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## DIARY DATES

Friday	18	May
Monday	21	May
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Thursday	24	May
Friday	25	May
Monday	28	May
Thursday	31	May

**Cross Country - Naracoorte**  
**Pupil Free Day - Mathematics**  
**Mathematics Parent Workshop**  
**Assembly - 12.05pm**  
**Special Recess**  
**Fundraising Committee Meeting 3pm**  
**School Tour 9.30am**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last week our staff participated in a Literacy professional development workshop focused on writing. The workshop provided a range of helpful strategies and activities that teachers can use to help develop their students' writing skills and knowledge. Along with these practical ideas, several important themes were reinforced during the day. This included the importance of oral language; the opportunity for students to discuss their ideas, collaborate with others and develop their vocabulary are crucial to the writing process. Another emphasis was the fostering of creativity. The presenter highlighted that often children will experience blockers in their writing because they may become too focused on the spelling demands of their work rather than their ideas. They advocated that it is important for students to mostly focus on their ideas at that point in the writing process, after which they can more carefully engage with the editing stage by checking areas such as spelling and grammar. The third theme was the value of repetition, which applies to all areas of learning, not just writing. Regular practice helps children embed skills and knowledge which can then be applied more fluently and confidently.

### Attendance Information

Regular attendance is a crucial foundation for all children's learning and progress at school, reasons for this include:

- Regular attendance leads to an increased likelihood of being successful at school.
- Getting maximum benefit from school will optimise a child's life choices.
- Attending school regularly will develop skills and attitudes that will help students to be successful later in life, these include punctuality, being organised and self-discipline.

The Education Department has set the target of achieving a 95% attendance rate for all students. Currently, our attendance rate to this point in the year is 95.4% which is an excellent outcome (for a child to

achieve an attendance rate of 95% it means being absent from school for no more than approximately 2 days a term). A summary of each year level's attendance rate to this point in the year is below:

Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7
96.8%	95.5%	95.8%	95.2%	96.2%	95.5%	95.1%	93.5%

In cases of student absence, we request that parents/carers provide a signed note to their child's class teacher, or you can fill out the absentee form on School Stream. If a student has an appointment (eg. doctor, dentist etc.) a note is also required. Absences that are greater than 5 days and up to one month in length, for reasons such as family holidays or medical needs, require an exemption form which is available from the Front Office.

In relation to late arrivals or early departures, we acknowledge that things may arise that can cause children to be late and accept these occasions, however, arriving late on a regular basis is unsatisfactory. All students are expected to arrive at school by the first morning bell at 8.45am with roll books marked at 8.55am. A student who arrives after 8.55am will be marked as late. Late arrivals will be required to sign in at the Front Office from 8.55am. In some cases students may need to leave early; students who leave the school during the day will need to sign out from the Front Office (parents are encouraged to schedule appointments outside of school hours where possible). If a student does need to leave school early, they will need to be picked up from the Front Office.



**Stephen Jolley**  
**Principal**

Classes have been focusing on using mental routines to help their learning in Maths. This will be an area that teachers will learn more about during next week's pupil free day.

## Public Education Awards

A reminder that 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/>

## Pedestrian Crossing Reminders

Last week's wet weather was a timely reminder about the importance of safe pedestrian habits. Please ensure your child uses the designated school crossings when arriving and leaving school. We encourage parents, if walking with their child, to also use the crossing to help model safe pedestrian behaviour. Morning drop off and afternoon pick up times are very busy and the pedestrian crossings provide a supervised area for students to use.

## SAPSASA Football and Netball

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Lower South East in SAPSASA football and netball in Adelaide later this month. Good luck everyone.

### Netball

Kori C  
Kate W  
Charlotte S  
Leila C  
Lauran N

### Football

Will E  
Zach H

## Ann Baker - Parent Workshop

Thank you for your responses to the preferred time for our parent information workshop in Mathematics. The details of the workshop are as follows:

**Day** - Monday 21st of May

**Time** - 6:30 - 8:00pm

**Location** - Reidy Park School Library

All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. We look forward to sharing with you what we are working on in our classrooms in the area of Mathematics.

## Spare Clothes

Children often fall over and need to change their clothing. We continually run out of spare track pants and underwear (sizes 3 - 8 in particular). If you can donate any items, please leave them at the Front Office. If your child has borrowed clothing, it would be appreciated if these could be returned.

## Fundraising Committee

The next Fundraising Committee meeting will be held on Monday 28th May at 3pm, in the Staffroom.

