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Term 4, Week 1, 17th October 2019

### DIARY DATES

**Friday 25th October**

**Tuesday 29th October**

**Wednesday 30th October**

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**Thursday 31st October**

**School Closure Day - Mt Gambier Show**

**Finance Committee Meeting - 5pm**

**School Tour - 9.30am**

**Governing Council 7pm**

**Assembly - 12.05pm**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We are heading towards a positive and busy term ahead with many activities to look forward to, including the final class concert of the year (Rms 1-5), transition days (for both Yr 7s moving to high school and new reception students starting at our school next year), Yr 7 Graduation and our carols evening. Next week, our choir students will be performing at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre as a part of the South East Primary Schools Music Festival. At any stage this term, please feel welcome to contact your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss their progress at school.

#### **2020 Class Planning**

From this term, our school will be starting the process of student placement in classrooms for 2020. If parents/caregivers believe they have information, based on educational needs, which will help in your child's placement, please put this information in a letter addressed to the Principal, marked 'Confidential'. All requests need to be received, in writing, by Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please be aware that this process is not about selecting teachers for your child but rather providing information for the school to consider. We cannot promise that every request will be met, however, all information will be taken into consideration. Alternatively, if your child will not be attending Reidy Park next year, please inform their teacher or the front office.

Students will also have the opportunity to be a part of the class planning process and have been asked to identify friends that they would like to be in a class with next year. This information will be sent home for you to discuss with your child and is due by Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>. Whilst the intended purpose of having students nominate peers to be placed with next year is to support their transition into a new class, we also encourage families to use this as an opportunity to support their children to apply important life skills such as being resilient and accepting of change. We encourage all children to be optimistic about building friendships with a broad group of people.

#### **Training and Development**

On Monday all staff participated in a professional development day focused on promoting safe and supportive classroom environments and developing strategies that facilitate respectful relationships. A number of key themes were covered throughout the day including the importance of recognising signs of anxiety in children and appropriate responses to this. The value of respectful communication, both verbal and non-verbal, was another key area covered. Respectful communication is evident through the words we choose, tone of voice, volume and body language. The overall content of the day will support and build upon the current work that we already do in this area to provide a supportive environment for children to learn and interact with others.

#### **Staffing Update**

This term we welcome back Rikki Helps. Ms Helps returns from maternity leave and will be fulfilling various roles across the school. We are fortunate to have been able to extend the contact time of our Pastoral Support Worker, Jodi Greenwood, for this term also. Jodi has been very proactive in supporting student wellbeing needs so this increase in time is very welcome. Jodi will be working on Tuesdays and Fridays.

#### **Facilities Update**

During the holidays a new long jump area was established next to the playground equipment. This will be a welcome feature for next year's Sports Day.

**Stephen Jolley**  
**Principal**



Last term Elle and Millie, Room 11, were interviewed by a radio presenter from the ABC about their podcast on Aboriginal history. This opportunity occurred through their class work on informative texts.

## Uniform Expectations

A reminder that all students need to wear a navy blue, broad brimmed hat during play times this term. Please be aware that it is an expectation that these hats are in a neat condition and we request your support in ensuring your child's hat does not have un-necessary visible text writing on it or rips/tears. A further expectation is that all shorts need to be plain navy blue and be an appropriate length: 'short' shorts are not appropriate. All clothing items should be plain, without brand names/logos.

## Reminders

- Parent Opinion Survey closes, Friday 18th October.
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October: School closure day – Mt Gambier Show.

## Sight Word Superheroes

Our Junior Primary classes worked very hard on our sight words program in Term 3. Sight words are common words that don't follow usual spelling rules and can't be 'sounded out'. The following students were recognised in our assembly today as they have shown a growth mindset, perseverance and a great attitude towards the program in Term 3.

Rm 15	Hunter W and Mitchell O
Rm 16	Addison J and Braxton C
Rm 17	Mackenzie F and Darcy B
Rm 20	Gracie W and Jack M
Rm 21	Aylah H and Sienna T
Rm 22	Dominique T and April J
Rm 23	Jensen R and Flynn L
Rm 24	Peter KT and Evie G
Rm 25	Meah C and Pearl H



## Cricket Blast Cup

On Thursday, September 26th, a group of Reidy Park year 7 students travelled to Blue Lake Sports Park to participate in a modified cricket carnival. Schools from all around the district took part and the winning team got the opportunity to travel to Adelaide and compete against the winners from other districts in South Australia. The Reidy Park students did a great job winning two out of their four games and came close in the other games. Feedback from the students was very positive and I look forward to taking more teams next year. *Heath McShane Physical Education Teacher*



## 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.

## PMA Challenge 2019

This year, Reidy Park has once again had a significant number of students compete in the 2019 PMA Challenge. This involved students completing an investigation around a mathematics problem of their interest. Students who participated in this challenge predominantly completed this in their own time and worked individually or in small groups. Along with the individual students who participated, we also had approximately 60 students from year 6/7 choose to participate in this challenge as part of a STEM elective. It is fantastic to see the commitment our senior students and teachers put in to this and the results they achieve is outstanding. Some staff have judged our 2019 school entries and would like to congratulate all students for the effort they have put in and for challenging themselves in their learning. We received some amazing entries and the creativity and mathematics skills on display were outstanding.

