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DIARY DATES

Monday	19	March	Swimming Rms 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 22, 17
Wednesday	21	March	Harmony Day
Thursday	22	March	School Tour 9.30am
	22		Assembly
	22	March	Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm
Monday	26	March	Swimming Rms 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 & 21
Thursday	29	March	Pyjama Day
			Early Dismissal: 2.30pm
Friday	30	March	Good Friday
Monday	2	April	Easter Monday
Thursday	5	April	Championship Sprints
Friday	6	April	Sports Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tomorrow is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, which is an opportunity for schools to highlight the significance of this issue. All staff at Reidy Park strive to ensure that our school environment is free from bullying. Many actions are undertaken throughout the school to achieve this goal with education programs (including the Child Protection Curriculum), class buddy activities, the provision of pastoral support for students and a strong focus on our school values. A key component of these programs involves students developing an understanding of what bullying is. The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

"Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert)."

As well as having an awareness of what bullying is, it is also important for students to have an understanding of what bullying isn't. Single incidents and conflict between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance).
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection.
- one-off acts of meanness or spite.
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

Whilst these incidents are not regarded as bullying, these issues still need to be addressed and resolved. Families and teachers play a crucial role in supporting children's understanding of this area. Children need to know that they are being heard, that their feelings matter and their concern will be followed up respectfully. Below is some

information, from the 'bullyingnoway' website, in relation to how to respond if your child does raise a concern:

- Listen calmly and get the full story. Your first response can make a difference to the outcome. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress for your child.
- Reassure your child. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'thank you for sharing, that behaviour is not ok and we all have a right to feel safe' or 'we solve problems by talking to adults'.
- Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
- Contact the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help.
- Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.



Further information regarding proactive ways to manage the issue of bullying can be found at <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

Stephen Jolley, Principal

This week students have been completing activities to raise their awareness of bullying.

Emergency Procedures

Today our school held an emergency evacuation drill. The purpose of this practice is to familiarise all students with our emergency routine. In the instance of an actual emergency, families will be contacted via SMS.

Easter Dismissal: Thursday March 29th

All local DECD sites, including Reidy Park, will be closing an hour earlier on the Thursday before Easter. As a consequence BusLink SA will run buses an hour earlier than their usual time on that afternoon. Our students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Thursday March 29th.

Term 2 Pupil Free Days

Governing Council have approved 2 pupil free days for next term. These two days will cover areas related to Literacy and Numeracy which are key areas of focus for our school. The dates for the pupil free days are Monday May 7th and Monday May 21st.

Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday the 2nd of March, Reidy Park Primary School participated in Clean Up Australia Day. Clean Up Australia Day is a reminder to focus on all the litter and rubbish people leave around that can pollute the air and hurt animals in the ocean and on land.



We need to keep Australia clean and healthy all the time. Every class had a specific spot that they were allocated to clean up. We filled up many bags of rubbish and we are very proud of our efforts. Always use the bins provided and help keep Australia clean.

Sienna V, Room 11

Qkr! App

There have been occasions when payments made via the Qkr App have been allocated to the incorrect class and/or student, please double check this prior to completing the process.

School Stream

Don't forget to download the School Stream App that our school now uses to communicate news and information. This app not only provides a communication service, but you can also submit absence notes, change of detail information and consent forms. Please be aware that School Stream has replaced our Facebook page, so news and updates will no longer be appearing on this forum.

Parent - Teacher Interviews

Parent—Teacher Interviews will be held from next week. All families are encouraged to make an appointment as they provide an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. To make a booking please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **f6jnh**. Bookings close on Friday 16th March. Please do not hesitate to ring the school if you have any queries or need help to make a booking.

World of Maths

Last Wednesday our school was visited by the World of Maths Roadshow. Students took part in several hands on maths activities about different maths concepts and topics. Problem solving was a concept that ran through most of the activities. Students were split into groups and had to work together to complete the tasks. The activities ranged from simple questions to challenging questions that took the students a while to solve. The session was thoroughly engaging and at times a little frustrating. We had to use a growth mindset so we would keep working at the problem. All in all, the session was a lot of fun. We look forward to participating again next year.

Lara & Leila, Room 13



Harmony Day

Wednesday March 21st is Harmony Day. Reidy Park will be celebrating this day and all students are encouraged to wear something orange. This could include clothing, accessories, hair ribbons, shoes etc. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in activities run by Student leaders, Sports captains and the SRC.

Swimming

Swimming commences next week for some of our classes.

March 19th - 23rd (Week 8)

9.15am - 10am: Rooms 9, 11 and 16

10.00am - 10.45: Rooms 12, 13 and 22

1.30pm - 2.15pm: Rooms 1 and 4

2.15pm - 3pm: Rooms 8, 10 and 17

March 26th - 29th (Week 9)

9.15am - 10am: Rooms 9, 11 and 15

10.00am - 10.45: Rooms 12, 13 and 21

1.30pm - 2.15pm: Rooms 1 and 4

2.15pm - 3pm: Rooms 8 and 10

Sports Day

In the coming weeks a program of events will be sent home for our upcoming Sports Day. A reminder that Championship Sprints will be held on Thursday April 5th in the morning and on Friday April 6th, team and individual events will take place. We are looking for parents to take on the students and teachers in two events on Sports Day. The two events are the baton relay and tug of war. If you are interested in joining the parent team this year, please fill in the reply slip and return it to the Front Office in a labelled envelope asap. These two events take place after the Friday lunch break.

Parent v Student v Teacher Challenge.

(please return to the Front Office)

Child's name:Rm

I am willing to take part in the Baton Relay.

Name.....

Contact Number

I am willing to take part in the Tug of War.

Name.....

Contact number

Signature

Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
2	Jordan D	Having the courage to try new strategies in maths to solve a challenging problem.
3	Alyssa M	Her fantastic effort in Geography.
4	Logan S	Always trying his very best in class.
5	Thomas G	Displaying the school values at swimming lessons.
8	Lacey B	A positive attitude to learning and applying herself 100%.
9	Ruby W	Her thoughtful daily reflection that included justification.
10	Brydie L	Showing courage during work on decimals.
12	Emma W	Courage and persistence in all areas of learning.
13	Elle H	Displaying a growth mindset.
15	Tannah Mc	Continuing to put in her best effort all the time.
16	Liam	Having a growth mindset with his writing.
17	Jenna B	Always showing care and respect to her classmates.
20	Charlotte J	Being brave at saying goodbye in the morning.
21	Nash H	Being on task quickly and stretching himself.
22	Mia D	Being a brave writer.
23	Mackenzie F	Showing care towards her teachers and classmates.
24	Maxx K	For always using his manners and caring for other members of our class-room.
25	Matilda P	Always trying her best.

Room 9 & Room 24 Buddy Class Activities

We have been working with our reception buddy class on different skills. We have practised questioning and writing together to make a "Guess Who?" book. We also practised tracing each others' hands and cutting them out. This week we will teach our buddy to trace pictures. Keep an eye out for our next beautiful display of work!



Pyjama Day

