



DIARY DATES

Thursday	2	July	Year 6/7 Musical	7:30pm
Friday	3	July	Reports Go Home	
Friday	3	July	End of Term	2:30pm
Monday	20	July	School Resumes	8:50am
Wednesday	28	July	ICAS English Competition	
Tuesday	11	August	ICAS Maths Competition	
Thursday	13	August	Year 1, 2 Concert	7:30pm
Monday	22	August	Book Week Commences	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2, Week 9, June 25th, 2015

End of Semester Reports

At the end of next week the semester one reports will be forwarded home with all students. Students have been graded against the Australian Curriculum Standards in all the subjects that have been covered by the class over the last term. Gradings given are from A- E and are assigned according to the student’s achievements against the year level expectations using the national outcomes for each subject. Please remember that a C grading means that the student is performing at the expected year level standard, B and A are above standard and D and E are below year level standard. If you do not receive your child’s report next Friday please contact the class teacher.

Musical

Our Year 6 and 7 students and their teachers are currently busy putting the finishing touches on this year’s musical performance, *‘Friday Knight Fever’*, a musical tribute to the 1970s. Early next week they will be rehearsing on stage at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre in readiness for the performances next Wednesday and Thursday.



I would like to wish the cast and crew the best of luck for the three scheduled performances. I believe that there are still a few tickets available but the theatre is filling up fast so be very quick if you still wish to attend.

Reception & Year 1 Concert

My congratulations and thanks to the Reception and Year 1 students, parents and staff for a fabulous evening of stories and songs on stage at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre last Thursday. The students performed exceptionally well and looked amazing in their bright and colourful costumes. I am aware that many hours went into the preparation and everyone worked very hard to put on a first class performance showcasing the acting, singing and dancing talents of our youngest students. The stories of Pamela Allen, one of our favourite authors here at Reidy Park, came to life in a very exciting manner.

Disruptions to Teaching Time

At our school we value the importance of uninterrupted teaching and learning time for all students and staff. Staff are vitally aware of the need to ensure that we keep disruptions to an absolute minimum and that we are vigilant with our role of supervising all of the students all of the time so that we can to ensure that our classrooms remain safe, orderly and productive. However, we need everyone’s cooperation to achieve this and ask that you make an appointment outside of class teaching time if you wish to speak to your child’s teacher. Unless on yard duty, all teaching staff are at school and in their classrooms early in the morning and most days they do not leave until well after all of the students have left the school yard. If you believe that your issue is complex or needs to be discussed in confidence, please be aware that the classroom may not be the best place to speak with the teacher as in most



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classes the students and their teacher have an understanding that they can enter if a staff member is present and prepare for lessons, use the computers or complete assignments and homework. In this case it is essential that you make an appointment so that the meeting can be scheduled at a convenient time and in an area away from the classrooms.

We ask also that you respect the personal space, learning and engagement of each and every student in our school by not entering any classrooms, gymnasium or Performing Arts Centre during teaching time (unless you are a classroom volunteer) and whilst waiting in corridors or outside rooms ensure that noise levels are kept to a minimum.

Uniform

It is great to see that a majority of students are attired in our school uniform every day. However a reminder about our winter uniform code:

Girls

Navy pinafore
Navy check skirt
Navy and gold polo top (emblem)
Navy windcheater (emblem)
Navy and gold ruby or fleecy top
Plain navy trackpants with no visible logos or patterns
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Blue jeans
School beanie and or school scarf (navy)

Boys

Plain navy trackpants with no visible logos or patterns
Blue jeans
Navy and gold ruby or fleecy top
Navy and gold polo top (emblem)
Navy windcheater (emblem)
School beanie and/or school scarf (navy)



Please note: Black trackpants and navy trackpants with visible logos or patterns are not part of our uniform.

Farewell & Good Luck

At this stage of the term we have two staff members to farewell from Reidy Park. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Clayfield for his many years of valuable service to our school. Peter has taught most of our current students either as their class teacher or in his role as Design and Technology teacher. Over the past 37 years he has been a respected middle and upper primary teacher and we will miss him here at school. Peter is taking the rest of 2015 as long service leave and then will be retiring to pursue other interests.



Thank you and best wishes to Lauren Manser who has taught in our Junior Primary classes for the past six years and will be taking accouchement leave. We will all be looking forward to the birth of her baby in a few short months.

End of Term

School will end at 2.30pm on Friday 5th 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

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.



Medications at School

There are occasions when school staff are asked to administer medications to students at school. This can be for long term medical conditions such as Asthma or Anaphylaxis as well as short term conditions which may require antibiotics or similar medications. In all circumstances, no matter what the medication, staff cannot administer medications unless the following requirements are met:

- The medication is prescribed by a Doctor and accompanied by a Medication Authority* which has been completed by the student's doctor, or a short term authority which can be completed by the parent.
- The medication is in its original packaging with a pharmacy label attached (the medication MUST be in the student's name).
- The medication has not passed its expiry date.

The health and wellbeing of your child is of paramount importance to us and ensuring these few guidelines are met

means that we can administer the right dose of the right medication to the right child at the right time, each and every time it is required.

Copies of Medication Authorities can be collected from the Front Office at any time - it is advisable that you collect one before taking your child to the doctor. This means that if your child does get prescribed medications that are required to be taken during school hours, the doctor can complete the Medication Authority immediately.

