Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College,

We say a special thanks and farewell to a number of staff who retire at the end of this year, after many years of dedicated service to education at Reynella East College, and other schools across the state. Alan Pfeiffer, David Haines and Trevor Nicolai represent over 90 years of combined service to Public education. We wish them every happiness and hope they get to pursue a range of special interests in the future.

Grant Gotley, Dana Thomas, Di Brownlee, Robyn Neale, Tim Magnusson and Matt Kreig will be leaving to take up teaching and leadership positions in other schools and we wish them every success. We also thank the many contract teachers who have worked with us this year and hope to see many of them back in 2015.

Next year we welcome a number of new staff: Clayton Disley - Deputy Principal, Sarah Taylor - Business Leader, Heidi Godden - Co-ordinator Literacy across the Curriculum and English, Karen Church - Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning R-7, Ken Perkins - Primary Counsellor and Alanah Cathro – Assistant Principal Personalised Learning.

The highlight of the Preschool year would certainly be the end of year Christmas Concerts. Each of the Wombat and Playtpus groups shared their special night with family and friends, creating a great opportunity to share the joy of Christmas. A staffing update to share is that Angela Feddern has been appointed to the Preschool again for 2015. We’re sure all of you will be very pleased to hear that!

The Year 7 Graduation was very well supported by Parents, Grandparents and friends, and a large number of past and present teachers. The student compares were particularly impressive with the key messages they conveyed, along with their acknowledgements of the support from their Parents and Staff.

I have enjoyed my first year as Principal at Reynella East College. There have been many highlights, mentioned in previous newsletters, but I make particular mention of one of the College’s ‘firsts’, being the R-12 Performance – ‘Journey to Oz’. This was a fabulous experience for our students, and is one of the many examples of what can be achieved with enthusiasm, collaboration, shared skills and leadership.

I look forward to working with you all again in 2015, and on behalf of the staff I wish all families a safe and happy holiday.

Caroline Green
Principal
DIARY DATES

December

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
Tues 27 Jan   ID Photos Years 8 and 12
Wed 28 Jan   Start Term 1 Years 9, 10 and 11
Wed 28 Jan   ID Photos Years 9 - 11

February

Tues 3 Feb   Year 12 Acquaintance Night
Mon 9 - 13 Feb   Primary Aquatics
Tues 10 Feb   Years 8-11 Acquaintance Night
Mon 16 Feb   Governing Council AGM - 7pm

March

Mon 9 Mar   Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Thurs 19 Mar   College Photos
Fri 20 Mar   College Photos
Mon 23 Mar   Governing Council - 7pm

Vacancies available for 2015

Enquiries: 0401 121 668

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

Please return books
All Library books and text books are due to be returned by the last day of school. Students returning to school in 2015 who have overdue items will be restricted from borrowing until the items are either returned or losses paid for.

2015 Fees & Uniform

Fee Collection & Uniform Shop Special Opening Times
MATERIALS & SERVICE FEE COLLECTION: – Finance Office located in Student Services

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EFTPOS facility is available at the school for your convenience.
Alternately you may wish to pay your invoice over the Internet at www.reynellaec.sa.edu.au

INSPIRING SUCCESS
A very merry time was had by all at the two Preschool Christmas Concerts held in Weeks 8 and 9 of this term.

Families and friends were delighted by the cheer and the joy shared through the love, laughter, and sheer cuteness of the children!

The Preschool team wish all their children and families a very Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.

Preschool Team
The outstanding performance ‘Journey to Oz’ was well attended by our families at the Hopgood Theatre on 26 November. Congratulations to Julie D’Lima and her team; 28 staff who supported with: direction, supervision, choreography, multimedia, technical support and sound, 111 cast and dancers who amazed us with their talent, and 33 band and 28 choir members who sang and played to perfection throughout the performance.

The general feedback has been resoundingly positive. Some comments include:

“The performance was engaging, professional, and well paced”

“We had goose bumps (in a good way) when Dorothy sang “Over the Rainbow”. Must have been nerve wracking but it was executed very well.”

“Tinman and Scarecrow were very realistic. The adults also liked Tinman’s sense of humour – even if it wasn’t scripted”

“LOVED the little chickens”

Congratulations again to all involved.

A DVD of the performance is available for sale from the Finance Office for $10.
VET ‘RUNWAY SHOW’

The inaugural ‘Runway Show’ was held on 2 December in the REC Helpmann Dance Theatre.

This event was a culmination of the Year 10 pre-vocational Hairdressing course, taught for the first time this year by Ms April Gora. The show was a triumph, and the students truly shined brightly!

The students worked with staff to create a theme for their group including: Formal, Bridesmaid, Melbourne Cup, Punk Rock, Grecian and Masquerade.

The team work involved students collaborating and compromising with each other to complete their final result. Time management and communication skills were essential as each student had to give a short public explanation of their ‘creations’ - which they all did brilliantly with the use of technical hairdressing terminology.

The event captured the essence of authentic learning as students created an industry standard production. Well done to them all and Bravo!!! to Ms Gora for being such a great inspirational teacher!

Alanah Cathro - VET Coordinator

Hatsuho Kosaka a gift to us all

Hatsuho Kosaka is a Year 10 Exchange student from Mishima who has been at REC for the past year. Hatsuho has many talents including sketching, painting and singing. She has touched many of us with her gifts. Art teacher, Ms Anne Wilson says “Hatsuho is the most gifted Art student I have ever taught”. Hatsuho was commissioned to paint a canvas as a keepsake for us at REC. This canvas design also features as the cover for the 2014 Yearbook.

Hatsuho began this painting working on the idea of what Reynella East College had meant to her during her stay with us. She was given freedom to choose how she selected her images and subject matter. The wonderful result reflects Hatsuho’s experiences here. Themes of youth and cultural diversity are embraced in the piece, as well as the freedom of the open spaces. Grapevines in the background represent the local significance of vineyards in the region.
‘GO THE MO’ Dutto

Mike Dutton (affectionately known by all the students as ‘Dutto’) got very creative with his ‘Movember’ fundraising appeal this year.

Mr Dutton would like to thank the REC community for their support in helping him raise **$805** for Men’s Health.

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REC wins ‘Principal’s Cup’

REC have won the 2014 Principal’s Cup and Southern Vales Achievement Award.

Reynella East blitzed the 2014 results board against 16 other southern state and private schools competing in Athletics, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Football and Soccer games.

REC topped the scoreboard with 67 points, streets ahead of the 2nd placed school on 33 points.

Congratulations to all players, and various coaches on this outstanding achievement.

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**Cricket News**

**Girls invited onto Adelaide Oval**

Thirty girl cricketers, including around 15 from REC, who participate in Reynella Oval’s three programs - (for the second year in a row) have been invited to Adelaide’s Test match between Australia and India at the Adelaide Oval. They are part of a group of 90 girls displaying their cricketing skills during the lunch break on Thursday 11 Dec, Day 3 is titled Ladies Day in support of the McGrath Foundation.”

**REC wins grant for permanent synthetic pitch**

Our permanent cricket pitch in the north-eastern portion of the grounds will be surfaced with a permanent synthetic matting, thanks to Trish Pinder and her grant application to SA Government/SACA.

The new matting will enable the College to invite teams for SAPSASA Knockout and other inter-school games to play on our home turf.

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**Remembrance Day $4140.95**

An amazing effort by the Primary staff and students to raise $4140.95

Primary staff are still in discussion about how the funds will be spent.