Dear Families and Friends of Reynella East College,

Nature play consultation process

Recently, the Governing Council, teachers and a number of SSO's including our grounds and maintenance team participated in hands on workshops to explore and utilise design elements that need to be considered when planning and implementing a natural play and outdoor learning spaces in a P-12 setting.

It was interesting to observe the common design elements of the 12 groups including: elevation mounds to climb up and down and roll down, water features with tree logs as bridges, natural things to climb and natural vegetation to hide and play.

Planning for 2015

Now that the course counselling and subject selection process has happened, Alan Pfeiffer (Deputy Principal) is leading up the change of line structure and building the new timetable for 2015. This requires decisions about the length of lessons, where and how double lessons will occur. Fortunately, start and finish and break times can stay the same so the transition should be relatively seamless.

Staffing

Congratulations to the following teaching staff who have been selected for permanent teaching positions in 2015: April Gora (Hairdressing / Research project), Elke Schapanski (Upper Primary), Aaron Roche (Primary PE), Carmen Baier (Research project/ German)

NAPLAN Results

By now, all parents of students in year 3, 5, 7 & 9 who sat the NAPLAN tests at should have all received NAPLAN results. These were sent home with students via class or home group teachers on Friday 12 September, so please let us know if you haven't yet received one.

The 2014 NAPLAN results provide us with an important part of the picture about literacy and numeracy progress. Teachers also gather a range of other assessment information which is used to inform their teaching and intervention programs throughout the year.

Caroline Green
Principal
**BIG Boot Sale**

**Sat. 25 October, 2014**

**8.30am-3pm**

50 stalls available at $20 each

All funds raised support students travelling interstate and overseas on school expeditions.

Details:

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**STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Mon 13 October**

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**REC 2014 YEARBOOK**

The 2014 Year 8-12 Yearbook is underway, and will be in full colour for the first time!

Make sure you don’t miss out. Get your order into the Finance Office before the end of Term 3.

Yearbooks will be available for collection Week 1, Term 1 2015

Grant Schofield - Yearbook Coordinator
Nature Play & Outdoor Learning

During the last weeks of term we began the consultation phase of the project. Jason Tyndall from the Onkaparinga City Council has a wealth of experience in this area and ran two practical workshops for staff and the Governing Council.

The nature of play workshops explored what nature play is and how it is relevant to teachers, students, and the parent community. It touched on recent research and looked at the challenges that school communities face in terms of embracing nature play and taking action. The sessions were hands-on and explored and utilised design elements that need to be considered when planning and implementing a natural play space. We looked at options with and without big budgets. Staff and Governing Council members worked in small groups and built their own play space models using sand and a range of other props. The process inspired ideas and provided participants with a different lens to view ‘play’.

Play is viewed as a key developmental process from early learning through to high school contexts. Imagination, creativity, social development, and wellbeing are elements that were explored in the workshop and conveyed in a practical sense.

From here, we will be running the same workshop for some students to get their views and ideas of what they’d like to enjoy in their outdoor school environment. We will then be ready to put some formal plans in place to make a ‘master plan’.

If you have any ideas, or available resources that you think may be useful, please contact Tania.Guest322@schools.sa.edu.au


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Coming into Paris and seeing the Eiffel Tower straight away is a sight I will never forget. As we made our way to the hotel, we took some detours in order to do some sightseeing whilst on the bus. We drove past the Arc de Triomphe, French Parliament, the Champs Elysees, and the Egyptian Obelisk and came very close to driving next to the Eiffel Tower; however, there was no need. Our hotel in Paris, the Hotel Ibis Tour Eiffel, was only an 800 metre walk from the Eiffel Tower. It was a spectacular sight!

The next day, we waited in line to reach the top of the Eiffel Tower. Once at the top, it took me a moment to acclimatise to the height of 300 metres. I eventually made my way out onto the viewing deck and the view was spectacular. There was a landmark to see from every angle of the tower. After leaving the Eiffel Tower, we made our way to Musée de l’Armée and Napoleon Bonaparte’s Tomb, a huge war museum which ranged from medieval warfare to the Second World War. If only I had time to see it all. The museum is full of authentic artefacts from all different areas of history. It was truly fascinating.

