



### DIARY DATES

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>QUIZ NIGHT</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>ICAS - English</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>ICAS - Maths</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Grounds Committee Meeting</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Governing Council Meeting</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Fundraising Raffle Tickets due back</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26, 27</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>School Photos</b>	

Term 3, Week 1, July 23rd, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to all community members for another busy and productive term of learning.

### Staff Arrangements for Term 3

This term we welcome some new staff and welcome back others who have returned to Reidy Park after leave. Welcome back:

- Lauren Suggate to the year 1/2 class in Room 15. Lauren has returned from spending the past two years on leave from our school and has been teaching at an International School in China.
- Alan Hogg will be teaching Physical Education as Heath McShane will be teaching the year 7 class in Room 11 for the rest of this year.

Welcome to:

- Michelle Kuller and Tara Moody who will be joining Louise Wheller as the SSO team in the Library.
- Alice Nairn who will be teaching the Year 3/ 4 class in Room 7 for Weeks 1-5 while Jennie Mannion is on Long Service Leave.

### Reidy Park Rocks

This is my first newsletter since the fantastic performance of *Don't Stop Believin'*. Although it seems like it was some time ago I still think that it is worth mentioning once again the amazing performances of our senior students, the dedication and skills of our staff and the wonderful families who helped make this year's performance the outstanding success that it was. As in past years our musical was a spectacular demonstration of the quality of the Performing Arts program that we offer to students at our school from Reception to Year 7 and just what can be achieved when staff, students and families work together. Congratulations and well done cast and crew!

Whilst we pride ourselves on being a school that fosters high academic achievement and as a staff we set high standards for all of our students we are also able to offer a balanced curriculum and further the skills and talents of our students in the arts and sports.

At the last assembly of the term our school band performed for us as their first appearance before an audience. Their performance on the day was a huge success and a demonstration for our younger students of one of the values of learning to play a musical instrument through the school's DECD Instrumental Music Program. I am looking forward to more performances during the year. Fantastic effort, Reidy Park Primary School Band!



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## Congratulations

I would also like to offer my congratulations to Sue Mouat, Junior Years Performing Arts Teacher, who has just completed her accreditation in Kodaly Music Education. During the vacation Sue sat for her final music exams and passed at Credit level. All of our younger students will benefit from her high level of skill and training in music education which will provide sound foundations for future development in music and the performing arts.

## Thanks

My sincere thanks to parents, Chris Klaassens and John Whitehead, who kindly removed the remaining furniture from the courtyard area of the school. Chris and John spent most of the first Saturday of the school vacation on the task of clearing the courtyard and dumping the old and damaged desks and chairs.



## DECD Strategic Plan 2014 -2017 - New plan to guide our schools and preschools

Helping young South Australians to achieve their best and to be healthy and safe are the priorities of our department's new strategic plan. The Department for Education and Child Development's Strategic Plan 2014-2017 outlines how we will make our public education system even stronger over the next four years. The plan identifies six priority areas that seek to improve learning achievement, health and wellbeing, child safety, community engagement and timely access to services.

Our Chief Executive Tony Harrison says: *'Our immediate priority is to lift the standard of service provided within our organisation and to the community. We will strive for excellence, to earn trust, to build and strengthen relationships – especially with children and young people, their parents, carers and the community. We will involve communities in decisions that affect them. Above all, we will listen,'* Mr Harrison says.

Our school looks forward to working with you as we bring this new plan to life. For more information, visit [www.decd.sa.gov.au/strategicplan](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/strategicplan)

Chris Sheldon  
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sue Hutchesson  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## Term 2 Crossing

A big thankyou to the following Room 11 students who helped out with crossing last term. Jacob H, Jack L, Ben J, Dylan B, Maisie H, Georgia M, Charlotte F, Luke N, Brayden O, Georgia O, Steph K, Sharnee R, Mackenzie W, Liam M, Julian S, Jack N, Jayden M, Tyreese N, Caitlin M, Tyler O-P, Alyssa L and Claudia E. You braved some terrible weather to ensure our school crossed the road safely. *Thank you!*

## Eat Smart B Active

The Eat Smart B Active® rewards challenge is running for the next two weeks. Our school has the chance to win Mt Gambier's Healthiest School Award 2014 along with \$500 prize money thanks to BankSA & Staff's Charitable Fund and Happy Healthy Kidz Australia.

Thank you to those students from Rooms 2 - 7, 23 & 22 (who attended the Live Performance yesterday Tuesday 22nd July) and also provided a gold coin donation for the program (this was included in the \$3 excursion cost), which includes the Eat Smart B Active® Live Production and valuable resources for our students and school.

To help our school WIN Mt Gambier's Healthiest School Award 2014 and to increase your classroom's chance to win the title of the Healthiest Classroom at our school (which includes \$50 prize money from BankSA & Staff Charitable Fund along with a \$25 fruit and vegetable box from She's Apples), get your copies of The Border Watch daily from Tuesday 29th July to Friday 8th August which will feature nutritious and delicious Eat Smart B Active lunch box ideas from the Boogie Woogies to help you pack a 5 out of 5 top scoring lunch box!

