Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College,

Last Monday, two professional learning programs ran concurrently for teaching and non-teaching staff who work in a wide variety of ways to support teaching and learning programs, the operation of the College and services to students’ staff and families. With nearly 160 staff, I’m sure you can appreciate the level of planning involved. I’m very pleased that both programs hit the mark.

Our Support Staff had some input from DECD HR consultant about job and career pathways and then about the new learner management system that will be introduced next year. Teachers were divided into faculty and learning teams to explore the new Australian Curriculum subjects: Geography, Health and PE, Design and Technology and Languages and to go deeper with planning in the other four areas. Programs were co-planned between co-ordinators and DECD Australian Curriculum implementation officers and the Maths & Science School at Flinders University, where our Maths and Science faculties spent the morning. Special mention to Malcolm McInerney who took Long Service Leave from Hamilton Senior College to share his passion and expertise with R-12 Geography teachers. That’s what you call dedication!

Our year 12 Commercial Cookery class were once again put to the test with a most authentic and challenging task of feeding the small staff army. They were efficient, looked really professional and the food was well appreciated.

Next term the second compulsory Australian Curriculum Student Free Day will be on the first day back on Monday 13 October. Also remember our School Closure Day, Monday 8 September.

The SACE VET & University pathways night was also a great success last Wednesday night so thanks to all the staff who contributed and to parents and students for making the time to explore future options. There is no doubt that students who can see positive pathways are able to engage more fully in their learning. Next Wed 20 August is the big day, so make sure you make time to attend our Subject Selection Expo. (There are no normal lessons on this day for Yr 8-12 students).

Caroline Green
Principal
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### Subject Selection Expo

**Years 8 - 11**

**Wed 20 Aug, 8am - 8pm**

Fraser Gym

All faculty areas will be on display with staff and senior students available to advise on subject options and course content.

**NO NORMAL 8-12 LESSONS**

### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

**Mon 8 September**

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

Facebook.com/Reynella East College

### 2014/15 Entertainment Book

Now available from Finance Office

Packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers and are available as a traditional Entertainment™ Book OR the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership for your Apple or Android device. 20% of your Membership purchase goes towards our fundraising.

From: Finance Office

or: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/161f455
Our Shooting Star

Congratulations to Year 10 student Emma Adams who represented Australia in Air Rifle Shooting at the recent Commonwealth Games. Emma did really well, with an incredible result of being placed 14th out of the field of 26. Emma gained invaluable experience in Glasgow, met many famous Aussie athletes including Steve Moneghetti, Anna Meares and diver, Matthew Mitcham.

She returned home tired but very grateful for the experience.

Emma leaves for Spain in 4 weeks where she’ll be competing in the 10m Air Rifle Shooting World Junior Championships.

PRESCHOOL

Kitchen Garden

At Preschool this week we have been learning to harvest from our garden, prepare a meal and share that meal with our friends. This week the Platypus group harvested silverbeet from our garden and made silverbeet, mozzarella and bacon pizza. It was great fun! Last week we made scrambled eggs and chives with the chives we grew in our garden.

Also to support and promote healthy eating, both the Platypus and Wombat groups have been tasting different foods at Preschool. Some of these foods were tasted by the children for the first time. These tastings included capsicum, cherry tomatoes and porridge. The children are learning about their taste buds and how they continue to change over time. This is why we keep trying foods that we don’t like, as the next time we may just like them!
An exciting new fundraising initiative for Reynella East College

School Community Rewards makes it easy for the school community to provide more opportunities for all our kids

Credit Union SA is delighted to announce that Reynella East College is participating in Credit Union SAs School Community Rewards.

Next week, an introductory brochure will be sent home with your primary school child, or, if your son or daughter is in high school, you'll receive it when you attend the Subject Selection day. As that brochure will explain, School Community Rewards gives the school community an easy way to help raise additional funds, without having to personally donate an extra cent.

It's beautifully simple: every account, loan or card that a school community member holds with Credit Union SA will generate an ongoing benefit for the school with the Credit Union donating a portion of its profits to Reynella East College.

The more people involved, the larger the pool of funds raised – and anyone can join – parents, grandparents, staff or friends.

Proven results

Another school has managed to raise over $5,000 in just six months by being part of School Community Rewards. That's around half what they raise annually from usual fundraising sources.

Take the first obligation-free step and get a FREE GIFT for the school

That first step is to make an appointment.*

An easy way to start is with our Credit Union SA Credit Card Value Check. It takes no more than 15 minutes. We'll even meet after hours in your own home if that's more convenient.

Plus, we’ll give the school a gift up to the value of $20, for example, a brand new piece of sporting equipment - just for coming to the appointment.

To choose a time and place that suits you, either:

- Request a booking online at: creditunionsa.com.au/valuecheck
- Phone 8202 7675
- Or drop in to the local Credit Union SA branch at Southgate Plaza

Note: All members of the school community must consider their own circumstances and obtain their own advice. The school takes no responsibility for any advice or product provided by Credit Union SA Ltd.

*By attending an appointment, Credit Union SA will provide the school with a gift up to the value of $20.00 at the discretion of the Credit Union. Terms and conditions for Credit Union SAs credit card are available upon request. Lending criteria and fees and charges apply. This information does not constitute any financial product advice or arranging of credit products.

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Nature Play & Outdoor Learning

We are excited to be working with our Governing Council and the Onkaparinga City Council on the development of a school-wide Outdoor Learning / Nature Play project, to develop the outdoor learning opportunities for students R-12.

We are in the early stages of developing a plan in consultation with all parties involved, and researching available funding options. Ongoing funds raised through The Credit Union School Community Rewards Program will be a great help!

Pictured here are some areas of the school with playscape development potential.

If you have any ideas, or available resources that you think may be useful, please contact Tania.Guest322@schools.sa.edu.au


School Community Rewards

Supporting your school is as easy as:

School Community Rewards provides the means by which funds can be pooled together to benefit your school. It is a simple and innovative way for the community to help their school- without having to donate a cent.

When a member of the school community joins Credit Union SA, and nominates a school to receive their support, all of the products that the member has will generate a regular, monetary benefit to the school.

Call your School Community Representative, on 8202 7675 to find out how you can help support your school. creditunionsa.com.au

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Years 8-11 Course Counselling

We are well underway with Years 8-11 course counselling. By now students (and parents) have received considerable written material, and have had access to a variety of information sessions to help the process of subject selection for 2015.

Our REC Subject Expo Day will be held Wednesday 20 August, 8.00am-8.00pm. There are no normal year 8-12 lessons on this day as all staff will be involved with this course counselling/subject selection exercise.

More Information:

A copy of the SACE Board’s magazine for students and families – Achieve – has been provided to all Year 10 and 11 students. This edition focuses on the choices of subjects and study options that each Year 10 and 11 students will soon be making, with information for families about what to expect as students approach Year 11 and 12.

This edition also covers:

- Study tips and tools
- Assessment in Stage 1 and 2 of the SACE
- The SACE Research Project and Personal Learning Plan (PLP)
- University and TAFE pathways.

We would encourage you to ask your son or daughter for a copy of Achieve – it can help to spark useful conversations about their progress in the SACE and their options for the future.

Achieve is also available to download via the SACE website link below.

Useful Links:

- SACE Website: www.sace.sa.edu.au
- VET Information: www.safts.sa.edu.au
- Other related links on REC website: www.reynellaec.sa.edu.au/news/school
‘Regime’ Performance

Our Year 8, 9 and 10 students were treated to a motivational performance by ‘Regime’, an inspirational performance group touring Australia from New York City. Their powerful message was delivered through song, rap and dance, which really connected with our students!

