



DIARY DATES

Friday	April	12	End of Term 1	2:30pm dismissal
Monday	April	29	Student Free Day	
Tuesday	April	30	Term 2 Commences	8:45am - 3:15pm
Monday	May	6	Auskick Commences	3:30pm
Monday			Mt High Yr 7s & Parent Open Night	6:00pm
Sunday	May	12	MOTHER'S DAY	
Wednesday	May	22	Grant High Yr 7s & Parent Open Night	6:30pm

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1, Week 11, April 10th, 2013

We have finally come to the end of a very busy term. On behalf of all the staff may we wish you a safe holiday with your children. Thank you to all who have helped in any way over the term. Without you, our school could not function in the way it does. It is always a delight to see so many parents in the school, helping in classrooms, assisting with excursions etc.

Changes to the School Day

Next term we will see some changes when the children return to school on Tuesday 30th April. The school day will alter and students will be expected to be at school ready to go into class at 8:45am. The following timetable will apply -

8:25am	Students may arrive
8:45am	Students enter school
8:55am	Lessons begin
10:35am	Recess
10:55am	Lessons
12:55pm	Lunch Break
1:35pm	Lessons
3:15pm	Dismissal

An extra teacher has been placed on duty after school at the playground. Whilst we expect that the majority of our children will be collected promptly at 3:15pm we understand that for a few, parents will be unable to collect until 3:30pm as currently happens. For those children, they can remain on the grass/playground area, supervised by the teacher.

As we have staff meetings on Wednesday after school, it is helpful if all children are collected by that time. For those who are not, they will wait in the Front Office until parents arrive.

We have arranged with the City Council to change the times for operating the crossing lights. Arrangements have also been made for the bus students who in the main, will be able to catch an earlier bus. We may have 'teething' problems with the changes, but will work through any issues that arise.

Near Miss

Last week a staff member witnessed a 'near miss' between a car, a parent and child. What was upsetting is that the parent had crossed the road on Wehl Street only metres from the school crossing. Young children are influenced by adult behaviour and if they see adults not using a crossing, then they think this is OK to do so. We do not ever want to see anyone injured or killed outside of our school.

SMS Communication

Over recent times it has become obvious to us that the school needs a system to contact large groups of parents with simple messages quickly and easily. Reminders of student free days, reminder of early dismissal times, school camp arrival times are just some of the occasions we have needed to contact groups of parents. As such, we have been



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investigating the best way to do this. After looking at models from other schools, we have decided that simple SMS texts will be the quickest and easiest way. This method doesn't rely on internet access or the latest smartphone technology. Almost all mobile phones have this capability, and even some home phones. We will be trialling this system next term. Please make sure we have your latest mobile contact number to help make this system work. Please contact the school if you want to know more about this system.



BARB MUNT
PRINCIPAL



LESLEY OKHOLM
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



ANDREW BONE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Year 7 Student & Parent Open Nights

The dates have been announced for all year 7 students and parents who wish to visit their prospective High Schools on their Open Nights. The schools relevant to us are Mt Gambier High School - Monday 6th May at 6:00pm and Grant High School - Wednesday 22nd May at 6:30pm. Please take up the opportunity to visit and see where your student will be heading.



Positive Tracker Awards

At assembly last week two more recipients of the Positive Tracker Awards were given, this time to Ali Rahbari for picking up rubbish in the yard, keeping our environment clean and Lachlan Price for his efforts in assisting a smaller child who was obviously upset and crying. Well done to both of you. Our school is a better place because of the efforts of many like you.

Golden Dustpan Awards

It is always good to be rewarded for your efforts but in this instance, Room 9 (Mr Castle's Class) were on camp when they were announced winners of the Golden Dustpan Award at assembly recently. Their win was celebrated by all just the same. Room 9 enjoyed their success on their return and will retain the award until our next assembly.



Year 6/7 Camp

This year the sixes and sevens had the opportunity to attend the Canberra Camp, held every two years. The students travelled by bus to Canberra on the Tuesday, beginning their journey at five in the morning, arriving that night at Eagle Hawk Holiday Park, where they were to stay for the following three days.



While on camp, the students had a wide opportunity to participate in many activities to broaden their knowledge of Australian parliament and Government. These activities included visiting places such as the New and Old Parliament House, the Australian Electoral Commission, Questacon, the Australian Art Gallery & Museum, the Australian War Memorial, the High Court of Australia, Australian Institute of Sport and a drive around the many streets of Embassies.

Students also had the chance to take part in late night activities including a very heated game of Spotlight between the students and the teachers. Also a night of fun and games at AMF Bowling and a surprise game of Chinese Whispers.

Even though the students were extremely exhausted after the long journey back home, the camp was tremendously fun and exciting, and a great chance for students to learn the most simple and important effects in Australian history.

