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Term 1, Week 1, 31st January, 2019

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 13
Wednesday 20
Monday 11
Thursday 11
Friday 12

February
February
March
April
April

Acquaintance Night
Governing Council AGM, 7pm
Adelaide Cup Day Holiday
Championship Sprints
Sports Day and Last Day of Term 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year! We commenced the year with 581 students and 22 classrooms. This includes 78 Reception students who are starting school for the first time. We not only welcome these children but also students in other year levels who have joined the school. We trust their time at Reidy Park will be enjoyable and rewarding.

Students have settled into their class routines very positively with all classes participating in a Setting Up For Success program during the first weeks of this term. The purpose of this program is to have a whole school focus on establishing classroom behaviour and work expectations that will provide a strong foundation for the year ahead. Each year we identify common themes for each class to focus on, and this year every class will look to build upon the concept of growth mindset (which is underpinned by the message that we can all improve in our learning through ongoing effort and persistence) and the importance of our school values; Care, Courage and Respect. Classes will also explore the habits of successful learners, what the features of high quality work looks like and the importance of a positive classroom culture. A strategy used by teachers to support a cohesive class environment is the implementation of Play is the Way which is an activity based program that explicitly focuses on collaboration, taking turns and good decision making.

As well as welcoming many new students and their families to our school, we also welcome a number of new staff. These are: Helen Baron (Yr 4/5), Lauren Manser (Yr 1) and Vennessa James (working across all year levels). Sam Loughhead, student teacher, will be completing an internship at our school this year in Room 17. Jake Harrison has also commenced his ICT traineeship with us.

In other staffing news we also offer our congratulations to Rikki Helps on the recent arrival of her baby and Ms Amy Brown (Perryman) who was married during the holiday break.

A complete list of staffing positions for 2019 has been included in this week's newsletter.

Please use the start of the term to reinforce safe pedestrian habits with your child by using 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.

The staff and I look forward to working collaboratively with the school community throughout the year. Supportive and positive home-school partnerships are crucial in providing a great environment for our students to learn and develop. At any time during the year I encourage you to talk to myself and our teachers about your child, their learning and any concerns that you may have.

External School Review

In Week 4 of this term our school will participate in an External Review. This is a Department for Education process that is aimed at supporting schools to raise achievement and ensure compliance with overall department expectations. The External Review will occur over two days and involve the review team meeting with students, parents (including Governing Council) and staff to get an insight into the strengths and areas of growth for the school. As mentioned, the Review Team will be meeting with various students; if you have any concerns about your child speaking to a member of the Review Team please contact the Front Office.

In the coming weeks a number of parents/caregivers will be invited to meet with the Review Team also.



Charlie, Edie, Parker and Isla started school this week.

Stephen Jolley
Principal

Term 1 Dates

Many activities will be occurring during this term; please refer to the Term 1 calendar for further information. Some of the dates marked on the calendar include:

Assembly

The first assembly of the term will be held in Week 3 on Thursday, Feb 14th. This assembly will be used as an opportunity to present our Year 7 student leaders to the school community. Assemblies start at approximately 12.05 and will be held fortnightly (Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11) We request that families attending do not enter the gym prior to this time.

Acquaintance Night

Our school Acquaintance Night will be held on Wednesday Feb 13th. Further information about this evening will be sent home in the coming weeks. Our Year 6 and 7 classes will be providing a BBQ sausage sizzle on the night.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday Feb 20th at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend. After the AGM has finished the first Governing Council meeting for the year will occur. If you are interested in nominating for the school's Governing Council, please fill out the reply slip provided in this week's newsletter.

Swimming.

Please refer to the information provided in this week's newsletter (back page) for swimming lesson details for all classes (Reception-Yr7).

Absences and Pick Ups During School Hours

When children are absent, or there is a planned absence, please provide your child's class teacher with a written note. A note is also required if you need to pick up your child during the day for an appointment. Students will need to sign in and out at the Front Office. The Department for Education requires schools to keep a record of this information so your assistance with this matter is appreciated.

