



### DIARY DATES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Naplan testing commences</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>ICAS Digital Technologies Test</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b> <b>5.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>School Tours</b> <b>9.30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Cross Country in Naracoorte</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>STEM Summit 2016 (all local schools closed for training)</b>

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Term 2, Week 1, 5th May, 2016

### **Welcome back!**

After almost perfect weather through the holidays we have hit term 2 and brought the cold and wet with us. Having wandered the classrooms I have heard of some of the exciting holiday experiences our students have had. Funnily enough, many students say they were bored at home and therefore returning to school was exciting.

This term we welcome Jennie Elliott to the school as Acting Deputy Principal on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Jennie comes with a wealth of experience in leadership across many sites in this area and has particular interest and expertise in the area of Special education. During this term Renae Perryman will take responsibility for student wellbeing and Alison Whibley for 'systems' tasks whilst I fill the Principal role. Governing Council met this week with our partnership Education Director Adam Box to build a picture of what they believe our school needs in its next Principal. Staff will meet him next week to do likewise.

### **NAPLAN**

National assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy is an Australia-wide testing of students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 held annually in May and is a way for students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in these areas. The testing commences on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May (Language Conventions and Writing), followed by Reading on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May and Numeracy on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure your child is at school on time on these days as the tests commence at 9am sharp.

Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/caregiver. If you are considering this for your child for one or all of the tests, please contact the school this week so that a formal withdrawal form can be completed.

### How can I help my child prepare for the tests?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

### **NAPLAN 2016 tests timetable**

	<b>Tuesday 10 May</b>	<b>Wednesday 11 May</b>	<b>Thursday 12 May</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
<b>Year 5</b>	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
<b>Year 7</b>	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy calculator 40 minutes non-calculator 40 minutes
<b>Year 9</b>	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy calculator 40 minutes non-calculator 40 minutes

- Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy test includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.
- Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, each student sits one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.



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## Sports Day Review

Our 2016 Sports Day was an enormous success and a fabulous celebration of the sporting prowess of many of our students. We were blessed with extraordinary weather and large parent numbers here in support of their children. Held on the final day of Term 1 was a risk weather wise but occurred due to a particularly busy term schedule.

Huge thanks must go to each and every person who took a supporting role including those who baked cakes and slices for our Café, those who helped cook and serve on our Café and BBQ and the organisers from our Fundraising Committee. It was fabulous to see new faces join the regulars, pitching in to lighten the load.

In order to continue improving this day, please fill in the slip below or go onto our Facebook page and complete it there.



*Lesley Okholm  
Acting Principal*

*Jennie Elliott  
Acting Deputy Principal*

## Hello Everyone

Let me introduce myself as by now you are probably aware that I am at Reidy Park for this term in the Acting Deputy Principal role, 3 days a week - Monday to Wednesday. I have been in Mount Gambier for a long time and some even consider I'm a local. I have had a number of roles; teacher, Manager of Disability Services, Deputy and Principal positions within this region. This is the first time I have been at Reidy Park Primary School and look forward to be part of your wonderful school community. Thank you to everyone who have made me feel most welcome.

*Jennie Elliott, Acting Deputy Principal*

## Reminder - Parking

It is timely to remind ourselves about parking, drop off and pick up areas surrounding the school. The bus zone cannot be used even if only briefly. The city council have issued fines for illegal parking and will continue to do so for any of these violations. This is the same for the Wehl St disability parking space.

## SAPSASA Swimming

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7 students from Reidy Park represented the Lower South East region in Adelaide for SAPSASA swimming. The students all performed personal bests. Some stand out performances on the day went to Leila who placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in all of her individual events, Archie who placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in his individual events and Lara and Leila who were part of a winning relay team. The LSE team came second overall, losing only by 8 points. Congratulations to Archie M, Henry M, Kyah M, Brielle W, Levi L, Lara J and Leila C. Thank you very much to the parents for their help and support.

*Jess Magarey, LSE SAPSASA Swimming Coach*



## SPORTS DAY REVIEW - PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE

	Fabulous	Good	OK	Didn't like it	Comments
How did you feel about Sports day being on the last day of term?					
Our sprints were held on Thursday at 9am prior to Sports day. What did you think of that?					
Team games were held after our lunch break. Many students did not stay for them. What is your opinion of this timing?					
Did you find there were enough food and drink options?					
Some parents are keen for us to investigate a sports team polo shirt that is sold through our uniform shop. This shirt could be worn not only on Sports Day but in place of the school polo during the week. If the school was to sell 'team' polo shirts with the team name on them would you like your child to have one?					YES / NO
Any other comments:					

## Assembly

Due to NAPLAN testing next week, assembly will be at 12.15pm for Week 2.

## Fortnightly Newsletter Editions

Please note this newsletter is our primary communication tool. Unless you contact us and request a paper copy, the digital copy is available from the website. Hit subscribe and it will remind you to view the latest newsletter.

## Emergency Contacts

As you would be well aware, from time to time there is a need for us to contact you directly in regards to sick children or unforeseen emergencies. If you have had some changes to your address, contact numbers, family situation, health issues or you simply need to update details, please contact our admin staff who will happily make those changes.

