

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2, Week 7, June 11, 2015

## **End of Term Reports**

The end of the term is rapidly drawing near and once again we have reached the time of the year for Term 2 student written reports. Over the next few weeks teachers will be busy completing the midyear assessments and writing the reports. This year teachers are required to assess and report against the Australian Curriculum achievement standards in most subjects. This is one of the many opportunities that we have to share current achievement information about your child and inform you about the learning opportunities and challenges over the next two terms. Reports will be sent home with all students in Week 10.

#### **Musical**

One of the wonderful things about being Principal at Reidy Park Primary School is all of the opportunities that I get to celebrate the fantastic work and achievements of our staff and students. I am really looking forward to attending our Reception/Year1 concert and our annual school musical, Friday Knight Fever, in Week 10. All of our students in R/1 will be performing on stage next Thursday evening at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre and they have been busy over the last few weeks preparing for the big night. Approximately 70 Year 6/7 students will be involved in the school musical production at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre later in the term. As a result of 5 months of hard work and the R - 7 Performing Arts program at our school that is second to none, there will be 2 concerts providing a great display of the talent we have at Reidy Park.

I have been fortunate enough to have a peek at the costumes and sets for both productions which are very professional indeed but I have been banned from the final rehearsals in order to not spoil the surprise when I attend the concerts in person! I am pleased to say that the tickets are now on sale and although they are selling rapidly there are some seats left. If you intend coming along please don't leave your ticket purchase any longer or you may be disappointed.

#### **Student Safety**

At school we all work hard to ensure that our students are safe at all times. However, in spite of our continued efforts there are two recurring issues that seem to pose huge problems for staff and students. I would like to request that parents and caregivers ensure that when they are in the vicinity of our school they to do their part to take care of all of our children.

If your child catches a bus to school in the morning on some occasions they may arrive prior to teachers and traffic monitors commencing duty on Wehl Street at 8:25 am. This happens when the morning traffic is flowing smoothly and the bus is earlier than usual. Please remind your child that they need to use the school crossing, the lights will already be flashing at this time. To keep themselves safe they need to wait for the bus to pull away from the curb, wait for the traffic to stop for them and then step out on to the roadway.

Also of great concern is the number of adults who walk their children through the gate and into the staff car park in the mornings and afternoon. We will be reminding the students to use the paths adjacent to the main building and the main school gate rather than continue this unsafe practice. Your assistance with this matter would also be



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#### **Personal Hygiene**

Winter is always the time of the year when we are susceptible to colds, sore throats and coughs, particularly as we at school spend a lot of time inside the rooms on rainy days. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. As you are aware we have limited sick room facilities in our Front Office area and the classroom is not a place to be if children are feeling unwell.

We have purchased personal hygiene packs for our classrooms which contain extra tissues, wipes and hand sanitiser and teachers are encouraging the students to use these regularly. We have also decided to revert back to small cakes of soap in our toilet areas rather than persist with soap dispensers that seem to end up with more soap on the floor than in the dispenser itself! During each term break we will also have our toilet areas steam cleaned by our cleaning company which will help us to keep them clean for the coming term.

#### End of Term

School will end at 2.30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July for the holidays. School bus runs will be earlier to allow for this.

Chris Sheldon Principal Lesley Okholm Deputy Principal Sue Hutchesson Assistant Principal

## **2015 SAPSASA STATE NETBALL CARNIVAL**

Recently the SAPSASA Netball State Carnival was held in Adelaide at ETSA Park from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May and we were lucky to have blue skies and sunshine most of the week. Four of our Reidy Park girls were selected in the squad of 20 girls, divided into two teams of 10 girls. One team played in the Division 1 competition and the other team in the Division 5 competition. The Division 1 girls were undefeated all week, which saw them finish in first place as 2015 Division 1 State Champions – Well done girls and congratulations to Abby Mc and Tyne B for their part in this outstanding result. The Division 5 girls also played amazing netball all week, only dropping 2 games and winning 7 from 9 which put them in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the end of the week. Another fantastic achievement and congratulations to Sophie E and Mikaela H for their part in this fantastic result. The skills and sportsmanship all the girls showed both on and off the court all week is a credit to themselves and to our school. Also, special thanks to Tania Horrigan who helped out with umpiring and to all our wonderful parents/caregivers who supported the girls all week. Thanks also goes to Melissa Russell and Tracy McShane for coaching the girls.



# **SAPSASA FOOTBALL**

The boys team consisted of 22 players and Reidy Park had two representatives. They were Connor P and Kane **Mc**Millan. Both boys played very well during the carnival and came up against much taller boys and very stiff competition. The Lower South East team ended up winning three games out of nine which was enough wins to stay in Division 1 next year. The SAPSASA football team was coached by Heath McShane.

Heath McShane

Physical Education Teacher

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Connor P who has been recently awarded Karate South Australia Junior Sportsperson of the Year at a recent presentation in Adelaide. *Well done Connor.* 

## **Positive Tracker Awards**

Well done to Seth W for helping an upset Reception student.



# 2015 School Fees

All school fees for 2015 should have now been finalised. If you are having difficulty with the payment of these fees and you have not seen me prior to arrange an alternative payment plan, please phone Gay Brooker on 8725 3381

Thanks

Gay Brooker

School Business Manager

# **Reidy Park Café**

This service continues to be provided with a wide range range of meals available. Please remember to place your child's completed order form, with correct money in a sealed envelope in the box provided at the Front Office by 9.00 am Wednesday mornings. Spare order forms are available at the Front Office.



# What's happening at Reidy

ARTISTS INSPIRE OTHER ARTISTS

After a recent visit to the Riddoch Art Gallery to view an exhibition by Victorian artist, Katrina Lodge, the students in room 7 were inspired to create their own designs. Come and see the originals outside Room 7!" Jennie Mannion





A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE 1970'S

Friday Knight Fever celebrates a time when Mood Rings and Magic Eight Balls revealed the wisdom of the world and when disco music reigned. The students of Culpepper High are distressed that Rita's Roller Skating Rink, a favourite hangout of many of the local teens, must close temporarily for remodelling. But there are big things happening at the school with the Principal in line for an award and the jealous deputy Principal out for revenge. Throw in a gang of bad boys causing trouble and a group of jewel thieves added into the mix just for laughs. How will everyone survive together.......

# **Performances**

# **School Matinees:**

Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> - 1:00pm Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10:00am

# **Evening Performance**

Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:30pm

Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

# **Tickets:**

Adults \$12 Students \$5

(Teachers accompanying school groups free)

All tickets available from the theatre box office after June 9th.

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