Happiness Cycle

In Week 3, ten of our students were involved in a unique program called the ‘Happiness Cycle’. The students registered their interest in the program online. They were then taken to Noarlunga Sports Centre where they were given a bike of their choice (BMX, hybrid or road) in pieces, and were required to put it together. When the bike was complete, it was assessed for safety and the student were given a helmet, lights and lock.

The students now get to keep the bike as their own, and have committed to ride a number of kilometres.

A fantastic community program which was at no cost to the students or school.

Adam Langley - Teacher

CANTEEN price correction

There is an error on the 2014 Canteen menu.

‘Big M’ 250ml milks are $2.50, not $1.80 as printed.

Kirsty Monssen - Canteen Manager

REC 2014 YEARBOOK

The 2014 Year 8-12 Yearbook is underway, and will be in full colour for the first time!

Make sure you don’t miss out. Get your order into the Finance Office before the end of Term 3.

Yearbooks will available for collection Week 1, Term 1 2015

Grant Schofield - Yearbook Coordinator
Once in Lille, our driver for Leper (Ypres) and Amiens, Gilles, picked us up. We went from the station to the Lille Southern Cemetery, where the first of the research presentations was held. We then travelled to Ypres to pick up our tour guide, Andre, and travelled to Langemark Cemetery, a German war cemetery. On our first night in Ypres, we participated in a memorial service at the Menin Gate, where we laid a wreath in commemoration. Coincidentally that night, VC recipient Ben Roberts-Smith concluded the ceremony and our group featured in Channel 7 Sunrise footage.

For the next three days, we spent our time touring around the many battlefields of Ypres. Our first two days were spent travelling to the north and south salients of Ypres. Our first day of seeing the salients saw us start at Bayernwald, a surviving German trench site and finished at Hill 60, the site of an Australian mining operation to destroy German lines with explosives. Our second tour of the salient saw us start at Essex Farm Commonwealth War Cemetery, where we paid our respects to Valentine Joseph Strudwick. Being almost 16 at his death during the Second Battle of Ypres, he is the youngest identified casualty in Essex Farm. We finished the day at the Hill 62 Museum, where, with it being Easter Sunday, we shared a cake. Our third and final day of touring in Ypres took us to Toronto Avenue Cemetery, the Australian Memorial Park (Cobbers Memorial), Fromelles and Pheasant Wood. At the Pheasant Wood Cemetery, we were each given a poppy to give to a fallen soldier. For personal reasons, I chose to give mine to an unknown soldier. After our final day of touring in Ypres, we were given a free day that presented us with the opportunity to visit the In Flanders Fields Museum in the Ypres Cloth Hall, the opportunity to relax or the opportunity to go shopping for souvenirs and food.

We left for Amiens with stops along the way. Our first stop, Vimy Ridge, was an enormous Canadian memorial which stood on the edge of Vimy Ridge, almost watching and waiting for those who still lay in the battlefield to come home. After we visited the Canadian memorial, we left for Arras, where we would take a guided tour of the Wellington Quarry, an immense 19 km medieval tunnel system turned into somewhat of a home for up 24,000 soldiers preparing for the defence of Arras in the First World War.

Our first full day in Amiens saw us depart via charter for the Albert Museum of the Somme, where we would meet our tour guide, Jon, and travel to the Lochnagar Mine Crater near La Boiselle, the Australian Memorial of the 5th Division in Pozieres, Mouquet Farm, the Thiepval Memorial, Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial and an AIF Burial Ground in Flers, south of Bapaume. That night, we all got to bed early, as we would be waking up at 1am to participate in the Villers-Bretonneux ANZAC Day Service, where we would lay a wreath in honour of the fallen ANZAC soldiers and nurses that fell during the First World War. After a moving service, we returned to the hotel, where we would have some breakfast and get ready to return to Villers-Bretonneux, where I would present the research on my soldier, Thomas Francis Joseph Byrne, which was an incredibly emotional experience for me. We left after several presentations to see the Somme, Corbie, where the Red Baron was shot down and La Hamel. The rest of the day was spent with free time to wander the nearby area of Amiens.

