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Term 3, Week 5, August 22nd, 2019

DIARY DATES

Monday 26th August	School photos
Tuesday 27th August	School photos
Thursday 19th September	School Disco
Friday 20th September	Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 25th September	Footy Colours Day, gold coin donation

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today we had our annual Book Week celebration. Book Week is an initiative of the Children's Book Council of Australia and is aimed at promoting reading. Whilst this whole school event provides a fun opportunity to acknowledge the influence books have on our lives, including the bonding experience it provides for both child and adult, it also allows us to reflect on the importance of reading and its impact on learning. Numerous studies have shown that regular reading is linked to improved performance in various academic areas such as general knowledge, vocabulary, spelling and reading comprehension. This evidence highlights that one of the best things we can do to support children's learning is to find regular time to read with them. In regards to today's parade, we encourage family members who were present to show discretion if posting photos on social media to ensure only your child is recognisable.

Next week we look forward to the Year 5 concert to be held at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. The title of their concert is The Magic Telescope. Good luck to all students involved. Also next week, starting on Monday, solar panels will be installed on the gym roof. Pedestrian entry and exit points near the gym will still be accessible however students catching the bus in the afternoon will need to wait near the Library as the normal waiting area on the grass will be fenced off.

Term 3 Interviews

Families are encouraged to arrange a time for a parent-teacher interview over the next few weeks. Term 3 parent-teacher interviews are an opportunity for families to get an update on how their child is progressing and identify potential areas of focus for the remainder of the year. As these interviews are optional, the online booking system used in Term 1 won't be available; parents/caregivers are required to make direct contact with class teachers to arrange a date and time.

Term 4 School Carols Evening

At our most recent Governing Council meeting the starting time of this event was discussed. During the 2018 carols, community feedback was sought via a survey regarding this

aspect of the evening. The outcome of the Governing Council discussion was for the carols evening to start at an earlier time this year: 6.30pm (last year the start time was 7.45pm). It is hoped that the earlier start time will support and encourage families to stay until the conclusion.

Student Safety

Student safety is of upmost priority at Reidy Park and we strive to ensure processes are in place so that our school is a safe environment. A number of these arrangements are dependent on family and caregiver support in the following areas:

After school pick up: It has been noticed that there have been a number of students staying after dismissal time at the end of the day to play on the playground. Please be aware that this is not appropriate and we request all families collect their children from school in a timely manner. Students are only allowed to be on the playground if they are supervised by a parent/caregiver.

Visitors: All visitors to the school, including parents and caregivers, need to report to the Front Office.

Bus students: If your child catches a bus after school please reinforce to them the importance of waiting in the appropriate area (the side of the Library or grass space adjoining the gym). Students need to go to this area immediately after dismissal time and wait for the bus.

These guidelines are in place to make sure our school is a safe place for everyone and we thank you in advance for your support in these areas.

Stephen Jolley
Principal



Makhosi, Kane and Kobe reading in the hot air balloon as part of this week's Book Week celebrations.

Cycling Event: Tuesday August 27th

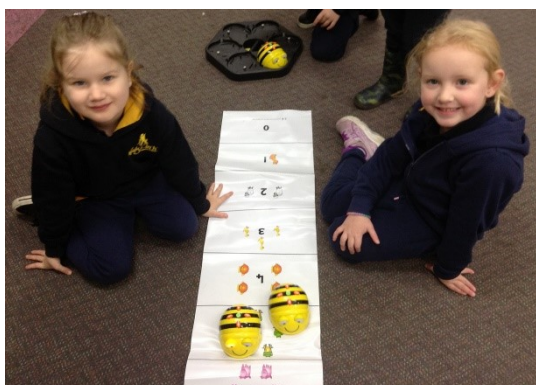
The Tour of the Great South Coast Road Cycling Classic will impact traffic around our school on Tuesday August 27th. The course that will be coming past our school is as follows:

Blue Lake Road Race (10 laps of 6.5km circuit - 65kms)
Route: O'Halloran Terrace, Wehl Street South, Lake Terrace West, Bay Road and John Watson Drive.
Race start: 1.30 p.m.
Race finish: 3.00 p.m.
Road closures: 12:00 noon. – 4.00 p.m.

The roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic during these times and there will be disruption to after school pickup as O'Halloran Terrace and Wehl Street will be closed. In the interest of the students' safety we ask that you arrange an alternative after school pick up spot on Tuesday afternoon. Yard duty staff will escort students, if needed, to buses that will pick them up on Shepherdson Road after school on this day.

Bee Bots in Maths and Digital Tech

Over the last few weeks Room 25 have explored using our school BeeBots, a device that can be coded to make it move in different directions. We planned where we wanted to send our BeeBots and then tested this to see if we could make them follow the path. By using the BeeBots, we strengthened our skills of positional language. We also discussed how these work, which buttons are used and how we can program them to go on our path. It was very tricky to explain to each other what we were doing, but with lots of practice and persistence we showed improvement.



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Basketball News

Friday 9th August thirty five year 6/7 Reidy Park students travelled to the Icehouse to participate in a District Basketball Carnival against other schools in our area. We entered three teams in the boys division and two in the girls. All of our teams did a wonderful job and we ended up with our A division boys invited back to participate in the regional carnival against schools from all over the south east on Friday August 23rd. Mr McShane would like to thank all of the parents who helped out with scoring and coaching. It was a great day had by all. Well done Reidy Park basketballers.



Care

Courage

Respect

Yr 3-7 Health & Physical Education

Teaching children how to lead a healthy lifestyle is very important and rewarding. In our Health lessons at Reidy Park we have lots of discussions around mental health and well being. We talk about the importance of accepting differences and treating everyone with respect. This term we are concentrating on how to stay safe in a variety of situations. This includes road safety, keeping safe at home, being aware of stranger danger and learning how to protect ourselves around others. Next term we will be learning about food and nutrition.

In P.E. we have been learning how to play badminton. This is a very popular sport at Reidy Park. The children develop hand-eye coordination using a shuttle and racquet and learn how to serve, smash and do a drop shot. We will be soon moving onto volleyball skills and next term we will learn cricket skills. *Heath McShane*

Footy Colours Day

Footy Colours Day is a fundraiser that the SRC is holding on Wednesday 25th September. On the day students can wear their favourite team colours. All the money that we raise will be donated to kids with cancer. Students will need to bring a gold coin donation on the day.



OHSC Vacation Care



Jump on our website

www.sa.ymca.org.au

to find our October

Vacation care program and booking sheet.

If you are not yet enrolled, you can find an enrolment form on line too!! Alternatively, you can email Kelly at

reidyparkoshc@ymca.org.au or call

0437 596 320 to arrange a time.



Reminders

- School Photos Monday 26th August and Tuesday 27th August.
- Assembly Thursday 5th September 12.05 in the gym.
- Student Free Day Friday September 20th.
- Student Free Day Monday 14th October.

Class Request

Room 12 are going to be creating dioramas later this term. If you have any shoe boxes at home, can you please bring them into Room 12.

School Disco

This term SRC and the fundraising committee are hosting a disco. The date of the disco will be Thursday 19th September, Week 9 and be held in the Performing Arts Centre. There will be a gold coin donation for entry. More information will be coming soon.

UniSA Bottle Cap Challenge

Bottle cap collection will be finalised on Monday. If you have any more bottle caps that are 2s or 4s and are clean and dry, please deliver them to Room 12 ASAP.

Scholastic book club

Scholastic brochures will be sent home tomorrow. Orders are due back on Friday 30th August.

Auskick at the MCG

At the end of Term 2, eight lucky Auskick students had the opportunity to play half time at the MCG during the Essendon and Sydney Swans football match. These students were Mitchell O, Vaughan H, Charlie L, Jett B, Riley C, Jayden M, Tristyn S and Elliot B. Well done to these students! Many thanks to our Auskick parent coordinator Danielle Burford and everyone else who helped volunteer. Without you, Auskick wouldn't be possible. *Amy Brown and Tamara Fleming - Auskick Coordinators.*



Reading is My Secret Power



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