



**Tuesday 1st December**  
**Tuesday 8th December**  
**Wednesday 9th December**  
**Thursday 10th December**  
**Friday 11th December**

#### **DIARY DATES**

**Room 5 Middle Island Fundraiser**  
**Volunteer's Morning Tea**  
**Carols by Candlelight**  
**Year 7 Graduation**  
**Last day of Term 4**

**7.30pm**

Term 4, Week 7, 26th November 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Our school community has pulled together as we mourn the passing of Suzie Mouat. Suzie joined Reidy Park in 2010 after many years at Nangwarry Kindy and Millicent North Primary School. Her passion for Early Childhood education and music/drama meant that she touched each and every child in some way, as a class teacher and most recently teaching Kodaly music through song and dance.

Small in stature but larger than life, Suzie made everyone smile. Memories of her high heels, fairy wings and beautiful laugh flood back at this time and our smiles return.

Rest in peace Suzie. Our school is a far better place for having had you with us!

#### **Student Leaders 2016**

It is with great pleasure that I announce to our school community, the names of our 2016 Student Leaders. They are: Sarah D, Sophie A, Alex J, Darcy H, Brielle W, Alice A, Zara V and Aaron R. They have already begun their training by sharing the responsibility for running last week's assembly and in Week 8 will do this for the first time on their own whilst the Year 7's have transition visits.

We will soon also be able to share with you the names of our Sports Team leaders. It is an exciting time for our Year 6 students as they step up for their final year of Primary School.

#### **Reports and Class Placements**

Student reports and class placements for 2015 will be sent home on the last day of term. End of Year Reports will provide a comprehensive summary of your child's progress over the past year at school. As in Term 2, students will be assigned A – E achievement grades and in addition, teachers will provide a written comment on each student's achievements and learning

challenges.

Class Placements are now almost complete and staff have allocated students to classes for 2015. Wherever possible we have taken into account parent requests. Please remember that it is very difficult to accommodate parent requests for a particular teacher. We ask that you trust our teachers' professional judgement about where your child is best placed. On the final day of the year your child will visit their new classroom for the lesson just before recess. This can be an exciting time for students but can also cause some anxiousness for others. Some children may come home upset and if this is the case we suggest you take some time to check with them to see who they have been placed with from their friendship list and reassure them that their 2016 class will present a great opportunity to build new connections with their peers.

#### **Volunteers Thank you morning Tea**

Every year our school benefits from many hours of help from parents and grandparents who volunteer at our school. Excursion support, camps, reading, sports, Governing Council and committees, LAP and special lunches are just some of the ways we see volunteers at work.

We like to end the year by thanking each and every one who helps out and invite you for Morning Tea on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the Gym from 10.50am. Invitations will be sent home but if yours doesn't get there please take this as a personal invitation to attend.

#### **Pupil Free Day advance notice**

Please mark Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February on your calendars. Staff will be participating in a professional development day on Spelling. The school will be closed on this day.



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## Farewells

We are now beginning to farewell families and staff who are leaving our school this year. In particular we will be losing Jen Herbert, Alana Rowley and Heidi Kerr (who are leaving for other towns), Emma Reppin and Alicia Sutherland. We have really been very lucky with the calibre of staff who work with us and will miss these people very much.

## Carols by Candlelight

It feels like such a short time ago that we began the 2015 school year and now we are winding up and preparing for Year 7 Graduation and Carols by Candlelight. Please join us on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Sugar Bowl for our annual Carols night, commencing at 7.30pm. This is a fabulous night for all and enables our entire school community to celebrate the end of the school year together.

Available on the night will be:

BBQ – sausages and burgers

Soft drinks and icy poles

Glow products including flashing necklaces, batons, spiked bracelets, clapper hands, Santa hats and glow bracelets. The coffee van will also be available.

