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Term 3, Week 5, August 23rd, 2018

DIARY DATES

Friday	24	August	Book Week Parade 9.15am
Monday	27	August	Student Free Day
Wednesday	29	August	School Tour 9.30
Monday	17	September	Student Free Day
Tuesday	18	September	Finance Committee
Wednesday	19	September	Governing Council 7.30pm

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Learning in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) continues to have a strong presence in classrooms and it has been great to see the level of student engagement and participation in these tasks. During this term Reidy Park will have several of our upper primary classes involved in the National Lego League Competition. Lego League has 3 main components;

- Robot: Student teams design, build and program a LEGO robot to complete a series of challenges.
- Project: Teams study the year's theme and develop solutions to problems they've identified in society. The theme for this year is 'space'.
- Core Values: Teams are judged on their adherence to identified values that include teamwork, cooperation and gracious professionalism.

We will be holding an internal school judging competition in week 10, where participating upper primary students will present their robot and research project for judging. From there, two teams will be selected to represent the school at the regional based tournament in Term 4. Along with Lego League, many other examples of STEM based learning is happening within the school; some JP classes are exploring Junior Lego League which involves students working in groups and using lego to construct solutions to real world problems. These students will also program lego robots using basic coding skills. Year 7 students in Rms 9 and 11 are participating in the Primary Maths Challenge through 'Operation Canteen', they have been researching and making a range of nutritious food that will be sold via our current school canteen. More information on their project is provided inside the newsletter. A number of classes are also working on coding based tasks using a variety of ICT devices. A new resource that has been used by our Yr 5 students are 'spheros'. A sphero is a an orb shaped device that is capable of rolling around and is controlled by an ICT device such as a tablet. Students have been using the spheros to complete mathematical challenges.

It has been fantastic to see students at work during these STEM tasks which much creative thinking, collaboration and problem solving on display.

At the forefront of these learning experiences is the ongoing monitoring of student learning and progress. One strategy that we use as a school to support teacher understanding and consistency of assessment is moderation. Moderation involves teachers comparing and analysing a variety of student work samples against the Australian Curriculum standards to identify the overall achievement level of that student. This week staff carried a moderation process in the area of Technologies, which closely links with STEM concepts. This task enabled staff to identify their students' level of achievement and also share their teaching practice with colleagues.

Term 3 Optional Parent Interviews

This term families have the opportunity to request a parent-teacher interview. These interviews can be booked by directly contacting your child's class teacher and can be made from this week. Parent-teacher interviews are a valuable way to get an update of your child's progress as well as discussing any specific goals to focus on for the remainder of the year.

Parent Opinion Survey

A reminder that the parent opinion survey closes later today. If you have not completed the survey yet, please do so via the SMS link that was sent on August 13th.

Stephen Jolley
Principal



Maya and Lara have been programming a sphero using an ipad.

Staffing News

Amanda Koppe, who was appointed as the school's student support worker earlier this year, is unfortunately unable to continue in this role and will be finishing this week. Amanda has made a positive contribution to the school community in the short time that she has worked here. A process has commenced to find a replacement for Amanda.

School Stream Update

Please be aware an update has been released for the School Stream app. We encourage everyone who uses the app to carry out the update. The School Stream app is used to provide reminders and information to the school community throughout the term, and we encourage all families to consider downloading the app. The school's SMS service will continue to be used on an 'as needs' basis.

SAPSASA Golf

On Friday, August 17, two of our students, Riley B and Ethan PC travelled to Naracoorte to try out for SAPSASA golf. Both players did a great job in their trial and in the end, Riley B scored low enough to make it into the final team, which plays off in Adelaide on August 30th and 31st. Well done boys and good luck Riley!



Riley B will be competing
Adelaide later on this month

Find your Treasure

The Library has been a hub of activity this week for Book Week. There has been daily lunch time activities, including; drawing, making Australian flags, pirate hats and story telling. If you get a chance, call in and have a look at the displays that Michelle Kuller has created, it looks amazing. The display includes a pirate ship, a pot of gold, island reading spaces and you can even walk the plank! Book Week will conclude on Friday morning at 9.15am with the costume parade in the gym. Everybody is welcome to attend.



Major Fundraiser - Raffle

Thank you to all those families who have returned their raffle tickets for this year's major fundraiser. All books sold or unsold are due back to the school by tomorrow Friday, August 24th. The raffle will be drawn at the school assembly on August 30th.

Lost Property

The large pile of lost property has been sorted and those articles that were named have been returned to classes. However there is still a huge amount of unnamed articles to be collected. If you have any items that may still be missing, please visit and have a look through the basket in the Front Office. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

Tracy Kain, Administration Officer



How Do Children Learn to Read?

Until students learn to read, children learn most of what they know by hearing **oral language**. Reading to and simply talking to children builds their phonological awareness. This is the ability to rhyme, recognise syllables and sentences. The more rich language a child hears, the better they'll be at recognising individual sounds - this is called **phonemic awareness**. Once a child can hear and use the sounds in English they can connect the letter(s) to those sounds. This is known as **phonics**. If a child knows the sounds that goes with the letter(s), they are able to decode, and this forms that basis for reading. With lots of practice, a child will begin to decode quicker and show **fluency**. It is important for children to know the **vocabulary** so they can show **comprehension** of what they've read. This process is known as the Big 6 of Reading and is widely accepted as the most effective framework for the teaching of reading.