Our next day in Amiens saw us meeting our tour guide at the Adelaide Cemetery (Villers-Bretonneux), where the Unknown Soldier’s body was exhumed and interred in the Australian War Memorial in Canberra in 1993. We would then make our way to the Victoria School Museum for a look at the exhibits it contains. After leaving the Victoria School and having lunch, we visited the Museum of the Great War in Péronne, which contained many unique and interesting exhibits. This included authentic uniforms and equipment worn by various military displayed only, laid out on the floor with a mannequin body inside to give a better insight to the detail. After leaving Péronne, we visited the Mont St. Quentin Australian Memorial (Second Division) and the Canal du Nord.

We made our way back to the hotel to pack for the next day, where we would leave for Paris.

If your current Year 8, 9 or 10 student is interested in the 2016 Western Front trip please contact jeff.Glass566@schools.sa.edu.au
Mishima Japan Scholarship
Alisha Guyett

Each year Reynella East College gives one student in Year 10, who is studying Japanese, the opportunity to spend two weeks living and attending school at Mishima University. This year I was the student chosen to represent our school in April 2014. After a 14 hour flight, with a short stopover in Kuala Lumpur, we arrived in Japan where we were met by one of the school's teachers and we were taken by the Shinkansen to the school to meet our host families and get our uniforms that we would be wearing for the next two weeks.

The university was immaculately clean and everyone was treated with trust and respect. In the classroom the boys sat on one side of the room and the girls on the other and there was no talking, just learning. All the students were really nice; they looked after me during my stay and I made some great friends.

I also went on some excursions. The first was a walk around Mishima where we went to a traditional temple and a beautiful park. Next place was to the 100 yen shop (which is $1) to buy most of my souvenirs. Later a trip to Tokyo Disneyland with the International class which was a fantastic day, (I spent so much money), and had the best strawberry mousse dessert!

The Australian students had an overnight stay at Hakone which is a small town near Mt Fuji with cherry blossoms everywhere, that were cascading around me. It was an amazing sight. While there we learnt how they use sulphur to get black eggs (which means if you eat one you live for an extra 7 years).

The food and culture was very different to ours but well worth experiencing. I did so many activities in those two weeks such as Kendo and Tea Ceremonies. Kendo is an ancient Japanese sport that is still taught today. I dressed in traditional uniform, was taught the rules, and got to watch some Kendo in action.

I am very grateful having been given the opportunity to go to Japan as I have learnt and experienced many different things that cannot be learnt from books. I had an amazing time and have made friends and memories that will last forever.

REC welcomes Mishima students

This term we welcomed 15 students from Mishima, Japan who are here for the 5 week ISEC program. We also welcome another 5 students who are enrolled in various other programs.

The students have settled in very well and are all enjoying wonderful REC hospitality. During their stay they have visited many popular tourist attractions and studied English, Maths and Science (among others).

We are always keen to hear from families interested in Homestay.
SNOW TRIP
Falls Creek 2014

Reynella East College undertook another successful Snow Trip to Falls Creek in week 2 of term 3. It is a pleasure to take 22 students and immerse them into a new environment and watch what they achieve. This year’s group of students didn’t fail to please and from comments the students made they found this to be an invaluable experience.

There was a combination of boarders and skiers but as would seem to be the trend of late, more students chose to board. Seven students came with us for the second time and so could build on the skills they developed last year as well as help the newcomers. It was fantastic to watch these students impart their knowledge and encourage the first timers.

The weather was not necessarily our friend this year despite having an abundance of snow. Students took the conditions in their stride and made the most of the opportunity. They conducted themselves in a mature manner when faced with circumstances that were beyond our control and should be commended as boarding and skiing were not the only activities they got up to up the mountain.

Staff commonly run into students who have now left school but who joined previous Snow Trips, and they consistently say that it was the best experience of their lives. Many have taken the opportunity to revisit the snow fields of their own accord with a group of friends – I think this is testament to the benefits of this trip. Hopefully next year we will have even more enthusiastic Year 10s and 11s jump on board for a week in the snow.

