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Term 1, Week 5, 2nd March, 2017

**DIARY DATES**

Friday	3	March
Monday	13	March
Monday	20	March
Tuesday	21	March
Tuesday	21	March
Wednesday	22	March
Thursday	23	March
Friday	24	March
Monday	27	March

**Clean up Australia Day**  
**Adelaide Cup Day Holiday**  
**Swimming Rooms 6, 8, 20, 1, 3 and 8**  
**Harmony Day**  
**Finance Committee 5.15pm**  
**Fundraising, Grounds and Governing Council Mtg**  
**School Tour 9.30am**  
**Swimming Rooms 15 and 17**  
**Pupil Free Day**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Acquaintance Night and Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to all families who were able to attend our recent Acquaintance Night. Teachers value the opportunity to share information about their class and what learning your children will participate in during the year. Open communication between school and home is an important supportive factor for all students and we encourage families to contact class teachers if you have any queries during the year. In this week's newsletter is a reply slip for families to provide any feedback and suggestions regarding the running of our Acquaintance Night.

Another opportunity that family involvement is valued is through Parent – Teacher interviews which will be offered later this term. Due to the Year 6 & 7 Canberra Camp, the timing of the interviews has had to be spread over several weeks. Families will be able to book an interview using an online service; information will be sent home early next week that provides instructions for how to do this.

**Surf Education and Swimming Lessons**

Our Upper Primary students have recently completed their participation in Surf Education lessons. This is the second year that the school has participated in this activity as an alternative to swimming lessons at the Aquatic Centre. We are in the process of reviewing if we will book this activity for 2018 and would appreciate any parent feedback before a decision is made. Staff and student feedback from the past two years has been very positive about the these lessons. Please complete the reply slip provided in this week's newsletter.

Also, thank you to all parents who have been able to assist with supervision during swimming lessons over the past two weeks. Your help is appreciated.

**Canteen**

Discussions around providing an outsourced canteen service (for next term) are continuing. Our school has been approached by the canteen managers from Mulga St Primary School who have offered to provide this service. A range of aspects have been considered, including providing an online payment service for families and what days the canteen service would be available. One of the areas that we do need to plan for is how food orders will be transported from Mulga St to our school. One of the options is volunteer help, therefore we are seeking parents who would be prepared to do the task of picking up the orders and delivering them to our school.

Food orders will be placed in boxes and it is anticipated that they would fit in a single car (boot/backseat). Transporting food in this manner will meet safe food handling requirements as the storage boxes will have insulation. We anticipate that lunch order days will be Wednesday and Thursdays and orders would be picked up from approximately midday. If you are able to assist as a volunteer please fill out the reply slip provided. If we do not get enough helpers we would need to look at other options eg. a courier service. Further details about the canteen service will be provided later in the term once they are finalised.



**Stephen Jolley  
 Principal**

Congratulations to Lucy, Leila, Billy and Sarah on being selected to represent the LSE in SAPSASA swimming .

## Facebook

Parent engagement is important to our school and our Facebook page is one strategy that we use to achieve this. The school's Facebook page is used as a forum for sharing information such as events and activities, important dates and information for families. Please be aware that all content posted on our Facebook page is a reflection of our school community and we trust that all postings will be reflective of our school values of Care, Courage and Respect. Users are able to 'like' and provide comments in response to postings however please be aware content that includes anything that is abusive/offensive, defaming of other people, off topic and detrimental in any way will be removed. Please be aware that if inappropriate content is posted, the police may need to be contacted.

## World Read Aloud Day

What a magnificent sight it was to see all classes reading out aloud in the Sugar Bowl last Thursday after lunch. Some classes read with their buddy classes, others listened to their teacher read a picture book to them.



We came together to highlight the power of words by creating a community of readers and to remind ourselves that we all have the right to literacy.

*Sue Hutchesson, Literacy Co-ordinator*

## GRIP Conference

On Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, the student leaders participated in a GRIP Leadership Conference at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. Being involved in leadership at a school level is an important responsibility and a fantastic opportunity to make an impact on others, whilst also growing as a leader yourself. The conference took our student leaders through many aspects of becoming a school leader including the responsibilities involved, supporting each other and using each other's strengths and how to turn an idea into action. The day was extremely engaging for the students and also allowed them to engage with other student leaders from the region and interstate. We look forward to our student leaders now putting some of these important messages into practice throughout the year.



## Reading at Reidy

Reading is for learning and enjoyment. It also allows students to access the world. Independent, successful readers understand what reading is about and are active, purposeful and strategic. Successful readers:

- Approach reading with interest.
- Have a broad reading vocabulary and know the meanings of many words.
- Can effortlessly decode many words.
- Recognise there are different text types and know they will need to draw on diverse strategies to read different text types.
- Realise when they aren't understanding an author's message.
- Have a range of strategies for working out the meanings of words and for understanding an author's message.
- Are persistent if their first strategy is not successful.
- Know they may make errors.
- Have a fluent reading rate and capably use expression to aid meaning.
- Talk about text and authors.

At Reidy you will see:



Children participating in "Read to Self",

"Read to Partner" and "Listen to Reading".



Individual Book Boxes, these give students the choice to pick books or magazines that are suitable for them to read.

## Harmony Day

Harmony Day is Tuesday 21st March. Orange is the colour of Harmony Day. On this day we encourage students to wear whatever they own that is orange. This may be an item of clothing, a hat or hair accessory such as a ribbon or flower. There will be more information regarding Harmony day to follow.



## Room 2 - Growth Mindset

Room 2 have been learning about growth mindset. Growth mindset is about not giving up and always trying your best. We are trying to stretch ourselves and make our brains stronger. Every time you try a new thing your neurons get stronger. All of our classmates are challenging themselves and pursuing their personal best. Just keep swimming is like just keep trying. Room 2 has been swimming at the Aquatic Centre for the past 2 weeks. We had some challenges learning new strokes but we had a go and tried our best. We watched a video about Nemo trying to get Dory who was stuck in a net. It taught us to keep trying and to work together to achieve our goals. We are trying this term to become more successful learners. We all had a go at drawing Nemo and Dory by following instructions. Our class is enjoying learning about growth mindset. Have you been trying your best and having a go at tasks that are hard?  
*Chloe P, Cailee, Kasey and Sasha, Room 2*

## Fundraising Committee



I would like to invite any interested parents and care givers to become part of this committee for 2017. Meetings will be held twice a term with our first meeting being **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at 6.30 pm in the library. I was extremely impressed with the number of fundraising events that were held last year and hope to get a number of Reidy Park community members to help out with events for this year as many hands make light work. If you can't commit for the whole year but are still interested, please let us know. Interested people can call the school on 87253381 and leave your name and contact details.

*Sandy Mullen, Deputy Principal*

## Year 6/7 Surf Education Feedback (please return to the Front Office)

We are supportive of Surf Education Sessions for Year 6 /7 students continuing in 2018.

**Yes / No** (please circle)

Comments .....

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## Value Awards

Room	Presented to	For
2	Zoe P Chloe P	Both continually demonstrating all 3 school values in class.
4	Bradlei W Taya B	Having a go and being positive with his learning. Stretching her brain with her learning.
8	Eryne CK Amelia L	For improved resilience and a growth mindset. For being super friendly and positive class member.
9	Kyah M Nelson F	Caring to tie someone's shoelaces and her interesting responses to would you rather? Showing great sportsmanship in P.E and using learning courage in maths.
10	Charlotte M Victoria S	Being courageous in surf ed. Fantastic effort in her surf poster.
11	Alisha G Kyle J Leah M	Welcoming a new student to class and looking out for her. Courage to ask for help and to try his best. Putting in a lot of time and effort to edit her work.
13	Kira H Zac S	A fantastic start to the year. Respectful behaviour towards others.
15	Reetinder K Banjo S	Sharing her awesomeness by helping. Taking care with his work.
17	Seth D Madison P	Courage to try new things. Showing care and respect towards her classmates.
18	Kai W Gabi P	For having a can do attitude. For great care and manners to her class members.
20	Olivia M Brandon T	Persistence with learning and trying her best. For his respectful behaviour towards others in the class.
22	Sailor M Jesse M	Caring for her classmates and making sure everyone has a classmate to play with. Excellent attitude to his learning and having great listening skills.
23	Rain R Saxon S	Courageous during swimming lessons. Having the courage to try hard during literacy.
24	Cooper R Lachlan S	For making good choices and showing kindness to his classmates. For trying his best to be a caring and respectful student.
25	Akai G Isobel W	Showing courage to try new things. Helping care for our classroom.
Italian	Lachlan S, Saxon S, Kobe R, Beyonce B, Kiana L and Leo H	

**SA Dental Service**

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics. Call now for an appointment. Mount Gambier Dental Clinic phone: 8721 1633

**International Competitions & Assessments for Schools**

Your child is invited to take part in the ICAS in 2017. Please return the permission slip with full entry fee(s) to the Front Office no later than Friday 31st March. The competitions take place every year in schools throughout Australia and South Pacific region. They provide an opportunity for students to measure their own achievement in an external assessment situation, and are a valuable experience. They are however voluntary, not compulsory, and we understand that there are many financial commitments which parents have at the beginning of the school year.

ICAS Subject	Year Level	ICAS Sitting Date	Price
Digital Technologies	3-7	23 May 2017	9.90
Science	3-7	30 May, 2017	9.90
Writing	3-7	12 June 2017	19.80
Spelling	3-7	14 June 2017	13.20
English	3-7	1 August, 2017	9.90
Maths	3-7	15 August 2017	9.90

**Room 23 Swimming**

Last week Room 23 participated in swimming lessons at the Aquatic Centre. Many new skills were learnt and the kids had lots of fun.



I learnt how to dive down the deep end. *Lottie*  
 I liked swimming with the kickboards. *Noah E*  
 I learnt how to backstroke. *Noah C*

The best part about swimming was free-play. *Olivia*



**Clean Up Australia Day**

This Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, a large number of Reidy Park students will be participating in "Schools Clean Up Australia Day". Over the past 26 years, Australians have devoted more than 31 million hours towards the environment through Clean Up Australia Day and collected over 331 thousand tonnes of rubbish and it is important that we share the importance of this message and participate in creating a clean and litter free environment.

Along with their teachers, students will be working within the school boundaries and surrounding streets to help improve the environment in which we live. Students will be supplied with large rubbish bags and plastic gloves. If you would like to support our school in this event, please contact your child's classroom teacher for more information.

**ICAS International Competitions & Assessments for Schools**

Please Return to Front Office by Friday 31st March

CHILD'S NAME .....

Room Number ..... Year Level .....

My child would like to take part in the following subject area of ICAS in 2017. (Please circle)

- Digital Technologies \$9.90      Science \$9.90
- Maths \$9.90                      Spelling \$13.20
- Writing \$19.80                  English \$9.90

I forward \$..... as payment in full for entry to the above nominated competition(s).

Signed .....

**Acquaintance Night Feedback (please return to the Front Office)**

What worked well? .....

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Aspects for improvement .....

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Any other comments .....

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