This year, our Reidy Park winning entries were:

Yr 1 Indiv.	Matilda P
Yr 1 Indiv.	Makhosi N
Yr 2 Indiv.	Imogen H
Yr 2 Group	Zara & Evie C (Family Investigation)
Yr 5 Indiv.	Jaya L
Yr 5 Group	Nevae B & Caitlin H
Yr 6 Indiv.	Andi C
Yr 6 Group	Chloe P, Tora J & Tayla G
Yr 7 Group	Lara T, Elle H & Ava C

These students will have their entries sent to Adelaide for judging against all other school winners within the state and we will let you know later in the term how our students go.

## SAPSASA News

A big congratulations goes to Georgia Barrett who was recently selected in the 2019 country zone girls SAPSASA cricket team which will compete against other districts in Adelaide in November.

Congratulations also to Milla W and Lara T who have been selected to compete in Adelaide as part of the Mid-South East SAPSASA tennis team.

## Fundraising

The next fundraising committee meeting will be held on Monday the 28th October at 3pm in the staff room.

## Room 2 Photography

Room 2 has been learning about photography. We got to learn about different ways to take photos. We looked at framing in our environment which included trees or playground equipment to help frame a portrait picture. Our class also looked at taking pictures of nature, cars, patterns, close ups and different angles around the school. We had an open night for our parents to come in and have a look at all of our different photos. Room 2 had a great time learning about photography and we have entered some of our photos in to the Mount Gambier Show.

Kane- I thought photography was fun and I enjoyed taking photos at different angles. My favourite photo was taking close ups of objects.

Ziana- I enjoyed taking photos of nature.

Lincoln- I enjoyed doing photography when we did the classroom close ups because there were lots of different things we could take photos of.

Lyla- I liked learning about the different angles and taking close ups of nature, trees and leaves.



Photo by Alex H

Photo by Lucy H



Photo by Jett H

Photo by Lyla B



## Value Award Recipients

Room	Presented to	For
1	Molly M	Always being a kind friend.
2	Fletcher	Showing courage during concert rehearsals.
3	Blake L	Improving his handwriting and writing.
4	Jasper S	Being helpful to the relief teacher in his class while Miss McCade is away.
5	Alice V	Consistently following class rules.
6	Jaya L	Careful planning when working on her planet model.
7	Finn M	Always being a caring classmate.
8	Tiah F	Outstanding work ethic.
9	Rhys W Ky Mc	Showing increased care and effort in his learning. Using a growth mindset in maths.
10	Stella M	Pursuing her personal best, even when it is hard!
11	Taylor B	Consistently using her initiative and striving for her best.
12	Henry M	Problem solving with his prism and pyramid nets in maths.
13	Lucy E	Always showing the school values and her outstanding work ethic.
15	Jeshua T	Having a growth mindset and always being enthusiastic towards his learning.
16	Cooper R	Being a respectful class member.
17	Jordan P	An excellent effort in his work.
20	Dakota P	Having a strong work ethic and giving her best effort to all her learning.
21	Ayla D	Improved focus in handwriting lessons.
22	Payson C	Always trying her very best with her learning.
23	Xander H	Helping his teachers and classmates.
24	Shayla C	Brightening everyone's day with her care and kindness.
25	Chloe H	Working hard on her writing.

# TERM 4 PLANNER 2019

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	14/10 <b>Student Free Day</b>	15/10	16/10	17/10 Newsletter Assembly	18/10
<b>WEEK 2</b>	21/10 Uniform Shop	22/10	23/10	24/10	25/10 <b>School Closure Day</b>
<b>WEEK 3</b>	28/10 Uniform Shop	29/10 Finance Committee	30/10 School Tour 9.30 Governing Council 7pm	31/10 Newsletter Assembly	1/11
<b>WEEK 4</b>	4/11 Uniform Shop	5/11 Yr 3/4 Concert 7pm	6/11	7/11	8/11
<b>WEEK 5</b>	11/11 Uniform Shop	12/11	13/11	14/11 Newsletter Assembly	15/11
<b>WEEK 6</b>	18/11 Uniform Shop	19/11	20/11	21/11	22/11
<b>WEEK 7</b>	25/11 Uniform Shop	26/11	27/11	28/11 Newsletter Assembly	29/11 Colour Explosion
<b>WEEK 8</b>	2/12 Uniform Shop	3/12	4/12 Yr 7 High School Visits 2020 Reception Visits	5/12 Yr 7 High School Visits 2020 Reception Visits	6/12
<b>WEEK 9</b>	9/12 Uniform Shop Yr 6/7 Aquatics Day	10/12	11/12 Carols by Candlelight	12/12 Newsletter Assembly Year 7 Graduation	13/12 Last day of term. Early dismissal 2.15