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Department for Education and  
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### DIARY DATES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 20</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting 5pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>School Tour 9.30am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Year 4/5 Science Fair</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 23</b>	<b>Glow Discos</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 30</b>	<b>End of Term 3 - Early dismissal 2.30pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>Beginning of Term 4</b>

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

An important building block for children's literacy and numeracy development is regular student attendance at school. We all want our students to get a great education and regular attendance is a crucial foundation for their success at school, both academically and socially. From the first day, every day counts. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school; six days absence per term from Junior Primary to the end of Year 7 equals approximately one year of missed schooling.

Another important feature of attendance is punctual arrival at school. The best learning time for children is the start of the school day so it is vital that students arrive on time to start their day with their peers. Not only does arriving on time support learning but it will also help students develop skills and attitudes that will help them to be successful later in life, these include punctuality, being organised and self-discipline. The school day starts at 8.45am and I would like to encourage all families to have children in classrooms on time as it sets them up to be successful learners. Whenever a student is away we require a written reason which gets documented in roll books. We are mandated to record lateness and absences; these are also reported to you in the mid-year and end of year reports.

### **2017 Planning**

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, planning for class and staffing arrangements for 2017 has commenced. We need to identify teacher staffing/vacancies to ensure a smooth transition. If you know that your child will be leaving the school next year, or if

you know of anyone who will be starting, could you please let us know. Enrolments for next year are well underway and we have students on a waiting list that we need to inform soon regarding vacancies. Your assistance with this would be really appreciated.

### **Book Week Parade and Stars of Reidy**

Thank you to all parents and family members who were able to attend our Book Week parade a few weeks ago. It was a great whole school event with much colour and creativity on display. Well done also to every students who participated in the Stars of Reidy; your courage and positive attitude was fantastic.

### **Parents in Education Forum**

Parents have the opportunity to participate in an upcoming 'Parents in Education' event. It will be held on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 12.15-3.30pm, at Dress Circle – Main Corner, 1 Bay Road. Andrew Fuller, a child psychologist, will be keynote speaker. Further details can be found in a flyer sent home in today's newsletter.

### **Staff Car Parks**

Please be aware that the staff car parks along O'Halloran Tce are not to be used as drop off and pick areas for students. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this request.



*Stars of Reidy Winner, Levi.*

**Stephen Jolley**  
**Principal**

***Learning Together***

***Caring Together***

## Room 11 Olympic Art Work



Room 11 had a task to create a piece of artwork by designing their own mascot, torch, or Olympic rings. We had to give our designs an Australian Olympic theme. Here are some of our designs.

Top Row: Emily B, Nic B, Zahli F

Middle Row: Maddy V

Bottom Row: Holly B, Aaron R, Ethan N

## Glow Discos are happening soon.

Friday 23rd September in the school PAC.

R/1/2	5-6pm
3/4/5	6.30-7.30pm
6/7	8-9pm



\$2 per child paid at the door. Glow and flashing products will be sold throughout the week prior and on the night.

Refreshments include pop top drinks, popcorn, chips and lolly bags.

If you choose to stay, make use of the Coffee Lounge or pick a job to help out!

## 2017 Canberra Camp

Sunday 2nd April - Friday 7th April

The preparations for this camp are going well. All 2016 Year 5/6 students who are attending the Canberra camp next year should have received an invoice in the last few days with the final cost of the camp. We have received a \$100 rebate from the Governing Council and will receive a \$60 rebate from PACER. A number of families have already begun payments and we thank you for this. If you need to set up a payment plan or did not receive an invoice, please contact Gay Brooker in the front office. Final payments are to be paid by February 24th, 2017. More information about the camp will be available next term, and early next year we will be sending home forms etc. to be completed. As a parent, if you are considering putting your name forward to go on camp, please ensure that you have a police clearance that will be current for the camp. We will be asking for expressions of interest at the beginning of next year. If you have any questions please see Gay or myself.

*Thanks, Alison Whibley*

## Lost Property

The large pile of lost property has been sorted and those articles that were named have been returned to classes, however there is still a huge amount of unnamed articles. If you have any items that may still

be missing, please visit and have a look through the basket in the Front Office. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

## SRC News

The SRC meets each Friday morning in the library. This year the SRC have been quite busy organizing things for the school like fundraisers for the Cancer Council and little competitions for the students of Reidy Park. One of the competitions we organized was a paper plane competition. Many people entered and there were many good designs. But there could be only one winner in each category and they were: Oskah (Room 10) and Sienna & Lauren (Room 1). One of the Fundraisers was National Hoodie Day where everyone wore a casual hoodie and that money went to AIME. Another fundraiser we did was a Book Sale to raise money for our new Junior Primary Playground. We also helped to organise activities around the school, such as the Year 3-7 lunchtime games, school disco and help to keep our school looking and feeling beautiful – maintenance issues, four square courts, class activities, equipment and following school agreements. A fundraiser that is coming up at the end of the term is a pyjama day. We have a number of students and families who have asthma and thought it was important to support this charity, so we are raising money for the Asthma Foundation. So all up, the SRC have been busy helping out, raising money and having a little fun at school for students.

## Stars of Reidy

Over the last few weeks we have held Stars of Reidy, and yet again all the participants were great. We had everything from dancing and singing to whip cracking and a dramatic reading. It was great to see the amazing talents of Reidy Park. The grand final was held last Thursday at the assembly where our special guest judges had the difficult decision of deciding who the Star of Reidy would be.

The winners were:

1st place, Levi (drums)

2nd place, Tora & Andi (dancing)

3rd place, Elle, Lara, Millie & Milla (dancing)

4th place, Caillie, Allegra, Stella & Mia (dancing)

Congratulations to all the participants for their courage and to our winner. A big thank you to our special judges - Andrew Bone, Mikaela Ryan and Bernadette Duggan and to the SRC, especially Oskah and Ms Whibley who organised this fabulous event along with Miss Magarey.





## Badminton Champions.

Mr McShane recently ran a badminton tournament for the Year 6/7 students. All students who participated did a great job and the finals were hard fought. In the end the male winners were Ethan N and Caine E who defeated Tyson W and Jonah K. The female winners were Tully Mc and Makenzie K and they defeated Sarah R and Alex L. Well done to those students.



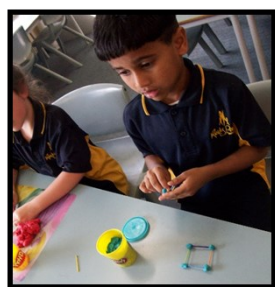
## Room 15 - Maths Rotations

In Room 15, once a week we do Maths Rotations. It might look like we are playing but we are practicing maths and developing our problem solving skills.



We play 'Go Fish' but we don't match pairs, we match Rainbow Facts!

We used play dough and matchsticks to make 3D shapes



We get points for using as many cards as we can to make 10.

Board games are good for turn taking, counting on and this game practices doubles and halving.



## Italian

This term in Italian the Reception classes have been busy learning their colours. The Years 1's are learning the names of farm animals and the things they eat. Year 3-5 students are focusing on sport action verbs incorporating the topic of the Olympics. Year 6/7s are learning to express preferences and choices in Italian by accepting or rejecting ideas, agreeing or disagree using simple questions, such as 'Ti piace? (Do you like?) Secondo Me (In my opinion) Preferisci?' (What do you prefer?).

Last Friday Rooms 25 and 18 were the lucky classes to have a visit from some special guests during their Italian lesson. Grant High School are hosting 10 Italian exchange students from their Sister High School 'Massimo Alberini' in Treviso, Italy. The students are in Years 10-12 and in Australia for 10 days. Their visit was a great opportunity for our students to share what they have learnt, practise speaking in Italian, and experience listening to native Italian speakers.

The Reception students enjoyed making colourful 'fiori' flowers and the year 2 students created a mini book on the Olympic sport action verbs with them.

*Angela D'Onghia, R-7 Italian language Teacher*





# Practical Parenting & Wellbeing Workshops

## Managing Anxiety and Bouncing Back when things go wrong

**Tues 27 Sept, 7-9pm**

Practical tips for parents in helping our kids manage their anxiety.

## Why does my Child do that?

**Part 1: Tues 4 Oct, 7-9pm**

**Part 2: Tues 11 Oct, 7-9pm**

Tips on managing and understanding children's behaviour, aimed at parents of 2-11 year olds.

