

# NEWSLETTER

## December 2017

Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College,

As this is the final newsletter for the year, I'd like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the teaching and support services staff and parents and volunteers who have contributed to the development of many new initiatives and successful outcomes for the 1840 children and students at the College this year. The Malbec re-development is in its final stages and will enable us to provide more connected learning opportunities for both secondary special classes and senior secondary cohort.

The outdoor learning and play environment and quality of our grounds and sports fields are really amazing. The master plan has been shaped up after wide consultation and provides us with clear vision and direction.

We have developed three new academies; a comprehensive intervention and support program and our work on developing whole school tracking and monitoring individual goal setting has been extensive. The three way process between students, teaching and support staff is also developing stronger partnerships.

I hope you have enjoyed keeping up with the multitude of highlights and achievements through our Facebook pages, newsletters and new In Focus editions designed to really put you in the picture about how our students are engaging

deeply in STEM, Environmental Sustainability and Digital Learning.

Finally we farewell Trish Vaughan who is retiring after many years of dedicated service to education. We also farewell Kelly Patch, who has won the Deputy Principal's position at Moana Primary School.

Other teachers who are leaving or who have completed their contracts are: Lauren Green, Caine Gillard, Luke McKay, Zac Marshall, Leanne Pace, Alex Moncrieff, Harrison Cumming, Aaron Watson, Marjolein Douglas-Broers, Tony Will, Emma Mundy, Christa Balfour, Tamara Tane, Georgia McKay, Rhian Harrison, Kimberley Kennedy, Cherie Davis, Jess McWhinney, Amy Hughes, Michael Minuzzo, Will Worthington, Angela Feddern, Narelle Salman.

We also wish to thank the many contract SSO's for their hard work and commitment to REC. We hope that many of these contracted teachers and SSO's will return again in 2018.

I look forward to working with you all again in 2018, and on behalf of the staff I wish all families a safe and happy holiday.

**Caroline Green**  
Principal



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# DIARY DATES

## December

Fri 15 Dec P-7 Assembly, 9.00 am  
 Fri 15 Dec Yr R-11 Reports Home  
 Fri 15 Dec End Term 4 (1pm dismissal)

## January

Mon 29 Jan Day 1, Term 1 (Years P-8 & 12 only)  
 Tues 31 Jan Day 1, Term 1 (Years 9 - 11)

## 2018 Uniform Shop Opening Times

The Uniform Shop will be open for all Uniform needs on the following days

Tuesday 23 January 12pm - 6pm  
 Wednesday 24 January 1pm - 4.30pm  
 Thursday 25 January 8am - 12pm

Uniforms are also able to be purchased directly from our supplier:

Marino Uniforms, 861 South Rd, Clarence Gardens SA 5039

Opening Hours 9am - 5pm (Closed 22 Dec to 6 January) - phone: 82933837

You can also use our online ordering system to organise delivery directly to your home address or to be collected from the college. Go to <http://reynellaec.sa.edu.au/uniform/> and follow the prompts to complete your order.

## 2018 Finance Opening Times

### Materials and Services - Fee paying week

The Finance Office will be open on the following days to accept payment for Materials and Services, and answer any queries related to School Card applications and payment plans.

Tuesday 23 January 12pm - 6pm  
 Wednesday 24 January 1pm - 4.30pm  
 Thursday 25 January 8am - 12pm

You can also pay online at any time by using BPoint. Scroll down the page to use the quick link available at <http://reynellaec.sa.edu.au/general/finance-office/>

For any queries related to the purchase of uniform, payment of fees or other financial transactions please contact the finance office on 83292303.



REYNELLA EAST COLLEGE

PRESCHOOL TO YEAR 12



*Wishing all our families a Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year*



## OHSW

As we move into the warmer weather, please remember that aerosol sprays can cause asthma attacks for some people. Students are not to use aerosol deodorants, antiperspirant, or body sprays at school. Roll-on, cream, or pump deodorants need to be used for personal hygiene while at school.

Thank you for your consideration of the health and safety of everyone at REC

### Work Health and Safety Committee

## Material and Services Poll

The recent polls conducted in accordance with the Education Act 1972 and the Materials and Services Charges Administrative Instructions and Guidelines closed on 17th November, 2017.

The polls received a majority support to legally recover an amount greater than the 'standard sum', being the 'prescribed sum' for the 2018 Materials & Services Charges.

