Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College,

Southern Schools Leadership Summit

Recently I attended the inaugural Southern Schools Student Leadership Summit initiated by Wirreanda High School with a representative group of REC students to bring students leaders in the south together for the first time. The program was launched on the same day as the opening of Children’s Week which held the theme: ‘Children have the right to speak and be heard’.

The quality and structure of the program was outstanding and I came away with many new and exciting ideas like how to engage children and students in ‘wicked problems’ which are issues that have no obvious solutions and require multiple ideas and solutions. Ms Jayne Johnson, Deputy Chief Executive spoke about Primary to Secondary transition as something that is complex, and we want to improve as a system.

Jayne also spoke about her experiences in the ACT where every primary school has a student parliament and students from Year 6 up are included in the Ministers Forum. Jayne said she is willing to facilitate similar opportunities or other great ideas for promoting student voice for public school students.

Year 12 Graduation

I had the pleasure of attending my first Year 12 Graduation ceremony in week 3. The Year 12 Captains and performers were outstanding, and I enjoyed my time meeting Parents and Grandparents. Congratulations to the 155 Graduates and this years’ Award recipients featured inside this issue.

Remembrance Day

Another first for me was our annual Remembrance Day / Grandparents Day held on 11 November. I was very impressed by this outstanding event and want to congratulate staff and students for their commitment and thank our community for their support. It was wonderful to see so many Parents and Grandparents visiting classrooms, and enjoying all the fun and excitement with the students.

Year 7/8 Transition

We were very pleased to welcome our 2015 Year 8 students on their first Transition Day, and their Parents on the same night at an Information evening. I look forward to getting to know you all over time.

Tribute

Finally, I would like to pay a special tribute to two politicians and statesmen who died recently; Mr Gough Whitlam, and Dr Bob Such (see page 10).

Caroline Green
Principal
**DIARY DATES**

**November**

- Mon 17 - 21 Nov: Year 11 Exams
- Wed 19 Nov: Preschool Orientation Evening 7-8pm
- Fri 21 Nov: Primary Sports Day
- Mon 24 - 26 Nov: Year 10 Exams
- Wed 25 & 26 Nov: Journey to the Wizard of Oz Production
- Thurs 27 Nov: Secondary Sports Day

**December**

- Thurs 4 Dec: Year 7/8 Transition Day 2
- Mon 1 - 3 Dec: Year 8 & 9 Exams
- Tues 9 Dec: Year 7 Graduation
- Fri 12 Dec: P-7 Assembly, 9:00 am
- Fri 12 Dec: End Term 4 (1pm dismissal)

**January**

- Mon 19 Jan: Uniform Sales
- Tues 20 - 22 Jan: Fee Payment & Uniform Sales
- Mon 26 Jan: Australia Day Public Holiday
- Tues 27 Jan: Start Term 1 Years P-7 and 8 and 12
- Wed 28 Jan: Start Term 1 Years 9, 10 and 11

**Preschool**

Vacancies available for 2015

Enquiries: 0401 121 668

2014 Yearbook will be available for collection 20 Jan 2015, Finance office.

Like our page and keep updated with daily school news and reminders:
Facebook.com/Reynella East College

**Journey to OZ**

Our families and friends are invited to our whole school Musical production ‘Journey to OZ’. Our production is a modern version of the Oz story, presented at the Hopgood Theatre, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga on Wednesday November 26th at 1pm and 7pm (week 7 of term 4). Tickets are available from the Hopgood Theatre box office from the 1st of November, $10 for Adults, $7 Children and $30 for a family of 4. ‘Journey to OZ’ features song, dance, drama, film and music presented by our students from Preschool to Year 12. I hope you can come along the yellow brick road with us!

Julie D’Lima - Arts Coordinator
Year 12 Art & Design

On 30 November, the Year 12 Art and Design students presented an exhibition at REC, of their final moderation pieces for 2014.

