Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College

Packed to the Rafters!

We started the school year very smoothly with our highest enrolment ever of 1817 students.

The Year 10 and 11 cohorts are bigger than usual, so we expect to return to around 1700 once they pass through.

Middle School Implementation

Over the holiday break, preliminary work was undertaken so that Year 8 and 9 students could easily identify the four new Middle School Learning Communities when they returned to school on the first day. The entrance to each area has been painted and signed and shared learning areas have been allocated some furniture for group work. Six Year 6/7 middle school classes have been relocated to open plan units with easier access to learning areas. Building renovations to Malbeck learning Communities will commence in the April holidays. Mixed ability groupings are now in operation from Reception to Year 9.

Responsible Behaviour Policy

A new R-12 Responsible Behaviour Policy is being trialed in Term 1 and is appreciative of the range of proactive programs and strategies currently in place. It also outlines the focus on restorative practice that supports students to fix up problems and repair relationships.

A buddy structure has been established across the College to support management of minor behaviour issues and time has been allocated to our new Learning Community managers in Year 8 and 9 to support teachers and students. There has been a significant reduction of movement of secondary students and teams are working on developing connectedness with students in their teams.

Acquaintance Night(s)

This year we trialed a program for R-9 that combined tailored general information meetings with an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet and greet teachers. The schedule was developed to allow families with children in multiple year levels the opportunity to attend all meetings. We also started later to cater for more working families. Year 10-12 Acquaintance Night was held a week later with a similar structure. We are interested in your feedback and an online survey will be sent out soon.

Year 8 Laptop rollout

The laptop rollout was extremely well planned and orchestrated and almost all Year 8’s are in receipt of their computers. Special thanks to the IT team Chris Poore, Dylan Sainsbury, Michael Pitkin, Sally Smith, Deputy Principal - Clayton Disley, Assistant Principal - Sue Richards and Year 8 Home Group teachers who worked late over many nights to ensure our students and parents were provided with quality support. Our families were very supportive of the process also.

Special thanks and congratulations to the organising committee and the very long list of staff and parents who assisted with the program.

Caroline Green
Principal
# Diary Dates

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**PUBLIC HOLIDAY & STUDENT FREE DATES:**

- **14 March**: Public Holiday

**Sports Day Carnivale**

- **is Friday 11th March**
- **HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

**Sports Day Carnivale - Tickets no CASH**

In response to student feedback $1 tickets will be used at point of sales instead of CASH on all the stalls and activities this year.

**Pre Purchase:**

Tickets can be purchased from the finance office from Friday 4th March.

**On the Day:**

Tickets will be available throughout the day from 8.30am at the Ticket Booth situated in the REC Student Services tent.

Unused tickets may be reimbursed for cash from the ticket office or from the finance office after the day.
**Carnivàle**

Friday 11th March

**Fundraising Stalls $$$**

* BBQ  * Burgers
* Coffee/Cake
* Sweet Treats
* Fruit Salad
* Baked Potatoes
* Bacon & Eggs
* Cold Drinks
* Bungee Run $2
* Velcro Wall $2
* Bouncey Castle $2
* Face Paint/ Crazy Hair $2
* DJ and Dancing

**Important Notes:**

- **Front Office & Finance will be CLOSED**
  Student Services will be relocated to the ‘Service Tent’ on the oval. Skeleton staff will run the Front Office. Finance office will be closed.

- **Photography**
  In the interest of safety, child protection and privacy, students and parents are welcome to take photos of their own children, but are requested not to upload ANY photographs of other children onto social media. (See FAQs below)

- **Weather**
  The event will be postponed if the weather is forecast at 34 degrees or over.
  Determination will be made according to 7am forecast on:

- **Sun Protection**
  All students are required to wear a hat and sleeved tops (no singlets allowed).
  Students are asked to fully apply 4hr+ sunscreen at home before coming to school. Re-application will be available from the Student Service Tent. (see FAQs below)

- **FAQ’S**
  Further details are available at Frequently Asked Questions on our website:
  W:reynellaec.sa.edu.au/general/faqs

**Donations Needed**

We are seeking donations for our cake stall
Please see Jan in Front Office

**COUPONS instead of CASH**

Stalls will be accepting Coupons instead of Cash on the day.