*Tracy Kain, Admin Officer*

## Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8.30 - 9.30. At other times orders can be placed at the Front Office and the clothing will be delivered to your child during the day or if requested held at the Front Office for pick up at dismissal time. If you cannot find the uniform shop, please ask at the Front Office.

## School Canteen

At this stage the canteen will only be open on Fridays at recess and lunch for over the counter sales. There will be no lunch orders available.

## Auskick

Auskick is ready to begin **next Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 3.30pm** for Reception to Year 2 students. It is fantastic to see one of our largest Auskick groups yet this year! The AFL Auskick program promotes exercise and healthy eating, as well as developing confidence, teamwork, and football skills. Many thanks to our Auskick Parent Committee for assisting in the behind the scenes organising and running of the Auskick program. A

**special thanks to Jason Barron** for the time and effort he has put in voluntarily once

again to run the parent committee and organise the program. Jason received the

**Auskick Volunteer of the Year award** last year for the entire region, which was

certainly well deserved! Thanks must also go to **She's Apples**, who will be donating

fresh fruit to us each week to hand out to the children at the end of each session. Lastly, just a friendly reminder that

**all Auskick children need to be signed in** at the gym prior to each session and require a parent or caregiver to

be present at all times. Please do not park your car on the oval as this is unsafe for our students.

*Regards, Liana Hrvatin & Lauren Suggate, Auskick Coordinators*



## Term Planner

Accompanying this newsletter is a Term Planner that you may like to attach to your fridge at home to assist with organisation for your child's Term 1. We hope that it will help with the forward planning in your home. Please add to it as information goes home.

## Library News

### Premiers Reading Challenge

The 2016 Challenge has commenced with 31 students already completing the Challenge. This year the theme for book week is, "Australia - Story Country", and as such we are aiming to travel around Australia, (total of 14391.1 km) visiting every capital city with each completed challenge sheet equating to 24.1 km. There is a display in the Library showing our journey and you are welcome to have a look. We are currently in Port Augusta heading across the Nullabor heading towards Perth.

*Please encourage your child to finish the challenge.*

### Overdue books

Please ensure all overdue books are followed up, if you have any questions please contact Michelle in the Library.

### Library Bags

All students borrowing books **must** have a Library bag (preferably waterproof), this is to ensure that the books are protected.

### Book Club

Issue No. 3 will be sent home with students this week. Orders are due back at the Front Office by Monday 16th May. Your support with book club is appreciated as the school receives scholastic rewards which are used to purchase new books for the Library.

*Michelle Kuller, Resource Centre*

## LOST property from camp.

All items found from camp are on a table of lost property at the front office. It includes clothes, sheets, towels etc... please collect any lost items.

Thanks.



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>



## Sports Day

What a magnificent day we had for Sports Day held last term at Reidy Park. Congratulations goes to our winning team Lake, followed by Eaglehawk in second, Lava third and Willow in fourth place. It was wonderful to see the excellent sportsmanship shown by all students and the new marquees looked amazing. Thursday was also very exciting with our fastest runners competing in their year level Championship Sprints. Well done to the teachers who took out this year's Baton Relay against a competitive student and parent team. A big thankyou goes out to the parents who put their hand up to race in this event. Finally, I would like to congratulate our wonderful team captains who worked extremely hard to make this day such a great event.

*Heath McShane, Physical Education Teacher*



# Term 2 Planner 2016

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	2/5 Uniform Shop	3/5	3/5	4/5 Newsletter	5/5
<b>WEEK 2</b>	9/5 Uniform Shop	10/5 Auskick NAPLAN Begins	11/5	12/5 Assembly 12.15 pm	13/5
<b>WEEK 3</b>	16/5 Uniform Shop	17/5 ICAS Dig Tech- Competition Auskick Finance Meeting	18/5 School Tour 9.30	19/5 Newsletter	20/5 Cross Country Naracoorte
<b>WEEK 4</b>	23/5 Uniform Shop	24/5 Auskick	25/5 Assembly 12pm	26/5 Indigenous Performance	27/5 <b>Stem Summit School Closure Reconciliation Week</b>
<b>WEEK 5</b>	30/5 Uniform Shop Reconciliation Week	31/5 ICAS Science Auskick	1/6	2/6 Newsletter	3/6
<b>WEEK 6</b>	6/6 Uniform Shop	7/6 Auskick	8/6	9/6 Assembly 12pm	10/6
<b>WEEK 7</b>	13/6 <b>Queens Birthday</b>	14/6 Auskick	15/6 ICAS Spelling Competition	16/6 Newsletter	17/6
<b>WEEK 8</b>	20/6 Uniform Shop  SAPSASA Hockey & Soccer	21/6 Auskick	22/6	23/6 Assembly Yr 6/7 Musical	24/6
<b>WEEK 9</b>	27/6 Uniform Shop	28/6 Auskick Finance Meeting	29/6 School Tour 9.30 Governing Council Grounds & Fundraising Mtg	30/6 Newsletter	1/7
<b>WEEK 10</b>	4/7 Uniform Shop  Naidoc week	5/7 Auskick	6/7	7/7 Assembly 12pm	8/7 End of Term 2