Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College,

External Review

The three day External Review was conducted from 5-7 September. The review panel, consisting of 3 principals and a review leader met with 75 students, 80 teachers and leaders and 8 volunteer parents and Governing Council members.

A large range of information was provided by all those involved and has been used to formulate a set of recommendations that will inform the Site Improvement Plan. These recommendations will now be put to Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Jayne Johnstone for approval, and once this happens, a summary of the feedback and the recommendations will be uploaded on the REC website.

I am very appreciative of all those involved in preparation of the review including: canteen; grounds; and front office staff who do so much to make everything run smoothly each day. I would particularly like to acknowledge the outstanding work of the Principal team. Whilst Site Improvement planning, implementation and review is an on-going process, a lot of work goes into the program, displays, collection of important artefacts as evidence, and of course the use of data as evidence. The Principal team were also commended for the quality of the presentations that helped provide context about our improvement journey over the past few years.

The panel were very impressed with the way the students conducted themselves during group discussions and lesson observations. They commented specifically on the positive behaviour and compliance of our students in and outside the classrooms and that overall students care strongly about the College and think that it is a good school. It is also clear that we have made significant progress in a range of areas and have effective systems in place to track and monitor our progress.

Subject Selection for 2017

Thanks to the efforts of the many staff that make up the Course Counselling Team and the many families who attended our Subject Expo this term, we find ourselves in a comfortable position to settle our secondary timetable well in advance for next year. There is still a lot of work to do before classes and staffing can be finalised, but we are well on the way.

Phase 2 Instrumental Music Focus School

I am pleased to report that REC has been successful in our application to become a Phase 2 Instrumental Music Focus School which means we will have between 4 - 7 IM teachers placed at our school site. We have also been allocated a network of schools which we can work with to develop bigger ensembles or event planning that will help grow the Music program at REC. We’re very excited about the possibilities to come.

Caroline Green
Principal
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### New Uniform Service

**DIRECT ORDER**

In addition to the REC Uniform Shop service we now offer a ‘Direct Shop’ service. Orders can be made direct with the supplier, whereby you pay online and have the order delivered to REC or your home.

Brayden Davidson

Ex-student Brayden Davidson (Class of 2015) jumped a Paralympics Games record of 5.62m in the T36 class Long Jump for Australia, winning the first track and field gold of the Rio campaign.

Brayden was a lover of many sports at school, but with his disability (Cerebral Palsy), Athletics became the sport allowing him to truly shine. His Grandparents (now deceased) were Brayden’s inspiration on his incredible journey.

The day following Brayden’s win, REC celebrated at a Senior School assembly. Brayden’s family attended a formal ceremony with speeches from Ms Green, Mr Corbett and Vashti Davidson (sister). Together we shared in the moment, watching the action on the big screen as Brayden took his gold medal leap. Rounds of cheers and applause filled the gym, as did 100 green and gold balloons released at the end.

We look forward to seeing Brayden when he returns home as an ‘Olympian’.
Student Voice

STUDENT THOUGHT LEADERSHIP GATHERING

On the 9th of September 2016 a small group of year 8 REC students were selected and invited to participate in the annual 'Student Thought Leadership Gathering'. Lachlan Y, Blake M, Sophie H and Cheyann G were all involved in a very interactive and informative day. Students worked in small groups and participated in team building activities and get to know you ‘ice-breakers’ in the morning session and then heard from guest speakers in relation to what a great leader is and how they work in a role modelling framework to achieve various goals. In particular they had a question and answer session with Brenton Willson and his brother who was in a wheel chair. They looked at various aspects of his life and how he became a leader and represented Australia in the Paralympics in his chosen sport of Lawn Bowls.

Students then heard from various speakers from Morphett Vale PS about their Lead Learners and Pathways Program. Where students learnt about leadership skills such as Growth Mind Set, Self-Regulation, Communication skills and Problem Solving. Lead Learners then took this knowledge to plan presentations around the theme to younger cohorts of students.

Finally the students participated in a few fun activities about what student leadership looks like to them and the certain characteristics associated with those such as resilience, optimism and courage just to name a few. With our students then presenting their findings back to the whole group. This then led onto students within school groups brainstorming ideas about how Reynella East College can improve student leadership across the school and its commitment to action. Here they came up with ideas such as student voice action groups, ownership of learning, curriculum, students taking responsibility over their own learning. All these ideas will then be taken back to Mr Disley with the Student Leaders to formally map out the structure of Student Voice at Reynella East College enabling planning for future opportunities and directions for authentic Student Voice at the College.

