



<u>DIARY DATES</u>				
Friday	September	20	Sports Stocktake Sale	Lunch Time
Tuesday	September	24	Grounds Committee	
Wednesday	September	25	Next Assembly	12:00 noon
Wednesday	September	25	Finance Committee	
Wednesday	September	25	Governing Council	
Friday	September	28	Book Week Parade	9:45 am
Friday	September	28	Term 3 Ends	2:30 pm
Monday	October	14	Term 4 Starts	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3, Week 9, September 18th, 2013

End of Term

No wonder we need school holidays! Term 3 has once again been a challenging and busy time for learning, playing and practicing for all of our students. Opportunities to be involved in a range of performances through the choir and class concerts along with the debating and Mad Minute public speaking events and the school sporting activities are a tiny example of how we have ensured that students, staff and parents have been kept busy for the last few months. These 'extra' events provide a great chance for children to actively take risks that test not only their knowledge but also their confidence and self-esteem. It is in these events where we really see learning and growth, but this is not possible without the relentless effort to provide the basic literacy and numeracy building blocks on a daily basis for every student. Have a well-earned holiday!

Staff News

Meredith Dent will take a well-earned long service leave for term 4, with Amber Carson working with the students in Room 16. Amber already has a working knowledge of the students in this class and we see this as a great way to make the change of teacher as smooth as possible for the last term of the year.

Liana Hrvatin has completed the 4 week transition to school process for next term with 22 excited students (and their parents!). We are very close to finalising the placement process for this new class as well as the R-7 P.E. specialist teacher to replace Amber Carson and will be able to confirm these teachers prior to the start of the new term.

The Distribution of Two 2013 NAPLAN Reports & Results Packages

On Friday 6th September the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) identified an error in the background placement of national average indicators in NAPLAN Individual Student Reports for Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation). ACARA accepts responsibility for the error. Importantly there are no errors with NAPLAN data for any students and schools.

To minimise the risk of release of incorrect student reports, a decision has been made by ACARA to reprint Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 Individual Student Reports for South Australia. This decision will delay the release of the 2013 ISR for South Australian schools until Term 4. No incorrect reports will be released to students.

Attendance

Thank you to students, parents and staff who are continuing to put attendance on the improvement agenda. We know that attendance at school has a significant influence on the long term success of children in not only their education, but also in their adult life. At the writing of this newsletter our attendance rate for the whole school was 93.8%, and this is only slightly below our target of 94% attendance in 2013. To be below this target your child only needs to miss 4 days per term!

Together we have made significant progress, but we still have a little to go to reach our target. It is interesting to note that at this school the younger the student the higher the attendance rate, with our Reception/Year 1 and our Year 3 and 4 students attending greater than 94%. As the year has gone on our attendance rate and parent notification for student absences has slowly declined. With the end of the year in sight and warmer weather on the way we look forward to working with families to ensure all children have the opportunity to access as much schooling as possible.

CHRIS EDMONDS
PRINCIPAL

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Canteen Stop Press: NO CANTEEN SERVICES TERM 4 2013

Following an intensive review of the financial viability of the school canteen and after consultation with the parent community, and as a result of consistently running at a loss, it is with regret that the Governing Council announces the SUSPENSION of all canteen services from term 4 2013.

We thank Jeanie Clark most sincerely for the amazing efforts she has put in over 5 years to make it sustainable, and wish her well in any new ventures she undertakes. Her happy face and enthusiasm will be missed. In the interest of exploring all options to provide a canteen service at Reidy Park Primary School the Governing Council invites ideas or proposals regarding providing the provision of a full or part lunch service as a subcontracted venture, please contact Lesley Okholm on 8725 3381 in the near future, for consideration by the Governing Council.

Lesley Okholm
Deputy Principal

Adelaide Choir Festival

Last Saturday, 12 students represented Reidy Park at the South Australian Primary Schools Music Festival in Adelaide. Our students performed on the stage of the Festival Theatre as a part of a massed choir with almost 500 other students from other schools. This Festival runs for 2 weeks involving over 6000 students from all around the state. The concert was a fantastic display of music, singing and dance with an amazing light show and great staging. The choir was joined by an orchestra made up of mainly primary school students and an energetic dance troupe that added colour and movement to some of the songs. Our students performed very well and were a credit to our school. Thanks to the parents who made it possible for the students to be a part of this fantastic event.

Andrew Bone
Performing Arts

Mr Hogg Takes His Leave / Retirement

Alan Hogg would like to thank the staff, students and parents of Reidy Park Primary School for their friendship, educational discourse and convivial working relationships during his time at the school.

