



DIARY DATES

Friday	10	April	End of Term 1 school dismisses at 2.30
Monday	27	April	Term 2 commences
Tuesday	5	May	Auskick commences
Friday	8	May	Student Free Day
Tuesday	12	May	NAPLAN Testing Begins
Wednesday	13	May	Fundraising Committee meeting
Wednesday	13	May	Governing Council meeting

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1, Week 11, April 9th 2015

We have come to the end of a very bust first term. On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday with your children. Thank you to all the families who have willingly given their time to support us this term. It is always such a delight to see that so many parents here at Reidy Park Primary offer to help in classrooms, assist with swimming, supervise on excursions and camps and just come along to school and join in classroom activities. We really appreciate your help as without you our school would not be the fabulous place that it is.

Vacation Reminder

Please don't forget that we dismiss at **2:30 pm on Friday 10th April** for the commencement of Term 1 vacation. School recommences on Monday 27th April.

Sports Day

What a fabulous sports day we had last Thursday! We were extremely fortunate with the weather as it was certainly a pleasant day that encouraged the students to enjoy being outside engaging in rigorous physical activity rather than spending the day in the classroom. 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 to display their team and individual skills and most of all to have fun. Every Sports Captain was involved in planning the day and organising the other students in their house for sprints, relays and team games. Thanks to our P.E. 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 outdoor café. My thanks also to the parents who baked cakes and slices for the day. Yum!

My congratulations to the students and staff in Lake who were the overall winners on the day. Go blue!

National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)

2015 NAPLAN for all Year 3, 5 and 7 students will commence on Tuesday 12th May and will conclude Thursday 14th May. Friday 15th May will be a catch up day for students who were absent from school on the previous days of testing.

- Tuesday 12th May Language Conventions and Writing will be tested
- Wednesday 13th May Reading will be tested
- Thursday 14th May Numeracy will be tested

Year 7 students sit two Numeracy tests one without a calculator and the other calculator assisted. It is expected that all students in years 3, 5 and 7 will participate in the NAPLAN tests on each of the three days outlined above. A very small number of students with special needs whose disability severely limits their capacity to participate may be exempted from sitting the tests. Early next term class teachers will make contact with parents of these children to discuss the situation with them.



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Other students may be withdrawn from the testing program by the parents after consideration by individual parents in consultation with the child's teacher and principal. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. All withdrawals must be completed by Monday May 4th. A parent information bulletin was recently forwarded home with all students in the year levels to be tested. If your child is enrolled in any of these year levels and you did not receive the information, please contact the class teacher for a copy.

Dates for your Diary

Our Term 2 Pupil Free day will be held on Friday of Week 2, May 8th. We have been given the opportunity to attend training and development for all staff to learn more about the Digital Technology strand of the Australian Curriculum. This will fit with our current school direction for introducing *Bring Your Own Technology* in the senior year levels, for the use of laptops in the middle primary years and enhancing learning using the soon to be purchased Ipads in the Junior Primary classes.

Performing Arts

Next term our staff and students will be working on our annual and biannual performances that will be presented at Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. I ask that you reserve the following dates to attend these amazing demonstrations of Reidy Park's excellent Performing Arts program:

Thursday June 18th

Reception and Year 1 Concert

Wednesday July 1st

Year 6 & 7 Musical School Group Performance

Thursday July 2nd

Year 6 & 7 Musical Evening Family Performance

Have a happy and safe vacation.

Chris Sheldon
Principal

Lesley Okholm
Deputy Principal

Sue Hutchesson
Assistant Principal

NAB AFL Auskick

The 2015 NAB AFL Auskick Clinics will begin on Tuesday 5th May on our school oval. The Auskick program, which will run from Week 2 to Week 10 of Term 2, is for primary school aged children aged between 5 and 8 years of age and children must turn 5 in the calendar year to participate. For students to participate a parent or accompanying adult must be present with them at all clinic sessions. This is to ensure adequate and appropriate adult supervision is in place at all times.

Liana Hrvatin will be our staff Auskick coordinator who will run the administration side of the program and for 2015 our head coach will be a volunteer parent, Jason Baron. Each age group will have a main coach and helper coaches during the clinics. All parents are requested to get involved in helping out at Auskick and no experience is necessary. There are plenty of activities that involve simple drills for which specialised skills are not required during the course of every session. This year there will also be a committee of interested parents to help the program run smoothly and at the commencement of the season parents will be invited to an information session.

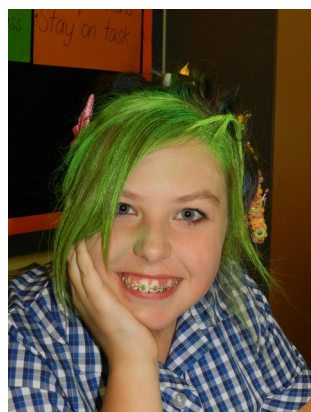
An example of what you can expect at a typical Auskick session includes:

- Introduction
- Warm up games/activities
- Skills i.e. Kicking, marking, handballing, bouncing
- Grid/modified game



Registrations have now opened online at aflauskick.com.au and these will close on Thursday 30th April. However, I encourage you to register some time during the vacation period to allow our coaches plenty of time to prepare for and organise groups. At the first session all students will receive a Parent Information Booklet outlining what you can expect at our Auskick centre, how you can become involved and the participation and behaviour expectations of the children.

Crazy Hair Day



Sports day Thanks

Enormous thanks must go to the volunteers who baked fabulous foods to sell at Sports Day. The range was huge and definitely hit the spot with a coffee from the van.

Each and every time we have a BBQ, Bakers Delight James Street support us with donations of bread. This means more profits to add to our fundraising. This sort of support is hugely appreciated!

Lastly, the additional helping hands at the BBQ from mums and dads made light work of the task. We were able to keep up with orders and keep tummies full!

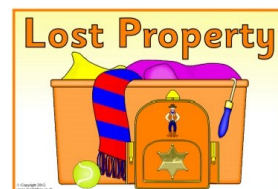


Quiz Night 2015

Keep this date free: Saturday 1st August. Start thinking about making up a table for this night.

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.



School Fees

All School fees for 2015 should now be paid in full unless you are paying by instalments or have arranged an alternate payment plan with Gay Brooker. Those paying by instalments are reminded that the next payment is due on Friday 1st May.

Gay Brooker

School Business Manager

SAPSASA Athletics

Heath McShane recently took around 60 Reidy Park students to participate in the district athletics day, held at Tenison Woods College on Monday, March 30. The Reidy students did an amazing job competing in a whole range of athletic events. We also had three Reidy Park students set new records for the SAPSASA carnival. These were: Leila C for the High Jump, Henry M for boys 800m and Abby Mc for the girls 800m. Congratulations to all those who participated. It was a fantastic day had by all.

Some of the stand out performances were:

FIRST PLACE	
Cayde W	Shot put
Leila C	100m, 200m, Long Jump, High Jump
Imogen C	100m
Henry M	800m
Aaron R	Long Jump
Tori R	100m, 200m
Catheryn H	Shot-put
Ethan N	Shot-put, Discuss
Abby Mc	800m
Joel R	800m
SECOND PLACE	
Imogen C	200m



Heath McShane

Physical Education Teacher

What's been happening at Reidy Park

Sports Day

Congratulations to Lake who have taken out this year's Sports Day.

1. Lake 1654 points
2. Eaglehawk 1534 points
3. Willow 1434 points
4. Lava 1369 points

It was a magnificent day with all children showing great sportsmanship.

Well
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captains and vice captains who worked very hard to make the day a successful one.