Karen Pearce, Kate DeSmit & Geoff Whitford - Coordinators

REC generously donates to ‘Be the Change Animal Shelter’

A generous collection of food and blankets was collected late last term, along with $381 to support the ‘Be the Change Animal Shelter’ at Reynella. REC Primary students enjoyed the opportunity to wear a ‘onsie’ to school in exchange for a gold coin donation. A fantastic Research Project initiative of Year 12 student Chloe B.

REPORT timelines

Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 reports: will be sent home with students on Friday 12 September.

Year 12 reports: will be sent home with students on Friday 19 September.

Year R-7 reports: no reports due until end Term 4.
Summary of Secondary events & results:

Emma Adams represented Australia in Air Rifle Shooting at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and will be competing in the 10m Air Rifle Shooting World Junior Championships in Spain in September.

Luke Noble (Yr 11), Brodie Whitbread (Yr 10) and Dylan Roser (Yr 9) won the School Team Stableford State Championship. Luke Noble has also been selected in the State School’s Golf Team.

Ross Todd (Yr 10) has been selected in the Australian Diving team for the World Championships in Russia.

Mitchell Rogers (Yr 9) won SSSSA Yr 9 Table Tennis and is runner up in the open event. He will compete in the National Junior Championship in Sydney for U18 in the September.

Brianna Walling has been named in the Australian Football Squad.

Ashley Montero (Yr 11) and Luke Montero (Yr 9) represented SA in the World Sport Rugby Carnival on the Gold Coast in July.

8/9 Girls Soccer had wins against Woodcroft College and Aberfoyle to win the Zone Championship.

Open Girls Volleyball Knockout had a win against Cardijn and a loss to Hallett Cove.

8/9 Boys Five-a-side Soccer were undefeated in the Knockout Carnival and now qualify for the State Finals.

Jo Draper - PE Teacher

Summary of Primary events & results:

Deakin Hamilton (Yr 5) competed in the Australian Junior Indoor Cricket Championships in July.

Boys Basketball won the Southern Region tournament comfortably beating Blackwood in the final. They’ll now compete in the State Finals later this term.

SAPSASA Football – won against Woodcroft in the first round of knockout and are competing in the next round against Christies Beach this week.

Southern Vales Athletics Carnival coming up in Week 7 of this term (3 September). Tryouts are underway.

Luke Rosie - PE Teacher

FINANCIAL SUPPORT available:

At REC we acknowledge the considerable expense that may be involved when your child competes in sport at an elite level. We offer some financial assistance, by application to the Principal.

$100 for students selected to represent South Australia

$200 for students selected to represent Australia
Depressing & Anxiety

**Parent Strategies**

A great resource to support parents of children with Depression & Anxiety issues: [www.parentingstrategies.net/depress](http://www.parentingstrategies.net/depress)

School Banking Service

Primary families are reminded of our school banking service available for students.

BankSA collect banking every Tuesday from Student Services.

Thankyou for our Cookbooks!

With the help of our Parent community we managed to collect enough stickers to fill 20 Jamie Oliver cookbooks (one for each primary class). A special thank you to Woolworths who donated another 50 cookbooks at the end of the promotion.

No parking in Staff Carparks

**Parent reminder**

To ensure the safety of our students, we remind Parents that there is no parking or student ‘drop-off’ in the staff carparks. Thank you for your cooperation.

REC Fundraising

**World Vision ‘40 Hour Famine’**

The World Vision fundraising team ran a BBQ at a local shopping centre and raised $160. Efforts continue, and we ask the community to consider helping us continue to make a difference by donating:


School Dental Service

**Noarlunga**

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend.

Dental care is FREE for most children. Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can also attend – a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)

Cricket Players wanted

**Southern Districts “Stingrays”**

**Tryouts**: 14 & 21 September at Morphett Vale ICA  
**Contact**: Steve Miller  
**E**: stingrayssdcc@gmail.com  