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*Above RMSC Y12 Prefects celebrate after their final assembly term 4  
San Dinh, Jason Lor, Amy Southwell, Jemmah Rattley, Sangna Joshi and Latifa Hakimi*

## Diary Dates

13 November	5.30pm	Governing Council
18 November	All Day	Pupil Free Day
21 November	6.30pm–9pm	Y12 Graduation & Awards Evening at Bonython Hall, North Terrace Adelaide
3 December	6pm	Y6/7 STEM Presentations

## Principal's Report

A number of functions and events have been planned throughout term 4 to celebrate student achievement and success. Our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Awards Evening is being held at Bonython Hall, Adelaide University, on Thursday November 21; the Special Education Campus Concert is planned for Thursday November 25 and the Year 12 Special Education Campus Leavers Dinner will be held at the Watershed Café and Function Centre on Thursday December 5

I hope you will be able to join us at these events.

## Staffing Update

We welcome the following new teachers to our school this term -

Rachel Thomas	Special Education Campus
San-Mari Du Toit	Special Education Campus
Jana Andriopoulos	Year 8 HPE
Nick Bury	Year 10 Geography

## Term 4 Leadership Appointments

Natalie Andreou has been appointed as the Coordinator Human Resource Management and Megan Butterick as Year 10 Year level Leader for the Co-Education Campus.

## 2020 Ongoing Teacher Positions

The following teachers have been appointed permanently to our school commencing 2020 -

Luke Piesiewicz	Special Education and Physical Education
Fran Phung	German
Michelle Rhodes	Child Studies and Home Economics
Alexander Topham	Chemistry and Physics

## Japanese Language Assistant Teacher

We welcome to our school, Sachiko Okabe (right), who is an English Language teacher from Himeji High School in Japan. We are very fortunate to have her working with Melissa Weinert, Ina Nur and Kat Ward in their Japanese Language classes. Sachiko will be working with us for term 4 this year and term 1 next year.



## Royal Adelaide Show and Photographic Exhibition

Congratulations to Jennifer Theakstone and Egilda Colaruotolo for winning the "Most Successful School in Technology" and "Most Successful Secondary School in Junior Textiles". Jennifer's students' photographs were displayed from October 10 to 18 in a Photographic Exhibition in the Centre Gallery of the Department for Education, 31 Flinders Street Adelaide (see pages 17 & 18).

### International Education Services Visit to Vietnam

During the October school holidays I visited a number of schools in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh. At these schools I provided a workshop for the leaders and teachers about how to build a positive school culture and presented information about our school. There were many students who showed an interest in enrolling in our school as international students to study the IB Diploma once it becomes available. Pictures below include students from a classroom visit by principal's, an expo to promote SA Government Schools and vietnamese students mode of transport.



### World Teachers Day

On Friday October 25 our school celebrated World Teacher's Day. A special celebration morning tea was held to acknowledge the very important work our teachers play in educating and preparing young people for their future pathways. Celebratory calendars were prepared for the teachers which featured photography by RMSC students. Thank you to Frances Bedford MP for Florey for her generous contribution towards the morning tea.

### Assembly Celebration for the Year 12 Students

A very successful whole school assembly was held on Friday November 1 where we acknowledged the achievements of our Year 12 students and wished them well in completing their assignments and sitting their exams over the next few weeks. Following the assembly the students undertook a fun and relaxing day at the Beach House, Glenelg.

### North East Community Day

On Saturday November 2 our school participated in the North East Community Day at the Hillcrest Community Centre. This was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our school within the local community and to promote our STEM programs. Thank you to the students and staff for volunteering to be involved and the families who visited our stall.



*Mayor Claire Boan for the City of Port Adelaide Enfield with RMSC Teacher Derek Duke, Dana Wortley MP and RMSC leader Louise Mather*

### Assessment and Reporting Survey

Our school is in the process of reviewing our Assessment and Reporting Policy. A survey has been sent to parents and carers to seek feedback from you about our assessment and reporting processes and how you would like these improved. An SMS with a link has already been sent to you. Please contact the school if you did not receive the SMS. Survey responses close on Monday November 11 2019.

### Parent Opinion Survey

All parents and carers should have received an SMS with a link to complete the annual Parent Opinion Survey. The link was sent on Monday November 4 and the survey will close on Monday November 18. Your feedback will be used to further improve our work with your children and will be included in our Annual Report.

