



DIARY DATES

Thursday	May	16	Scholastic Book Orders Close	
Monday	May	20	AUSKICK	3:30 pm
Tuesday	May	21	ICAS Computer Skills Competition	
Wednesday	May	22	Next Whole School Assembly	12:15 pm
Friday	May	24	Art Show & Farewell	
Tuesday	May	28	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	
Wednesday	June	5	ICAS Science Competition	
Friday	June	7	Final payment of School Fees due	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2, Week 3, May 15th, 2013

I want to take this opportunity to say goodbye to all our parents and students, both past and present as I will be leaving the school on 29th May.

Twelve years ago, I applied for the position as Principal of Reidy Park. I was thrilled when I learned that I was appointed here. Reidy has always enjoyed an excellent reputation in the local community, evidenced by the number of out of zone enquiries that we continue to receive. Our challenge was and still remains, to ensure that we deserve that reputation.

One of the factors that has made us successful is the fantastic partnership we have with our parent community. I want to thank you for the way that you raise questions and concerns. If you do, this is almost always done in a respectful way, with teachers and parents working together for the benefit of the children. This is wonderful for our students, who regularly see adults modelling appropriate problem solving behaviour.

I want to thank our students who are just a delight to teach. Wherever we take Reidy Park students, we are complimented on their behaviour, and this is due to both their upbringing in the home and the lessons they learn here at school. I will continue to be proud of you all.

Since I took up my appointment, I have seen massive changes in the school and the way children are educated. We have grown in size from 480 to 645 students. In my first year, only one class had access to email and our technology infrastructure was hot patch. There were six less classrooms and no gymnasium. Assemblies, when we could hold them were held in the quad, weather permitting. Since that time our I. T. infrastructure now means all classrooms have interactive whiteboards and we have over 300 computers, laptops and Ipads. The Building Revolution saw the old library changed into classrooms; the extension and refurbishment of the main building and a new library, all of which have contributed to making the educational environment a place where students will want to learn.

The physical structures in a school are important but they are not the most critical factor. People are. I want to thank the staff, both teaching and ancillary, and our parents, particularly the Governing Council chaired by Andrew Hunter for their contribution to making this a great school.

It has been my privilege to be Principal. As I begin my retirement after 43 years with the Department, firstly to spend time with my family and then to travel. I will continue to follow our students' progress with great interest. If you see me out and about, please stop and say hello. I will miss you all.

Barb Munt
Principal



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South Australian Public Teaching Awards

Congratulations to Jennie Mannion, Heath McShane and Andrew Bone who have been nominated for an award as part of the 2013 Public Teaching Awards.

Change of School Day

Thank you to all our families for adapting to the change to the school day. Nearly all students have arrived at school by 8:45 am and we seem to have less latecomers. In the first week, we were able to fix some 'glitches' regarding the bus children and all appears to be running smoothly. Please let us know if there are systems which still require improvement.



BARB MUNT
PRINCIPAL



LESLEY OKHOLM
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



ANDREW BONE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Year 4/5 Future Gardens Project

This is a state-wide project for the 2013 'Come Out' Festival. Some of our year 4/5 classes have 'taken over' a neglected part of the quad and, over time, will be installing garden pieces made from recycled and reused materials. We would like to thank our local Bunning's store for supplying us with extra materials and advice. We look forward to sharing our installations and creative pieces with you in the near future.

Jennie Mannion
Year 4/5 Teacher



'Snack Shack' News

Last week I welcomed parent Michelle B. as a helper in the canteen. Although put to work, Michelle enjoyed her time with us and was looking forward to coming back. If you would like to do your bit for your child's school, please do so. Just 90 minutes once a week from 12:30 pm is all we need (specifically Thursdays).

We have now added Focaccia to our Winter menu at a cost of \$4.50 each with a choice of either ham & cheese or chicken. Please add to this to your menu at home.

Jeanie Clark
Canteen Manager

Finance News

May I remind all parents paying by instalments that the final payment will be due on Friday, 7th June. Thank you to all parents keeping on track with our instalment plan.

Gay Brooker
Finance Manager



Positive Tracker Awards

The latest recipients of our Positive Tracker Awards were Declan T for picking up lost clothes in the quad, Dylan Mc for helping when asked to do so by a teacher and Amity S for her extra helpful attitude with the lunchboxes in the canteen. **Well done!**

Golden Dustpan Awards

At our last assembly two rooms were very excited to receive the Golden Dustpan Award which they will share ownership of until our next assembly. They were Rooms 11 (Mr Savage) and 12 (Ms Whibley). **Good job!**



State Finalist

During week 1 of this term, our very own Cassie Sullivan represented South Australia in the Division 2 final of the 'Graceful Girl' dance competition held in Adelaide. We are proud to say she performed outstandingly well. At only 10 years of age and without her personal coach, she defeated 80 others to make the Division 2 final. Cassie was placed in the top 15 against many competitors who were much older. **Fantastic!**

Scholastic Book Club

Just a reminder that the Scholastic Book Club orders close this Thursday, 16th May with the Front Office. Please make your selection, name them and place money and order forms in clearly labelled, sealed envelopes.