Alan Peat - Student Counsellor - Middle School

Good times in the SNOW

The students have been awesome! We have had one day of bad weather out of six and nearly all the students stayed out and skied through it. The improvement by all in their skiing technique was nothing short of amazing! The Manager of our lodge accommodation said our group were the best group of students they’ve had stay in 15 years!! (Students and their Parents should be especially proud).

Current Year 9 students should start saving now ready for next year’s trip and get your deposit in early so you don’t miss out!

Geoff Whitford - Snow Trip Coordinator
VISITORS DAY

We had a great response to our Visitors Day where the Preschool children could invite one of their favourite adult males to our yearly tradition. The children were able to show their visitor where they play, learn and socialise two times a week. The visitors were treated to the making of a personalised tie, digging in the sandpit, building with different construction sets, dressing up for the photo booth and eating yummy food.

Saying goodbye after the presentation of songs by the children is always hard and Parents are always welcome to visit during the session.

A MAZE ING

This year the Preschool families along with the Parent Committee have worked hard to fundraise to cover the costs of the outdoor maze made by Gaby the school Groundsman. The Preschool Team along with parents and children would like to thank Gaby for completing an amazing structure for all children to enjoy.

BUNNINGS FUNDRAISER

A Big Thank you to all who have contributed to the Sausage Sizzle fundraiser held on Saturday 17th September at Noarlunga Bunnings. Parents & staff should all be proud of their great team effort to raise $1575. A job well done! The children are currently developing ideas on how to spend the money, with thoughts at the moment around a ‘fairy’ or ‘magical’ garden.

Preschool Team

CANTEEN NEWS

August 8-12th we celebrated Canteen Week. During this week we trialled some new items such as our Slider and Wedges special. On Friday 12th August we held an Olympic theme day to coincide with the Rio Olympic Games. Staff got involved by dressing up and the Canteen was decorated in an Aussie theme. We think the students enjoyed seeing the Canteen ‘dressed up’ and we plan on having more theme days in the future.

We are always on the lookout for new Volunteers to join our team. If you can spare a whole day or even just a couple of hours in the morning it helps us out a great deal. We have a lovely team of people working in the Canteen and though there is some work involved we have great fun. I would like to welcome our two latest recruits, Fiona and Judy, and hope they enjoy all that Volunteering in the Canteen has to offer. We also have a Year 7 student by the name of Jade L from Ms Semler’s class who has offered assistance in serving the Primary students and she has also been a fantastic addition to our team. Jade has shown great qualities in customer service and money handling skills.

Kirsty Monssen - Canteen Manager
BOOK WEEK

With the conclusion of Book Week our primary classes held a special Celebration assembly. Teachers and students were all invited to dress up in a costume that they felt represented the theme ‘Australia – Story Country’. It was great to see so many fantastic characters! As each student had decorated our Aboriginal dot paintings in the library with their very own dot, they were taken down and then went into a lucky draw at the assembly. 6 lucky students were awarded with a book prize as their names were drawn.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

This year the Challenge concluded on Friday 9 September and our classes had excellent participation with 408 Primary students completing the challenge by reading the required 12 books. All students will be awarded either a Certificate or Medal depending on how many Challenges they have completed to date.

We ran a competition to see which class would be first to have all students complete the Challenge and Mrs Lush’s class won the Upper Primary Category while Mrs Patterson’s Class were the winners for the Middle Primary Category. These students will receive a special reward at the end of year assembly for their efforts. We look forward to our end of year assembly in Term 4 when all students completing the Challenge will receive their Certificate of Medal.

Gayle Sutter - Library Manager

Chess Tournament

We recently held our first 2 week REC Chess Tournament in the Library. It was great to see the Year 10 and 11 boys each lunch time keen to face their next opponent. The winner of the tournament was Luke H (1106) who will receive a store voucher as his prize. Some of these players are now keen to enter the Interschool Chess competition on 20th September at Southern Vales Christian College.
Bookweek
20th - 26th of August 2016
AUSTRALIA - STORY COUNTRY
Mishima Study Tour

In Weeks 1-5 we hosted our annual study tour of students from Nihon University Mishima Senior High School in Japan. The 18 students were here to learn about Australian school, life and culture, improve their English and prepare themselves for the year they will spend in Australia in 2017. While here, they studied Australian Studies, English and Outdoor Ed, learned about AFL and how to kick a footy, cooked ANZAC biscuits and worked with the Year 9 Japanese class. They were well supported by buddies and are looking forward to returning in Term 1 next year.

