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Term 4, Week 5, November 14th, 2019

DIARY DATES

Friday 22nd November
Thursday 28th November
Friday 29th November
Wednesday 4th December
Thursday 5th December

White Ribbon Day
Assembly 12.05
Colour Explosion
Transition Visits (Yr 7 students & 2020 Reception)
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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week the final class performance of the year was held with students from Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 presenting their 80s themed concert. The students did a fantastic job and are to be congratulated on their efforts and enthusiasm. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Ms Marcucci, Ms McCade, Ms Wilkens, Ms Say and Ms Langford, Amity S, Emma W, Amy W who along with Mr Bone, put in much preparation time. Throughout the year our class concerts have been an excellent opportunity to bring our school community together.

Week 8 Transition Information

Later this term in Week 8, on Wednesday Dec 4th and Thursday Dec 5th, our Year 7 students who are moving onto high school and the kindy students who will be attending Reidy Park in 2020 will be participating in district wide transition days. On these days our year 7 students will attend the high school that they have enrolled in for next year and next year's intake of reception students will visit Reidy Park. These transition days do not impact on other grade levels, who will have their normal lessons, however our current reception students will have their lessons in another classroom to accommodate our visitors. On the last day of term, apart from our Year 7 students, all students will visit their 2020 classroom and be introduced to their teacher for next year.

End of Year Activities: School Carols and Year 7 Graduation

A highlight of our school calendar is the annual whole school carols evening and Year 7 Graduation. The carols event is planned for Wednesday December 11th, commencing at 6.30pm, and will be held in the 'sugar bowl' grassed area. On the night our classes will perform a number of Christmas themed songs. Further information will be provided in our next newsletter. Our Year 7 Graduation Evening will be held on Thursday December 12th at Casadio Park and will be an opportunity to farewell our senior students. The format of the night includes all Year 7 students receiving a graduation certificate as well as the presentation of various individual

achievement awards. Once the formal aspects of the evening are concluded, students have a disco to conclude the night.

Camp Quality

Tomorrow our students will have the opportunity to watch a puppet show performed by representatives from Camp Quality. The Camp Quality puppet show visits primary schools Australia wide to build cancer awareness. The puppets tell an interactive and engaging story that explains a range of age appropriate topics including why a person who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of treatment), why it's important to be supportive of a classmate or family member living with cancer and the importance of recognising our own strengths and the power of positivity. For children living with cancer this makes the transition from hospital back to school a little less daunting and for children who have a family member with cancer, it helps them relate to their peers who'll gain an understanding of what their family is going through.

Remembrance Day

At the beginning of this week our school acknowledged Remembrance Day. We had a whole school assembly during which our year 7 students James and Emma, shared the significance of this day and completed a reading of the poem Flanders' Fields. We then observed a minute's silence. During this time our student leaders, accompanied by Ms Perryman represented our school at the community service held at Vansittart Park

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Principal



On Monday, our student leaders laid a wreath at the Vansittart Park Remembrance Day Service.

Reminder School Arrival and Pick Up

It has been observed that a large number of students are arriving at school early and also not being picked up in a timely manner after school. Families are reminded that students should not be on the school grounds prior to 8.25am and should be picked up within a reasonable time after 3.15pm. These expectations are in place to ensure student safety. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Netball Lightning Carnival

On the 12th November more than forty Year 6/7 students participated in the Netball Lightning Carnival hosted by Mount Gambier High School. Teams were of mixed gender and ability as the idea of the day was to expose some kids to netball that they may not have had a chance to play before, have a run around and hopefully get to meet some other students they may be going to high school with in the future. Our students presented themselves well displaying the Reidy Park values and everyone had a very enjoyable day. Thank you to parents Di, Donna and Kelsie who gave up their time to manage teams.



Room 3 Learning

What makes an animal a mammal? How do you know?

Room 3 have been working hard in Science this term learning to classify animals by their observable features. We have sorted animals using a branching key and have loved learning about what makes an animal a certain class of animal.

Next, we have taken some of this knowledge and have used it to begin writing information reports to share with our classmates. They have really turned out well!

Lastly, we have started looking at coding through Hour of Code and Minecraft for Education. This has been a big hit and has really got the children talking and working collaboratively in very positive ways. It has been a great term so far!

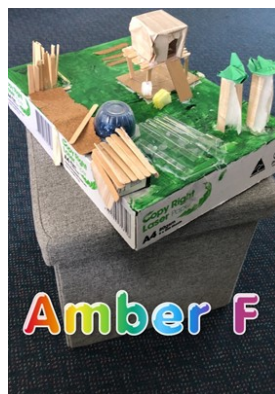
White Ribbon Day

White Ribbon Day is on the 22nd November. This day is about developing respectful relationships. This is a big part of our school values, and an important skill for life. Although this is the main theme for the day, Reidy Park is using this day as a way to spread kindness and the message that violence is never okay no matter what the situation is. Reidy Park would like to support this day by writing kind and non-violent messages on windsocks. The windsocks will be displayed in the front office when completed. Students are encouraged to wear white clothes on this day. Classes will be having buddy class activities that are focused on promoting kindness and respectful relationships.



Room 4 - Living Off The Grid

Room 4 have constructed sustainable living spaces. We went through the stages of the Engineering Design Process (ask, imagine, plan, create and improve). We did this to build our awareness of global warming and why living sustainably is important for our environment. We made sure that we had clean gas, food, electricity and water without paying. We included solar panels, wind turbines, aquaponic systems, farm animals, garden beds/ orchards and lots of other creative ideas to help us live off the grid. Renewable is something that can replenish over time, for example: trees can keep reproducing. *Archie A and William J*



Library News

If you have any overdue library books, could these please be returned to the library ASAP. All books need to be returned by Friday 29th November.

Vacswim



VACSWIM is South Australia's longest running holiday program giving your kids confidence in & around water!

December 2019 & January 2020

Programs held at over 120 pool & beach locations.

Enrol online at vacswimsa.com.au

Dec closing: 2nd Dec
Jan closing: 16th Dec

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Summer Reading Club



Mount Gambier Library
2019/2020

SUMMER READING CLUB

HEY KIDS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?
Do you want:

- A place to hang out with friends?
- To be rewarded for reading?
- To be in the draw to win cool prizes?
- To come to an amazing party?

These cool activities are available for you when you join the Summer Reading Club!

WHAT IS THE SUMMER READING CLUB?

- A national reading incentive program
- 2019/2020 theme 'A Roomful of Stories; Stories are everywhere waiting to be discovered!'
- Celebrating the 'International Year of Indigenous Languages'
- Club levels 0-5 years / 6-11 years / 12 years plus
- Lucky dips every time you read
- 'Golden Book' hunt daily

HOW TO JOIN?
A Roomful of Stories;
Stories are everywhere waiting to be discovered!

Registration is open from Monday 2 December 2019 until Thursday 23 January 2020.
Visit the Library to register.

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

City of Mount Gambier

SUMMER READING CLUB

Mount Gambier Library
6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier SA 5290
Telephone (08) 8721 2540
www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library

Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
1	Jake C	Showing courage in the year 3/4 concert.
2	Esha B	Having the courage to measure angles in maths.
3	Zarlee K	Working hard in maths.
4	Lilli P	Putting in so much care and effort into her concert role.
5	Sage G	Her efforts during guided reading.
6	Deegan W	Care taken when carrying out his science fair experiment.
7	Will LPH	Always having a positive attitude towards learning.
8	Merlin H Daniella H	For being good friends to others.
9	Hayden T Jayden P	For a more conscientious approach to their learning.
10	Charlotte E	All the courage and extra effort in creating her character.
11	Jayden C	For being confident and very expressive in public speaking.
12	Summer N	Being courageous.
13	Sophie K Emi N	Great effort in all learning tasks. Always making peers laugh.
15	Ari S	His amazing progress with his reading.
16	Renae L	Being a kind and caring class member.
17	Stella H-C	Great effort in her work.
20	Kiron A	Always taking good care of everything in out classroom.
21	Azaliah R	Using great descriptive language in her writing.
22	Quinn C	Always listening carefully and putting effort into her work.
23	Annabelle PC	For applying herself.
24	Parker D	Continuously stretching himself during learning tasks.
25	Alexa P	Showing kindness to her peers.

Year 3/4 Concert –The 80's

On Tuesday the 5th of November the year 3/4 classes had their concert at the Sir Robert Helpman Theatre. The children were buzzing with excitement and were so proud to finally showcase all the hard work they had put into it. The theme on the night was 'The 80s' and featured a group of students who were hoping to avoid working on a Friday by getting their teacher talking about the 'Good old days'. They knew that if they got her reminiscing she would go on for ages. Room 4 started the show by featuring all the 'fads' that were popular in the 80s. They had things such as Yo-Yos, Rubik's cubes and Care Bears. The children threw in some funny sayings and it was a joy to watch the old lines delivered with such gusto. Room 5 students embraced the arcade games of the 80s by writing a brilliant skit where a group of children were sucked into games such as Pac-Man, Mario Kart and Tetris. They had to defeat a game master to win their freedom. They really enjoyed making the games come to life. The students of Room 2 showcased the 'gadgets' of the 80s such as boom boxes, film cameras and walkmans. They had plenty of great music to groove to in their skit as they showed off each relic from that time. Most of the children had no idea how some of those items even worked. 80s fashion was well and truly on display when Room 1 took the stage to show all the unique clothes that were so iconic in that decade. Leg warmers, parachute pants and shoulder pads made for some great viewing. The students really strutted their stuff on the catwalk and even had some 'Dad jokes' thrown in for fun. Room 3 had you wishing for some popcorn when they took the stage to feature popular movies from the 80s such as Top Gun, Ghost Busters, Star Wars and Indiana Jones. They delivered their lines with a sense of cheek and fun. All in all, it was a fantastic night for the students, and they all preformed amazingly well. Fantastic job years 3 and 4 you were amazing!

