Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College

**Intervention and Support**

I am very pleased to report improvements to our Special Education and Intervention and Support program for students across the College. We now have three small classes to provide intensive and flexible support for primary, middle and senior school students. Our team is also expanding to provide more School Services Officer (SSO) individual and small group classroom support.

Our program now provides: tutoring for students with disabilities studying SACE subjects; QuickSmart literacy and numeracy coaching for year 5-7 students; targeted social skills and speech programs.

We are also currently implementing new processes and procedures for all students who require intervention plans so that goals are more specific, attainable and improvement is more measurable. The ‘One Plan’ is being phased in to replace all other plans and will help drive on-going improvement and progress.

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN testing ran smoothly across the College and there was great improvement in the number of year 9 students who sat the tests. Our year 9 students also responded well to basic preparation and the more personalised testing in Learning Communities. We are more confident that the 2016 results will be a better reflection of our students’ literacy and numeracy capabilities and we appreciate parents’ support in improved attendance.

**Governing Council**

Sub-committee’s; Canteen; Finance; Uniform; Education; Grounds.

At the last Governing Council meeting, the sub-committees met to set directions for the year. Some of these groups are about to embark on a major review of what we offer and the operations of the services we provide. Each sub-committee comprises parents elected to the Governing Council and a member of the school’s Leadership Team to support the directions of each group by acting as a conduit between the Governing Council, staff and students.

The Education sub-committee is a new addition. It will be the forum for parent consultation about our educational improvement plans.

The sub-committees will incorporate consultation processes so parents and carers, students and staff can contribute feedback and ideas, but I would also like to encourage anyone interested in getting involved to send me an email on caroline.green138@schools.sa.edu.au so that I can discuss the opportunities and connect you up.

**Open Night**

Our recent Open Night showcased in this edition was well attended and we received great feedback about the quality of our presentations and our impressive Senior Student Tour Guides. Thanks and well done to all staff and students involved.

Caroline Green
Principal
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## Public Holidays & Student Free Days

- **Friday 3rd June**: Student Free Day
- **Monday 6th June**: Student Free Day
- **Monday 13th June**: Public Holiday

## Entertainment Books

- **2016/17 Entertainment Books** at the Finance Office NOW. **$65**
Japanese Recital

A number of our Year 8 students represented the College in a Japanese speech recital contest recently. The contest is organised by the Japanese Language Teachers’ Association and is run concurrently with an English speech recital contest in Japan.

Although we didn’t retain the trophy that Zachary O won last year the students did themselves and the school proud. Well done to: Noah T, Ava C, Emma J, Lamiya S, Kylesha F and Reena Aftab for supporting them.

The Reynella East College students comprised 5 out of the 37 entrants from across the state.

Andrew Smith
LOTE Coordinator

Tasting the Fleurieu

Year 12 Food and Hospitality students toured the Fleurieu Peninsula on Tuesday 10 May to investigate regional food producers and the supply chain to local markets.

The group visited organic producers Bickleigh Farm in McLaren Vale then onto ScoopSA at Aldinga - both properties grow garden-fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables and sell their products to local markets.

Students taste-tested fresh carrots they pulled from the soil, sweated their way through super-hot freshly picked chillies and discovered the delicate flavours of edible flowers.

One of the more interesting products tasted was the Crystal Ice plant that grows in sand dunes and sea weed deposits – selling for $65 per kilogram it is used by Adelaide’s top restaurants and may also feature on the menu at the end of year Australian Modern Dinner prepared by the class for the students’ invited guests.

David Helsham/Kirsty Ramsay
Yr 12 Food & Hospitality Teachers
High School First Impressions

The following comments were written by Home Group 803 a little earlier in the term. The students have identified many of the positives, challenges and exciting elements of becoming a part of our secondary school.

“To be completely honest I thought high school was scary, you would always get heaps of homework and the teachers weren’t very nice, but I was completely wrong.”

“I was terrified, I was so used to how primary school worked that I was scared I’d get lost trying to find my classes and be late. But honestly, I know where all my classes are and I haven’t got lost... yet.”

