Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College,

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On day two, Paul Clapton-Caputo, Program Leader: Digital Learning and Communications started the day off by challenging our thinking about future learning and the implications for our pedagogy (teaching approaches). After this, staff had the opportunity to work in Learning Area teams to review and further develop learning and assessment plans and how to upload to SEQTA for student access to support the ‘any time, any place’ direction. Staff then reviewed their performance development goals to incorporate new challenges.

The next Student Free day will be held on June 5 at Morphettville Race Course with pre-schools and schools in the Panalatinga Partnership to further explore ways to build learner resilience. This will be the first time whole staff teams across the partnership will have the opportunity to work together around a common priority. Student leaders from the primary and high school will also be involved in the morning activities.

Open Day

Despite the terrible weather Open Day was well attended. The early 2pm start attracted a few families with a real build up from 5-6.30pm. There was a lot of positive feedback about the Year 10 Tour Guides and the opportunity to showcase and celebrate the unique aspects of Reynella East College and secondary schooling. We are pursuing the possibility of having Open Day during daylight saving in 2016 so that it is lighter and warmer for staff and visitors and review the timing of the program.

To promote Open Day the Year 10 Peer Support leaders performed the ‘Roadshow’ and toured around the feeder Primary Schools to showcase all aspects of REC. The performance I attended at Woodcroft was really engaging and our students did an outstanding job with really great support from Tom Leverenz, Tania Guest and Tessa Jarvis.

Monitoring student achievement at REC

The Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 NAPLAN tests were conducted this week. Overall, there was an increase in the number of students who sat the tests and less parent requests for exemptions than in previous years. Administering the tests is a big exercise. Once again this group had varying attitudes to the test. A growing number of students question the relevance of testing that is not counted as part of the assessment. Using multiple data sets is therefore critical to track and monitor how well our students are performing. In term 1, all Secondary teachers started collecting A-E snapshots and this will commence in R-7 classes next term. This year and in the future, we will be able to look at the correlation between student achievement data as well as more closely track student progress. Once student and parent portals are available, a whole range of data will be open and transparent.

Caroline Green - Principal
### June

- **Tues 2 June**: P-7 Principal Tour
- **Fri 5 June**: **Student Free Day**
- **Mon 8 June**: **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**
- **Wed 10 June**: College Music Night 7pm
- **Mon 15-19 June**: Year 11 Exams
- **Tues 16 June**: 8-12 Principal Tour
- **Fri 19 June**: End Semester 1
- **Mon 22 June**: Start Semester 2
- **Mon 22 June**: Governing Council Meeting, 7pm

### July

- **Wed 1 July**: Year 8 Vaccinations
- **Fri 3 July**: P-7 Assembly, 9am
- **Fri 3 July**: End Term 2
- **Mon 20 July**: Start Term 3
- **Tues 21-24 July**: Year 12 exam week
- **Wed 29 July**: P-7 Principal Tour
- **Thurs 30 July**: Years 3-7 Maths Competition

### August

- **Wed 5 Aug**: 8-12 Principal Tour
- **Wed 5 Aug**: SACE Info. Night
- **Wed 5 Aug**: Year 12 Graduation Info. Night
- **Mon 10 Aug**: Governing Council, 7pm
- **Wed 12 Aug**: VET Info. Night
- **Wed 19 Aug**: Year 8-11 Course Counselling Day
- **Fri 21 Aug**: P-7 Assembly, 9am

### September

- **Thurs 3 Sept**: P-7 Principal Tour
- **Fri 4 Sept**: **School Closure (Show Day)**
- **Mon 14 Sept**: Governing Council, 7pm
- **Wed 16 Sept**: 8-12 Principal Tour
- **Fri 25 Sept**: P-7 Assembly, 9am
- **Fri 25 Sept**: End Term 3

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**REC Preschool Playgroup**

Wednesday's 9.00-10.45am

Enquiries: 0401 121 668

**Student Free/Closure Days**

- **Friday 5 June**: P-12 Student Free
- **Monday 8 June**: Public Holiday
- **Friday 4 Sept**: P-12 School Closure (Show Day)
- **Monday 23 November**: R-12 Student Free

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CHILD STUDIES
Years 2 and 12 Collaboration

Late last term the Year 12 Child Studies class prepared a Healthy Celebration Lunch for Sue Bradley’s Yr 2 class.

The Yr 12 students incorporated the Yr 2 themes of Australia and water to prepare their healthy celebration recipes and accompanying activities.

The aim of this task was for students to demonstrate their understanding of nutrition on children’s growth and development and current Government initiatives such as the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating and the Right Bite Strategy.

This was a great example of the possibilities available in our P-12 setting. Students from both year levels really enjoyed the experience.

Trish Margonis - Child Studies Teacher

McClure unit visits
Monarto Zoo

In week 2 this term the Reception/Year 1 students in McClure visited Monarto Zoo, to further their studies on animals. The tour involved a bus ride through the zoo and an educational safari walk through to the chimps, meerkats and rock wallabies.

