Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College,

An apple for the teacher!

World Teachers’ Day was set up by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. It is now celebrated in more than 100 countries. On Friday 28 October we celebrated with a special morning tea hosted by our School Services Team to acknowledge the wonderful contribution that teachers make to the lives of our children and young people. Students’ from Reception to year 12 were invited to give messages of thanks to teachers which were all placed on a specially constructed tree and student representatives read out their thankyou messages to the whole staff. Pigeon holes were also filled with ‘an apple for the teacher’ as a symbolic gesture as well as chocolates from the Wellness committee.

Growing International

Last week, we hosted three International visits. A number of ex-principals and prominent educators commented on the positive tone of the College; the level of engagement of our learners; and the quality of the intentional literacy and numeracy teaching strategies modelled by nine members of our primary team.

...Reynella East College devised a really remarkable programme. The teaching strategies that a range of Primary school teachers demonstrated on the day and the explanation of the approach used to track individual student progress in order to drive improvement really had an impact on our visitors. The tour of Reynella East College facilities, and the lunch prepared by staff and students at the College were greatly appreciated.

Leaving aside our (Filipino) visitors the morning visit made the South Australians on the visit so proud of our public schools ... Emeritus Professor Alan Reid.

The Indonesian and Chinese visits were also a great success and further promoted our ‘growing’ international connections.

Year 12 Graduation

The Year 12 graduation held at the beautiful Bonython Hall, attended by a record crowd of over 1,000 people was very impressive. The official party included: Local State MP, Nat Cook; Education Director, Christine Hatzi; long time Zonta representative Anne Leenders and Southern Fleurieu Trade School, Cherrie Robinson. Apologies and a special message was received from Federal MP Amanda Rishworth who is visiting troops in Afghanistan.

The quality of the student performances: soloists; choir; speeches and the input of teachers who presented awards were outstanding. The program was highly polished thanks to fantastic co-ordination by Alanah Cathro, Bob Bastian, Jeff Glass and Karen Pearce in particular. Special congratulations to all award recipients.

Caroline Green
Principal
## DIARY DATES

### November

- **Mon 7 - 18 Nov**: Yr 12 Exams
- **Fri 11 Nov**: Remembrance Day
- **Mon 14 - 25 Nov**: Year 11 Exams
- **Wed 16 Nov**: P-7 Principal Tour
- **Wed 16 Nov**: Success In Yr 12 Info Evening
- **Thurs 24 Nov**: B-12 Principal Tour
- **Mon 28/11**: Student Free Day
- **Tues 29/11**: P-7 Principal Tour

### December

- **Fri 2 Dec**: Yr 10 & 11 Last Day
- **Mon 5 - 16 Dec**: Yr 10 & 11 Holiday Program
- **Wed 7 - 9 Dec**: Outdoor Ed Camp
- **Thurs 8 Dec**: Yr R-7 New Enrolment Day
- **Thurs 8 Dec**: Yr 7/8 Transition Day 2
- **Wed 14**: Year 7 Celebration
- **Fri 16 Dec**: P-7 Assembly, 9.00 am
- **Fri 16 Dec**: Yr R-11 Reports Home
- **Fri 16 Dec**: End Term 4 (1pm dismissal)

### January 2017

- **Mon 30 Jan**: Day 1, Term 1 (Yrs P-8 & 12 only)
- **Mon 31 Jan**: Day 1, Term 1 (Years 9-11)

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### New Uniform Service

**DIRECT ORDER**

In addition to the REC Uniform Shop service we now offer a ‘Direct Shop’ service. Orders can be made direct with the supplier, whereby you pay online and have the order delivered to REC or your home.


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### ‘No Hat, No Play’

Reminder that all primary students’ are required to wear a school hat for outside activities.

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### STUDENT FREE DAY

**Mon 28 Nov**
Special Awards

Terry Slaughter Award : Amy M and Ross T
Caltex All-Rounder Award : Chloe G
School Sports Award: Sophie L and Sam D
REC VET Award : Patrick D
SAFTS VET Award : Peter K
SAFTS School Based Apprentice of the Year Award : Joshua S
ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award : Nick S
Zonta Rita Fletcher Award for Resilience and Resourcefulness: Madeleine G
Academic Student of the Year : Tyler M
Community Service Awards :
(School Service) Callum N
Performing Arts : Amy M and Monique H
Arts Ambassadors : Tayah Z and Kelsey G

Subject Awards

Biology: Amber Ct
Chemistry: Ross T
Child Studies: Maddie C, Ashleigh P
Classical Studies: Tyler M
Creative Arts (Dance): Amy M
Creative Arts (Film making): Victoria C
Drama: Taylah Z
Electronics: Leyton A
English Communications: Affia C, Amber C & Ashleigh P
English Pathways: Jasmine S & Maddie C
English Studies: Jasmin B
ESL: Sophie L
Food & Hospitality: Alisha G, & Courtney M
Furniture Construction: Dannii C
Geography: Katy M
German: Emma G
Health: Jasmin B, Amber C
Hospitality Skills: Lingli C
Information Processing & Publishing: Leyton A & Emily F
Legal Studies: Emma G
Mathematical Applications: Ashleigh P
Mathematical Studies: Tayla B
Metalwork: Cormac L
Modern History: Summer C
Music: Kelsey G
Nutrition: Jenna W
Physical Education: Tasja B
Physics: Ross T
Psychology: Alisha G
Society & Culture: Claire A, Emma G
Specialist Mathematics: Taylah B
Sports Studies: Chloe G
Tourism: Katy M
Visual Arts - Art: Kayla M, Tayla B
Visual Arts - Design: Ashleigh P
Workplace Practices: Hannah U
**Child Protection Awareness**

This term our Preschool has a focus on Child Protection. Children have been learning about their rights as well as how to keep themselves safe and their early warning signs.

I have the right to my family. I love my family.

I have the right to sleep. I hide under my sheets and I like my bed.

**Assessment for Educators**

During 2017 teachers at Reynella East College have participated in professional learning provided by the Institute of Educational Assessors under the auspices of the SACE Board of South Australia with the school recently being acknowledged with a certificate of completion. This high quality program has facilitated our teachers in the development of strong theoretical and practical understanding of the significance of assessment in the learning process. We are committed to developing a culture of assessment expertise that supports the focus on high quality, equitable assessments that promote improved learning outcomes for all students.

**SEQTA Parent Portal**

The REC Governing Council recently hosted a parent workshop in using the SEQTA parent portal. The evening was well attended and supported parents to gain information about their child’s learning programs and attendance at the college.
Their Kitchen Rules

Year 12 Modern Australian Dinner – Food & Hospitality students

The REC Café was transformed into a restaurant style experience that catered for 30 invited parents/caregivers.

Our year 12 Food & Hospitality students planned and prepared a 3 course dinner for paying guests and what a night of fine dining they enjoyed!

Students achieved beyond expectations of professional and industry standards where students from both front and back of house presented exceptional service.

All students collaborated as a team prior to the event and on the night coming together as one to make the night a big success.

Kirsty Ramsay – Home Economics Teacher

Inspire Mentor Award

Kayla Rudd, who is a former Reynella East College student now, attends Flinders Uni studying Psychology and Archaeology. Through the Inspire Mentor Program at Flinders University Kayla mentors 2 students each week at REC.

Kayla was nominated for an award by the students she mentors. Some of what the students wrote about Kayla includes:

“When Kayla first became my mentor I didn't know what to expect. However her visits soon became a highlight of my school week because she gave me the chance to talk about school, my future, and anything else I wanted to talk about. It's great having an adult who can give me her opinion and views on things that I can't get from my friends or family. Kayla manages to live such a balanced life as a young adult, she manages to stay organised and happy while juggling school, work, family, relationships and mentoring all at once.”

“Listening to her experiences and life lessons has helped me with sculpting my own life and making important decisions.”

Kayla won the “Born to be a Mentor” Award. Congratulations Kayla and well-deserved.

The Inspire Mentor Program aims to support young people (Primary and High School) consider options available to them.

Sue Richards - Assistant Principal Years 8-9
Reunion Island Exchange 2016

In Week 9 and 10 of Term 3, Yvette, Hayley, Alana and Brooke, accompanied by Mr Smith and Mrs Du Rieu, travelled to Reunion Island to participate in an exchange program. We had hosted students from Reunion earlier in the year and were taking part in the return leg of the program. We flew from Adelaide to Perth and then on to Mauritius and finally Reunion Island. In total, it took about 22 hours. After staying the night in St Denis, the capital city, we made our way to Les Avirons where the school, Lycée Antonie de Saint Exupéry is situated.

School in Reunion

The school was 5 stories high with a separate sports complex which was a 5-10 minute walk away from the main area of the school. School started at 7:30am and went till 5pm and classes were broken up into hour sessions with a 5 minute break in between. Lunch went for an hour and a half and students would either go to ‘self’ (AKA the cafeteria) or home to eat - it wasn’t common for student to bring their lunch to school from home. Classes were different as the teacher’s desk was situated out the front of the classroom, the students would write down what the teacher says and some students would help teach the class. Surprisingly, their school didn’t have a uniform - they'd wear casual clothes.

