



DIARY DATES

Friday	15	April	Sports Day
Friday	15	April	End of Term 1 - Early dismissal 2.30 pm
Monday	2	May	Beginning of Term 2
Friday	27	May	STEM Summit 2016 (all local schools closed for training)

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Term 1, Week 11, 14th April, 2016

We have come to the end of a very busy first term. On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday with your children. Thank you to all of the families who have willingly given their time to support us this term. It is always such a delight to see that so many parents here at Reidy Park Primary offer to help in classrooms, assist with swimming, surf education, supervise on excursions and camps and just come along to school and join in classroom activities. We really appreciate your help as without you our school would not be the fabulous place that it is.

I am very sad to announce that I will be leaving Reidy Park at the end of this term. DECD has offered me the position as Principal Consultant, working in the metropolitan area with Principals and Kindergarten Directors in the Campbell, Central East, Western Adelaide Shore Partnerships and I have accepted. I had not planned to leave the school or Mount Gambier at this time but unfortunately some very complex and distressing family issues have arisen and this will be an opportunity for me to offer support by living closer to my sister, my daughter and my grandchildren.

I have enjoyed every moment of working with our fabulous and talented students. They are focused, engaged and highly motivated, always striving to do their very best both in the classrooms and on the sports field. At all times I have been proud of their achievements in music, drama, public speaking and the arts and the fact that they give their best efforts even when they find things a little tougher than usual. I have enjoyed sharing jokes, fun on excursions, camps and school events and have been delighted by the wonderful compliments that we receive when we are out in public.

Of course we are also fortunate to have such a highly professional and enthusiastic staff who always place our students at the centre of everything they do.

They willingly engage in extra professional learning to make sure that they are at the "top of their game" and work together to consistently put this into practice to deliver challenging and innovative teaching and learning programs across the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Governing Council who have worked with the staff to be able to make the very best decisions for our school and its students that we can and for their untiring dedication to supporting our programs and events.

Vacation Reminder

Please don't forget that we dismiss at 2:30 pm on Friday 15th April for the commencement of Term 1 vacation. Our plan is to complete all of the events and presentations on Sports Day in time for early dismissal. School recommences on Monday 2nd May.

2016 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards

Liana Hrvatin has been honoured with a nomination in this year awards. Well done Liana... Well deserved. If you believe anyone deserves recognition please go to the following link. It is very easy and takes seconds.

<http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards/>

National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)

2016 NAPLAN for all Year 3, 5 and 7 students will commence on Tuesday 10th May and will conclude Thursday 12th May. Friday 13th May will be a catch up day for students who were absent from school on the previous days of testing. In 2016, for the first time the test materials will align directly with the Australian Curriculum in English and Mathematics.

- Tuesday 10th May, Language Conventions and Writing will be tested.
 - Wednesday 11th May, Reading will be tested.
 - Thursday 12th May, Numeracy will be tested
- Year 7 students sit two Numeracy tests one without a calculator and the other, calculator assisted. It is expected that all students in years 3, 5 and 7 will participate in the NAPLAN tests on each of the three days outlined above.



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A very small number of students with special needs whose disability severely limits their capacity to participate may be exempted from sitting the tests. Class teachers will make contact with parents of these children to discuss the situation with them.

Other students may be withdrawn from the testing program by parents after consideration by individual parents in consultation with the child's teacher and Principal. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. All withdrawals must be completed by Friday 5th May.

A parent information bulletin was recently forwarded home with all students in the year levels to be tested. If your child is enrolled in any of these year levels and you did not receive the information please contact the class teacher for a copy.

Grounds

The Governing Council Grounds Committee has recently met and we have some exciting yard developments happening over the next three terms. These include:

- Complete replacement of the soft fall around the playground in the grass area
- Replanting of the grass in areas where there has been wear and tear
- Planting of some more big trees and shrubs in the grass area
- Pruning of some of the trees and bushes
- Removing and replacing shrubs and bushes in the staff car park
- Thinning out of the shrubs and bushes in the administration car park

We are also planning ahead and are putting some money aside to build a new playground within the next two to three years. During the next three terms we will be asking for input from our students through the SRC.

Chris Sheldon
Principal

Lesley Okholm
Deputy Principal

Farewell and Thankyou

The Principal of our school takes responsibility for the learning and wellbeing of almost 600 students and their 400+ families and around 40 staff.

