Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College

Back in the saddle!
It’s great to be back after a wonderful holiday roaming through the Swiss Alps and cruising around the Mediterranean. Special thanks to Clayton Disley and Bob Bastian who stepped up to Principal and Deputy roles respectively. It was reassuring to hear from afar how the programs and challenges were managed.

Lockdown – lessons learned
As you are all aware, last week the College went into lockdown which really put our emergency procedures to the test. I’m pleased to say that students followed the safety procedures and stayed calm for over an hour until they received the all clear signal.

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Reynella East College Preschool going for gold!
Reynella East College has cause for celebration after exceeding all seven National Quality Standards as part of the compulsory National Accreditation Process for all early childhood services introduced by the Government in 2009. On the back of the exceeding 17 of the 18 National Quality Standards the College is now putting the service up for the consideration as a Centre of Excellence. Since the introduction of the compulsory national three year assessments for all pre-school and child care services, three DECD preschools services have achieved recognition of excellence. We are confident that our Pre-school service can achieve a gold star as well.

We are all very proud of the dedication and expertise of the pre-school team - Ange Feddern, Sharon Doughty, Christine Van Rensburg, Leanne Worrall, Mel McKenzie, Jess Krishnan and Samantha McIlvar, under the leadership of Assistant Principal, Sue Matene. (see full article inside)

Advanced technology awards
This year three students entered their work in the Royal Adelaide Show competitions and have taken out first and second places using 3D printers. Congratulations to Kaitlyn G Year: 9 who won 1st place in the Sculptural Object category, Ella U: Year 9 who won 1st place in the Functional Object category and Jonathon A: Year 9 who came a close 2nd place in the Functional Object category.

Caroline Green
Principal
**September**

- 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

**December**

- Wed 2 Dec: Preschool (Platypus) Xmas Concert
- Thurs 3 Dec: Year 7/8 Transition Day 2
- Mon 7 Dec: Governing Council, 7pm
- Tues 8 Dec: Year 7 Graduation
- Wed 9 Dec: Preschool (Wombat) Xmas Concert
- Fri 11 Dec: P-7 Assembly, 9.00am
- Fri 11 Dec: End Term 4

**January 2016**

- Mon 1 Feb: Day 1, Term 1 (Yrs P-8 & 12 only)
- Tues 2 Feb: Day 1, Term 1 (Yrs 9-11)

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**Year 7 to 8 Transition**

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

(2016 Year 7 families only)

**Wednesday 4 November**

7.00 pm
Fraser Gym

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**Student Free Day**

**Mon 23 Nov**: R-12 Student Free

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R U OK Day

Report from our PS News Crew:

Every year at our school we have a day called RUOK Day presented on 10th September. RUOK Day is where you ask if you are ok. This day was created for mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Gavin Larkin thought about this day after he experienced the suicide of his father in 1995. A painful journey followed and eventually saw Gavin create RUOK?

This year we had a variety of stalls setup in the Rob Mutton Courtyard at lunchtime. Stalls that were setup on that day were Loom Bands, Stress balls and other variety of stalls. The things that they were promoting were pamphlets about RUOK Day and health, wrist bands, bags, lollipops, chips, etc. The activities we could do were write on a canvas in texta about what makes us feel happy.

This day included staff members and students from Reception all the way to Year 12. This day was very fun, enjoyable for all staff and students.

From Muskaan, Stephanie and Khya - News Crew

‘Kick-Starting’ a breakfast program with a Vegemite Drive

During week 8 of term 3 (07/09- 11/09), an assignment done by the Year 12 Child Studies class helped to raise awareness for a children’s charity called ‘KickStart for Kids’.

This charity provides sandwiches and breakfast for children in South Australia who go to school without having any food in their stomach, or lunch in their lunchboxes. This non-profit charity makes over 5,000 sandwiches per week to give to these children. These sandwiches are mainly Vegemite or Vegemite and cheese, however Vegemite is quite an expensive spread to buy and often is not donated. As a team we organised a ‘Vegemite drive’ for the whole school to participate in. Both primary and secondary schools were involved in this.

