



<u>DIARY DATES</u>			
Monday	14	March	Adelaide Cup Holiday
Monday	21	March	Swimming commences
Monday	21	March	Parent Teacher Interviews Yr 4/5 only commence
Friday	25	March	Good Friday Holiday
Monday	28	March	Easter Monday
Tuesday	29	March	Pupil Free Day
Wednesday	30	March	Governing Council
Monday	4	April	Year 4/5 camps to Ballarat commence
Friday	15	April	Sports Day

Term 1, Week 5, 3rd March, 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Parent Acquaintance Evening and AGM

Thank you to those families that took the opportunity to visit classrooms on acquaintance evening. We really value having the opportunity to talk with you about what we are doing in our classrooms and our plans for the coming term and indeed the year. Communication between home and school is critical for success and we encourage you to use your child’s diary, communication book or the school email address included in the first newsletters to contact teachers about anything that concerns or pleases you. All class teachers send a class newsletter home twice a term, once at the commencement of the term and once nearer the end, that details the student achievements, learning themes/plans and upcoming excursions or class activities.

Congratulations to our 2016 Governing Council

- Chairperson Andrew Hunter
- Vice Chair Sonya Dyson
- Treasurer Duane Gertners
- Secretary Cathy Lunnay

Committee Members: Caroline Hill, Yunita Manfrin, Jim Cornolo, Lorenza McMahon, Kelli Winterfield, David Burt, Laura Heesmans, Sally Alexander, Emma Milera and Natalie Holtham.

Reporting Timeline for 2016

In addition to Acquaintance evening there will be five other occasions during the year that we will report student achievement and progress to parents. These are

Parent Teacher Interviews	Term 1 Week 10	April 4 th – April 8 th
Written Report	Term 2 Week 10	
Parent Teacher Interviews	Term 3 Week 9	By Request
Written Report	Term 4 Week 9	

NAPLAN Reports are sent home for Years 3, 5 and 7 students in Term 3 as they become available from ACRA, the national testing body. Students who are in Year 4 & 5 will be on school camp in Week 10 thus we will be moving the Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews to Week 8, March 21st – March 24th. Teachers of these classes will be in touch with parents shortly to arrange these.

Child Safety and School Crossings

Most members of our school community use our school crossings to cross the road on Wehl Street and O’Halloran Terrace both before and after school. However, it is very disturbing to see our students accompanied by parents dashing across the road in heavy traffic, many needing to stop in the middle of the road to wait for the flow of incoming traffic to ease. Often this is occurring within meters of the monitored flashing lights. I would like to request that all parents crossing the road with their children make it a habit of walking those few extra steps to use the monitored crossing.

Sports Day

Sports Day this year is planned for Friday 15th April, which is the last day of school term. We are planning to begin at 9.00am sharp and be completed for early dismissal for vacation at 2.30pm. Please make note of this important day in your diary.

*Chris Sheldon
Principal*

*Lesley Okholm
Deputy Principal*

SAPSASA Athletics.

At the moment, Mr McShane is holding tryouts for a whole range of athletic events in preparation for choosing our SAPSASA representatives from Reidy Park. To participate in this event, students must be turning 9 years or older this year. This years SAPSASA Athletics Day will be held at Mount Gambier High School on Thursday 31st of March. Mr McShane will let parents know very soon if their child has been picked in the team. We will also be looking for some parent helpers on the day.

School Fees

School fees for 2016 need to be paid in full by Friday 11th March unless you have made other arrangements with myself.

If you are paying school fees by instalments your 1st instalment was due on 12th February and the second instalment is due on the 11th March.

School Card

Please see our School Business Manager, Gay Brooker regarding a school application if your income matches the table below.

2016 SCHOOL CARD FACT SHEET **FORM A** - INCOME AUDIT

No .of your Dependent Children	2014/2015 Annual School Card Income Limit	2014/2015 Average Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$37,015	\$712
2	\$38,025	\$732
3	\$39,035	\$752
4	\$40,045	\$772
5	\$41,055	\$792
Each additional dependent child	\$1,010	\$20

Second Hand Uniforms

The Uniform Shop is in need of donations for their second hand uniforms. The most demand is for dri-fibre polo shirts and hoodies, in the smaller sizes. If you have any of these in good condition that you no longer use, please consider donating them to school. Sales of second hand uniforms assist with school fundraising efforts.