Parent Volunteers

Volunteer assistance at school is always greatly appreciated and encouraged. Please find information below for all parents and caregivers who are thinking about volunteering at our school this year.

DCSI Screening

All volunteers that provide ongoing assistance in some capacity require a DCSI Screening. Ongoing assistance can either be regular or irregular, this might mean:

- Once a week.
- Once a fortnight.
- Every day for a week/term.
- Once a term.
- Whenever it fits with other commitments.

Whilst there are some instances that volunteers are not required to complete a DCSI screening (eg. if you are helping with an activity that your child is directly involved in), we encourage all volunteers to get a DCSI Clearance. It is a relatively easy process and our Front Office staff can assist you.

RAN-ED Induction Session

A further expectation of volunteers is that they complete a RAN-ED induction session which can be completed online. The RAN-ED induction outlines for volunteers their child protection responsibilities and provides guidelines on protective practices.

The online training can be accessed through: <https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf>

You will need to initially set up an account on this website prior to undertaking the online course (which takes approximately 90 minutes to complete).

If you do complete this session, please provide the school with a copy of your certificate of completion.

The Department for Education has also recommended that volunteers complete the volunteers online induction prior to commencing at a site. This can also be accessed via the website listed above.

Signing In

All visitors to the school, including volunteers, are expected to sign in at the Front Office or Library (if listening to reading). This is an important practice in relation to DEC Work Health and Safety expectations. Please be aware of the following information regarding the management of bushfire incidents in our local area.

Bushfire Information

In the event of a bushfire emergency

If a bushfire or grassfire is approaching or in the vicinity of the school, the safety of everyone at school is the highest priority. In these situations our school will implement its emergency management plan, which will involve.

- Moving students indoors.
- Fill available containers with water.
- Close windows.
- Work with Department Security and Emergency Management to manage the situation.
- Alert families via the school's SMS service.

Catastrophic Fire days

Catastrophic fire danger days are forecast when conditions are the worst for a bush or grass fire. On these days, schools that are in high risk areas may be required to close. Reidy Park PS has a low risk bushfire rating which means on days that are forecast catastrophic, the school will remain open.

Parent Bushfire Information Hotline

The Parent Bushfire Information Hotline operates during business hours. The hotline is the best source of current and up to date information on bushfire emergencies. The number is: 1800 000 279.

Excursions and Camps

Weather conditions leading up to, and on the day of these activities will be monitored. If a bushfire is burning on the day of an intended camp or excursion and is likely to threaten the destination or return to the school, the activity will be cancelled. In the event of a bushfire or grass fire impacting on a camp or excursion that is already underway, our school will liaise with Department Security and Emergency management unit and the Education Director to determine the most appropriate action to take.

Should children be collected if a bushfire incident is near the school?

Whilst this is ultimately a parent choice, please consider the following points:

- Will you be travelling through the affected area?
- Road closures may be in place to manage the situation.
- Has the school directly requested that you pick up your child?
- If your child has been moved to a safe area within the school, they are accounted for and supervised.

2018 Student Leaders and Sports Day Captains

Congratulations to the following students on being elected as Student leaders and Sports Captains for 2019. These students will be formally presented to the school community at our Week 3 assembly.

Student Leaders

Bree R, Leila C, Millie S, Mackye B, Lara J, Ruby C, Amity S and Taylor B

Sports Captains

Willow - Shelby D and Lara T

Lake - Jayden P and Mia T

Eaglehawk - Milla W and Brock D

Lava - Sophie K and Ella S

Material & Services Fees

Material & Services invoices have been given to your child; please check their school bag if you have not received it. Swimming invoices will be sent out. Payment can be made through EFT, details are:

Commonwealth Bank BSB: 065 504

Account: 1038 3426

Another option is to pay by via the Qkr! App on your phone or tablet (search for the app in the app store). Qkr! allows families to pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions, incursions and lunches from our canteen service. If you require more information on how to install the app, please see the canteen service insert in this newsletter. If you would like to discuss a payment plan please contact Judy Hunter (Business Manager).