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.



*Tracy Kain
Admin Officer*

School Fees

By now you should all School Fees should be finalised unless prior arrangements have been made with me.



*Gay Brooker
School Business Manager*



Talent Squad Selection

Congratulations to both Connor P and Alex H who were recently selected in a talent development squad. They will play in the South Australian Junior Soccer Association Championships to be held in Adelaide during the school holidays. *Well done to boys!*

*Heath McShane
Sports Coordinator*

Positive Trackers

At our last assembly we celebrated the efforts of three children. Jonah V and Freya N were rewarded for their caring of our school environment by picking up rubbish and also Jasmine G who did the same, but while she was in Out of School Hours Care. *Fantastic!*



Assembly

Our next whole school assembly will be held on the last day of term Friday, June 3rd at 12 noon. All parents are welcome to attend.

Lion's Mad Minute

On the 18th of June Rooms 1 and 2 participated in the Lion's Mad Minute Competition. The Mad minute is a competition where Year 5s talk for one minute on a random subject given to them. Awards were given to the top three speakers from each class as well as 'best start', 'best closing', 'most humorous', 'hand gestures' and 'expressions'. Everyone tried their best and did an awesome job! Congratulations to Henry, Cassidy, Gui, Bronson, Jasmyn and Leah for being the best speakers within the two classes. The top high scorers are now going to Mount Gambier High School on the 30th June to compete against other schools. Thank you to the Lion's Club for organising this amazing event and donating their time and prizes.

Henry and Cassidy



Max, Charlie, Galen, Devlyn, David



Bronson, Cassidy, Jazmyn



Auskick

All participants of our Auskick program this term would like to sincerely thank Shane Raymond and the team at She's Apples for their continuing support in supplying fresh fruit every week for our Auskickers. Thanks also must go to the band of parent volunteers who cut up the fruit, conduct the stations and support their children. *Thanks!*



World Challenge Programme

Hi, my name is Cassidy Farrar. I am a former Reidy Park student and am currently in year 9 at Mount Gambier High School. Next year in November I am travelling to Cambodia and Vietnam as a part of the World Challenge program. To raise money for this trip I am making and selling the times table tags pictured. When I was younger I found this as a great help to learning my tables and I kept one in my pencil case as a quick reference. They are \$5 each, with \$1 being donated back to Reidy Park Primary School. A sample will be available for you to look at, at the

Front Office. If you are interested in placing an order please put the payment in an envelope along with your child's name and room number and drop it to the front office. It will then be delivered to your child's class.

Thank you for helping me in this venture.

*Cassidy Farrar,
Year 9 student,
MGHS*



Children's Book Week

As you would have seen by our calendar of events, the 2015 Children's Book Week commences August 22nd - August 28 with the theme this year being 'Books Light Up Our World'. We look forward to the wonderful activities and costumes for this special time of the year for all classes in Book Week's 70th year.



Woolworths Earn & Learn

'Earn & Learn' is back to make a difference for our school. We are really excited to let you know that this community program enables our school to earn educational resources when anyone from our school community shops at Woolworths. We are proud to partner with them to earn learning equipment and resources for our students. Taking part is easy too. Starting Wednesday, July 15th, when anyone from our school community - staff, parents, friends shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on their sticker cards. They'll get one sticker for every \$10 spent. Once they complete their sticker cards they can place them in a collection box, at either our Front Office or your local Woollies store. *Please join us!*

*Lesley Okholm
Deputy Principal*

Year 1 / 2 Concert

Thursday 13th August will see our Year 1/2 students perform their production of Don Spencer's 'Feathers, Fur or Fins' at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. Tickets are on sale soon and will sell quickly so get in fast.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Be a Mighty Mascot Crow!

Win a ticket to run out with the Crows at their game on 22 August 2015. Mount Gambier & District Community Bank are offering this competition through their Facebook page whereby kids can win a ticket to be a Crows Mighty Mascot – run out on the oval with the Crows in August and receive a ticket to the game for themselves and their parent.

Blue Light Movie Night

Blue Light are offering the movie 'Minions' tonight at the Oatmill Cinema from 6:00pm for children aged 9 - 13 years at a cost of \$7 per ticket. Canteen will be open for purchases. This is a fully supervised, drug, smoke and alcohol free event. Adults to be in foyer at 8:20pm for collection of children. No Pass Outs! Tickets available from Mt Gambier Police Station.



Ladies Night

Blue Lake Soccer Club invite ladies to a fun night at the Clubrooms, Malseed Park, on Friday June 26 commencing 7:00pm. Businesses showcasing include aromatics, wellness, jewellery, photography and more. Tickets of \$10 include a drink and supper. Funds raised to assist the MiniRoos. All Welcome!

Forestry S. A. Open Day

Come along Sunday June 28th from 12 - 2:00pm for a free barbecue lunch, cappuccino, face painting and balloons. See tree logging machines, play on fire trucks and use their hoses. Have your say, chat to locals staff, take home a tiny Christmas tree to plant. Three locations - Mt Gambier corporate office Outside, next to Umpherston Cave (entry via 152 Jubilee Highway East), Nangwarry Depot Riddoch Highway, Mount Burr Depot 724 Mount Burr Road. For more information www.forestrysa.com.au