During this week, there were over 45 jars donated, which added up to almost 23kg of Vegemite (a value of over $300), which is absolutely incredible!

Thank you to everyone who donated! Your donations were greatly appreciated.

Year 12 Student Organisers
INVACUATION: Lessons Learned

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We have surveyed staff post the event and are now in the process of fine-tuning aspects of our procedures. Of particular importance is communication to families. We understand that parents want to know as soon as possible what is going on and if children are safe, so early next term, we will issue all families with information about lock-down and evacuation procedures, including how we will inform you about critical incidents and up-date you with information.

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Caroline Green - Principal

SEQTA Update: Parent Portal Info

This year students and teachers are accessing teaching and learning resources through the Reynella East learner management portal called Seqta. During the first two weeks of Term 4, parents will be emailed a Letter of Invitation to access the Parent Portal facility of Seqta via the internet. The letter will include access credentials and a User Guide. Letters will be posted to parents if the school does not have a parent email address on record.

The Parent Portal will enable parents to see:

• Student daily news and notices
• Your child’s unresolved reasons for home group and lesson absences (Secondary)
• Your child’s course programs (Secondary)
• Your child’s term reports.

Year 8 LAPTOP program Update

At Reynella East College we have developed a vision for connected learning: Use of ICT whenever and wherever appropriate within and beyond the site, to extend all learners’ capacity to learn for themselves supporting staff to complement and extend teaching, learning and the curriculum.

In 2016 we will be introducing a take home laptop program for all Year 8 students. The Year 8 1:1 Laptop program is a parent/school co-contribution model. The Laptop Program includes:

Infrastructure costs, additional technical support costs, cost of device, carry case, 4 Year Next Business Day Onsite Service Warranty, 4 Year Accidental Damage Protection (ADP), Software costs and Licensing: Windows, Microsoft Office Professional, Adobe CS6 suite, McAfee Virus Protection.

Students will receive a new laptop in Year 8 and then a new laptop in Year 11. This will ensure that laptops are performing at the optimal level that is needed when students are entering their senior years of schooling.

Governing Council have approved an increase in the materials and services fee for Year 8s in 2016. Information will be mailed home shortly to all students who will be in Year 8 in 2016. We will share more information at the Year 7 to 8 Transition Parent Information Night on the 4 November, 7pm.

Clayton Disley - Assistant Principal
An Evening of DANCE

An Evening of Dance and inaugural choreographic competition was held at Reynella East College in week 6. The packed audience loved the dance presented by the years 9/10, Stage 1 and Stage 2 Creative Arts Dance classes. Special guest dancers were also selected from community dance groups and from our own primary school. Our Stage 2 Creative Arts dancers in Year 12 presented their self-choreographed pieces with innovation and it was wonderful to see the potential of the middle school dancers in their various dance styles. Thank you to Mr Jayson Smart for organising a great event. There were four winners in the choreographic competition: Year 10 Renee D, Year 11 Courtney E, and Year 12s Patti P and Caitlin Y.

Our Dance Night was another example of how we can celebrate the potential of students in the Arts and provide authentic and meaningful learning experiences.

Julie d’Lima - Arts Coordinator

Festival of Music PRIMARY CHOIR

The primary choir of Years 5, 6 and 7 performed on 12 September for the Festival of Music at the Festival Theatre. This was the culmination of weekly rehearsals throughout the year and included a beautiful song cycle about ‘Remembrance’. The choir enjoyed being on the big Festival Theatre stage and I am certain that the memory of this experience will be everlasting.

Thank you to all of our families who came along to the event to support their children.

Julie d’Lima - Arts Coordinator

Volleyball QUIZ NIGHT

On 29th August the inaugural Reynella East College Volleyball Quiz night was held. The gym was a full house with over 380+ people in attendance. Thanks to these people we are able subsidise some of the costs for our 70 students across 7 teams. These 70 students will be representing Reynella East at the National Schools Cup in Melbourne in early December. The program has grown dramatically since 2012 and provides our students with sporting opportunities, a social outlet, pride from representing the school on a national stage and life lessons whilst in Melbourne.