Cheongju Study Tour

For the first 3 weeks of this term 4 middle school classes welcomed students from Cheongju in South Korea. Ms White, Ms Dayman and Ms Semler’s 6/7s and Mr Schultz’s Year 8s enjoyed learning about Korea from the students and helping them to improve their English. They also participated in excursions to Victor Harbor, Cleland Wildlife Park and the Central Market.

Study Abroad Students

Kana and Minori from Hokusei Girls’ School and Kanae and Ayaka from Fujimigaoka (both Japanese schools) attended Year 9 and 10 classes with their buddies during the first half of the term. Jaynelle, Kaitlyn, Emma, Amber and Emily did an excellent job of making them feel welcome and teaching them about Australia.

In addition to these short term students, we welcome Shiori and Tetsu from Japan; Sophie, Sofia, Pauline, Karl and Jeremie from Germany; Adele and Simon from Austria; Max from Switzerland; Hanna from Norway; Weijun from China; and Alice from Vietnam. We wish them every success in their studies here!

Mishima Scholarship

Year 9 students are invited to apply for the 2017 Mishima scholarship. The winner receives an expenses-paid trip to Nihon University Mishima Senior High School in Japan during the April school holidays next year. To apply, students need to submit a one-page application which discusses their interest/aptitude in Japanese language/culture; their suitability as an ambassador for the College and their history of supporting the International Student Program (as a buddy or host family, for example).

Andrew Smith - International Program Coordinator

Homestays NEEDED

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.
Home Ec Staff **Masterclass**

REC Home Economic teachers have been busy enhancing their skills and participating in a Steven ter Horst Chocolatier Masterclass on Saturday 30th July.

The teachers learnt professional techniques such as tempering, moulding and adapting new chocolate flavours so they can advance their skills which can be adapted in their Food & Hospitality classes.

**Deb Long - Technology Coordinator**

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**SEQTa**

Monday 7 November, 7pm
REC Staffroom

SEQTA opens up the school gates and lets parents engage in the education of their children.

When things happen at school, parents can access up-to-date information.

*Parents, students, teachers working together.*

**Parent Portal Workshop**

**Not sure how to use SEQTA?**

Are you unsure of what SEQTA can do or how it is used?

Parents and caregivers are invited to join our Governing Council parent training initiative in a friendly hands on workshop. You will be supported by REC staff in learning to:

- Access SEQTA from a variety of devices
- Monitor your child’s attendance
- View your child’s progress

Laptops will be available on the night, or bring your own device if you prefer.

Just make sure you have your SEQTA log on details when you attend, we can show you what to do next.

(Forgotten your login details? Let us know when you register and we will provide it to you at the workshop)

**To Register for the workshop:**

Send an email to Julie.Drennan423@schools.sa.edu.au indicating how many people will attend.

Alternatively you can contact the school on 8329 2300 and leave your details with reception.

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

**Julie Drennan - Business Leader**
Primary Sport

District Athletics Carnival

REC has had some below-par team results of late in the annual Southern Valley District Athletics Carnival so I put the challenge out early to our team to raise the bar and have some greater success. The commitment was evident from the moment I raised the challenge, with all team members attending two early morning training sessions a week leading up to the carnival which was held at SANTOS Stadium on September 7. The extra hours of Kaitlyn, training certainly paid off as REC finished 4th out of 12 schools, an improvement of 4 sports from 2015! Nine students finished first in their chosen events, winning a spot in the Southern valley team to compete at the State Championships in Week 10. Congratulations to Jake, Riley, Mikayla, Ben, Ryley, Dylan, Emily, Matthew & Kaitlyn, best of luck for the State Championships!

The gruelling 800m races were up first, with Kia unlucky not to finish first after leading the 11 year girl's race for the first 600m. Riley and Mikayla dominated their 100m & 200m finals, crossing the line first in both distances with about 20m to spare on their closest opponents, look out Usain Bolt! Emily put her nerves aside and threw a personal best in the 10 year girl's discus, giving her 1st place. Kaitlyn, Mackenzie & Tia gave REC a 1/2/3 finish in the 12 year girl's long jump, our first clean sweep of an event, well done girls! But the highlight of the day was without doubt Mathew jumping a personal best of 1.45m in the 13 year boy's high jump. At one point the whole stadium was cheering him on, slow-clapping him in for his final jump to win first place. Matthew didn't disappoint the crowd, clearing 1.45m with ease followed by the best celebration routine I have ever witnessed at an Athletics carnival!

