Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College,

The school year started smoothly and I extend a warm welcome to the 1717 students and 45 pre-school children, their families and staff. This year we welcome a number of new Teaching staff, School Services Officers and Leadership staff. (See pg. 8 for full list).

Building connections between home and pre-school or school

The new school year is now well underway and the College has provided an opportunity for parents to meet with Primary Class Teachers and Secondary Home Group teachers at Acquaintance Night. Many teachers (particularly of younger students, new families and pre-school children) have met with parents and carers to seek important information that has supported a successful start.

However, we believe it is time for a review of the beginning of year processes, as there was only a small representation of families in some year levels. Anecdotal information from some parents indicates that parents want the opportunity to meet more subject teachers. We are therefore seeking your formal feedback at this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RECAcqNight_Parent

We would very much appreciate your opinion.

Building connections Internationally

During the Christmas holidays, Mr Andrew Smith and I joined 12 other SA Educators on a Study Tour of Thailand, to help develop links with Thai schools, and further strengthen our REC International Program.

The trip was a huge success with relationships continuing at REC already. (Read more pg. 6)

Inaugural P-12 Sportsday Carnivàle

On Friday 20 March, we will open another exciting new chapter for Reynella East College by bringing everyone together, all 1717 students and 45 preschoolers for our very first P-12 Sports Day Carnivàle. There will be a Carnivàle theme, featuring many of our talented students, opportunities for our students to run stalls and much more. There will be great food, activities and places for families to set up for the day.

Congratulations to our first P-12 House Captains & Vice Captains who will lead teams of over 400 students in the weeks leading up to the Grand Opening Ceremony and Sports and Novelty events. We hope to see you there!

Caroline Green
Principal
March

Mon 9 Mar  Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Tues 17 Mar  College Photos
Thurs 19 Mar  College Photos
Fri 20 Mar  P-12 Sports Day Carnivàle
Mon 23 Mar  Governing Council - 7pm
Tues 24 Mar  Yrs R-7 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mon 30 Mar  Yrs 8-12 Reports home

April

Fri 3 Apr  Easter Friday Public Holiday
Mon 6 Apr  Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tues 7 - 10 Apr Yrs R-2 Swimming
Tues 7 Apr  Yrs 8-12 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri 10 Apr  Yrs P-7 Assembly, 9am Byards Gym
Mon 27 Apr  Student Free Day
Tues 28 Apr  Student Free Day

May

Tues 5 May  Open Day 12.00-7.00pm
Wed 6 May  Yr 8 Vaccinations
Tues 12 - 14 May  NAPLaN
Wed 13 May  Yr 12 SACE Info Evening
Mon 18 May  Governing Council 7pm
Fri 29 May  Yrs P-7 Assembly, 9am Byards Gym

Diary Dates

REC Preschool

Taking enrolments for 2016

Enquiries: 0401 121 668

Last Printed Newsletter

We have decided that it’s time to ‘go green’ with our newsletter. Future issues will be emailed to families. (Printed copies will still be available for collection from Students Services or the Front Office).

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

REC Preschool

Playgroup

Wednesday’s 9.00-10.45am
Enquiries: 0401 121 668

No Parking

Parents are reminded that no parking is allowed in the staff carparks, before and after school.
Carnivàle
Friday 20 March

Fundraising Stalls $$$
* BBQ  * Yiros
* Coffee/Cake
* Sweet Treats
* Watermelon
* Iced Coffee
* Icecream
* Cold Drinks
* Bungee Run $2
* ‘Selfie’ Booth $2
* Soak the Teacher $2
* Face Paint/ Crazy Hair $2
* Raffle: Win an IPad! $1
(tickets now on sale from Library, Front Office & Finance)

Important Notes:
• Finance & Student Services CLOSED
Student Services will be relocated to the ‘Service Tent’ on the oval. Skeleton staff will run the Front Office. Finance office will be closed.
• Photography
In the interest of safety, child protection and privacy, students and parents are welcome to take photos of their own children, but are requested not to upload ANY photographs of other children onto social media. (See FAQs below)
• Weather
The event will be postponed if the weather is forecast at 34 degrees or over. Determination will be made according to 7am forecast on:
• Sun Protection
All students are required to wear a hat and sleeved tops (no singlets allowed). Students are asked to fully apply 4hr+ sunscreen at home, before coming to school. Re-application will be available from the Student Service Tent. (see FAQs below)
• FAQ’S
Further details are available at Frequently Asked Questions on our website:
W: reynellaec.sa.edu.au/general/faqs/sportsday

Donations Needed
We are seeking donations for our cake stall
Please see Jan in Front Office
NEW Learner Management System 2015

This year we have launched our new learner management system SEQTA. We are currently implementing this in the Secondary school and will soon begin to roll it out to the Primary school. This will provide teachers with access to detailed information about the learning needs of all of our students. Teachers will be developing programs online, students will be able to access their learning from school and home and parents will be able to keep track of their children’s learning, attendance and more.

