



DIARY DATES			
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
Wednesday	30	March	Parent Teacher Interviews commence
Monday	4	April	Rooms 1 & 2 camp to Ballarat commences
Wednesday	6	April	Rooms 5,7 & 8 camp to Ballarat commences
Friday	15	April	Sports Day

Term 1, Week 7, 17th February, 2016

Year 4 & 5 Camps

Our Year 4 and Year 5 students are very excitedly preparing to travel to Ballarat for the middle primary student's biannual camp following the path of the gold rush. Our aim with these camps is to provide our students with insights into Australian History and Geography, as well as the early settlement of the Limestone Coast and western Victoria.

Parent teacher interviews for students in **Year 4 and Year 5 only** will be held in Week 8 due to camp. On line bookings are currently open for these interviews.

Interviews for all other students will be held between 30th march and 7th April. Booking information can be found later in this newsletter.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on Friday 15th April which is immediately prior to the Term 1 Vacation. Last year we trialled having Sports Day in first term rather than later in the year in order to avoid the cold, wet weather that we seem to experience up until late November. Having Sports Day early in the year also provides an opportunity to hold time trials for senior students who go on to compete in SAPSASA Athletics and Cross Country in Term 2 at our Sports Day rather than interrupting learning programs.

Our format will include whole school team games after the lunch break ,scored for team points for students from Reception to year 7 as well as the usual tabloid format before the lunch break.

Championship Sprints will be held on the Thursday immediately prior to Sports Day so that we can still have a 2:30 early finish and dismissal.

Governing Council will have barbeque food for sale and there will be prepaid pizzas from Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West.

Fundraising Committee will also be organising a café with slices, tea and coffee. Programs for the day will be sent home soon.

Early Dismissal

Please note that we will be dismissing early for the Easter break at 2:30 pm on Thursday 24th March. All of the other schools in Mount Gambier will also be dismissing early.

On Friday April 15th after Sports Day we will be dismissing early at 2:30 pm for the Term 1 Vacation. Buses will run earlier on both occasions.

Student Free Day

A reminder that school will be closed on Tuesday 29th March which is directly following the Easter break. Staff will all be attending a professional learning day in Mathematics. We will be exploring effective strategies for managing and organizing effective mathematics classrooms and catering for differentiation. The presentation also includes work on number sense and effective student assessment strategies. Students do not attend school on this day.

Swimming

Classes have been very busy over the past few weeks with swimming and luckily most days were warm and sunny. The students have spent time in the pool learning about water safety and honing their swimming skills. The second group of classes commence next week. We hope that by the time they reach the upper primary classes they will have gained enough experience in the pool to be able to progress to Surf Education at Port McDonnell which our 6/7s trial in Week 10. Thank you to parents for your support with walking to and from the pool with classes and assisting with changing.

Chris Sheldon
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Homework Expectations

Reception to Year 2

We encourage you to spend 10-15 minutes in total, about 4 days a week, reading together, practising sight /spelling words and number work if provided by the teacher.

Year 3-5

We encourage your child to read for 10-15 minutes, about 4 times a week, with your help if they require it. Children are expected to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge and should read at home to achieve this.

The class teacher has the option of also provide spelling words, maths facts or home tasks to work on for another 10 minutes on these days.

Year 6/7

Children will use their diary to record homework tasks set. This will be checked each week. Your child is expected to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge and therefore should read independently at home to achieve this.

Homework tasks set will most commonly allow your child to manage their time over the week, around other commitments, but should amount to no more than 2 hours a week.

1: If a child is absent (eg illness, SAPSASA, choir etc), **the teacher will adapt** work expectations accordingly.

2: The class teacher will contact the parent, usually in the diary, if a child has additional work to complete due to inattention in class

3: A child may choose to spend extra time on tasks, but this is not an expectation

4: At times, your child may be required to spend some home time preparing presentations. This should not be onerous, and parents are not expected to do these for their children.

*Lesley Okholm,
Deputy Principal*

SRC 2016

We would like to welcome the following students on to the SRC for 2016. These students have already begun thinking of fun activities for us to participate in, issues to be considered around our school and fundraising activities to raise support for community and health groups. I look forward to working with them this year.