Coupons will be available from Finance during the week leading to Sports Day
Welcome **Alan Peat**  
**School Counsellor - Years 8 and 9**

Thanks to the Reynella East community for being so welcoming as a new Counsellor/Teacher in 2016. As a Counsellor/Teacher I have worked in a number of schools over the past 13 years. I have been counselling for 5-6 of these years and have a real passion for working to support families and students in the school community. My role at REC involves a range of activities, including counselling/coaching for students, staff and parents.

I manage the ‘In School Psychology’ program at Reynella East College, as well as managing Middle School enrolments and timetabling around Middle School Students. I also currently teach in the area of Technical Studies and have a middle schooling background.

We are currently establishing a Student Voice/Student Action Group which will involve various focus groups within the middle school to enable students to play a greater role in their learning and the community. As these plans begin to develop I’m sure you will hear much more about what students are up to.

**Alan Peat - School Counsellor - Years 8 & 9**

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**In School Psychology**

This year, Reynella East College is continuing a partnership with In-School Psychology – Child & Adolescent Services. This service will provide up to 10 free psychological sessions each year to nominated students with specific needs. These sessions will be on location at Reynella East College.

The psychologists at In-School Psychology are experts in child and adolescent psychology and are professionals dedicated to providing outstanding and comprehensive services to assist children, adolescents, their families and their school. If you or the staff at the school feel your child would benefit from this service the following steps need to be completed:

1. Complete the GP information form provided to you by the school.
2. Take the letter along with your son/daughter to your local GP and request a referral under the Mental Health Plan. When making your GP appointment let them know it is for a referral to a psychologist, as this requires a longer appointment time.
3. Complete the consent form and return it to the Student Counsellor at Reynella East College with the GP referral. The school will then forward the forms to In School Psychology.
4. Once the Psychologist has received the forms they will contact you and let you know when they will commence working with your son/daughter.

Reynella East College is looking forward to building the relationship with In-School Psychology and ultimately supporting the wellbeing of our students and families. Overall this service aims to work in conjunction with families and students and being proactive in relation to our school communities mental health awareness. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the student counsellors Alan Peat and Karen Pearce.

**Alan Peat - Middle Years Counsellor**
Welcome Kelly Patch
School Counsellor - Years R - 7

Hi, my name is Kelly Patch and I am excited and delighted to be the new Primary School Counsellor at Reynella East College. I arrived in Australia from England nearly ten years ago and during that time have worked with students in a number of primary and high schools in the Southern Adelaide area.

There are two aspects to my role here, one as a teacher which equates to about two days of the week and one as Counsellor. My role as Counsellor is to provide help and support to students, their families and staff here at the College. I aim to support student learning and wellbeing through assisting students and their families to manage things which are happening in their life and develop skills and confidence to do so independently in the future. I can support students to manage their relationships with peers and teachers, assist in keeping them on track with their learning and build problem solving and coping strategies and skills.

A major focus within my role is to strengthen relationships between our families and the College. Research shows that when families and schools work together, children do better and stay in school longer. Attendance and punctuality are linked closely to positive outcomes at school and I can work with families to improve both.

I welcome any parents/caregivers to have a chat or make an appointment to see me at any time and I look forward to working with families, students and staff here at the College this year.

Welcome New Staff for 2016

This year we welcome a number of new staff to REC:

**Year P-7**: Kimberley White (Yrs 6/7), Kristy Bickle (Yrs 4/5), Emma Adams (Yrs R/1), Sam McIlver (Preschool), Lauren Tye (Special Ed) Maria White (Teacher).

**Years 8-12**: Dan Feely, Amra Causevic, Nicholas Cole, Natalie Pearson, Kirsty Ramsay, Tamara Tane, Robyn Trebilcock, Trish Kilpatrick, Dallas Parker, Christa Balfour, Alex Moncrieff.

**Leadership**: Margo Leach (Assistant Principal - Learning Improvement R-7), Kelly Patch (School Counsellor R-7), Alan Peat (School Counsellor 8 & 9), Isabella Zoanetti (Assistant Principal - Intervention and Support R-12)

**Support Staff**: Michael Long


Welcome REC Governing Council 2016

Barry Temme (Chairperson), Anton Van Rensburg (Deputy Chairperson), Bernadette Parkhurst (Secretary), Kim Delvaux (Treasurer), Vicki Kelly, Toni Jacques, Belinda Skilling, Jane C, Amy Selway and Rachel Brougham. Staff representatives are still being finalised.
STEM  
(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

This year we have introduced a brand new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) class in Year 9 and I am pleased to report that they are off to a flying start.

In the first 3 weeks of term, students have been focusing on Team Work and Communication whilst developing their Critical and Creative Thinking Skills, so that they are well prepared for the coming tasks. Already students have been required to work outside of their comfort zones and develop strategies to improve their confidence when facing the new and unknown.

Over the coming weeks is when the fun begins and students will be facing some exciting design challenges which require them to work in teams, applying their Science, Maths and Technology skills and knowledge to Engineer design solutions in a range of given problems.

Students are already showing that they are developing perseverance and an ability to form and work in supportive teams; so it will be great to see how they take to these challenges.

The outcome that we are working towards is that all STEM participants will be successful, confident and creative STEM learners as well as active and informed citizens.

Next term we are excited to be working with Redarc in Lonsdale on some real industry problems. I look forward to sharing their work with you.

Library News

We have been a hub of activity as; issuing text books to our secondary students and primary classes have been keenly borrowing (8,000 books) in the first 3 weeks!

Student ID Cards : All secondary students should have now received their 2016 Student ID Card. It is important that they carry this card with them every day so that they can use it to borrow from the Library, put credit on their printing and photocopying account and also to use the new Late Sign In and Early Sign Out system through SEQTA.

We began the year in our Primary Library with an underwater theme. Our story nook has been transformed into an underwater world and the children have enjoyed some wonderful stories on the iPad and the big screen - and of course ‘One Fish Two Fish’ by Dr Seuss and ‘Goodnight Rainbow Fish’ by Marcus Pfister have been favourites!

With the release of the new ‘Star Wars’ movie our themed display was a crowd pleaser and quite a few students tried their hand at the ‘Star Wars Jigsaw Puzzle’ until it was finally completed! We will have ongoing jigsaw puzzles in the Library as they are a great way to occupy time during the lunch break.

Parent Library Borrowing : We invite parents to join our Library and access the great range of adult novels, non-fiction and parenting books. You can visit our Library before and after school. Just drop in and see us to sign up.

Gayle Sutter - Library Manager
Music News

Music is off to a good start this year with Instrumental Music lessons now underway across the College, from Year 5-12.

Instrumental Music Staff this year are as follows:
- Guitar - Kent Taylor (Monday)
- Piano - Kathy Bickley (Monday)
- Brass - Peter Doherty (Monday)
- Woodwind - Sonia Radford, Catherine Davey, Sarah Butler (Wednesday)
- Percussion - David Hopgood (Thursday)
- Voice - Sarah-Jane Smith (Thursday)

All ensembles have begun rehearsing and, this year include:
- Concert Band - Tuesday 8.00 - 9.00am
- Middle School Choir - Thursday lunchtime
- Senior Vocal Ensemble - Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes
- Percussion Ensemble - Thursday lunchtime
- Primary Hub Band - Wednesday TBA
- Primary Choir - Friday 12:15 in the high school music studio (vacancies in Years 5-7)

We have many musical performances planned for this year, including our annual College Music Night, Music Tour, Festival of Music, and the Multi-Arts Production of “Alice”. We look forward to seeing parents, staff and the community at our performances this year.

Katrina Ryecroft - Music Teacher

Spotlight on Performing Arts

‘Reconnect’ Fringe Shows are being presented by our Year 11 and 12s on Monday March 7th and 8th at 7pm in our Theatre Space at REC. Students are performing ‘Rhinoceros’ and ‘Oedipus the King’ (2 shows for the price of one). Tickets are $10 and available at FringeTix outlets and online and also at the theatre door. The shows are rated PG and explore the theme of identity.

