Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College,

It certainly has been an exciting year with many special events and programs to promote and showcase learning. The P-12 Sports Day Carnivale, Remembrance Day ceremony and program, the many Drama, Musical and Media productions, the Hairdressing Run-way shows and the many Celebration Assemblies and Graduation Ceremonies across the College just to name a few.

This year the Middle Years Review recommendations shaped significant changes to the structure of the College and year 6-9 students were successfully grouped into learning communities with new facilities and more flexible learning spaces.

The P-12 Outdoor Learning Project has made steady progress with an amazing new sandpit and commencement of the second nature play area.

The Panalatinga Partnership of Schools and Pre-schools conducted its second combined professional learning program for over 500 staff and performed very well in the external review process. The College external review was also highly successful and has informed new four year directions.

Finally we say a special thanks and farewell to a number of staff who retire at the end of this year, after many dedicated years of service to education at Reynella East College and other schools across the state. Recognised in a special ceremony for 47 staff retiring across the southern partnerships were Kevin Bartlett, Andrew Christopher, Greg Day, Nandita Dasvarma, Kon Marussinszky, Trevor Nicolai, Pam Pahl, Wendy Toogood, Trish Vaughan, and Greg Willcocks.

We also farewell Sue Matene, Assistant Principal of the Early Years who has won the Deputy Principal’s position at Seaview Downs Primary School.

Other teachers who are leaving or who have completed their contracts are: Jodi Gardner, Shane Pech, Cathy O’Brien, Emma Mundy, Christa Balfour, Simone Daws, Caroline Hamdorf, Dallas Parker, Angela Stephenson, Zac Marshall, Nicholas Cole, Tom Meszaros, Michael Ferris, Maria Wight, Jess McWhinney, Nicole Jeffries, Alex Moncrieff, Reena Aftab, Angela Feddern, Samantha McIlvar, Eddie Simpson, Cherie Davis, Rhian Harrison, Marjolein Douglas-Broers, Kirsty Ramsey, Brian Matthews, Chad Cole, Cameron Hunter, Tamara Tane, and Justin Schultz.

We also wish to thank the many contract SSO’s for their hard work and commitment to REC. We hope that many of these contracted teachers and SSO’s will return again in 2017.

I look forward to working with you all again in 2017, and on behalf of the staff I wish all families a safe and happy holiday.

Caroline Green
Principal
December

**Mon 5 - 16 Dec** Yr 10 & 11 Holiday Program
**Wed 7 - 9 Dec** Outdoor Ed Camp
**Thurs 8 Dec** Yr R-7 New Enrolment Day
**Thurs 8 Dec** Yr 7/8 Transition Day 2
**Fri 16 Dec** P-7 Assembly, 9.00 am
**Fri 16 Dec** Yr R-11 Reports Home
**Fri 16 Dec** End Term 4 (1pm dismissal)

January

**Mon 30 Jan** Day 1, Term 1 (Yrs P-8 & 12 only)
**Mon 31 Jan** Day 1, Term 1 (Years 9 - 11)

**PLEASE NOTE**

No lunch order service or counter service will be provided on FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER (last day of term) due to the early dismissal at 1pm. We will still offer recess service as normal. The Canteen will close for the year after recess service concludes.

If you are considering volunteering in the Canteen next year, you would be very welcome!! Pop in, have a cuppa and see what we do. We would love to see some new faces in 2017.

The Canteen Team would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to our volunteers for all of the hard work they put in to helping make the Canteen as successful as it is.

**Kirsty and the Canteen Team.**

2017 Uniform Shop Opening Times

The Uniform Shop will be open for all Uniform needs on the following days
**Monday 23rd January** 10am - 6pm
**Tuesday 24th January** 9am - 4pm
**Wednesday 25th January** 8am - 3pm

Uniforms are also able to be purchased directly from our supplier:
Marino Uniforms, 861 South Rd, Clarence Gardens SA 5039
Opening Hours 9am – 5pm (Closed 22nd Dec to 6th January) - phone: 82933837

You can also use our online ordering system to organise delivery directly to your home address or to be collected from the college. Go to http://reynellaec.sa.edu.au/uniform/ and follow the prompts to complete your order.

2017 Finance Opening Times

Materials and Services - Fee paying week
The Finance Office will be open on the following days to accept payment for Materials and Services, and answer any queries related to School Card applications and payment plans.
**Monday 23rd January** 10am - 6pm
**Tuesday 24th January** 12.30pm - 4pm
**Wednesday 25th January** 8am - 3pm

You can also pay online at any time by using BPoint. Scroll down the page to use the quick link available at http://reynellaec.sa.edu.au/general/finance-office/

For any queries related to the purchase of uniform, payment of fees or other financial transactions please contact the finance office on 83292303.