Cassidy Farrar

Year 7 Student Leader

S.A.P.S.A.S.A. Swimming

At the recent SAPSASA Swimming championships, the Lower South East Squad comprising four of our very own students all exhibited outstanding efforts. Archie Muller qualified for four finals winning gold in the Boys 10 years 50 metres breaststroke and silver in the freestyle event while gaining three personal best times, giving him a chance to be selected in the State Swim Squad competing in Adelaide come September. Sarah Cavanagh also qualified for finals, winning silver medals in both breaststroke and backstroke and two bronze medals in the freestyle and medley relay events. Lucie Whitworth qualified for 2 finals while Katie Whitworth swam in the relay team. All swimmers performed well throughout the carnival.



Little Athletics Champions

Adding to the efforts of our Swimmers, three of our children were also successful in gaining selection into the Little Athletics Squad that competed in the recent national team events. Both Isobel and Tori Redemski competed well in their events as did Tyne Bosko whose performance in the Under 11 Girls High Jump gained her a gold medal win and silver medals in both the 100 metre and 200 metre events. [Well done to all our sporting champions and look out Sports Day!!!](#)



Woolworths 'Earn & Learn'

Woolworths are again hosting the 'Earn & Learn' program where families can earn points for their school to purchase equipment for educational purposes. This has been a highly successful venture for Reidy Park in past years and we urge all families to get involved again by saving your stickers and placing them in the box provided in the Front Office area.



Auskick 2013

Auskick 'kicks off' during Week 2 of Term 2 (Monday 6th May) and all interested students from Reception to Year 2 should have received nomination information. More forms are available at the Front Office on request or registrations can be made online at

aflauskick.com.au. Sessions will commence from 3:30 to 4:30pm and are always highly anticipated by the children, boys and girls alike. We look forward to seeing you and your child out there.

Jodie Ellery

Lauren Manser

Auskick Coordinators

Term 1 Visual Arts

This year we are privileged to have all classes enjoy specialist Visual Art lessons with Leanne Syron. Many concepts are being taught and learnt throughout the various year levels and are becoming more visible as displays go up around the school.

The year 6/7s have been experimenting with different painting techniques, backgrounds, washes, proportions and blending to produce lifelike faces. The year 4/5s have also been experimenting with various techniques and medias to achieve textured finishes on completed abstracts. Our 2/3s have used resistant oil pastels and paints while exploring distance of objects in the landscape, producing art pieces showing a vanishing point. The Junior Primary children have enjoyed the concepts of masking and marble painting, collaging and using tools to create effects in both cool and warm colours.



Isabel G



Alex D



Bailey J



Eliza M

Lili S



Georgia B



P.E. EQUIPMENT MONITORS

Lachlan P, Kody S and Seth W, all from Room 7, have taken on the special responsibility of being our first equipment monitors. They give up part of their lunch time each day, to assist students in borrowing out equipment and ensure it is returned again at the end of lunch. These students are doing a fantastic job and are to be commended for their efforts. [Keep up the good work boys!](#)

Amber Carson

P. E. Teacher

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Fossils, Megafauna & Climate Change

Discover the amazing work happening and the World Heritage Naracoorte Caves that looks at how biodiversity responded to climate change over the past 50 000 years , and lessons we can learn for now and the future. Journey through our past with Dr Liz Reed, Palaeontologist (Flinders University) at two family friendly events: Wednesday 10th April from 7:00pm in the Mount Gambier Library or Thursday 18th April from 6:30pm and the Naracoorte Caves. For further information contact Becky McCann at mccann@natureglenelg.org.au or phone **0409 842 471**.

Want To Play Soccer?

Are you interested in playing girls under 14 soccer this winter? Have fun and make new friends by attending training on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:00pm at Blue Lake Sports Park (Dohle Road Car Park). Phone Warren McCallum **0431 357 417** for further information.



Mothers' Day Classic Walk in the Park

The Nations's largest fun run/walk that raises money for breast cancer research is on again and will be hosted in the Limestone Coast for the first time. Join together and celebrate life with friends and family and help raise money while remembering those who can't be with you. Sunday 12th May starting at 10:00am from the Valley Lakes. For more information contact Peter Collins on

0401 447 260 or Simon Brook on **0148 251 412** or register online at www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/events/regional

Riddoch Art Gallery Holiday Program

Fun with Symbols of the World is the topic that Art teacher Krystyna Moore will use to expand your child's mind if they participate in the Riddoch holiday program. While discovering multi cultural symbols, children will make their own mandala, collages with stamps and pictures, magical masks of the Hopi Indians and create Aztec inspired mosaics. Open to ages 5 - 7 years and 8 - 12 years at minimal cost, all materials are provided but numbers are limited. For more information contact **8723 9566** or register at admin@riddochartgallery.org.au



Public Library Holiday Program

On offer this school holidays at the Public Library is a Lego Competition and sessions of button beading, puppet making, paper collaging, paper making, play dough fun as well as card and frame making all to be culminated in a Mexican inspired fiesta. At a cost of \$2:00 per child, bookings must be made by March 22nd and can be made by contacting library staff on **8721 2540**.

Lifeline Need Your Help

Do you have 2 hours a week or 4 hours a fortnight to spare? Why not make a real difference to others by training to become a Telephone Crisis Supporter. It's time well spent! For more information call **8723 2299**. Lifeline saves lives!

