

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2, Week 7, June 12th, 2013

Thank you so much for your support and well wishes as I fill in as Principal until our new principal is selected and commences at Reidy Park Primary School. In this interim stage, it is business as usual, and the staff and I are committed to keep moving forward with our school priorities, in particular, our work in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy, and ICT and Student Wellbeing.

We also welcome Bronwyn Phillips, who is Acting Deputy Principal until the end of term. Her knowledge and expertise in Literacy is already proving very useful in the school.

The Art Show was a magnificent community event to farewell Barb Munt. The students also were able to farewell her in a short assembly on her last day. I know some of the students' impromptu speeches brought a tear to her eye, especially the final Year 1 student who said, "I am sorry you don't have a job!". As the saying goes, "Out of the mouths of babes" . . . I suspect our youngest students had few clues as to what retirement actually means!



Pupil free Day

You may be aware that during the implementation stage of the Australian Curriculum, every school is given 4 Pupil free days, in which to familiarise with the new content and standards. Our 3rd day for 2013 will be the first day of Term 3, **Monday 22nd July**, when our staff will look at the ICT (Computing) and Personal/Social Capabilities, which affect each and every learning area. This day will be led by our Co-ordinators, Rikki Helps and Renee Stilo. Please get this date into your diaries now! (We will SMS a reminder the day prior to those on our SMS list.)

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

Our school has many students starting from about Year 4, who are selected for S.A.P.S.A.S.A. sports teams. Part of this selection, means they can purchase a personalised SAPSASA Hoodie to recognise their talents. Our school embraces this, and allows these students to wear these hoodies **one day per week, in the year of their selection**. Some students have taken to wearing them on a daily basis, which is not a part of the dress code. If your child wears one of these, please support us by monitoring its use. Unfortunately a few students abusing this right may mean we withdraw the opportunity for everyone.

Playground

As you are aware, we keep a teacher on duty in the playground until 3.35 pm to enable parents who are having difficulty with the change to the end of the day time, to get here. Unfortunately, the behaviour of some children in the playground has been unacceptable. In future, any child who breaks school rules in the playground after school, will be required to wait outside the school gates with the crossing teacher.



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School Fundraiser: Queensland raffle

All families have a book of raffle tickets which we are hopeful they can sell. This raffle, with all prizes going to our community, has been heavily supported by local businesses, including Sportspower, Studio Elane, Daktari Sports, Active 8, Beauty and Body on Main, Canopy Interiors and Collins Booksellers. The tickets should be returned to the school with money as soon as possible, and by **Wednesday 19th June**, when the draw will take place at assembly. Without fundraising, we are unable to add to our facilities, in this case, adding a Junior Primary Playground in the quad. Happy selling and good luck!

B. M. Bluelips

LESLEY OKHOLM ACTING PRINCIPAL BRONWYN PHILLIPS ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL ANDREW BONE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Josie Phillips: Christian Pastoral Support Worker: Annual Review and Parent Survey

Each year the Schools Ministry Group review how Josie Phillips is going in our school. Many, many families have had personal contact and support with Josie. If you would like to give some feedback, please go to the website below and complete a 2 minute survey. It will remain anonymous but will help Josie to match needs with her day to day work.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QMBJHB3





Donations Needed

We are in desperate need of donations of size 6 pants/track pants for both boys and girls. If you have any unused pants in small sizes that are still in reasonably good condition, please drop them in to the Front Office. Thank you.

Jaime Jones
Administration Officer

Woolworths Earn & Learn

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We're now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!



More Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Claudia E. who was in the Under 13 Hockey team representing Lower South East region of South Australia which won the state championship in Adelaide during the June long weekend. Excellent!



Year 6/7 Football Carnival

Our students recently competed in a football carnival against other schools around the district. Well done to all Reidy Park participants. Their Captain Bailey S. did a wonderful job leading this team to 5 victories from 5 games. We would also like to make special mention of the efforts put in by MacKenzie W., Telicia H. and Tia T. who did a fabulous job competing with the boys.