Sandy Richardson  
Principal

## Curriculum Report

Our Year 12 students have been working harder than ever in the lead up to Year 12 exams and final assessments. Our Year 12 teachers have also been working 'above and beyond' supporting students.

We wish all year 12 students well for the upcoming Examinations and External Assessments.

End-of-year results will be available for students on Tuesday December 17 2019 from 8.30 am. On the day, the homepage of the SACE website will direct students to check their results. Please ask your Year 12 son/daughter to check if they have registered with Schools online so that they can log in and check their results.

Our Year 10 students will soon be completing the final elements of the Middle Years International Baccalaureate and completing the first stage of the SACE, the Personal Learning Plan.

Our teaching staff have been working collaboratively to review and improve current teaching and learning units of work and assessment tasks in preparation for the 2020 school year. We strive to continually improve the quality of our programs to ensure that all students receive the best possible education and that standards are consistent across classes.

## Positive Psychology Interventions - Professional Development Day for Teachers

The next Professional Development (Pupil Free) day on November 18, 2019 will focus on positive psychology interventions. Staff will undertake the first day of a program called the Berry Street Education Model. This model focusses on five key domains – Body, Stamina, Engagement and Character, all anchored by Relationships. This training will strengthen the skills of our teachers to work successfully with young people in a classroom setting.



**More than two years learning in one year**

Thousands of Australian students are now better able to learn and engage with school, after their teachers undertook the Berry Street Education Model program. The evidence is compelling: students in the pilot program achieved more than two years academic growth in the year after implementation of the model (based on AusVELs data, evaluated by the University of Melbourne, 2015).

<https://learning.berrystreet.org.au/focus-areas/berry-street-education-model>



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### Special Education Campus Report

The start of term 4 has been a busy and active one with students being involved in Activ8 MissFit dance and music classes as well as some students participating in Tennis Coaching Clinics with coaches from the Pooraka Tennis Club. We appreciate the involvement of community groups in supporting the fitness and well-being of our students.



We have also started playing table tennis during recess and lunch breaks. This is a fantastic activity which keeps students (and staff) busy and supports positive social interactions. Thank you to Luke for setting up the tables and keeping the supply of table tennis balls coming.

We have held our Open Morning for our new 2020 students. This was an opportunity for our new students and their families to have a look around and meet some of our students and teachers. It is an important part of our transition process and I would like to thank Cody and Edoxie for welcoming our new families and taking them on a tour of our campus. The transition process will continue with our new 2020 students joining classes on Tuesday November 12 and Tuesday November 19.

The 2019 Leavers Dinner will be held on Thursday December 5 at The Watershed Function Centre and Café in Mawson Lakes. This is an annual event for our students who are leaving school at the end of the year and is an opportunity for them and their families to celebrate together. It is an event enjoyed by our students as they prepare for their move from school to post school options. We will also be holding our annual concert again this year, on November 28. All Special Education classes perform an item and the Multi Purpose Hall will have a display of student artwork from all classes.

Lynley Johnston  
Head of Campus  
Special Education Campus

## Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Education Report

This term in Aboriginal Education we have been increasing our lunch time activities by doing some cooking. Students are selecting different recipes they would like to cook and are sharing them with each other at recess the following day. So far, students have cooked pancakes (below) and lemon slice with future plans to cook rocky road and cheesecake. This is providing students a fantastic opportunity to participate in group activities and come together to share food.

Students in Year 9, 10 and 11 are currently completing their SAASTA applications for 2020. Already, we have had great success with over 6 of our students gaining entry into the elite sporting academies in AFL, Basketball and also the newly established Soccer program. Congratulations to all of those students.

In Week 5, we will have the Aboriginal Transition Day for all Year 7 students who will be coming to Roma Mitchell in 2020. This is shaping up to be a fantastic day where students will participate in some cultural cooking, art and some physical activity. It will be an exciting day for over 25 of our new Aboriginal Students coming in 2020.



Week 7, we will have the Aboriginal Education Parent/Caregivers BBQ. We will be sending invitations and reminders in the coming weeks and we hope you can join us.

### Girls' Education Campus News

This term girls from year 8 Maths classes with Ms Mangla are working on learning Geometry skills. They are learning a software "Geogebra" to learn geometry using technology. Geogebra allows to manipulate and prove geometric relations and helps students form connections between learnt and applied concept. After learning the skills of geogebra, students will complete a series of formative and summative tasks using this innovative technology.