38 tables enjoyed the questions, games, raffles, and auctions. The highlight was the singing and dancing from some of the tables during Round 4 – the Music Round. It was great to see people having a great time and enjoying themselves!

We’d like to thank everyone who attended the Quiz Night. We raised in excess of $6000, which will help families cover the costs for the week long trip. Thanks to all the students, parents and staff who helped collect prizes, set up and pack up. A massive thank you must go to Mrs Jenna Nimmo and Mr Alex Moncrieff who dedicated lots of time to ensure that the night ran smoothly and was a success.

Trent, Tyne and Christa

REC interns, Coaches and Managers 2015
Fun With
LIQUID NITROGEN

Each year, the Science department offers special activities to students as part of Science week celebrations and one such activity is the demonstration of the effects of liquid nitrogen.

Year 8 students were treated to Kon Marussinsky’s entertaining and informative liquid nitrogen presentations. Students study concepts associated with particle theory to understand states of matter and physical changes as part of their Year 8 Science course and this complements their studies.

Particularly popular were the effects of the liquid nitrogen on the balloon and tennis ball, whilst Mr Marussinsky’s spinning egg received great applause. Ever popular was the cloud created by the condensation of water vapour due to the cold temperature of the nitrogen.

UNSW Competition
WINNERS!

Well done to the students who entered this year’s UNSW Science competition and put their investigating, interpreting and problem solving skills to the test.

This is an international competition in which thousands of students compete. Special congratulations go to Bradley W. who scored a Merit, to Cameron S, Nikolas G., Emily P. and Hanna J. who gained a credit in the competition, and Zane P. who was awarded a distinction – an exceptional effort!

All entrants have received their certificates and detailed results sheets.

This competition is an annual event so please encourage your son/daughter to enter in 2016. Entry forms are available in term 1.

Wendy Toogood
Science Co-ordinator
We have had a busy year so far in Technology and we thought it was time to share some of the things that have been happening. We have welcomed new staff members Travis Laxton, Cameron Hunter & Vic Moore and together have been expanding the use of digital and advanced technologies in our area in preparation for some exciting new courses for Year 8 & 9 students to enjoy in 2016.

3D Printing : Royal Show Winners!
We were delighted to have two Year 9 Digital Technology/Computing students scoop First Place Prizes in The Royal Adelaide Show - 3D Printing Competition!
Kaitlyn G. won the Year 8/9 Sculptural Object and Ella U won First place in the year 8/9 Functional Object category with her emoji shaped cookie stamp, closely followed by Jonathon A who came a respectable second place for his rhino money box.
Along with their final product, students had to provide a portfolio of work showing how they created the idea including idea research, screen shots of the design process and final product evaluation.
Well done to all students who put entries into the competition this year!

STEM Expo
In August we exhibited at the Southern Schools Science Expo to display our current work around STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths). STEM is the integration of all of these disciplines into enquiry based learning opportunities. The students involved, (Yvette D, Nikolas G, Emily P, Michael G, Kaitlin B, Kye K, Alita C, Megan J, Laura E and Zachary O) did an outstanding job exhibiting their work.
Students presented work on Water Testing using water samples from our nearby wetlands, Race Car Designing to show how 3D printing new wheel designs can improve the race time of the cars and Electronic LED Flasher Circuits which our Year 8/9 students complete in technology. They performed their presentations to over 400 Year 7 students as well as industry professionals throughout the day. All of the students did an outstanding job, so a big thank you to them for all of their hard work in making the day a success.

