



<u>DIARY DATES</u>			
Monday	31	March	Fundraising Committee Meeting 5:30pm
Friday	4	April	Crazy Hair Day
Sunday	6	April	Firewood Fundraising Day 9:00am - 12 noon
Monday	7	April	ICAS Competitions Closing
Friday	11	April	End of Term early dismissal 2:30pm
Monday	28	April	School Resumes
Tuesday	6	May	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7	May	Governing Council Meeting

Term 1, Week 9, March 26th, 2014

Harmony Day - Friday March 21st

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on March 21st each year. It's a day when all Australians celebrate cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination this year's theme is 'Racism & Conflict'. Our students and staff celebrated Harmony Day by wearing something orange and each class made a poster depicting the theme of Harmony Day.

At assembly each class' poster was shared and we all participated in a whole school Health Hustle. Classes joined their 'buddy class' for activities on the day but unfortunately the rain stopped us from holding the skipping and soccer games that we had planned.



S. A. Excellence in Public Education Award

Nominations for the SA Excellence in Public Education Awards are now open. Nominations for the awards are open to all DECD staff and recognise and reward outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders, and support staff in schools and preschools. This presents a great opportunity for our school community to honour members of the staff who make a positive difference for our students.

I encourage staff, students, parents and all community members to consider nominating some or all of our outstanding staff for the following awards:

- Primary School Teacher of the Year
- Early Years (Birth – Year 2) Teacher of the Year
- Teachers Health Fund Early Career Teacher of the Year
- School / Preschool Leader of the Year
- School / Preschool Support Staff Member of the Year
- Innovative Engagement and Collaboration with the Community (team award open to all DECD staff members)

Further information and an electronic nomination form is available online at - www.decd.sa.gov.au/teachingawards

Advance Notice

The end of the first term and the April vacation is drawing near. Thus, it is timely to remind families that we have an early dismissal policy on the last day before the holidays Friday, April 11th.

Chris Sheldon
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sue Hutchesson
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



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Congratulations - BMX

Our latest champion to be announced is Sarah R who after spectacular efforts at the State BMX titles was named S.A. 10 year old girls Champion and has been selected for the upcoming national titles in Shepparton.
Good luck, Sarah!

Congratulations - Swimming

The Lower South East swim team also put in a stellar effort recently with some of our Reidy students receiving medals. Archie M earned two gold medals and one bronze, Ruby H earned one gold medal and one bronze while Henry M earned one silver and one bronze and all represented our school well both in and out of the pool.
Fantastic!

(ICAS) International Competitions & Assessments for Schools

ICAS Subject	Year Levels	ICAS Sitting Date	Price
Computer Skills	3-7	Tuesday, 20 May 2014	8.00
Science	2-7	Wednesday, 4 June 2014	8.00
Writing	3-7	Monday, 16 June	17.00
Spelling	3-7	Tuesday, 17 June 2014	11.00
English	2-7	Tuesday, 29 July 2014	8.00
Mathematics	2-7	Tuesday, 12 August 2014	8.00

Your child is invited to take part in the ICAS in 2014 in any of the following subject areas.

Please return the permission slip with full entry fee(s) to the Front Office no later than Monday 7th April.

The Competitions take place each year in schools throughout Australia and the South Pacific region. They provide an opportunity for students to measure their own achievement in an external assessment situation, and are a valuable experience for. They are, however, voluntary, not compulsory, and we understand that there are many financial commitments which parents have at the beginning of a school year.

All students receive a Certificate and an individual Results letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for their state. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio.

Certificates are awarded for each Year Level as follows:

High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants in the state

Distinction to the next 10% of entrants in the state

Credit to the next 20% of entrants in the state

Achievement to the students who are placed in the top 20% of their Year Level at their school, but do not qualify for one of the above Certificates

Participation to all students who do not qualify for one of the above Certificates.

Medals are awarded to top students in each Year Level in each state. The Competitions are an initiative of the Educational Assessment Centre of the University of New South Wales.

Lesley Okholm

Deputy Principal

Da Vinci Machines Exhibition

Please note that the following classes are booked in to see this exhibition in May with their classes, at the Riddoch Art Gallery - Ms Say, Ms Helps, Ms Wilkens, Ms Mannion, Ms Syron, Mr Clayfield, Ms Collins, Ms Whibley, Mr Castle, Ms Magarey, Mr Savage and Mr O'Neill. Notes and payment information will come later this term.