Cross Country Success

Friday 10th May saw a contingent of 45 students travel to Naracoorte for the annual Lower South East Primary Schools Cross Country Championship events. In unseasonably warm 27 degree weather, distances ranged from 1300m for 8 - 9 year olds to 2500m for older competitors.

Supporting the students in both training and on the day were Daniel Castle and Andrew Bone and along with the rest of the school community, were delighted with the results of the day.

Sarah D	9 year old girls	Silver Medal
Henry M	9 year old boys	Gold Medal
Tyne B	11 year old girls	Bronze Medal
Joel R	11 year old boys	Bronze Medal

All students performed outstandingly on the day. We were very proud of the way all Reidy students approached not only their race with a positive attitude but also how they continually encouraged their peers to compete to the best of their ability. Photographs of our medal winners can be viewed on the big screen in the front office area.

Daniel Castle

Cross Country Coordinator

ICAS Competitions

As you will see from the table below, many of the ICAS Competition dates are fast approaching. [Good luck to all participants!](#)

Lesley Okholm

Deputy Principal

ICAS Subject	ICAS Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price (GSTinc.)
Computer Skills	Tuesday, May 21st	Tuesday, April 23rd	\$8.80
Science	Wednesday, June 5th	Tuesday, May 8th	\$8.80
Writing	Monday, June 17th	Monday, May 20th	\$18.70
Spelling	Tuesday, June 18th	Tuesday, May 21st	\$12.10
English	Wednesday, July 31st	Tuesday, July 3rd	\$8.80
Mathematics	Tuesday, August 13	Tuesday, July 16th	\$8.80

Lost Property

You may have noticed the lost property basket as you walked past the office area recently - it has been overflowing with lost jumpers and hats.

It is important to **NAME YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING** (using first and last name) so that once found, it can be returned to them. Jumpers can be named in a number of ways including on the size tag, on the white interfacing of the embroidered logo, along the neckline of the yellow hood, with embroidery or with specialised clothing name tags that can be purchased quite cheaply online. Replacing uniform items can become quite costly for families and it can so easily be avoided.



Art Show / Farewell

Many children, and staff, are completing their canvases for our major fundraising event and Art Show which is fast approaching on Friday 24th May. You should have received your invitation by now and be well aware of what the night entails and what is available in the area of eats, drinks and entertainment. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

[Check out some of our entries on the back page!](#)

Year 6/7 Musical

Accompanying this newsletter is a flyer with information regarding the Musical which has rehearsals already on the go. Please consider purchasing tickets for your family when sales commence on Thursday, 16th May. Although performed by our year 6/7 students, the entire school community are invited to attend the evening performance on Thursday, 13th June.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



World Environment Day

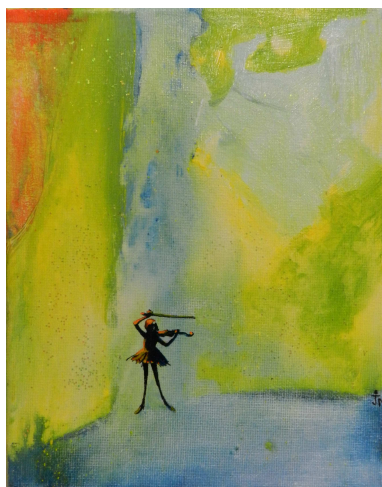
In association with the Mount Gambier Library, join the 'Our Planet Enterprises' in a live theatrical performance **Tait & Jones and the Dread Pirate Messbeard**. Two live performances Wednesday 5th June at 10:00 am and 11:15 am. Music and theatrical performances with educational themes of Environment, Waste, Responsibility. For all bookings contact Kristi Leamey on [8721 2540](tel:87212540) or email kleamey@mountgambier.sa.gov.au

Cultural Exchange

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that's what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room and board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country! Contact [1 800 263 964](tel:1800263964) (charge free) [0401 541 754](tel:0401541754) or email stsf@people.net.au



STAFF TALENTS ON SHOW



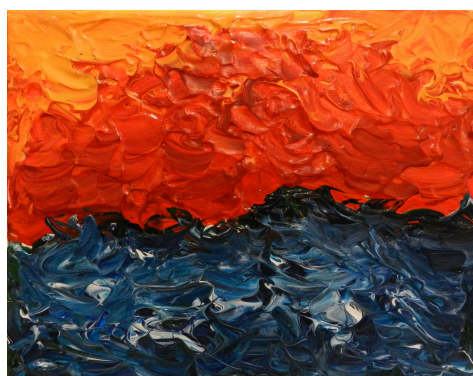
Jennie M.
Strings Teacher



Gill A.
Year 1 Teacher



Meredith D.
Reception Teacher



Kimberley J.
Teacher Librarian



Lesley O.
Deputy Principal



Andrea W
S. S. O. Classroom Support