Technology meets Sustainability
A class of Year 9 Technology students have made these phone amplifiers out of completely recycled pallet timber, with 3D printed components to personalise them to the student’s tastes.
This is the first project like this to be done at Reynella East College and was a huge success with the class. Students were able to take home an exciting and unique project as well as learn alot about sustainability.
Lauren Green & Travis Laxton - Technology Teachers
Introducing Business Leader
Julie Drennan

Hello! My background in schools goes back to 1989 where I first started in my local Primary School in roles ranging from CPC to Admin and most roles in between. Since then I have been involved in the business management of several schools, with the last ten years being based in DECD Central Office. I was fortunate to have been an original member of the District Finance Officer team, where I was based in Noarlunga Regional Office. In this rewarding role I was given the brief to Develop the Financial Capacity of Schools and Preschools in the Fleurieu region, in which I supported educational sites with financial management strategy and training options. I then moved on to become Team Leader of the Site Financial Support Team in Central Office which once again had the financial management and training support of all school, preschool and OSHC sites across the state as its core business. I continued in this role until early last year when I was asked to take on a new challenge in developing and delivering the accredited *Set up and Operate a Computerised Accounting System* unit as part of the Certificate IV in Accounting course offered through DECD. This year I am pleased to say I am now a member of the REC team, and very much looking forward to the rewards, successes and indeed the challenges of the times ahead.

Julie Drennan - Business Leader

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We exceeded National Standards in the National Quality Standards Accreditation

Reynella East College has cause for celebration after exceeding all seven National Quality Standards as part of the compulsory National Accreditation Process for all early childhood services introduced by the Government in 2009. Standards criteria includes: ‘Children’s Health and Safety’, ‘Relationships with Children’ and ‘Collaborative partnerships with families and communities’.

According to Governing Council Chairperson Barry Temme, “the process is highly rigorous and requires presentation of evidence against a broad range of criteria, so we are thrilled at the results”.

This accreditation means that our preschool children are guaranteed of service standards that are the best in the country. As a result of this, teamed with our new purpose built preschool, we can be confident that they will have the best opportunity for a great start to early childhood education.

As Principal I am very proud of the dedication and expertise of the preschool team Ange Feddern, Sharon Doughty, Christine Van Rensburg, Leanne Worrall, Mel McKenzie, Jess Krishnan and Samantha McIlvar, under the leadership of Assistant Principal Sue Matene and Melissa McKenzie - Preschool Teacher.

Caroline Green - Principal

BOOK WEEK
‘Books Light up our World’

The Children’s Book Council of Australia presents annual awards to books of literary merit, for outstanding contribution to Australian children’s literature.

This year’s theme was ‘Books Light up Our World’.

To celebrate this theme the Library turned it’s reading alcove into a Planetarium by hanging black curtains and lining the walls with black plastic. It became a really dark space in which to ‘light up each story under the spotlight’. The effect was great and the students were excited to hear the stories read in the dark.

Then as a lead up to the Book Week assembly, the students all created their own star with the title of their favourite book. They adorned the dark night sky of our planetarium with their stars which created a beautiful sight.

At the end of the week the stars were gathered together and six ‘Lucky Stars’ were drawn at the assembly. The winners each received a book prize. The students all enjoyed dressing up for the assembly as their favourite book character and the day was a successful culmination to Book Week.

Gayle Sutter - Library Manager
Primary SPORT

The annual Southern Valley District Athletics carnival was held on September 2 at Santos Stadium in very wet and cold conditions. REC had 37 students participating. All competing athletes should be commended for their commitment and effort, not just on the day, but also in the training they did in their spare time leading up to the event.

Some outstanding efforts on the day were: Jemma P. won 1st place in the 13 Yr girls shot put and discus; Ben W. also repeated this feat, winning 1st place in the 12 Yr boys shot put and discus; Lachlan W. won 1st in the 13 Yr boys high jump; and Indy T. won 1st place in the 13 Yr girls 800m. Riley M. showed we have a lot of young talent coming through, winning 1st place in the 10 Yr boys 100m and 200m. Lance M. won 2nd place in the 13 Yr boys 100m and 3rd in the 200m. Lianna W. finished a close 3rd in the 13 Yr girls 100m. Congratulations to all these students! Their reward is getting to represent the district at State Day in Week 10. Good luck to all!

State Rugby Union Selection - Ben Wyatt: has been selected for the under 12s State Rugby Union team and will be travelling to Newcastle, NSW in October for the state competition.

