



DIARY DATES

Friday	25	September	End of Term 3 - Early Dismissal	2:30pm
Monday	12	October	Term 4 Starts	
Friday	23	October	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - Show Day	
Tuesday	27	October	Finance Meeting	5.00pm
Wednesday	28	October	Grounds, Fundraising & Governing Council	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3, Week 9, September 17, 2015

Staffing for Term 4

I will be taking some of my long service leave in Term 4 to travel to Central and South America. In my absence Lesley Okholm will be acting principal and I would like to welcome Stephen Jolley, currently Principal of Mil Lel Primary School as acting Deputy Principal. These will be the only staff changes for Term 4. Thank you to the parents and students who ask after Susie Mouat's welfare. We are in constant touch with her and pass on your best wishes. Unfortunately Susie will still be receiving treatment in Term 4 but will be back on deck at the beginning of next year as our Junior Primary music teacher.

Naplan

We have recently received our NAPLAN results in Literacy and Numeracy for 2015 and once again the vast majority of our students have scored well above the national minimum standard. In each of the year levels (3, 5 & 7) many students scored in the highest band level in either one or all of the tests. However, as pleasing as our student results are, NAPLAN is only one of the comprehensive assessment tools teachers use throughout the year. As I have reported in recent newsletters students have just completed a range of diagnostic assessments using Running Records, Oxford Spelling Lists, PAT Maths, PAT R, Comprehension and Phonics testing. These data sets are regularly recorded as part of our school assessment processes and student achievement levels are monitored to ensure growth in learning. Assessment results are providing information for teachers to use in identifying the next teaching points in a range of curriculum areas. We look forward to the most important phase of NAPLAN and that is closely analysing the individual student results.

School Closure - Advanced Notice

As in previous years our school will close for the Mount Gambier Show on Friday 23rd October. School will be closed for both the students and the staff on this occasion.

Term 4 - Hat Reminder

As part of our 'Sun Safe Policy' we expect that all students and staff wear hats while outside at school for Terms 1 and 4. The school has uniform approved broad brimmed and bucket hats for sale available from the Uniform Shop for \$7. Those children without the correct headwear will be asked to play in the shade. Unfortunately we often have students who forget to bring their hats along to school at the beginning of the term so we ask that by way of support you check that your child has their hat every day during the first week back after the vacation.

Choir Performance

Once again I had the great pleasure of attending the Festival of Music to see our choir perform. The students of Reidy Park are to be congratulated for their wonderful choral effects and representing our school on stage at Festival Theatre last Saturday evening. It was great to catch up with many of the families who travelled to Adelaide to make this possible for our school and our students. I acknowledge and sincerely thank Andrew Bone for his dedicated work preparing and leading the choir and to Cathy Foster for being the wonderful accompanist that she is.



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Early Dismissal for Vacation

School will end at 2.30pm on Friday September 25th for the holidays. School bus runs will run earlier to allow for this. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and restful vacation.

Chris Sheldon
Principal

Lesley Okholm
Deputy Principal

Play is the Way

Two weeks ago our school closed to enable every staff member to be trained in "Play is the Way" a program and methods for teaching social and emotional skills using guided play and great language. We shared this day with Penola PS who are also implementing the program across their school.

This was one of the most powerful trainings we as a staff have been involved in, and has us excited about how we implement it for every student in every class.

The key concepts of the program are;

- Treat others as you would like them to treat you
- Be brave- participate to progress
- Pursue your personal best, no matter who you work with
- Have reasons for the things you say or do
- It takes great strength to be sensible.
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You may hear your child using some different words when they talk to you at home about school. The Play is the Way language connects with children because it is simple, to the point and helps you to work through the clutter and see things clearly.

We will be asking students quite often to consider

- Am I doing the right thing or the wrong thing?
- Am I making a strong decision or a weak decision?
- Are my feelings in charge of my actions or is my thinking in charge?
- Am I running away from the problem or am I dealing with it?
- Am I being my own boss or am I inviting my teacher to be my boss?
- Is my teacher trying to help me or to hurt me?

