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DIARY DATES

Thursday
Friday
Monday

14th December
15th December
29th January

Year 7 Graduation
End of Term 4, Dismissal 2.30pm
Beginning of Term 1, 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all families who were able to attend the community carols evening last night. It was a fantastic event and a great opportunity for our school community to come together. Well done to all students who participated and thank you to our volunteers and staff who assisted. A special thank you is extended to Andrew and Stephanie Bone and Marcus Jones for coordinating the evening and our special elf hosts Ms Perryman, Ms Cliff and their elf helpers.



Tonight we have another special school activity which our senior students are looking forward to, our Year 7 Graduation. Our graduation is an opportunity say a fond farewell to this group of students, many of whom have spent their whole eight years of schooling at Reidy Park. Congratulations to you all, we hope that you enjoy the challenges of high school and strive to be the best you can.

2017 End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year report has been sent home today and details their achievement against the Australian Curriculum. If you have any queries about the information provided in the report please contact your child's class teacher.

Class Transition Visit

Tomorrow all students will have the opportunity to visit the class that they will be placed in for next year. Much planning and consideration goes toward the development of classes, including facilitating friendship choices where possible. This transition visit is both an exciting and anxious time for our students and we will provide support for them where needed. Students may come home

expressing reservations or concerns about their placement; please use this as a chance to talk to your child about how 'change' can feel awkward initially, the importance of being resilient and recognising that a new class will bring opportunities for developing new friendships. These are all positive life experiences for our students that will benefit them as they develop into young adults. A note will be sent home with your child on Friday that indicates their classroom number and teacher.

Staffing News

At the end of this term we will be farewelling a number of our staff. Sue Hutchesson, Helen Papastamatis and Angela D'Onghia will all be moving to work in schools located in Adelaide. Stacy Chapman, Emma Brown and Miffy Mosely, who have fulfilled contract roles at Reidy Park this year, will also be taking up opportunities at other schools. Jennie Mannion will be taking leave for 2018 and Jaime Newell, Front Office Administration, has won a position at Mt Gambier High School. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank them for their hard work and contribution to our school and we wish them all the best for the future.

Thanks

I would like to pass on my thanks and best wishes to the school community. I feel immensely privileged to be the principal of Reidy Park and having an important role in supporting and contributing to the learning and development of all the children at our school. I would also like to thank our staff for their hard work and tireless efforts. It is greatly valued and appreciated. Well done to our students also. I continue to be impressed by their friendliness and enthusiasm and trust they will be ready for a new year of learning in 2018. On behalf of all staff, we hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Christmas and holiday break.



Stephen Jolley
Principal

Final Assembly and End of Term Dismissal

Our final assembly for the year will be held tomorrow and commence at approximately 2.10pm. Students will be dismissed from the Gym at 2:30 pm. Please note, Junior Primary students (Rec-Yr 2) will move from the gym and be dismissed from their classroom. Following our assembly, staff will form a guard of honour in the Front Office area to farewell our Year 7 students. Parents are welcome to meet their Yr 7 child in the adjoining car park afterwards.

Parent Volunteers

Earlier this week a morning tea was held as a thank you gesture to all parents who have assisted with school activities and events this term. This volunteer help is not only greatly valued, but also relied upon. There are many examples of activities that are supported by volunteers at our school; participation in excursions, listening to reading, sports coaching and fund raising are just some. We encourage you to volunteer your support if time allows; children get immense joy and benefit through your involvement.

Lunch Order Service

We wish to thank you all very much for your continued support with the outsourcing of our Canteen. We have found this new venture to be very successful and made very easy by use of the Qkr App. We would especially like to thank all of the volunteer parents who have gone out of their way on a weekly basis to drop off and pick up lunch boxes. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to continuing our service with you all in 2018.

Kind regards, Leanne Tinckell & Joanne Byrne, Mulga St Canteen

Sports Achievement

Leila recently participated in the Pan Pacific games in Adelaide. This event consists of 12 sports and only involves students who have achieved outstanding results in their particular field. Leila competed in the combined event which included the 100 m, 800 m, long jump and shot put. Overall she came 4th which was an amazing effort. Leila also competed in the individual high jump and came 4th. She came 9th in the long jump and her relay team came 3rd.