**EXTRA CANCELLATION INFORMATION**

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Remembrance Day 2016

Hundreds of visitors gathered with the R-7 students in the Byards Gym on Friday the 11th November to watch a moving ceremony to commemorate Remembrance Day. Special thanks to Ms Danielle Clark for volunteering her time to play the Last Post and Reveille on her bugle and to Mrs Lyn Skouborg who gave a talk about her experiences as a member of the Women’s Royal Australian Army Corp.

This annual event also encompasses Grandparents Day and our School Fair with visitors able to wander through open classrooms during the morning. Highlights included the Poppy Trail activities with all students receiving an Anzac biscuit at the end, the delicious food in the Red Poppy Café and the games, activities and stalls organised by the students and staff. Thanks go to the wonderful group of Year 9 and 10 High School students who helped support our stalls this year. Proceeds from the day, $3,595, will go towards providing new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) resources for the Primary students. Many thanks go to all those who contributed towards making it such a successful day.

Remembrance Day Committee
2016 Dance Choreographic Competition

Our first P-12 Dance Choreographic Competition was held in term 4 week 5. Entrants from year 3 and above choreographed their own dance pieces and competed for a group choreographic trophy. The competition was held in the Helpmann Dance Studio in our high school with friends and families joining us for an evening of entertainment and adjudicated by Ms Simone Daws. In the primary division we had many choreographic teams who demonstrated great skill in working collectively on their dance works. The primary students showed high energy and dedication in creating memorable pieces to contemporary popular songs with careful selection of costuming which complimented their routines. The winning entrants in the primary division were Ashlee B and Ashlin H who presented their choreographed tap dance routine to Queen's 'We will Rock You'.

The middle school presented their group choreography on film with students taking advantage of using digital technologies to explore dance choreography. Students devised dance routines which explored a sense of space using sequences, motifs and canons. These films were edited on film to enhance the choreographic intention and were received well by the audience. The winning middle school trophy was awarded to Courtney O, Hayley G and Paige C for their 'Whip It' dance routine.

The senior high school choreography trophy was a very difficult choice. Entrants included Olivia M and Renee D with an exquisite 'Chasing Cars' choreographed dance set with a backdrop of black and white projected images. Britney N, Jamie P and Montana H presented their entrancing 'Dollshouse' routine using matching doll props and great use of the stage space. The winning entry was a high energy hip hop solo dance choreographed and performed by Vipop C.

The various dance genres presented were very engaging for the audience and well-crafted using a wide range of techniques. Certificates of Merit were also awarded on the night and it was clear that we will need more sub-divisions and trophy winners next year given the potential and dedication of our student choreographers.

Well done to our Dance teachers Andrew Rusk, Tamara Tane and Jayson Smart for facilitating the event and fostering a love for dance across the year levels.

Julie d’Lima - Arts Coordinator
The hairdressing salon was adorned with glitter, sparkles, shimmer and metallic hues for the themed ‘Glitter Party’ Runway show on Monday 31st October. The final assessment for the Pre Vocational Class was a themed runway show where students culminated their hair, makeup and styling skills, while working in groups and producing a total look on each of their models.

Within the overarching theme of ‘Glitter Party’ each group also created an interpretation of their own chosen theme. These included, Lady Gaga, The Enchanted Forest, Halloween and Flower Girls. Each group selected music, lighting effects and a backdrop to enhance the mood of their runway theme. The students must be commended for their preparation, which included sourcing costumes and practicing complicated hairstyles and makeup looks.

Many of the students had experienced working as a session stylist for the 2016 APEX Fashion Show in September and were able to utilize this experience to assist others and successfully work under pressure. A big thank you to the drama students who worked their magic back stage to create the lighting and music effects. A great demonstration of effective student driven team work!

April Leverenz - Teacher

She Leads High

This year REC funded the She Leads High program where 17, Year 10/11 students took the opportunity to take part in a leadership program run the YWCA.

The program offered a range of interactive workshops based on a variety of subjects including: What is Leadership?; Communication capabilities & Emotional Intelligence; Team work dynamics and self understanding; workplace issues and habits of working strategically; financial literacy and getting advice from trusted advisors; personal ‘branding’ and leading in the community. The Noarlunga Zonta Club made a donation to offset the cost of the program and we thank Ann Leenders for her support of the program. Thanks also to staff, April Leverenz and Lynne-Marie Durieu who helped me across the entire program. The photos here show our end of program celebration which was a great afternoon of reflection and sharing our highlights of the program.

Alanah Cathro - Assistant Principal - Personalised Learning
Australian School-based Apprenticeships

What are Australian School-based Apprenticeships (ASbAs)?

A School based Apprenticeship is a way for senior secondary school students to combine paid work with school whilst starting their career.

