



DIARY DATES

Friday	7	August	Basketball at Icehouse	
Tuesday	11	August	ICAS Maths Competition	
Wednesday	12	August	Great South Coast Road Cycling Classic	
Thursday	13	August	Rms 15, 17 and 20 concert	7 pm
Tuesday	18	August	School Photos Commence	
Friday	21	August	Glow Disco	
Monday	24	August	Book Week Commences	
Friday	28	August	Pupil Free Day	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3, Week 3, August 6, 2015

Term 3 Student Assessment and Testing

Over the next few weeks students will be participating in Term 3 testing and assessments. Every student from Reception to Year 7 will be assessed in Reading using the Running Records Reading Assessment Tool and years 1 – 7 will be using the ACER Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) which are Australian normed tests for measuring and tracking student achievement. PAT tests provide teachers with an online assessment and reporting tool in Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Spelling and Maths. Receptions will be using a range of Vocabulary, Spelling and Phonics tests matching the Jolly Phonics program that we use in all classrooms and will also complete a maths test on paper based on the work that we have been doing this year in classrooms. As most of the tests are online there is capacity for instant scoring and electronic reporting of results thus providing teachers and students with prompt feedback about achievement and their progress.

This testing will provide :

- comprehensive norm, diagnostic and descriptive reports for every student
- teachers with information for setting learning goals and planning effective programs in their classrooms and across the year levels.
- students with information to inform their learning and goal setting
- data to measure improvement for all students during each year of schooling and over a number of years as we also store the information electronically to be retrieved at a later date
- teachers with a benchmark and moderation process to ensure that when we are assigning A – E grades in reports that are consistent with year level expectations in all other schools in the state and indeed across the nation e.g. an A assigned to a student at Reidy Park will be the same as an A assigned to a student in schools in Adelaide, Melbourne or Sydney.

Most on line tests will only take one lesson to complete and we will be providing the students with an introduction and practice questions before each test begins.

SSO Week

Next week is SSO week and I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge all of the amazing support that the teaching staff and the students receive from our SSO team. Tracy, Jamie and Gay, our Front Office SSOs, keep our school and finances running smoothly and provide a fantastic and friendly service to our families and visitors alike. Deb, Di, Mel and Andrea support us to provide the very best programs for our students needing a little extra help with their learning and perform a myriad of other tasks in our classrooms. ICT in our school relies on Steven's amazing skills in computing, software analysis and his ability to translate some of our big ideas into simple tasks that our students can understand and manage. In the Library team Michelle works hard to ensure that our Resource Centre is a welcoming learning environment for all. Thank you SSOs for your outstanding work at our school.



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Reminder Notice – Pupil Free Day

Our Term 3 Pupil Free Day will be held on Friday 28th August. We have been fortunate enough to book Wilson McCaskill, facilitator and educator of Play is The Way which will provide staff with:

- training in the use of the PLAY IS THE WAY® program using physically interactive games for the development of positive social and emotional wellbeing
- an understanding of the power of games for developing positive social behaviour
- effective teaching strategies to help children to become independent and self-managing learners
- Uplifting, energizing and thought provoking activities to teach students of all ages confidence and resilience.

On this day students do not attend school and teachers will be required to attend Professional Learning.

Reminder: Tour of the Great South Coast Road Cycling Classic on O'Halloran Terrace Wednesday, 12 August 2015.

A reminder that the Tour of the Great South Coast Road Cycling Classic will effect traffic around our school on Wednesday, 12 August 2015.

The course that will be coming past our school is as follows:

STAGE TWO - Blue Lake Road Race (10 laps of 6.5km circuit - 65kms)

Route: O'Halloran Terrace, Wehl Street South, Lake Terrace West, Bay Road and John Watson Drive

Race start: 12.30 p.m.

Race finish: 4:00 p.m.

Road closures: 12:00 noon. – 4:15 p.m.

The roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic during these times and there will be disruption to after school pickup as O'Halloran Terrace and Wehl Street will be closed. In the interest of the students' safety I would ask that you arrange an alternative after school pick up site on Wednesday afternoon.

Yard Duty Staff will escort students to buses that will pick up on Shepherdson Road after school on this day.

Chris Sheldon
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Football Tops

Recently Reidy Park have purchased brand new football jumpers. These jumpers were purchased from 2 vouchers that the school had won from team entries in the Blue Lake Fun Run in 2013 and 2014. A huge thank you to David and the team at Sportscene, Mount Gambier, Rotary and Infigen Energy for donating these vouchers.