Visit to the volcano

On Wednesday the 21st we visited the Piton de la Fournaise volcano, which was nothing short of amazing. The volcano, still active, had only finished erupting days before we arrived. We took a bus from school to the base of the volcano, stopping along the way to admire the view from above the clouds. It was an amazing experience being so far above sea level (2,632 metres at the highest point), looking down on the island.

Reaching the top of the volcano the view was spectacular. It was almost as if looking at the surface of the moon; a huge expanse littered with various craters. The surface was still soft from the recent eruptions so we were unable to go down there but it was still an experience I don’t think any of us will forget.

Snorkelling at St. Leu

On Saturday the 24th September we went snorkelling. The water was 25°C and the locals said that to them the water was cold, but to us the water was beautiful. There were many beautiful fish and the coolest fish we saw was a Lagoon Triggerfish. We also saw Surgeon fish, Humbug Dascyllus and lots of Sea Cucumbers, one of which we were lucky enough to pat. Fortunately, the lagoon was protected by a coral reef, as otherwise swimming in the ocean is considered too dangerous due to the threat of shark attacks.
Journée Européenne et Internationale

On the 26th September it was European Day. Students celebrated by wearing blue and yellow clothing. At lunch time there was a celebration where we watched a short video which showed different European locations. Then we joined an English class singing the acoustic version ‘I’m Yours’ by Jason Mraz. Afterwards we had some food which students brought in and there was plenty of chocolate!

Excursion to Saint Gilles and Musée de Villèle.

Going to La Cascade des Aigrettes and Le Musée de Villèle was a great experience. To get to the waterfall, we went on a short hike through some extremely lush wilderness and before we knew it, we were standing in front of a beautiful waterfall. It was the first waterfall I had ever seen and it was just extraordinary. After this we had a short lunch in Saint-Gilles, a popular coastal town. We then went to Le Musée de Villèle, a museum which was a former sugar cane plantation and processing facility. It was also famous as being among the most liberal with regards to the rights that were given to the slaves who worked on the property. The house itself was an interesting reminder of how people lived in the 18th century.

Lava Tunnels

On Thursday the 29th of September we visited the lava tunnels on the Eastern side of the island. The countryside here had been completely covered by lava from an eruption of the volcano in 2007. While the lava cooled, tunnels were formed underneath the surface, which we were able to walk (and crawl) through for about 600 metres. We were given an excellent explanation by the guide about how the tunnels were formed and, on the surface, about how the landscape regenerates after a lava flow.

Overall

The host families we stayed with and everyone we met were extremely welcoming and made us feel at home. Having the opportunity to converse in French and immerse ourselves in the French culture was a wonderful learning experience. Our French has benefited greatly. Participating in the activities whilst enjoying the beautiful sunny weather and tropical climate was great fun. We have all made close friends with the staff, students and families of Lycée Antoine de Saint-Exupery and hope to go back again one day. Overall the Reunion Island exchange was a once in a lifetime opportunity and anyone who has the chance should definitely grab it. C’était magnifique!!

Yvette, Alana, Hayley and Brooke
REC Annual Music Tour

During week 10 of term 3 60 music students and staff ventured off to Robe and the South East of SA for their annual Music Tour. The students worked hard throughout the year to prepare an interesting program of music to present to primary students in various schools visited. We performed at 4 schools over 3 days – Kingston Community School, Millicent and Robe Primary schools and Meningie Area School. Our accommodation this year was the Tarooki Campsite in Robe, which was well-equipped to cater for the masses.

It certainly was an eventful tour this year with a bus breaking down as well as driving back to Adelaide during one of the worst storms on record! The students represented themselves and REC in a professional manner and were a pleasure to take away."

Katrina Rycroft - Music Teacher

Canteen News

We are excited to announce that the Canteen now has EFTPOS! ($5.00 minimum)

Are you looking to become more involved within your child’s school? Why not volunteer at the Canteen? We are looking for volunteers to help out starting Term 1 2017. If you can spare a whole day or just a couple of hours in the morning it would be a great help to us. We do a lot of fresh food preparation every day and the more hands the better! The Canteen is a great hub to work in, always full of activity and has a great buzz about it.

If you would like to come and see what we do, please pop in and have a look! If you would like more information regarding volunteering, please do not hesitate to contact Kirsty on 8381 7991 or by email at Kirsty.Monsen906@schools.sa.edu.au.