## GRIP Conference

In week one of this term, our Student Leaders were involved in a GRIP conference. This conference lasted the whole day and we learnt about leadership. Throughout the day we were involved in a variety of sessions where we learnt about different aspects of leadership. To be a leader, or to transform into a leader you need to have a positive attitude, speak positively, use correct appropriate actions and be caring. The best type of leader is a strawberry leader, a leader that appears the same on the outside to how they act on the inside. A watermelon leader is a leader that acts differently on the outside to how they act on the inside. We want to always be strawberry leaders! In the 'Ideas that transform' segment we learnt how simple changes can be really effective. Leadership is an action not a position and this is something we would like all students at Reidy Park to strive for. There are many different ways to contribute to positive change. This conference was very enjoyable and interactive with the audience and we all had a blast. All the student leaders will use these strategies to transform us into outstanding leaders. *By Ruby & Katie*



## Year 6/7 Musical - It's a Jungle Out There

**Reidy Park Primary School Presents**

**IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE**

In the heart of Chanda, an Indian jungle, all of the animals have an important role to play. All except the frogs. King Raja has deemed the frogs to be insignificant outcasts and they get pushed around and disrespected by the other animals. When an unlikely friendship forms between a frog and a lion, the other animals are not quite sure what to make of it.

Will the other animals ever learn to appreciate the frogs? Will the frogs learn to stand up for themselves? Or will the evil King Raja continue to rule Chanda through fear and intimidation? Find out in... "It's A Jungle Out There."

**A show for all ages**

**Performances**

**School Matinees:** Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup> - 1pm  
Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> - 10am  
Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

**Evening Performance**  
Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm

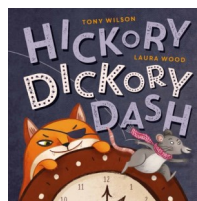
**Tickets available May 21<sup>st</sup> from the theatre**  
Adults \$15 Students \$7  
(Teachers accompanying school groups free)

Reidy Park Primary School Production

## Library News

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge continues at Reidy Park with all students encouraged to complete this initiative. The Challenge finishes on 8th September 2018. Students are required to read 12 books, with 8 of the books to be chosen from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at the student's age / reading level. Please ensure forms are filled out correctly and signed where required prior to returning. Further information about the challenge can be found at: <http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au> or contact Michelle in the Library.



### National Simultaneous Storytime

This year classes will be joining their 'buddy' class for a whole school reading of Hickory Dickory Dash in the sugar bowl, as part of this year's National Simultaneous Storytime.

### Library Opening Times

The Library is open every morning from 8.30am until 8.45am for students to do any borrowing and returning. Parent/carers are welcome to also come in at the time to enjoy our Library and listen/read a book to your child before school.

### Library Bags

All students borrowing books must have a Library Bag (preferably water proof). This is to ensure that the books are protected when taken out of the Library. Students will not be able to borrow without one.

### 2018 Book Week

Book Week will run from 18-24 August 2018. The Theme for this year is "FIND YOUR TREASURE". Further information will follow later in the term.

## Special Recess

Bakers Delight finger bun special recess, Friday May 25th. Look out for the order form coming home this week.

## Canteen

Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered their time to collect the lunches from Mulga Street on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We still have a few spaces left. If you can help, please fill out the slip below and return to the Front Office.

### Canteen Reply Slip

Please return to front office

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

I am able to help on the following days (please circle)

- Thursday 7th June
- Thursday 14th June
- Thursday 5th July

## Value Award Recipients

Room	Presented to	For
1	Jack S	Making improvements in his handwriting and bookwork.
2	Addison D	Showing improvement in her exposition writing.
3	Jalen A	Excellent persuasive writing piece.
4	Lochie O	Persisting to be courageous with his learning.
5	Brydie M	Presenting an engaging and confidently spoken Genius hour project.
6	Annabel J	Using her reader correctly.
7	Shania W	Showing resilience in the classroom and getting along with others.
8	Travis R	Compassion and empathy towards others.
11	Alex G	Proving he can do things that he puts his mind to.
12	Isabella M	Following instructions, listening, being respectful and kind, hard working and using a growth mindset.
13	Levi L	An outstanding attitude towards learning.
15	Ella Mc	Persisting with reading strategies to work out tricky words.
16	Oliver J	Showing care and respect towards others.
17	Alex H	Always showing care and respect to his classmates.
20	Rian R	Consistently showing a strong work ethic.
21	Dylan S	Taking care with his reading.
24	Harpa L	Being a caring friend.
25	Keenan N	Great bookmaking and making strong choices.



## Room 17 - Living Things

This term we are studying "Living Things" for our unit of inquiry. We will be looking at how living things grow, change and have offspring; native animals in our local environment; endangered and threatened species; how humans impact on the habitats of animals and how we can care for our environment. We will be planting seeds and recording their growth; looking at plants in our local area and the types of seeds and flowers that different plants produce.

Some examples of our endangered species for the local area are; the Growling Grass Frog, the Heath Mouse, the Orange Bellied Parrot and the Southern Bent Wing Bat. We will be presenting some our work at the school assembly in week 6.



## Room 4 - Abstract Trees

As part of our arts program we have been exploring the different elements of visual arts. Combining the elements, we have created amazing abstract trees. Our art work includes lines, shape, both primary and secondary colours, space and some trees even demonstrate form. Room 4 loved learning about how they could combine different elements into one piece of art. Some of our art pieces are still being finished but will be put on display in our room when they are completed.