“On the first day we did ‘Race around Reynella’ and ‘World Café’. These were helpful because in the ‘Race around Reynella’ we got to go to all different classes and see where they were. In the ‘World Café’ we got told lots of information about the school and all the different things you could do such as sport. I think both of these activities were helpful and gave me extra information about high school.”

“When I first got my timetable I was actually quite surprised that I didn’t have PE or Japanese all semester, but then I saw that I had Dance and Visual Art this semester and was instantly happy.”

“It has now nearly been over three weeks of Year 8 and I’m getting used to the whole moving to different classes and using lockers.”

“The subjects actually go into depth this year and they are really interesting which is why I am enjoying school so much, so far.”

“Already I have found that high school is very different to primary school because we get treated more like the young adults that we are.”

“All the teachers are really nice and try to help you with anything you need and I am enjoying it a lot more than primary school.”

“There are more responsibilities in year 8. For example remembering to take books home and doing homework, taking care of a laptop and getting to class on time. They are all our responsibilities.”

“The things I’m looking forward to are Sports Day and the netball program.”

“Year 8 so far has been pretty good, and I hope that the rest of my year will be the same.”

“High school has been really good so far: new friends, new environments, new learning. When I was in primary school I was terrified of going to high school and didn’t want to go, but honestly, it’s so much better than primary school, so many more opportunities.”

“My year 8 experience so far has been fun and a little hard, but I got through it.”
National Volunteers Week 9-13 May

During week 2 we celebrated National Volunteers Week. On Monday staff and students were encouraged to wear their volunteer uniform to school. The fifteen who embraced the opportunity were: Kye O, Raymond H and Madeleine P (40 Australian Army Cadets), Tamika M, Tahlia P, Ellen P, Lauren M, Hayley M, Tyson C, Emma G, Teghan O (St John Cadets), Tomas S (Scouts/World Vision), Kelsey G (Edge Church), Gabriella C (Surf Life Saving), Caroline Green (Australian Foundation for Fostering Learning in the Philippines), Tania Guest (Country Fire Service).

Thanks to Hayley M for the idea, and a special thank you to all for your selfless volunteering efforts.

Alanah Cathro - Assistant Principal

Canteen Volunteers

This is a very special week for us here in the Canteen. We have a team of 13 wonderful and dedicated Volunteers, some of whom have worked in the Canteen for over 25 years! Without their help, we would not be able to provide such an excellent service to our staff and students. Their contribution to REC Canteen is invaluable.

To celebrate National Volunteers Week, each Volunteer was presented with a gift and afternoon tea as a small gesture of thanks.

Sincere thanks goes to – Ros, Beth, Jackie, Belinda, Debbie, Lyn, Kaye, Kathy, Carly, Wayne, David and Krystal.

Kirsty Monssen
Canteen Manager

Stadium Stomp

Earlier this term we launched the Stadium Stomp idea to the Year 8 and 9 students in Florey Learning Community, we have invited them to take part in either the ‘Stomp’ or other fundraising ventures. You may see them sporting an awesome Beyond Blue wristband or taking part in a range of other activities throughout the term. We have been really encouraged to see them jump straight on board – some of them wanting to join in, others coming up with ideas for fundraising, and some even parting with $2 for the wristband.

We see this as a great opportunity to help the Florey students look a little beyond themselves, to see the good that they can accomplish for others.

If you are willing to help support us in our quest to raise over $1500 for Beyond Blue, you can either head to this website: http://stadiumstomp2016ao.gofundraise.com.au/page/recbluecrew or see a Florey staff member.

So far as a group we have raised the 2nd highest amount of money – but we’ve got a long way to go before the 3rd of July. It would be great to still be at the top of the leader board in 8 weeks time.

Please consider supporting this great cause!

Thank you on behalf of the Blue Crew (Tom Leverenz, Phil Cook, Tessa Rice, Emma Mundy, Zac Marshall and Michael Ferris).

Michael Ferris
Teacher
Every year a Reynella East student is the recipient of a scholarship to travel to Nihon University Mishima Senior High School, Japan for two weeks during the April school holidays. This year’s winner, Paige Heath, describes her experience.