A special congratulations to Tash B. who has had her piece selected to feature in the SACE Art Show held in Adelaide, early 2015.

Grant Schofield - Design Teacher

Nature Play & Outdoor Learning

Recently, a random selection of 30 students from 3 cohorts; Years R-3, 4-7 and 8-10, participated in a ‘Playscape’ workshop run by Jason Tyndell from Onkaparinga Council. From this consultation we’ve gained a solid perspective of what the students would like to have in their play spaces.

The legendary log that sits in one of the existing primary playgrounds; it seems is loved by so many. This give us the clear message that the students are certainly craving more.

Tania Guest - Project Manager
Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMMS)

A number of Year 8 classes have been selected to take part in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). TIMSS is an important Educational Research Project investigating student achievement in Mathematics and Science. More than 60 countries, including Australia, are participating in this study. TIMSS is an important activity to keep us, as parents and citizens, informed about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries and to compare programs of study and teaching practices. We will be able to obtain current national and international information which will help improve the teaching and learning of Mathematics and Science in our country.

Selected students will do an assessment in Mathematics and Science and complete a questionnaire about their experiences at home and school. There is no need for students to study specifically for the assessment as it will not affect individual students’ grades or progress in school.

Alan Pfeiffer - Deputy Principal

Primay Hub Music Tour

During term 3 primary Instrumental Music students went on a “Mini Tour” to our local primary schools to promote the program for 2015. They visited Woodcroft and Braeview Primary Schools and performed a number of songs, as well as talked about the program and how to get involved.

The Hub Band also performed to Reynella East College Students from Years 4-6.

Katrina Rycroft - Music Teacher

High School Music Tour

During week 10 of term 3 the High School Band and Choir participated in their annual Country tour. This year we travelled to Pt. Hughes and performed at four schools – Pt. Broughton, Minlaton, Stansbury and Bute. It was a very successful trip with 50 students performing high quality concerts to many students, teachers and local community members.

Katrina Rycroft - Music Teacher
and Grandparents Day

A very touching Remembrance Day service was held for our REC community last week. Primary students officiated at the service that included speeches, stories, a Catafalque Party, a bugle solo of ‘The Last Post’, wreath laying and of course; a minutes’ silence. The College choirs, the Secondary Band and two beautiful songs from the R-2 students entertained the crowd.

Afterwards grandparents and families were free to join in with the primary students for some fun and games, visit various displays and classrooms, and enjoy a break in the ‘Red Poppy Cafe’.

Feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. We thank you all for making the day such a huge success.

Remembrance Day Committee
Poetry in Action

The very popular ‘Poetry in Action’ team has been coming the REC for the past four years, and each year students thoroughly enjoy their performances and finding new ways to experience Shakespeare and engage with all forms of poetry. This year's visit was no exception.

Dana Thomas - English Coordinator

Students step into Japanese History

History comes alive with Feudal Japan role plays

Students in Ms Wright’s Year 8 History class were able to immerse themselves in medieval history by attempting to ‘step back’ in time.

As part of their depth study topic, “Shogun Rule Japan”, students were required to undertake research about a particular character that lived during the Feudal Period in Japan and after researching about their status, duties and lifestyle conduct a role play in class. It was a fun way of bringing to life times gone by and was an interpersonal opportunity to explore historical links between past and present Japan.

Most of the students were quite successful in their research and presentations and interestingly most students eagerly seized the opportunity to ‘dress up’ and don wigs and clothing to look more authentic in their character portrayal.

Emily N even went to the commendable effort of making her own specially made Feudal Japan pottery and weapons. Well done Emily! You met several Australian National Curriculum Assessment Standards to a very high level!

Paula Wright - History Teacher

Secondary Science

On Thursday 25th October, a group of Year 8 and 10 Science students and Year 11 Biotechnology students, attended a presentation at the Plant Genomics Centre at the Waite Institute and took part in a series of four workshops led by PhD students from Adelaide University. The workshops included DNA extraction from wheat germ, using micropipettes to measure samples of “DNA” for separation with gel electrophoresis apparatus, using restriction enzymes to “cut” DNA models and measuring the fibre content of commonly used breakfast cereals.

