



DIARY DATES

Saturday	14	February	Valentine's Day
Wednesday	18	February	Acquaintance Night
Wednesday	18	February	Governing Council AGM
Tuesday	24	February	Pupil Free Day
Monday	9	March	Adelaide Cup Holiday

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1, Week 1, January 28th, 2015

Welcome Back

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2015. We hope everyone has had a wonderful school break with your children, and they have returned refreshed and ready for the new school year. Our staff have been very busy preparing classrooms and programs for the new year. Rooms are looking fresh and inviting and it was fantastic to see and greet so many students and parents on Tuesday morning. I am sure some children arrived with excitement and some trepidation as they joined a new teacher and classmates. What you may not be aware of is how nervous teachers are also, as they try to make the very best possible start they can. Forming good relationships with students and their parents is hugely important in ensuring our school is a safe and caring place.

Staff News

We welcome the following teachers to our school this year, Lyn Mackenzie to Room 14 teaching Year R/1 and Matt Bannister to Room 13 teaching Year 7. We also welcome back from parenting leave Renae Cliff, teaching Junior Primary P.E. and Jamie Newell to the Front Office.

2015 Staff

Year	7	Matt Bannister
Year	7	Alison Whibley & Heath McShane
Year	6/7	Sam O'Neill
Year	6/7	Daniel Castle
Year	6	Sami Collins
Year	6	Jen Herbert
Year	5	Renae Perryman
Year	5	Jess O'Neill
Year	4	Belinda Say
Year	4	Jess Magarey
Year	3/4	Jennie Mannion
Year	2/3	Rikki Helps & Donna Winckel
Year	3	Sandi Wilkens
Year	2	Rebecca Hunt
Year	2	Lauren Suggate
Year	1/2	Gill Andrew
Year	1	Teresa Shaw
Year	1	Sue Hutchesson & Helen Papastamatis
Year	R/1	Lyn Mackenzie
Receptions		Liana Hrvatin
Receptions		Lauren Manser

Specialist Subjects:

Physical Education R-7	Heath McShane & Renae Cliff
Italian	Angela D'Onghia
Performing Arts	Donna Winckel (Term 1)
Performing Arts	Andrew Bone



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Library & Data	Michelle Kuller & Tara Moody
Classroom Support, Special Ed. & Publicity Officer	Andrea Wright
Special Ed & Special Needs	Mel Norman, Deb Muhovics, Di Miller
ICT Support	Steven Grosvenor

**Parent / Teacher
Acquaintance Night**
Wednesday, February 18th

**Keep this date free.
We'd love to see you.**

On a sad note Susie Mouat, our Junior Primary Performing Arts Specialist teacher is on leave for this term whilst she is receiving ongoing medical treatment. I have extended our best wishes to Susie.

Parent Acquaintance Night & Governing Council AGM

Please keep Wednesday, February 18th free for our Parent Acquaintance evening and A.G.M. A timetable and information will be sent home shortly.

Pupil Free Day

Advanced warning that the school will be closed on Tuesday 24th February for Staff Professional Learning. We have been fortunate enough to be able to secure the services of George Booker, co-author of the mathematics teacher's text that we use at Reidy Park, *Teaching Primary Mathematics*, to work with us here at school

Chris Sheldon
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sue Hutchesson
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Emergency Contacts



As you would be well aware, from time to time there is a need for us to contact you directly in regards to sick children or unforeseen emergencies. If you have had some changes to your address, contact numbers, family situation, health issues or you simply need to update details, please contact our Admin Staff who will happily make those changes.

Tracy Kain
Admin Officer

Uniforms

Thank you to everyone for supporting our school uniform policy. A reminder that in Term 1 and 4 students must wear an approved school hat.

Our uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8:30 to 9:30am. At other times orders can be placed at the Front Office and the clothing will be delivered to your child during the day or if requested held at the Front Office for pick up at dismissal time. If you cannot find the Uniform Shop, please ask at the Office.

The Cash Office will be open for payments from 8.30-9.30am and again from 3.00-3.30pm Monday to Friday. Any money received after the 3.30pm cut off will be processed the following day and receipts sent home with students. Payments made via Direct Deposit or Bizgate can be made at any time. Your support in keeping to the above times is appreciated.



