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### DIARY DATES

<b>Friday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Special Lunch</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>End of Term 3 , Dismissal at 2.30pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Beginning of Term 4</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>School Closure Day - Mt Gambier Show</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>School Tour 9.30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week's newsletter is our last for what has been a busy and productive term. There have been many highlights including class concerts, sporting events and student participation in other extra-curricular activities. This afternoon our Upper Primary students showcased their learning to the school and families by presenting the fantastic work that they have been doing around the theme of Ancient Civilisations. Next term will also be 'full' with many events scheduled including students from Yr 3 & 4 presenting their combined concert, Reception transition visits and Yr 7 Graduation.

I would like to commend both students and staff on their efforts throughout the term. Our teachers work hard to ensure Reidy Park is an environment focused on learning and high expectations and I am continually impressed and proud of our students who strive to achieve success in their school work and behave in a respectful manner.

Next term we will also begin the task of placing children in classes for 2018. This process is quite extensive as several factors are taken into consideration such as social and academic perspectives, gender balance and children with special needs. If parents believe they have information, based on educational needs, which will help in your child's placement, please put this information in a letter addressed to the Principal, marked 'Confidential'. We cannot guarantee that every request will be met, however the information will be taken into consideration. Students will also have the opportunity to be a part of this placement process and next term will be asked to identify friends they would like to be in a class with next year. Our school has done much work this year in building children's mindsets and they will be strongly encouraged to be resilient if they are not placed with a preferred friend (there is no guarantee that children will be placed with their 'best' friend/s as it is logistically impossible to achieve this outcome). We would value parent support in promoting the message that whilst friendships are important,

being in a new class is an opportunity to develop connections with other peers.

### **Volunteers**

Our school benefits greatly from volunteers who provide support in a wide range of ways including coaching sporting teams, helping children in class activities, providing transport assistance, fundraising events and membership of parent groups such as Governing Council. It is a DECD requirement that all volunteers who provide ongoing assistance must participate in a Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care (RAN-EC) induction session. The RAN-EC induction outlines for volunteers their child protection responsibilities and provides guidelines on protective practices. Ongoing assistance by a volunteer can either be regular or irregular, this might mean:

- Once a week.
- Once a fortnight.
- Every day for a week/term.
- Once a term.
- Whenever it fits with other commitments.

Our school will be running a RAN-EC induction session for volunteers on Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6.30pm-8.30pm in the school library. All current and intending volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend. Please complete the reply slip in this week's newsletter if you would like to register for this session (there is no cost to participants).



Our new playground has been in use over the past few weeks much to the excitement of students.

**Stephen Jolley**  
**Principal**

## Staff Carpark

Recently some families have been using the staff car park as a drop off zone in the mornings and we request that this practice does not continue. We understand that parking can be a challenge during busy school times - however there have been several near misses in this area. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## Reminders

- Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm tomorrow, the last day of term.
- Students return to school for Term 4 on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.
- During Term 4 students are required to wear navy blue bucket hats in accordance with the school's uniform policy.

## School Closure Days- Advanced Notice

**Mt Gambier Show:** As in previous years our school will close for the Mount Gambier Show on **Friday 20th October**.

Governing Council have approved a **Pupil Free Day** on **Friday November 3rd**. On this day staff will be participating in a professional development workshop focused on planning and moderation.

## Adelaide Music Festival

A couple of weeks ago on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, 13 students from Reidy Park went to Adelaide for the Festival of Music. On the night we performed, there were at least 950 students on stage and then an extra dance troupe on stage at times. It was heaps of fun as it was my first year going. The festival was held at the Entertainment Centre for the first time ever! It has been going for more than 100 years and first started in the 1800s and was actually called 'The thousand voice choir'. On the night, there was an orchestra made up of primary school kids that played all of the music. At the start, for the very first song, there were people carrying flags. We had drummers on stage as we walked on. One of my favourite songs that we sang was from the Nutcracker theme and was called 'Mouse World'. I liked it because it has a good beat to it and is a catchy song.

*Rylee S*



## Room 6 News

Room 6 have been working on Rhyming Couplets. These are lyrics and songs that tell a story. They are written in pairs of lines that rhyme. Here is Ruby D's

When I woke on Saturday  
I asked what we were doing that day?  
Dad replied and said "Ask Jim"  
Jim was hanging with cousin Kim  
It was cousin Kim's 10th birthday  
I wished that he would go away  
When I walked they noticed me  
I was holding something Kim wasn't meant to see  
Jim laughed and said that's mine  
Mum came out with a bottle of wine  
Dad looked surprised and questioned her  
While Dad found a stash of fur  
Kim was staring at the mop  
Then we heard a big loud pop  
At last my cousin Kim went home  
Jim was sad and all alone  
*Ruby D, Room 6*

## School Furniture

We have a range of excess desks and chairs that we are looking to give away. If you are interested, the furniture is on display in the quad and will be available for pick up after school today and on Friday from 3-5pm.

