise we will need to record the absence as Family not as Learning from Home. If the permission slip is not completed then it will be expected that children will be learning at school. Learning from home cannot be a daily choice.

When choosing Learning from Home it is important that you oversee the learning planned by the teacher and contact the class teacher if there are any difficulties. Learning from Home is expected to be five days unless negotiated with the school. If anything changes with this arrangement then the school must be notified 24 hours before within the school week or before the start of the next week.

It is a DfE requirement for the school to contact the parent/carer if any child or young person does not check-in through the online platform, email or phone if they are learning from home. Communication is vital during this time of Blended Learning. Please support us to follow the requirements of the Department for Education. If in any doubt please contact your child's teacher or the school.

*Thankyou  
Kind Regards  
Karen*

## CANTEEN

We have been advised that at this stage the Canteen will re-open in Week 3 of this Term. We will continue the lunch order service on a Wednesday and Thursday each week with orders and payments being made through the QQR app.

## SCHOOL CARD

If you have outstanding school fees and think that you might be eligible to qualify for School Card, please complete the forms online following the steps below. If you require any assistance please contact Anita in the Finance Office.

*Thank you  
Anita*



### All types of School Card applications **are now online.**

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](https://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.  
*Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.*
- STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.  
*Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.*

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



[sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](https://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)



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Department for Education

## FACEBOOK FAMILIES GROUP

We have a new Families Facebook Group called "2020 Reynella South School Families" which is a closed group only for current families. We have created this group for the purpose of keeping us connected and to support home learning. This forum will allow us to provide families with interactive school based 'tips and tricks' as well as providing access to extra learning from Term 2. If you would like to join, please search the page name and send through a request to join.

## SOCCKER 2020

Unfortunately due to the current restrictions in place in response to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Noarlunga District Junior Soccer Association (NDJSA) has decided to cancel the 2020 soccer competition. As the Reynella South School community soccer teams play within the NDJSA competition, this means that there will be no community soccer competition this year. We know that the students of RSS really enjoy soccer and so we will be looking for opportunities to keep their enthusiasm for the sport going this year.

Thanks

Tracey

(On behalf of the Sports Committee)

## SCHOOL BANKING

### Message from Commonwealth Bank



The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

- [Start Smart](#): these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.
- [The Beanstalk](#): offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

Regards,

Veronica

Head of School Banking

Retail Banking Services

## SECONDARY SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN NIGHT

Wirreanda Secondary School has launched a [Virtual Open Night](#). It can be found on Wirreanda Secondary School's website. This is a great resource for families that are looking to transition their young people to Wirreanda SS. The tour includes hearing from key people within the school community including the *Principal* Caroline Fishpool and the *Senior Leader for Middle School* - Katrina Axford around Transition. It's a great way to connect with them in this unpredictable time.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AVAILABLE

### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

<b>Beyond Blue</b> ☎ 1300 224 636 🌐 <a href="http://beyondblue.org.au">beyondblue.org.au</a>	<b>Lifeline Australia</b> ☎ 13 11 14 🌐 <a href="http://lifeline.org.au">lifeline.org.au</a>
<b>Regional Access Program</b> (country areas) ☎ 1300 032 186 🌐 <a href="http://saregionalaccess.org.au">saregionalaccess.org.au</a>	<b>Lived Experience Telephone Support Service (LETSS)</b> 5pm – 11:30pm daily (a peer mental health support line) ☎ 1800 013 755 🌐 <a href="http://letss.org.au">letss.org.au</a>
<b>Kids Helpline</b> (for people between 5-25 years of age) ☎ 1800 551 800	<b>headspace</b> (for people between 12-25 years of age) ☎ 1800 650 890

**Mental Health Triage Service (24/7)**  
For assistance with a mental health crisis or urgent mental health concern call **13 14 65**

**Is it an emergency?** If you or someone you know is at immediate risk of harm, call **triple zero (000)**

[sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019](http://sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019)

## FOODBANK VOLUNTEERS

Our local Member of Parliament Katrine Hildyard has informed us that Foodbank are looking for volunteers to help pack food parcels for those families in need due to COVID 19. If you have some free time and can help out with this great initiative please let Karen M in the Front Office know.

Thank you

Karen



# VAC CARE

