



### DIARY DATES

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>School Dismisses</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Uniform Shop Open</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>School Resumes</b>	<b>8:45am</b>

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4, Week 9, December 11th, 2013

### Goodbye

I'd like to thank the Reidy Park School community for their support towards me and for the school over the last 2 terms. Reidy Park is a well organised and wonderful learning environment for a large number of staff and students. It is reassuring to note the passion and care that the teachers and staff have at this school and the desire to turn good into better through improved planning and programming, better use of resources and student achievement data as well as through the ongoing focus of learning together and caring together. I will take a range of new skills and experiences that I have learnt to my new school and hope that I have left some small improvements to build on for staff and students next year. Have a wonderful Christmas break.



### Congratulations 2014 Student Leaders

Thankyou to our 2013 Student Leadership Team. Through active student voice, the effort, opinion and contribution made by these students, along with our S.R.C., has contributed an important part to our valued decision making process. We look forward to our 2014 student leaders carrying this responsibility throughout 2014.

Over the past few weeks, the year 6's have been busy writing applications to become 2014 Student Leaders and Sports Captains.

We would like to congratulate Ruby H, Caitlin M, Claire D, Gabby A, Gemma H, Maisie H, Kaleb B and Braeden B on becoming Student Leaders.

We would also like to congratulate next year's sports captains:

- Eaglehawk Claudia E & Jack L
- Lava Imogen W & Ben J
- Lake Kiara B & Fraser B
- Willow Charlotte F & Mitch H

We wish them all the best in their new roles for 2014.



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## Staff News

After what is a very complex process we are very pleased to be able to announce our teaching staff for the new school year.

Bronwyn Phillips has accepted the role of Assistant Principal, with a focus on Numeracy and Literacy for the next 12 months.

Reception	- Lauren Manser, Abby Height, Liana Hrvatin, Meredith Dent
Year 1/2	- Gill Andrew, Teresa Shaw, Bec Hunt, Sue Hutchesson, Jodie Ellery
Year 2/3 & Year 3/4	- Leanne Syron, Rikki Helps, Sandi Wilkins, Jennie Mannion, Belinda Say
Year 5	- Peter Clayfield, Renae Perryman, and 1 still to be announced
Year 6	- Daniel Castle, Alison Whibley, Samantha Collins
Year 6/7 and Year 7	- Sam O'Neill, Nick Savage, Jessica Magarey
Specialists	Arts - Andrew Bone & Sue Moaut
	Italian - Angela D'Onghia & Michelle Schutz (new)
	PE - Heath McShane
Classroom Release	- Helen Papastamatis

Sadly we also say farewell to a number of teachers who have contributed so much throughout their time at our school and we wish them all the best at their future schools.

- Anella Di Biase, Amber Carson, Renee Stilo & Kimberley Jupe

## Babies!

Congratulations to Jaime (Front Office) and Rick Newell who welcomed the birth of their first child; a healthy daughter, Ellie Joy. Both mum and Ellie (and dad!) are all doing well. Good luck to Lisa and Cameron McKenzie who await the birth of their second child in the very near future. Lisa will be on leave to be a mum throughout next year.

## Polling of School Fees

Recently you would have received a notice polling you about the 2014 School Fees which have been set at \$280 for the school year. Votes were 117 in favour to 17 against. This means that where families fail to pay the school fees next year, action can be taken to legally recover the full amount.

CHRIS EDMONDS  
PRINCIPAL

LESLEY OKHOM  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ANDREW BONE  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## 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

A big thank you to Jodie & Chelsea Whicker and Kerrie & Dylan Brooker for helping to put our fantastic Christmas Hampers together. *They look great!*

Thanks also to 'Hip Pocket' for their donation of a \$50 voucher and to all families who donated to these wonderful prizes.



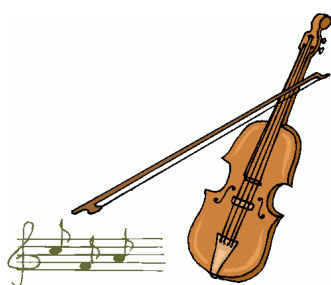
## Year Book 2013

Orders for our annual Year Book have closed however, any orders made before the end of Friday will be accepted so please, GET IN NOW !!! Only \$25:00 (inc. GST). Year Books will be ready for delivery early next year. Order forms can be collected at the Front Office.

