Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College,

After a short time as new Principal, I feel very much part of the College Community. So thanks for a great welcome and initial support. My first impressions of the general tone of the school are very positive. Students are friendly and responsive on the whole, and I am interested in finding out more about how well students apply themselves and approach challenges with their learning.

Since the start of the year I have had the opportunity to get a sense of where many things are up to and what different aspirations groups and individuals have for the future.

In the next short period ahead, I will work with the staff, leadership team and Governing Council to bring these ideas and aspirations together and to develop a plan for improvement to provide clear direction for the next 12 months. Work is well underway on a deep analysis of the College data sets to see how well students have been performing and what attendance and participation is like. The new improvement plan will be ready for discussion with the Governing Council at the next meeting in week 9.

Performance and Development for all staff is very high on the agenda and was the focus of the student free day on Tuesday March 11. The REC staff also meet at least 3 times per term to focus on whole school professional learning.

Teachers will continue to explore the new ‘Australian Standards for Teachers Framework’ as a common reference point, and to help identify teaching strengths and areas for further development. The DECD Workforce Development Team will be supporting us with this important work.

Our Annual General Meeting was held in February where the 2013 Annual Report was presented. A copy is available on our website at www.reynellaec.sa.edu.au or from the school. Parents can email dl.1907.info@schools.sa.edu.au to request a copy, or pick one up from the Front office.

Congratulations to the elected REC Governing Council for 2014.

The new members appointed for a 2 year tenure are: Kyle Gatter, Leanne Worrall, Martyn Hamilton, Rob Nankivell, Toni Jacques, Julie Thompson-Pollard, Anton Van Rensburg.

Elected Principal Office Bearers:-
• Chairperson – Barry Temme
• Deputy Chairperson – Tania Guest
• Treasurer – Denise Griggs
• Secretary – Bernadette Parkhurst

Others
• Canteen Liaison – Leanne Worrell
• Uniform – Julie Thompson-Pollard

Caroline Green - Principal
## College Photographs

**Tues 18 March** and **Wed 19 March**

**Logistics:**
- **Tues:** All Primary classes, Year 8 classes and Family photos: Byards Gym
- **Wed:** Year 9 – 12 classes, Special Group photos (eg Student Leaders etc): Fraser Gym

Payment is made with orders via envelope ON THE DAY or online or [http://www.advancedlife.com.au/](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/) (Enter code SCH)

(In either case the envelopes with money or payment details will be collected by the photographers on the day).

**Product options:**
- Whole of class photo
- Portrait photos: An individual portrait photo of EVERY student will be taken after their class photo (regardless of whether your purchasing a portrait pic or not)

Please read your order form carefully.

There are many options to suit different needs.

**(Photo quality prints are available for framing)**
- A FREE high res image will be available to download with all packs purchased that include a portrait.

**Problems?**
- Payment and Product: Advanced Life: 8268 7869 or E: saoffice@advancedlife.com.au
- School issue: 8329 2300

*Alan Pfeiffer – Deputy Principal*

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## Assessment & Reporting Schedule - Term 1

### Week 10:
- **Years R-7:** 3-way interviews scheduled by appointment. No report.
- **Years 8-10:** Letter with interim grades and interview request details sent home with students. (No formal report)
- **Years 11-12:** Mid semester report and interview request details sent home with students.

### Week 11
- **Year 8-12:** **Tuesday April 8**: Parent/Teacher interviews 3.00-5.00pm and 5.30-7.30pm

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### REC OPEN DAY

**Sunday May 4**

1.30 - 4.30pm

Like our page and keep updated with daily school news and reminders:

[Facebook.com/Reynella East College](http://Facebook.com/Reynella East College)
Japanese Students explore Adelaide
Our International students have been having a fun time exploring Adelaide over the last couple of weeks.
Highlights include Port Noarlunga Aquatics Centre and a joint excursion with some Yr 11 students to the Museum and Art Gallery.

Bronlyn Warnes – International Student Manager

HomeStay Families Needed
Have you considered the rewarding experience of becoming a Host Family for our International students? International students come from many countries to study the various programs at REC and stay anywhere from 2 weeks to 5 years depending on the program.
Families are well supported both financially and by our International Student Team.
If you’re interested please contact Tania.Guest322@schools.sa.edu.au

Visit from Mishima Old Scholars
Recently we’ve had two visits from Mishima Old Scholars: Tomoy Takahashi and Ikuko Katsumata were International Students at REC in 2002. The girls took a quick tour with Mr Andrew Smith and took some photos of their old classrooms and many other areas of school that they remember with fond affection. They of course noticed many changes!
Yuto was here last year in year 10 and his sister Ayaka was here in 2006 in Year 10. Yuto is about to start his last year of study in high school. Ayaka is at university in Boston USA. We wish them both every success.
It was so exciting to see them all again and hear about what they are doing now.