*Lesley Okholm  
Acting Principal*

*Stephen Jolley  
Acting Deputy*

## SCHOOL CROSSING MONITORS

*By Acting Sergeant Nigel Allen, Program Co-ordinator Road Safety, South Australian Police*

Recently your child's school took part in School Crossing Monitor Training conducted by the South Australian Police. This involves students in years 5 and 6 being trained by Road Safety Educators from the SA Police Road Safety Section. After the training is complete the student will receive a Certificate of Authority issued on behalf of the Commissioner of Police which, under the Road Traffic Act 1961 authorises the student to work as school crossing monitor. The certificate authorises the student to stop traffic using a Stop Sign or using Pedestrian Actuated Traffic Lights, as well as give reasonable directions to pedestrians for the safe and efficient movement of traffic at or on the crossing as in their opinion is necessary.

The training involves learning how to safely stop vehicles at a school crossing and performing safety assessments on when it is safe for children to cross the road (this includes asking the monitors to check that all vehicles have stopped prior to pedestrians walking onto the crossing). The session also includes safe sign handling techniques and positioning within the crossing.

It is extremely important that all people (including parents) use the crossings and become good road safety role models, by following the School Crossing Monitor's directions, not only for their safety but the safety of all students and road users.

If parents have any questions about the training the Road Safety Section is happy to receive these inquiries on the telephone number 82076586.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility.

Thank you

## Room 5 Middle Island Fundraiser

Room 5 is having a Bake Sale in the quad at lunchtime on **Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>** to raise money for the Middle Island Maremma Project in Warrnambool.

Our class was inspired by the movie 'Oddball' and we would like to raise as much money as we can so that the project involving Maremma dogs watching over the fairy penguins on the Island can continue.

Cupcakes: \$1 - \$2

Guess the jelly beans in the jar: 20c

Free puppet show

Cookies: 50c - \$1

Make a paper penguin: 20c



*Thank You  
Students of Room 5*

## Cash Office Opening Hours 2016

The cash office will be open for uniform sales prior to the commencement of Term 1, 2016 from 9am - 4pm on Wednesday 27th January & Thursday 28th January, and from 9am - 12 noon on Friday the 29th January.

*Gay Brooker  
School Business Manager*



## Netball Carnival

On the 19th of November, a group of twenty Year 7 girls travelled to the association netball courts to play against other schools in Mount Gambier. With Reidy Team 2 being undefeated and Reidy Team 1 winning all games apart from one (which they lost by 1 goal). We had a very successful and exciting day. Thanks to Ms Wright and Ms Whibley for helping us on the day.

*Written by Faith R and Lili S*



## White Ribbon Day

On Wednesday our school participated in White Ribbon Day, an international day that focuses on ending violence against women. Through class teaching programs, including the Child Protection Curriculum, our school strives to equip our students with the knowledge and skills to have respectful relationships with their peers. A whole school strategy that supports this goal is the recently introduced Play is the Way program and for White Ribbon Day, older students participated in a Play is the Way activity with their younger buddy class. Leading up to the day each class created a word cloud on the value of Respect which are now on display. Our student leaders also read a pledge to our students which is written below:

"Today is White Ribbon Day in Australia. White Ribbon Day promotes the message that violence, including violence against females, is not ok. At Reidy Park we are committed to promoting safe behaviours and relationships by always using our school values of Respect, Care and Courage.

Wearing a White Ribbon is our pledge to stand up, speak out and prevent violence against others, and as student leaders, we encourage you to always treat others respectfully and with care."





## Yellow Day

On Friday the 13th of November, Reidy Park Primary School had a 'Yellow Day' where the students and staff dressed in yellow to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation and Cancer Council. All year levels participated in a range of fitness activities that the SRC and Student Leaders had organised. Students were encouraged to bring a gold coin donation. With all these thoughtful donations we were able to raise the large amount of \$848. A big thank you to everyone who donated, participated and helped out on the day. The SRC decided to donate \$450 each to the Leukaemia Foundation and The Cancer Council.

### *SRC Committee and Student Leaders*