The legally recoverable Materials and Service Charges for 2018 are:-

Reception & Year 1	\$450
Year 2 & 5	\$360
Year 3,4,6 & 7	\$480
Year 8, 9 & 10	\$650
Year 11 & 12	\$520

# COLLEGE NEWS



## QuickSmart

A group of primary students have been working hard all year on increasing their use of mathematical strategies and their automatic recall of basic number facts across all four operations, through the QuickSmart program. This involves 3 lessons a week with a partner, engaging in a range of focussed tasks, under the guidance of our fabulous SSO team. There has been huge improvement in speed, accuracy and problem solving skills by all. Congratulations to the students involved - you should be very proud of your achievements. And thank you to Gloria, Julie, Hazel and Rachel for your ongoing dedication to the program and the student's learning.

**Margo Leatch - Assistant Principal - Early Years**



## Preschool Concert

On Wednesday 6th December, the Preschool had their End of Year Concert and Graduation. Children from both the Platypus and Wombat Groups combined and proudly stood on the stage singing their favourite songs from the year, as well as some fun Christmas Carols.

We had a great attendance from families and everyone enjoyed a picnic on the oval before the concert. At the end, the children were presented with their portfolios and they all stood with such pride and achievement as everyone applauded and congratulated them.

The Preschool would like to thank all the parents and families that attended and we hope you all enjoyed the night. We have been so lucky to have such helpful, supportive and kind families this year and we are very grateful for everything that they have done for us.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

**Melissa Mckenzie - Preschool Teacher**



## Environmental News

A huge thank you goes to all families who have supported our 'Nude Food Monday' initiative. In addition to sending home all lunchbox waste on Wednesday and Friday this has contributed to a massive reduction in the amount of soft plastics in school bins each day. Earlier this term at least 9 bags of soft plastics were going home to our volunteer recycling families each week. We are now only sending 3 bags per week to volunteer families. As you can see from the photograph we are very pleased about this.

Parent feedback about our initiatives is always welcome. In response to recent parent feedback we have provided each class with a crate for students to store their nude food containers in during breaks.

If you have Facebook please consider going to the Coles page and nominating the College to receive a 'buddy bench'. Just let them know about any of our sustainable practices including:

- chooks to recycle food waste
- \$139 raised so far this year from our 10c recycling drums
- 'Nude Food Monday'
- our awesome Environmental Action Group
- soft plastic recycling
- tri coloured bins in units

## On-Line Safety

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has set a goal to empower all Australians to explore the online world safely. Check out the website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> where you can find information about the big issues facing youth online and how to deal with them. iParent recognises that the ever changing nature of the internet can pose challenges for parents and caregivers. It provides online safety resources targeted to the specific needs of parents and caregivers. There is also a quick guide to popular social media sites and apps.

Download the 'Parent's guide to Online Safety' at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/resource-centre/brochure-parents-guide-to-online-safety> or order by calling 1800 880 176 or email a request on [safety@nationalmailing.com.au](mailto:safety@nationalmailing.com.au)

Left are 8 tips to keep on top of children's on screen time.

**Kelly Patch - Assistant Principal - Teaching and learning**



## Peter Pan – Whole School Production

'Peter Pan' was our 2017 whole school production with 350 students participating from R-12. The story was brought to life at the Hopgood Theatre on November 14 and 15 with dance, music, singing and fairy dust. The year 9/10 specialist class played many of the main roles including Zephe R as a spritely Peter Pan, Brianna N as a steadfast Wendy and a foreboding Hook played by Andy R. Chloe P and Zoe E were also standout performers as the brothers John and Michael. Hannah E played the role of a sassy Tinkerbell and Jacob O brought the lovable Smee to life with dim witted delight.

The enchanting dance numbers were exquisitely performed by the specialist dance class as the choir sang an emotional rendition of 'Lost Boy' led beautifully by soloist Matthew S. The band appeared frequently aboard the pirate ship accompanying the battles between pirates and Tiger Lily, played with resolute gusto by Katlyn W. The high school ensemble of actors played the lost children and pirates with fearsome vocal war cries and playful moments of comedy.

