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Term 2, Week 1, 3rd May, 2018

DIARY DATES

Monday	7	May
Tuesday	8	May
Monday	14	May
Wednesday	16	May
Monday	21	May
Monday	21	May
Thursday	31	May

Pupil Free Day - Literacy Focus
Auskick 3.30 - 4.30
Fundraising Committee Meeting 3pm
Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm
Pupil Free Day - Maths Focus
Parent Workshop - Ann Baker Maths Focus
School Tour 9.30am

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. All students have settled back into their class routines which has been pleasing to see and we are looking forward to another positive term ahead. As expected, there are many interesting events and activities that will occur during the term, including various class excursions, the commencement of Auskick (Week 2) and the Year 6 & 7 Musical (Week 7). At any stage during the term please make a time to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

This coming Monday we have a pupil free day which will involve staff working with a Literacy consultant in the area of writing. This will complement the past work our school has undertaken aimed at improving student achievement and progress in this area. The day will look at key steps that teachers and students can work through to improve writing quality. Some of these steps include:

Strategy: *Sizzling Starts*. Children tend to want to write their stories that begin at the start of the day, start of the week or the first day of the holidays. An alternative strategy is to start stories right where the action begins. For example;

Before: I leapt out of bed that morning because our family was going to the zoo...

After: "Here," I told my sister, "hold my bag. I'm going to get a bit closer to the monkey's cage." A bit closer meant over the fence and past the sign that said 'No Entry'.

Strategy: *Show, Don't Tell*. Effective writers are able to create a picture in the mind of the reader, this can occur through descriptive vocabulary but also by skilfully 'proving' important things. For example;

Before: My brother is lazy.

After: "Your turn to wash the dishes Sam" said Dad. "Yeah, later," Sam said yawning and turned the tv louder. "No, now" said Dad. Dad knew when Sam said

'later' that this could mean somewhere between today and next year.

There are many things at home families can do together to help build your child's writing skills, some of these are:

- Next time you are watching a movie with your child/ren, notice how the movie more than likely begins with an action scene that grabs your attention.
- When reading picture books, look for the 'tension' in the scenes. Picture books are short, so it's easy to find where the all-important tension builds before the ending.
- Highlight to your child/ren how words form pictures in our minds. For example, read these sentences slowly to them and talk about what picture they visualise: Red flowers stand tall and cheerful in a vase, or, there's a baby elephant under the tree in our garden.
- Many authors actually get their ending first and then figure out the story working backwards. For example: 'Crocodiles don't like fly spray.' Brainstorm with your child/ren what the story could be.

The concepts discussed above, and others, will be further expanded next Monday and we look forward to transferring this knowledge into the classroom with students in the future.

Stephen Jolley
Principal



During the recent holiday break our student leaders represented Reidy Park at two memorial services. They are pictured with Mt Gambier's remaining veteran from the Korean War.

2018 NAPLAN Reminders

NAPLAN assessments for students in Yrs 3, 5 and 7 will be held this term during Week 3. Please be aware of the testing schedule described below.

Tuesday May 15th:

Writing and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.

Wednesday May 16th:

Reading Comprehension.

Thursday May 17th:

Numeracy.

Testing will occur in the mornings and catch up assessments will be scheduled across the week for students who are absent. If you have any queries regarding NAPLAN, including concerns about your child's participation, please speak to their class teacher.

Assembly

A reminder that our first assembly for the term will be held on Thursday May 10th commencing at approximately midday. All family members are welcome (please do not enter the gym until the seating has been set up). Assemblies will be held each fortnight after this.

Pupil Free Days

Please be aware of the following pupil free dates:

- Monday May 7th (Literacy)
- Monday May 21st (Numeracy)

Public Education Awards

Nominations for the 2018 Public Education Awards are now open. These awards provide an opportunity to recognise the dedication and commitment of our staff in supporting students' learning and wellbeing and acknowledge the positive impact teachers have in supporting their personal development. If you are considering nominating one of our staff, further information can be found at:

<https://publiceducationawards.awardsplatform.com/>

Auskick

The Reception to Year 2 Auskick program begins next week on Tuesday 8th May. Please ensure that your child is registered online at <http://www.aflauskick.com.au> prior to participating.



Sessions will run each Tuesday of Term 2 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on the school oval. Please ensure your child signs in for each session. Sign in sheets are located inside the gym foyer.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the duration of each session; students who

do not have a supervising parent/family member will not be able to participate.

Auskick is a volunteer run program and we are still looking for more parent volunteers to help monitor and direct a small group of children to rotate through the Auskick stations each week. Please contact the school if you are interested in assisting.

Korean War and Anzac Day Memorial Services

On the 24th of April, the student leaders represented Reidy Park for the first time at the Kapyong Day service at Vansittart Park gardens. We laid a wreath and remembered the people who served during the Korean War. We met Roy who is the last surviving soldier from this war in Mount Gambier. After this service, we helped put out the crosses under the lone pine tree for the ANZAC Day services. Each cross has a name of a local soldier who died at war.

On ANZAC Day (25th of April), we also attended the Dawn Service. We watched the sun come up as we paid our respects to the soldiers who lost their lives in war. This was a humbling experience and we encourage all Reidy Park families to attend each year.