Heath McShane Footy Coach/Coordinator

Term 3 Sports

Next term, school football and netball will commence on Saturday mornings. Letters have or will go out shortly. If your child is interested in playing either of these sports and is yet to receive a letter, please contact Heath (Footy), Belinda or Amber (Netball). While pondering your child playing, please consider putting your hand up to coach, manage or even umpire a side as well. Without your help, sides will not be nominated.

Belinda Say Amber Carson Netball Coordinators



Practical tips to help parents manage online risks with their children (Part 2)

Social Networking

Social networking describes a variety of online services like Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, online games such as World of Warcraft and Moshi Monsters and virtual worlds such as Club Penguin. These services enable people to communicate with others online; young people can stay in touch with friends and family and join in fun fantasy worlds and games. However, children may forget who they are communicating with online and disclose too much about themselves. They may also behave in ways that they wouldn't offline.

We must teach our children how to interact safely and responsibly online. Talk to your child about personal information and why it is special. Their personal information can be used to identify or locate where they live, go to school or activities in which they are involved.

At primary school age, children's internet use should be closely monitored. Be aware of how your child uses the internet and explore it with them. Check whether personal information is required to sign up for any of their favourite websites or games. Help your child sign up and use privacy settings safely if you feel it is appropriate. Help your child to create usernames or IDs that do not communicate their gender, age, name or location.

Remind your child that not everybody online is who they say they are and encourage them to be cautious when sharing information. It's a good idea to set rules about what information your child can share or post online and which websites they can visit. For more information visit http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/
Rikki Helps

Coordinator for ICT Research, Innovation & Engagement





'Snack Shack' News

I would like to remind parents that using sticky tape and staples on lunch bags has become an ongoing, time consuming and at times, painful problem. Neither are necessary as all precautions are taken to keep money safe. Oh, and please use a darker pen or pencil as other colours are difficult to read on the brown bags. Thanks!

The kids are enjoying the \$4:00 soups and \$4:50 Focaccias greatly so keep ordering.

We have welcomed another parent helper on Fridays with Alison B joining in the fun . . . work! She joins Raelene on Tuesdays, Jodie on Wednesdays and Michelle on Fridays. Thanks ladies!

Jeanie Clark

Canteen Manager

Positive Tracker Awards

The latest recipients of our Positive Tracker Awards were Jensen C for showing initiative in collecting the school bags of others that were doing wheelie bins and taking them out of the rain. Also Bayley M was rewarded for his excellent 'Snack Shack' service. Superb!





Golden Dustpan Awards

The good work continues in the area of cleanliness around our school. At assembly Room 10 (Miss Stilo) and Room 13 (Mr O'Neill) were rewarded for their efforts with the Golden Dustpan Award. Love your work!

Year 6/7 Musical

Our year 6/7 students have been rehearsing intensely in recent weeks for their performances tomorrow during the day and evening. Tickets may still be available at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre Box Office.



Assembly Starting Times

For those parents who are able to attend assemblies, we have made a small adjustment to the starting time from 12:25 pm to 12 noon to enable adequate eating time before children go out to play at lunch time.

Reception Orientation

It is that time again where we have welcomed our next intake of children for the orientation visits to Room 14 with Miss Kimberley Jupe. If you see them or their parents around, please make them feel welcome.

Future Gardens Project

Our Year 4/5 students have been busily creating gardens of the future by recycling in many different ways. Next time you are in the Quad, take a look at other samples of their ingenuity.



Rubber Boots

Surf Board





Plastic

PVC Pipe



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



'Cave Club' Catch Up Sessions

The Mt Gambier Library are again promoting craft sessions for children on Saturday mornings.

Saturday 6th July Papier Mache Treasure Chest Saturday 3rd August Foam Puppets

For more information contact the Library.

Theatre Bugs