A worksheet was provided to accompany the workshops and the students completed this with the assistance of the workshop leaders. Both the informative presentation about research and developments in Gene Technology and the workshops provided students of each year level with valuable learning experiences.

Exposure to a workplace in which current research is being carried out and real people who are involved in this research are accessible and available to talk to, is an invaluable addition to the curriculum that students receive at school.

All the students who took part represented the College responsibly and were interested in the workshops. They made an effort to understand the new concepts and techniques they were exposed to and mastered them expertly. A satisfying experience was had by all who took part!!

Narayani McArdle - Science Teacher
SHOE BOXES OF LOVE

A shoebox gift from Operation Christmas Child tells a child in need that they are loved and opens up a whole bunch of life-changing opportunities for them, their family and their community. It begins with a shoebox and results in education.

We have been working with students and families to support the Operation Christmas Child initiative ‘Shoe Box of Love’. With the generosity of the REC community, a massive 70 shoeboxes, loaded with love are on their way to children in need across many countries in the world. This is such a wonderful project where students truly experience the joy of giving. We sincerely thank our community for your generosity.

Dani Wall and Deb Smith - CPSWs

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

We are supporting the Salvation Army and KMart Christmas Appeal again this year. Students Services staff have the Christmas tree ready and waiting for you to place your donations of non-perishable food items, or perhaps a gift. (KMart wishing tree tags are available from the Student Services staff.)

GIRLS GROUP

This term our Girls group has been gathering on Friday afternoons to discuss different topics such as healthy relationships, team work, friendships etc. One of our favorite projects this term has been partnering with an all girls school in Brazil who focus on saving young women out of prostitution. The girls are taught English, Cooking and basic Life skills and given amazing opportunities for growth.

Our Reynella East girls decided they wanted to ‘do something to help’. We sent 18 hand written letters of encouragement with mini Koalas and Kangaroos to the girls in Brazil and they were all so appreciative.

We love seeing our Girls group share meaningful discussions and grow as a team.

 Couldn’t be prouder of their initiative.

Kerry, Dani and Mel - Girls Group Leaders
YEAR 12 AWARDS

Special Awards

Terry Slaughter Award : Rachael B and Bailey K
Academic Student of the Year Award : Ryan T
VET Student of the Year Award : Bailey K
School Based Apprentice of the Year Award : Eric B
Caltex All-Rounder Award : Cassidy W
School Sports Award : Taylor G and Jacob M
ADF Long Tan Leadership Award : Rachael B
Onkaparinga 2104 Secondary Schools Community Service Award : Hayley S
Zonta Resilience and Resourcefullness Award : Siobahan F
School Service Awards :

Subject Awards

Biology : Chloe W
Chemistry : Phoebe M
Child Studies : Claudia B
Classical Studies : Lillian R
Creative Arts (Dance) : Danika M
Drama : Matthew P
Electronics : Bailey K
English Communications :
   Hayley S and Chloe W
English Pathways : Kirsten H
English Studies : Ryan T
ESL : Bailey K
Food & Hospitality : Cassidy W
Geography : Scott B
German : Sarah C and Ryan T
Health : Danika M
Japanese : Lillian R
Legal Studies : Ryan T
Maths Applications : Chloe W
Maths Studies : Brodie T
Media Studies : Tayla C
Modern History : Tash B
Nutrition : Stephanie W
Outdoor Education : Jessica W
Physical Education : Joshua W
Physics : Sara R
Psychology : Cassidy W
Scientific Studies : Sean K
Society & Culture : Hayley S
Specialist Mathematics : Brodie T
Sports Studies : Emily B
Tourism : Melanie D
Visual Arts - Art : Zoe H
Visual Arts - Design : Annie T
Workplace Practices : Bailey K
We always have an interesting collection of international students studying at Reynella East College for a range of purposes and durations. Some are here for a two-week Study Tour, while others are here for much longer to complete their SACE. We are always on the lookout for more Homestay families to host our International students for anywhere between 2 weeks to 2 years! Please don’t hesitate to contact the school if you would like to know more about this amazing experience for your family – see the ad below for more information.