Facebook Page

Don't forget to like Reidy Park's Facebook page. We will be posting updates and reminders in January.

Christmas Fundraiser

In Week 7, the SRC held a Christmas themed fundraiser to raise money for Mount Gambier Community of Helping Hands. In total we raised well over \$600 for the day which was a great achievement. The day involved students dressing up in Christmas themed clothing, purchasing Christmas themed biscuits and listening to Christmas stories at lunchtime in the library. SRC students made over 400 biscuits to sell. We had Reindeer biscuits and Bon Bon biscuits that we made on Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon. All of the SRC students worked together to decorate these biscuits and worked together extremely well. At lunchtime three SRC students read stories in the library to some younger students. A super effort by Ruby, Bree and Rylee for their engaging reading.



Pastoral Support Worker News

I just wanted to acknowledge the Reidy Park community, teachers, students and families for the amazing effort and contribution, that has gone towards fundraising an enormous, total amount of \$2045.29 for my organisation, Mt Gambier Community of Helping Hands. I am blown away by the generosity and the thought, consideration and hard work that has gone into making this happen. I thank you all so much from the bottom of my heart, for supporting and encouraging the continuation of this 'kindness crusade' of locals helping locals. Special thanks to Sam Currie and Renae Perryman for coordinating the students and their amazing idea's, in raising these funds. This money will stay local and go back into the community to assist and help families and person's who are in need. Mt Gambier Community of Helping Hands support Foodbank, purchase food, clothing, footwear, bedding, sports equipment, Christmas gifts, amongst other things, for those in need. If you would like to follow events and the activities of MGCHH, please join our Facebook page, Mt Gambier Community of Helping Hands. Thank you all so much, I feel such gratitude for all your support.

Merry Christmas

*Trudi Shelton, Executive Officer,
Mt Gambier Community of Helping Hands*

Thank you

The fundraising committee would like to thank all those families who have contributed to our fundraising activities this year. We are pleased to have raised over \$8000 for the school this year, we will announce early next year what this will go towards. A special thank you to Alison Gwilym who donated her time and made over 170 slices for our pie and slice drive during the year. Thank you to all those who have helped during the Friday lunchtime canteen service. It has been very successful and we will be looking to continue with this next year. A huge thank you to all those families who donated items for the Christmas hampers. Thanks must also go out to Bakers Delight who recently donated the bread for Carols night and this Friday's sausage sizzle.

Thank you, Fundraising Committee

Room 22

Room 22 made paper chains in a pattern with our buddy class Room 6. We used Christmas designs such as elves, Santa, trees and presents for the pictures. When all stapled together it was over 20 metres long!



Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
1	Harrison E	For mentoring other students in maths.
2	Charlotte E	For having the courage to participate in class discussions and stretching her learning.
3	Angus B	Having a growth mindset and confidence.
4	Archer B	For always showing respect.
5	Ky Mc	For a more disciplined approach to his work.
7	Jack W	For a settled and mature return to school after a long break.
8	Aramis W	For making strong choices and an excellent oral presentation.
10	Holly M	For always caring for and respecting others.
15	Reetinder K	For being a caring and respectful member of our class.
17	Peter B	Care and respect for his classmates.
18	Grace C	For reaching the end of year benchmark for reading.
20	Room 20	For your hard work, respect, care and courage.
23	Molly M	For always showing kindness towards all teachers and students.
24	Leon B	For being brave and persistent learner.
25	Mia D	Having a go at her writing.
Italian	Ethan T, Cooper R, Ella M, Skyla O, Marnee F & Zac S.	

Cash Office 2018

The cash office will be open for uniform sales prior to the commencement of Term 1 2018.

The dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday 23rd January 9am - 4pm

Wednesday 24th January 9am - 4pm

Year 7 Class of 2017



Farewell and good luck for 2018