



DIARY DATES

Wednesday	12	March	Scholastic Book Orders Close	TODAY!
Friday	14	March	Instalment 2 of School Fees	
Monday	17	March	Swimming Lessons Round 2	
Friday	4	April	Crazy Hair Day	

Term 1, Week 7, March 12th, 2014

Governing Council 2014

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our recent Governing Council AGM. Members of the 2013 Governing Council, Senior Staff and I shared with families the highlights for 2013 and directions for our school for 2014. I am looking forward to working with our Governing Council in building upon the great work that has taken place in previous years and congratulate Andrew Hunter who was elected as Chairperson for 2014.

Congratulations to the following parents and staff who were elected to council at the AGM or will be continuing members for 2014:

Chairperson	Andrew Hunter	Elected Members	David Burt	Troy Bell
Vice Chairperson	Sonya Dyson		Kelli Winterfield	Duane Gertners
Secretary	Cathy Lunnay		Aaron Warden	Lorenza McMahon
Treasurer	John Miles		Jason Baron	Jim Cornolo
Staff Rep	Daniel Castle		Susan Andrae	Tim Driver
			Laura Heesemans	

We have a number of excellent subcommittees of Governing Council and all of these are open to membership by members of our school community and staff. These include:

- Grounds
- Finance
- Fundraising



These committees meet approximately twice a term prior to Governing Council meetings. If you would like to become a member of one of our sub committees and need some information please speak to our Front Office staff or a member of the Governing Council. We will welcome you with "open arms" to support the great work that our volunteer community members do on behalf of our school and our students.

Pupil Free Day

Last Friday it was our privilege and pleasure to host a Professional Learning Conference for the staff of Reidy Park and many of the other Mount Gambier partnership schools on Restorative Practice. Bill Hansberry, one of SA's most successful educators and practitioners in the area working with schools to develop safe, productive and connected learning communities, presented a highly interactive and inspirational workshop day in our gym.

On Thursday Bill worked directly with classes across the school to introduce the students to Circle Time, a pedagogy used for developing a supportive class ethos and sense of community. Circle Time is a teaching technique used to increase social, emotional skills and well being by explicitly teaching connectedness, resilience and problem solving. All teachers and SSOs were provided with the opportunity to observe Bill working with the students. Over the course of this year we will be following up and building on this work and later in the year inviting Bill back to work with us again.



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Whilst in Mount Gambier Bill presented an evening at the Mount Gambier Library for parents on 'Raising Beautiful Kids, recipes for parents on when to say yes and how to say no'. I have received excellent feedback from parents who attended the session. Our school has purchased some copies of the book that Bill has written on this subject in collaboration with Mark Le Messurier, a private practitioner who coaches parents to support young people through tough issues. If you wish to borrow a copy please ask me. Bill's website is packed with interesting tips and hints for parenting and teaching and can be accessed at <http://www.hansberryec.com.au>

Child Protection Legislation and DECD Protocols

Parents are informed of the following new child protection rules that DECD is implementing in all schools and preschools.

Criminal History Screening - All volunteer parents will be required to complete a Criminal History Screening application that is funded by DECD. This will include all adults in all forms of voluntary work with children.

Photographs - School Performance, Sports Day and swimming photographs and video recording will have some restrictions from now on.

An information letter will be sent home shortly outlining the new DECD requirements.



Congratulations

Every day at Reidy Park Primary School I encounter a large number of staff and students who are achieving amazing things. Walking around the yard in the morning and during the day I see incredible acts of friendship and kindness, older students looking after younger ones and lots of fun play in a safe, orderly manner. In the classrooms I am delighted with the high standards that all students and staff aspire to achieve, both in terms of academics

and behaviour. I take great joy in presenting Principal's Awards each assembly and celebrating student achievement with the staff and their peers.

In addition in each newsletter I would like to take the opportunity to celebrate and congratulate the amazing achievements of our current and past students that illustrate the outstanding calibre of students and graduates.

Ruby H (Yr 7 Magarey) at only 12 years of age has been selected for the S.A. Secondary Schools State Triathlon team to compete in the National Championships in Bendigo in April.