If you think you may be eligible for school card, forms can be collected from the Front Office or online at www.sa.gov.au under the heading of Education, Skills and Learning.

Staff 2018

Leadership	
Principal	Stephen Jolley
Deputy Principal	Sandy Mullen
Senior Leader	Sam Currie
Class Teachers	
Rm 1 Yr 3	Rebecca Langford
Rm 2 Yr 3	Belinda Say
Rm 3 Yr 3	Sandi Wilkens
Rm 4 Yr 4	Andrea McCade
Rm 5 Yr 4	Daniella Marcucci
Rm 6 Yr 5	Sam O'Neill
Rm 7 Yr 5	Helen Baron
Rm 8 Yr 5	Michele Waters
Rm 9 Yr 7	Kate Symons
Rm 10 Yr 6	Matthew Bannister
Rm 11 Yr 7	Renae Perryman
Rm 12 Yr 6	Kristie Say
Rm 13 Yr 6/7	Jess Magarey
Rm 15 Yr 2	Bec Hunt
Rm 16 Yr 2	Angela Hopes / Carney Sampson
Rm 17 Yr 2	Gill Andrew / Renae Cliff
Rm 20 Rec	Donna Winckel
Rm 21 Yr 1	Julie-Ann Sams
Rm 22 Yr 1	Lauren Manser / Teresa Grosvenor
Rm 23 Yr 1	Amy Brown
Rm 24 Rec	Brydie Merrett
Rm 25 Rec	Tamara Fleming
R - 7	Vennessa James
Specialist Teachers:	
Japanese	Judith Coleman
Performing Arts	Andrew Bone (Yr 3-7) Jenny Johnson (Rec-Yr 2)
Health & PE	Heath McShane (Yr 2-7) Renae Cliff (Rec - Yr 1)
Ancillary Staff:	
Business Manager	Judy Hunter
Administration	Tracy Kain Lisa Hunter
Class Support	Deb Muhovics Andrea Wright Di Miller Mel Norman Vickie Johnson Taylah Cella Michelle Theobald
ICT Support	Steven Grosvenor
Library	Michelle Kuller
Pastoral Support Worker	Janey Sorterious
Groundsman	Ken Milsop

Family Contact Details

As you would be well aware, from time to time there is a need for us to contact you directly in regards to sick children or emergencies. If you have had some changes to your address, contact numbers, family situation, health issues or you simply need to update details, please contact our Admin staff.

Swimming Times

Swimming commences this term. Consent forms and invoices will be sent home with each child shortly. Please see below the times for each class.

February 18th - 22nd (Week 4)

9.15am - 10am: Rooms 5, 7 and 21

12.15 pm - 1pm: Room 2

2.15pm - 3pm: Rooms 4, 6 and 24

February 25th - March 1st (Week 5)

9.15 am - 10am: Rooms 5, 7 and 20

12.15pm - 1pm: Room 2

2.15pm - 3pm: Room 25

March 18th - March 22nd (Week 8)

9.15am - 10am: Rooms 9, 11 and 22

10am - 10.45am: Rooms 12, 13, 16

1.30pm - 2.15pm: Rooms 1 and 3

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

March 25th - March 29th (Week 9)

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

10am - 10.45am: Rooms 12, 13, 23

1.30pm - 2.15pm: Rooms 1 and 3

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

Governing Council Nomination

Name

Child's Name

Room No

I hereby submit my nomination to be part of the Reidy Park Primary Governing Council Committee 2019.

Signed

Please return to the Front Office by Friday Feb 8th.