Our primary ensemble of performers, led by Mr Andrew Rusk, included fairies, Mer people, lost children and pirates. Mr Rusk worked tirelessly to bring together the primary performers with excellence on stage. The goodwill of many teachers and support staff backstage allowed the supervision and support of our 350 students in the show and their support with rehearsals throughout the semester was invaluable. The primary school scenes were interwoven with the high school performers led by Mr Jayson Smart, Ms Katrina Rycroft, Ms Tessa Rice and Mr Eden Trebilco. It is always a delight to see the primary and high school students working together with leaders in our secondary dance and drama guiding our emerging young performing artists. Most memorable were the illuminated big fairy dancers who guided our reception and year 1 fairies and fireflies in their magical dance and song.

Our promotional poster was designed by Lindsey Bianco and this was displayed with other strikingly crafted student posters and costume designs in the theatre foyer over the two performance nights. Mr Justin Schultz worked on perfecting our set designs, along with Ms Anne Wilson so that a children's bedroom transformed seamlessly into a forest and then into a pirate ship using drama blocks, cardboard facades and a little bit of magic. Thank you to Mr Grant Schofield who captured the magic with his fabulous photos taken during the performances.

Thank you to everyone involved, and for bringing the vision of 'Peter Pan' to life.

**Julie D'Lima - Arts Coordinator**



## Australian School-based Apprenticeships

### VET Construction 2017

This year has been an incredibly busy and exciting year for our VET Construction students. With the course expanding to cater for two groups, we had our largest enrolment to date, comprising of 28 students from Reynella East College and Hallett Cove R-12 school. Throughout the year the students have been immersed in a wide variety of construction projects such as first fix framing, bricklaying, concreting, second fix fit-out and learning how to erect and dismantle scaffolding. The student feedback we've received has told us that their favourite project during the course was building the full scale first fix frame of a room and building roof trusses. For 2018 we will be expanding upon this popular project, looking to incorporate elements of fitting plasterboard, flushing, cornicing, tiling and painting.

With such a large group meeting all of the requirements of their training in 2017, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all of the students who completed their VET Construction qualification this year. Throughout the year we have seen 5 students move on to an apprenticeship, with a further two potential apprenticeships in the pipeline for 2018. We have also had three students successfully transition to full time employment and another eight students have chosen to enrol in the Certificate III Doorways to Construction Plus course. As the year comes to an end, I would like to encourage any of our students who are considering a career in Construction to take the opportunity to speak to either myself or Mrs Cathro if you would like any further information on the courses that we offer in years 10 and 11.

**Cameron Hunter - Doorways to Construction Trainer**  
**Alanah Cathro - Assistant Principal - Personalised Learning**



## Share The Dignity our Community

In the last 2 weeks of November, the Year 11 'She Leads' team sought donations of sanitary items and personal hygiene products to support the charity Share the Dignity; a charity which supports homeless women, teenagers and children.

Products included:

Soap, pads and tampons, deodorants, toothpaste and toothbrush, hand sanitiser, baby wipes or hygiene/make up wipes, make up, chapstick/lip balm, tissues, shampoo and conditioner, hair ties.

In conjunction with this, donations were sought from staff to support the 'Its in the Bag' initiative run by Share the Dignity, designed to give a better life this Christmas to women and teenagers who experience homelessness or poverty as a result of domestic violence. This initiative asked for donations of a nice handbag that was no longer in use and fill it with personal products and an inspiring note or Christmas wish to show that someone cares, as everyone deserves to feel special.

The response for both drives was overwhelming. When launched the students and staff could not have imagined the support and love that is in the community for these women. The collection wrapped up Friday 1st December and two of the She Leads ambassadors, Renee Anderson and Ella Uhl, took the donations to local MP Nat Cook's office as a collection point. Hopefully as a College community we can continue to support other worthy causes in such a generous way.

**Karen Pearce, Alanah Cathro & Trish Margonis**

## Canteen News

I was fortunate to be given the opportunity to nominate Canteen volunteers for a Southern Suburbs Volunteer Service Award. This initiative was brought about by Amanda Rishworth to recognise the contributions volunteers offer in our community.

