



DIARY DATES

Wednesday	October	30	Grounds Committee	TONIGHT
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Friday	November	1	MOVEMBER COMMENCES	
Friday	November	1	Zooper Dooper Day	
Tuesday	November	5	Year 4/5 Concert	7:30 pm
Thursday	November	14	Casual Class & Team Photos Day	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4, Week 3, October 31st, 2013

2014

Staff and leadership are currently in the middle of the planning and preparation stages for the 2014 school year. We anticipate similar numbers of students for next year and as such are working hard to align students with classrooms and budget lines with the number of teachers to best meet the learning needs of students. We are planning that this process will be completed by at least week 8 this term. This is a final reminder for parents to inform the school of any changes or requests for your child in the 2014 school year. This includes class placement, enrolment and leaving the school. Can you please put this information in writing to ensure information is not lost or confused.

Baby News

Jaime Jones has taken leave until the middle of next year. We wish Jaime and Rick all the best as they prepare for the birth of their first child. Tracy Kain will replace Jaime in the Front Office and we have advertised for a replacement for the work Tracy does in the library. Our school community congratulates Renae Cliff and her partner Paul as they have welcomed a healthy baby girl, Evie Lee Griffith into the world early last week.



NAPLAN

We have finally been able to review and send out NAPLAN reports from tests held much earlier this year. All staff have been part of a review process that has seen them compare site based perceptions and data with individual student reports, with teachers paying particular attention to significant differences or surprises. Should this be the case teachers will contact parents to talk through these differences. Teacher teams have also used year level reports to look at area of growth and aspects for ongoing improvement across year levels. In summary we saw excellent participation rates in all year levels. All year 3, 5 and 7 cohorts met or exceeded the state-wide and regional benchmarks in all curriculum areas with the exception of Grammar and Punctuation in years 3 and 7. We continue to see outstanding results in Numeracy with growth that is highlighted in above national benchmarks between years 3-5 and years 5-7, however this has not been the same for Reading growth rates in the same year levels.

Jolly Phonics

Eight teachers attended a Jolly Phonics training at Mt Burr last week. This R-2 program supports children's oral language and teaches children the five key skills for reading and writing. It provides a thorough foundation for teaching Literacy over three years in school by addressing; Learning the Letter Sounds, Learning Letter Formation, Blending, Identifying the Sounds in Words (Segmenting) and Tricky Words. This program is part of the schools Literacy/Spelling Agreement and will be a common teaching tool for all classes from next year.

Surveys

At this time of the year we are asking parents to contribute their thoughts and opinions in 2 short surveys. The first surrounds the common understanding of our school motto; 'Learning Together, Caring Together, see more information about this below. The second is a Parent Opinion Survey that will be sent out to a random selection of parents and students in the near future. The Opinion Survey has been a part of the schools review and improvement process for many years. Your willingness to complete this survey is greatly appreciated.



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Movember

Many staff at Reidy Park have decided to take part in this years 'Movember' charity event. 'Movember' encourages men to grow a moustache throughout the month of November as a way of raising awareness and funds to support a huge range of men's health issues. We are lucky at Reidy Park that we have a large number of male staff members and along with lots of dad's, uncle's, grandfathers, brothers and sons of course! We, the 'Mo Bro's and Sista's' of Reidy Park, would like to recognise and celebrate the great work the males all across Reidy Park do throughout 'Movember' and use this opportunity to support much needed research and resources to better support men in their mental and physical health. We will send out more information in the coming weeks. Make sure you drop in to see how the 'Mo Bro's' are going with their new moustaches. If you would like to be a part of the 'Reidy Mo Park' Team, drop into the school to find out how to register and start raising funds for this cause!



Learning Together, Caring Together

Our school motto at Reidy Park Primary School, is '**Learning Together, Caring Together**'. We recognise the importance of having a shared statement and vision about what this means to all of us as a way of building common goals and understandings. We have been collecting staff and student responses and now ask parents to provide input so that we can build a bigger picture of what our motto means to us. This is a simple one question survey that will be emailed to you via 'Survey Monkey'

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R83328S> or you can simply respond via the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter. It does require you to write a brief statement about what this motto means to you as a parent at this school. Please try to keep your statements short and to the point. We will try to combine the most common answers to build a shared, whole school statement.

Child Safety

We have been advised of a number of near misses with students crossing the road and vehicles using the Staff Car Park. We know that children can be unpredictable and this only reinforces the need for all drivers to be alert and extra cautious when driving around the school at the start and end of the school day. To alleviate confusion and additional traffic hazards we ask that parents **DO NOT** use the staff car park as a drop off and pick up spot. This area does not support clear lines of visibility or safe access and as such is a high risk area. Your support of this in the interest of all children is appreciated.

CHRIS EDMONDS
PRINCIPAL

LESLEY OKHOM
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ANDREW BONE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

S. R. C. / Little Leaders Update

This week's meeting was again very well attended and saw the children discussing opening the Library at lunch Tuesday's for craft activities. Miss Collins (P. E. Teacher) asked for support in celebrating P. E. Week with help following the theme of disabilities in sport. Reps will report back to their classes soon. **All very thought provoking.**

Renee Stilo

Student Wellbeing



Active Community Challenge

Tuesday 22nd October marked the start of the 'Be Active Community Challenge'. Reidy Park is well represented with 21 students and 20 staff taking part in the 8-week challenge. Every Tuesday our students and staff walk or run 2km or 4km, around Vansittart Park, with other members from our community. The aim for all involved is to improve individual times but most importantly be apart of a team and encourage each other every step along the way!



