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Term 4, Week 9, 13th December, 2018

DIARY DATES

**Thursday
Friday
Tuesday**

**14th December
15th December
29th January**

**Year 7 Graduation
End of Term 4, dismissal 2.15
Beginning Term 1, 2019**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our carols evening was once again a great opportunity for the school community to come together prior to the end of the school year. Fortunately, the weather stayed fine and it was excellent to see so many students and their families in attendance; building this sense of participation and community spirit is a priority for our school. The levels of student excitement during the class performances was terrific. A special thank you is extended to Andrew and Stephanie Bone, Jackson Price and Marcus Jones for coordinating the evening and our comperes Ms Perryman and Ms Cliff and their elf helpers (our student leaders, who have done a fantastic job throughout the year in supporting school events). Tonight we have another special school activity which our senior students are looking forward to, our Year 7 Graduation. Our graduation evening is an opportunity to say a fond farewell to this group of students. Congratulations to you all, we hope that you enjoy the challenges of high school and strive to be the best you can.

2018 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 it 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. Next year, Alison Whibley and Madi Wilson will be working at other schools in the local area whilst Kelly Coutts will be at Akuna Kindy. 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. Another staff member, Rikki Helps, will be taking leave for the first 3 terms in 2019.

Thanks

Earlier this week a morning tea was held as a thank you gesture to all parents and carers who have assisted with school activities and events this term. This volunteer help is not only greatly valued, but also relied upon. We encourage you to volunteer your support if time allows; children get immense joy and benefit through your involvement. I would also like to pass on my thanks and best wishes to the broader school community. Reidy Park is an excellent school; the opportunity that I have to work with students, families and staff is something that I greatly value. I would also like to thank our staff for their hard work and tireless efforts. They have a strong commitment toward supporting their students' learning and wellbeing. And finally, a special mention to our students, who are central to everything we do; well done on a great year and I look forward to seeing you continue to challenge yourself in your learning next year.

On behalf of all staff, we hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Christmas and holiday break.

**Stephen
Jolley
Principal**



Last day of term assembly

Our final assembly for the year will be held tomorrow and commence at approximately 2.00pm. Students will be dismissed from the Gym at 2:15 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. As this will be a busy time, and with the possibility of wet weather, we request that all parents are extra cautious of pedestrians.

Cash Office

The cash office will be open for uniform sales prior to the commencement of Term 1 2019.

The dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday 23rd January 9am - 3pm

Thursday 24th January 9am - 3pm

Invoices will be mailed out through the holidays.

Sports Achievement

Leila recently participated in the School Sport Australian National track and Field championships in Melbourne. Leila competed in the medley relay, in which she came 3rd, and the combined event, coming fourth. Leila also came equal 9th in the long jump. Congratulations Leila.



T-Ball 2019

T-Ball Reminder for Yrs. 3/4/5 children in 2019. Please return your T-Ball notes to the front office by Friday if you are interested in playing T-Ball next year.

Buddy Benches



In Term 2 the SRC held a casual dress/crazy hair day to raise money for school equipment. They decided to spend the money on new

buddy benches and signs. Two weeks ago, some of the SRC members got together after school to paint all the buddy benches in the school in bright colours. This helps them to stand out in the yard. The signs were kindly donated by Brumby Signs and have been attached to the tables and wall where the buddy benches are situated. Thanks to everyone who helped make these benches possible.

Foodbank Donation

This year Reidy Park has had so much support from our families, so we decided that instead of doing a Christmas raffle, we would give back to the community by making baskets to donate to Food Bank. We hope all these food donations will help



lots of families throughout Mount Gambier during the Christmas Season. Reidy Park thinks that it is very important for our community to help others in need so we are all having a happy Christmas. Lynne from Foodbank tallied the donations from the food drive. With the donations collected from the whole school and Room 2, we collected 190.4 kgs. This equates to 380 meals to those in need in the community. Thank you to all those families who donated to this year's food drive.



Operation Canteen - Thank You

Year 7 PMA Project - Operation Canteen

With the money we raised we bought 14 bales of hay and 23,000L of water to support Australia's rural communities and farmers.

Thank you for your support! From Year 7 students and teachers.