Alan Hogg
Retired

Positive Tracker Awards

Once again positive behaviours of two lovely children in our school were rewarded at assembly. As well as receiving rewards, their name is then placed on the big screen TV in the foyer for all to see. Congratulations to Bayley B for showing great responsibility in reporting information to Miss Helps that protected our safety on the internet. Oscar O showed great maturity in giving up his Room 3 Father's Day Stall purchase to a younger student who had missed out. *We hope Mr O still had a great Father's Day!*



Golden Dustpan

The Golden Dustpan Award made a reappearance after a short break and was gratefully accepted by the children in Room 9 (Mr Castle). Well done to everyone for their efforts in keeping our school neat and tidy.

6/7 Lightning Netball Carnival

Last Friday the girls from Year 6/7 represented Reidy Park at the annual Lightning Netball Carnival. We entered three teams on the day with two of the teams winning their division and the other team coming runners up. Well done to all the girls for playing with great team spirit and representing Reidy Park admirably. A big thank you to Kelli W, Deb R and Alicia T who gave up their own time to coach and manage the girls.

6/7 Interschool Football Match

Well done to all the boys who represented Reidy Park in the annual school footy match against Mulga Street. The boys played with great sportsmanship and effort. In a cold afternoon the boys went hard into every contest and worked as a team to defeat Mulga Street Primary 81-47. A special mention to Mr McShane for umpiring and making the tough calls. Best on ground (as voted by the students after the match) Billy O, Lachie J, Kaleb B, Tom N and Fraser B.

Nick Savage
6/7 Sport Coordinator

School Netball

Our netballers continue to play well and enjoy the competition. Our combined side had a fun win two weeks ago and are looking forward to their last game this week while Reidy Blue had a good win over Mulga Street Red. Reidy Red also had a nice win over Melaleuca/Glenburnie. Thanks again to all the parents who are supporting their children in these competitions. The girls are really enjoying themselves.

Belinda Say
Netball Coordinator

School Football

The Reidy Park team has continued to play outstanding football over the last two weeks enjoying another convincing win over North Primary School at Reidy a fortnight ago and then were too good for Tenison on the weekend. Our last game will be held this weekend at Reidy Park. [Keep up the good work!](#)

Heath McShane

Football Coordinator

School Sport Second Hand Stocktake Sale

This Friday 20th September all students have the opportunity to 'bag a bargain' in an unprecedented event at Reidy Park. As part of our stock take in sports equipment, we will be hosting a \$1 and \$2 sale during lunch time in the Hall. Many types of balls, bats, racquets, sticks and more will be for sale. We ask that you consider allowing your children to purchase equipment on the day, remembering that some of the equipment has seen better days and no guarantees will be given as to what your child chooses. (Your family pets might appreciate some of it too.) Pickup arrangements of your child at the days end may need to be considered also. Coins only please. [Everything must go!](#)

Heath McShane



Book Week Activities Week 10

The students of REL8 will be hosting lots of fun activities at lunch times during Week 10 to celebrate Book Week following the themes of the nominated books. They will read stories to children and help make art pieces for just a silver coin donation.

Monday	23rd September	make frogs
Tuesday	24th September	make horses and mains
Wednesday	25th September	make Peggy in the city make elephant masks

'With Nan'
'Lightning Jack'
'Peggy'
'Too Many Elephants
in this House'
'The Coat'

Thursday	26th September	make the flying coat
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Come and join the fun and raise money to purchase the listed books for the paediatric ward of the Mt Gambier Hospital.

Renee Stilo

Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Year 4/5 Science Fair

All of our Year 4/5 classes are hosting a Science Fair in the Hall on Monday 23rd September (Week 10) from 2:15 pm and welcome all parents and friends to come view what they have been creating and learning. [Hope to see you there!](#)