How can you help?

Read to, and listen to your child read, as much as possible. No matter what their year level, children should be encouraged to read, read, read. Take an interest in your child's book choices, their reader or class novel. If you are seeking information on how to support your child's reading, please speak to their teacher. Reidy Park is aiming to raise students' achievement in comprehension and during our pupil free day this coming Monday, staff will be learning about reading comprehension and strategies to support reading development.

Sam O'Neill, Literacy Coordinator

School Shorts

As a part of our shift away from students wearing denim shorts from Term 4 onwards, the school is now stocking supplies of school shorts in our uniform shop. Orders can also be done via the QKR app at the cost of \$13.00 per pair.

Sizing:

4-16 (Children)

Small & Medium (Adults)

A reminder that the uniform shop opening hours are Monday mornings 8-30am -9.30am.



Value in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
1	William J	Being a caring and respectful class member.
2	Sam B	Showing detailed annotated diagrams in Science.
3	Amber F	Working hard and persisting in our fraction unit in maths.
4	Harvey C	Using the class values.
5	Bradlei W	Always producing his best effort and being kind and considerate towards others.
6	Lacey V	Regularly using her manners and being polite by always greeting adults.
7	Charlotte E	Using strategies to improve her reading.
8	Tyson C	Excellent participation in book club.
9	Lachie L & Sean D	Their persistence in calculating recipe conversions to find the cost price.
10	Hayden T	Settling in well at his new school.
11	Charlotte A	Detailed Science observations.
12	Fletcher B	Persistence and growth mindset thinking in all areas of learning.
13	Mackye B	Trying his best in all areas of school and outstanding sportsmanship at district basketball day.
15	Seth J	Excellent work in his reading.
16	Tegan S	Having a growth mindset in maths.
17	Saxon S	Being an organised learner.
20	Ivy C	For all her hard work in Room 20 this year. We wish you luck at your new school.
21	Henry C	Care with handwriting.
22	Eh Tasoh	Being a caring and respectful member of his class.
23	Ethan T	Trying his best during guided reading.
24	Mailee M	Being brave in all areas of school
25	Hollie A	For working hard on her writing

Rm 25 - Loose Parts Play in Maths

Number of the day.

Over the last few weeks in Maths we have been investigating number of the day. We have looked at a variety of ways to represent numbers including tallies, symbols and using different objects. This learning helps strengthen student skills in subitising, counting, using tallies, counting on and recognising number digits and words. The children in Room 25 have enjoyed showing what they know with their numbers and building on the learning we have done throughout the year.



District Basketball Day

On Friday, August 10th, Reidy Park entered five basketball teams in a round robin basketball carnival held at the Icehouse. All of our teams were very competitive and won many of their games. Our A boys and A girls team both made it through to the next round, which is a regional tournament held tomorrow, against schools from all over the South East. If successful in this next tournament, our students will be invited to the state carnival held in Adelaide in September. I would like to thank the following helpers who made this day possible: Ben and Dani Brumby, Carly Scott, Amanda Cary, Susan Button, Leigh Thorne, Jamie Stephenson, Dan and Kylie Collins, Dianne Jones, Jess Magarey, Andrea Wright and Peta and James Sullivan.



Cyber Safety

Free opportunity for parents to attend a cyber safety session with Susan McLean.

Monday 24 September 2018 at Sir Robert Helpmann Commencing at 7.00pm session will run for approx. 90 minutes.

Please register via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cyber-safety-parent-session-with-susan-mclean-tickets-49317880107>

Growing up Online:

An informative & entertaining session for Parents and carers is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach & will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:-

- ❖ **What are kids doing online** – The popular social networking sites and apps such as KiK, Musical.ly, Instagram & Yubo as well as live streaming sites.
- ❖ **Online Grooming** – What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- ❖ **Cyberbullying** - What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- ❖ **Sharing Nudes** – the taking and sending of explicit images. The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law.
- ❖ **Potential dangers and safety tips** – how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online via parental controls and restriction passcodes.
- ❖ **Problematic Internet use and gaming issues**
- ❖ The session will conclude with time for Questions.

What Susan doesn't know about Cybersafety is not worth knowing! She is absolutely brilliant and her presentations are dynamic and entertaining. She has the unique ability to connect with each audience from young people to adults.

(Dr Michael Carr-Gregg Adolescent Psychologist)

Susan is a certified by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner as a provider of high quality cybersafety education to schools throughout Australia. Each year she speaks to over 70,000 young people and 1000's of teachers and parents



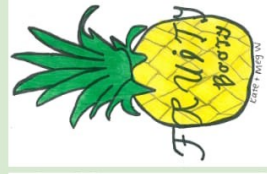
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For Parents & Guardians



Susan Mclean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people.

She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. She took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training in this area in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments. She has authored resources for the Victorian DET, writes and reviews school Policy, provides crisis management/advice to schools and law firms and is afforded 'expert' status on the Safer Internet Programme Data Base. She is the most highly qualified of all Federal Government eSafety Presenters. Susan is a member of the National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB) and is also a member of the Australian Government's Cybersafety working group and a published author. Her book 'Sext's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive guide for parents, teachers and carers to help children stay safe online.



Yr 7 Primary Maths Association Project

OPERATION Canteen!

Nutritious food being sold in the canteen on

Wednesday and Thursday Week 6

(29th & 30th August)

How much? 30c - \$2.50