Students commence a contract of training through a part-time apprenticeship, learning competencies on the job and through a registered training organisation (RTO). These competencies earn credits towards the student’s South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). This means that the term of the contract of training (i.e. 48 months apprenticeships, 12 months traineeships) can be completed or reduced while the student is still at school. Alternatively, the student’s contract will be converted to either a part-time or full time apprenticeship until it is completed.

DECD Apprenticeship Brokers facilitate and negotiate the attendance pattern between the school and the employer.

What are the benefits of an ASbA?

* Completing time off of the term of your contract of training
* Not competing for a job after Year 12 with the rest of the school leavers in SA
* Starting your choice of employment and earning money while still at school
* Earning credits (up to 150 stage 2) that accrue towards the SA Certificate of Education
* Achieving a nationally recognised qualification

Liam Gordge (left) has chosen to include this pathway to achieve his SA Certificate of Education.

Alanah Cathro - Assistant Principal - Personalised Learning

Flinders University Early Entrants

This year we have continued to develop close links with Flinders University to enhance tertiary opportunities for our current students. At the start of this year, Flinders University intake team members offered us the opportunity to be involved in a pilot program called the “Assessment Centre admission pilot project”. Working with Dan Crispin we identified several of our high level Mathematics students in SACE stage One and Two and supported them in attempting the requirements of the project.

The outcomes for our students have been significant. In Stage Two (Year 12), two of our students Joshua B (B Engineering (Robotic Honours)) and Max B (B Science (Biotechnology)) have been made conditional offers of places at Flinders University starting in 2017 before they have received their Year 12 results.

In Stage One (Year 11) two of our students Joel C (B Science) and Jacob C (B Engineering (Electronics Honours)) have been made conditional offers for places starting in 2018.

Well done to these students and we look forward to more of our students gaining places in their preferred subject again next year.

Bob Bastian - Assistant Principal - Senior School
Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 Child Studies at REC are fortunate to be involved with the Preschool and Primary school in a variety of activities to extend and enrich their learning. This collaboration between staff and students from P to 12 school community has resulted in genuine, ongoing relationships and quality learning outcomes for all students.

We are privileged to have access to such high quality Preschool and Primary staff and settings and appreciate the opportunity to collaborate for the benefit of all our P to 12 students.

Trish Margonis on behalf of Deb Long, Kirsty Ramsay and Sue Richards - Child Studies Teachers
Ritsumeikan Study Tour

In Weeks 5-7 we welcomed our annual group of Japanese visitors from Ritsumeikan Junior High School in Kyoto. They spent two weeks learning about Australian culture, immersing themselves in English and supporting our Year 9 Japanese class, as well as visiting some other places around Adelaide such as Cleland Wildlife Park, the Central Market and North Terrace. They also spent a day working with our Primary Japanese classes, teaching the children about Japanese games, calligraphy and traditional dress. It was fantastic this year to see so many REC families hosting the Ritsumeikan students and inviting a visitor from overseas into their home. If you would like to find out more about hosting an international student, please email Carole Edgeworth at carole.edgeworth638@schools.sa.edu.au.

Lindau Exchange

Ten Year 10/11 students will be spending what they hope to be a white Christmas in Germany, as they participate in the exchange program REC has with Valentin-Heider Gymnasium, Lindau. They will be taking in the history and culture in Frankfurt, Berlin and Nuremberg before meeting up with their exchange partners in Lindau to spend four weeks living with a German family and attending a German school. Although being away from family over the holiday period will be a challenge, they will be making some memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. Keep an eye on the “International at REC” Facebook page for updates.

Andrew Smith - International 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.

Contact : Carole Edgeworth - Ph: 0403 605 979
Pre-Voc Early Childhood Education and Care

This course gives students the opportunity to explore the vocational expectations and their own suitability for a career within the Early Childhood Education and Care sector.

Topics investigated include working safely and communicating effectively with children, growth and development, language and literacy, Work Health and Safety and training requirements.

Students have developed wonderful relationships with their Reception “Buddies” in Mrs Hesling’s class during our weekly visits and group activities.

Students really enjoyed the course as “it helped me understand my brother”, “helped me to discover what career pathway I want to take” and “it has made me dedicated to working with children and seeing them thrive and develop.”

Many commented that this hands on experience enriched their school life and many have chosen to undertake further study in 2017 and will complete a certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Trish Margonis - PreVoc ECEC Teacher
Volunteers Afternoon Tea

The college volunteers were treated to a musical welcome from the school choir and afternoon tea in appreciation of the valuable contribution that they make to the students and staff of the college. They happily give up their time to offer support in the canteen, listening to students reading, helping out on excursions to name just a few. The importance of their contribution as a highly valued resource cannot be overstated.

