



DIARY DATES

Tuesday	5	May	Auskick commences
Monday	4	May	Finance Committee meeting 5.30pm
Friday	8	May	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	12	May	Naplan commences
Wednesday	13	May	Governing Council
Wednesday	13	May	Grounds Committee Meeting
Wednesday	13	May	Fundraising meeting
Friday	15	May	SAPSASA Cross Country Naracoorte

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2, Week 1, April 30th 2015

Welcome back to our 2nd term of 2015. The colder weather is here to stay so now is the time to put away school hats, and to pull out jumpers and coats. (Don't forget to label them well)

Welcome

This term we welcome Alana Rowley, who has slotted in beautifully into Room 14 with our R/1s. Alana has worked here before so she is well known to our community. We also welcome 4 new families to our school and are certain their time at our school will be memorable.

Anzac Day

Over the holiday period our Student Leaders attended the dawn service on Anzac Day, representing our school community. We thank them and Daniel Castle for taking on this important role, and for placing a wreath at the memorial site.

Tour De Cure

On Tuesday we were fortunate to have the 'Tour de Cure' riders visit us, sharing their message around healthy eating and healthy lifestyles, as contributors towards fighting cancers. Their fundraising initiative will be the recipient of a gold coin donation on a casual day later this term. Our student leaders will organise this.



Year 6/7 School Musical

This term some teams are working extremely hard to fine tune their performances. The 6/7 musical "Friday Knight Fever" is being presented to us all on Thursday July 2nd. It is a culmination and celebration of the performing arts program our students are immersed in for their entire school life at Reidy Park.

Pupil Free Day

On Friday 8th June Governing Council has approved a Pupil Free day to enable our staff to join others in our partnership to learn about the Digital Technologies curriculum. This will be of enormous benefit to our teachers as we head into implementation of our Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) in Year 6 and 7. We also are thrilled to now have 10 ipads in every Junior Primary class to support students in their learning.

Congratulations

Finally, we would like to formally congratulate Gay Brooker, who marked her 25th anniversary working at RPPS. She is irreplaceable in her role of School Business Manager and hope she wants to work now toward perhaps her 50th anniversary.

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NAPLAN

The 2015 tests for our Year 3, 5 and 7 students are on early this term. Below are the dates to be mindful of. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. If your child is absent for a test, we are able to do 'makeup' tests on Friday 15th May. Please see your child's teacher if you have concerns about your child's participation in the testing.

	Tuesday 12 May 2015	Wednesday 13 May 2015	Thursday 14 May 2015
Year 3	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>45 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>45 minutes</i>
Year 5	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>50 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>50 minutes</i>
Year 7	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>65 minutes</i>	Numeracy (calculator) <i>40 minutes</i> Numeracy (non-calculator) <i>40 minutes</i>

Natural Resources Grant

Our school applied for and was successful in winning \$1800 towards a small makeover around the sandpit area in the quad. The money is to be specifically used to turn the area into a natural play area. Picture large rocks, a dry creek bed, an outdoor kitchen made from packing crates as well as pinecones, small stones and other natural materials to stimulate play. A team comprising of Judith Whitehead, Jennie Mannion, Sue Hutchesson and Liana Hirvatin have met to begin working on this project. If you have some skills in landscaping and / or designing **then we would love to hear from you.** Alternatively, there will be a number of working bees down the track and your muscles would be greatly appreciated!!! If you are interested in coming on board then please contact Sue Hutchesson at school. "Nature provides limitless opportunities for developing creativity. Materials provided by nature stimulate our senses, promoting strong oral language and promote creative play, hence developing strong social skills."



Maths at Reidy

Each fortnight an enthusiastic group of teachers meet to drive our teaching and learning in mathematics. We have identified basic number facts knowledge as an area to work on with our students. This involves an automatic recall of number facts in subtraction and addition in J.P, and then building on this through multiplication and division in middle and upper primary. Children need to develop computational fluency. One of the building blocks for developing this fluency is a strong and robust knowledge of basic number facts.

The use of mental strategies helps turn a difficult calculation into a more manageable one. Strategies such as counting on, make to ten, doubles and near doubles and bridging to ten are examples of how we help students to achieve fluency with their basic facts.

All teachers at Reidy Park P.S have gathered data from R to 7 on our students to identify which areas of number facts need to become a priority. In staff meeting this week, teachers began to set smart targets for their class and to develop a sequence of activities they could work with their students on to up skill them in number facts. Towards the end of term 3 we will re assess our students to analyse our teaching and learning in this area.