In Term 4 all classes will begin twice weekly game sessions at the beginning of the day where this "Play is the Way" work will occur. I look forward to watching children take on these challenges.

Mr Castle's Maths

Scan this QR code to access a short 3 minute YouTube video for tips on learning times tables. Or visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wq_6GlnwHV4 or search PSwan Tables Chart.



Maths Problem of the week

Which number between 0 and 9 do you think is the most important in our world? Can you create an A4 poster promoting your number which shows why your number is the most important?

STOP PRESS - KRISPY KREME ORDER

Most families would have received the order form for our Krispy Kreme fundraiser. The collection date on the order form was misprinted. All orders are to be picked up at the Front Office / Staff Room on **Thursday 22nd October** from 10am.

Working Bee Thank You

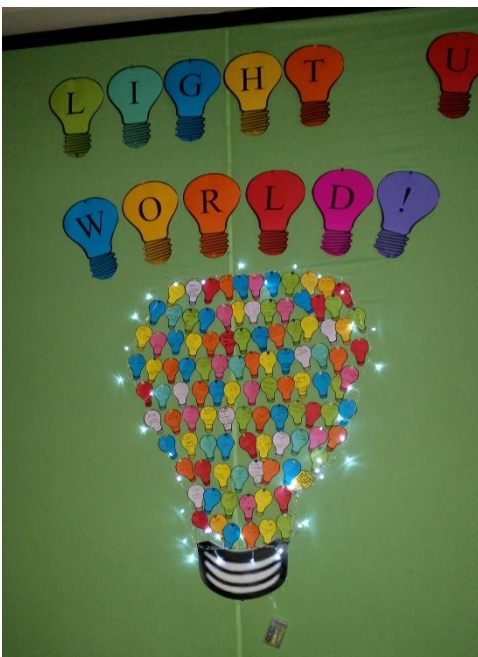
Last Saturday morning a group of dedicated staff and parents began the redevelopment of the quad as a nature play area. During this first phase the grass on the eastern side closest to the sandpit was dug up and removed in readiness for phase 2. Sincere thanks to Jason Baron who gave up time over the weekend and bought in his bobcat and truck to make the job easier and thanks also to Michael Dally.

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.

Book Week Photos

As well as some great costumes for Book Week this year, our classrooms had some fantastic displays to celebrate the week.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mount Gambier Volunteer Branch
Is holding a 9 hole Ambrose
Charity Golf Afternoon at
Attamurra Golf Course
Friday 9th October 2015
Registration from 3.30pm for 4pm start
*Mens, Womens & Mixed Teams
Teams of 3 (with at least 1 experienced golfer)*

Only \$25 per person - Includes
Afternoon Tea & Schnitzel Dinner

For further information or to nominate a team please
contact the Mount Gambier Golf Club on
Phone: 8725 7739 Fax: 8725 9950
Or contact Make - A - Wish Members
Maxine 0418 838 930. Leonie 0457 416 451 or Brian 0467
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wishes of children with life threatening medical conditions
to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and
joy.

www.makeawish.org.au
1800 032 260



Uniting Church Tennis Club

Registration day for both senior and junior players will be on Sunday 20th September 2.00pm-4.00pm at Corriedale Park on Wireless Road.
Contact Shirley Hogg on 87252348 if further information needed.

NetSetGo

Zodiacs is hosting a NetSetGo for 2 age groups 5-7 year olds and 8-10 year olds on Sunday's 10am-11am starting on the 11 October for 8 weeks (\$50 rego fees)

NetSetGo is a fun training program to introduce kids to netball, build on their basic motor skills and give them a taste of the sport before committing to a full season playing this sport.

If you have a child interested in learning something new or if your u11 playing daughter wishes the season hasn't ended and your looking for something to do until Christmas follow the registration process on the NetSetGo website by going to:

<http://finder.netsetgo.asn.au/common/pages/public/programfinder.aspx> and type in 5290 in postcode to do a search then follow the prompts to register for zodiacs NetSetGo.



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 No:

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

Signed: