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Term 4, Week 9, 12th December. 2019

DIARY DATES

Thursday 12th December
Friday 13th December
Tuesday 28th January

Year 7 Graduation
End of Term 4, dismissal 2.15pm
Term 1, 2020 commences

Dear families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to last night's carols evening. It was once again a great opportunity to bring the school community together. As with all whole school events, there are many people's efforts that contribute to it being a successful experience: a special thank you is extended to Andrew Bone and Jenny Johnson for supporting each class with their preparation. We were also fortunate to have additional help in coordinating the evening through the work of Stephanie Bone, Jackson Price and Marcus Jones. Ms Perryman and Ms Cliff and their elf helpers (our student leaders) did a terrific job as comperes throughout the performances.

Tonight we have another special school activity which our senior students are looking forward to, our Year 7 Graduation. Our graduation evening is an opportunity to farewell this group of students and we wish them all the best for as they move to high school next year.

2019 End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year report which details their achievement against the Australian Curriculum has been sent home today. If you have any queries about the information provided in the report, please contact your child's class teacher.

Class Transition Visit

Tomorrow all students will have the opportunity to visit the class that they will be placed in for next year. Much planning and consideration goes towards the development of classes, including facilitating friendship choices where possible. This transition visit is both an exciting and anxious time for our students and we will provide support for them where needed. Students may come home expressing reservations or concerns about their placement; please use this as a chance to talk to your child about how 'change' can feel awkward initially, the importance of being resilient and recognising that a new class will bring opportunities for developing new friendships. These are all positive life experiences for our students which will benefit them as they develop into young adults. A note will be sent home with your child on Friday that indicates their classroom number and teacher.

Staffing News

At the end of this term we will be farewelling a number of our staff. Next year, Renae Perryman, Jess Magarey, Sam O'Neill, Brydie Merrett and Vennessa James will all be taking on opportunities at other schools. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank them for their hard work and contribution to our school and we wish them all the best for the future. Another staff member, Sandi Wilkens, will be taking leave for the first 2 terms in 2020. Alan Hogg, will be finishing the teaching role that he has fulfilled over the past two years, whilst our ICT trainee, Jake Harrison, has been successful in securing work at other local schools. Along with departing staff, we will be welcoming a number of new staff to Reidy Park. The list of 2020 staff will be shared in our first newsletter of next year.

In other news, Frazer Scanlon, will be fulfilling the role of Student Wellbeing Leader at Reidy Park next year. Frazer has a strong background in psychology and social work which will provide an effective foundation for the needs of this position.

I would like to pass on my thanks and best wishes to the entire school community. Being the principal at Reidy Park is a fantastic privilege and the opportunity that I have to work with students, families and staff is something that I greatly value. I would also like to acknowledge our staff, teachers and SSOs, for their hard work and tireless efforts throughout the year. And finally, a special mention to our students; well done on your efforts and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

On behalf of all staff, we hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Christmas and holiday break.

Stephen Jolley
Principal

Thank you to everyone for supporting our carols evening last night.



Thanks

Earlier this week a morning tea was held as a thank you gesture to everyone who has assisted with school activities and events this year. Volunteer help is immensely valued by all staff and is an important support for our school.

Assembly

Our final assembly for the year will be held tomorrow and commence at approximately 2.00pm. Students will be dismissed from the gym at 2:15 pm. Please note, junior primary students (Rec-year 2) will move from the gym and be dismissed from their classroom. Following our assembly, staff will form a guard of honour in the front office area to farewell our year 7 students. Parents are welcome to meet their year 7 child in the adjoining car park afterwards. As this will be a busy time we request that all parents are extra cautious of pedestrians.

Cash Office

The cash office will be open for uniform sales prior to the commencement of Term 1 2020.

The dates and times are as follows:

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| Wednesday 22nd January | 9am - 3pm |
| Thursday 23rd January | 9am - 3pm |

Advanced Notice

There will be two student free days in Term 1 2020, these will be held on Thursday 26th & Friday 27th March.

Icy Poles

The student leaders will be selling icy poles at the canteen on Friday for 50 cents.

Canteen

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have assisted this year with the canteen pick up from Mulga Street Primary School. Without your continued support this service could not go ahead.

The canteen service will continue in Term 1, 2020. Please note this will begin in Week 2.

Fundraising

The fundraising committee would like to thank all families who have contributed to our fundraising activities this year. We are pleased to have raised around \$18,000 for the school this year. This money will be going towards improving the quad area over the next few years. Sincere thanks must go to Heidi Heemskerk and Tania Kuchel for the huge effort they have put in. They have worked tirelessly for the benefit of all students. Looking toward next year, please consider helping out by joining the fundraising committee. We have two half hour meetings a term on Mondays at 3pm.

Artwork in Room 4

In room 4, we used different materials like paints, pencils, texas or crayons to create our own unique protea art. We used a flower that William brought in and some of Grottie Lottie's artwork for inspiration.



Carols

Our carols evening was once again an outstanding community event and it was fantastic to see so many families and children in attendance.



Colour Explosion

Once again the colour explosion was a huge success! 126 students alone raised over \$7000 online which is a huge achievement. This along with cash deposits resulted in an overall tally of approximately \$9500 which will go towards improving our school facilities. The student leaders would like to thank all families who supported this great event. Everyone involved had a lot of fun and it was a great way to celebrate what Reidy Park is all about; alone we can do little, but together, we can do so much!



Year 7 Class of 2019



Farewell and good luck for 2020