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Term 1, Week 1, January 30th, 2020

DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd February
Thursday 6th February
Wednesday 12th February
Monday 17th February
Tuesday 18th February
Wednesday 19th February

Swimming Commences Rooms 15, 22 & 23
Assembly 12.05
Acquaintance Night
Swimming Commences Rooms 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,17,20 & 21
Finance Committee Meeting 5.15pm
AGM & Governing Council Meeting 7pm

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year! We commenced the year with 578 students and 22 classrooms. This includes 72 reception students who are starting school for the first time. We not only welcome these children but also students in other year levels who have joined the school. We trust their time at Reidy Park will be enjoyable and rewarding.

It has been great to observe all students make a positive start to the term. Classes have commenced their learning in literacy and numeracy and teachers have also dedicated time to establishing expectations and routines that promote an orderly and productive learning environment. This includes promoting our school values of care, courage and respect.

As well as welcoming many new students and their families to our school, we also welcome a number of new staff, they are: Belinda Sturges (Yr 3), Sam Loughhead (Yr 3), Letita Clarke (Yr 4/5), Chris Jordan (Yr 5), Hannah Proud (Yr 1) and Alex Bailey (Rec). Monica Lennert, student teacher, will be completing an internship at our school this year in Room 17. A complete list of staffing positions for 2020 has been included in this week's newsletter. We also offer our congratulations to Kristie Say who became engaged to her partner Levi during the recent break.

A welcome addition to our staffing for 2020 is the presence of a role focused on student wellbeing. Frazer Scanlon will be fulfilling the position of Student Wellbeing Leader and along with our Pastoral Support Worker, Jodi Greenwood, will be able to provide valuable support for students, staff and families in this area. Further details regarding the role of the Student Wellbeing Worker has been provided in the newsletter.

Please use the start of the term to reinforce safe pedestrian habits with your child by using the designated

school crossings when arriving and leaving school. We encourage parents, if walking with their child, to also use the crossing to help model safe pedestrian behaviour; our upper primary students do an excellent job as crossing monitors in this area. Morning drop off and afternoon pick up times are very busy and the pedestrian crossings provide a supervised area for students to use. In relation to car parking, our request to establish a short term drop off space in front of the school is yet to be approved by the City Council. Please also be mindful of parking habits in the areas around the Reidy Centre (adjoining the school near the basketball court), including not parking on the grassed section.

The staff and I look forward to working collaboratively with the school community throughout the year. Supportive and positive home-school partnerships are crucial in providing a great environment for our students to learn and develop. At any time during the year I encourage you to talk to myself and our teachers about your child, their learning and any concerns that you may have.

Stephen Jolley
Principal



Heath, Riley, Ted and Hailey from Room 25 started school for the very first time this week.

Term 1 Dates

Many activities will be occurring during this term; please refer to the Term 1 calendar for further information. Some of the dates marked on the calendar include:

Assembly

The first assembly of the term will be held in Week 2 on Thursday, Feb 6th. This assembly will be used as an opportunity to present our year 7 student leaders and sports captains to the school community. Assemblies start at approximately 12.05 and will be held fortnightly (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10).

We request that families attending do not enter the gym prior to this time.

Acquaintance Night

Our school acquaintance night will be held on Wednesday Feb 12th. Further information about this evening will be sent home in the coming weeks. Please note, there will not be a BBQ this year.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday Feb 19th at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend. After the AGM has finished the first Governing Council meeting for the year will occur. If you are interested in nominating for the school's Governing Council, please fill out the reply slip provided in this week's newsletter.

Swimming

Please refer to the information provided in this week's newsletter for details of reception to year 5 swimming lessons. Due to the impending pool closure during the middle of the term, the Aquatic Centre was unable to timetable lessons for our year 6 and 7 students. In response, we have organised surf education lessons for later in the term (week 10). In past years our upper primary students have participated in surf education lessons and received positive feedback from them about this opportunity. Once final arrangements have been made, this information will be passed on to families of year 6 and 7 students.