Classes For 2014

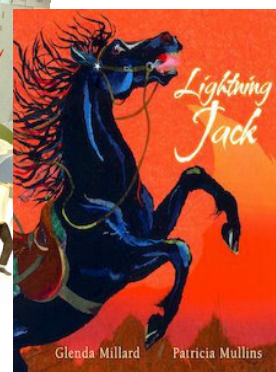
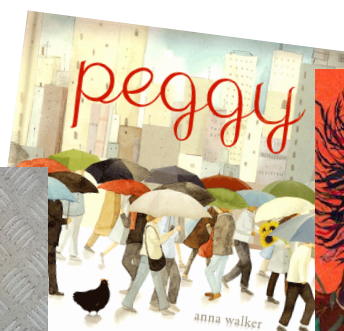
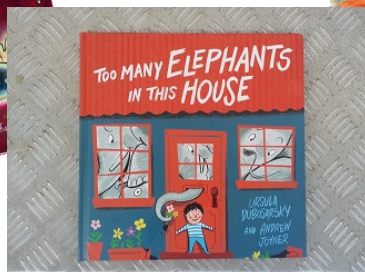
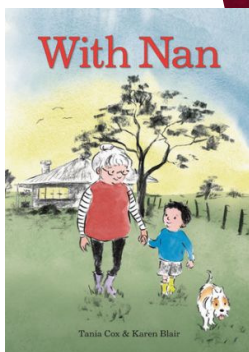
Are you leaving our school in 2014? We are beginning to look at class formations for 2014. To do this we need accurate information so please keep the office updated if you are leaving our school, or if you know of any possible new enrolments. It is amazing how big an impact losing 1 or 2 children can have on our classes. Please complete the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter if you have any information that will assist us with this planning process.



Karaoke Champion

Our school community would like to both congratulate and wish well Miss Di Biase on her quest during the school holidays to become the Australian Karaoke Champion after recently winning a trip to Queensland as her reward for winning the South Australian Division. [Go S. A.!](#)

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mt Gambier Summer Netball Series

This is a social competition for friends and work mates and will be played on Tuesday nights at Olympic Park Courts, Margaret St Mount Gambier commencing November 5th til March 11th, 2014. Mixed teams permitted. Join the 13 & Under, 15 & Under competitions or Open Women's and Open Mixed competitions. Conditions apply. To nominate a team or for more information contact mgna@bigpond.com by close of business October 15th, 2013.

Want To Play Softball

Mt Gambier Softball League invites all girls, mums, sisters, aunties, grandmas, etc. interested in a game of softball to contact Felicity Walker on **0439816583** or email gfwalker@bigpond.com Season commences on Saturday 19th of October, 2013. No experience necessary, everyone welcome.

Want To Play Baseball

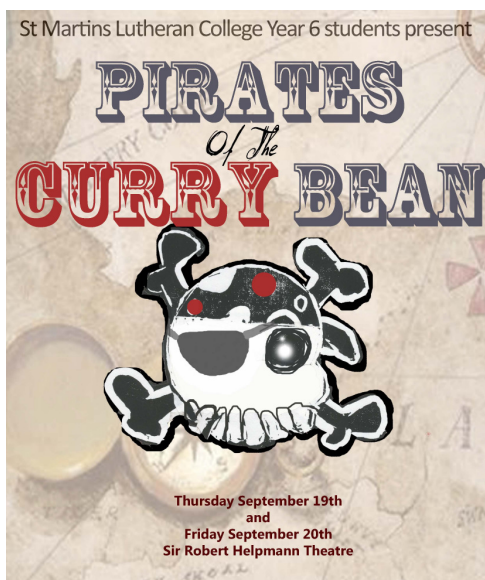
Tigers Baseball Club are looking for kids from 8 years onwards to come out to Blue Lake Sports Park this Thursday 19th September at 5:00 pm. If you've played tee-ball or haven't swung a bat at all, this would be a great opportunity to join a great family orientated league with great sportsmanship. All welcome. Please call Peter on **0417844882**.

Compton Primary School 150th Celebrations

In 2013 Compton Primary School is celebrating 150 years of education. Celebrations will commence November 1st, 2nd and 3rd. If you are a past student, past staff member, or know of anyone who would be interested in celebrating with us, please contact Kerry Walter at the Compton Primary School on **87251723**.

Little Athletics

Is your child aged between 4 and under 17 (as at 1st September)? Little Athletics is about to start again. Our first meet is on Friday 18th October. Mt Gambier & District Little Athletics Centre will be holding their 'Information Day' on Saturday 21st September at Centro and the Market Place (from 9:00am-12:00noon). If you would like information on the upcoming season, please come along. Registration Day will be held on Sunday 13th October at Mt Gambier High School from 10:00am-12noon. Cost is \$65 for 1 child, \$105 for 2 children, \$130 maximum per family. Come and Try (new athletes only, maximum 2 nights) \$5 per night. For more information, call Jonathon **0427 490 551**.



ATTENTION FRONT OFFICE - Classes For 2014

Name

My child/ren (names) will definitely not be attending Reidy Park in 2014.

My child/ren (names) will possibly not be attending Reidy Park in 2014.

I am aware of the following children (who are in zone) and are considering enrolling at Reidy Park in 2014.

..... (Names and ages)