Congratulations to Jessica Marshman for winning Bronze in her State Netball Championships in Perth.

Aaron Roche - PE Teacher

CRICKET Get into it!

Cricket at Reynella Oval, Old Reynella

Reception-Year 1: Cricket Australia’s National Beginners program, for boys and girls, in2CRICKET, Saturdays 9-10am, for 6 weeks 31 October to 28 November. The 10 week program costs $85 for newcomers and covers: 5 weeks in term 4 this year and 5 weeks term 1 2016, Starter Pack, all equipment and coaching.

Register at www.in2CRICKET.com.au or just turn up on 31 Oct. to pay cash/register

Years 2-5: RCC Girls Only on Saturdays 9.00-10.15am: coaching/games for girls in years 2-5. Commencing 31 October for 6 weeks, cost is $30 cash, payable at the oval. (Includes trophy, and qualified women coaches).

Years 2/3 KANGA CRICKET: at Reynella Oval, Old Reynella Commences 24 October, continues for 7 weeks to 5 December. Cost $15 for a trophy and all equipment supplied for inter-school matches. Interested players will receive registration forms in their classroom before end of term.

Contact for any of these programs: Trish Pinder, pinders@internode.on.net
Secondary SPORT

Zone Netball: REC took 3 Year 8/9 teams, a year 10 team and an Open Team to the SUNA Zone Netball Carnival. REC won the 8/9 and the Open competition and finished 3rd in Year 10. Other schools involved were Cardijn, Hallett Cove, Aberfoyle Park, Wirreanda, Christies Beach and Mount Barker.

Zone Badminton: 11 year 11 students competed in the Zone Carnival against Aberfoyle and Eastern Fleurieu.

Year 10 Boys State Knockout Basketball: REC played Aberfoyle and Sacred Heart but unfortunately did not progress to the next round.

Year 8/9 Girls State Knockout Basketball: We played Tatachilla in the first round of the competition. Even though the girls lost, they kept working to the end, had smiles on their faces and are looking forward to the Zone carnival this week.

Year 8/9 Girls and Boys Volleyball played in the Fleurieu Zone carnival. The girls finished 3rd and the boys won their competition.

Girls Saturday Soccer Team: Good Luck to REC who have made it through to the NDJSA Cup Final on the 26th of September.

State Soccer Selection - Bonni King: Congratulations to Bonni (Year 10) who has been selected to play Soccer for S.A. in Fiji, in December 2015.

State Netball Selection - Montana McKinnon: Congratulations to Montana (Year 8) who has been selected in the SAUCNA Netball team to play in Townsville in September/October 2015.

Diving Success - Ross Todd: Congratulations to Ross (Year 11) who recently competed in Diving SA Winter Levels Competition and won on 1m, 3m and platforms. As well as winning all his events he set new personal bests and broke the State records across all 3 boards. Todd is now working towards competing in the Australian Grand Prix held in Melbourne, in December 2015.

Jo Draper - PE Teacher 8-12
Volleyball Quiz Night

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- Crown Inn - Old Reynella
- Shaver Shop – Colonnades
- Crystal Cascade
- Switch to Fitness
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- 2nd Chapter - Glenelg
- Big W - Colonnades
- Liquor Lads - Old Reynella
- Bunnings - Noarlunga
- Chemplus - Old Reynella
- Chemmart - Old Reynella
- Tenacity
- Colonnades Hair Care
- Old Town Reynella Meats
- Paragon Fitness

OHSC Term 3 Vacation Program

Bookings are open for Term 3 Vacation Care. Please see program for details.

W: reynellaec.sa.edu.au/2015/09/septoct-school-holidays/

Parenting Course
Who’s in Charge?

Parenting strategies for coping with difficult situations and behaviours.


Parenting Course
Tuning into kids : Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

Parenting strategies for coping with difficult situations and behaviours.


REC ‘Kickstart for Kids’ Breakfast

Tuesday 22 September

A breakfast will be available in the primary school gym at 8 am. KickStart will be providing sandwiches, cereals and fresh fruit and will be accommodating to any dietary needs and allergies.