



DIARY DATES

Wednesday	February	27	Year 6/7 Canberra Camp Information Session	TONIGHT!
Monday	March	4	Two Way Interviews Commence	
Monday	March	11	Adelaide Cup Holiday	
Wednesday	March	13	Governing Council Meeting	7.30pm
Friday	March	15	Instalment 2 due - School Fees	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1, Week 5, February 27th, 2013

Annual General Meeting

Last Wednesday the Annual General Meeting of the school was held. At this meeting the following school councillors were elected or continue for a further term.

Chairperson	Andrew Hunter			
Vice Chairperson	Susan Andrae			
Secretary	Cathy Lunnay			
Treasurer	John Miles			
Committee	Fiona Jeffs	Shirley Johnston	Aaron Warden	Stephanie Beck
	Lorenza McMahon	Sonya Dyson	Jim Cornolo	Troy Bell
	Duane Gertners	Jason Baron	Kellie Winterfield	David Burt

Congratulations and thank you.

Our next Governing Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th at 7.30pm in the school Library.

Pupil Free Day & Early Closure

At the Annual General meeting, approval was given for the school to be closed for pupil free days on

Monday 25th March - staff training and development in Maths

Monday 29th April (1st day Term 2) - staff training and development in History.

In addition schools are permitted to close one hour earlier on the Thursday prior to Easter and at the end of term. As many schools in Mount Gambier will be closing early for Easter, our Governing Council has approved school finishing at 2.30pm on Thursday 28th March and 2.30pm Friday 12th April.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week from 4th to 8th March the first round of teacher interviews will be held. This initial interview involves only the parent and teacher. Interview booking sheets have been sent out this week and we hope all parents take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to share information.

Canberra Camp

On Monday, all year 6/7 parents would have received a package of information including permission notes, itinerary, etc. A meeting is scheduled for 7.00pm Wednesday in the school library for any parents who would like the information clarified or to raise further questions.

Change of the School Day

Accompanying this newsletter is an insert, offering you the chance to discuss the proposed changes to the school day. It is essential that every parent responds as the majority vote will decide whether or not this will go ahead. Please return it no later than Friday 8th March. We know that some parents receive the newsletter by email, but in this case, every family will receive a hard copy.



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School Kids Bonus

Parents may receive the School Kids Bonus if their child or children meet the age and education requirements and receive an eligible payment. If you receive one of the following;

Family Tax Benefit A
Disability Support Pension
Carer Payment
Parenting Payment
Special Benefit

each eligible family and student will receive \$410 per year for each primary student and \$820 per year for each secondary student. This can be used for uniforms, stationery, books, excursions and camps.

Most eligible families would have received the first payment automatically, however some parents may need to update their child's education details to ensure you receive the payment eg. parents with children starting school for the first time.

If you are eligible but have not received it, please contact Centrelink.



BARB MUNT
PRINCIPAL



LESLEY OKHOLM
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



ANDREW BONE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Finance Reminders

For parents paying School Fees by instalment, I wish to remind you that the first instalment was due February 15th and that the next is due March 15th. Thankyou to those parents who have kept to these time lines.

Gay Brooker
Finance Officer

Safe Parking

We have had recent contact with the Naval Cadets training centre on O'Halloran Terrace, adjacent our school. It would seem many parents are parking across the driveway blocking access to this facility. Lieutenant Sonya Davey has asked us to remind our school community that regular access is vital to this facility for all emergency vehicles at very short notice. Leaving your vehicle here is not an option.

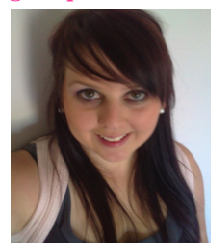
Christian Pastoral Support

To all our new families, a big welcome to our wonderful school. My name is Josie Phillips and I am the Christian Pastoral Support Worker at Reidy Park Primary school. Christian Pastoral Support Workers help schools to offer a pastoral and mentoring, resource and referral service to all members of the school community. As the Schools Christian Pastoral Support Worker, in co-operation with teachers and the Principal, I will work to develop services, programs, and strategies that meet the needs of receptions to year 7's. I am at the school Monday to Friday and my office is located in the 'Hub'. It's the very pink room. I can be contacted by students through their classroom teachers or by leaving a note in my office. Parents and care-givers can contact me through the school Front Office. I love being able to assist the school staff to provide the best outcomes for students and their families.

Josie Phillips
C. P. S. Worker

Something to think on:

*The tongue has the power to speak life or death.
Which are you choosing to speak?*



Positive Tracker Awards

At our last assembly two children were rewarded with their positive behaviour within the school. Congratulations to Zach Walpole for his honesty and integrity in the canteen and Ryan Hann for his polite behaviour, opening doors for others. These two were lucky enough to be drawn from a handful of nominees and have been rewarded for their efforts. Keep up the good work everyone!

Golden Dustpan Award

As a community, we take great pride in our school environment and to encourage this we regularly award classes who maintain the cleanliness of their designated area. Congratulations to Mr Clayfield & Miss Di Biase's classes who will share temporary ownership of the trophy (a golden dustpan and brush) until it is awarded again at our next assembly.



Karaoke Queen

While praising our wonderful children, we must also congratulate our own Miss Di Biase for her excellent performance in the 'Karaoke in the Cave' last Friday evening. With an outstanding rendition of 'I Will Survive', she won the female section and is now eligible to perform on stage at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. Well done!