Clayton Disley - Deputy Principal

Year 8 Orientation Day

On the first day of school our 245 Year 8 students enjoyed two orientation activities. Students learnt to find their way around the College in the ‘Race around Reynella’ activity, using a map and strategically placed clues.

Nine information stations were available in the ‘World Cafe’ held in the Byards Gym. Students rotated around the stations, receiving important and useful information from staff and Student Leaders.

Sue Richards - Assistant Principal
Welcome to the start of the new school year!

It has been great to meet new students, staff and families to REC and re-connect with children, staff and families after the Christmas break. Already we have had a settled start and I feel it is going to be a great year full of learning and working as a partnership with you all. Can I also thank our students and families as so many of our students have started the year off in correct uniform and looking really smart!

We have slightly altered our start of the day times to 8:40am. Please support this as there is no teacher on duty before this time in our yard as it is a busy and productive morning time to best prepare for the start of the day. Our school day finishes at 3pm and again there is no teacher supervision in the yard. A reminder that the car park is not for student pick up/drop off. The Council are also monitoring cars around the school with a focus on student safety so please have a designated meeting spot for your family. A number of our Upper Primary students and staff have just been trained in Road Crossing procedures so please use the crossing safely before and after school with your family.

Thank you to the many families that attended our Acquaintance afternoon and or have popped in to meet with Class teachers. The focus from week 0 this year has been on teachers knowing their learners and these initial meetings are vital to set up successful relationships between school and home. We'd like to receive feedback on the experience for you and your family from the evening. We invite you to complete the survey found here and I welcome any feedback via my email beck.truran952@schools.sa.edu.au

Volunteers are always welcome, but we require a DSCI Screening Police Check. Forms can be obtained from Student Services. REC will cover the cost.

We have a new leadership team to start this year and it is timely to direct you to any queries you may have and who the ‘right’ staff member is to assist you may be after you have consulted with your child/ren’s teacher:

Sue Matene (sue.matene889@schools.sa.edu.au) is back as our Early Years Assistant Principal and oversees our Preschool, Reception - Year 2 classes.

We welcome Karen Church (karen.church588@schools.sa.edu.au) to our Leadership as our Primary Years Assistant Principal - Years 3-7.

Frank Pappagalo (frank.pappaglo674@schools.sa.edu.au) is supporting staff with the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and working closely with the teachers and classes in the Ramsey Unit.

Lynne- Marie Durieu (lynnemarie.durieu459@schools.sa.edu.au) we welcome back as our Primary Counsellor. She will be case managing some individual students and families and also working proactively in classes delivering social skills programs.

Beck Truran - Head of Primary
THAILAND Study Tour

We believe that a vibrant and successful International Program has benefits for students, the school and its community. Research shows that international education enriches learning and supports personal growth for all students. It brings diverse linguistic and cultural perspectives into the lives of students, strengthens values such as harmony and tolerance and increases understanding and respect. It gives students the opportunity to form new friendships and relationships, and opportunities to experience other countries. In today’s increasingly globalised society, a vibrant International Program helps students to prepare for the dynamic nature of diversity in the contemporary world.

During the holidays Andrew Smith, International Education Coordinator and I participated in a 12 day Study Tours of Thailand with 12 other South Australian Educators to develop links with Thai Schools and to promote opportunities at Reynella East College. Andrew spent a week in Bangkok with a group of teachers from around Adelaide. They visited several schools that send students to South Australia and ran some Professional Development sessions with Thai teachers. He then spent a week at Prasat Wittayakarn School in Prasat, Surin province, learning about the education system in Thailand and experiencing Thai culture.

I was placed at Bangkok Christian College that has an enrolment of 3,000 students. We both found the Thai people extremely supportive and accommodating and the general philosophy of ‘don’t worry, things will work out’ is something we hope to aspire more to! We were both taken to many places of significance and had the opportunity to participate in a huge range of educational and cultural activities including Thai Dance, Art, Cooking, Theatre and Boxing, Water Markets and Buddhist temples just to name a few.

Reynella East College is now hosting Thai study tours and visits for teachers and students and we are confident that Thai partnerships will grow as a result of our involvement in the program.

In order to support this work a promotional DVD was made and is now available on the College website. It is a fantastic snap shot of the College facilities and programs put together by Tania Guest and Andrew Smith with the assistance of students and staff.

Caroline Green - Principal

See our promotional video...
www.reynellaec.sa.edu.au/international
LINDAU Exchange


The students spent the first 10 days traveling through Germany before meeting their Exchange students in Lindau. They visited Berlin, Munich, Nuremburg, Frankfurt, as well as various trips with their host families! They saw many interesting and historical sites such as the Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate, the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, Neuschwanstein Castle, the Hofbrauhaus and the Nuremburg courthouse. They ate different and amazing things like liver dumplings, pretzels covered in chocolate, chips with mayonnaise and sauerkraut with a huge variety of sausages.

