



### DIARY DATES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Thankyou Morning Tea</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Reports Distributed</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Year 7 Graduation</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>End of Term 4 - early dismissal</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>

Term 4, Week 7, November 26th, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4 has been very busy for Teachers and SSOs as we are now completing end of year assessments, writing reports, putting the finishing touches to our 2015 classes and preparing to hand over materials for the next teacher. In every class teachers and students are planning for excursions and class treats for the last few days of the school year and we are also preparing for our upcoming family Carols night on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Our year seven classes are aware that there are only a little over two weeks left of primary school and are looking forward to their two day high school transition visits and graduation evening. Along with this we are still continuing our classroom learning programs until the end of the term.



### Sports Day

What a fabulous sports day we had last Friday! We were extremely fortunate when the weather held off and we were able to get through every event with just a sprinkling of rain midmorning. It was a great pleasure to see how much our students enjoyed joining in on the day. A huge thank you to the large number of parents, grandparents and friends of the school who came along to support us.

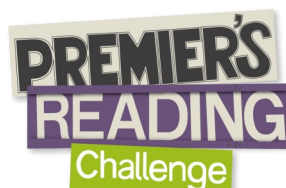
Of course an event of this size doesn't just happen without a great deal of planning. I would like to congratulate our Sports Captains for their part in supporting each and every student to do their best, display their team and individual skills and most of all to have fun. Every Sports Captain was involved in planning the day and teaching their House Teams the Team War Cry. Thanks to our P.E. teacher, Alice Nairn and Year 7 teacher, Heath McShane for organising and coordinating the day and the staff Sports Day Committee who worked with them. Special thanks to the Governing Council, parent helpers and the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West who volunteered to work on the barbeque, in the pizza van and in the canteen.

My congratulations to the students and staff in Eaglehawk who were the overall winners on the day. *Go yellow!*

### Premiers Reading Challenge

Once again participation in the Premiers Reading Challenge has continued to encourage our students to read. At Reidy Park the staff are very proud of the accomplishment of the students that undertake the Premiers Reading Challenge each year. Children in Reception through to Year 2 have the Challenge to further build and instil a love of reading and awareness of the books and spend time with a loved one reading together. For students in Year 3 to Year 7, the Challenge is about building on and extending reading skills as well as reading books from different genres and authors.

Now that the Challenge is complete it is time to celebrate and congratulate the students who received their awards at last week's assembly. Some proudly collected their first award, which is a certificate, and others were presented with medals. The highest award, the Reader for Life Certificate, was earned by some of our diligent readers in Year 6 and Year 7. *Fantastic reading effort everyone!*



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## Reports and Class Placements

Student reports and class placements for 2015 will be sent home in the last week of term. End of Year Reports will provide a comprehensive summary of your child's progress over the past year at school. As in Term 2 students will be assigned A – E achievement grades and in addition, teachers will provide a written comment on the student's achievements and learning challenges.

*Class Placements are now almost complete and staff have allocated students to classes for 2015. Wherever possible we have taken into account parent requests. Please remember that it is very difficult to accommodate parent requests for a particular teacher.*

Chris Sheldon  
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sue Hutchesson  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## Sports Day 2014

Hooray! Sports day was not a wash out and all events went smoothly with many, many smiles to be found all over the school. Participants at all levels tried their hardest and none more so than the students in the Staff V Student V Parent Relay. What an event! Congratulations again to the students who put in a massive effort to win this event comfortably. Congratulations also to all championship sprint winners listed below.

Yr 3 Girls	<b>1st</b>	Tayla R	<b>2nd</b>	Lauran N	<b>3rd</b>	Kate W
Yr 3 Boys	<b>1st</b>	Nelson F	<b>2nd</b>	Will E	<b>3rd</b>	Mitchell C
Yr 4 Girls	<b>1st</b>	Kassidy B	<b>2nd</b>	Amryn B	<b>3rd</b>	Imogen C
Yr 4 Boys	<b>1st</b>	Brodie A	<b>2nd</b>	Jake W	<b>3rd</b>	Gui R-S
Yr 5 Girls	<b>1st</b>	Tori R	<b>2nd</b>	Rhiannon W	<b>3rd</b>	Alex J
Yr 5 Boys	<b>1st</b>	Aiden C	<b>2nd</b>	Aaron R	<b>3rd</b>	Darcy H
Yr 6 Girls	<b>1st</b>	Tyne B	<b>2nd</b>	Abby B	<b>3rd</b>	Faith R
Yr 6 Boys	<b>1st</b>	Joel R	<b>2nd</b>	Connor P	<b>3rd</b>	Kane M
Yr 7 Girls	<b>1st</b>	Charlotte F	<b>2nd</b>	Georgia M	<b>3rd</b>	Imogen W
Yr 7 Boys	<b>1st</b>	Loki D	<b>2nd</b>	Mitch H	<b>3rd</b>	Kaleb B
Champion of Champions	<b>1st</b>	Loki D	<b>2nd</b>	Tyne B	<b>3rd</b>	Brodie A

Team winners for the day were Eaglehawk on 1294 points, Lava on 1277 points, Lake on 1260 points and Willow on 1226 points.