The children really enjoyed the viewing platform to see the giraffes and zebras feeding.
COLLEGE FUNDRAISING

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Our fundraising partners

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Up to $150 bonus

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The Biology workshops at Flinders University attended by Year 10, 11 and 12 students were informative and hands-on. We started the day walking in the pine forest area near the northern entrance to the university, where our presenter pointed out the difference in biodiversity between the sections of native and introduced plant species there and as a consequence the variety of birds that have adapted to the Australian native plants.

In the Science Laboratories students participated in the first of two workshops, on DNA and Gel Electrophoresis. They were introduced to the structure of the DNA molecule and the concept of identifying and separating out pieces of DNA that are useful for identifying individual characteristics when found at a crime scene, for example. The students had the opportunity to practise using formal Gel Electrophoresis equipment and to see how their results could be used to identify a person of interest.

The second workshop involved setting up slides using samples of bacteria using Gram Staining technique and classifying their samples as Gram positive or Gram negative by viewing them under a microscope.

These experiments provided them with an extension to both their understanding and experience of modern biology and how it is used in the real world.

In addition, these students had an invaluable opportunity to ask questions of professionals who are engaged in study and research at the university and overseas, relating to their own work and more broadly to possible study and career paths they were considering.

Narayani McArdle - Science Teacher

An hour with Andy Thomas - Astronaut!

During week 2 of this term, Reynella East College was invited as one of seven schools to participate in a presentation given by Australian astronaut, Professor Andy Thomas.

Ms Sood, myself and interns (Trent Dolling and Tyne Crickmar), together with 40 of our enthusiastic Year 9-11 science students represented our school.

The presentation focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) pathways and gave specific insight into the global (and even out of this world) opportunities made available through tertiary study.

The following are anecdotes from students that attended:

"The way he described the trip made me want to become an astronaut. I was privileged enough to ask him a question." Yvette Desmond

"Lifestyle in a space station. Living without gravity seems slightly complicated. Andy said “We take gravity for granted”." Kira Burness

"Inspirational. Shows how you can pursue your dreams even studying in Adelaide.” Travis Griggs

"an interesting look at his life and how you can be whoever you want to be, if you work hard and put your mind to it.” Jack Hocking

I am very proud of the respectful and courteous conduct, and thoughtful questions raised by our students. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity that the students thoroughly embraced.

Kelly Miller - Science Teacher
Visitors from THAILAND

A reciprocal visit

For the first three weeks of this term we welcomed six visitors (four education staff and 2 students) who were part of a delegation from Thailand visiting South Australian Government Schools.

The staff visited classes, attended meetings, went on excursions and learnt about our school with a view to sharing their experiences in their own schools in Thailand.

The project is part of Reynella East College’s International Program’s growing relationship with Thailand. Our guests very much enjoyed the REC hospitality, and have taken away lots of ideas and many, many photographs!

SHE LEADS Conference

Students, Amy Evans & Shewah Mahar recently took the opportunity to attend the inaugural YWCA ‘She Leads’ school girls’ conference in Adelaide. The day involved a range of sessions led by inspirational female speakers who shared their stories about their successes, challenges, persistence and goal setting strategies. We were also treated to a live performance by Racheal Leahcar. Our girls thoroughly enjoyed the day and one of them “can’t wait for next year”; both girls discovered that making positive changes in their own life and the lives of others really is possible.

Alanah Cathro - Assistant Principal
Japanese Exchange Trip
by Ashley Morrissey

During the April school holidays I was involved in a special exchange scholarship to Japan. The scholarship was offered at my school, Reynella East College, and organised so that one student studied at Nihon University Mishima Senior High School. I stayed in Japan, between 12 and 26 April, 2015.

Some highlights of the trip was going to Tokyo Disneyland, staying overnight at Hakone and praying at a shrine. The students at the school were really welcoming and the host families were so wonderful in hosting me throughout my stay in Japan. I made a lot of friends during my visit and they seem like long-lasting ones. It was interesting experiencing the life of a Japanese high school student and the environment in which they study and spend most of their time.

The trip involves going to Japan for two weeks and participating in the Japanese lifestyle. This means going to school, participating in club activities, following Japanese customs and visiting places throughout Japan with your host family and class.

As well as being fun, the Mishima trip encourages personal growth. I have become a lot more independent and confident, along with gaining more awareness of formalities and cultural differences. While I stayed in Japan, I had to deliver speeches to the students and teachers, talking about myself, Australia, my local area and school. This was particularly nerve-wracking, as I wasn't presenting to just a little class, it was the whole school and broadcasting live on camera. All done in Japanese. I have definitely developed in public speaking because of this.

Staying in Japan also made me realise just how much we don't think about our local surroundings. It was interesting to see, as I found it hard to talk about my local area in Australia. It wasn't until I was in Japan that I had all these ideas. It was because I got to experience just how different these countries are from one another, that I finally understood the places and cultural things that people from other countries would find interesting about Australia.

I now know what it feels like to be an exchange student and have more understanding and respect for what exchange students in Australia are experiencing throughout their stay at my school. I also have more appreciation for host families and the lengths they go to in order to make exchange students comfortable, along with teachers and supporting students.