The Principal of our school leads us towards excellence in all we do, setting the bar high so our students achieve to their potential.

The Principal of our school maintains and embellishes our school image and values, ensuring we maintain our competitive edge as a school of choice in the Limestone Coast.

Our Principal works collaboratively with our school community to ensure our students have opportunities to excel across all of their learning.

For just over 2 years Chris Sheldon has filled this enormous position maintaining a clear vision for Reidy Park Primary School as a leader in education in our state. She has led our relentless focus on curriculum, especially in our improvement areas of Literacy and Numeracy. She has developed shared leadership in our school enabling school improvement to be on everyone's agendas. She has taken a leading role in keeping country schools on the State-wide education agenda through her involvement in SAPPA committees.

Chris leaves us a richer school when she leaves. Her currency of knowledge around educational reform and practise has challenged staff across the school. This will be missed.

The school will be less colourful and yes, a little bit quieter when she leaves, but when she goes, she should feel confident that we are in a position to keep "Learning and Caring Together".

There are times when we must all consider our family ahead of our work and we wish her well as she resettles in Adelaide, close to her daughter and beloved grandchildren.

While the process of filling the Principal position is occurring Lesley Okholm will be acting in this position.

Keep in touch Chris!

Cross Country Running: Friday May 20th

Students who are turning 8 years and upwards and are interested in cross country running have an opportunity to be part of the Reidy Park Cross Country team that travels to Naracoorte on Friday May 20th.

It is very important that the children train over the holidays if they wish to make the team.

8 and 9 year olds run over 1300 metres, 10 years over 1800 metres and 11,12 and 13 years over 2500 metres.

I will most likely take the fastest two male and female runners in each age group level but there is a chance for three to go if the trial results are close.

Heath McShane, Physical Education

T.Ball

I would like to personally thank our two T.Ball coaches, Renae Cameron and Anne Fraser who gave up their time and effort to coach the two Reidy Park T.Ball teams throughout Term 1.

The children had a wonderful time and learnt valuable skills about the game and sportsmanship.

Thank you very much. Heath McShane

Year 4/5 Ballarat Camp

BALLARAT CAMP

During week 10, every year 4/5 class attended a very exciting, informative, wicked, amazing, fun-filled and inspiring camp to Ballarat. On day 1 we visited the Gum San Chinese museum in Ararat en route to Ballarat. In the 1850s, the Chinese miners walked all the way from Robe in SA to the Victorian goldfields at Ararat and Ballarat. That night we experienced the action-packed Sound and Light Show at Sovereign Hill. This show made the events of the Eureka Stockade (which we've been learning about in class) come alive. The entire next day was spent at Sovereign Hill where we experienced Gold Fever and Immigration education sessions, the Gold Pour, musket firing, gold-panning, shopping, candle-making, more shopping (for those raspberry drops), the doctor's surgery, walking through the Red Hill mine, indoor bowling 1850s style, more shopping until we were all pretty exhausted. On our final day we visited the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka where we learnt more about the effects of the Eureka Stockade on December 3rd, 1854. The museum guides were very impressed with our knowledge! A great camp with wonderful parent volunteers and a bunch of happy campers!



SAPSASA Athletics Results.

Congratulations to all of the Reidy Park students who recently took part in the SAPSASA Athletics Carnival held at Mount Gambier High School on Thursday April 31st.

Our students performed at an extremely high standard and the behavior and sportsmanship displayed was second to none.

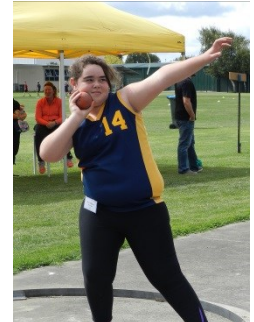
Some outstanding results were produced and long standing records broken. These include Kade A 100 metre sprint, Declan T Shot Put, Will E 200 metres, Tori R 100 and 200 metre sprint.

Other great efforts were produced by Leila Croker with four first place ribbons; Kade A and Tori R with three firsts, Will E with two firsts, Skye M winning the shot put; Imogen C winning the 100 and 200; Brodie A winning the 100 and 200; Henry M winning the 800 metre; Lydia M winning the shot put and Ethan N winning the discus.

Other place getters and multiple place getters included: Aaron D, Taj B, Ava C, Lara J, Zac H, Mitchell C, Aiden C, Darcy H Aaron R, Jake W, Gui R, Jade W, Tully Mc, Danielle A, Harry W and Alex J.

