



### DIARY DATES

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Next Assembly</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>School Closure - SHOW DAY</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Governing Council Meeting</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Year 4/5 Concert</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>DISCO !</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Casual Class &amp; Team Photos Day</b>	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4, Week 1, October 16th, 2013

**Welcome - New Receptions:** We welcome our last ever term 4 intake of Reception students. Kelsey B, Nevae B, Makaveli D, Harvey C, Daniella G, Bradley W, Jamie F, Rhys G, Alisha C, Angus H, Caitlin H, Kyra K, Rylee K, Max A, Jaya L, Cruz M, Zoe P, Nathaniel T, Levi R, Peyton R, Livinia U, Seth C and Blake W. This is a very exciting time for our Room 23 students that promises to be full of new experiences, challenges and learning. We wish these new students and their families the very best while at Reidy Park.

**New Staff:** Liana Hrvatin and Sami Collins are new additions to our staff for this term. Liana is teaching in room 23 and Sami will be our PE teacher for all year levels this term. Both teachers are new graduates and we welcome them to Reidy as their first teaching experience. As mentioned in our last newsletter we also welcome back Helen Papstamatis (nee Georgiou) who will be working 1 day per week in Room 21 and Friday morning in Room 17.

**Staff Changes:** Changes in staff responsibilities for this term include Amber Carson teaching in room 16 while Meredith Dent is on Long Service Leave and Jess Magarey working with the Room 23 students throughout the week.



### Congratulations

Australian Karaoke Champion 2013! I can guarantee that I have never written this in a school newsletter before . . . but . . . congratulations to our year 4/5 teacher, Anella Di Biase for winning the 'Karaoke World Championship Australian Trials'. Anella will represent Australia at the World Championships to be held in Finland later in November. We are very proud of you Anella and we are sure you will do Australia proud!

Congratulations must also go to our year 6/7 teacher Nick Savage and his partner Jemma Slater as they announced their engagement during the holidays as did Reception teacher Abby Height and partner Adam Grubb. We wish Nick, Gemma, Abby and Adam all the best for their futures together.



### Parent, Student and Staff Opinion Survey

Each year we ask many parents and students to be a part of the annual opinion survey. Information and feedback from this drives many of our decisions and goals for improvement and as such that parents take the time to respond to this if asked through the random sample process. We anticipate that survey requests will be sent to families in the next 2 weeks.

### Term Planner

To help you support your child and fit into the next 9 hectic weeks of school life we have included a term planner in this newsletter. Events such as swimming, sports day, performances, carols by candlelight and graduation celebration amongst many others are a key part of our term 4 events and it is often handy to have these dates in your diary to ensure relevant payments, costumes, consent forms and the likes don't get lost or double booked.



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### Sunsafe Hats

Our school policy requires all students and staff to wear approved broad brimmed hats during terms 1 and 4 each year while they are outside. This makes enormous sense not only in a common sense skin safety practice, but also as a way of educating our children about the issues associated with skin cancer caused by excessive sun exposure. We appreciate your support in this matter.



CHRIS EDMONDS  
PRINCIPAL

LESLEY OKHOM  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ANDREW BONE  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Grief and Loss

Recently, some families in our school community have experienced unexpected bereavements. When this occurs, children experience a range of feelings, especially if they are directly affected. Supporting students through grief and loss becomes an important role of the school, teachers and classmates. Giving students time to talk and explore their feelings is integral to their recovery.

Many of our classes have spent reflective lessons over the last 2 months, talking and sharing. Class teachers, Josie Phillips, myself and some SSOs have worked together with children to develop strategies to support friends and classmates, and also to deal with their own feelings around the issue of death. Your child may come home and talk to you about these sessions. If you have any concerns or want more information about these sessions, please contact myself or Josie at the school.

"Season for Growth" is a program we have run each year to support our students. Please also contact us if you have concerns with your own child and how they are dealing with grief or loss.

*Lesley Okholm*  
*Deputy Principal*

### School Closure

Our first reminder is for the SCHOOL CLOSURE on the 25th OCTOBER, Friday Week 2. This is to allow children and families to attend and support the local Mt Gambier Show. The school will not be open on this day. Please contact OSHC regarding available places for this day.

SHOW TIME



**LITTLE LEADERS**

### S. R. C. / Little Leaders Update

Monday saw the first meeting of our Student Representative Council for Term 4. Students put their thinking caps on to discover what our school motto '*Learning Together, Caring Together*' meant to them. They also discussed Yard Behaviour and ways to deal with those behaviours that they felt unacceptable. Each Rep will discuss with their class these ideas to report back to the next meeting which will be held Monday 28th October.

### Active Community Challenge

Reidy Park will be joining in the Active Community Challenge with both staff and student teams being nominated. Commencing every Tuesday from October 22nd for 8 weeks, the challenge covers courses of 2 km and 4 km and is open to all ages. If you or your child are interested in joining in the challenge please contact Daniel Castle or log on to [www.sa.lifebeinit.org](http://www.sa.lifebeinit.org) for my information.

