



DIARY DATES

Monday	2	March	Year 7 Canberra camp
Monday	9	March	Adelaide Cup Holiday
Monday	9	March	Year 6 Canberra Camp
Monday	16	March	Swimming commences
Friday	20	March	Harmony Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1, Week 5, February 26th, 2015

Parent Acquaintance Evening and AGM

Thank you to those families that took the opportunity to visit classrooms on Acquaintance Evening. We really value having the opportunity to talk with you about what we are doing in our classrooms and our plans for the coming term and indeed the year. Communication between home and school is critical for success and we encourage you to use your child's diary, communication book or the school email address included in the first newsletters to contact teachers about anything that concerns or pleases you. All class teachers send a class newsletter home twice a term, once at the commencement of the term and once nearer the end, that details the student achievements, learning themes/plans and upcoming excursions or class activities.

Reporting timeline for 2015

In addition to Acquaintance Evening there will be five other occasions during the year that we will report student achievement and progress to parents. These are

Parent Teacher Interviews	Term 1 Week 9	March 23rd to March 27th
Written Report	Term 2 Week 10	
Parent Teacher Interviews	Term 3 Week 9	By request
Written Report	Term 4 Week 9	

NAPLAN Reports are sent home for Years 3, 5 and 7 students in Term 3 as they become available from ACARA, the national testing body.

Year 6 & 7 Camps

Our Year 6 and Year 7 students are very excitedly preparing to travel to Canberra for the senior student's biannual camp to our national capital. Our aim with these camps is to provide our students with insights into Australian History, Geography, Government and Citizenship as well as to promote leadership, team work and cooperation amongst our senior students. I will be attending the first camp with the year 7 students and Lesley Okholm, Deputy Principal will attend the second with the year 6 students.

Whooping Cough

I have been informed that there has been a reported case of Whooping cough at our school. The symptoms of Whooping Cough are:

- It usually starts with symptoms like a cold, such as a runny nose and dry cough, which last for about one week.
- After that a more definite cough develops, which may last for many weeks, the cough comes in long spells and often ends with a high pitch 'whoop' sound when they breathe in.
- Some children cough so much they vomit afterwards.
- Children are usually well between coughing spells.

Children who have been immunised can still get Whooping Cough but it is usually not so serious. Please take your child to a medical practitioner if they develop these symptoms.

*Chris Sheldon
Principal*

*Lesley Okholm
Deputy Principal*

*Sue Hutchesson
Assistant Principal*

ICAS) International Competitions & Assesments for Schools

Your child is invited to take part in the ICAS in 2015 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 6th April.

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



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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% 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

ICAS Subject	Year Level	ICAS Sitting Date	Price
Digital Technologies	3-7	Tuesday, 19 May 2015	8.00
Science	3-7	Wednesday, 3 June 2015	8.00
Writing	3-7	Monday, 15 June 2015	17.00
Spelling	3-7	Tuesday, 16 June 2015	11.00
English	3-7	Tuesday, 28 July 2015	8.00
Maths	3-7	Tuesday, 11 August 2015	8.00

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

Second Hand Uniforms

The Uniform Shop is in need of donations for their second hand uniforms. The most demand is for dri-fibre polo shirts and hoodies. If you have any of these in good condition that you no longer use, please consider donating them to school. Sales of second hand uniforms assist with school fundraising efforts.

A reminder that the Uniform Shop is open every Monday morning from 8.30am to 9.30am. Pre-orders can be completed at any time during the week and will be filled in that time on the Monday.

Thanks for your support.

School Fees

The second instalment of school fees is due on Friday 13th March 2015. If you have not organised to pay your child/ children's school fees by instalments they are due for payment (in full) by Friday 13th March 2015. Please visit the Front Office to make payments.

Gay Brooker

School Business Manager

(ICAS) International Competitions & Assessments for Schools

Please Return to Front Office by Monday 6th April

CHILD'S NAME ROOM NO YEAR LEVEL

My child would like to take part in the following subject area of ICAS in 2015. (Please tick)

Digital Technologies	\$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



Positive Trackers

At our recent assembly two children were rewarded with their community spirit with the Positive tracker Awards. Manon F by cutting off her huge ponytail and donating it to the "Alopecia Foundation". This foundation makes wigs for children. Also Blake W for picking up rubbish in the yard during play time and making our playground a tidier place. Well done.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who have made it into SAPSASA softball Luke Mc and Jordan J. Well done boys.

Congratulations also goes to Brielle W, Alaska L, Henry M and Archie M for making the SAPSASA swimming team. What a great achievement.



Lost

A student's backpack has been lost at school, it is a brightly coloured surf brand backpack. If

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

any one has seen this can you please contact the Front Office.

Redbacks Hockey Club

Are you looking for another sport to play then 'Come and Try Hockey'

Registration Dates and Training: Sunday 1st March from 4:00 to 5:00 pm on the turf at Blue Lake Sports park for children aged 7 years or over. Hockey sticks will be provided for all new players. Please bring own water bottle, mouth guard and suitable training clothing. For more information please contact Club President Mike Armour on 0476024103 or email michaelarmour5@bigpond.com



Reidy Park Primary School has a Facebook page. Here you will find posts about what's happening in our school, up and coming events and so much more.

<https://www.facebook.com/reidyparkprimaryschool>



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19 February 2015

PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS

are invited to attend a

TWILIGHT TOUR

on either

Monday 16 March or Monday 23 March 2015

6.00pm in the Garry Costello Centre for Creative Arts
Brownes Road

Our Assistant Principal, Suzanne Ricketts, will present our vision and values to promote a spirit of Learning, Optimism and Enjoyment for all students.

There will also be an opportunity to meet members of the Junior School Management Team and current Year 8 Home Group Teachers.

FORMAT OF THE EVENING IS AS FOLLOWS:

6:00pm – 6:30pm Presentation
6:30pm – 7:15pm Tours of the school
7:15pm – 7:30pm Question and answer session

SUZANNE RICKETTS
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, JUNIOR SCHOOL

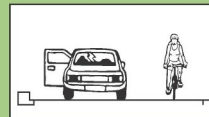


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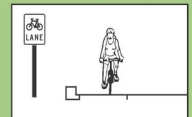


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Give Way.

Bus Zone.



Bike Lane.

Bicycle Lane Sign.



School Zone.

Speed Limit.



Shared Lane Car/Bike.

Roundabout.

Stop.



People with disabilities parking sign.

