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DIARY DATES

Thursday	6 July	Reports go home
Friday	7 July	National Hoodie Day - Gold coin donation
Friday	7 July	Hot Dog day
Friday	7 July	End of Term - early dismissal 2.30pm
Monday	24 July	Beginning of Term 3
Saturday	29 July	Reidy Park Quiz night
Tuesday	8 August	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday	9 August	Governing Council Meeting

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well done to all students who performed in our school musical last week. Their efforts since the beginning of the year have been excellent and it was great to see the excitement and pride shown by the students throughout their performances. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of staff members Andrew Bone and Rikki Helps who worked with the students to put together the show. We also had great assistance from parent volunteer Graham Jantosh, who put in much time to help prepare the show's props.

Semester 1 Reports

Next week, on Thursday, Semester 1 student reports will be sent home with students. These reports will provide information about your child's achievement and progress at school to this point of the year. As per DECD requirements, families receive two written reports (the end of Term 2 and Term 4), however you are encouraged at any time during the year to make contact or arrange a meeting with your child's teacher if you require further information about their progress.

Student reports (Yrs 1-7) are based on a 5 point scale which reflects an A – E grade standard. These grades are based on a range of assessment strategies teachers use to determine student achievement against the Australian Curriculum standards. Based on student achievement, teachers then make a balanced judgement to decide which grade best matches the standard the student has achieved (an overview of the grading scale is provided in the accompanying table).

A feature of reports this year will include an overview of particular skills and dispositions that are important qualities for students to develop. This aspect of our report acknowledges that along with subject knowledge and understanding, students also need to develop a range of personal attributes that can be applied in all curriculum areas to enable them to be effective learners

throughout their schooling, including their interactions with peers. If you have any queries about your child's report, please arrange a time to meet with their class teacher.

A	Is demonstrating excellent achievement of what is expected at this year level.
B	Is demonstrating good achievement of what is expected at this year level.
C	Is demonstrating satisfactory achievement of what is expected at this year level.
D	Is demonstrating partial achievement of what is expected at this year level.
E	Is demonstrating minimal achievement of what is expected at this year level.

Thanks

Once again our school has benefitted from a wide range of volunteer help this term and on behalf of staff I would like to thank all parents and caregivers who have assisted with school activities. This includes helping with class excursions, performance costumes, fundraising, school sporting teams, Auskick, the canteen service and listening to reading. We understand that not everyone can help due to work and other commitments but certainly encourage, if the opportunity arises, to become involved in school life. Not only do our students directly benefit from your help but it also models to them the importance of volunteering and helps build a sense of community.



Well done to Maddox, Ruby and Georgia who recently represented our school in the grand challenge of the Lions Mad Minute.

Stephen Jolley
Principal

Staffing Update

Sandy Mullen, our current acting Deputy Principal, has been successful in winning this position in an ongoing basis. This is a terrific outcome for the school as Sandy has comprehensive leadership experience and excellent knowledge and skills in the areas of curriculum and high quality teaching.

Playground Update

The work for the new playground has commenced with the installation of the equipment scheduled for the first week of the upcoming school holidays.

Staff Training and Development

The recent student free day provided an excellent opportunity for staff to hear and learn about current and future directions of schooling and approaches to teaching from a range of educational experts. Tony Wagener (Harvard University) talked about how education is moving from an emphasis on knowledge and students 'knowing things', to a position where more emphasis is put on students having the skills and dispositions to use this knowledge. He argued that 'google knows everything' and therefore it is important to not only focus on the content of subjects but also how this knowledge can be applied so that students retain a curiosity toward learning rather than be pre-occupied with right or wrong answers. He advocated that key skills for students to develop were critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creative problem solving.

A second speaker, Lee Crockett, talked about the importance of key elements being present in the teaching and learning cycle to support students being engaged and connected to their own learning. These elements included students being challenged in their thinking, being involved in self and peer assessment activities and having the skills to work through a design task/problem solving activity.

The learning gained from this day was very valuable and will be used to build on the work which we have undertaken to this point in the year. Building strong dispositions in our students and facilitating learning activities that not only build knowledge but allows students to apply this knowledge in meaningful ways are key focus areas for our staff.

Reminders

- Our final assembly for the term will be held on Thursday July 6th commencing at approximately midday.
- Semester 1 student reports will be sent home with students on Thursday July 6th.
- Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on the last day of the term, Friday July 7th.

Great South Coast Road Cycling Classic

The Tour of the Great South Coast Road Cycling Classic will impact traffic around our school on Wednesday, 26th July, 2017. The course that will be coming past our school is as follows:

STAGE TWO - Blue Lake Road Race (10 laps of 6.5km circuit - 65kms)

Route: O'Halloran Terrace, Wehl Street South, Lake Terrace West, Bay Road and John Watson Drive

Race start: 1.30 p.m.

Race finish: 3.00 p.m.

Road closures: 12:00 noon. – 4.00 p.m.

The roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic during these times and there will be disruption to after school pickup as O'Halloran Terrace and Wehl Street will be closed. In the interest of the students' safety we ask that you arrange an alternative after school pick up spot on Wednesday afternoon.

Yard Duty Staff will escort students to buses that will pick up on Shepherdson Road after school on this day.

