Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College

School Closure Day
This term Governing Council have endorsed an R-12 School Closure day for Friday 4 September. The Pre-School have a pre-arranged excursion that will occur on this day.

Course Counselling 8-11
Reynella East College offers a broad range of subjects that support students to develop the skills and knowledge required for their career pathways. This term we have had a SACE Information evening for students in years 10 and 11, and a Yr 12 Graduate Information session. These sessions are important in providing students and families with the latest information to support decision making about course selection. Wednesday 19 August is our Year 8-11 Course Counselling Expo where students find out more information about course offerings and make decisions about courses for 2016. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about career pathways.

Middle School Review
This year we have conducted a Middle School Review. The recommendations from the review include:

• Middle School to include students in years 6 to 9
• A sub-school/ house structure
• 1:1 devices & digital learning
• Flexible and innovative learning spaces
• Transition days that are fun and engaging, based on relationships

We are working to restructure the Middle School for 2016 based on evidence of effective Middle Schooling.

Celebration Assemblies
This term we have held celebration assemblies in the middle school and senior school to recognise excellence across the College. We have seen an increase this term in the number of students across the secondary school achieving Merits and Excellence Awards. Excellence in Sport and the Arts was also recognised.

National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with a Disability
This year we have taken part in the National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with a Disability. Under the Collection model the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health conditions and mental health illnesses. The data will be used by our school to inform and improve practice for students with disability and by the Department for Education and Child Development to inform state-wide reform initiatives. The Australian Government Department of Education will use the information collected to inform national policy development.

SEQTA update
We have now enabled access to the SEQTA student portal. This provides students with access to their timetable, assignments, homework, school notices and other resources. We will be enabling parent access to the SEQTA parent portal in term 4.

Clayton Disley
Principal (Acting)
DIARY DATES

August

Wed 19 Aug  Year 8-11 Course Counselling Day
Fri 21 Aug  P-7 Assembly, 9.00am
Mon 24 - Fri 28 Aug  Year 3-5 Swimming

September

Fri 4 Sept  R-12 School Closure (Show Day)

Mon 14 Sept  Governing Council, 7.00pm
Wed 16 Sept  8-12 Principal Tour
Fri 25 Sept  P-7 Assembly, 9.00am
Fri 25 Sept  End Term 3

October

Mon 12 Oct  Start Term 4
Wed 14 Oct  P-7 Principal Tour
Tues 20 Oct  8-12 Principal Tour
Fri 23 Oct  Year 12 Graduation
Tues 27 Oct  P-7 Principal Tour

November

Mon 2 Nov  Governing Council, 7pm
Mon 2 - Fri 13 Nov  Year 12 Exams
Wed 4 Nov  Year 7/8 Transition Day 1
Wed 4 Nov  Year 7/8 Transition Info Evening
Wed 11 Nov  Remembrance Day
Thurs 12 Nov  8-12 Principal Tour
Fri 13 Nov  P-7 Assembly, 9.00am
Mon 23 Nov  R-12 Student Free Day
Wed 25 Nov  Preschool (Platypus) Xmas Concert

December

Wed 2 Dec  Preschool (Wombat) Xmas Concert
Thurs 3 Dec  Year 7/8 Transition Day 2
Mon 7 Dec  Governing Council, 7pm
Tues 8 Dec  Year 7 Graduation
Fri 11 Dec  P-7 Assembly, 9.00am
Fri 11 Dec  End Term 4

Subject Selection EXPO

Years 8 - 11
Wednesday 19 August
8.00am - 7.30pm
Fraser Gym

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

Student Free/Closure Days

Fri 4 Sept : R-12 School Closure (Show Day)
Mon 23 Nov : R-12 Student Free

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and how to keep your children
safe online

http://www.thinkuknow.org.au
Emergency Services Visits
POLICE FIRE AMBULANCE

This year the Preschool have been lucky enough to have different emergency services come to talk to the children.

Week 3 in Term 2, an Ambulance came to the Preschool. The children talked about who to call if there is an emergency. They also got to see inside the ambulance and even pretended to have broken bones so they could see how they would be bandaged up!

Then during Week 6 we had a policeman come to the Preschool. The children talked about being safe. They listened to the very loud police car siren and got to dress up like a police person.

Finally in Week 3, Term 3 the children were visited by the Happy Valley CFS. The children practiced how to Stop, Drop and Roll and that they need to cover their eyes. They got to go inside the fire truck and even spray the hose!

We would like to thank all these services for giving their time to talk to us and special thanks to Eugene Engelbrecht (Gabby’s dad), Brett Braysher (J’Aime’s dad) and Tania Guest for helping us to organise these great experiences for the children.