Takashi

Hello my name is Takashi. I’m 17 years old. I’m studying abroad for three years. I like Tennis and Soccer, so next year I want to study Tennis and Soccer at Reynella East. I love the freedom in Australia and the beautiful nature. I also like Australia because Australian people are very kind and I feel this term will be a good place for me!

Nobuaki

I’m Nobuaki Tomisawa, but my nickname is Tommy. I’m staying here for 9 months. I’m concerned about whether I can make friends and study at the same time, but I don’t need to be concerned because the teachers are all very kind to me including teaching me after school. The other students are very friendly so they help me. As well as improving my English, I’m also studying French because I can’t study French in Japan so it is a very good chance for me. After I graduate from REC I want to enter an American university and I want to become a Pilot. Being an International student at REC is excellent for improving my English.

...and ACTION!

Recently we have been filming REC in action for material to use in a promotional ‘mini-movie’ to share with interested International schools and agents etc. We are committed to growing our International Program at Reynella East College, and are confident we will show the world that REC is a great place to be in this snapshot movie featuring everything the International Program offers; amazing facilities, friendly students, adventurous recreation and a quality homestay experience.

Tania Guest - Promotions Manager

Homestays NEEDED

Are you interested in becoming a Host family for International Students?

We are always looking for new Homestay families who ideally live close to Reynella East College and are interested in sharing their Australian lifestyle with an International student. Visits can vary from 10 days to a full year. Financial support is offered. Contact: Carole Edgeworth - Ph: 0403 605 979
Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College,

I would like to pay tribute to two politicians and statesmen who died recently; for their wonderful contribution to Education at the Federal, State and Local level.

With the very recent death of former Australian Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam, we are reminded of two of the most significant measures of equity in Education reforms.

The first was the abolition of fees for universities and technical colleagues, which replaced a Scholarship scheme for only a small fixed number of places and opened it up to those for whom higher education would have otherwise been out of reach. I was amongst thousands of young people who benefitted from the opportunity to access free Tertiary education in the 70’s and this is something that I, like many have always appreciated.

The other important reform was the establishment of the Australian Schools Commission and massive increase in Federal funding to Public schools. This allowed for the development of a large number of new schools and education facilities like Reynella East Primary which opened in 1978 and shortly after, Reynella East High School in 1981.

The second tribute is to local Independent member for Fisher, Bob Such who died recently after being diagnosed with a brain tumour. Bob made an outstanding commitment to local Education. He was actively involved in Governing Council meetings over an extended period, keeping school communities well informed of major state directions and connecting up with local programs. Bob supported the education and retention of disengaged students, child protection, proactive strategies towards crime prevention and curbing alcohol abuse. The Governing Council has made a tribute to the Neurological Foundation on behalf of the Reynella East College community.

Caroline Green
Principal

Dr. Bob Such MP

Gough Whitlam AC QC
Primary:
Cricket
State Cricketer Donna Clark visited REC to help promote the various Cricket programs available to our Primary students. Pictured here with 3 very enthusiastic young cricketers Charlotte, Caitlin and Aiden. All enquiries about Primary Cricket can be directed to Trish Pinder: pinders@internode.on.net.

Another special guest Sarah Taylor, Women’s World Number One T20 Cricketer, spent a day coaching our all-girl Kanga Cricket teams. This was a great opportunity for the girls to gain some first-hand wicket-keeping skills (among others), and gain inspiration from a world standard female Cricketer.