Our Sports Day BBQ was well supported on the day and we would like to sincerely thank Bakers Delight for their donation of all the bread for this event. As always, it is greatly appreciated.



## Congratulations

Recently Archie M represented the Mt Gambier Swimming Club at the State Short Course Swimming Championships in Adelaide and won Silver in the 100m Breaststroke and placed 5th in the 50m Breaststroke. *Congratulations!*

We also congratulate Manon F on her selection - at only 12 years of age - to the State U/14 basketball team to contest championships during January next year. *Well done!*



## Play is the Way

What does the word 'play' mean to you? When I think of play, I think of words like, 'fun', 'laughter', 'getting along', 'imagination', 'belonging'. Play promotes significant health and wellbeing benefits. I still love to play and I'm not even at school!

One of the greatest benefits of playing is to assist with the development of social skills. Children can build relationships, learn to resolve conflicts, negotiate and regulate their behaviours. In play, children usually have increased feelings of success and optimism as they act as their own agents and make their own choices. Playing is a known stress release; it is often linked to child wellbeing. At Reidy Park Primary School we celebrate, embrace and value play in your student's curriculum. We take your child's wellbeing and social development seriously.

So . . . how might you be able to help?

As a Junior Primary Team we would like to create some outdoor play boxes for recess and lunchtimes. These play boxes would be themed based with the idea of up to six students being able to gather at the box to play. The students would be educated in how to treat the boxes respectfully and work together to negotiate appropriate rules, appropriate rules. Some ideas we have come up with are: picnic play box, farm play box, camping play box, gardening play box, 'growing up' play box and discovery play box.



We are seeking any strong, good quality, good condition, used equipment that you may be willing to donate: prams, dolls, small child's camping chairs, basic tent, tea party set, picnic blanket, large teddy bears, child's watering can.

If you think you have something at home that you are willing to donate then please call Sue Hutchesson at school or email her a picture of the item at [sue.hutchesson125@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:sue.hutchesson125@schools.sa.edu.au) Thankyou so much, we value your support.

*Sue Hutchesson*  
*Assistant Principal*



### Lost Property

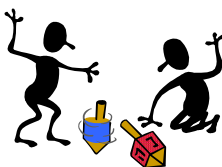
The large pile of lost property has been sorted and those articles that were named have been returned to classes however there is still a huge amount of unnamed articles. If you have any items that may still be missing, please visit and have a look through the basket in the Front Office. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

*Tracy Kain*  
*Admin Officer*

### Positive Trackers

At our recent assembly we acknowledged the efforts of three wonderful children. Well done to Will J for standing up for another student being harassed, Jordy H for picking up rubbish without being asked and to Ethan M for his honesty in taking money found to the Front Office.

*Superb!*



### Play Support

Tomorrows activity is Christmas Day Gifts and next week is a Christmas movie and popcorn. If you are interested in participating in either of these activities with play support leaders and Miss Mouat, talk to your teacher about a Play Support Pass.

### 2014 Year Book

You will notice on the rear of this newsletter is an order form for this years Year Book.

You may wish to commemorate your child's year with this wonderful annual at a cost of \$25 each. Filled with numerous pages of photos, articles and class pages, order

now before the closing date of Wednesday 10th December. This 2014 issue will be available in early 2015. Our thanks go to volunteer parents Kate McD, Kelly H and Michelle K for their efforts in compiling this issue. *Thanks!*



### Canteen

This is the final week of service being offered by the Independent Learning Centre in staffing our school canteen. We thank the students and Coordinator Kate McD for providing us with this service for the year and wish the students all the best in their endeavours to further their education. *We will miss your food - and you!*

We remind parents that Friday lunches for the next two weeks will have to be provided from home by all families. There will be no canteen service available for the remainder of the year.

### Give Away

Our school has been lucky enough to be given 25 student only vouchers for the 'Great Moscow Circus' to be given away. **In this instance, it will be first in first served and only one per family, so be quick.** Call in to the Front Office to receive your free student voucher.



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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Blue Lake Soccer Club

Blue Lake Soccer Club are recruiting for their 2015 season and will be holding two junior fun nights on Friday January 16th and 30th at 6:00pm on Malseed Park. For more information call Graeme on **0488 983 528**.



# Year Book

order forms out now !



commemorate your child's 2014 school year



Numerous pages of photos, articles and class pages.

Wonderful memories of the 2014 school year  
for only \$25 (inc. GST)

PAYMENT REQUIRED WITH ORDER

**SECURE YOUR COPY TODAY!**



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PARENT NAME: .....

CHILD'S NAME: .....

CONTACT NO: .....

I wish to order ..... Reidy Park Primary School 2014 Year Book/s @ \$25 each  
(no.)

I understand this edition will be available in early 2015.

Payment (required with order):

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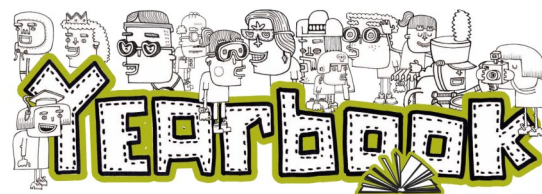
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Cheque (made payable to Reidy Park Primary School)

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Credit Card/EFTPOS

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Previous Year Books available for  
viewing at the Front Office.