In Lindau, the students stayed with their Exchange student and family for 4 weeks, attending the school, Valentin-Heider Gymnasium. The students thought the school was incredibly different and much more difficult than school in Australia. Students went skiing, snowboarding, iceskating, and experienced a European Christmas.

This was a once in a lifetime experience that none of them will ever forget!

Carmen Baier - German Teacher

LINDAU Gymnasium is our German ‘Sister School’

Each year we exchange visits. Interested students should contact Mr Andrew Smith.
PISCE
Primary Industries Centre for Science Education

For the past 5 years, students from this school have been accepted into the PICSE Scholarship program.

The program involves participation in a camp in the Riverland, visiting a wide range of agricultural businesses and getting to know other students with a passion for Science. Students then spend a week working with a scientist assisting them with their research.

You may have read the article in the Advertiser featuring Lucy Rilett, and her PICSE experience working with scientists at the FOODplus Research Centre at the Waite Institute. Lucy participated in a research program that involved measuring the Omega3 concentration in eggs to determine if the nutritional value of the eggs was affected by a special diet given to the hens.

Congratulations to Lucy, who not only thoroughly enjoyed her experience, but was an excellent ambassador for the school

Wendy Toogood - Science Coordinator

WELCOME NEW STAFF

New Leadership appointments:
- Clayton Disley: Deputy Principal,
- Sarah Taylor: Business Leader
- Heidi Godden: Assistant Principal Literacy and English
- Karen Church: Assistant Principal – 4-7
- Caine Gillard: Co-ordinator, Timetable & Learner Management Systems

Congratulations also to:
- Alanah Cathro: Assistant Principal Personalised Learning position
- Adam Langley: 8-10 Counsellor term 1 & 2
- Dan Crispin: Maths Co-ordinator term 1
- Lynn-Marie De Rui: Primary Counsellor term 1 & 2
- Frank Pappagalo: R-7 Teaching and Learning Co-ordinator.

Special welcome also to new teachers
- Lauren Clark-Simpson: Year 6
- Mel Hollitt: Year 6
- Alicia Read: Year 6/7
- Kerri Ridley: Japanese R-7
- Cameron Hunter: Technology studies
- Ken Nixon: Media Arts/ Drama
- Travis Laxton: Technology Studies/Geography
- Michael Stoetzer: Work Place Practices, Research Project, English & Geography
- Marjolein Douglas-Broers: Food & Hospitality
**PEER Award for Excellence**

**Bailey Kudler**

Former Year 12 (2014) Bailey Kudler undertook a 2 year VET course to gain Certificate II in Electronics qualifications via Trade School course delivered by PEER VEET Training.

During his training Bailey consistently gained excellent results and late last year he received the ‘PEER Monthly Student Award for Excellence’. Bailey also gained excellent results for all his SACE subjects and after completion of his Year12 studies, has been employed in a full-time apprenticeship with PEER.

*Alanah Cathro - Assistant Principal (Personalised Learning)*

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**SHE LEADS conference 2014**

**Abby Jones & Ilijana Djokicr**

The vision of YWCA Adelaide is ‘stronger communities through the leadership of women and girls’.

This sentiment is also promoted through the Zonta club of Noarlunga & Southern Vales which gained sponsorship from politician; Katrine Hildyard & Gail Gago in order to purchase the tickets for our girls to attend the YWCA’s ‘She Leads’ conference.

Year 11 students, Abby Jones & Ilijana Djokicr had the privilege to represent REC at the conference where Natasha Stott Despoja, Deborah Cheetham and Gala Mustafa delivered Plenary Presentations along with the following discussion panels about:

- The Future We Want For Women’s Leadership
- The Challenges We Face Regarding Women’s Leadership
- Strategies to Advance Women’s Leadership

The girls found the conference inspirational and a great experience. Both girls felt that the speakers gave them insight to a greater sense of global awareness and a deeper understanding of both the struggles that women in many parts of the world still face; along with the incredible contributions that so many women also make.

They learnt about what being a female leader means in a range of different ways and heard about many issues in the world that do not get the media or political attention they deserve. Ilijana commented that the quote that stood out for her was ‘the only way out is through’ and Abby was encouraged to feel that no matter what path she takes, she can be a leader in her life. Both girls were affected deeply by the speech of Gala Mustafa who gave her emotional story of survival which related to the challenges she faced as a refugee and being a victim of racism when she set up her new life in Australia.