We request all family members who attend swimming lessons to be mindful of taking photos, particularly in relation to ensuring other children are not in the background and that any photos posted online are only of your own child.

Pupil Free Days

Thursday March 26th and Friday March 27th. Staff will be participating in a professional development course focused on supporting a whole school approach to student wellbeing. The program is titled 'Berry Street Education'.

Sports Day

Our sports day will be held on the last day of term, Thursday April 9th. This year the format will include championship sprints and class events being held on the same day.

Volunteer Information

Volunteer assistance at school is always greatly appreciated and encouraged. All volunteers that provide ongoing assistance in some capacity require a Working With Children Check (WWCC). Ongoing assistance can either be regular or irregular, this might mean once a week, once a fortnight, every day for a week/term, once a term.

Whilst there are some instances that volunteers are not required to complete a WWCC (eg. if you are helping with an activity that your child is directly involved in), we encourage all volunteers to get a DCSI Clearance. It is a relatively easy process and our front office staff can assist you.

Signing In

All visitors to the school, including parent/carers and volunteers, are expected to sign in at the front office or Library (if listening to reading). Also, during school hours, please avoid walking through the school/main building/yard to pick up your child for an appointment etc. By coming to the front office, our admin staff can contact your child's class so that they can meet you at this location. Whilst this process may present an inconvenience, it helps ensure a safe environment for all students and is an important practice in relation to our department's Work Health and Safety expectations.

2020 Student Leaders and Sports Captains

Congratulations to the following students on being elected as student leaders and sports captains for 2020. These students will be formally presented to the school community at our Week 2 assembly.

Student Leaders

Aaron D, Travis R, Henry M, Jim D, Mia D, Andi C, Allegra H and Sarah E

Sports Captains

Willow - Stella M and Tillie Mc
Lake - Chloe P, Luca R and Tora J
Eaglehawk - Brooke H, Mackenzie D and Tate H
Lava - Jacob S and Tayla G

Governing Council Nomination

Name

Child's Name

Room No

I hereby submit my nomination to be part of the Reidy Park Primary Governing Council Committee 2019.

Signed

Please return to the front office by Friday Feb 7th.

Bushfire and Emergency Management Information

It has been a very difficult time for our communities with the recent bushfires. Everyone has had different experiences and some of you, your family or friends may have been directly affected. You are in our thoughts. If the need arises, our staff have appropriate resources to help guide them in supporting students.

In regards to our own context, if a bushfire or grassfire is approaching or in the vicinity of the school, the safety of everyone at school is the highest priority. In these situations our school will implement its emergency management plan, which will involve:

- Moving students indoors.
- Filling available containers with water.
- Closing windows.
- Working with the Department for Education Security and Emergency Management team to manage the situation.
- Alerting families via the school's SMS service.

Catastrophic Fire Days

Catastrophic fire danger days are forecast when conditions are the worst for a bush or grass fire. On these days, schools that are in high risk areas may be required to close. Reidy Park PS has a low risk bushfire rating which means on days that are forecast catastrophic, the school will remain open.

Our school's hot weather policy will be enacted and be responsive to the conditions at the time, including learning tasks being modified if needed and children staying indoors if the temperature is extreme.

Parent Bushfire Information Hotline

The Parent Bushfire Information Hotline operates during business hours. The hotline is the best source of current and up to date information on bushfire emergencies. The number is: 1800 000 279.

Excursions and Camps

Weather conditions leading up to, and on the day of these activities will be monitored. If a bushfire is burning on the day of an intended camp or excursion and is likely to threaten the destination or return to the school, the activity will be cancelled. In the event of a bushfire or grass fire impacting on a camp or excursion that is already underway, our school will liaise with the Department for Education's Security and Emergency Management Team and the Education Director to determine the most appropriate action to take.