## RAN-EC Induction Session

I would like to attend the RAN-EC induction session on Tuesday 9th November from 6.30-8.30pm (please return to Front Office)

Parent Name .....

Signature .....

## Canteen

Thank you to all parents who have been able to assist with transporting the lunch orders to school, it is much appreciated. We are now seeking helpers for next term. If you can assist, please fill out the reply slip included or contact the Front Office. Lunch orders are collected from Mulga Street PS at approximately 12.15 on ordering days. Unfortunately without the help of enough parent volunteers the service may not be offered.

## Canteen Reply Slip

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to help on the following days in Term 4

(circle your choice).

- Wednesday
- Thursday



## SAPSASA Basketball

Last week several teams of students travelled to Adelaide to participate in a carnival at Wayville Stadium. On the Wednesday, a team of Year 4/5 girls and 4/5 boys competed. Both teams had some success throughout the day and gained valuable experience playing basketball at a higher level. A big thank you goes out to Ben Brumby and Dan Collins for coaching the teams and well done to both teams for trying their best to get some wins on the board.



The next day Mr. McShane coached the Year 6/7 Reidy boys team. These boys were the first team to ever make it to the state finals which is a great result in itself. They played some excellent basketball and produced some outstanding plays throughout the day defeating some very good teams. This group of boys ended up winning four from seven games which was a pleasing result. Thank you to all families who were able to assist with transport across both of the days.

Reidy Park has some talented basketballers at the school and if you would like your child to get involved in the summer basketball competition, give Beth Serle a call at the Icehouse.



## Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
1	Adam O Maya L	For working hard in class. For working hard to improve her reading comprehension skills.
2	Zoe P Nevae B	Presenting a detailed history project on Cathy Freeman. Adding detail in her response writing.
3	Ethan B Angus B	Helping others and caring. Working on showing a growth mind-set.
4	Merlin H Reece B	For being focused with his learning and attempting to complete work. For being an enthusiastic learner and challenging himself with his learning.
5	Noah M Maddox F	Excellent work on his information report. Working hard and applying himself in all areas.
7	Brodie S Jim D	For working really well in all learning areas. Focused and respectful. For a respectful attitude towards how his work ethic can be improved.
9	Ethan PC Charlotte S	Reliable, generous class member who can be counted on for crossing duty. Skills in analysing sources in 'History Mystery'
11	Coco M and Lauran N	For their dedication and commitment to the PMA challenge.
12	Mikaela B	Her positive attitude towards all areas of learning.
13	Brady D Cheyanne K	Positive sharing in his maths and sharing his problem solving strategies to support others. For her willingness to seek and accept feedback in all areas of learning.
15	Blake D Addison G	Having the courage to always try hard with his learning. Showing care towards her teachers and classmates.
17	Amy A Seth D	For a fantastic effort in her writing. For a great effort in his work.
18	Kelleysha L Gabi P	For persistence and courage to climb the monkey bars. For using wow words in her writing.
20	Finn M Jasmine R	For showing enthusiasm in writing. For her success in reading.
23	Nevaeh G Tyler B	Always being friendly to classmates and teachers. Achieving his goals.
24	All of Room 24 children	For an amazing effort with their Concert.
25	Mia D Harley W	For having a go at writing. Using his 5 L's during floor time.

# School Lego Competition

Last Friday we held our first School Lego competition in conjunction with BrickGambier 2017. It was great to see the many entries from our students and the amazing creativity that was put into their animal themed Lego creations. Our Prize Winners on the day were:

## Rec/1

1st: Drayven A  
2nd: Sabrina S  
3rd: Tristyn S

## Years 2-4

1st: Jasper S  
2nd: Ananya S  
3rd: Daniyal Y

## Years 5 - 7

1st: Luke E  
2nd: Abby H  
3rd: Taj B

Congratulations to all students who entered our school based competition. The top place getters from each level will now represent Reidy Park at the BrickGambier competition held at St. Martins on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September and Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.



We also held a casual day last Friday to coincide with this event. This saw our students dress up again with the animal theme to raise money to support the Wet Noses Animal Rescue. As a school we raised approximately \$545.00 that we look forward to passing on to Wet Noses. Thank you to our SRC students for running this event, in particular our year 4/5 SRC students for working together and coordinating this day so successfully.



## SAPSASA Athletics in Adelaide

On Monday, a group of Reidy Park students participated in SAPSASA Athletics in Adelaide. To make it to the Adelaide competition was a great effort and all of our students produced their very best efforts against top athletes from other regions of South Australia. We had some fantastic results:

Skye M finishing first in shotput.

Gui R came first in long jump and third in 100m sprints.

Leila C finished first in long jump, 100m sprint and 200m.

Lydia M came 2nd in shotput.

Kade A came 3rd in the 200m sprint. Other great performances were produced by Declan T, Ky Mc, Mitchell P and Luran N. Well done to all those students.