Melissa McKenzie - Preschool Teacher
STEM

‘Inspiring Women into Computing, Engineering and Design’

During week 8 of Term 2, a select group of Year 10/11 girls took part in the ‘Inspiring Women into Computing, Engineering and Design’ Day at Flinders University. The girls were able to experience firsthand their new state of the art facilities at the Tonsley campus.

After a short introduction to MITT App Inventor 2, a cloud-based game development environment, girls were set a design challenge:

‘Create a mobile game with a serious purpose. Your aim will be to create an app to combat anxiety - whenever someone feels anxious they can use your app to take their worries away! You'll aim to create a game that immerses the user, requiring focus and calming them, and striking a balance between being too easy and too frustrating!’

The girls worked hard and came up with impressive outcomes. Katy M & Dannii C (Year 11) created a Batman themed App and Kayla S & April D (Year 10) designed a game where you had to pop balloons before they hit the ground.

They were great ideas and the girls should all be proud of their achievements.

For the second half of the day we heard from female guest speakers about their roles as Engineers and the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) in their career paths.

“It was a very fun and interesting experience, creating and coding our own app was awesome and the presented talks were extremely informative and influential” Katy M.

Amanda Chandler and Lauren Green -Teachers

REC Students win

‘Australian Vocational Student of the Year 2014’

A special congratulations to Janice Collinson & Akira Musson who won the 2014 Australian Vocational Student Prize (certificate & $1000). In addition, Akira Musson was also awarded Australian Award for Skills Excellence in the Industry category (for which she receives an additional certificate).

As part of their SACE, Janice completed Certificate 3 in Business Administration as a school based Trainee with Westpac Bank and Akira completed Certificate 3 in Allied Health via a VET course here at REC with Jenna Nimmo.

Amanda Chandler and Lauren Green -Teachers
Introducing Youth Worker
Julie Clifton

Hello, I am a qualified Youth Worker and have worked with youth in the Justice system for over 20 years. I currently study with the United States Justice Department’s Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention and have completed studies in Drug & Alcohol Trends and Internet Crimes Against Children. I also have a Cert IV in Training and Assessment.

I have been a member of the Parent & Teacher Advisory Group on Internet Safety with DECD and Alcohol and Other Drug Council of Australia and am a member of the Expert Database – Safer Internet Program in Europe and I am also a Certified Educator for the Common Sense Digital Citizenship Programs. In my spare time I am the SA State Manager for the Bully Zero Australia Foundation and an Ambassador for the “Day for Daniel” Daniel Morcombe Foundation. I come to REC after being a Youth Services Consultant and Learning Facilitator for the Positive Opportunities Program (ICAN FLO Program).

I join the Youth Worker team with Todd and Kerry and am available Tuesday through Friday. I look forward to meeting many of you in the near future.

Julie Clifton - Youth Worker

Introducing
Student Counsellor P-7
Catherine Burns

Thanks to the Reynella East community for being so welcoming! As a counsellor and teacher, I have worked in a number of schools, both public and private. I have a real passion for working to support children and young people and the adults in their lives. My role at REC involves a range of activities, including individual counselling/coaching for students, staff and parents, supporting staff in implementing the Child Protection Curriculum and Safe Schools practices.

We are currently establishing a Student Voice committee and various focus groups within the Primary School to enable students to play a greater role in their learning and the community. As some of these groups will write and take photos for the newsletter, I’m sure you’ll hear much more about what the students are up to in coming editions!

Catherine Burns - Student Counsellor P-7
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 encourage you to ask your son or daughter for the copy of Achieve - it can help so spark useful conversations about their progress in the SACE and their options for the future.

Achieve is also available here: www.sace.sa.edu.au
OUTDOOR LEARNING

Project Update

Whilst there may not be a lot to see in terms of progress with the Outdoor Learning Project at this stage, you can rest assured that we have been very busy with a lot of the ground work behind the scences.

The Outdoor Learning Team visited 3 sites last term to look at some great examples of Playscape Design and hear of the challenges facing those who have undergone re-development of their outdoor spaces.

The group came back “buzzing” with ideas for opportunities across the whole College. A Project Site map has now been developed and is available to view in the Front Office.

Issues around Risk Management are at the forefront of our planning and we will be working with students and staff to develop a ‘Risk Benefit Assessment’ around each activity.

