



<u>DIARY DATES</u>				
Friday	November	30	Last day of 'November'	
Friday	November	30	Zooper Dooper Day	Lunch Time
Tuesday	December	3	'Squirtthe Clown' visits	
Tuesday	December	3	Finance Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	December	4	Next Assembly	12:00 noon
Wednesday	December	4	Grounds Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	December	4	Governing Council Meeting	
Wednesday	December	11	Carols by Candlelight	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4, Week 7, November 27th, 2013

Term 4 is very busy for Teachers and SSO's as we finish the end of year assessments, write reports, set up new classes and prepare for the hand over materials for the next teacher and for the learning that takes place all the way to the last week. The work doesn't stop for our parents as well as the build up to Christmas and the holidays adds to the workload. Over the holidays we often see basic reading and numeracy skills fade. It is important to remember that one of the best things mums and dads can do is something they have done for generations - talk to your children every day to develop their language, and to read to them every night. Talking with older children about their hopes for the future is also very important.

What does Learning Together, Caring Together mean to me?

Thanks to the parents for returning their thoughts about what is important for our school community when we think about "What does 'Learning Together, Caring Together' mean to me?" We have now gathered information from all parts of the school community to build up a shared understanding for what it is that makes Reidy Park a supportive and meaningful learning environment.

- For parents this means that . . .**

We build a better community sharing the same values, accept differences and work together.

We promote an environment where we are caring and protect not just our own children but all children in the school.

The school knows my child and greets them by their name.

We all help each other to care for people, belongings and the school.

Parents and families work in partnership with the school to provide a positive image and the best learning outcomes for children.

- For staff this means that we . . .**

Work collaboratively by being inclusive; valuing the difference and the input of others.

Work with the school community and are accountable to colleagues, students and families.

Share our practices in a safe and supportive manner.

Work together for common goals based on common understandings and values.

Make an effort to be professionally engaged and positive.

- For students this means . . .**

Working as a team by helping each other by discussing and sharing ideas.

Respecting each other, their belongings and ideas.

Caring for each other by supporting our younger students.

Helping each other to achieve our best, whilst having fun!

We value fair play when working and playing together!

Sports Day

Six weeks of practice, 650 eager students, 40 prepared staff and a host of excited parents all ready for a great day last Friday and then down came the rain! Well done to our Sports Day Student Captains for their great warm up and



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leading the team chants and to our Sports Day Committee for setting up for what looked to be another great day. Although it was a shame the day only lasted for the first hour it was still great to get out and celebrate all that is good about being active and challenging ourselves.

The sports day was a culmination of our P.E. Week and all students had the chance to dress up, to try new games and activities and to generally celebrate the benefits of being fit and healthy. Thanks to our new P.E. teacher, Sami Collins for making sure the week went smoothly. Our Championship Sprints were held on Tuesday; check out the results below.

Reports

Student reports will go out during the last week of term. These support the ongoing assessment and reporting practices throughout the year. The most recent formal report you would have received was the mid-year achievement report, supported by parent interviews at the end of Term 2. Hopefully these reports will not give you any surprises but will be a reflection of the conversations you have had with your teacher and your child as the year has progressed.

Movember

We have seen a month of Mo Bro's, Mo Sista's and even Mo Students as we have supported the 'Movember' cause. This has been lots of fun and we would like to thank all of those involved as we have raised nearly \$1,500 towards men's health and wellbeing. Now, where is my razor?

Online donations can be made at <http://mobro.com/reidystaff0290>

CHRIS EDMONDS
PRINCIPAL

LESLEY OKHOM
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ANDREW BONE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

'Mo-Kids'

The mini Mo Bro's and Sistas in Room 5 held a 'Faux Mo' fundraiser to support the Mo Bro Teachers. We used face paint to paint faux mo's on the other kids at recess times and asked for a coin donation in return. We raised \$70:75!!! Thank you for supporting 'Movember' with us.



Rikki Helps

Class Teacher

Championship Sprints

Due to the inclement weather on Friday, our Championship Sprints were held yesterday with the following results.

Year 3 Girls

- 1** Amryn B
- 2** Kassidy B
- 3** Sarah R

Year 5 Girls

- 1** Tyne B
- 2** Abby B
- 3** Sophie E

Year 7 Girls

- 1** Isabel R
- 2** Tia T
- 3** Olivia T

Boys

- 1** Jake C
- 1** Brodie A
- 3** Jake W

Boys

- 1** Connor P
- 2** Henry G
- 3** Joel R

Boys

- 1** Anton G
- 2** Jack W
- 3** James K

Year 4 Girls

- 1** Tori R
- 2** Emily H
- 3** Sarah D

Year 6 Girls

- 1** Claudia E
- 2** Imogen W
- 3** Kiarra F-P

Champion of Champions

- 1** Isabel R
- 2** Tyne B
- 3** Tori R

Boys

- 1** Adien C
- 2** Archie M
- 3** Darcy H

Boys

- 1** Loki D
- 2** Mitch H
- 3** Seth L

Congratulations everyone!

Last week we celebrated P.E. Week with a come as your favourite Sports Star Dress Up Day from which we raised \$500 for local charity 'Riding For The Disabled'. *What an awesome effort!*

Sammi Collins

P. E. Teacher

Year Book 2013

Orders for our annual Year Book will be closing soon. Final orders will be accepted until the end of the day of on Wednesday December 4th at a cost of only \$25:00 (inc. GST). Please consider commemorating your child's year in this special way. Order forms can be collected at the Front Office.