On our last day of sightseeing for the trip, we took the train to the Palace of Versailles, where we took a tour of what was available for entry, as a section of the palace was under renovations. After the Palace of Versailles, we left for the Arc de Triomphe, which was surprisingly easy to climb, with only about 300 steps. The view was worth every step. Like the Eiffel Tower, there was something in view from every angle. After leaving the Arc de Triomphe, we took a short shopping trip along the Champs Elysees. We then returned for dinner and our last night in Europe.

This trip offers a unique perspective on the fallen men, women and children of the First World War. I found that until I stood before the fallen in their graves, whether they were an ally or an enemy during the war, I could not truly comprehend the number of lives that were lost on the Western Front and the true measure of the sacrifice made. Seeing the countless headstones, crosses and walls engraved with equally countless names is something that brought a great sadness to me. It was an honour to visit the fallen and pay my respects. It’s a very emotional trip and for some people, like myself, sometimes overwhelming.

If you are a current Year 8, 9 or 10 student with an interest in History, particularly Australian World War 1 history and want to be involved in the 2016 APHS /REC Western Front Tour, please email Jeff Glass (HASS Coordinator) Jeff.Glass566@schools.sa.edu.au
Science & Engineering Challenge

Every year, the University of Newcastle invites schools around Australia to participate in a challenge: the students are set problems they need to solve by building a structure or machine to meet specific requirements. The task could be to build a sailboat, or a catapult, a Mars Rover or an earthquake-proof tower.

REC has competed in the Challenge for over 8 years. Our group of Year 10 students immersed themselves in the activities, and were a credit to our school with their enthusiasm and polite behaviour. They all had a fun and productive time. The teachers were very proud of how the students applied themselves.

We’re sure that next year’s Year 10 students will continue a legacy of ingenuity, insightfulness and camaraderie.

Southern Schools Science Expo 2014

2014 is the third year that southern schools involved in the Advanced Technology Project, participated in the Southern Science Expo.

Each school had stalls that highlighted innovative courses and activities that they are doing in Science, Mathematics and Technology Studies.

REC has for some time, been involved in monitoring and assessing the wetlands at the rear of the school, checking for the succession of plants and living creatures. They test the water quality and are building a remote-controlled model boat to collect water samples.

Meanwhile the Technology Studies students have been making electronic flashing units; they design the shape of the flasher, cut it out using the CNC Mill and install the lights to make it work. This is very innovative education. The three tables from REC attracted a lot of attention and interest.

Physics Excursion to Flinders Uni

The Stage 1 Physics class got the opportunity to immerse itself in the Engineering Faculty of Flinders University. They had a tour of the Engineering facilities (Mechanical, Electric, Bio-medical), and had some hands-on experience soldering their own “Flinders Flii”, an electronic device that uses an inbuilt-chip and can be programmed to perform a variety of activities. (On the day, the students seemed most impressed at the electronic games built into the unit!)

Kon Marussinszky - Science Teacher

Sprint team visit SAMRI building

On Thursday 7 August, twenty-four students from years 8 - 10, had the opportunity to tour the newly completed South Australian Medical Research Institute on North Terrace in the city. It has become one of Adelaide’s newest and most exciting landmarks and the students enjoyed having the opportunity to wander the building and speak to scientists. The group also visited the newly renovated Adelaide Oval and had lunch at the Botanical Gardens.

Dana Thomas - Sprint Coordinator
Library News

This term has been very busy with the celebration of ‘Book Week’ and the conclusion of the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Book Week

This year the Book Week theme was ‘Connect to Reading’. Our primary classes enjoyed reading the shortlist books and some of the interactive titles were shared on the big screen through the iPad in the Library.

Our classes participated in reading ‘The Treasure Box’ written by Margaret Wild which was followed up by each student adding a ‘leaf’ to our tree in the Library. At our Book Week assembly our leaves all went into a draw and six students were fortunate enough to have their ‘Lucky Leaf’ drawn for a book prize.

The Book Week Assembly was hosted by the Braes Unit with performances by Ms Walsh’s class with the ‘Rules of Summer’, Ms Minuzzo/Kennett’s class ‘Lego Movie’ and Ms Patterson’s class ‘King Read-a-Lot’. They were all very entertaining!

Many students and staff also enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character on the day.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Challenge concluded on Friday 5 September and this year we had excellent participation with 370 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 have all students complete the Challenge first and Mrs Semler’s class was the winner. Mrs Lee’s class was close runner-up and Ms Lush’s Year 7’s was awarded a consolation prize for the best participation for an Upper Primary Class.