‘Alice in Wonderland’ is our quirky Whole School Production for 2016. Students are invited to be a part of this musical show where Alice has to find her way home back through the looking glass. Auditions will be held soon for primary and secondary character roles and the strange inhabitants of Wonderland will be populated by all interested year level performers from preschool to Year 12. ‘Alice in Wonderland’ will be performed at the Hopgood Theatre on Friday August 5th (Term 3, week 2) at 12:30pm and 7pm. More information coming soon!

Julie D’Lima - Arts Coordinator
Middle School Re-structure 2016

Year 8 and 9 students have settled well into our re-organised Middle School Learning Communities. The four Communities have been named and themed alongside our Sports Day House colours; Florey (Blue), Bates (Green), Spence (Yellow) and Mawson (Red).

Students were welcomed to 2016 by a splash of colour on their Learning Community buildings to establish a ‘sense of place’ as step 1 of the building refurbishments which are due to commence late term 1.

A strong sense of belonging is already obvious amongst the staff and students and we plan to further fine-tune teacher placement to maximise student/teacher relationship opportunities.

We look forward to having the refurbished Learning Communities on display to families a little later in the year.

Sue Richards - Assistant Principal : Years 8 & 9

PLP Guest Speaker : NATHAN HULLS

To kick off students’ learning in their subject ‘Personal Learning Plan’ (PLP) we were fortunate to secure a presentation from one of Australia’s leading motivational speakers; Nathan Hulls.

Nathan works with young people all across Australia to communicate the positive message that ‘Decisions equal Destiny’. Within our PLP course students will be exploring a range of modules under the theme of: ‘Decide your own Destiny’.

Nathan discussed the fact that ‘stuff happens’ in all our lives but it’s how you deal with that stuff that matters. He also reminded students that their futures are not determined by their past. He challenged all students to consider their personal gifts/talents and encouraged everyone to “make the rest of your life, the best of your life”.

Nathan posts some great articles on-line for students and adults alike at: www.nathanhulls.com and on twitter @nathanhulls and FB www.facebook.com/

Aboriginal Sports Training Academy

Bodie Sowter (Yr 12) and Travis Clark (Yr 10) have been attending the SAASTA (South Australia Aboriginal Sports Trainee Academy) program at Christies Beach High School.

The boys are really enjoying the course which includes sport based theory and practical components, mainly focussing on Australian rules Football.

For completing the course which runs every Wednesday all year, they will receive SACE points along with a Certificate 3 in Sport and Recreation.

We are also proud to announce that Bodie has been chosen as the captain of the SAASTA program this year.

Tom Leverenz - Aboriginal Education Leader
An exciting start!

The start of the year has been a busy one for the International Program. The 2016 Mishima class has started their Intensive English programme, accompanied by students from Thailand and Vietnam. New students have also started from Germany, Austria, China and Japan. We also hosted a Study Tour from Korea, with students mostly in Year 6/7 classes.

Also in Year 6/7 classes were a group of student teachers from Cheongju National University of Education in Korea. They worked with the class teachers to help with start-of-year activities, while learning about the art of teaching from our Year 6/7 team. They found it an invaluable experience and were grateful to the teachers for having them in their classes.

We have also hosted visits from teachers, agents and leadership from schools and agencies in Germany, Thailand, Korea and Japan, all of whom have been impressed by the breadth of curriculum offered, manicured grounds and friendly students.

In Week 5 we welcome our first ever Study Tour from Reunion Island, which will give students of French an opportunity to immerse themselves in the language. In Week 6 we will host a group of boys from Nihon Gakuen school in Japan, while in Week 7 we welcome our exchange students from Lindau in Germany.

We are working hard on our International Program, while simultaneously increasing the opportunity and accessibility for REC students to participate in international trips of their own.

As always, we are looking to add to our homestay network, so if you would like more information about hosting an international student, you can contact:

Carole.Edgeworth638@schools.sa.edu.au.
Australian Volleyball Schools Cup

Under 16 Girls bring home SILVER!