Late last year I applied for the Year 10 exchange to Nihon University Mishima Senior High School in Japan. I was fortunate enough to win this scholarship and I have recently returned from the exchange.

I left Adelaide on the 16th of April (first day of school holidays) and took an hour flight to Sydney. Since it was my first time flying overseas I had no idea what to expect when it came to international flights or customs. After I arrived in Mishima by bullet train I met my host family for the first time. While only the two parents and two host sisters were the ones hosting me, my host family also lived with their grandparents, aunt, uncle and three young cousins, meaning that there were 11 people that I lived with. They were all very lovely people and they tried their hardest to make me feel welcome and part of the family.

While I was attending school I met many new people and developed strong friendships. Everyone wanted to say hello, have a conversation and include me in what they were doing. I was in the International Class which consisted of Japanese students who are going to study abroad and international students who are studying in Japan. While in class if I didn't understand what the teacher was saying (literally, it was all in Japanese), my classmates would quickly translate and help me with my work. During break times I was invited to join a group and do something together, even if it was something little such as sharing some lollies or going for a walk. These people who started off as classmates ended as friends and I can't wait till they come to REC this July.

While I was not in school I went to many places with the other exchange students/teachers or my host family. For one of our school excursions all the exchange students and teachers went to Hakone and visited many places in the city. We went to the Venetian Glass Museum, the Open Air Museum, a pirate ship, cable car ride, the Earth Museum, a Toy Story themed restaurant and even went on a large hike through the mountains. The second excursion was with the international class and we went on a full day tour around Mishima. The very last day that we were in Japan we spent at Tokyo Disneyland with some year 12 international students. My host family took me to places such as karaoke, world heritage sites, Akihabara, Shibuya, restaurants, shrines and even into the centre of Tokyo at night. They were incredibly excited to take me to places in their country and show me many new things.

Saying goodbye to my friends and host family was very emotional and there isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t miss them. I enjoyed my time in Japan and if someone offered me a chance to go back and see everyone again, I would take that chance in a heartbeat. I enjoyed experiencing a new culture, seeing new things and making lifelong friends.

Paige H (Year 10)
Reunion Island Exchange

Recently we welcomed a group of eleven students from Reunion Island, which is a French overseas territory in the Indian Ocean (near Madagascar). This is the first instalment of an exchange program which Reynella East College has agreed with a school in the town of Les Avirons called Lycée St. Exupery.

While in Australia, the Reunion students stayed with exchange partners and attended lessons with buddies. They also got to experience Australian culture, visiting the Gorge Wildlife Park, Melba’s Chocolate Factory, Glenelg, Adelaide and the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre. It was an absolute pleasure to have them in the school and they were commended for their friendly nature and contributions they made to classes. It also gave students in our French classes a great opportunity to practise their French!

We are currently in the process of organising the return leg of the trip, where Reynella East students travel to Reunion for a two-week trip, planned for the term 3 school holidays. It is envisaged that this will be an ongoing program which will give Reynella East students of French the chance to learn about French culture and improve their French through immersion in the language.

Lindau Exchange

Also in Term 1 we hosted a visit of ten students from Valentin-Heider Gymnasium, Lindau, Germany. These students were a part of the exchange program Reynella East has with the school, which will see the Australian students travel to Germany at the end of the current school year.

While in Australia, the Lindau students stayed with their exchange partners and were made to feel part of the family. They experienced many aspects of Australian culture, including Cleland Wildlife Park, surfing at Middleton, a weekend on Kangaroo Island, an AFL ‘Showdown’ and many more activities organised by their host families.

For the students involved, it was a sad day when they had to say goodbye as they had developed close friendships with their German buddies. They will see them again soon however as planning is well underway for the return leg of the exchange in December when the ten Reynella East students will head off for five weeks living in Germany and experiencing a European Christmas.

OBEC Partnership

Reynella East College is part of the South Australian Government School’s partnership with Thailand’s Office for Basic Education Commission (OBEC) and more specifically Princess Chulabhorn’s College in Satun. As part of this project, we recently hosted Wijit Niyomdecha, a teacher from the school. Wijit spent two weeks at Reynella East College observing lessons and focussing in particular on how the English curriculum is delivered here and how we are delivering our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) class.