Andrea Wright

Year Book Coordinator



Positive Tracker Awards

Again we celebrated the positive behaviour of some of children at our last assembly. We rewarded Mitchell K for his caring and sharing of sandpit toys with others, Charlotte K for her helpful behaviour at lunch times and Tom N for his amazing Crossing Duties. *A wide range of positives!*

Uniform Shop in 2014

With the introduction of our new 'Uniform Shop', we would like to inform you of the opening times during the holiday period for your convenience. It will be open on:

Wednesday	22nd January	8.30 am	–	1.30 pm
Thursday	23rd January 2014	8.30 am	–	1.30 pm
Friday	24th January 2014	8.30 am	–	12.00 noon

Gay Brooker
Finance Officer



Christmas Hampers Raffle

We recently distributed to all families the annual Carols by Candlelight Christmas Hampers Raffle books and a list of items that we ask each class to supply. Please return all books (sold or unsold) with money in a well sealed, clearly labelled envelope to the Front Office before **Friday 6th December**. Anyone wishing to sell more are welcome to collect another. Donations for the hampers are to be brought to the Front Office and placed in the baskets provided. Listed below is a reminder of what your child's class has been asked to donate.

Room 1	Cereals	Room 9	Biscuits/Crackers	Room 17	Biscuits/Crackers
2	Chips/Munchies	10	Juice/Cordial	18	Christmas Decorations
3	Soft Drinks/Wine	11	Tinned Fruit	19	Tinned Veg/Meat/Fish
4	Lollies/Confectionary	12	Soft Drinks/Wine	20	Chips/Munchies
5	Chocolates	13	Cooking Ingredients	21	Lollies/Confectionary
6	Jams/Spreads	14	Cereals	23	Pasta/Rice
7	Pickles/Sauces	15	Dried Fruit	24	Chocolates
8	Christmas Decorations	16	Packet Sauces/Noodles	25	Chips/Munchies

Fundraising Committee

Christmas Cards & Wrapping Paper

The hand crafted Christmas Cards and Wrap created by your children for sale through the Front Office continues to be available in sets of 10 cards for \$5.50 or 2 metres of wrap for \$2.50. Please visit the Front Office to collect an order form and 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



Christian Pastoral Support

On Monday 2nd December we will be lucky enough to have 'Squirtthe Clown' visit our school at no cost to the individuals for some fun and entertainment. Squirtthe has been entertaining children and adults all over the world for more than a decade with his tricks that will amaze you and his comedy will leave you with sore sides. You may also learn something too. Through his tricks and illusions he will help you learn to motivate and inspire yourself. Squirt will be performing twice, one for lower primary students and one for upper primary students. We ask that if you do not want your child to attend this performance please let your child's teacher know. Thanks.

Josie Phillips
Christian Pastoral Support

Lost Property

Our basket is overflowing with lost property. If you have lost something, please check the basket regularly. Please also name all clothing so we can return it to the owner, if clothing is not named, it is difficult to find an owner.

Tracy Kain
Admin Officer

Sports Day 2013



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Junior Baseballers

South Indians Baseball Club are looking for new or experienced players to compete in the 2013/2014 season. If you or your child are interested, please contact **Janice** on **8725 1825** or **0417 462 82**

Mayfair Singers

Local singing group Mayfair are holding a movie afternoon on Saturday 14th December, featuring a fantastic kids movie 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2'. The cost for the movie is \$15:00 for adults and children under 12 \$12:00. this also includes afternoon tea. To purchase tickets please call **Thirza** on **0418 133 407**.

Mayfair are a not for profit community run vocal organisation, providing children from the age of 5 to 18 with group singing opportunities but are also starting an adult group in 2014.

Blue Light Sports Night

Come and try indoor soccer, volleyball and netball at Active8 on Penola Road on Friday 6th December from 6:00-8:00pm. For ages 4-7 years this event includes sausage sizzle, fruit and drink for \$5:00 per child. Tickets available at the Mt Gambier Police Station. This is a fully supervised, lock-in event.

A. C. Care Gift Giving



a little Ray of giving

This December you can **make a difference** to less fortunate families in our community by delivering a Christmas gift to our giving tree.

Proudly run by Ray White Keatley and ac.care, all you need to do is purchase and wrap a gift for a child or teenager, then pop it under the tree at 16a James St, Mount Gambier.

To support the Mayor's Christmas Appeal, Ray White Keatley is collecting gifts for disadvantaged children and teenagers this Christmas. To distribute these gifts they are supporting a charity that was created in Mount Gambier, ac.care.

From the first of December you can contribute to brighten a young person's Christmas by wrapping up a child's gift and popping the gift under the tree in your local Ray White office.

Ray White Keatley, located at 16a James Street, have a Christmas tree in their front window to collect gifts for children who will be doing it tough this festive season in the local area.

All you need to do is purchase a small gift, wrap it and drop it under the tree.

Tell the Ray White team if the gift is for a boy or girl and their age and your gift will be delivered, thanks to ac.care, to a local child to give a lift to their festive season.

The gift drive for A Little Ray of Giving will start December 1.

"It's a really simple way to make a difference to children who might otherwise go without Christmas,"
Ray White's Harriet Keatley said.

"166 children came through our homeless service this last year. Many were teenagers. Please don't forget them this Christmas. Thank you Ray White Keatley for helping to brighten Christmas for local young people."
Rob Foggo, CEO ac.care.

Ray White ran this initiative across Australia and New Zealand last December and had over 100 offices collecting gifts for disadvantaged children in their respective communities.

For more information
contact Ray White Keatley on (08) 8724 8966
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Ray White
Keatley

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