Congratulations go to Mrs Ros Adams, Mrs Beth Belling and Mrs Kaye Todoric who all received these awards for their service to Reynella East College Canteen. They have each volunteered at this school for over 30 years! If you are an old scholar of Reynella East, you would probably remember these ladies and they are still here today serving YOUR children! All nominees attended a special ceremony at Hallett Cove Civic Centre on November 20th that concluded in a lovely afternoon tea.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank ALL of my volunteers; Ros, Beth, Belinda, Fiona, Debbie, Wayne, Kathy, Kaye, David, Sarka and Lyn who have worked enormously hard this year and keep turning up day in and day out. We couldn't do it without them! Thanks also to my staff team; Joyce, Donna and Lyn who all stand beside me and support me in the day to day challenges and go above and beyond to help make sure we offer a fantastic Canteen service.

If you would like to volunteer in our Canteen in 2018 we would love to meet you. Please ring the Canteen directly on 83817991 or email [Kirsty.Monssen906@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Kirsty.Monssen906@schools.sa.edu.au).

**Kirsty Monssen - Canteen Manager**



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Ushiku Junior High School Study Tour

Earlier this term, we welcomed a group of students from Toyo University Ushiku Junior High School for a two-week study tour. While here, the students stayed with local families and were immersed in Australian culture, visiting The Gorge Wildlife Park, working with Year 9 Japanese classes and trying their hand at some Aussie Rules. They were also lucky enough to be here for our Japanese Day festivities, leading the 'rajio taiso' exercise at the assembly.

## Ritsumeikan Study Tour

In late November, we hosted our annual study tour group from Ritsumeikan Junior High School, Kyoto, Japan. Ritsumeikan send their entire Year 9 cohort to Adelaide each year, with this being the 12th year Reynella East College has been involved. In addition to the study tour program, the group also spent time with primary classes, sharing Japanese culture and language with the students.

## International Camp

As part of their end-of-year program, our Mishima students (as well as some other international students) took part in an aquatics camp on the Fleurieu Peninsula. The group camped at Normanville and tried various aquatics activities, including surfing, fishing and snorkelling. It was a great way to end the year and we wish the Mishima students all the best on their return to Japan.

## International Student Farewells

The end of the year brought about the end of their time at Reynella East for several of our international students. After completing a one-year study abroad program, Yuzuki, Noa, Sena and Tomozo return to Mishima, Japan, to complete their secondary schooling, while Yosuke will return to Tokyo. Congratulations also to our graduating Year 12 international students, Celine and Hung.

**Andrew Smith - Languages/EALD/International Coordinator**

# VET NEWS

## 2017 Vocational Education & Training completers

### CERTIFICATE III in Early Childhood Education & Care

Lucy Bate, Kayleigh C, Aimee D, Tanish D, Monna E, Hannah M, Brodie E, Tiegan G

### Certificate III in Fitness

Brodie E, Tiegan G

### CERTIFICATE II/ III in Information, Digital Media & IT

Ben Delgarno, Joshua M

### CERTIFICATE III in Rural Operations (Animal Care & Husbandry)

Georgia C, Skye V, Jena W, Kim W

### CERTIFICATE III in Sport & Recreation

Joel B, Tate C, Tyler D

### CERTIFICATE III in Business Administration

Lindsey B

### CERTIFICATE III in Christian Ministry

Layla J

### CERTIFICATE III in Community Services

Mia G

### CERTIFICATE III in Retail Operations

Niloufar A, Jacob L

Megan H, Ryan P, Stacy V, Alyssa M

### CERTIFICATE III in Retail Services

Hannah U, Effie K, Samantha P, Emma G, Jasmine R, Jodie L.

### CERTIFICATE II in Sport & Recreation

Thomas M

### CERTIFICATE II Automotive Vocational Preparation

Rhys, B, Cory B, Alex B, Hudson G, Ethan H, Aaron L, Peter L, Jason S

### CERTIFICATE II in Salon Assistance (Hairdressing)

Mason G, Amelia L, Madeleine P, Taylor W

### CERTIFICATE II in Hospitality

Aaron H, Bailey W, Jamie P, Cale P, Montanna H, Jessie H

### CERTIFICATE II in Kitchen Operations

Jade W

### CERTIFICATE II in Cert II Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)

Hannah G

### CERTIFICATE II in Retail Services

Nicholas K, Mitchell K, Joel

### Certificate I in Construction

B, Ty B, Luke C, Travis C, Jake G, Lochlan H, Jacob L, Peter L, Bailey M, Brodie M, Jayden M, Mitchell S, Joshua S, Cameron B, Kallum B, Dale B, Lateesha C, Anthony C, Yvette D, Scott LS, Francesco M, Josh P, Coby S.