Bronlyn Warnes - International Student Manager
Taiko Drumming

Several of our Primary and Secondary classes were treated to an amazing Taiko drumming workshop on Thursday 27 March.

The Drumming troupe entertained the students with a 50 minute, fun and exciting musical and cultural experience of Japan. The performers demonstrated many instruments including many varieties of Taiko (drums). Many students were invited on stage to join in and try the instruments; the BIG Taiko being the favourite!

Paula Wright - Japanese Teacher

STUDENT BLOOD DONORS

Every year REC encourages support of the Blood Donation program. On March 26, six of our students Amber G, Art B, Justin B, Leila V, Anna E and Chloe S will be donating blood at Red Cross Noarlunga. These students have taken the opportunity to save 3 lives each and become a regular donor in the future. Well done. For further information on becoming a blood donor please see Mr Dutton.

Mike Dutton

Cherie Davis wins Pre-Service Award

Congratulations to Cherie Davis who has been awarded the Ruth Probert Memorial Medal for Excellence in Beginning Teaching from Flinders University.

The award is presented on an annual basis to a graduating student in the School of Education at Flinders Uni who demonstrates exemplary performance in the final year professional experience. Cherie completed her final year practical placement at REC last year in Sue Bradley’s Year 2 class.

A quote from Cherie’s Citation:

“Cherie completed her professional experience with enthusiasm and a high degree of skills and knowledge. Cherie formed positive relationships with students, staff and the families of her students and demonstrated an exceptional knowledge of the curriculum. She is a life-long learner and someone who has shown great initiative, challenging herself professionally by working with and learning from others.”

Sue Matene - Assistant Principal
Living **EGGS**

Very exciting times in the Preschool this term as the children enjoy the “Living Eggs” Chicken Hatching program!

On Monday week 4, the hatching kit arrived including 12 eggs with an expected ‘delivery date’ of Wednesday of that week. To the enormous delight of the children and staff, 3-4 baby chickens hatched before their eyes on Wednesday and the rest made their entrance overnight.

The chicks will stay in the Preschool's care for another week where the children will learn how to handle and further care for them. At the end of their stay next week, the chicks will be available for adoption by Preschool families for $2.

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**Nature PLAY**

Preschool Staff were involved in a training and development day about Nature play and the importance of outdoor learning experiences. Do you remember a lot of your childhood being spent outside? Covered in mud, riding your bike, tadpoling, digging, growing vegetables, building cubbies, collecting shells or pinecones? We are implementing different strategies to allow these kinds of learning opportunities for your children. To get started we have some new wine barrels for digging and have contacted Bunnings Warehouse and Mitre 10 to sponsor our Preschool in building our very own veggie patch.

A special thank you to City Discount Tyres for their donation of six 4WD tyres that will help our “sunflower planting” dream come true this term! If you have any seeds you can donate, a watering can or even a bag of potting mix; please come and see our kindy staff.

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**No PARKING**

For the safety of our students, you are reminded that there is NO student drop-off in our staff carparks.
Introducing Dani Wall

My name is Dani, and I’m SO excited to be the new Christian Pastoral Support Worker at REC. Being new at the school, my sole focus at the moment is getting to know as many students, teachers and parents as possible.

My heart is to see young people stepping up as leaders in their field of passion and it’s my aim to see a potential in someone and help fuel it.

I’ll be in the school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday. Appointments can be made at Student Services if you like to catch up for a chat.

Come and enjoy a FREE Pancake breakfast every Friday in the Chessboard courtyard 8.00am

Dani - CPSW

Visit to the Western Front April 2014 by Dylan Byrne

In the April school holidays I will be going on a 19 day trip to England and France. It is a biannual school trip organised by APHS to visit the Western Front – Battlefields that Australian troops fought and died for in WW1.

Each student participating is responsible for their own fundraising. I have focused on the joint BBQs and have sold chocolates around the school. I have raised approximately $2500 towards the cost of my trip.

We leave on the first Sunday of the April school holidays, flying to London. We are there for 4 days before traveling to Ypres and Amiens for 9 days and then on to Paris for 4 days. We will be visiting many historically significant locations including Churchill’s Bunker, the Australian War Memorial Hyde Park, The Palace of Versailles and the Musee de Armee (including Napoleon’s Tomb) as well as Villers-Bretonneux and Hills 60 and 62.