PREMIER'S **be active.** CHALLENGE

### Positive Tracker Awards



Last term two more students were rewarded for their efforts in our school community. Liam M produced a short movie to help persuade teachers that the computer game Mine Craft was in fact educational while Shem W followed up on our evacuation practice with an evacuation programme of his own designed at home. *Amazing!*

### Golden Dustpan

The Golden Dustpan was again awarded, this time to some of our youngest. Well done to the receptions of Rooms 24 and 25 (Height & Manser). *Well done!*



### S.A.P.S.A.S.A. Soccer



We have many talented sporting stars in our school and in this newsletter we celebrate the success of Patrick G, who recently returned from Brisbane where he competed in the State SAPSASA Titles as goalie (the only one!). His dedication to training in Adelaide every weekend and a good result in competition were rewarded with selection in the State development squad and a twelve month scholarship with the Skillaroos under the state's head goalkeeping coach. He now has the chance to be selected in the National team and has hopes of one day playing for Australia. *Good luck, Patt!*

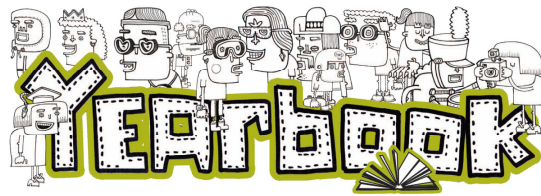


## Year Book 2013

Our Year Book for 2013 is well underway and we encourage you to begin talking to your child about purchasing a copy. A wonderful memento and keepsake of your child's year of schooling full of bright photos, personal comments and wonderful reminders of the year that has been. We do our best to have every child represented in each edition. More information and order forms out soon.

*Andrea Wright*

*Year Book Coordinator*



### Casual Class Photo / Group Photos

As part of completing our Year Book, Frank Monger will be visiting school on Thursday 14th November to take class photos for pages of the Year Book as well as team photos whether it be sporting or debating as well as groups like Little Leaders and Student Leaders. State Representatives of School Sport will also be included. Please ensure your child is present on this day.

### Disco Fundraiser!

Our Student Leaders are in the process of organising a Disco for all students to be held Friday 8th November. Dress up and dance along to your favourite tunes. Prizes available on the night. Stay tuned for more information.



### Blue Lake Fun Run

This year we have organised a team for Reidy Park Students. If your child is interested in entering the Fun Run on 1st December, visit the website [www.bluelakefunrun.com.au](http://www.bluelakefunrun.com.au) and click on join a team. From there you will see Reidy Park Primary School Students. By joining this way you will get a discounted entry fee and you are also able to collect your bib number from the Front Office on Friday

29th November. This is not a school function therefore it is the parents responsibility to get their children to and from the event as well as supervise their children during that time. Let's try and get as many students involved as we can.

*Jayne Hickman*

*Admin Officer*

## The **SCHOLASTIC** Children's Library

### Scholastic Book Orders

Order forms have been delivered to your child's class. All orders need to be in before the closing date of Wednesday 23rd October, 3:30 pm.

## **Room 23 Weather Art Work**



by  
Alisha, Rylee  
Zoe, Nevae  
Caitlin  
Kyra, Bradlei  
Jaya, Kelsey



**\*\* Please note that all newsletters can be viewed on the website in full colour. \*\***

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Mt Gambier Summer City Band

The Mt Gambier City Band wants you. We will teach you, supply an instrument and develop you as a musician. The Mount Gambier City Band is a great family friendly place to nurture your love of music. Whether a complete beginner or someone getting back into music, young or not so young, we would love to have you involved. Experienced musicians will teach you one on one to get you playing in the band. So what will it be? Cornet, Horn, Trombone, Tuba, Baritone or Euphonium? Give Jarrod a call -

**0403 578 337** or email [jarrodharrison@gmail.com](mailto:jarrodharrison@gmail.com)

### MILO in2Cricket Program

MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to learn new skills and meet new friends in a fun, safe and interactive environment.

Your nearest Centre/s will be run at North Gambier CC - Marist Park, starting Wednesday 16th October at 5:00pm and East Gambier CC - McDonald Park, starting Sunday 27th October at 10:00am.

Every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies! They will look just like their Aussie Cricket heroes!