Well done on a great effort all round.

Heath McShane, Physical Education



Reception - Year 2 Performing Arts

This term in Performing Arts, our Junior Primary have been on a bear hunt. They have participated in a Music and Drama Unit focusing on the book "We are Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. Students had lots fun creating sounds of thunder, snow storms, rivers and walking through the forest using different musical instruments. Along with this, students made bear masks and had acted as if they were on a bear hunt. Here are a few glimpses of our journey to the bears' cave.

Chetna Rambani, Performing Arts teacher



Year 6/7 Surf Education Days

150 Year 6 and 7 students from Reidy Park Primary School swapped their classroom for the beach at Port MacDonnell this week as part of the Surf Education program run by DECD Swimming and Aquatics staff from Adelaide. **Our area is recognised as a high risk location, supported by the National drowning statistics.**

Their lessons included functions of lifesaving services including CPR, beach characteristics, basic rescue skills and running, wading, swimming, paddling and surfing, replacing the annual Swimming lessons which are part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

Based at the Port MacDonnell Sailing clubrooms, groups of students worked with 7 instructors using all manner of life saving devices and surfboards brought down from Adelaide especially for us. Despite cool conditions students enjoyed continual activities for 4 hours each day.

The school is the first in the area to trial this program and hope to add this as an annual 2 day program in the future for our older students. We will be looking to access financial support through grants to enable this to happen. Most certainly our students rated these 2 days as 'epic', 'awesome' and 'the best thing they have ever done'. Surfboards will be high on birthday and Christmas lists for sure!



On day two the instructors went through the basics of first aid. We learned how to give CPR to a human and we did CPR to a rubbery dummy. We went out for a surf and we didn't go out for so long because the weather was more overcast then the day before. We competed in a big marathon. In the first marathon type thing I came second.

Aaron, Room 11



Once we arrived we were sorted into groups and then given some introductions. After the introduction we were told to grab a board and go down onto the sand and got ready for a warm up. Our warm up consisted of a short jog and a few leg and arm stretches. After the warm up we grabbed our boards and got into the deep blue sea for a bit of a surf. I must admit the water was a little cold but no way was some cold water going to stop me. We had some lunch when we were finished and then did a little on land activity. All of the group laid on their front on the sand and then when Andrew told us to we would get up and run for a bit of pipe. Straight after this on land activity we got back into the water again for a surf. I was super ready for Tuesday and couldn't wait to get back onto the beach.

Katie, Room 12

It was really fun at Port McDonald and I hope we can do it again next term.

Henry, Room 12

Year 6/7 Surf Education Days

This day was excellent. Over all I think that everyone had a really fun time, and for all of the lucky year sixes this year, I hope you have a great time surfing again next year.

Chelsea, Room 12



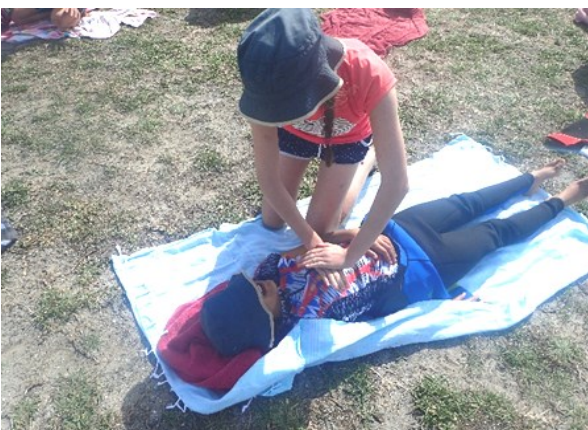
Learning about CPR, I learnt a lot in that lesson. We learnt our DRSABCD how D is for danger, R is for response S is for send help such as calling 000, A is for airway, B is for breathing, C is for CPR and D was for defibrillation, this is where you use the defibrillator if they're not breathing. I actually enjoyed learning to do CPR.

Anushka, Room 12



I had lots of fun learning to surf and save people, it was very enjoyable! Even though it was cold.

Kasey, Room 12



I got the hang of surfing pretty quickly and I really enjoyed it. I didn't find the water very cold as I was wearing a wet suit. We also did tube rescues and went through DRSABCD, learning how to save and resuscitate people.

Aiden