Some of the interesting things I did throughout my stay in Japan are participating in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, going to Tokyo Disneyland with the Japanese class and visiting Owakudani, an active volcano. Experiencing these places made me realise just how big the world is and how important it is to keep strong bonds with other countries so we can keep experiencing different cultures.

Learning in Japan has been a wonderful experience. Everyone was really welcoming and fun. I have been to and seen some amazing places. The trip has inspired me and encouraged me to continue to learn other languages and travel in the future. It has been the trip of a lifetime and is a big event in my life. I encouraged others to take this opportunity and for them to learn and enjoy it just as much as I did. It is something that helps you grow and opens up many more opportunities for you to experience.
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Street SMART

Road Safety Awareness

In week 3 of this term, all Year 11 students attended the “Street Smart” presentation at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. It included personal stories from victims of road trauma, a mock accident and other real life experiences of young people affected by their life decisions. Students found the day very confronting but extremely valuable.

To further endorse the road safety messages, the same students will also watch a Road Awareness Program (RAP) presentation by the Metropolitan Fire Service next week.
Open Day
On Tuesday 5 May we opened our school for Open Day and welcomed approx. 125 families, which we consider very pleasing given the horrible weather that afternoon/evening. This year we changed the concept to an open afternoon on a school day, rather than a Sunday with the aim of being able to have more students actively at work in the faculty areas. We believe we achieved our aim as families seemed suitably impressed as they toured the College. A special thank you to our Student Leaders who volunteered to guide on the day and to other students who assisted with displays in faculty areas.

Roadshow
As an Open Day marketing activity, we held our ‘Roadshow’ in the week leading up to Open Day. This mini ‘production’ is part of the curriculum for Peer Support students who are responsible for the content and then the delivery of the ‘performance’ given to our 6 feeder Primary schools. The primary students who were bussed into REC, all thoroughly enjoyed the ‘snap shot’ of opportunities available at REC and provided our performers with some fantastic feedback.

The Peer Support students gain an enormous amount of confidence in this public profile and have all grown as individuals as a result.
REC Rugby League State Champions!
The U18 Rugby League Team proudly claims the title of State Champions 2015.

The squad played some outstanding rugby but the team spirit undoubtedly won the State championship. See here for full report: http://reynellaec.sa.edu.au/news/school/

James Huntley selected for U18 State Rugby
Congratulations to James Huntley for being selected to represent SA in the SA Under 18s representative team to compete in June.

Zach Reekie - selected for Australia in Indoor Netball, and SA in Indoor Cricket and U15 Cricket
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REC Runners Up in Volleyball State Cup
During week 2, Reynella East College sent 95 Year 8-12 students to participate in the Volleyball Fleurieu Cup. Throughout the tournament our teams played against Victor Harbour, Willunga, Seaford, Woodcroft, Tatachilla and Eastern Fleurieu. Overall we finished runners up for the Fleurieu Cup which is an improvement from previous years. Hopefully next year we can go one better!

Lauren Shippey - Volleyball Coach
Primary SPORT

SAPSASA

The District Cross Country Carnival was held Tuesday May 5. The weather conditions were made for the carnival, with rain storms and strong winds prevalent throughout the day. All competing students finished their races and should be commended for their perseverance in finishing the tough 3km run. Our star of the day was Terry Kathopoulis, who finished 2nd in the 11 years boys division. Hayley Prideaux also had a great run, placing 5th in the 12 years girls division. Both these runners will now be attending the State Cross Country carnival later this month.

Aaron Roche - Primary PE Teacher

Deakin Hamilton selected for State Indoor Cricket

Congratulations to Deakin Hamilton for being selected to represent SA in the Southern Spiders U14 Indoor Cricket Team to compete in July.

Secondary SPORT

McLeod Challenge!

200 Aboriginal Footballers descended on the Max Basheer Reserve adjacent to Football Park on Friday 15th May. Seven of these budding young stars were from Reynella East College in Travis Clark, Tony Graham-Warman, Damian Fountain, Jarrad Veitch, Georgia Smith, Ella Uhl and Laura Evans. We combined forces with Seaton High School and battled throughout the day in the 9-a-side tournament. The highlight of the day for our kids was meeting Crows players Eddie Betts, Richard Douglas, Cameron Ellis-Yeoman, Charlie Cameron, Mitch Grigg and past player and Life Member Andrew McLeod. Our students represented REC with the most admirable sportsmanship and endeavour and the best player awards went to T Clark and G Smith.

Tom Leverenz – Aboriginal Education Teacher
COMMUNITY NEWS

Blue Light **POOL PARTY**
Friday 12 June, 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Noarlunga Leisure Centre, Seaman Road, Noarlunga Centre

Ages 11 - 16 welcome. Tickets on sale from Noarlunga Leisure Centre. $5.00
Contact : 8384 1144

**Free Life Coaching** session
Sunday 14 June, 2015 2pm
Woodcroft Library, 175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale

Create the life you deserve by becoming emotionally fit with Heidi’s life coaching session.
For more information or to book P: 8384 0050 E: onkaparingacity.com/libraries

**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.


**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. A generous allowance is paid.

Contact : Carole Edgeworth - Ph: 0403 605 979

**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.