### AO Blitz

The more you play, the more you win! Get the world's best tennis players competing for Mount Gambier at the Australian Open 2014, and earn big prizes along the way! The Australian Open Blitz is coming to the Mount Gambier Show on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th October. The Australian Open Trophies will be visiting on the Friday, along with Speed Serve, Hot Shots, giveaways and much more. Children are encouraged to complete the colouring in page and bring to the AO Blitz stand at the show to be in the running for a prize. Register now by logging on to

**AOBLITZ.COM**



### South East Animal Welfare League

S. E. Animal Welfare League are calling on all children old enough to manage their family dog on a lead, up to and including the age of 13 years to enter their dog in 'Fashions On The Field' for dogs only! \$5 to enter, includes registration to walk the lake with great prizes and giveaways. Held Sunday 3rd November 2013 to complement our annual fundraiser 'Paws Around the Blue Lake Dog Walk' commencing from

the old archery field at 9:30 am. Dog Registration on the Day and BBQ lunch available from noon - 1:00 pm. Fashions On The Field Judging, Pet Services / Micro chipping also available. Enjoy Cappuccinos, Soft Drink, Water and Ice-cream. Canine Massage, and Professional Pet Portraits.



### Australian Breastfeeding Association Limestone Coast Group

Annual Shopping Spree to be held, Tuesday night November 12th at 6:00 pm. Leaving from City Hall (via the Cave Gardens entrance) Commercial Street East, Mount Gambier in groups of 6. Tickets \$10 each pre-purchased by contacting **Angela on 8725 1340** or **0407 799 021** or **Fiona on 8724 9195** or **Sandy on 8725 8335**. Tickets also available on the night for \$15. Supper, lucky door prizes and raffles available to be won while saving at the same time. Proceeds stay local to help local Mother's and their families.



Australian  
Breastfeeding  
Association

### Mt Gambier Community Centre Term 4 2013 Timetable

<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Cooking</b></p> <p>Join Cheryl each week for 10 weeks in our kitchen at the Community Centre to learn how to cook low cost nutritious meals. Take home a meal for one!</p> <p><b>1pm - 3pm</b> Cost:- \$5 per week Commencing:- 14th October</p>	<p><b>iPads/Tablets for Seniors</b></p> <p>Join John for this 4 week course on how to use your iPad.</p> <p>Learn about basic functions, surfing the net, applications, photos and videos</p> <p><b>1pm-3pm</b> Cost:- \$28 for the course Commencing 14<sup>th</sup> October</p>	 <p>ac.care</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Basic Computing</b></p> <p>Join Pam &amp; Heather in this 10 week course to assist you with the basics of computing.</p> <p><b>10am - 12 noon</b> Cost:- \$70 (+GST) per term Commencing:- 15<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Basic Computing</b></p> <p>Join Pam &amp; Heather in this 10 week course to assist you with the basics of computing.</p> <p><b>1.30 - 3.30pm</b> Cost:- \$70 (+GST) per term Commencing:- 15<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p>Initiative of</p> <p><b>Skills for All</b></p>  <p>Government of South Australia</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Basic Computing</b></p> <p>Join Pam &amp; Heather in this 10 week self-paced course to assist you with the basics of computing.</p> <p><b>10am - 12 noon</b> Cost:- \$70 (+GST) per term Commencing:- 16<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Basic Computing</b></p> <p>Join Pam &amp; Heather in this 10 week self-paced course to assist you with the basics of computing.</p> <p><b>1.30 - 3.30pm</b> Cost:- \$70 (+GST) per term Commencing:- 16<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Scrapbooking</b></p> <p>Want to develop your creative side? Then this is the class for you! Join Lorraine each Wednesday</p> <p><b>12 noon - 3pm</b> Cost:- \$4 per week Commencing:- 16<sup>th</sup> October</p>

# TERM 4 PLANNER - 2013

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	14/10 Little Leaders Mtg	15/10	16/10 Newsletter	17/10	18/10
<b>WEEK 2</b>	21/10	22/10	23/10 Assembly	24/10	25/10 School Closure SHOW DAY
<b>WEEK 3</b>	28/10 Little Leaders Mtg	29/10 Finance Committee	30/10 Newsletter Governing Council	31/10	1/11
<b>WEEK 4</b>	4/11	5/11 MELBOURNE CUP  Year 4/5 Concert	6/11 Crossing Monitor Training Assembly	8/11  DISCO ! ! !	6/11
<b>WEEK 5</b>	11/11 Little Leaders Mtg	12/11	13/11 Newsletter	14/11 Class Photo Day - Student Reps - Sports Teams etc	15/11
<b>WEEK 6</b>	18/11	19/11	20/11 Assembly	21/11	22/11 SPORTS DAY
<b>WEEK 7</b>	25/11 Little Leaders Mtg	26/11	27/11 Newsletter	28/11	29/11
<b>WEEK 8</b>	2/12	3/12	4/12 Yr 7 High School Transition Assembly	5/12 Yr 7 High School Transition	6/12
<b>WEEK 9</b>	9/12 Little Leaders Mtg	10/12 Parent 'Thankyou' Morning Tea	11/12 Newsletter Yr6/7 Aquatics Day Reports Day	12/12  Yr 7 Graduation	13/12 New Class Transition 2:30 Dismissal