Kirsty Monsenn - Canteen Manager
RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION

During Week 2 our Reception to Year 3 classes were given a real treat with a visit from two lovely dogs and their owner who works with the Cat and Dog Board of SA as part of the Responsible Pet Education program, which aimed to give children a better understanding of responsible pet ownership and dog safety. The students were instructed on the safe way to approach a dog and warned about the dangers associated with dogs that they do not know.

Some lucky students were given the opportunity to practice their newly learnt skills with the friendly four legged visitors.

As a follow up to these sessions our classes had a range of digital stories about dogs to share on the iPad and big screen TV including the entertaining range of “Hairy Maclary” books by Lynley Dodd.

Gayle Sutter - Library Manager

Onkaparinga Civic Award

Congratulations to Year 9 student Maddison Brougham. Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg presented a City of Onkaparinga Civic Award for Outstanding Achievement in Education. Well Done.
Primary Sport

Athletics: State Athletics Day - REC had 9 students represent the Southern Valley at the Metro State Athletics Carnival. All students tried their very best, putting in hours of extra training leading up to the event. Riley M finished 4th in his 100m final, earning him a spot in the State team. Well done Riley!

Cricket: Congratulations to Dylan W for being selected in the Southern Valley cricket team and Erin F for being selected in the Southern Valley tennis team.

Gymnastics: I’m very excited to announce that Arabella H has been identified as a future Olympic gymnast and will be training with a special gymnastics team twice a week, congratulations.

SAPSASA Silver Medalist

Congratulations to Year 5 student Riley Mechan for winning a Silver medal in the 200m at the recent SAPSASA competition. Riley has now been selected to represent South Australia in the School Sport Australia 12 and Under Athletics Championships to be held in Sydney later this year all the best in Sydney Riley!

Aaron Roche - H&PE Teacher

BMX State Titles

Over the last school holidays a number of the REC students and a staff member competed in state events for BMX. The middle weekend of the holidays saw Leah Fox and Jayden Fox, head to Alice Springs to the Red Centre BMX track, for the Northern Territory State Titles.

On the last weekend of the holidays they joined the others to compete in the South Australian State Titles at the Tea Tree Gully BMX track. The South Australian Titles saw Jed K, Shannon P, Tia B, Jayden Fox, Hudson G, Leah Fox, Georgia P, Casey N, Emma T and Josh W competing against other riders. Everyone did an amazing job, in the trying conditions, as Saturday saw a warm spring day with reasonably strong winds and Sunday was cold, wet and wintry making racing more difficult. We had some amazing results, including a couple of 1st places and podium finishes. Everyone was successful in their age groups and should be congratulated on their achievements.

Leah Fox - School Services Officer
Secondary Sport

Year 8/9 Volleyball: State Knockout Competition, Girls finished 3rd, winning against Seaford and draws with Willunga and Victor Harbor. Boys won the competition by defeating Willunga, Woodcroft College, Victor Harbor and Hallett Cove. They have progressed to the State Finals on Friday 11th November at Brighton.

The Year 10 boys played in the second round of the State Knockout against Henley and unfortunately did not win, but gained valuable experience for next year’s Open Team.

Gymnastics: Congratulations to Tayla Y in year 11, who last week represented S.A at The Trans-Bass Gymnastics Championships in Geelong. She had individual success in winning the vault and S.A. finished 2nd.

Three on Three Basketball: Year 8 to 10 Southern Vales Three on Three Basketball was played last week at Morphett Vale Stadium. REC entered 8 teams and had winners in the 8/9 and year 10 boys competitions. The girls finished 4th but also had 3 wins on the day. It was a very positive day where students officiated their own games. Other schools involved were Cardijn College, Aberfoyle, Wirreanda, Seaford and Mount Barker.

Jo Draper - PE Teacher
The Vines Uniting Church

Annual Strawberry Fair

Friday November 25th 5:30 until dark corner of Rolton Avenue & Reynell Road, Woodcroft.

Vacation Swim

SA Water VACSWIM is a government-funded water safety initiative which allows children to develop the survival skills needed to be confident and competent in the water, in a fun and safe environment.

With the support of VacsSwim and Channel 9, Surf Life Saving SA would like to offer a FREE Come ‘n’ Try experience at Port Noarlunga Surf Life Saving Club.
SA Water VACSWIM Come ‘n’ Try is offered to children aged 5 to 9 years (age at time of the program). SITE INFORMATION
This program will run on Saturday 3rd December 2016. 10:15am to 11:20am
REGISTRATION INFO http://e.mybookingmanager.com/E1023193829144249
Online enrolments close 5pm Sunday 27 November.

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