Trish Pinder - Primary Cricket Coordinator

Jack stacks up against the WORLD!
My name is Jack Spurling and I am a professional Sport Stacker for Australia. Ten months ago I was really into ‘Speed Cubing’. This is where you solve a Rubik’s Cube as fast as you can. From here I quickly moved on to ‘Speed Stacking’ and by Christmas I was speaking to coach Ty Hallam of the Australian team; the ‘Stackaroos’.

Ty quickly recognised my potential and invited me to train with the ‘Stackaroos’ on web cam called ooVoo. I started to meet all the people in the team including Ty and I got put on the development squad for the Australian team. After being in the development squad for awhile I started stacking at the speed of the Australian records and Ty said that I should go to the Australian Sport Stacking Championships in Melbourne on the 18th of October to represent South Australia. The results were unexpected as this was my first ever tournament. I had the fastest timed 3-3-3 out of everyone competing, 4th in the 3-6-3 and the third fastest cycle. With those results I came 3rd overall! I also hold the current Australian record for doubles. Ty pulled me aside after the tournament and announced that I had officially made the Australian Sport Stacking Team the “Stackaroos”! I have now been invited to go to Montreal, Canada where the World Sport Stacking Championships will be held with over 50 countries competing. I have also been invited to go to Malaysia for the Asian Open where I will be representing Australia.

Jack Spurling (Year 7)

Secondary:

Basketball: 50 students took part in the Zone Basketball Competition and we had winners in the Year 10 boys, Year 8/9 boys and Year 8/9 Girls.

Cricket: In the Scholz trophy we played games against Wirreanda in the Year 8/9 and Year 10 Boys, winning both.

Volleyball: State Knockout first round, the Girls finished 4th and the Boys 5th. Also 31 students qualified for their Referees award.

At the end of last term the Year 8/9 students had the opportunity to play in a house volleyball and Soccer tournament.

Jo Draper - Secondary PE Teacher
COMMUNITY NEWS

Claire’s ‘Coin the Cure’

My name is Claire Armstrong and I would like to share my story about how I support the fight against Cancer. A cause that touches millions of hearts a year.

I have been fundraising for the Flinders Medical Centre Foundation since I was 9 years old, I started when I made my own pink ribbon book marks and sold them from my driveway to the neighbours. I am now 16 and have raised over $2,500 for a cause very close to my heart, Breast Cancer Research.

In 2010 I created my own fundraising initiative called ‘Claire's Coin the Cure’. The idea was to cover a Pink Ribbon with coins to help find a cure for cancer. I managed to pull this fundraiser off at 12 years of age and raised $501.20 by asking people in a shopping centre to place a coin on my ribbon. After this I felt unstoppable and in 2011 the FMCF took my fundraiser and tweaked it a bit. I now use three ribbons when I hold this fundraiser, pink for Breast Cancer, blue for Men's Cancers and yellow for all cancers. To top it off the Flinders Medical Centre Foundation created a School Fundraising pack to seek the support of schools in raising money for Cancer research and patient care by using ‘Claire's Coin the Cure!

I hope that one day I can get many schools involved and be able to encourage them to use the Fundraising pack to hold their own ‘Claire's Coin the Cure’ to raise money and teach kids the value of volunteering their time for a good cause.

Recently on the 18th of October I held ‘Claire’s Coin the Cure’ at Castle Plaza and fundraised $810.50, the most successful event I have held to date.

I will also be volunteering at the PinkYellowBlue Ball on the 8th November which is the FMCF major annual fundraiser, which will wrap up my fundraising and volunteering for this year and I look forward to next year when I hope to hit the $1000 mark.

Don't let your age hold you back, just because you are young doesn't mean you can't make a difference.

Claire A. (Year 10)

Reynella All Abilities Program

Starting 3 November, 2014. Monday’s 5pm-6pm

The Reynella All Abilities Program offers the opportunity for boys and girls with a disability to participate and learn the game of Cricket with their friends, as well as having lots of fun.

Contact : 8300 3800 or Register : reynella.juniors@gmail.com

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