Sam Draper cuts the AFL Draft

Sam Draper, Year 12 graduate 2016 had the best news ever when he was picked at number 1 in the AFL Rookie Draft on Monday afternoon. Sam changed codes from Soccer for South Adelaide Panthers to Football for Reynella Wineflies at the start of this year. He was picked up by South Adelaide and they developed him through a number of positions, eventually playing at ruck and forward to make the most of his 203 cm frame. Sam was invited to the State AFL Draft Combine testing in October, where he produced some good results for speed, agility and vertical jump. He had interviews with three AFL clubs. As the draft approached Sam was told not to get his hopes up as it was still very early days for him in football. So when his name was read out at number 1 for Essendon in the Rookie Draft he just couldn’t believe it. Sam flew out to Melbourne early on Wednesday morning and was taken straight to the training camp at a Navy base to take part in Team bonding activities, including sinking ship scenarios, putting out fires and carrying heavy weights through deep mud. He’s loving it.

Jo Draper - PE Teacher
PRIMARY SPORT

Cricket

T20 Blast State Finals-REC had a girls and boys year 6/7 team take part in the cricket T20 State Finals, held on the glorious Adelaide Oval on November 8. Both teams trained extremely hard leading up to the event, attending early morning & lunchtime training sessions. This gave both teams great confidence leading into the event, and it showed right from the first ball! Both teams went undefeated throughout the 4 round robin games, displaying skill and poise with both bat and ball. Hassan dominated with bat and ball, his pace often bamboozling the opponents’ batting line up. Kaitlyn was also an unstoppable force; hitting numerous boundaries and taking a handful of wickets. Unfortunately our perfect record throughout the day wasn’t enough with our final position determined by total runs scored. The boys eventually played off for 5th spot, finishing 6th out of 18 overall and the girls played off for 3rd spot, finishing 4th out of 15. Considering we came last in 2015 this is a huge improvement for both teams and all players should be very proud of themselves. The students represented REC with great team spirit, enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and got to experience something most people only dream of: playing a game of cricket on Adelaide Oval.

Aaron Roche - H&PE Teacher

SECONDARY SPORT

VolleyBall

On Monday the 14th of November the Under 15 Girls, Under 15 Boys, Under 16 Girls, Under 16 Boys and Mr Moncrieff’s Target Sport Volleyball Class contested the Year 8/9 Schools Beach Volleyball Festival at Glenelg Beach. On Wednesday the Under 17 Girls and Under 17 Boys represented the school in the Year 10 Schools Beach Volleyball Festival.

Results
Monday 14th of November
Division 2 Year 8/9 Boys - 1st and 2nd
Division 2 Year 8/9 Girls - Both 5th
Division 1 Year 8/9 Boys - 1st and 2nd
Division 1 Year 8/9 Girls - 1st and 2nd
Wednesday 16th of November
Division 1 Year 10 Boys - 2nd & 3rd
Division 1 Year 10 Girls - 2nd & 3rd

The event was a great lead in to the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup.

Alex Moncrieff - PE Teacher

REC Wins Principals Cup for the 5th Time

Reynella East College has won the Principals Cup and Achievement Cup for the 5th Year in a row. The Principals Cup is awarded to the School in the Southern Vales and Fleurieu Zone for success and participation in sport. So a big congratulations to all students who have played for REC this year.

The under 15 boys Volleyball team displayed the cup this morning after their training session, wearing their new walkout tops, ready for The Australian Volleyball Schools cup next week in Melbourne.

Good luck to all 8 teams who leave on Sunday for the Competition.

Jo Draper - PE Teacher
SA Whale Centre Victory Harbour 2017 School Holiday Programs

Shipwrecked, how to survive at sea. Painting Workshop for Kids, learn tips from a professional artist and many more activities, check out the website for more details. - Bookings Essential. Suits primary school aged children.
Phone: 8551 0759 or http://www.sawhalecentre.com/

Onkaparinga Libraries Summer School Holiday Activities

The Summer Reading Club commences in December with an exciting range of activities on offer for primary school aged children at all of our libraries in Onkaparinga.

The theme this year is Heroes and Villains and our libraries are ready to provide free entertainment for children throughout the summer school break and encourage them to enjoy reading all kinds of books for recreation.

To join the club children need to be a member of a library in South Australia and register for SRC at one of our libraries. These are Aldinga, Willunga, Seaford, Noarlunga, Woodcroft or Aberfoyle Park.

For more information contact www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries

A helping hand at Christmas
Thank you REC community for your support

With thanks to your generous donations, 14 gift hampers will be making their way to REC families in need this Christmas.

Julie Clifton – Youth Worker

A reminder to all families and friends that dogs are not permitted on school (DECD) grounds unless authorised by the principal. This forms part of a dog owner’s responsibilities and the laws that apply to dogs.

If you see someone with their dog on the grounds feel free to remind them of this regulation, which has been made to ensure the safety of children.

If you are walking your dog to school, please arrange to meet your child / children by the school gate.

Please note – Council rangers may be called if a dog is seen on the school grounds.

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