National Hoodie Day

The Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) provides mentors for a fairer world and aims to tackle inequality through an educational mentoring program. AIME began in 2005 and was founded by then 19 year old university student Jack Manning Bancroft. Reidy Park was lucky enough to have Jack and a team of AIME mentors visit earlier in the term. Each winter AIME showcase their new hoodie. This is usually designed by a student in the AIME program. They then present National Hoodie Day with all proceeds going to AIME to help them reach their goal of wiping out global inequality. Friday July 7th is National Hoodie Day. We are encouraging students to wear a casual hoodie and to bring a gold coin donation with all money being donated to AIME.

Term 3 Canteen Service

The canteen service that is being provided from Mulga St PS will continue next term in the same format. Thank you to all parents that have been able to assist with transporting food orders. We are still seeking helpers for Term 3. Please complete the reply slip in this week's newsletter if you are available or alternatively, contact the Front Office. The lunch orders are collected from Mulga St PS at approximately 12.20pm and then delivered to the Front Office where student lunch monitors take the orders to their class.

Canteen Reply Slip

Name:

I am able to help on the following days in Term 3

(circle your choice).

- Wednesday
- Thursday

Woolworths Earn and Learn

'Earn & Learn' is back to make a difference for our school. We are really excited to let you know that this community program enables our school to earn educational resources when anyone from our school community shops at Woolworths. We are proud to partner with them to earn learning equipment and resources for our students. Taking part is easy too. Starting Wednesday, July 26th, when anyone from our school community, staff, parents, friends shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on their sticker cards. They'll get one sticker for every \$10 spent. Once they complete their sticker cards they can place them in a collection box, at either our Front Office or your local Woollies store.



School Soccer

School soccer starts next term on Saturday mornings for year 3/4/5 students. Games are played from 9 am to 10 am. If you would like your child to be part of our school team then please collect and fill in a permission form from the front office.

Mad Minute

This term, the Year 4/5 classes have been practicing their public speaking skills in preparation for Mad Minute. Lions' Mad Minute is a public speaking competition where competitors are required to speak on a topic, selected at random, for one minute. Following class judging, which was held in Week 6, three speakers were selected from each class. The top three from each class then competed to determine who would go on to the Grand Challenge, held at Mount Gambier High School. On Tuesday, Ruby C, Maddox and Georgia represented Reidy Park at the Mad Minute Grand Challenge, where they competed against 13 different schools. They did a fantastic job and did us all proud, using the techniques that we have been learning about in class. Well done, Ruby, Maddox and Georgia!

Student Personal Data

A form with your child's personal data will be sent home this week. Please check, make any changes and send it back to the front office as soon as possible. All forms need to be returned and signed by a parent / caregiver even if no changes are needed.

Save the date

Reidy Park Primary School fundraising committee will be holding a Quiz night on Saturday the 29th July. A flyer will be sent home with the eldest from each family this week.

Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
1	Aden Mc Maya L	Consistently stretching himself in maths. Excellent work on her diorama.
2	Ethan Mc Mykalea S	For writing a detailed narrative. Having the courage to have a go at fractions.
4	Billy C Vanessa Mc	Attempting to stay focused and complete some work. Challenging herself with her learning.
5	Jayden P Monique A	Challenging himself in maths. For being a hardworking member of Room 5.
6	Millie B & Ava C Brok O Frayzah G	Both for careful testing and techniques for their science fair experiments. Having courage for mad minute. Trying hard in fractions.
8	Lenny V Cameron M	Showing courage to do the right thing when others are not.
10	Jaiden F Aisha M	Being attentive during instruction time. Being brave when asking questions.
11	Tully Mc Meg W	Managing school, sport and leadership commitments well. Courage to restart science project to improve it.
12	Mackenzie K Max H	Her commitment to her learning and student leadership. Courage in all areas.
15	Chelsea A Seth J	Caring and supporting class members. Reviewing and improving his work.
17	Ruby L Isaac T	Great work in word work and maths. Great effort in solving maths problems.
18	Eli J Nat H-J	Strong growth with his reading. Applying a variety of strategies when solving worded problems in maths.
20	Lilli P William J	Persisting in all aspects of her learning Working hard in all area of learning.
22	Ella C Zarlee K	Showing great care and neatness in her work. Caring for her classmates
23	Chelsea Mc Noah E	Caring for and being a helpful class member. Showing respect to all his teachers.
24	Jayden C Isabelle M	For trying his best and asking for help. For always trying her best.
25	Jye D Ava H	For sounding out words. For focusing on hearing sounds in words.

The Rocky Monster Show

Every Thursday afternoon for the last 5 months we rehearsed a musical called 'The Rocky Monster Show'. The musical was about a professor who use to be a rock star, who owned a mysterious castle. Professor Fenton hired 2 assistants Daniel Stoker and Rebecca Shelley to help him with his extraordinary experiments. The villagers were curious about the castle, so they tried all different ways to get in. In the end, Mrs Danvers destroys the castle by pressing a button which destroys people's lives altogether. The musical was a hilarious, interesting and astonishing play to watch. Some of the characters included Prince, Michael Jackson, John Lennon and Elvis. I really enjoyed acting in the musical, I was a girl guide who sold cookies to everyone. I went up to the castle to sell cookies, Holly Kate and I saw Professor Fenton walk past, we ran away. Never going back up to that castle again. My advice to the Year 5s and 6s is to do the musical next year because it is really enjoyable. *Written by Katie D*

For most of the last 2 terms the year 6/7s have been working on a musical called the Rocky Monster Show every Thursday afternoon. Throughout last week we performed three shows (2 for schools and one for the public). My character was the station master/head villager who kept order during meetings. The thing I enjoyed the most about the musical were performing in front of an audience, banging a mallet as my character and learning all of my lines and all of the songs. *Written by Oscar M*

