

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3, Week 5, August 20th, 2015

During Week 6 we will be celebrating 2015 Book Week. The theme for this year is *Books Light Up Our World*. We have planned a number of exciting activities this week including students reading their favourite books in their favourite place, displays in our school library and buddy reading. On Thursday 27th August we are inviting staff and students to come to school dressed as their favourite story book character. We are planning a parade during the day to share and celebrate literacy teaching and learning in our school. We would appreciate it if students did not dress as superheros or bring replica weapons (swords, laser swords, bows and arrows etc.) to school on the day.

Pupil Free Day Friday 28th August

A final reminder that there will be a Pupil Free Day, Friday 28th August. School will be closed for students and staff will be attending professional learning on Play is the Way which will focus on the teaching and learning of our school's core values of respect, care and courage. Prior to last week's assembly students were presented with wrist bands inscribed with these 3 important values and we are discussing these in classrooms as part of our ongoing focus on wellbeing. Staff from Penola Primary School will also join us on our Pupil Free day.

Disco Friday Evening 21st August

Don't forget that our Glow Discos will be held this Friday evening in the PAC. R-3 will be dancing the night away from 4:30 pm to 6pm, followed by Year 4 – 7 classes from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Tickets are available by returning the invitations sent home previously to the front office with the \$2 entry fee. Popcorn, chips, drinks and some glow products will be available for sale at the disco. Please remember that in the interest of child safety parents must collect their children from the door after the disco as we do not allow them to leave unless in the care of an adult.

Year 1 and Year 2 Concert

My congratulations and thanks to the Year 2 and Year 1 students, parents and staff for a fabulous evening of stories, poems and music 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 sets and everyone worked very hard to put on such a first class performance showcasing the public speaking, acting, singing and dancing talents of our junior school students. Well done everyone.

Premiers Reading Challenge

There is still time to be part of the Premiers Reading Challenge for 2015. You can support your child by making it a real challenge and encouraging them to read something that they have never read before or an author that is new to them. The fun part of reading and developing a passion is finding new, interesting and challenging books, either at independent reading level or at a slightly harder level that can be read out loud by an adult.

There is still lots of time to complete the Challenge and return the forms by September 5th. Happy reading.

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SAPSASA District Basketball Day

On Friday, August 7th, around 32 year 5/6/7 Reidy Park students played in a round robin basketball tournament against other local schools at The Icehouse.

Our students were very successful in that three teams out of the four entered made it through to the second round which will be held on Friday, August 28th at The Icehouse.

Our students did a wonderful job all day and showed great sportsmanship. If successful in round two, the teams will be invited to go to Adelaide. All the best on August 28th!

Heath McShane







Mr Castle's Maths Problem

First Problem:

Bring your working out to Mr. Castle in Room 11 or the front office.

"How Can Eight, 8s equal 1000?!?".

Can you add some + signs to this and get a correct sum:

88888888 = 1000

Second Problem:

See if you can work out the rule in these strange equations:

One = 2

Two = 1

Thirty Six = 0

One hundred = 5

Billion = 3









Doodle for Google

Each year Google holds a competition inviting students to redesign their logo. This year the theme was History focussed and the topic was "If I could go back in time I would..."

Each school is allowed 8 entries. Students from Rooms 3, 4, 7 & 9 participated in redesigning the logo and voting for the our school entries. Congratulations to Rhiannon, Luis, Aramis, Kobe, Leila, Sarah, Alex and Blake whose designs were voted by their peers to represent Reidy Park's entry.

In September Google will announce finalists and invite everyone to vote online. Please feel welcome to come into our library and see all of our 'Doodles for Google' on display.

Coordinator for ICT Research, Innovation & Engagement Rikki Helps











Book Week 2015

Book Week celebrations are next week. This year the theme is 'Books Light Up Our World." All students and teachers are invited to choose a book that 'Lights up their world" and to come dressed as a character from the book. This year we are also asking each student to attach this small note to their outfit explaining their

choice of book. Class teachers will send home a copy with each student. Each day the library will be open for 3 students from each class to join in "Book Week" activities. (see below)

The book that lights up my world is called	
I have dressed up as	

Room:

Lunchtime Activities for Book Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Decorate a paper lantern.	Make a lighthouse Bookmark.	Special activity based on the book of the Year.	No library activity as we will be doing tours of classrooms followed by the whole school Dress Up Parade	

LIBRARY NEWS

Premiers Reading Challenge

Thank you for your great efforts and support of the challenge. There are only 2 weeks left to complete the reading of 12 books for the 2015 Challenge. Please encourage your child to complete the challenge and return the form to the Library. **Closing date is 4 September 2015.**

Library Bags

Please ensure your child brings a Library Bag to school to borrow and return books, as it is a means of protecting them in bags and also protects them from the weather this time of year.

Overdue Books

We have lots of overdue books at the moment so if you receive an overdue letter or your child brings home a slip please help your child locate the book in question. If you cannot find the book, please pay the cost of the book to the office & if the book is found or returned at a later date you will be refunded that amount. We do understand that these books may be mixed up with Classroom books, so please also check in your child's classroom.

Michelle Kuller

Resource Centre

Kidsflix

The Arthritis Foundation of South Australia is hosting a Kidsflix event in Mount Gambier on Saturday, 19th September. Kidsflix is a free event for children and young people living with a **chronic illness**, **disability** or in a **disadvantaged situation**, and their family. The morning consists of an hour of children's entertainment including face painting, craft, giant games and jumping castle. It is then followed by the movies Minions and Blinky Bill. Each person attending is provided with a drink and popcorn to complete their movie experience. The best part is that it is all free. The invited child's immediate family (eg. Siblings, parents and carers) are also part of the experience at no cost. If you are interested in having your child be a part of this, please call our Front Office to get an application form before Thursday, 3rd September.

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	f 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 to	erm.

Student Name:

Yearbook 2014

Finally our Year book has been sent to be printed. Those who have ordered one should receive their copy within the next few weeks.

Change of clothes

Children often fall over and need to change their clothing. We continually run out of spare track pants (sizes 5 - 8 in particular). If you can donate any items please leave them at the Front Office. If your child has borrowed clothing, it would be appreciated if these could be returned.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mount Gambier Tennis Club

Mt Gambier Tennis Club is holding a Come N Try day on Sunday August 30th at Activ8 Sports Centre on Penola Rd from 2 - 4.30pm. The day is open to anyone interested in joining the club for either junior or senior tennis. Junior ages from 6 - 16 years. All skill levels are catered for from beginner to expert. If you would like more information contact Heidi Heemskerk on 0403172123 or email jasonheidi2003@bigpond.com