Three projects to get us moving are:

**Early Years Nature Play Space**

This is an area ‘begging’ to be enjoyed. There’s not much to do here except removal of a couple of identified ‘dangerous’ trees, erect a few cubby building frames, some bird boxes, build 2 platforms over the drains to become a ‘stage’ and a ‘jetty’, and add some loose parts. We’ll do a ‘Risk Benefit Assessment’ of the area then just let the imaginations of the children run free.

For a start, this area will be opened as a Lunch Time club to Early Years children.

(Please start collecting seed pods and pine cones to be added to our loose parts collection.)

**Year 8 - 12 Outdoor Classroom**

This area is located outside the Outdoor Education classroom.

We have applied for a grant to develop the area with a learning circle constructed of logs and rocks with bird attracting plants to surround the area.

Adjacent to this is will be an Edible Indigenous garden.

**Primary Sandpit**

Concept drawings are underway to re-develop the primary sandpit, introducing more natural elements like rocks, logs and water.
Upper Primary Leadership Conference

During week 10 or term 2 twelve year 6/7 students were invited to attend the Student Leadership Forum hosted by Amanda Rishworth. The students; Cheyann G, Amber C, Lachlan O, Deakin H, Lance M, Taufiq A, Shenaya G, Jemma P, Ashleigh S, Hayley P, Jonty V and Brooke J met with children from nine other schools from the region.

The focus of the day was to promote and expand the students' leadership skills both within the school and the wider community. During the day, guest speakers included Amanda Rishworth, Alex Price (SA Women's Cricket Team and Inaugural AFL women's draft), Brad Gotch (South Adelaide Panthers head coach and ex AFL player), Jessica Adamson (Channel 7 news reporter) and Sergeant Amanda Dawson (Crime Prevention Section of the Christie Downs Police Station). The students needed to create a proposal for a whole school activity. They needed to present their proposal to the forum.

The students look forward to using their new leadership skills within the school community.

Melissa Hollitt - Teacher

Researching the Fleurieu

Forty students studying Year 12 Food & Hospitality visited the Fleurieu Region to research the issues facing small producers of the Fleurieu for one of their major assignments.

The excursion started with a seminar in the resource centre at Victor Harbor High School. Stephen Schmidz of Jetty Food Store, chef, entrepreneur, businessman, delivered a passionate talk about the importance of knowing where your food comes from. Stephen and Peta's Food Store sells and showcases an extensive range of fresh produce sourced from small producers all throughout the Fleurieu, Adelaide Hills and the Riverland.

After a lunch break in Victor Harbor, students had an opportunity to visit the Tourist Information Centre to gather information on Food Trails, highlighting small producers.

We then took a short drive to Alexandrina Cheese, a produce store in the rolling green paddocks of the dairy, with views of the contented Jersey cows. We were welcomed by co-founder Krystyna McCaul, with her husband Dan, head cheese maker. Alexandrina Cheese’s history covers three generations of cheese making in Australia, producing many award-winning cheeses, milks and yoghurt. Christina said you need to aim to be the best at what you make to succeed as a small producer.

Students were able to take part in a cheese tasting or buy one of their famous milk shakes. Dan talked about the cheese making process and provided opportunities for students to ask questions.

Students used the information gathered on their excursion to answer the research question: “Regional food producers need markets to access customers”.

Thank you to Stephen Schmidz, Maggie Savage, Krystyna and Dan McCaul.

Jeni Davies – Food and Hospitality Teacher
Science Refurbishment
Outdoor pond area

Ms Miller’s Year 9 Science had a busy time actioning their plan to refurbish the outdoor pond area, adjacent to the secondary Science building.

The students painted murals and fencing, planted out garden beds and a vertical garden, and refurbished the pond.

Some outdoor furniture added the finishing touch, making the space an enticing place for students to chill out in their break times. Special thanks to Bunnings Noarlunga for the plant donations.

Chemical Murder Mystery

As part of an annual event, a group of keen year 10 science sleuths participated in the Flinders University Chemical Murder Mystery.

A session explaining forensic science, including references to “CSI Adelaide”, was “interrupted” with the news of a crime. Students then visited the “crime scene”. Evidence was collected and students then visited a variety of stations to learn about the processing of the evidence. Students participated in many hands on activities to better understand these processes.

Student representatives contributed to the collation of the testing results and the perpetrators of the crime were determined.

Students all had a very enjoyable day.

Wendy Toogood - Science Coordinator

Year 6 Science

This term in science we have been working on electrical circuits. We have been using copper connectors, switches, bulbs and batteries. Our aim was to get the globe to light up. We had groups of 2-3 people and we exchanged circuits with another group. We learnt that to make an electrical circuit all the copper pieces have to connect. If they don’t connect the power won’t flow through, and the globe won’t light up.

By Amber P. and Kaitlyn G. (Year 6)
Melbourne ARTS TRIP

During week 10 of last term we held our first ever combined Arts Cultural Trip to Melbourne with Wirreanda High School and staff. We travelled with 36 students in total and shared some amazing Arts experiences, while making new friendships and acquaintances.

REC students were wonderful Ambassadors for our school; always cooperative, attentive and great company!

It was such a pleasure to see their enthusiasm and appreciation of all they saw and did - especially the finale concert night at the “Lion King”.

Julie D’Lima - Arts Coordinator

‘SINGERS DAY’

On 29th and 30th July the annual Instrumental Music Service “Singers Day” workshops were held at Adelaide High School. One of our students, Sophie C. attended this event and benefited greatly from the experience, learning many new vocal skills and choir methodologies.

Sophie networked with vocal students from other schools around Adelaide and was able to extend her singing repertoire. The workshops culminated in a concert for parents.

Thanks to Danny Helps, our vocal teacher, for making this possible for our students.

Katrina Rycroft - Music Teacher

Keeping Safe walking to school

Here are some tips provided by SA Police about personal safety:

- Let someone know where you are going and the time you will return.
- Be alert, walk confidently and keep to well lit and populated areas.
- Walk against the flow of traffic and, if possible, walk with another person.
- Do not accept a ride with strangers.
- Be aware of your surroundings and know your location at all times.
- Be aware of your increased vulnerability when wearing headphones. Only use one earphone so that you can still hear your surroundings.
- Be wary if someone in a car stops and asks you for directions. Keep a safe distance from the car.
- If you feel unsafe head for a well populated area or a safe place.
- Trust your instincts, if you feel unsafe move immediately and be prepared to call for help.
**Secondary SPORT**

Open Boys Outdoor 5 a side Soccer Knockout Carnival - the boys finished 2nd after wins against Aberfoyle, Woodcroft College and Mount Barker. They scored 30 goals, but lost 4-2 to Cardijn.

Open Girls Outdoor 5 a side Soccer Knockout Carnival - the Girls had wins against Mount Barker and Aberfoyle and a very close game with Woodcroft College which they lost 5-4, and a 3-1 loss against Cardijn. Considering the team is young this shows promise for next year.

Open Boys Knockout Volleyball - the boys were placed in the A division this year and had a tough game against Hallett Cove, with a 3-1 loss.

Open Boys Knockout Volleyball - the girls played against Cardijn, Woodcroft, Victor Harbor and Seaford, finishing 3rd overall.

Year 8/9 Girls Zone Soccer - the girls played Woodcroft College and won 3-0, and had a 7-0 win against Seaford.

Year 8/9 Boys Zone Soccer - the boys played one full match against Seaford and won 19-0.

State Table Tennis Champion - Mitchell Rogers won the Year 10 State Championships and was runner up in the Open Competition. Congratulations Mitchell, a fantastic achievement!

Jo Draper - PE Teacher 8-12

**Primary SPORT**

Year 7 Girls Knockout Netball - The team had a great, hard fought win against Woodcroft Primary School in Week 1. After REC got off to a strong start, Woodcroft threw everything at REC in a highly physical encounter. We eventually ran out 15 point winners and now play Bordertown at Murray Bridge in the quarter finals! Jessica M. and Allesha S. were near perfect in attack and Hayley M. was very solid in defence.

Year 6/7 Boys Knockout Football - The team's excellent run came to an end, going down to Cornerstone College. Cornerstone jumped out of the blocks early, holding a 5 goal lead at quarter time. The last 3 quarters were very even, but it was too little, too late for REC. Patrick S. played a lone hand in defence all day for REC and Jack F. showed his usual dominance all around the ground.

Athletics trials and trainings are up and running, with the District Carnival to be held in Week 7 at Santos Stadium.

State Representatives Jessica Marshman and Bowen Pollard

Congratulations to them both for making the state team in their respective sports. Jessica is off to Perth in November to represent SA in Netball and Bowen is off to QLD to represent SA in Rugby. Good luck to both of you!

Aaron Roche - PE Teacher R-7

PE Teacher
Reynella Cricket Club
Junior Sign on Day:
Sunday 30 August, 9.00-10.30am
Reynella Sports and Social Club, Oval Road, Reynella

Southbank Tennis Club Open Day
Sunday 16 August, 10.30am-1pm
Hessing Crescent, Trott Park

REC Homestays NEEDED
Are you interested in becoming a Host Family for International Students?
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