Heath McShane
Physical Education

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop has old stock available on clearance. Size 14 and 16 round neck windcheaters - for only \$10. If you are interested, please see the Front Office.

Glow Disco

It's time for Reidy Park's Glow Disco's. On Friday the 21st August in the Gym.

Years R - 3 4.30 - 6pm

Years 4 - 7 6.30 - 8pm



Our Newsletter is now available on our new website!

Starting Term 4, Reidy Park will only send paper copies of our newsletter to families who request it. If you would like to receive our newsletter digitally, please go to our website and subscribe.

If you would like to continue receiving a paper copy, please return the tear off slip before the end of term.

Student Name:

Room:

We prefer to continue receiving a paper copy of Reidy Park Primary School's newsletter.

Signed:

FRIDAY KNIGHT FEVER



Hello, my name is Sarah and I was lucky enough to be 'Principal of the Year' in our Year 6/7 Musical 'Friday Knight Fever', which was held at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre at the end of term 2.

Friday Knight Fever took a leap back in time to the seventies when mood rings, flares, magic eight balls and long boots were in fashion. Rita's roller rink was the place for kids of Culpepper High to hang out after school. Mrs Flint the school principal was vying for the Principal of the year award.

BUT who would have thought that a bunch of jewel thieves would steal the show and the Vice Principal Doris Drake would be plotting to sabotage the Principal Mrs Flint's job.

We had lots of fun rehearsing for the performance, we even had a pizza night! We were very excited when the day came to perform to a live audience and we showed lots of COURAGE!

A big thank you to Mr Bone, Miss Herbert and Miss Collins for all the time they gave up to help us prepare for the show. It was awesome.

*Sarah D
Room 9*



Woolworths Earn and Learn

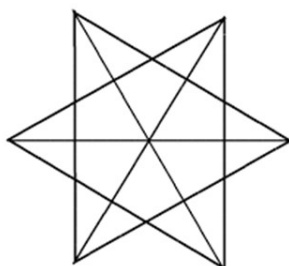
We are all a bit cash poor these days meaning fundraising for our school is really difficult. So collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers is one way we can all help, just by buying groceries!

Please say yes when asked if you are collecting the stickers and maybe even grab the ones from the person in front of you in the queue who isn't collecting. Grandparents, best friends and neighbours can all help us to earn stickers, and then purchase much needed play equipment for our littlest students. Drop off bins are at each store, or send in sheets /stickers to our Front Office collection bin.



Mr Castle's Maths Problem

Maths Problem of the Week. Bring your working out and answers to the front office or to Mr. Castle in Room 11.



How many Triangles do you see?

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anglican Church Fair, Bay Rd (opposite Banner Mitre 10)

Saturday 8th August from 8.30am - 1pm

Lots of stalls and entertainment for everyone.

Stalls Include: Garden, craft, produce, cakes, books, pre-loved clothing, bags, bling & accessories, white elephant, trash n treasure, BBQ and Devonshire morning tea.

"Lucky Spin" throughout the morning

For the children: Miniature steam train, merry - go - round, photo booth, toys and games, mystery trail bags, face painting, lucky dips, and outdoor games.

Meet "Basil Bear" and "BoBo the Clown" during the morning.

DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB - HUMPTY DUMPTY CHALLENGE

Humpty Dumpty is about to fall out of a very high window and needs your help to design and construct a safety device around the egg to make sure that he does not break. You will have a few select materials and your imagination to make sure that Humpty Dumpty has a happy ending.

WHEN: Thursday 13th August at 6.45pm—7.45pm

WHERE: Tenison Woods College Science lab

AGE: 5+

COST: \$2 each child and \$5 for a family. Parents are encouraged to stay and assist their children (and have fun to). To book your place email courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FINAL LIMESTONE COAST DRUG ACTION TEAM ICE FORUM



7 PM August 19th 2015 Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

10 Watson Tce, Mount Gambier FREE Event

For more information contact City of Mount Gambier on 8721 2555

Forum Supported By:



Reading Hour 2015

Saturday 15th August, 2015

6:00pm—7:30pm

Mount Gambier Library



Join us for a bedtime stories session to celebrate the National Reading Hour!

Wear your warmest pj's, bring your favourite teddy and join us for some fun stories, songs and a supper of milk and cookies.

Suitable for the whole family!

Book with the Mount Gambier Library on 8721 2540 or via the Mount Gambier Library website events page.

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