In December last year 57 students, 7 staff and 7 volunteers travelled to Victoria to contest the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup. This tournament is the largest annual secondary school sporting carnival held in Australia. Over 500 Teams from 126 Schools across Australia and New Zealand participated in 2015 (over 4800 Students). Reynella East College placed 35th of 126 schools and 9th from all the South Australian schools. The Under 16 Girls managed to win the school’s first medal finishing second in their division. It was great to see the girls representing the school with pride and their peers cheering them on in a crucial semi-final and the grand final. Thanks to all the students who attended the trip. Your dedication and enthusiasm ensured that everyone on the trip had a great time. Thanks also to the volunteers and staff who gave up their time in the lead up and during the trip. Bring on the 2016 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup!

Alex Moncrieff : Coach/Trip Coordinator

2016 Australian Schools Cup Trials

We are looking for students who are interested in representing Reynella East College at the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup in Melbourne. We are running trials in Week 5, 6 & 7 for all students who wish to be part of the program. In order to trial you will need to take home and return a permission slip. Please collect an information sheet from the PE office before trials. All trials will take place in the Fraser Gym after school.

Squads will be announced in Week 8 and trainings will begin in Week 9. Training times will change once squads have been announced and these will be either 7.00am—8.30am weekdays or 3.00pm—4.30pm weekdays.

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2016 Volleyball Squad – Training Schedule
Primary Sport

David Kempe, Director of Women’s Cricket at Southern District Cricket Club, congratulates one of our school’s Year 8 cricket players who has achieved a unique distinction.

Erin Temme became the first REC coach in our Reynella Oval Coaching Clinic to be part of the program and now takes on coaching responsibilities. Through 2014/15 Erin has been part of the REC Primary Kanga Cricket Team and has shown leadership potential in 2015 with her selection as Captain of the REC Girls SAPSASA Knockout team. Recently she debuted as a coach in our Milo in2CRICKET beginners program, working with Year 1 and 2 students running the “Shot Gun” game. Children and parents loved it. Well done Erin.

Secondary Sport

Adelaide Lighting visited REC on Friday to coach a basketball clinic and deliver a Road safety message to students from the MAC.

Congratulations to Gabbi Carr who competed in the Ocean Grove Surf Lifesaving Carnival in Victoria recently. She came 3rd in the board event and 6th in the sprints.

A great start to 2016 for Sport at REC by the Year 8/9 cricket team who played against Aberfoyle last week. A convincing win, where 4 players declared on 35 runs. They now progress to the second round of the State knock out against Hallett Cove.

Coming events: Southern Vales Golf at the Vines, Girls Surfing and Rugby Tag at REC. Please see Mrs Draper for more details.

Howard Mutton AWARD

REC proudly ranked 3rd in the State

Howard Mutton championed the cause of increasing participation of young people in Physical Education and Sport in Education Department schools for more than 20 years. In his roles as president of the SA Secondary Schools Sport Association, head of the Physical Education Branch and superintendent of Health and Physical Education, he was a mentor to many aspiring young sports people and particularly influenced the training of Physical Education teachers.

For each Trophy awarded to the school gaining the greatest aggregate of points for outstanding PARTICIPATION and ACHIEVEMENTS in sport in Secondary School Sport SA’s programs; the following criteria are used:

1. Involvement and success in local zone sport
2. Involvement and success in state championships
3. Involvement and success in statewide Knockout Championships and interstate representation.

Congratulations to all involved and thanks to staff for creating and supporting opportunities for our students. A great result!

Caroline Green - Principal
Daddy + Me  Onkaparinga City Council
An opportunity to play Mindcraft with your child in a kid-safe environment
W: onkaparingacity.com

Credit Union SA
REC encourages you to support the fundraising partners who support us.

Last year we received a $6000 cheque as a result of business generated through the School Community Rewards Program. (One mortgage alone will direct $600 per year towards our REC fundraising). Please consider contacting Mark Kohler for your banking needs.  E: MKohler@creditunionsa.com.au