*Andrea Wright*  
*Year Book Coordinator*

### Positive Tracker Awards

Our final recipients for the year were plentiful. Neli H, Tully and Abby M and Emily H all kindly volunteered to bring in the recycle bins last week during after school hours. Joel M, Joel R and Jack C were rewarded for their efforts in solving a 4 square problem. Allegra H was wonderfully polite in offering to help Library Staff put books away. *Great!*



### Instrumental Music Lessons 2014

We have had a large number of students who have filled in a request form to have instrumental music lessons in 2014. This is a great opportunity for students to become involved in learning a musical instrument and thanks to all the families who have responded to this. Unfortunately we are still waiting on the Instrumental Music Service in Adelaide to advise us on how many lessons we have been allocated (and how many students can be involved). This means we are unable to make any confirmations at the moment. I sincerely apologise for the lack of information, we will let you know as soon as we hear from Adelaide.

*Andrew Bone*  
*Assistant Principal*

### Christmas Cards & Wrapping Paper

Last chance! Hand crafted Christmas Cards and Wrap created by your children for sale through the Front Office 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.

*Leanne Syron*  
*Visual Arts Teacher*



### Thanks 'Masters'

Thank you to Nicole and Staff at 'Masters' Mt Gambier who kindly donated supplies for our Christmas projects. The painted pots look fantastic and the students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in this activity!

*From all the year 1 students and teachers at R.P.P.S!*

### Lost Property

The large pile of lost property has been sorted and those articles that were named have been returned to classes. Thanks to our helpers! Any unnamed articles will be placed on view tonight at our Carols by Candlelight evening for your perusal after which they will be donated to charity.

*Tracy Kain*  
*Admin Officer*



### Carols by Candlelight

Staff and students have been busily preparing for tonight's Carols by Candlelight to be held in the Sugar Bowl areas situated on the Wehl Street side of our school. All classes will be represented on stage at some time during the night and notes have gone home to those students required to wear something specific. A barbecue tea will be available from 5:30pm as well as glow products, drinks and more. Our night commences from 7:30pm.

*See you there with your Santa hat on!*

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



## 'In The Dark'

Below is an excerpt from 'In the Dark' a narrative of crime and deception. Cassidy F, Year 7 Student Leader.

*'A pound at the front door, a hard and rough knock echoed through the passage; reverberating through every crevice and chasm, ever accessible abyss. I managed to unearth an adequate deal of might to produce a warm welcoming to whomever was growing quite suspicious, although in a relatively patient manner, as they wait only steps below my current position; frozen and wrapped with fear. Once I had gathered a significant great deal of strength of mind, I was relieved, utterly and truly, to discover my visitor was indeed Colonel Mustard; a selfless and brave, slightly middle aged acquaintance of myself, courageous and audacious, the man certainly suited the role of a War Veteran. It was with a great weight lifted from upon myself, that I noticed this man indulged my inconspicuous welcoming with a pleasantly firm handshake.*

*"How do you do, Miss Scarlett?" he announced gracefully, "Tis always a pleasure."*

*"Fine," I lied.*

*"You sound a wee bit upset, is there in any way I can be of assistance towards you?"*

*"Not right at this moment, no . . . " I trailed off.*

*This sounded all too wrong, his tone, his gracious offerings, his warm welcoming; as hospitable as all were, it was wrong, a touch far much so . . .*

Cassidy F

Year 7 Student Leader

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Royal Life Saving Swim & Survive Program

Royal Life Saving SA  
Headquarters: 175 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Cowandilla

Email: [swim@royallifesavingsa.com.au](mailto:swim@royallifesavingsa.com.au)  
Enrolment Enquiries Hotline: 8240 4500



Program	Royal Life Saving Swim & Survive
Date	16 to 20 December 2013
Locations Times	Listed at <a href="http://www.royallifesavingsa.com.au">www.royallifesavingsa.com.au</a>
Cost (Not inclusive of pool entry fee)	\$40 for 5 years and over \$30 for Infants
BOOK NOW 5 Enrolment Options	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Go to <a href="http://www.royallifesavingsa.com.au">www.royallifesavingsa.com.au</a> to enrol and pay online</li><li>2. Download an enrolment form at <a href="http://www.royallifesavingsa.com.au">www.royallifesavingsa.com.au</a> and email with payment details to <a href="mailto:swim@royallifesavingsa.com.au">swim@royallifesavingsa.com.au</a></li><li>3. Enrol &amp; pay over the phone at 08 8234 9244 or 08 8210 4500</li><li>4. Pay in person at Royal Life Saving, 175 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Cowandilla</li><li>5. Pay on-site at each Centre</li></ol>



### Mount Gambier Under 10's Cricket!

Where: Frew Park  
When: Each Thursday from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Time: 4pm – 5:15pm  
Cost: Players currently registered at a club \$20, non-club registered players \$30

What: Organised modified games for boys & girls Under 10 years of age (age limit flexible for beginners)

All equipment provided, although you can bring your own if you like

Learn to bat, bowl & field as well as have some fun playing cricket with accredited coaches from the Chappell-Whitty Academy