The year 8 English class with Ms Carbone from the Girls' Education Campus engaged in learning about what shapes their worldview. During this lesson they were learning about generational worldview and were creating posters in groups depicting different era's throughout the 20th century.





## Middle School News

Welcome back to the final term of the year for 2019. It is shaping up to be a very busy one. In Mr Ashby's absence, it is my pleasure to share with you some upcoming events from the middle school.

### Year 9 IB Personal Project Day

On Friday November 15 all Co-Education year 9 students will take part in a special modified program where they will be introduced to the IB Personal Project that contributes towards their IB Middle Year Program certificate. This will be an important day for all students to understand the project expectations and take their first steps.

### Year 8 and 9 Round tables

An important part of your son/daughter's curriculum at our college is their Pastoral Care Program. Throughout the year they have undertaken many activities which have been assessed. The final assessment task for this year will be their 'Round Table' presentation which year 8 students will undertake on Tuesday December 10 and year 9 students will give on Thursday December 12.

These presentations will be made to a panel that consists of staff and parents. It will be an opportunity for each student in the middle years to showcase examples of how they have progressed over the year. It will involve your son/daughter presenting pieces of work from a variety of different subjects, self-assessment of their strengths and areas for future development.

On the presentation days, students do not have normal lessons and only come to school to make their presentation at their allocated time. I wish each student every success with their round table preparations.

### Year 7 Transition Day

In week 5 this term, some of the SRC students will play an important role in welcoming new students to Roma Mitchell Secondary College as part of their year 7 into 8 transition day program. This will be a chance for our students to showcase our school and welcome so many new students as they take their first steps on a new journey in their learning.

Hamish McDonald  
Head of Middle Years  
Co-Education Campus

### Student Representative Council (SRC)

Last week the students at Roma Mitchell Secondary celebrated World Teachers Day, by hosting a special morning tea for the all the teachers and staff at our school.

The SRC were the main organisers and did a wonderful job offering hospitality to those in the staffroom. This was a great way to acknowledge the efforts of the many teachers who have made and continue to support their students in their learning at our school. Thank you to the SRC and Ms Blunden in organising this special event.



## Year 12 Final Assembly and Excursion to The Beachouse at Glenelg

A whole school assembly was held on Friday November 1, 2019 to officially farewell and wish year 12 students well in their exams and in the completion of all assigned tasks. Year 12 Prefects, SRC and House Captain students were acknowledged for their work throughout the year. After the assembly the year 12 students visited The Beachouse at Glenelg, to engage in a range of physical activities to mark the occasion. This was an informal event that is organised to involve all students in a more relaxed activity.



*Left, Jessica Bottcher & Oscar Puz Y11 students farewell the Y12 students*

*Right, Y12 students singing their last performance*



## Year 12 End of Year Arrangements, Departing dates for Year 12 students

Students have different finishing dates according to their work requirements. Individual teachers have provided students information about specific work and attendance requirements and final dates for presentation or submission of work.

Not all year 12 subjects have an exam. Year 12 students need to manage their time effectively and efficiently so that they can prepare for exam subjects and also meet normal assessment requirements in their other subjects. Students need to meet and conference with their subject teachers during exam weeks.

Students must wear full school uniform when attending school for any reason. This includes attending school for exams and/or scheduled subjects or returning books.

[Return of books \(library and text books\), laptop and laptop charger, combination lock and collection of year book](#)

When year 12 students have completed their subject work requirements they will need to clean out their locker and return books, laptop, laptop charger, combination lock to Library. This process should be finalised by Friday November 15 2019.

Students can collect their year book from the Library (any time between 9.00 am until 10.30 am) on Friday December 13 2019.

## Y12 Graduation and Awards Evening

Year 12 students, parents/carers and staff will be invited to attend the Graduation and Awards Evening to be held on Thursday 21 November 2019. The venue for this event is Bonythan Hall, North Terrace, Adelaide. Year 12 students will be recognised for years of study, completion of their senior years and special recognition eg subject and special awards. Year 12 students are expected to wear full school uniform.



### SACE Results release day

The date for students to access their results online as soon as they are released in the week beginning 16 December (the exact date will be confirmed). Staff will be available at the school from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm to support students and parents with any queries regarding Stage 2 SACE results including how to access results, discuss bonus points and possible changes to University and TAFE pathways.