All students from these classes were rewarded with a small prize at the assembly.

We look forward to an assembly in Term 4 when the awards will be handed out.

Gayle Sutter
Library Manager
Royal Readers

Students in Mrs Patterson’s (Yr 2/3 class) enjoyed a week of special guest ‘Royal Readers’ to celebrate Book Week. ‘Queen Green’ shared one her favourite books “The Story of Little Miss Mole who knew it was none of her business”. Lots of giggles were had!

‘Queen Ms T’ was very excited to share 4 of her favourite books. The one she read was a book she actually wrote and illustrated herself. The children were most impressed by her drawing skills!

‘Dr Suess’ (Mrs Sutter) from the Library shared ‘One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish’, her all time favourite childhood story.

‘King Paech’ shared his story with a difference. A popular favourite ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ was read to the students by the book author Eric Carle, via the video display board in their classroom. The children enjoyed the modern technology twist on literacy!

‘Queen DeRieu’ and ‘King Rusk’ also both enjoyed their royal roles.

‘Queen Matene’ read a great book called ‘Silly Billy’ about a little boy who had lots of worries. His Grandmother taught him to make Worry Dolls to take the worries away. The children then enjoyed a great activity with their buddy class, making worry dolls of their own.

Singers Workshop

Four of our Special Music Vocal students participated in the inaugural “Singers 2 day Workshop” on 6 and 7 August. This was the first of many opportunities for singers to group together to learn songs and sing in harmony, as well as mix with other vocalists from around Adelaide. It was run by the vocal teachers from the DECD Instrumental Music Service and provided a great opportunity for students to learn some new vocal skills from scratch, culminating in a live performance to parents and friends.

Katrina Rycroft - Music Teacher
CAREERS

VET

Trades Training Kitchen

In 2014, Reynella East College Trades Training Hospitality Centre has completed 2 years of successfully training students for the Hospitality industry. The college will continue to be offering programs designed for students wishing to pursue a career in the Hospitality workforce or those who wish to acquire skills suitable for casual employment whilst continuing further study.

The programs provide students with training for food preparation, presentation and service, preparation and service of non-alcoholic beverages and coffee, administrative skill sets for the kitchen and service departments and occupational hygiene and safety. No prerequisites are required for the course. Students must be 15 years (Year 10) or older and have a genuine interest in the hospitality industry.

COURSE DETAILS:

Certificate I in Hospitality can lead to entry level work for café, restaurant, hotel and functions. In addition, it can be the basis for cookery apprenticeships, hospitality traineeships or jobs such as kitchen hands, waiters and baristas. Finally, it can provide the foundation for higher level certificate courses.

Certificate I in Kitchen Operations will be offered in Semester 1 of 2015 only. This course will provide students with an entry level qualification suitable for those interested in working straight away or as a basis for cookery apprenticeships.

Certificate 2 in Kitchen Operations will be offered as a full year course for the first time in 2015. This course will set students up for a career in cookery providing the essential basis for the range of cooking specialities available at Certificate 3 level and higher.

All these courses will comprehensively prepare students for the hospitality workplace. The chef and service trainers have over 20 years industry experience each, including current industry employment. The networking potential this provides for students is significant. For further information or enrolment details please feel free to contact us:

VET Coordinator : Alanah.Cathro494@schools.sa.edu.au Ph: 8329 2300
VET Food & Hospitality Manager : David.Helsham324@schools.sa.edu.au 8329 2300

Apprenticeship Broker

Meet Andria Rose at REC, Friday 7 November

Andria will available to Year 10 & 11 students on Friday 7 November, lessons 5 & 6 in the Library to discuss the many benefits of Australian School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships (ASBA).

Many students in the south have apprenticeships in Hairdressing, Carpentry, Chef, Front of House (waiting), Retail, Business Administration and more. With an ASBA students have 3 days a week at school, a day at work and a day at training. The training component also counts towards the SACE (2 full time subjects are exchanged for learning from training).