## Teaching our Kids Emotions

**Tues 18 Oct, 7-9pm**

Tips for helping our young ones to understand and manage emotions. Aimed at parents of 2-8 year olds.

## DIY Guide to Managing Stress

**Tues 25 Oct, 7-9pm**

Practical strategies for adults, because looking after yourself is not an optional extra.

PRESENTED BY:

**Lana-Joy Durik**

LOCAL PSYCHOLOGIST



**COST:** \$60 per person, per workshop  
(discount offered if participating in 3 or more)

**VENUE:** Smiles All Round, 79 Smith St, Naracoorte

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** 0430 022 705 (numbers limited)  
admin@smiles-all-round.com.au

Parent engagement helps children learn best

## Helping parents to support their child's learning and development

**Friday 16th September**

**12.15 pm – 3.30pm**

**Dress Circle - Main Corner**

1 Bay Road, Mount Gambier



This half day event will be delivered by Andrew Fuller and will provide educators and parents with:

- Strategies to strengthen relationships to make connections and have a voice to advocate for children
- Support tools to best empower children to learn at every age and stage.



### About the speaker - Andrew Fuller

A clinical psychologist, researcher and author of a number of books for parents and teachers, Andrew works nationally and internationally with schools and communities to improve the wellbeing of children, young people and their families.

Limited spaces are available.

To register please contact Caroline Hill

Student Engagement & Community Partnerships Coordinator

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**RSVP 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**



This event supports the principles of the City of Mount Gambier's Charter for Children



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## Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
1	Elle H Shelby D Marnee F	Courage when talking in front of class. Fitting in well at her new school. Taking care with her writing.
2	Hayden L Freya N	Taking care to use correct punctuation. Having a positive attitude towards work.
4	Thomas R Zane N	Having the courage to try new things in class with his learning. Being a helpful student during STEM.
6	Mia D Cailee M	Showing school values in class and applying herself to tasks. Having the courage to try new tasks.
7	Lucy E Tayla G	Always showing care and understanding towards her friends and classmates. Having the courage to speak up.
8	Atticus B Harry M	Wonderful creative writing in literacy. Great attitude to learning and excellent spelling.
9	Georgia B Amity S	Positive learning. Care in the classroom.
12	Jinuka W Kasey W	Excelling in all areas of learning. Striving to succeed in all areas of learning.
15	Peter B Belle H	Finishing sight words. Caring for the class and those in it.
17	Jack S Merlin H	Great effort to improve his reading. Great effort in maths.
20	Blake K Tiah F	Helping others with work. For being courageous and working well.
22	Zarah T Isla L	Working hard to improve her reading Outstanding effort during writing.
23	Josh W Chaise E	Improving his concentration and focus during independent work. Working hard each morning to improve his learning.
24	Lara G Seth J	Showing increasing care and respect towards her classmates. Being a brave and independent learner this term.
Italian	Chloe K, Fletcher M, Sarah E, Lara W, Brandon A, Maddie M, Kaleb G, Mikaela B	
Maths	Rhiley M, Harvey C, Thomas G, Tyson W, Oskah E, Galen A, Jensen C, Nick C, Brielle W, Will E, Tori G, Oliver G	

## Measuring in Room 23

In Maths we have been learning about how to compare and measure objects by their length, height and weight. For this activity we made lots of different constructions then we measured/compared our creations.

### Human Balance Scales



### Using Comparative Language



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.



# Book Week 2016

With the theme being Australia... Story / Country, we had a huge variety of classes and students paying tribute to their favourite Aussie authors. Once again, the parade displayed colour, imagination and creativity. We enjoyed Mr. Jolley's reading of "Where is the green sheep?" and I would have to say "Lego Man" was a huge hit! Each day the library was filled by students participating in lunchtime book activities. Thank you to staff, parents and students for your support in this yearly event.



## Mathletics 2017

Reidy Park Primary's Mathletics subscription ends at the end of this year. The school will be deciding at the beginning of Term 4 whether the school will be continuing with this program next year.

Please return this tear off slip to the front office with your opinion.

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Yes, Reidy Park primary school should continue with Mathletics in 2017.

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No, Reidy Park primary school should not continue with Mathletics in 2017

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