In the reciprocal part of the relationship, Sarah Mullighan will visit Princess Chulabhorn’s College in the July school holidays to further investigate how the two schools can work together to further develop the sense of internationalism at Reynella East College.

Andrew Smith - International Coordinator
Robot Music

With the simple idea to challenge ourselves, and a NXT robot in front, we set out to find an idea that would satisfy both our want for an arduous task, whilst still realistic with our time constraints. After much debate, we landed on the idea to have our robot play the xylophone. It was simple in concept, however, many restraints laid before us. We spent a few lessons planning and looked at how we would design our robot to move, hit the bars and bare the weight of the mallet. In addition we thought about what song we would have the robot play; it needed to be simple and easily recognisable. At last a simplified version of Beethoven’s ‘Ode to Joy’ was chosen. After this, the tough work began. Together we built the robot using various Lego parts, as close to our original design as possible. We had to tweak and alter the design until it suited our needs. This in itself took about a week and still we found ourselves changing the robot as we persisted throughout the task. The long journey of programming followed. We measured the xylophone finding the distance between each bar and using this information began the process in the NXT program of moving the robot to each key. Furthermore we added the movements of the mallet. After several weeks and a lot of trial and error we had the programming down pat.

Though the Robot at this point could play the song competently, it still did not sound as good as we had hoped. So we went back and improved it for many more lessons. We adjusted the variables affecting the robot and enhanced the sound. We continued with this until it was as perfect as we could make it in our time frame.

Zac O and Hewy P – Lauren Green’s Technology Year 8 Class

OPEN DAY

On Tuesday 17 May we opened our school for Open Day and welcomed approx 130 families. We believe we achieved our aim as families were impressed as they toured the College.
School Based Apprenticeship = SACE

Allison S is a Year 12 student of Reynella East College. Allison had secured part time work with Hairhouse Warehouse at Noarlunga Centre. Her employer contacted the school’s Apprenticeship Broker Vicki Bryant and had a meeting to find out how a school based hairdressing apprenticeship works. Vicki explained that students from Years 10, 11 and 12 can commence a school based apprenticeship. They can start their career while at school, with as little as 7 ½ hours per week and achieve credits towards their SACE. Allison and her parents liked the concept especially as she could start to work off the 3 ½ year contract term straight away.

Vicki Bryant facilitated the whole process and arranged all parties to meet for the signing of the contract of training. Allison has now commenced a School based Certificate III in Hairdressing Apprenticeship with Hairhouse Warehouse. Her trade school training, where she will undertake the units of competency, will be at TAFE Noarlunga Campus.

The qualification will earn Allison over 120 Stage 2 credits which are well over the number she will require for Year 12 and to achieve her SACE.

Allison is pictured here during some on the job training at the salon.

If you would like to find out how a school based apprenticeship can assist you in your employment and as an option to achieve SACE, contact Ms Cathro in the Senior Study Centre, to make an appointment to meet with Vicki Bryant.

VET Achievement

The annual PEER VET Graduation and Awards Night was held recently where PEER was able to acknowledge and congratulate graduates, as well as recognise the achievements of all the award winners.

Year 12 student Peter K who undertakes training in Certificate II Electronics won the trainee award of ‘High Standard of Work & Dedication’ which is a great endorsement of his efforts in combining school, VET training and work placement over the last 15 months.

Year 10 UniSA – PLP program

As part of the Year 10 Personal Learning Plan (PLP), late last term all Year 10 classes undertook a visit to the City East & City West campuses of UniSA. Students got the opportunity to tour through one of the campuses and also had a workshop based on their mycareermatch personality profiles which we are using as part of the PLP to help them think about their career paths. Students had the opportunity to ask questions of university staff first hand and many students gave positive feedback about their experiences.