Positive Tracker Awards

Two more students were rewarded for their honesty and integrity at our last assembly. Caitlin W was rewarded for her efforts in helping Miss Magarey in the Library voluntarily and Angel A showed great honesty with some found money that she handed in. **Wonderful!**

South East Primary Schools Choir Festival

Last Thursday 24th October, students in our Year 6/7 Choir were involved in the South East Primary Schools' Music Festival. The Festival involves almost 600 students from around 30 schools across our region participating in a series of concerts held at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. The concert our students were involved in had about 180 students on stage from a variety of schools, accompanied by an orchestra of about 30 people. It was a spectacular concert with a diverse range of music from modern rock to specially written music just for our performance. **(180 students playing Kazoos was a sight and sound to behold.)** Our students worked hard and performed fabulously helping to make the concert a great success, performing to an audience of almost 500. Many of our choir students took on special roles in the concert including Meg W, Arabella C, Lateasha B and Finn M singing special individual solos. Cassidy F compering and Tia T involved in the dance troupe. **Fantastic effort!**

Andrew Bone

Performing Arts



Zooper Doopers

Zooper Doopers proved to be very popular at our recent sale in the Quad and will continue to be available at lunch time on Fridays for 50 cents each.



Year Book 2013

Following this newsletter is an order form for our 2013 Year Book and we encourage you to consider purchasing a copy as a 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. Those of you unsure of what you may be purchasing are welcome to view past Year Books on display in the Front Office and view samples of the pages on our Big Screen TV in the Front Office. The Year Book will be available at a cost of \$25:00 inc. GST.

Andrea Wright

Year Book Coordinator



Blue Lake Fun Run

May we remind you, if your child is interested in entering the Blue Lake Fun Run on December 1st as a Reidy Park Team Member, visit the website 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



Christmas Cards & Wrapping Paper

Our students have been busy in Visual Art lessons with Ms Syron, creating some delightfully creative Christmas Cards and Wrapping Paper. These will be available for you to pre-order in sets of 10 cards for \$5:50 or 2 metres of wrap for \$2:50, all of which has been created by our students. Please visit the Front Office to collect an order form. You may also view some wonderful samples on display if you are unsure of what you may be ordering. Order forms can be forwarded to the Front Office at a later date providing all is in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope.

Leanne Syron

Visual Arts Teacher



Cadbury Fundraiser

Our Fundraiser from last term was very well supported, thank you. For those of you who really like chocolate, we still have a total of 24 boxes available for sale for those who would like to complete our fundraising challenge. Please visit the Front Office to collect one.

Lesley Okholm

Fundraising Committee

A Job Well Done!

Thankyou to parent Jason Baron of 'Lake City Bobcat' for a stellar effort last weekend replacing the soft fall under our playground equipment on the grassed area - all voluntarily. With his efforts he has helped make our playground safer for all of the children who use the equipment. ***Thanks Jason!***



Show Results

We had many students participating in different areas of the Mt Gambier Show at the weekend. Miss Say's class entered fruit and vegetable creatures with some great success. Second place awards were Amity F, Angela Mc, and Alex F. Third place awards were Aiden C, Jayme-Lee S and Georgia B. Well done to all of you and also Ms Syron (Visual Arts Teacher) who also placed in the craft section.

Auskick Awards

This year our Year 1 teacher Jodie Ellery coordinated our Auskick program with great success. Success that was rewarded last Friday night with the Western Border Football League, Lower South East Auskick Coach of the Year for 2013 awarded in a ceremony at the Penola Football Club. ***Congratulations!***



Disco Fundraiser!

CANCELLED! Unfortunately, due to the many commitments of our staff and students during this term, the planned Disco for November 8th has had to be cancelled. ***Sorry kids!***

JP Concert DVD's

A number of parents have ordered extra Junior Primary Concert DVD's. We are currently having problems purchasing DVD covers for these and so there will be a delay in producing more copies. We hope to fix this issue soon which will enable us to produce more copies of both Junior Primary Concerts. We apologise for the delay and thank you for your patience.

Andrew Bone

Performing Arts Teacher



Year 4/5 Concert

Our Year 4/5 students have been rehearsing their production entitled 'We Come From A Land Down Under', which will be held at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre on Tuesday 5th November commencing 7:30 pm. Tickets went on sale at the theatre last week and are selling fast. This performance is open to all year levels and their families and will celebrate with some really great moments and music.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take Home A Big Brother Or Sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Halloween Safety

Halloween is fast approaching and despite it being more of an American tradition, the interest and involvement by Australian children is increasing. Below are a couple of links to assist your school communities keep themselves safe on Halloween night if they wish to go out trick or treating. You Tube video re Halloween safety: <http://youtu.be/ghL9JZDOI7Y> Halloween safety tips can be found at: www.sapolice.com.au This information will be available on line from 24/10/13. If anyone has further queries, they can contact me at the Mt Gambier Police Station on the number below.

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Learning Together Caring Together

I / We feel the school motto of 'Learning Together Caring Together' means

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2013 YEAR BOOK ORDER

CHILD'S NAME

ROOM NO.

I would like to pre order a copy of the 2013 Year Book at a cost of \$25:00 inc. GST.

SIGNED

Enc. \$25:00