### Year 11 End of Year Exams and Year 11 to Year 12 Transition Program Exams

Semester 2 end of year exams will be held at the school for year 11 students and will commence Tuesday November 19, 2019 and end Friday November 22, 2019. General information relating to exam week and an outline of the exam timetable will be issued to students. After exam week students will have an opportunity to finalise assessment tasks and review exams.

### Year 11 to 12 Transition Program and year 11's begin year 12 subjects

To support students make a smooth transition from year 11 to year 12, all year 11 students will commence their year 12 subjects on Monday 2 December 2019. Students will benefit greatly from having an additional two weeks to complete their year 12 courses. It gives students a head start for the challenge of year 12. To support students in this transition from year 11 to year 12 a transition day will be held on Friday November 29, 2019.

Pepe Bouzalas  
Head of Campus  
Senior Years Co-Education

### Children's University Graduation

On Monday November 4, our school attended the Children's University Graduation ceremony at Bonython Hall. We had 25 students graduate in total which is a very high number. Please see their names and awards below. We have also had 7 of our students asked to be the Master of Ceremonies for upcoming graduation ceremonies over the next 2 weeks, which is a great honour.

Thank you to Theo Tsiounis for attending the graduation ceremony with me, and to all the teachers who have supported the students in their learning/volunteering throughout the year.

### Passport to Learning National Bronze Award for 30 hours

Rabia Ewaz Ali  
Hannah Mills  
National Bronze Certificate for 130 hours:  
Shinjini Katiyar  
National Silver Degree for 365 hours:  
Radman Raeiezabadi

### Passport to Volunteering National Bronze Award for 30 hours of volunteering

Shahla Ali  
Sama Ali Rania  
Mahrukh Ali Sania  
Khadija Bakshi  
Saima Ewaz Ali  
Leeda Mashal  
Aashna Pant  
Hasina Rahimi  
Shamiama Shahid  
Ariba Siddiqui  
Dhwani Suthar  
Shakila Yawari



### National Silver Award for 65 hours of volunteering

Clara An  
Dua Anees  
Sarah Balboa  
Jazmin Bernade  
Jessica Bottcher  
Harnoor Kaur  
Sakina Mowsawi  
Marzia Muhammad Hussain

### National Silver Certificate for 165 hours

Ramatu Kenneh

## RMSC Y10 students - Cooking Experience

During term three, the Girls' Education Campus year 10 Italian class learnt about Italian migration which covered areas such as reason for migration and how they impacted Australia. When Italian people migrated over to Australia, they brought Italian dishes with them which slowly became popular in Australia.

In order to learn about Italian food, we cooked a few dishes in one of our lessons. We made focaccia, risotto, pasta and sporcamuss as a class.

Focaccia is a flat oven-baked Italian bread product similar in style and texture to pizza dough. Meanwhile, risotto is a northern Italian rice dish cooked with broth until it reaches a creamy consistency. We also made a sweet dish (sporcamuss) which consisted of cream filled pastries.

Through this cooking lesson, we were able to learn how some Italian dishes are cooked and the methods that are used by Italians. Everyone contributed in this activity and together, we made the four dishes. Overall, this cooking lesson was a fun experience in which we tried something new by using different cooking techniques which we didn't use every day.

*Y10 student Dhvani Dave*



## Textiles Award

This year has been an outstanding year for students who entered the Royal Adelaide Show's Textiles competition.

On behalf of the Royal Adelaide Show and The Home Economics Institute of Australia (S.A. Division) a trophy is being presented for the Most Successful Secondary School in Textiles.

Sadiya Rahimi and Najma Yaqoobi (below) who are Stage 2 Textiles students entered their work in the competition and achieved 1st and special prizes for their garments.

Congratulations to all the students who entered their work displaying creativity and skill.



### Royal Adelaide Show Textile Winners

Chanrasmei Chhay – Product: decorative article 1st Prize, Special Prize – Most outstanding Embroidery Exhibit 15–16yrs (CWA Inc. – State Handicraft Committee Prize)

Chloe Gregory – Product: Textile article 1st Prize (Product constructed in 2018)

Saidiya Raidiya – Product – teenager’s garment 1st Prize  
Special prize – Eastern Silk

Saidiya Raidiya – Product: child’s garment 1st Prize  
Special Prize – Most outstanding garment construction 17–19yrs (Melann’s Fabric Prize)

Najama Yaqoobi – Product: teenager’s garment 1st prize  
Special prize – Eastern Silk