If you are unable to make this special session in the Library, other appointments are available by contacting Andria Rose:

E: andria.rose@cbhs.sa.edu.au or Ph : 0439 276 383
Year 6 Student Poetry

Winter

cold, freezing
throwing snowballs, drinking coffee, feeling warm
frost, ashes in the fireplace, showers of rain everyday, darkness
overwhelms light
making snowmen, decorating hot chocolate with marshmallows, eating
hot food
empty tissue boxes, melting hailstones after hailstorms

Season

Written by Sadeed (Yr 6)

Winter

frosty, cold
falling snowflakes, making snowballs, building a snowman
ice, storm, lightning, hail
running in snow, melting chocolate, catch a cold
freezing, foggy

Season

Written by Patrick (Yr 6)

Sport Stacking Jack

My name is Jack Spurling, I am a Year 7 Student Leader for REC and I represent Australia in a sport not many people have heard about called ‘Sport Stacking’. You may know it as Speed Stacking or Cup Stacking. It is a sport where you stack 12 specially designed cups named Speed Stacks in certain pyramids and sequences at lightning speed. Over 50 countries around the world have a Speed Stacking team and it’s no surprise the USA team have all the world records for the three individual stacks, the 3-3-3, 3-6-3 and the cycle. The Sport Stacking team I am in is called the ‘Stackaroos’ and is coached by Ty Hallam also known as ‘Coach Ty’. The World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) holds a World Championship each year where all the stackers from all around the world can compete to be the World Champion. The 2015 World Sport Stacking Championships will be held in Montreal, Canada and I have been invited to compete. This year I will be attending the South Australian tournament in October and the Australian Championship in November, which I am very excited about.

At school I have been working with some younger students in the ‘Boys Group’ teaching them how to stack and they have been doing a fantastic job.
Summary of Primary events & results:

Congratulations to Deakin Hamilton (Year 5) who represented the SA Southern Spiders at the 2014 Australian Junior Indoor Cricket Championships held in July.

Our SAPSASA knockout Football team lost their semi-final clash to Highgate Primary School. In a close and very exciting game our boys were very close to making it to the Grand final. I am extremely proud of their efforts and to be in the top 4 of the entire State is an amazing effort. Well done lads.

REC completed in the District SAPSASA Athletics Day. Our team of 35 finished 9th, with some amazing individual efforts. Well done to the entire team and thank you to Sharon Stewart for helping out on the day. Individuals selected to represent the District on State Finals day:

Aiden C: 12 year Relay, Ben W: 10 year WC Shot Put, Gabriella C: 12 year Relay, Indy T: 12 year 800m, Liana W: 12 year Relay, Sam L: 13 year Relay

Year 6/7 Basketball team will compete in the State Finals on Thursday 18 September. Good luck to the boys and their fantastic coach Lisa Gill.

Primary Sports Day will be held in term 4. The final date is yet to be confirmed.

Cricket: 7 boys have been selected, Harry M and Sam H have been accepted into the Gary Putland Youth Academy offered by Southern District Cricket Club. They are both high achievers in our 2 Knockout wins to date, and they are among 30 chosen for the specialist training sessions. Chelsea Kennedy has been named in the SAPSASA State Extended (Development) Girls Cricket Squad for 2014.

Our 6/7 boys SAPSASA Cricket team will be playing their next round match against Sacred Heart in week 2 term 4. Good luck guys.

Luke Rose - PE Teacher

REC Raiders

This year seventy two students were divided into five Primary School teams that competed in the Saturday morning Panther League School Football competition. Our Auskick co-ordinators, Brad and Sherali Read, gave another 30 budding footballers the chance to kick a ball during the 2014 Auskick Sunday sessions.

Year 2-7 players took to the field (and looked very professional) in their new Raiders guernseys and warm up jackets. I would like to report that all our teams concluded the season exhibiting the truly inclusive spirit that only the Panther League competition fosters. All players developed great team playing behaviour and sportsmanship whilst representing REC this year.

John Bradwell’s Year 6/7 team tasted success by winning this year’s Panther League Lightning Carnival and were nominated to represent the Panther League in the Premier’s Cup knockout competition. John was also presented with the 2014 Coach of the Year award!

Brody V, Aiden C, Sam L, Ethan S, Jack S and Jack F played outstanding Football this season and were recognised as some of the best top ten players in the Panther League.

I would also like to thank REC staff members and all the parents of the players for the time, effort and financial assistance that you offered the Club this year. You were responsible for the children playing another fun season of Aussie rules Football.

Cam Wilson - President, Reynella East Football Club

The President
Summary of Secondary events & results:

Congratulations to Ross Todd on his success at the FINA World Junior Diving Championship in Russia this week. He has been placed 9th in the 3m Synchro event against some higher grade competition. Ross also won a Bronze medal for the 1m event. “We are so proud of him. We have been able to watch it live which has been fantastic”, says Mum Sharron.

