Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Staff News
I am very pleased to be able to announce our 2015 school staff and the year levels that they will be teaching.

Sue Hutchesson will continue in the role of Assistant Principal with a focus on Numeracy and Literacy for the next 12 months.

Reception - Lyn MacKenzie (new), Lauren Manser and 1 still to be announced
Year 1 & Year 1/2 - Gill Andrew, Teresa Shaw, Sue Hutchesson, Helen Papastamatis
Year 2 & Year 2/3 - Lauren Suggate, Rikki Helps, Bec Hunt
Year 3, Year 3/4 & Year 4 - Sandi Wilkens, Belinda Say, Jess Magarey, Jennie Mannion
Year 5 & Year 6 - Jess Duke, Renae Perryman, Jen Herbert, Sami Collins
Year 6/7 & Year 7 - Sam O’Neill, Matt Bannister (new), Dan Castle, Alison Whibley
Specialists - Andrew Bone & Sue Moaut
Arts - Angela D’Onghia
Italian - Heath McShane & Renae Cliff
PE - Peter Clayfield
Design &Tech -

Sadly we also say farewell to a number of teachers who have contributed so much throughout their time at our school and we wish them all the best at their future schools - Michelle Schutz, Sophia Lund, Abby Height, Liana Hvartin, Donna Winckel & Alice Nairn.

We also thank and farewell Jayne Hickman from our Front Office Team as she will be returning to Adelaide with her family and Louise Wheller from the Library who will be retiring. Both Jayne and Louise will be sadly missed by us all at Reidy Park.

Farewell and thank you once again to Alan Hogg who has filled in whilst Andrew Bone has been on long service leave in the later part of this term. Jamie Newell and Renae Cliff will both be returning from parenting leave in the new year.

Term 4, Week 9, December 12th, 2014
**Reports & Class Placements for 2015**

On Friday morning all students will transition to their 2015 classes and classrooms. They will spend approximately one lesson with their new teacher and classmates. Students will also receive their end of year reports and a 2015 class placement letter.

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**Congratulations 2015 Student Leaders & Sports Captains**

Congratulations for a job well done and thank you to our 2014 Student Leaders and House Captains. As senior students at Reidy Park each has made a major and valued contribution to our school decision making process. At all times they have shown outstanding leadership and integrity in their role as our school’s representatives, both at school and in the community. I know that their hard work and conscientious approach to providing authentic student voice at our school has provided them with skills and abilities that they will carry with them to high school and beyond. Our sincere thanks to:

Captains - Ruby H and Braeden B
Students Leaders - Caitlin M, Claire D, Gabby A, Gemma H, Maisie H, Kaleb B

Over the past few weeks, the year 6’s have been busy writing applications to become 2015 Student Leaders and Sports Captains. For next year our elected student leaders will be:


We would also like to congratulate next year’s sports captains:

- Eaglehawk: Sophie E, Jack C (Captains), Faith K and Brodie M (Vice)
- Lava: Georgia B, Rueben G (Captains), Abby B and Darcy H (Vice)
- Lake: Teagan H, Connor P (Captains), Angela M and Abby M (Vice)
- Willow: Alex Jolly, Harry S (Captains), Zahli F and Ethan N (Vice)

We wish them all the best in their new roles for 2015.

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**Farewell Year 7 Students**

The staff and I would like to say a fond farewell to all of our graduating year 7 students, some of whom have spent their whole eight years of schooling at Reidy Park. Congratulations to you all. The staff agree that you have been a wonderful group of young people who have made both us and your parents very proud. We are confident that you will do extremely well at high school and that you have very bright futures ahead of you. **Good Luck!**

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**Polling of School Fees**

Recently you would have received a notice polling you about the 2015 School Fees which have been set at $290 for the school year. Votes were 92 in favour to 12 against. Governing Council have approved and finalised this process. This means that where families fail to pay the school fees next year, action can be taken to legally recover the full amount.

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**Final Assembly**

Our final assembly for the year will be held in the Gym on Friday 12th December. Students will be dismissed from the Gym at 2:30 pm. Following our assembly staff will form a guard of honour to farewell our year seven students through the administration area as they exit through the main door.

On behalf of our staff I would like to sincerely thank the students for their pride in our school, application to their school work, their enthusiasm for learning and their generosity of spirit. You are a wonderful group of young people to work with. Thank you also to all parents for your help and support this year.
SA Dental Service Closures
The local Mount Gambier SA Dental Service Clinic will be closed from Wednesday 24th December 2014 and reopen on Monday 5th January 2015. They will be open for emergencies only on the 29th, 30th and 31st of December 2014. To contact the local SA Dental Service Clinic during open times, please call 8721 1633.

Please bring your Medicare Card to all appointments. If your child is covered by a School Card, Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card please bring this to all appointments as well.

If your child already attends a SA Dental Service clinic, contact us when their next appointment is due. If your child does not already attend one of our clinics, please phone us to make an appointment in 2015. For more information contact your local clinic. Clinic list found at www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Christmas Hampers Raffle
On behalf of the Fundraising Committee I would like to thank Jodie and daughter Chelsea W, Kerrie and son Dylan B for helping to make up these wonderful Christmas Hampers over the past 5 years. With both children graduating primary school, we will miss your wonderful assistance at a very busy time of year.

Thank you also to the wonderful parents for your generous donations which help to make this a very successful fundraiser. The raffle will be drawn at our Carols evening tonight. Good luck!

Gay Brooker
School Business Manager

Cash Office Opening Hours for 2015
The Cash Office will be open for uniform sales prior to the commencement of Term 1, 2015 from 9:00am - 4:00pm on Tuesday 20th January & Wednesday 21st January, and from 9:00am - 12:00 noon on Thursday 22nd January.

Gay Brooker
School Business Manager

Carols by Candlelight
Staff and students have been busily preparing for tonight’s Carols by Candlelight to be held in the Sugar Bowl area situated on the Wehl Street side of our school. All classes will be represented on stage at some time during the night and notes have gone home to those students required to wear something specific. A barbecue tea staffed by Governing Council, will be available from 6:00pm as well as glow products, coffee van, drinks and more. The evening’s entertainment commences from 7:30pm. See your there with bells on!

Glow products available include bracelets, necklaces, sticks, glasses, windmills, tambourines and more and range in price from $1 to $3.50.

Positive Trackers
Congratulations to the final recipients of the Positive Tracker awards for 2014. Both Marnee F and Zarly J showed great courage when they stood up to people teasing a friend and Ava C voluntarily cleaned up rubbish during a bad day in the yard. As always the range of positivity is tremendous and we applaud these and all the wonderful students we have in our school. Well done, everyone!

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!