Well done to the entire team for your commitment to achieving your personal best, showing great sportsmanship all day and displaying a respectful, positive attitude; you all represented yourselves and REC extremely well.

Aaron Roche - H&PE Teacher

JUNIOR CRICKET

at Reynella Oval, Old Reynella

Reception-Yr 1: Cricket Australia's 10-week national beginners program for boys and girls, Milo in2CRICKET, will commence Saturdays, 9-10am, and runs in Terms 4 and 1 each year. The first group of 5 sessions commences Saturday 5th November and finishes 3rd December, returning in 2017.

Free Come & Try Day Sat 29th Oct, 10-11am.


RCC Girls Only: Saturdays 9.00-10.00am skills/game for girls Yrs 2-5, commencing 5th November for 6 weeks, cost $30 cash payable at the oval includes trophy, all equipment and qualified woman A-grade-player coach.

Forms will be made available in classes, spares available from Student Services.

Kanga Cricket for Yrs 2-3: Commences 29th Oct and continues for 7 weeks to Dec 10. Cost $15 for a trophy. Interested players will receive registration forms in their classroom before Sept 23. Spare forms can be obtained from Student Services

Contact Trish Pinder - Volunteer Cricket Co-ordinator

Email: pinders@internode.on.net
Secondary Sport

Golf: Team Stableford State Knockout Golf, the Boys finished as runners up in the State, scoring the same as the winners but came 2nd on count back. Brodie W, Dylan R and Lachie E.

Open Girls Netball: played in the second round of the State Knockout against Glenunga and won 39-35 and lost by 1 goal to St Peter’s College.

Yr. 8/9 Boys Football: played Sacred Heart in the Semi Final of the State knockout, but did not progress to the final.

Open Girls Volleyball: played in the State Knockout against Hallett Cove and Woodcroft College.

Open Boys Volleyball: played in the State Knockout against Seaford and Victor Harbor.

Open Boys Indoor Cricket: made it through to the State Finals and finished as State Runners up, due to a 1 run loss to Adelaide High.

SUNA netball Carnival: REC entered 5 teams and the Open Girls won their competition. The Yr. 8/9’s came a very close second in their game.

Open Boys Table Tennis: finished runners up in the State Finals.

Open 3v3 competition: REC entered 7 teams.

Yr. 8/9 Girls Basketball: played against Cardijn College, but lost by 8 points.

Yr. 10 Boys Basketball: played Hallett Cove with only 5 players and had a convincing win. (Looking to recruit more players for the next round).

Open Boys Soccer: made it through to the Semi-final of the State Knockout and played Cornerstone College. A 2-1 loss but a very close game.

Yr. 8/9 5-aside Soccer: both the girls and the boys finished in 2nd place.

Open 5-aside Soccer: the boys finished 3rd and the girls 5th.

Special congratulations to Zac R in year 11, who not only played State Indoor Cricket (Mens) but also has just returned from representing Australia, Under 23, for Indoor cricket and played games against New Zealand.

Another busy term for sport, thank you to all students who have shown commitment to both sport and their studies. Well done.

Jo Draper - PE Teacher
REC Quiz Night

The RECVolleyball Squad raises $11,000!

Many thanks to our Community for your support with this very successful event. Funds will support the costs of the 8 team squad which will attend the National Schools Volleyball Cup later this year.

Special thanks to our sponsors:


Other Community News

Due to limited publishing space we have not been able to meet the demand to share general community news in this edition. The articles can be found on our website: www.reynellaec.sa.edu.au/news/community

School Holiday Programs: Jamie’s Ministry of Food (Colonades) and Safe School’s Coalition (Migration Museum, Adelaide) Sport: South Adelaide Panthers Football (Soccer) Club trials, Valley Vikings Netball Club recruiting and The Cove Football Club recruiting

Other: Woodcroft Library events, City of Onkaparinga: ‘Active Community Cup’ and Australia Day Award Nominations and SA Association of School Parent Clubs.

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