I will be presenting a short memorial speech to Thomas Francis Joseph Byrne, a 22 year old Australian soldier killed near Villers-Bretonneux in 1917. I have conducted research into his military service and will pay tribute to his sacrifice. Each student will present a similar speech to their chosen serviceman, many speaking of fallen relatives.

I will submit further articles once I return and encourage you to become involved in the planned 2016 trip.

SACE MERIT AWARD Winners

Teagan O, Clayton O, Emma M, Taylor M, Abbie C, Ilijana D

Congratulations to the 6 students on the outstanding achievement of earning a Certificate of Merit for their achievement in Research Project 2013. Students across the state receive this award if they achieve an A+ in any subject in SACE Stage 2. Principal, Caroline Green attended the award ceremony at Government House on February 11 to see the students receive this special recognition.
Netball Three Coaching Clinic

In week 2 of this term, 22 budding young Netball umpires participated in the “Netball three” Umpires course. The girls completed this training with Netball SA as part of their Year 9/10 Targeted Netball course.

Jo Draper - Netball Coach

Jessica Parkman represents Australia

Year 8 student Jessica Parkman was selected as the youngest of 14 team members to represent Australia in synchronised Ice Skating, in Salzburg, Austria earlier this year. Her team came 3rd out of 11 teams who competed in the Mixed Age Division. (Old Scholar Lauren Moore was also on the team).

Jessica has been skating since she was 11 years old and has been solidly training for approximately 25 hours per week, including three 5am starts at the Thebarton Rink.

Congratulations Jessica on such an incredible achievement at such a young age.

Tania Guest - Promotions Manager

Active After School Sports - Clinic

Active After School Communities program is a federally funded initiative aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of children.

Student’s physical activity levels are enhanced as they participate in quality, safe and fun sporting activities with trained community coaches who are supported by a supervisor.

This term our REC students are enjoying Soccer sessions (R-3) and AFL for our Years 4-7 students.

Sue Matene – Assistant Principal
REC Aussie Rules **FOOTY**

Registration afternoon April 2 - 4.00-5.00pm

Inviting all boys and girls, Year 2 - Year 7 to join our REC Australian Rules Football Team for the 2014 season.

The first training/player registration afternoon will be held on Wednesday 2nd April 2014 between 4pm and 5pm, on the Primary School Oval.

The registration fee of $40 for the first child and $20 for siblings for the 14 game season, is required to be paid in cash, on this afternoon (Sorry, there are no EFTPOS facilities available).

**AUSKICK at REC**

Starts Sunday May 4 - 1.30-2.30pm

The 2014 Auskick program runs for 10 weeks with the last session on July 6.

Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au or phone Brad Read 0417 816 989

**The Vines Uniting Church KIDS CLUB**

Alternate Thursday’s - 4.30-6.00pm

For children in Years Reception to Year 5. Contact Eric Densley Ph 8381 1473

**School DENTAL Service**

Noarlunga GP Plus, Alexandar Kelly Drive : 8384 9244

Dental Care is FREE for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.

There are no waiting times. To keep your children’s teeth and gums healthy we encourage you to attend.

**CHRISTIES BEACH BLUE LIGHT**

Noarlunga Leisure Centre
Friday 4th April
7pm to 10pm
“Easter Party”
Come dressed in an Easter theme
Entertainment will include; DJ DANFX, inflatable bungee run, airbrush glitter tattoos and face painting
This is a supervised lock-in event for 11 to 16 year olds.
Tickets are still $5
For more information contact the South Coast Crime Prevention Section Ph 8392 9046

**CANTENE NEWS**

We are happy to report that our move to service everyone from the High School Canteen has been a great success! We have had positive feedback from teachers, parents and students alike.

Mamee Cup noodle brand have altered their recipe to fit in with the Right Bite guidelines. We are considering adding these to the counter sales menu for winter. These would be available for counter sales only (NOT available to be transported in the lunchboxes) and will be fashioned with a cardboard sleeve to protect little hands and a snap on lid for safe travel. We are trialling and researching how we would be able to provide this item with particular emphasis on safety but also on quality and appeal. Warm Milo milk is another item we would like to provide on a cold winter’s day, so we have added that to the ‘to do’ list also. We will let you know if and when these items become available for purchase by the next newsletter and via the College Facebook site.

If you have any feedback, ideas, concerns or comments regarding Canteen service please feel free to contact me personally via email at: Kirsty.Monssen906@schools.sa.edu.au

We thank you in anticipation of your continued support to your child’s College Canteen.

**Price correction - Big M milk 250ml (choc & strawb) $2.50**

Kirsty Monssen - Canteen Manager