Najama Yaqoobi – Product: child’s garment 1st Prize

Shakira Zahra – Product: household article 1st Prize

Raihana Najafi – Product: teenager’s garment 2nd Prize

Raihana Najafi – Product: child’s garment Commended Prize

Brooke Gubbin – Product: child’s garment 3rd Prize

Brooke Gubbin – Product: personal article 3rd Prize

Shamicha Koirala – Product: personal article (13yr old) 1st Prize

Destiny Birbas – Product: personal article (14yr old) 1st Prize

Shamiama Shahid – Product: decorative article 2nd Prize

Aashna Pant – Personal article (14yr old) 3rd Prize

Xia Holden – Product: personal article (13yr old) 1st Prize

Farida Ahmadi – Product: bag 2nd Prize

Isabella Akwawua – Decorative Article 3rd Prize



Guest speakers, Graham Brand (Councillor Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA Inc) and John Rothwell (CEO Royal Agricultural Society) with RMSC Head of Campus, Middle Years Co-Education Campus Hamish McDonald and RMSC photography teacher, Jennifer Theakstone.



Prize winning RMSC student Jay Patel with his father.



*Prize winning RMSC students Savanah Nixon-Grace with her awards and Harshdeep Tokkie with this entries and parents. Below, Emma Meyer with her mum.*



## Library Report

### Spooky stories

This month the library has been celebrating all things spooky. Horror, crime, mystery and suspense books are on display ready for students to borrow. Our resident ghost and spiders have not been a deterrent for students who love a good thriller.

### Storyathon

Year 8 students are encouraged to enter Storyathon, a national competition that requires students to write a themed microstory of exactly 100 words – no more, no less. Storyathon encourages students to think about the importance of individual words. The theme for this term is 'Escape'. For more information visit [storyathon.com](http://storyathon.com).

### Photography

The library is currently displaying work by RMSC's Photography students who had many prize-winning submissions in the Royal Adelaide Show. We encourage all students to come up to the library to see the fantastic work of their peers.

### Study tips

With Stage 2 exams just around the corner, we encourage students to visit the library for exam and study tips. Healthy study habits improve results, and small adjustments can make all the difference. Students can pick up weekly planners, exam timetables, and read more about study advice from the experts.

Below, photography by year 8 Media Arts student Keely O'Keefe





This month on SchoolTV – Resilience

Resilience is one of those skills that all kids need and should have. It refers to their ability to cope and adapt in situations when confronted with challenges such as adversity, trauma, tragedy, or even stress. It is essential to their mental health and wellbeing as part of their journey to adulthood. It is a skill that can be learned from an early age through the support of an adult role model.

However, being resilient does not mean your child won't experience any difficulties, but it will better equip them to manage those situations. Over-protective parenting can be viewed as being unhelpful towards the building of resilience. Although this may be a natural instinct, potentially experiencing failure is all part of the process. Encouraging children to take healthy risks will help them trust their capacity to deal with uncomfortable situations and increase their capacity for courage.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will gain an understanding of how to support their child's brave behaviour to help them adapt and build resilience. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to this month's edition <https://rpsc.sa.schooltv.me/newsletter/resilience>

## Finance Report

Finance Report

Friendly Reminder

Outstanding 2019 Materials and Services Fees and subject fees are required to be paid before the end of Term 4.

The fourth laptop instalment payment was due October 25 2019

Payment can be made by direct debit, credit card, eftpos, cash, or cheque. Payments can be made at each Student Services office or over the phone for eftpos/credit card payments.

DIRECT DEBIT: The school offers direct debit payment plans. Payments can be made from your nominated bank or credit card account. Payments can occur weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

If you think this payment option will assist you in finalising amounts outstanding for school fees or laptops please contact the Finance Manager on 8161 4600 to arrange a suitable time to set up a direct debit payment plan.

Thankyou to families who have already made payments.

## School Card 2019

Applications for 2019 School Card must be submitted by November 22, 2019  
Applications cannot be accepted after this date.

School Card Form A can be submitted on line by following the link below:

[www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au)

Home/Education & Learning/Financial Support/School Card Scheme/Applications + then select Form A Income Audit Online

If you prefer to submit a paper copy of the school card application they can be collected from the Student Services office in each Campus.

Parents/Caregivers are reminded that a new school card application must be submitted every year.

Please contact the school on 81614600 if you require any information regarding eligibility or assistance with completing the application.

Approved School Card applicants are relieved from paying the Material and Services Charges.