Kaleb B and Lucy W (both Yr 7 O'Neill) have been selected as the captains of the Lower South East District S.A.P.S.A.S.A. Swimming Team that will be competing in the S.A. Country S.A.P.S.A.S.A. Championship in Adelaide later this term.

Max D, graduate of Reidy Park and Grant High School, achieved an outstanding Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 99.2 whilst completing his S.A. Certificate of Education. Max also gained a Merit for Physics as well as a Governor of South Australia commendation for overall S.A.C.E. achievement.

Sam M, graduate of Reidy Park, is currently ripping up the floor on 'So You Think You Can Dance Australia' as one of the final 18 competitors. Voting for Sam who has been called 'samsational' will keep him in the competition longer so that he can continue to represent Mount Gambier and South Australia.

Chris Sheldon
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sue Hutchesson
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

School Fees

Please be reminded that the second 2nd instalment of school fees is due this Friday 14th March.

Gay Brooker
Finance Officer

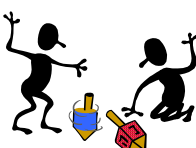


Year Book

We still have available from the Front Office 3 copies of the 2013 Year Book available for purchase at a cost of \$25 each if anyone is interested. It will be a case of first in first served, so if you are interested in this memento, get in fast.

Please remember to forward your pink Feedback sheets in regards the final Year Book. We have had some good ideas but need your input.

Andrea Wright
Year Book Coordinator



Play Support Roster

Tomorrow's activity is Sponge Painting while next Thursday will be Cooking. If you are interested in these activities held in the Art Room with the Peer Support Leaders and Miss Mouat, speak to your class teacher for a Classroom Pass.

Natural Maths @ Reidy

Ann Baker is an educational consultant who is coming to Mount Gambier 3 times this year to provide master classes in mathematics. This year 4 teachers from our school will be working closely with Ann and then coming back to school to work with the rest of the staff to share their learning. Ann is a whizz at teaching children how to use mental computation strategies to develop sound number skills. Our aim is to skill children to think flexibly with numbers so they can solve problems in their everyday life.

What does mental computation mean?

Mental computation means selecting an efficient strategy to derive unknown facts. For example, as an adult, we may well solve the problem $30+40$ by doubling the 30 (60) and ten more is 70. Ann has developed "the secret code," for students which is taught in a sequential order. For a 5 year old starting school, this means that they can tell you how many in a group, so you would expect to see your child touch and count all the objects. As their confidence and sophistication develops, they will meet a range of methods for handling addition and multiplication; skills they need to use in their maths and in their everyday school lives. In each newsletter we will introduce you to these strategies so you can get a sense of what your child is learning in maths. If you google 'Natural Maths' you can seek more information about Ann and her teaching pedagogy.

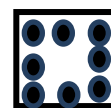
Subitising . . . is known to be fundamental to understanding number. It is about your child creating mental images of small groups of objects so they need not count it ... they just know it! For example seeing dice combinations.

Rolling dice and just saying the number or creating your own cube with dots that are placed in a different combination are all useful strategies.

Even using mini M&M's can be fun! And yummy too!

Sue Hutchesson

Assistant Principal



Library Opening Times

We would like to remind families that our school library is open from 8:30am each week day for returning and borrowing of books and resources or just a quiet reading session to start the day. The library closes daily at 3:15pm.

Maria Knightly & Louise Wheller

Library Staff



Greatest Shave News

Last week Room 8 hosted a very successful 'Cupcake Storm' in the quad at lunch time supplying products made at home in support of Greatest Shave participants Aanya W and Will V. Over \$500 was raised and the class is to be congratulated on the high quality service, product and spectacular result.

Tasted yummy, too!

Aanya is having her head shaved Thursday evening, March 13th at 6:00pm in Marketplace Plaza and would love everyone's support. Her major raffle will be drawn on the night and at this stage Aanya has raised in excess of \$4 000 but she will not stop there. Her fund raising efforts continue with a Movie screening of the 'Lego Movie'. (Please read Community Announcements overleaf.)



On Friday 4th April we will be holding a Crazy Hair Day here at school. We are encouraging as many students and staff as possible to join in the spirit of the day and come to school with decorated hair for a gold coin donation. This is an assembly day so there will be an opportunity for the whole school to celebrate with Aanya and Will on reaching their fundraising targets. There will be further information about this event closer to the date.



