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DIARY DATES

Friday	12	April	Sports Day
Friday	12	April	End of Term 1, dismissal 2.15pm
Monday	29	April	Student Free Day
Tuesday	30	April	Term 2 commences
Thursday	2	May	Assembly 12.05pm
Tuesday	7	May	Auskick commences
Friday	10	May	Cross Country Naracoorte

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very busy and productive term concludes this week with our Sports Day events. Students are looking forward to these activities with much excitement and all families are invited to come along and support the day. Today our Championship Sprints were held with all other events happening tomorrow. Please be aware of the following reminders:

- Sports Day commences tomorrow at 8.55 (all students to go to their class at normal time on Friday morning).
- Please ensure that your child wears their school hat and sunscreen on the day.
- Students are encouraged to bring their water bottle.
- Catering is available on the day.
- Events will conclude at 2.15pm (end of term dismissal time).

Our Year 6 and 7 students returned home last Friday from their week long trip to Canberra. This camp provided a fantastic experience for all students and they are to be commended on their behaviour and enthusiasm during the time away. The week's itinerary was very full and students had the opportunity to visit Parliament House, the War Memorial, the Mint, Australian Institute of Sport and learn about the concepts of democracy and voting. A special thanks must go to the Upper Primary teachers who facilitated this opportunity for our students as it requires much time and effort to plan and run a camp. Our parent helpers also provided fantastic support during the week.

As well as camp, throughout the term our school has benefited from much parent help and on behalf of all teachers, we thank you for your support of class activities. We look forward to another great term ahead for our school in Term 2, with notable activities being the Year 6 and 7 musical performance and the Year 2 classes holding their joint concert, both of which are being held at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

Student Learning Focus

Over the past few weeks teacher teams have been dedicating a significant amount of time working together to plan a range of learning experiences for our students in preparation for next term. This work has occurred in two key areas: Mathematics

and Integrated Learning. As part of our focus on problem solving in Maths, teachers have worked on designing tasks that provide challenge for learners of all abilities. Along with children becoming fluent in number concepts, a key priority for our school is for our students to become effective problem solvers and to stretch their thinking in Maths. This focus will be further explored during our pupil free day on the first day of Term 2 when staff will spend time working with Maths expert Ann Baker.

Another planning area that is a strong focus at Reidy Park is teachers working together to develop a shared unit of work that is taught to students across like year levels. This approach to planning has several positive outcome. This includes consistent learning experiences being present for students in similar year levels regardless of their class, teachers having a shared understanding and a common approach to assessment. The collaboration of teachers is a key feature of the work we do at Reidy Park and was identified as a strength from the recent External Review. This term there have been many interesting and varied work units taught across the school:
Year 6 & 7: Civics and Citizenship which complemented their trip to Canberra.

Year 5: Adaptions: how adaptions help animals survive and the impact of environmental factors.

Year 4: Sail through Time: Looked at the age of exploration and the opening of the spice trade.

Year 3: Earth Sciences: Night and day, learning about the sun and the movement of Earth.

Year 2: The past and present: creating personal timelines and exploring changes in the local environment.

Year 1: The local environment: natural, managed and constructed locations and changes in the environment.

Reception: Mt Gambier and us: exploring maps.



Milla W & Milla P, pictured with Anne Kerr from One Forty One, were award recipients from a local competition that required them to submit a 60 second video of why they love forests.

Stephen Jolley
Principal

Library Upgrade

This week our Library has been closed in readiness for the new shelving and furniture that is going to be installed during the April school holidays. This project is a direct result of the school community's fundraising efforts over the past couple of years. The Library is an area that is highly utilised throughout the school and we are looking forward to the upgrade increasing student engagement with this space.

Reminders

- End of Term dismissal 2.15pm, Friday 12th April.
- Student free day, Monday April 29th.
- Term 2 commences Tuesday April 30th.
- Auskick commences Tuesday May 7th.

T-Ball

Twenty year 3/4/5 students filled our two T-Ball teams that played at Blue Lake Sports Park on Friday nights throughout Term 1. The students learnt a lot about the game and developed some good throwing, catching and hitting skills. I would like to give a huge thank you to Sara Allen, Natalie Holtham, Kirstie England and Luke England. Without their support, Reidy Park would not have filled a team. *Mr McShane*

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate

Students from our school have recently been on an education tour of the National Capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

White Lion - Bail Out

On Wednesday of this week Room 13 held a whole school casual day for Whitelion. Students wore casual clothes for the day and provided a gold coin donation. The school raised a total of \$615 for Whitelion. Whitelion is an Australian charity that raises money and awareness for disadvantaged young people. As a part of this focus, Room 13 is participating in an event for Whitelion called 'Lock up your teacher'. The students will be locking their teacher up at the Old Mt Gambier Gaol for a period of time on Thursday. All of the money raised will go towards supporting the work that Whitelion does and bailing their teacher out of gaol.

Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
1	Sarea M	Having the courage to speak in front of her peers.
2	Lacey W	Having the courage to write sizzling starts in her exposition.
3	Grace C	Her persistence and hard work in reading and story writing.
4	Tae	Showing resilience and courage in her learning.
5	Raquel B	Consistently setting positive behaviour for her peers to follow.
6	Dexter C	For a changed attitude to work and a great desert shoe.
7	Kelleysha L	Showing courage during our tricky maths lesson.
8	Taya B	An outstanding work ethic.
9	Monique A	Thorough and self motivated effort in her HAAS project on coral bleaching.
10	Mia D	Continuously having a growth mindset and displaying school values at all times.
11	Lara J	For extensive researching.
12	Thomas R	Using feedback to make progress.
15	Savannah T	Working hard and persisting with your learning all term.
16	Aiden P	Persistence in building 3D shapes.
17	William	Excellent effort in his work.
21	Patrick N	Perseverance and enthusiasm with his reading.
22	Dominique T	Always trying to extend her learning.
23	Ellie S	Trying her best during writing to use finger spaces, capitals and full stops.
24	Isla S	Always displaying the school values of care, courage and respect.
25	Meah C	Showing care to make friends with other classmates.

Canberra Camp –2019

Written by Imogen B Room 12

Day 1:

6:30pm Sunday night 31/3/19, everyone's squealing with excitement! Everyone's waving and saying goodbye to their family. Suddenly the bus moves, and we're finally off! We had a couple of hours on our technology and then had to try and get some sleep. The seats were horrendously uncomfortable!!!

Day 2:

16 hours later we reach our destination! We rush around, hauling our luggage into the main dining area. We are finally ready to go to the Electoral Education Centre. We arrive at the Education Centre and we walk into a cinema to watch a movie about the rights and rules of Australia. Following that, we performed a mock vote. We voted on our favourite fruit. Next, we got lead to a colourful room where we had to fill out an interesting booklet. After that we headed out to a rose garden and had lunch. Once we finished we were off to Parliament House! Once we got there we walked through the security and into the main building. We walked into a room full of round, wooden chairs and a man from the Senate walks in. We all go silent and listen to what he has to say. After that chat, we got a snack. We headed off to one of the most important places in Parliament House...The Senate! We headed into the Senate really excitedly. We walk in and everyone is stunned! It was all red, even the exit sign! Followed up with all loads of talking, we headed off to the House of Representatives which is the other most important place in Parliament House. Yet again everyone was astonished! A lady talked to us about the history of it and lots more. We headed out to a replica House of Representatives. The students got to do a role play there. They had an argument on water tanks. An hour later we headed back to the hotel where we had dinner and went to bed.

Day 3:

After a good night's sleep, we got ready for the day. We headed off to AIS (Australian Institute of Sport). We were all excited, taking photos of everything. Finally, we got asked to come in. We sat down while 3 athletes talked to us about the AIS. We got lead to a place where we got to do virtual rowing, wheelchair racing, bike riding and lots more! It was super fun! After all that fun we got to do a tour. We went to the swimming centre, gymnastics, volleyball and the gym. After all that we headed to the High Court of Australia. At the High Court we got to sit in the upper and lower court rooms. A man talked to us about the High Court's history. Eventually we headed off to the Royal Australian Mint. There we got to see all different types of coins and how some of them are made. We saw a robot that pours blank coins into the machine to print them. After this it was time to go to the Anzac walk. There, we got to see a heap of really cool memorial statues. A tour guide informed us about the history of those statues. After dinner we went to Telstra Tower. The view from the top level was breathtaking!

Day 4:

We woke, like usual, and had breakfast. Then we headed off to National Capital Exhibition. When we arrived, we got to watch a short film about Canberra. After that we did a little quiz and watched a 3D Canberra show! Next, we went to the Australian War Memorial. We had to be really quiet in there to respect the people who died in war. We saw the walls that had the names of all the people who had died in war. Later we went to the National Gallery of Australia. There was a heap of creative statues to be seen. There was a really interesting room that was yellow and the walls were covered in spots. It also had this strange box that when you looked through you saw ENDLESS pumpkins! The tour that we went on at the gallery was wonderful. At this point it was time to go to the Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre! There we learnt a lot about space junk, 3D printers and general waste. We got to use robots called sferos and tried to clean up the space junk! After all that we were all very tired. So, we went back to the hotel.

Day 5:

On day five we went to the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House. We had to wear gloves because the oils in our hands might fade the colour on everything that we touch. We got to see the old Parliament's House of Representatives room. There again we got to do another role play! After that we went to the National Museum of Australia. We had a really big tour of the National Museum. There were so many interesting things to look at. After that we went to Mt Ainslie Lookout. The view was so amazing! We also had lunch there. Next, we went to Questacon – National Science & Technology Centre. There was a really big slide that you could slide down! There were so many interactive activities to do at Questacon. Unfortunately, that was all for Canberra and we then began our long journey back home.

Year 6 and 7 Canberra Camp 2019