Room 1

Lauren N
Sienna V

Room 2

Taj B
Yasmin F

Room 3

Jacob S
Sasha B

Room 4

Amber R
Aaron D

Room 5

Maddie M
Matthew S

Room 6

Tayla G
Xan S

Room 7

Luke E
Lara J

*Alison Whibley,
SRC Co-ordinator*

Room 8

Amity S
Dominic G

Room 9

Joseph Mc
Oscar S

Room 10

Oscar M
Sarah R

Room 11

Holly B
Buster B

Room 12

Catheryn H
Brady D

Room 13

Laura M
Tyler H

Room 15

Blake S
Alyssa M

Room 17

Nevae B
Blake R

Room 18

Liam J
Clare H

Room 20

Jai H
Zoe P

Room 22

Lottie K
Violet T

Room 23

Sam B
Zarlee K

Room 24

Jesse L
Jenna B

Room 25

Alex H
Esther L

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.



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/reidyparkprimaryschool>

Parent Teacher Interviews are being held between Wednesday 30th March and Friday 7th April for all classes (excluding Year 4/5)

- Book online this week. Bookings close on the evening of Friday 25th March enabling teachers time to prepare.
- Whilst we understand there are times when parents cannot attend together in the case of split families, our preference is to meet with both parents at one time to ensure consistent messages are being received. This helps children immeasurably. If however, you cannot do this, and need separate interviews, please contact Lesley Okholm on 87253381 or by email lesley.okholm729@schools.sa.edu.au to make other arrangements

Start by going to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Book School Interviews Online

Parents...

Booking interviews is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3:



First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address.



On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet.
First select the subject or year, then choose from the list of teachers.



Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available.
Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you.
And if something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews whenever you want.

You can start right now - just enter the school code and click Go.



Bizgate (online payment facility)

We have been notified by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) that Bizgate the online payment facility will be decommissioned at the end of March. Please note that the last day to use this facility will be Friday 25th March.

Gay Brooker

School Business Manager

Sports Day

Championship Sprints will be held on Thursday the 14th April this year from 9am. A note will go home shortly if your child is participating in the Sprints. Students who make the sprints should wear their team colours on the Thursday.



Parent / Teacher/ Student Relay: **Runners needed!**

Each year on Sports Day, our final relay is hugely popular as the students, parents and younger and more athletic teachers, run around the oval!

The Parent team needs volunteers so if you are available and can be at the school at approximately 2.15pm, please return the slip below.

I would like to take part in the Parent relay team on Sports Day.

Name: _____

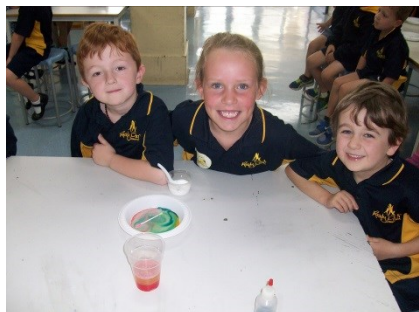
Child: _____ Class: _____



Sci World Visit

Room 15 went to the art room for some science. We watched people do experiments this morning. First we got a cup. It was fun. Next we got food colouring and added it with other chemicals. It went like lava. Then we got the rainbow chart. It had lots of numbers. Next we got a plate. We put milk and the food colouring on the plate. Lastly we came back to the classroom. We wrote our recounts about science.

Written by Addison, Beau and the rest of Room 15



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE Apple Farm
TEA ROOMS

OPEN DAY

**SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2016
11AM - 4PM**

Come and have some fun with the whole family!

SPIT ROAST LUNCH **GELATI CART**
APPLE PICKING **FUN ACTIVITIES**
LIVE LOCAL MUSIC **OPEN TEAROOMS**

77 Clarke Road, OB Flat Tel: 8726 8080



PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS
are invited to attend a
TWILIGHT TOUR
AT MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL

Monday 21 March or Tuesday 22 March 2016
6.00pm in the Garry Costello Centre for Creative Arts
Brownes Road

Our Assistant Principal, Suzanne Ricketts, will present our vision and values to promote a spirit of Learning, Optimism and Enjoyment for all students.

There will also be an opportunity to meet members of the Junior School Management Team and current Year 8 Home Group Teachers.

FORMAT OF THE EVENING IS AS FOLLOWS:

6:00pm – 6:30pm Presentation
6:30pm – 7:15pm Tours of the school
7:15pm – 7:30pm Question and answer session

Year 7 students are welcome to attend the evening.