We’re proud of you too Ross. An amazing achievement!

Congratulations once again to Emma Adams who is currently competing in the Air Rifle Shooting World Championships in Spain. Go Emma!!

Congratulations to Luke Noble who has just represented SA in the State School Sport Golf Tournament in Queensland. “Being a part of the State squad has been a massive dream for me and to finally represent South Australia was a massive achievement for me. I am thankful for the support I have behind me and thankful for the opportunities Reynella has given me” says Luke. Luke is currently doing an REC School-based Traineeship in Golf with the Vines Golf Club.

Open Boys Cricket lost to Wirreanda in the semi-finals of the indoor competition, after a good early start.

Year 8/9 Boys Five-aside Soccer competed in the outdoor State Finals. Result was: win 3, draw 3, loss 2 (with lots of lessons learned!)

Year 10 Boys Basketball beat Cardijn and lost to Henley in the State Knockout.

Peter Knott and Lleyton Ashwell won the Doubles event in the zone Table Tennis tournament.

Jo Draper - PE Teacher

Volleyball - Australian Schools Cup

It’s not long now until 72 staff and students make their way across to Melbourne to play in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup. The students have been training hard before and after school to polish their skills prior to the week tournament in Term 4. To help keep costs down the students have been fundraising, if you see them in the yard selling Cadbury Chocolates please show your support and buy a chocolate.

We have been looking for sponsors around the local area, if you know someone who owns a business and would like to sponsor the largest school in the state then please have them contact Jenna Hoff for further information. We would like to thank our sponsors who are already showing their support; Century 21, Physio Extra Hallett Cove, U-Install-it Kitchens, Reynella Family Care and our major sponsor Thesinger and Turner Travel Associates.

If you are booking a trip or need some travel advice please use our major sponsor Thesinger and Turner Travel Associates and mention that you are from Reynella East College, they would be glad to help you and your requests.

Jenna Hoff & Alex Moncrieff - Volleyball Coaches
REC Fundraising

*World Vision '40 Hour Famine - Disco raises $1265.60*

Well done to our students and staff who assisted the 40 Hour Famine fundraising this year. We have raised a total of $2591.60 for Rwanda. Here's how we did it:

- Primary Disco - $670
- Community BBQ and Student Cash Sponsorship - $1265.60
- Online donations - $656.

Well done to our top three fundraisers: Taylor M ($835), Ashleigh C ($229.90), Nikolas G ($218.25). Thank you for supporting the students to be active global citizens!

Reynella Oval in2CRICKET!

**Start date: Saturday 18 October, 2014**

Program cost $77.75 for 2 terms for newcomers and covers Term 4 2014 and Term 1 2015, with a bonus Participant Pack and all equipment and coaching supplied.  
Register here: [www.in2cricket.com.au](http://www.in2cricket.com.au)

Gymnastics SA

**Open Trial: Monday 29 September, 2014**

Gymnastics SA is looking for talented children aged 6-9 years to join the Junior Elite Talent Squads. No previous gymnastics experience necessary.

E: highperformance@gymsa.com.au  P: 8294 8343

Little Athletics

**Reynella East & Districts, on REC oval.**

At Little Athletics children are encouraged to be the best they can, regardless of ability. The focus is not on winning but on having fun, making friends and involving families in healthy activities. Want to know more?

E: info@redla.com.au  P: 0402 339 039 (Dennis) or 0416 161 228 (Mark)  

DECD 2014-17 Strategic Plan

The Department for Education and Child Development’s new Strategic Plan 2014-2017 outlines how our public education system will become even stronger over the next four years. The plan is a commitment to children, families and the community to improve learning achievement, health, wellbeing, child safety, community engagement, and access to services.

We look forward to working together with you to make sure your children continue to be healthy, happy, safe and are supported to do their best.


Homestays NEEDED

*Are you interested in becoming a Host family for International Students?*

Ideally living close to Reynella East College and available to host a Year 9 student from Japan from 20 November to 3 December (13 nights). They will attend REC during the week, leaving the weekends free for you to show off our beautiful Adelaide! If you have a spare room this could be a great experience for your family. A flat fee of $464.25 will be given to cover expenses.

Contact: Carole Edgeworth - Ph: 0403 605 979