### ON-going School-Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships

Ben R, Daniel M, Liam G, Zac G, Lachlan F, Kyle D, Adelaide J, Ella U, Megan B, Maddison B, Cale P, Billy T, Taylor W, Aaron L, Alex B



# SPORTS NEWS



**Congratulations** to Jamie Phelan winning a team silver medal in the Asian school Championship Tenpin bowling and overall was ranked 14 individually.

## 2017 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup

This year saw 9 teams entered for the week long tournament. The EASTS squad travelled over to Melbourne early on Sunday the 3rd of December with 88 Students, 10 Staff and 14 Volunteers. A big thank you to students, staff, volunteers and parents who helped to make 2017 such a successful trip.

Results

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Year 12/11 Boys - Gold    | Year 12/11 Girls - Fourth |
| Year 11/10 Girls - Bronze | Year 10 Boys - Gold       |
| Year 10/9 Girls - Ninth   | Year 9 Boys - Gold        |
| Year 9 Girls - Sixth      | Year 8 Boys - Ninth       |
| Year 8 Girls - Tenth      |                           |

**Alex Moncrieff - PE Teacher**



# SPORTS NEWS

## SECONDARY SPORT

**Golf** - The Zone Golf Carnival was held at The Vines Golf Club. The students were coached by Steve the Golf Pro in putting, pitching and went on the driving range, followed by some holes on the course. A perfectly sunny day and the Vines was looking magnificent.



## REC Wins Principals Cup

REC has won this cup for the 6th year in a row. The cup is awarded to the school in the Southern Vales and Fleurieu zone that have participated and achieved the best results in Sport this year. This is a massive achievement and reward for all the students and staff who have been involved in Sport this year.

**Jo Draper- PE Teacher**



## PRIMARY SPORT

**Cricket** - On Friday 17 November 31 students from our 6/7 cohort took part in the Beach Volleyball Carnival held at Glenelg. The wet, windy and cold weather did not deter our students from giving it their all, with all six teams putting in a strong performance, displaying respect, fairness and determination. All teams got some wins on the board, with our Boys Division 1 team making it through to the final! Unfortunately they lost a close game and took home the silver medal. Well done to all students for their commitment to training and exceptional behaviour on the day.

**Aaron Roche - H & PE Specialist Teacher**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Summer Kite Fun

Come along and enjoy the summer weather with us as we hold our "Summer Kite Fun" session. We'll supply all the parts you'll need to create your kite. The kite skins can be easily decorated with textas and stickers, and then tested out in our kindy yard. These colourful creations will be great to take with you the next time you go to the park!

When - Wednesday 17th January 2018, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

For - children 2 years and up Limited places available, so book in quickly. (younger siblings welcome, but will not have a kite to decorate)

## Holiday Playtime

Indoor and outdoor spaces will be available for free-play (weather permitting). Staff will be available for support if needed. Otherwise, just come along, meet some other families, and have some fun.

When - Tuesday 23rd January 2018, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

For - children 0-8 years (older siblings welcome)

**To register, please call Sara on 8381 8005, or email [sara.burgess2@sa.gov.au](mailto:sara.burgess2@sa.gov.au)**

## Other Community News

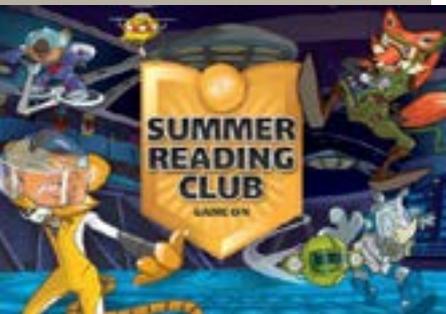
Due to limited publishing space we have not been able to meet the demand to share general community news in this edition. The articles can be found on our website: [www.reynellaec.sa.edu.au/news/community](http://www.reynellaec.sa.edu.au/news/community)

## Onkaparinga Libraries Summer School Holiday Activities

The Summer Reading Club commences in December with an exciting range of activities on offer for primary school aged children at all of our libraries in Onkaparinga.

To join the club children need to be a member of a library in South Australia and register for SRC at one of our libraries. These are Aldinga, Wilunga, Seaford, Noarlunga, Woodcroft or Aberfoyle Park.

**For more information contact [www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries)**



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