*Alanah Cathro - Assistant Principal (Personalised Learning)*

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**INSPIRING SUCCESS**
New **Synthetic Pitch**

The Woodcroft Cricket Club and REC jointly applied to SACA last term and were awarded a grant to install permanent, synthetic fabric to our concrete pitch. Woodcroft CC are thrilled that this enables them to avoid the use of their ageing matting, and our College benefits not only day to day, but when visiting opponents may now be invited to utilise the new surface in lieu of the previous concrete pitch. REC students will have access to the pitch by arrangement.

SACA Club Development Leader Andrew Caldwell has kindly agreed to present a photograph of our new pitch to SACA’s Board, and we thank him for his support and encouragement through the application process.

*Trish Pinder - Primary Cricket Co-ordinator*

**REC AFL CLUB - R-7 students**

We invite all boys and girls who are students in Year 2 through to Year 7 to join an REC Australian Rules Football Team for the 2015 season.

The first training / player registration afternoon will be held on Wednesday 25 March, 2015 between 4:00pm & 5:00pm on the Primary School Oval.

Games are played on Saturday mornings during Terms 2 & 3.

COME AND HAVE SOME FOOTY FUN!!

*Cam Wilson - Raiders Football Club*

**Howard Mutton Award**

**REC proudly ranked 6th in the State**

Howard Mutton championed the cause of increasing participation of young people in Physical Education and Sport in Education Department schools for more than 20 years. In his roles as president of the SA Secondary Schools Sport Association, head of the Physical Education Branch and superintendent of Health and Physical Education, he was a mentor to many aspiring young sports people and particularly influenced the training of Physical Education teachers.

For each Trophy awarded to the school gaining the greatest aggregate of points for outstanding PARTICIPATION and ACHIEVEMENTS in sport in Secondary School Sport SA’s programs, the following criteria are used:

1. Involvement and success in local zone sport
2. Involvement and success in state championships
3. Involvement and success in statewide Knockout Championships and interstate representation.

Congratulations to all involved and thanks to staff for creating and supporting opportunities for our students. A great result!

*Caroline Green - Principal*
T20 Cricket v Wirreanda

Our boys were very confident going into this match on 6 February, but some late exclusions from the side may have levelled the playing field. Our captain Zach R chose to bowl first and with some good fielding, catching and tight bowling, we restricted Wirreanda to only 72 runs from the allocated 20 overs. Dylan R was bowled out for a quacker in the opening over which put us under a small amount of pressure, enter Dylan Tan. Between T and Reekie, they amassed the score in only 12 overs, finishing with 34 and 48 runs respectively. Our next match is in a couple of weeks against Eastern Fleurieu.

Tom Leverenz - Coach

Volleyball

Well the Australian Schools Cup is over for yet another year. Reynella East College fielded 6 teams in only its third year and managed to finish 32nd of 128 schools. We had some mixed results, but managed to get 4 teams into championship pools and finish in some very respectable positions. A big thanks to all the Teachers, Students Teachers and Volunteers who gave up their own time to see our students improve and succeed on a national stage. Our students worked hard training and fundraising since Term 2, 2014. They represented their school with pride and showed class beyond their years by displaying great sportsman/sportswomenship in situations where they weren't getting the respect they deserved from opposition players and coaches. Another huge positive saw Reynella East winning the banner competition with a fantastic design by our very talented exchange student Hatsuho Kosaka.

2014 Results

Open Boys Division 2 - 15th, Open Girls Division 3 - 6th, Under 17 Boys Division 3 - 4th, Under 17 Girls Division 3 - 6th, Under 16 Boys Division 3 - 5th, Under 16 Girls Division 3 - 14th.

I know I speak for all the students, staff and volunteers when I say, bring on 2015 and Go Easts!

Alex Moncrief for Coaching Team
Guidelines for **Good Gaming**

**Thurs 19 March, 7.30 - 9.30pm : Mercedes College, Springfield**

Registration day Saturday 7 March at building foyer, entrance to soccer pitch.

**Cost : $25**

[www.trybooking.com/CVCW](http://www.trybooking.com/CVCW)

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**Keeping Teens and Preteens Safe Online**

**Tues 17 March, 7.00-9.00pm, Adelaide Convention Centre**


Ph: 8303 1660  E: health.parenting@health.sa.gov.au

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**Soccer**

**Noarlunga & Districts Saturday Morning Competition**

All aged boys and girls welcome:

Registration day Saturday 7 March at building foyer, entrance to soccer pitch.

Further Info: Richard King - rarsenalk@hotmail.com - Ph 0435 206 892

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**School Dental Service**

The School Dental Service is the major provider of dental services for babies, children and young people under 18 years in South Australia. Around 130,000 children attend every year.

The Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in 2014.

ALL children are very welcome to continue to access dental care at the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.

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.


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**Sports Voucher Program**

**Your child may be eligible for $50**

The Sports Voucher program is a State Government initiative. It is an opportunity for children R-7 to receive a $50 discount off club/membership fees.

Conditions apply.