Elise & Dakota (Student Leaders)



Canteen

The canteen service from Mulga Street will continue this term. We are looking for volunteers for each week this term commencing from next week. Lunch orders are collected from Mulga Street Primary School on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12.30pm. If you can assist please contact the school on 8725 3381 or fill out the reply slip below. The canteen service relies on the help of volunteers, without this assistance the service cannot go ahead.

Canteen Reply Slip

Please return to front office

Name: _____

I am able to help on the following days in Term 2.

(circle your choice).

- Wednesday
- Thursday

SAPSASA Tryouts

SAPSASA soccer tryouts for Years 5/6/7 students is next Thursday, May 10th at Malseed Park from 9:30 till 11:30am for boys and 12:30 to 2:30pm for girls. SAPSASA hockey tryouts for Years 5/6/7 students is next Friday, May 11th at Blue lake Sports Park. 9:30 to 11:30am for boys and 12:30 to 2:30pm for girls. Note: Year 5 students will only be chosen if there are insufficient numbers of suitable Year 6/7 students. Forms now available from Mr McShane

Uniform Shop

SCHOOL UNIFORM RUN-OUT SALE

The school has limited stocks of the following discontinued uniform items for purchase at reduced prices. These uniform items are in brand new condition, and are all acceptable uniform items, but no longer stocked once sold out.



Fleecy Jumpers

Size 8, 10 (1 only), 12 & 14

~~\$35.00~~ now **\$20.00 each**



Knit Polo Shirts

Size 4 & 6

~~\$22.00~~ now **\$8.00 each**



Vest

Size 10 (3 only)

~~\$26.00~~ now **\$10.00 each**



Track Pants

Size 4 (3 only)

~~\$27.00~~ now **\$10.00 each**



Navy/Yellow Beanies

\$5.00 each

Year 4/5 Ballarat Camp

Throughout the last week of Term 1, Grades 4 and 5 students travelled to Ballarat to learn more about the Gold Rush and experience what life was like back in the 1850s. The children had some great opportunities. These included a tour through a mine, watching gold be turned into a liquid and then a solid, learning what life was like living on the goldfields, including what it was like attending school in the era of the Gold Rush. We also watched a Sound and Light Show that recounted key events during this period. Some students were even fortunate enough to find gold while gold panning at Sovereign Hill. Students also visited the Gold Museum, Gum San Heritage Centre and the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka.

Camp in Ballarat was really fun and I learnt a lot. I liked learning how to pan for gold and realised it was much harder than I thought, I found 5 pieces of gold in the end! *Reece, Room 4*

I found Sovereign Hill really fun, I loved panning for gold and the lolly shop. We watched how they made the lollies we bought. *Imogen, Room 4*

Walking around Sovereign Hill was interesting. I liked going underground and seeing what it was like to mine for gold underground. It was a bit scary but we saw the Welcome Nugget being found. *Indi, Room 4*



Thank You

Thank you to Best & Less, Mount Gambier for their continued support of used coat hangers for the costumes room organisation. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Fundraising Committee

The next Fundraising Committee meeting will be held on Monday 14th May at 3pm, in the Staffroom.



Rms 9, 10 & 11 Noorla Yo Long Excursion

"Noorla Yo Long was the most amazing/petrifying experience in my entire life. I used a massive growth mindset after being terrified because I had the courage to have another go. This felt great because I had completed it. I felt petrified because I was stuck on the high one for what felt like 15 minutes!" *Kori, Rm9.*

"Noorla Yo Long was fantastic. I had so much fun although the high ropes were high. OMG! I thought when we got there I can't do this, no way! But my peers, teachers and supervisors helped me. I got onto the log, I got to the middle and I got down. After the high ropes we did the ground activities which helped us build team work on a plank and I had to pretend I was blind. So much fun!" *Matthew, Rm9.*

"Noorla Yo Long was really scary and fun because when we got there everything seemed impossible. But after everything we found that things we think are impossible just need a little team work to solve the problem. I can't believe I went so high up on the ropes and jumped off backwards!" *Lachie, Rm 9*



TERM 2 PLANNER 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	30/4 Rms 9, 10 & 11 Noorla Yo-Long Excursion	1/5	2/5	3/5 Newsletter	4/5
WEEK 2	7/5 Pupil Free Day	8/5 Auskick	9/5	10/5 Assembly	11/5
WEEK 3	14/5 Uniform Shop Fundraising Committee 3pm	15/5 Auskick Naplan	16/5 Governing Council Mtg 7.30pm	17/5 Newsletter	18/5 Cross Country Naracoorte
WEEK 4	21/5 Pupil Free Day Parent Workshop Ann Baker Maths Focus	22/5 Auskick	23/5 National Simultaneous Storytime	24/5 Assembly	25/5
WEEK 5	28/5 Uniform Shop National Reconciliation Week	29/5 Auskick	30/5	31/5 School Tour 9.30am Newsletter	1/6
WEEK 6	4/6 Uniform Shop	5/6 Auskick	6/6	7/6 Assembly	8/6
WEEK 7	11/6 Queens Birthday Public Holiday	12/6 Auskick	13/6	14/6 Newsletter	15/6 Yr 6/7 Musical 7.30pm
WEEK 8	18/6 Uniform Shop	19/6 Auskick	20/6	21/6 Assembly	22/6
WEEK 9	25/6 Uniform Shop	26/6 Auskick	27/6	28/6 Newsletter	29/6
WEEK 10	2/7 Uniform Shop	3/7 Auskick	4/7	5/7 Assembly	6/7 Last Day of Term 2