School Fees



By now you should have received two invoices in regards to Swimming Lessons and School Fees. These invoices also supplied information on payment details. If you have not received your information please contact me so that a copy can be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Gay Brooker
Finance Officer

Swimming Lessons

Lesson for most classes will commence in Weeks 4 & 5 of this term with other classes participating in their lessons during Weeks 8 & 9. We ask that you ensure your child is well equipped with their bathers, towel, goggle etc. and underwear. Further information will be sent to you soon.

Lost Property

Our 'Lost Property Basket' situated in the Front Office area is a constant problem with overflow. As we start this new year with many new articles of clothing, lunch boxes and bags, please remember to clearly label all of your child's belongings so that they can be easily returned to them when found. With the younger children, please also consider labelling their shoes as they also cause issues at the sand pit when removed for play.

Mobile Phones

Over the past few years the numbers of mobile phones brought to school has steadily increased. Our policy has been that these are handed in to the Front Office and collected at the end of the day. Due to the numbers, we are now altering this and asking Year 6 and 7 students to hand their phones to their class teacher who will then put them in a secure place in the classroom. We do need to remind parents that all care will be taken including keeping them



under lock and key, but we cannot take responsibility if something happens. If you are uncomfortable with this please do not send a mobile phone with your child to school.



Assemblies

You may notice on our Term Planner that accompanies this newsletter that our Assemblies are held on Fridays at noon. As always, parents are welcome to attend to view their children exhibit their work, perform or be rewarded for their efforts in and out of the classroom.



Fortnightly Newsletter Editions

Please note this Newsletter is an important communication device. It will be sent home fortnightly, or emailed on

request. It is also available in full colour on our school website.

Term Planner

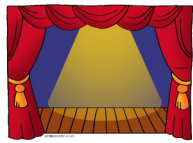
Accompanying this newsletter is a Term Planner that you may like to attach to your fridge at home to assist with organisation for your child's Term 1. We hope that it will help with the forward planning in your home. Please add to it as information goes home.

Physical Education

This year P.E. will be taken by Mr Heath McShane and Ms Renae Cliff. Please ensure your child wears suitable footwear and clothing on the day of their lesson. Some sandals although cool on the feet are not suitable for full participation in some activities. Check with your child's class teacher for the appropriate day.

School Banking

We have been advised that there will no longer be a school banking system in S.A. schools, so please be advised that students no longer need to bring their bank book and funds to school any more.



STOP PRESS!!!

Fire Friday has raised \$1 134.90. **CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!**

School Dental Service

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most children. S.A. Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children. To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

City School Bus Service Reminder

Please note that the School City Bus Service has a code of conduct and behaviour on our buses and would like to see all students abide by the rules for the safety of all concerned. We are not a free service so would appreciate students having the correct money when travelling to and from school. Fare prices are \$1.10 per trip or our student multi trip ticket 10 x trips for \$8.60 per ticket. Also we have our student concession pass 4 weeks at \$24.80. Hope you all have a happy 2014. Any queries please call [Michael Suto](#) or [Jo Sykes](#) **87249978** during business hours.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TERM 1 PLANNER - 2015

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	26/1 AUSTRALIA DAY	27/1	28/1	29/1	30/1 FIRE FRIDAY
WEEK 2	2/2 Uniform Shop	3/2	4/2	5/2	6/2
WEEK 3	9/2 Uniform Shop	10/2	11/2	12/2	13/2 Assembly
WEEK 4	16/2 Uniform Shop Swimming Lessons Commence	17/2	18/2 Acquaintance Night Governing Council AGM	19/2	20/2
WEEK 5	23/2 Uniform Shop Swimming Lessons continue	24/2 PUPIL FREE DAY	25/2	26/2	27/2 Assembly
WEEK 6	2/3 Uniform Shop Year 7 Camp in Canberra	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3
WEEK 7	9/3 ADELAIDE CUP Year 6 Camp in Canberra	10/3	11/3	12/3	13/3 Assembly
WEEK 8	16/3 Uniform Shop Swimming Lessons Continue DECD External Review	17/3	18/3 Newsletter	19/3	20/3 HARMONY DAY
WEEK 9	23/3 Uniform Shop Swimming Lessons continue	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3 Assembly
WEEK 10	30/3 Uniform Shop	31/3	1/4 Newsletter	2/4 SPORTS DAY	3/4 GOOD FRIDAY
WEEK 11	6/4 EASTER MONDAY	7/4	8/4	9/4	10/4