Parents can help by packing healthy, nutritional lunch boxes complete with foods from the five 'EVERYDAY' food groups – which include FRUIT; VEGETABLES; PROTEIN (lean meat, fish, poultry, eggs, nuts, legumes); DAIRY (low fat milk, cheese, yoghurt); and GRAINS (breads, cereals, rice, pasta and noodles), while avoiding 'SOMETIMES' foods like chips, sweet biscuits and packaged foods high in salt, sugar and fat.

Research has shown that children who eat healthy and are active, learn and concentrate better at school and lead a happier, healthier life! Sign up for FREE Eat Smart B Active® Newsletters at [www.eatsmartBactive.com.au](http://www.eatsmartBactive.com.au) for healthy tips for the health and well-being of your family. Thanks for your support.

Jen Herbert  
Coordinator



### Book Week 2014

A committee has been formed and planning is underway for Book Week 2014. There will be a dress up parade on Friday 29th August. This year's theme is 'Connect to Reading'. We invite your child to come dressed as a character or item that they have connected with through reading a particular book. Please could parents refrain from sending children to school with dress ups that have toy/replica weapons, such as swords or guns. You have 6 weeks to help your child be organised!

*We love dress up day!*



### Reading at Reidy

Parents of Junior Primary children are invited to a reading workshop in our school library on Thursday 14th August at 8:45am. This is an excellent opportunity to find out how to hear your child read at home, what the levels mean and what good readers do listen to. Morning tea is provided and this session will be run by Sue Hutchesson and Chris Sheldon. Please phone / email the school if you are planning on attending. A flyer is also coming home with your child.



### Reidy Park Café

This service continues to be provided with a wide range of meals available. Please remember to place your child's completed order form with money in a sealed envelope in the box provided in the Front Office by 9:00am Wednesday mornings.

*Kate McDonough*  
ILC Coordinator

### Positive Trackers

At the last assembly for Term 2, two wonderful children were rewarded for their generous and helpful nature through the Positive Tracker Awards. Brock K showed great awareness for his younger school mates and Darcy H gave assistance to a peer without being asked. *Fantastic!*



### Term Planner

Accompanying this newsletter is a Term Planner that you may like to attach to your fridge at home to assist with organisation for your child's Term 2. We hope that it will help with the forward planning in your home. Please add to it as information goes home.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Limestone Coast Rotary Careers Expo

Friday 8th August at TAFE Campus, wireless Road West from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Activities will include workshops from various industries, interactive trade skills demonstrations, guest speakers with informative sessions and exhibitors. An action packed program tailored to meet the needs of students seeking information relating to many and varied tertiary study and employment opportunities. For further information phone **08 8735 1482** or contact [suzanne.waye@tafesa.edu.au](mailto:suzanne.waye@tafesa.edu.au) - <http://www.lcrotyarcareerexpo.com.au/>



### Quiz Night

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
is this Saturday!

Tickets are available  
at the door  
Or  
at the Front Office this  
week.

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



## READING WORKSHOP



*Makala, Cody, Blair, James, Vanessa*

# READING AT REIDY.

How do children learn to read?

How can I encourage my child to read?

Why do teachers send books home to be read?

What types of books are sent home?

Come along and find out more about leveling of texts and how we choose your child's reading level. E.g. why is it better to use a colour banding system as opposed to levels?

How can I help my child without telling them the answer?  
What do good readers do?

What is Daily Five?

Come along and find out how to help your child choose "FIT books."

## A Reading Workshop for parents in Junior Primary.

How can your child become an independent, successful reader?

**An informative workshop in a Relaxed atmosphere. Please bring any questions along.**

Hosted by Chris Sheldon and Sue Hutchesson

**When? Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:45**

**Where? School Library**

**RSVP to school on 87253381 / or email**

**[dl.o290.info@schools.edu.sa.au](mailto:dl.o290.info@schools.edu.sa.au)**

**Morning tea provided.**

# TERM 3 PLANNER - 2014

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	21/7 Uniform Shop	22/7	23/7 Newsletter	24/7	25/7
<b>WEEK 2</b> <i>QUIZ NIGHT Saturday July 26 from 6:30</i>	28/7 Uniform Shop	29/7 ICAS Competition English	30/7	31/7	1/8 Assembly
<b>WEEK 3</b>	4/8 Uniform Shop	5/8	6/8 Newsletter	7/8	8/8
<b>WEEK 4</b>	11/8 Uniform Shop  Finance Mtg	12/8 ICAS Competition Maths	13/8  Grounds Mtg Governing Council	14/8  Parent Reading Workshops	15/8 Assembly
<b>WEEK 5</b>	18/8 Uniform Shop	19/8	20/8 Newsletter	21/8	22/8 Fundraising Raffle Due Back
<b>WEEK 6</b>	25/8	26/8 School Photos	27/8 →	28/8	29/8 Assembly BOOKWEEK - Dress Up Raffle Drawn
<b>WEEK 7</b>	1/9	2/9	3/9 Newsletter	4/9	5/9
<b>WEEK 8</b>	8/9  Finance Mtg	9/9 ICAS Competition Spelling	10/9  Grounds Mtg Governing Council	11/9	12/9 Assembly
<b>WEEK 9</b>	15/9 Uniform Shop	16/9	27/9 Newsletter	28/9	19/9
<b>WEEK 10</b>	22/9 Uniform Shop	23/9	24/9	25/9	26/9 Assembly
<i>Please put me on your fridge!</i>					