Canberra Camp

Notes will be sent home this week with information regarding Canberra Camp. Please note that payments can be made via the Qkr app

Mobile Phone Policy

Enclosed in this week's newsletter is our school's mobile phone policy. If your child will be bringing a phone to school, please fill out the policy and return to the Front Office.

Library News

Scholastic Book Club

Twice a term Scholastic Book Club flyers will be sent home with students. Book Club gives parents and guardians a convenient way to purchase affordable, age appropriate books for home reading. It is also a great way to help the school purchase additional learning resources, as the school earns 20% in Scholastic rewards on all orders.

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.

Overdue Books

Please follow up any overdue books your child may have.

Library Opening Times

The Library is open every morning from 8.30am until 8.45am. Students are able to borrow and return books during that time.

Lunch Orders

From next week, students are able to order lunches on set days during Term 1 through the online Qkr app (refer to the Canteen Service information page). Lunches are prepared by the canteen at Mulga Street PS and then transported in food safe containers to our school by parent volunteers. If you are able to assist with transport please indicate on the reply slip provided below and return it to the Front Office. Volunteers need to collect the orders from Mulga St at approximately 12.20pm and then deliver them to the Front Office. The canteen relies on the help of volunteers, without this assistance the service cannot go ahead.

Canteen Reply Slip

Name:

Child's Name:

Room Number:

I am able to help on the following days in Term 1.
(circle your choice).

- Wednesday
- Thursday

Reidy Park Primary School Canteen Service

All ordering needs to be done via an app called **Qkr!** (pronounced 'quicker') – no face to face orders are accepted. Qkr! is a secure system for placing orders and making payments and has been developed by MasterCard. Qkr! comes with all levels of security that MasterCard offer on all of their online banking products. Qkr! is available on smartphones, ipads and desktop and laptop computers.

Setting Up

1. Download Qkr! on your Android or Iphone (Ipad users must download the Iphone app). This can be done via the Apple App Store or Google Play.
2. Register - Select your country of residence as Australia and follow the steps to register. This will include:
 - a. Providing your email address.
 - b. Creating your own password.

Setting up your payment cards.

3. Click on the Account tab at the top of the screen. Add your credit card details by clicking on Add Payment Card.
 - a. Enter all of the required information (card holder name, card number, expiry dates etc) and then click Add Payment Card.
 - b. For Card Alias either name it Visa or Mastercard depending on your credit card type. Amex and Diners are not accepted.
 - c. Your payment card will be listed with only the last 4 digits showing. You can delete payment cards by clicking on the Delete button under the card name. You may choose to have receipts emailed to you. You can also have an extra layer of security by choosing a password on checkout.

Registering your child.

4. Find our school. Our school will appear in 'nearby locations' if you're within 10 kms of our school or search for our school by name. Once you have signed in for the first time, Reidy Park PS should remain as your most recent location and be saved for future purchases.
5. Register your child. When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child/children. This allows you to make orders and payments for them. Information that you will need to provide about your child includes:
 - a. First and last name.
 - b. Gender
 - c. Year level and Room number.Complete all the required information and then click 'add child'.
6. At this stage you can add other children if needed. You can also edit the information by clicking on the child's name or remove them from the list by clicking on the 'x'.

Ordering.

7. Sign in to the Qkr! app.
8. Click on Reidy Park Primary School option.
9. Select the ordering day for your child's classroom
 - a. Wednesdays: Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 22, 23, 24 and 25.
 - b. Thursdays: Rooms 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20 and 21.
10. A yellow box will be highlighted – click the shaded box below this selected date.
11. The menu options will now appear at the top of the screen. Options are provided in the following categories: Drinks, Salad Plates, Sandwiches, Rolls, Hot and Tasty, Toasted Sandwiches, Pita Wraps, Foccacia, Amber Food and Snacks.
12. Click on the item that you wish to order (a prompt will appear asking how many of the item you wish to order and an 'add to cart' instruction).
13. Continue making your menu choices until all of your selections have been made. Once this has occurred, you can either:
 - a. Order for another child by selecting their name.
 - b. Go to the 'checkout' to finalise the order and make payment. Please note a message will appear that says 'Pay Mulga Street PS Canteen', this is correct as all orders are being managed by them.
 - c. Orders can be made up until 7.30am on your child's set day.