Cash Office

The Cash Office is open for payments from 8.30-9.30am and again from 3.00-3.30pm Monday to Friday. Any money received after the 3.30pm cut off will be processed the following day and receipts sent home with students. Payments made via Direct Deposit or Bizgate can be made at any time. Your support in keeping to the above times is appreciated.

Front Office staff

Newsletters

Reidy Park will only send a paper copy of the newsletter home to those families who request it. Please subscribe to the digital version of the newsletter by visiting our website <http://web2.reidyprkps.sa.edu.au/>

If you wish to receive a paper copy please contact our Front Office.

Reidy Park Café

This service continues to be provided on Fridays with a wide range of meals available. Please remember to place your child's completed order form, with correct money in a sealed envelope in the box provided at the Front Office by 9.00 am Wednesday mornings. No late orders can be accepted. Spare order forms are available at the Front Office.





Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2016 Challenge has commenced which encourages students from Reception to Year 7 to read 12 books by 9 September 2016. Please ensure forms are filled out correctly and signed where required prior to returning.

All information about the Challenge can be found on the Premier's Reading Challenge website at www.prc.sa.edu.au

At Reidy Park Primary School we encourage all students to discover the world of reading with the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Scholastic Book Club

Twice a term Scholastic Book Club flyers will be sent home with students. Book club gives parents, guardians and children a convenient way to purchase affordable, age appropriate books for home reading. It is also a great way to help our school purchase additional learning resources as the school earns 20% in Scholastic Rewards on all orders.

Library Bags

All students borrowing books **must** have a Library Bag (preferably water proof). This is to ensure that the books are protected. Any damaged books must be replaced/paid for by parents.

NO BAG - NO BORROWING

Library Opening Times

The Library is open from 8.30am until 8.45am every morning. Students are welcome to return and borrow books during that time.

Michelle Kuller, Library

School in the 19th century

On the 18th February every year 4/5 class was exposed to what life was like at school during the 19th century. They discovered that school was very different and they were subjected to very strict rules and punishments.

Rules included: Calling teachers Sir, Miss or Mrs, standing when an adult enters the room, using the right hand at all times for writing, not asking questions, standing up to address the master or mistress, punishing talking and fidgeting and being caned for lateness, bad behaviour and poor work.

Punishments included: Writing lines, being firmly spoken to, re-enactments of caning, hitting and humiliation.

Classroom activities on the day included: Formal handwriting lessons arithmetic, recitation, geography, elocution and singing the national anthem. In the afternoon everyone participated in a games afternoon where we played marbles, pick up sticks, elastics, skipping, 3 legged and egg and spoon races. Parts of the day were quite confronting to some students but overall it was a good learning experience for all those involved.

Jess O'Neill, Renae Perryman, Jess Magarey, Jennie Mannion & Peter Duncan, year 4/5 teachers



Year 4/5 teachers preparing the students for the day



Sir Peter Duncan



Miss Magarey leading the students into class

Navy School Track Pants Promotion

Since the start of the school term Ghanda have had a high demand of navy school track pants sold to the students of Reidy Park Primary School. Their tracksuit pants are a brushed fleece straight leg cut with zip pockets and a back pocket without any visible logos. Ghanda are currently running a promotion for Reidy Park Primary School students until the 31st March. Bring the coupon located on the back page of the newsletter into the store to receive \$5 off



Reidy Park Primary School has a Facebook page. Here you will find posts about what's happening in our school, up and coming events and so much more.

<https://www.facebook.com/reidyprimaryschool>

Room 6 Swimming

In the last week and two days we have been doing some swimming lessons. We have been learning survival strokes, backstroke, freestyle and more. We have been wearing normal clothes over our swimmers, we have been wearing flippers and PFD's . On the last day of swimming we get to play with the inflatable pillow . We have been enjoying swimming a lot.

By Declan T and Tayla



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 TWILIGHT TOURS

Parents of Year 7 students are invited to attend a tour of Mount Gambier High School on either 21 March or 22 March at 6pm in the Garry Costello Centre for Creative Arts. For more information please contact Mount Gambier High School on 8725 6244

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\$5 off every pair of school trackies

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Expires 31st March, 2016
WWW.GHANDA.COM

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

Minecraft Club

3:30pm - 5:00pm Mondays during school term
3:30pm - 5:00pm Wednesdays during school term

Free Multiplayer Minecraft Fun At The Mount Gambier Library

Bookings open a week in advance
Call the Library on (08) 8721 2540 to book
Ages 6-18

City of Mount Gambier