SAPSASA Netball and Football

Congratulations to the following girls and boys who have recently been selected in the Lower South East SAPSASA netball and football teams.

Netball: Abby Mc, Tyne B, Sophie E and Mikaela H

Football: Connor P and Kane Mc

These students will be competing in Adelaide on May 25th to 29th. Congratulations and good luck.

Uniform Shop

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.

Front Office Staff

Room 6 ANZAC Poems

Gallipoli

Explosions surround me.
Smoke is making me choke.
My arms are sore from wielding my gun.
Night is falling.
Darkness falls around me.
Will I die? Will I live? I wonder.
I try to look brave but I'm scared.
Friends are dying around me.
The smell of blood surrounds me.
Then I pick up my gun.
I run out of my trench.
People start firing at me.
The ground is red and wet with blood.
Now I regret leaving my trench.
Dust is arising from the ground.
I just stepped on a dead body.
Rain is starting to fall.
The dirt is turning to mud.
The wind is throwing leaves around.
Will I survive?

By Jock

War Journal

It is early in the morning and the war is still going,
guns fire trying to mark territory.

All I can smell is smoke drifting slowly through the air.

It is all dark, I can't see what is around me,
the wind is howling like a wolf.

I don't know what will happen every second.

I am terrified but proud.

People are getting killed or wounded and I never
know what might happen to me at war.

By Kori



At War

My heart is pounding.
Going to sleep at different times.
Waking up not knowing if I'm going to die.
Gun shots surrounding me hoping I won't die.
Waiting for people to come into the trenches.
Smells like smoke.
People getting wounded or dying.
Looks sandy and yucky.
Smoke following me everywhere.
The food smells bad and tastes disgusting.
Dirty water.
So scared but proud.
I'm the only one left out of my friends, get me out of here.

By Charlotte D

Remember Me

Always scared, frightened and worried never sure what
will happen.

Try to be brave but fear is all around me.

Constantly hear gun fire.

The smell of smoke is all you smell.

I could die tomorrow or today.

The fear is just a corner away.

Not a lot of food.

Not a lot of space.

Most of my friends are already gone.

I am alone all by myself trying to make Australia a
better place.

Please let me survive!

Remember me!

By Ruby

What's happening at Reidy

Tour De Cure visit on Tuesday



Community Announcements



BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

What messages did you receive from your parents growing up?

What messages are you sending your children?

Learning to reflect and be more aware of these messages can help you to build a strong relationship with your kids

WHERE: Mount Gambier Children's Centre
WHEN: Wednesday 20th May-24th June
TIME: 10am – 12n



For further information or registration please contact:
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Saturday 9th May 2015

8:30am - 1:00pm

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Term 2 Planner

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	27/4 Uniform Shop	28/4	29/4	30/4 Newsletter	1/5 Instalment 3 of School Fees Due
WEEK 2	4/5 Uniform Shop Finance Meeting	5/5 AUSKICK	6/5	7/5	8/5 Pupil Free Day
WEEK 3	11/5 Uniform Shop	12/5 AUSKICK NAPLAN Begins	13/5 Governing Council Grounds & Fundraising Mtg	14/5 Newsletter	15/5 SAPSASA Cross Country Naracoorte
WEEK 4	18/5 Uniform Shop	19/5 ICAS Spelling Competition AUSKICK	20/5	21/5	22/5 Assembly
WEEK 5	25/5 Uniform Shop SAPSASA Football & Netball	26/5 AUSKICK	27/5	28/5 Newsletter	29/5
WEEK 6	1/6 Uniform Shop	2/6 AUSKICK	3/6 ICAS Science Competition	4/6	5/6 Assembly Final Instalment of School Fees due
WEEK 7	8/6 Queen's Birthday Holiday	9/6 AUSKICK	10/6	11/6 Newsletter	12/6
WEEK 8	15/6 Uniform Shop	16/6 ICAS Spelling Competition AUSKICK	17/6 ICAS Writing Competition	18/6 R/1 Concert	19/6 Assembly
WEEK 9	22/6 Uniform Shop	23/6 Finance Meeting AUSKICK	24/6 Governing Council Grounds & Fundraising Mtg	25/6 Newsletter	26/6
WEEK 10	29/6 Uniform Shop	30/6 AUSKICK	1/7	2/7 Yr 6/7 Musical Performance	3/7 Assembly