Term 1 Planner 2019

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	28/1 Australia Day Holiday	29/1 Term 1 starts	30/1	31/1 Newsletter	1/2
WEEK 2	4/2	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2
WEEK 3	11/2	12/2	13/2 Acquaintance Night	14/2 Newsletter Assembly	15/2
WEEK 4	18/2 Swimming Lessons Rooms: 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 21 & 24	19/2	20/2 Governing Council AGM, 7pm	21/2	22/2
WEEK 5	25/2 Swimming Lessons Rooms: 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 20 & 25	26/2	27/2	28/2 Newsletter Assembly	1/3
WEEK 6	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3
WEEK 7	11/3 Adelaide Cup	12/3	13/3 School Tour 9.30am	14/3 Newsletter Assembly	15/3
WEEK 8	18/3 Swimming Lessons Rooms: 1, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17 & 22	19/3	20/3	21/3	22/3
WEEK 9	25/3 Swimming Lessons Rooms: 1, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 & 23	26/3	27/3	28/3 Newsletter Assembly	29/3
WEEK 10	1/4 Year 6/7 Canberra Camp	2/4	3/4	4/4	5/4
WEEK 11	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4 Newsletter Assembly Championship Sprints	12/4 Sports Day Last day of Term



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MOBILE PHONE POLICY 2019

At Reidy Park Primary School we recognise that information and communication technologies can enhance student learning when used as part of a structured educational experience under the guidance of teachers.

Whilst we discourage students from bringing a mobile phone, if parents/caregivers believe it is necessary for their child to bring their mobile phone to school, **they must be switched off at all times while on school grounds.** Students will need to hand their mobile phone to the Front Office before 8:45am and collect it after 3:15pm. Students will not be able to access messages during school hours. Phones will be stored in a safe place throughout the day and then placed in a container in the Front Office area for students to collect after 3:15pm.

We understand that at times parents/guardians may need to communicate with their child during the school day. If this is the case, you can contact the front office (8725 3381) and messages will be delivered to your child from our administration team.

Any use of a mobile phone once they are on school grounds is a breach of the student behaviour code. Staff will confiscate these devices if seen during the school day. They will then need to be redeemed from the Front Office at the end of the day (a note will be sent home to make parents/caregivers aware of the incident). If a mobile phone is confiscated on a second occasion, parents will be asked to come to the school to collect the phone and discuss the need for their child to have a phone at school.

Neither the school nor Department of Education will accept responsibility for the damage or loss of a mobile phone, portable digital devices or any other ICT equipment.

Respectful and appropriate use of all ICTs is expected of every student to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and to minimise disruptions to our school. Inappropriate use will be dealt with in accordance with our behaviour policy and ICT policy; including contact with the police if needed.

For families of Year 6 and 7 students

Our year 6/7 students have a BYOD agreement that allows students to bring their own laptops, IPADs, tablets, etc to school to use within the classroom, however this does not include mobile phones.



PERMISSION TO HAVE A MOBILE PHONE AT SCHOOL

STUDENT'S NAME: YEAR LEVEL / CLASS: DATE:

STUDENT'S MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER:

MAKE/ MODEL/ COLOUR OF MOBILE PHONE:

I agree to my child having a mobile phone at school

- ☐ We will abide by the school expectations stated above regarding the use of the mobile phone
- ☐ We are clear that the mobile phone cannot be accessed or used at any time at school and that staff will confiscate the mobile phone if students choose to breach this
- ☐ We understand the school is not responsible for the safe keeping of the mobile phone and will not be held responsible for loss or damage

PARENT / CAREGIVER SIGNATURE: STUDENT'S SIGNATURE:



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