Lego League National Championships

Last weekend, the Muscle Masstronaut Lego League team represented Reidy Park, and the State of South Australia, in the First Lego League Australian National Championships in Sydney. This was the result of two terms of hard work and progression through the regional and state finals. The National Championships consisted of Lego League teams from all states. Out of 840 Lego League teams, 70 made it through to the National Championships. This was an outstanding achievement for our team, especially for their first effort in Lego League. The team was astounded by the electric atmosphere and fun of the competition. They enjoyed getting to know other teams and learning what it takes to become a National Champion team. Our team was awarded the 'Running Start Judges Award' for their efforts in their research presentation and core values. The judges were blown away with the organisation of Hero Week and the amount of research the team had done.



Fundraising Committee

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 21,527.98 for the school this year. This money will be going towards our Library upgrade in 2019.

Thank you

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have assisted this year with the canteen pick up from Mulga Street school. Without your continued support this service could not go ahead.

The canteen service will continue in Term 1, 2019. Please note this will begin in Week 2.

Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
1	Peter B	Making a good effort in his spelling this term.
2	Room 2	A successful games day raising money to help our local community! Excellent job.
3	Nevae B Caitlin H	Creating an engaging unit on the human body.
4	Seb R	Resilience in his learning.
5	Jackson B	Having an excellent attitude towards his learning and being a helpful class member.
6	Mia D	Courage to perform her saxophone to the class.
7	Luca R	Consistent, positive interactions with all peers.
8	Sarah E	Being a kind and respectful class member and always doing her best.
10	Mia T	Working hard and putting in extra effort in her maths.
11	Holly M Zak W	Continuous persistence in her learning. Using problem solving strategies in technology.
12	Brok O Cameron M	Working consistently on learning and being positive role models.
13	Sophie K Ruby D	For a can do attitude. Always following the school values.
15	Freya M	Confidence with problem solving.
16	Molly P	Always helping others.
17	Jack D	Making strong choices.
20	Kobe H	Making sensible choices in class.
21	Isabelle M	Having a growth mindset with her learning.
23	Vaughan H	Being caring towards all students in room 23.
24	Sophie O	For amazing handwriting.
25	Te Ruki B	Adding details his writing.

Year 7 Class of 2018



Farewell and good luck for 2019

Room 2 - Fundraiser

Room 2 held a very successful games day fundraiser in week 9. It was great to see students having fun trying to win prizes from the wide range of games that Room 2 students created. We would like to thank everyone who came to play a game, purchased a Zooper Dooper or a cupcake. Room 2 raised a total of \$451. This was evenly split between Foodbank and purchasing gifts to go under the Kmart Wishing Tree.



Students had \$10 to spend in Kmart to find a gift for a child of a certain age ranging from toddler to teenager. They thought very carefully about their gifts and selected some excellent presents. Students then took their gifts to the registers to purchase their items and then placed them under the Kmart Wishing Tree. After visiting Kmart, we then went to Foodland to purchase food to go towards Foodbank. Students had a certain food they had to purchase, such as cereals, soup, tinned fruit, pasta and tinned meals. They had a lot of fun selecting their items up to the value of \$5 each. The amount of food we purchased weighed 65.09 kg, which equates to 130 meals being provided to our local community! Students enjoyed helping out our local community at this special time of the year. Thank you for your support in contributing to this special cause. Room 2 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.



Colour Explosion

On the 30th of November, our school held it's very first "Colour Explosion" event and it was a huge success. Not only did we raise \$12 883.90 to go towards upgrading the library, the students also had lots of fun going through the obstacles and participating in the activities on the oval. Whilst there were a few issues, we overcame them pretty much straight away and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Organising the event was a lot of hard work, as we got to see all the pieces come together from the very beginning, to create an excellent experience for everyone. In our colour explosion obstacle course we had tunnels, balancing beams, hurdles, tyres and partner challenges. Games included parachute, tug of war, games on the basketball court, bean bag toss, and soccer. We also had an Aboriginal tent where students were timed through an obstacle. The colour explosion was an amazing afternoon and we all had an awesome time. We wouldn't have been able to do it without the support of Miss Perryman. Thank you to all students and their families who got sponsored to participate in the afternoon. We raised a lot more than we thought we would! We think it would be great to see it happen again someday.

2018 Student Leaders.