Whooping Cough

Unfortunately, we have had a confirmed case of Whooping Cough within our school community. A bacterial infection of the nose and throat that often begins with cold-like symptoms of running nose, sore watery red eyes, low-grade fever and general un-wellness. After 3 to seven days, a dry cough develops which is usually present for many weeks and may last for months. Whooping Cough is highly infectious when the 'cold-like' symptoms occur in the early stages. Medical advice should be sought if children begin to show any symptoms. Please be vigilant.

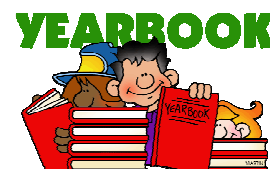
PREMIER'S **be active.** CHALLENGE

Premier's Be Active Challenge

'Hop Skip Jump To Smartness' is a challenge open to children as well as families and all will be eligible for great rewards on completion. Improved health from being more active is the greatest outcome and while our whole school does not participate in this there is nothing stopping you and your family taking up the challenge. Any students who complete the challenge will be recognised for this achievement at assembly. For more information log on to www.pbac.sa.edu.au

Year Book 2013

The process towards creating our 2013 Year Book has begun in earnest and we would like your input. We would like to know from those of you who are not regular purchasers, what inclusions would encourage you to purchase our next issue. Please complete the tear off slip below and forward with your child to the Front Office. Any feedback is welcomed.



Canteen News



You would have received your new menu and price list with our last newsletter and already orders for some of our wonderful things have increased. We do ask that you be aware of some of the price increases from our last menu. We would hate your child not to get what they ordered due to incorrect money.

Paper lunch bags are priced at 10 cents each now, however the reusable lunch bags available from the front office at \$12 each are much more economical and are completely washable. We would prefer the use of either of these for lunch orders please.

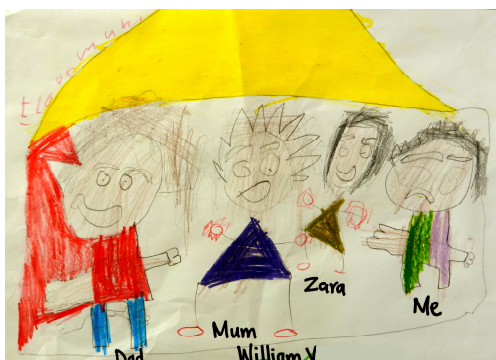
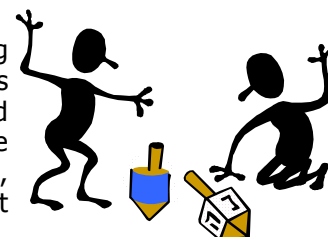
Thanks again to our regular helpers Raelene on Tuesdays, Jodie on Wednesdays and Melissa most other days. Any other helpers would be welcome to join us from 12.00 - 2.00pm.

Play Support

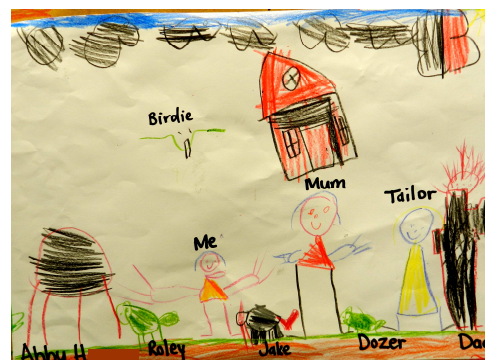
Play Support, a program that supports a very smooth transition for children first starting school, has commenced for 2013 and our older students have organised this terms exciting activities. Our goal is to develop positive relationships between the younger and older children, enhancing the sense of a friendly and supportive school community. There are benefits for the older play support leaders in acknowledging their leadership, responsibility and pride in their ability to be helpful. Our program ran successfully last year due to their excellent organisational skills and support.

Sue Mouat

Play Support Coordinator



Family Portraits by Room 15



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Riddoch Art Gallery - Take a Flight Into Art

The Riddoch Art Gallery is offering another 'Art For Kids' opportunity on Sunday 3rd March from 1.00 - 2.30pm. Learn to create a beautiful branch weaving that can be hung in a tree outside or stood in a plant pot. Children will use natural materials such as sticks, twine, feathers, sheep's wool, bark and wooden beads to create their weaving. View the current exhibition 'Working Together and Negotiating Boundaries' for inspiration. Sessions are free for children ages 8 to 12 and bookings are essential on **8723 9566** or admin@riddochartgallery.org.au

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West Gambier Junior Football Club

West Gambier Junior Football Club advises that training for all junior grades : – Under 14, Under 12A, Under 12B, Under 12C will commence on Wednesday March 13th at 5:00pm. All interested, including new players are most welcome. For further details please call **0438242222**.

Mini Deb Ball

The South East Crohns Support Group are looking for girls and boys aged between 4 and 12 years of age to make their debut on Wednesday 6th March at the Pangula Gym from 4.15pm to helps raise funds. If you are interested, please call Sonya on **0400294590** or Kail on **0427746755** for more information.



ATTENTION ANDREA WRIGHT - HUB OFFICE

Year Book Feedback

NAME CHILD'S NAME RM NO...

I would be encouraged to buy a year book if

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SIGNED