Positive Tracker

At our recent assembly we acknowledged four people for their efforts at school in recent weeks. Casey O for playing with children who needed a friend, Will V for raising awareness about kids with cancer by shaving his head, Maka D for making huge steps in his school life and Mrs Wilkens for providing a space to collect the positive thoughts of everyone in the school. *Awesome effort!*

Cupcake Sales

Sharon E has sent her thanks to everyone at Reidy Park who purchased from the Cupcake Special Recess in support of former parent Bernadette F (kidney transplant recipient). A special thank you goes to Amanda J from Bakers Delight, Ann-Marie J, Renae C, Bronwyn C, Maureen A and Alison S. \$474 was raised. *Another awesome job!*



Fire Wood Fundraiser

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Mt Gambier, Blue Lake for inviting us to be a part of this great fundraiser. See this Newsletter's insert for a great opportunity.



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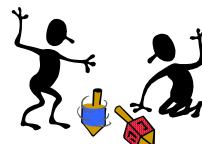
Chocolate Fundraiser

Thanks to the Fundraising Committee for giving everyone the chance to enjoy some chocolate. See this Newsletter's insert for your chance to indulge.

Lesley Okholm
Fundraising Committee

Play Support Roster

Tomorrow's activity is Games while next Thursday will be a Disco. 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.



W. O. W. - Wipe Out Waste



Tip #3 Only pack what you will eat

Many children have more food than they can eat packed and it ends up in the bins. Try discussing what they would like packed and how much.

For more tips go to <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/wow-newsletter-tips.html>

Crazy Hair Day

In support of Aanya W and Will V and their efforts to raise funds for the World's Greatest Shave, we take this opportunity to remind you of our 'Crazy Hair Day' on Friday 4th April. All we ask is that each participant pays a gold coin donation to your class representative for the privilege and enjoy the day. *Crazier the better!*



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

Harmony Day



(ICAS) International Competitions & Assessments for Schools

Please Return to Front Office by Monday April 7th

CHILD'S NAME ROOM NO. YEAR LEVEL

My child would like to take part in the following subject areas of ICAS in 2014. {Please circle}

Computer \$8.00 Science \$8.00 Maths \$ 8.00

Spelling \$11.00 Writing \$17.00 English \$ 8.00

I forward \$ as payment in full for entry to the above nominated competition(s).

SIGNED:

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

World's Greatest Shave - \$6 000 and climbing

Oatmill Cinema screening of 'The Lego Movie' Sunday 6th April at 2:00pm. All tickets \$13:00 with \$3:00 from every ticket supporting Aanya's fundraising efforts. Tickets are available by contacting **Tamara W** on **0437 420 944**.



Butterfly Foundation

The Butterfly Foundation will be in Mount Gambier on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March to run two workshops at The Barn. One for parents and one for educators working with children and young people.

The Butterfly Foundation is Australia's largest charity that supports people suffering from eating disorders and negative body image.

All interested parties can contact Helen Philp by email helen.philp@thebutterflyfoundation.org.au, or visit www.thebutterflyfoundation.org.au for more information and to book their spot online.

DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB - Burning Science

Experiment with all things to do with fire this session as you learn how to light a Bunsen burner, how to make flames of different colours, and how to put out a flame of a burning candle without touching it or blowing on it. Wear all the correct safety gear and learn how to handle flames safely.

WHEN: Thursday 27th March at 6.45pm

WHERE: Tenison Woods College Science lab

AGE: 5+

COST: \$1 for members, \$3 for non-members, \$5 for a family.

Parents strongly encouraged to stay and assist children. To book your place, phone Vanessa C on **8725 5455** and leave a message, or email courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au



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**MOUNT GAMBIER
LIBRARY**

National Youth Week

April 4th - 13th

For information contact Terasa N at the Library on **8721 2579** or Alison B at the Council Offices on **8721 2504**.

Mount Gambier Toy Library

Open Day Saturday 29th March from 10:00am - 12 noon. Jumping Castle, face painting, sausage sizzle, second-hand toy sale. Lots of fun for all! John Frew Centre, Frew Park. For more information call **0458 773 012** or contact mtgambiertoylibrary@gmail.com



BLUE LIGHT DISCO

PORT MacDONNELL COMMUNITY COMPLEX



FRIDAY 11 APRIL - 6.30PM TO 9.00PM

**PRIZES @ COMPETITIONS @ GIVE-A-WAYS @
MORE!!!!**

DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

LOCK IN EVENT - ONCE IN STAY IN - NO PASS OUTS

For more information contact judy.goodman@dcgrant.sa.gov.au or 8721 0443



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.

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