Alanah Cathro
Assistant Principal Personalised Learning
‘She Leads’ Conference 2016

‘Finding your Voice’...that was the theme for the day at the recent YWCA ‘She Leads High’ Conference. Our group of 16 students were girls who applied to be part of the experience and they were not disappointed! The conference focused on the leadership and empowerment of women and it gave our students insight to a range of different perspectives about what women are doing, can do and have the capacity to do. At REC we encourage our girls to recognise their strengths and consider their own leadership potential now and in their own futures. The girls comments of reflection about the conference included: “inspiring and insightful”, “it was amazing – so glad I went”, “a really really good range of speakers”, “it was educational, fun and we got to meet other girls”.

Alanah Cathro
Assistant Principal Personalised Learning

Camp Gallipoli

On April 24th, six students from the Peer Support Class (Tyler, Tate, Tristan, Billy, Travis and Joel) along with Mr Jolly and Mr Leverenz attended Camp Gallipoli at the Adelaide Showgrounds. Camp Gallipoli is an event where adults and children go and camp out under the stars in a swag. There was live entertainment from bands and lots of short videos on Anzac day which the boys learnt from during the experience. At 5:30 am, the boys got up and paid their respects at the Dawn Service which was an extremely rewarding experience.

Joel B (Yr10)
Secondary Sport

Golf - The Stableford Golf Team finished third in the first round to qualify for the next round of the State Knockout Competition. Well done Brodie Whitbread, Dylan Roser and Lachlan Eckerman.

Volleyball - The Fleurieu Cup Volleyball, REC finished 2nd overall by just 3 points, with our year 10 girls finishing 1st in their competition (96 students were involved in this event from REC).

Open Girls Football won their first round of the State Knockout against Aberfoyle and are waiting to see who they play in the next round.

Open Boys Football defeated Cornerstone College but lost in a very close game to Heathfield.

Year 8/9 Boys Football won both of their first round games against Woodcroft College and Wirreanda and will progress to the second round of the State Knockout.

Open 5 Aside Indoor Boys Soccer finished 3rd and the Girls 4th.

State Rugby Union Selection - Ben Wyatt: Congratulations to Ben who has been selected to represent South Australia as part of the Under 13s Representative Side to take part in the World Rugby Carnival on the Gold Coast in July.

State Indoor Cricket Selection - Deakin Hamilton: Congratulations Deakin for being selected in the Under 13 State Indoor Cricket Team.

State Titles in Woman's Air Rifle Shooting - Emma Adams: Congratulations to Emma for winning this title.

State Youth Football - Montana McKinnon: Congratulations to Montana who went to Melbourne during May representing SA in the Under 18 AFL State Youth Football.

Diving Pre Olympic Trial Event - Lily Stuckey - Congratulations to Lily who competed in this event earlier this month Lily is a year 6 student and is already showing great promise in her chosen sport and is pictured above with Ross Todd and below going through her routine.

Diving National Open Championships & Olympic Trial - Ross Todd: Congratulations to Ross who is currently in Melbourne competing in this event.

Soccer Players Wanted

South Adelaide Panthers FC are looking for girls born 1999-2001 to join the Pink Panthers senior group in 2016. The Pink Panthers are the only club in the southern suburbs to field teams in all age groups - from junior girls to senior women.

Contact Leigh Matthews 0412 591 478 or Phil Webster 0410 386 100.
Sports Voucher Program

The Sports Vouchers program is a Government of South Australia initiative. The program provides an opportunity for primary school aged children from R-7 to receive up to a $50 discount on sports membership/registration fees.

www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

2016 Census Field Officers

We’re seeking up to 38,000 Census Field Officers to join our team and play a role in shaping the future of Australia.

A Census Field Officer’s duties may vary, depending on their assigned area. Job seekers from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply at the link below.


Does your child have a sleep problem?

The Child and Adolescent Sleep Clinic in the School of Psychology at Flinders University is running a treatment study for a common adolescent sleep problem. The clinic is currently welcoming referrals for adolescents and young adults aged between 13-25 years. Email: case.enquiries@flinders.edu.au

Phone: (08) 8201 7587

Pathways to a Healthy Mind
with Dr Tom Nehmy

Psychological skills for safeguarding mental health, resilience and wellbeing in young people.

Thursday 26 May, 6.30-8pm
Woodcroft Library 175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale
For parents, and other interested adults
For more info or to book 8392 3194

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