W. O. W. - Wipe Out Waste

Tip #2 Bring Uneaten Food Home

It's better to eat it after school than waste the time and money used to grow and pack good food. For more tips go to <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/wow-newsletter-tips.html>



Reidy Park Primary School now has a Facebook page. Here you will find posts about what's happening in our school, up and coming events, newsletter links and so much more.

<https://www.facebook.com/reidyparkprimaryschool>

***** Please note that all Newsletters are available in full colour on our website. *****

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

World's Greatest Shave

Oatmill Cinema screening of 'The Lego Movie' Sunday 6th of April at 2:00pm. All tickets \$13:00 with \$3:00 from every ticket supporting Aanya's fundraising efforts. Tickets available Thursday evening, March 13th at 6:00pm in Marketplace Plaza during the shave or by contacting **Tamara W** on **0437 420 944**.



MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

LEARN CONNECT EXPLORE

Cave Club

The Mt Gambier Public Library invites all school age kids to join their Friends of the Library Cave Club with competitions, prizes, members only holiday sessions, newsletters, incentives and lots of fun. Join the Reception/Year 1 Frogs Group, Year 2/3/4 Lizards Group or the Year 5 and upwards Dragons Group. Visit www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library to register online and challenge yourself. You do not have to be a member to register.

Logo Competition

The Port MacDonnell Library in association with the District Council of Grant and National Youth Week invite you to get involved in the designing of their new library card logo in a competition open to students 12 years and above. Visit www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au or contact judy.goodman@dcgrant.sa.gov.au or ring **8721 0443** for more information. Competition closes 26th March.



ALSO PRE-SALE TICKETS NOW
A CHANCE TO WIN GREAT PRIZES
PROCEEDS TO THE SOUTH EAST COAST'S GROUP

Break the Silence BE THE CHANGE

MUSIC FESTIVAL

FEATURING

KINEMAN KARMA | AVERSIONS CROWN
THE JACKS | WILSON & FLINT | JASON & CHRISTIE WALLACE
NANCY BATES | STREAMLYNE | KANE STUCKEY | MELANIE WEISTRA
OCEAN GROVE | I, VALIANCE | BELLE HAVEN | PRIDELANDS
MERCIES END | OUTLANDER | WOUNDED PIG

SATURDAY MARCH 22ND

CENTRALS SOCCER CLUB | 88 BISHOP ROAD | MT. GAMBIER
GATES AT 11:30AM | TICKETS \$15 | 12 & UNDER GOLD COIN DONATION

PRESALE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE FACEBOOK PAGE OR BY CALLING SONYA ON 0400 294 580
ALL PRESALE TICKETS SOLD HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A \$150 TATTOO VOUCHER, PLUS MANY MORE PRIZES!!
ALL AGES LICENCED EVENT | ID MAY BE REQUESTED TO PURCHASE ALCOHOL | STRICTLY NO BYO

LY CATERED - STALLS - JUMPING CASTLE - SYNERGY DANCE STUDIO - MAYFAIR SINGERS - PHOTO BOO
JARE DANCERS - FLY - HIGHLAND DANCERS - FACE PAINTING - FIRE TWIRLING - KARATE - CAR SH

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SOUTH EAST COAST'S GROUP & ARE PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

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AT THE SHOP | MITRO CAFE | HARRIS'S MATCH CENTRE | NEW'S | COLLINS BOOKSELLER | SHADOWS | CRYSTAL VISION | DAN MURPHY
DE PRODUCE STORE | PROSTOR FOR BLINDY | CIVIL VIDEO | CAMPING WORLD | SOUTH EAST PROFESSIONAL TATTOOING & BODY PIERCING
DAVID REYNOLDS | THE MOUNTAIN TAVERN | HARRIS'S | THE GOLFERS' MARKET | THE NEILSON HOTEL | GORDON LEUNG | THE GAMBIER MUSEUM

ATTENTION: DADS & KIDS TEN PIN BOWLING



When: Sat. March 22ND

Time: 9.15 – 10.30am

At: Gambier City
Bowl



Refreshments supplied

FREE - registrations are essential

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