Should children be collected if a bushfire incident is near the school?

Whilst this is ultimately a parent/carer choice, please consider the following points:

- Will you be travelling through the affected area?
- Road closures may be in place to manage the situation.
- Has the school directly requested that you pick up your child?
- If your child has been moved to a safe area within the school, they are accounted for and supervised.

Student Wellbeing Leader

Hello parents and caregivers, students and wider school community,

My name is Frazer Scanlon and I am the Student Wellbeing Leader and Literacy Coordinator at Reidy Park. I am both



humbled and excited to be in these roles for the coming year and look forward to sharing my knowledge and experience with those I work with. Prior to commencing here, I studied Social Work and Psychology before becoming a teacher. More recently, I was the Coordinator of Teaching and Learning at Newbery Park Primary School. These opportunities and experiences have given me a strong array of knowledge focused on student learning.

Developing positive partnerships within the school community provides a strong foundation for achieving this aim; working with teachers and families to support all students is something that I greatly value. Away from school I am an avid gardener, enjoy keeping myself fit and love to get out on the ocean as much as possible! I am also the senior coach of the Glencoe Football Club which keeps me busy outside of school.

Taking on the role of Student Wellbeing Leader is an exciting opportunity and I am looking forward to not only strengthening the positive work our teachers currently do in this area but to also explore opportunities that will promote children's engagement and wellbeing at school. Staff have already provided me feedback on potential directions and I will be seeking further information from students and families during this term about how I can support the school community in my role. To conclude, I am thoroughly looking forward to building relationships with each student this year through my role as I look to engage in a proactively with each classroom. If you would like to pop in and say hello to introduce yourself, or if I can assist your child in any way, please contact the front office to arrange a meeting time.

Kind Regards, Frazer Scanlon

School Communication

If you have not already done so, please consider downloading the School Stream app on your phone; our school uses this platform to distribute the school newsletter and provide updates and reminders.

Family 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 administration staff.

Swimming Times

Swimming consent forms and invoices have been sent home with each child this week Please see below lesson times for each class.

February 3rd - February 7th (week 2)

11.45am—12.30pm: Room 22

1.15pm - 2.00pm: Room 23

2.00pm - 2.45pm: Room 15

17th February - February 21st (week 4)

9.15 am - 10am: Rooms 1, 6, 8 and 21

11.30am - 12.15pm: Room 2

12.15pm - 1.00pm: Room 3 and 17

2.15pm - 3.00pm: Room 4, 5, 7 and 20

February 24th - February 28th (week 5)

9.15am - 10am: Rooms 1, 6, 8 and 24

11.30am - 12.15pm: Room 2

12.15pm - 1.00pm: Room 3 and 16

2.15pm - 3pm: Rooms 4, 5, 7 and 25

Material and Services

Your child was given an envelope on Tuesday containing start of year information as well as material and services invoices and swimming invoices if you haven't received them can you check your child's bag. Payment can be made through EFT, details are:

Commonwealth Bank BSB: 065 504

Account: 1038 3426

Another option is to pay by via the Qkr! App on your phone or tablet (search for the app in the app store). Qkr! allows families to pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions, incursions and lunches from our canteen service. If you require more information on how to install the app, please see the canteen service insert in this newsletter. If you would like to discuss a payment plan please contact Judy Hunter (business manager).

If you think you may be eligible for school card there is a new online process this year, further information can be found at: [sa.gov.au/education/school card](http://sa.gov.au/education/school%20card). There are no longer paper forms to fill out. Please remember you need to apply every year for the school card.

Mobile Phone Policy

Enclosed in this week's newsletter is our school's mobile phone policy. If your child will be bringing a phone to school, please fill out the policy and return to the front office.

Staff 2020

Leadership	
Principal	Stephen Jolley
Deputy Principal	Sandy Mullen
Senior Leader	To be filled
Student Wellbeing Leader	Frazer Scanlon
Class Teachers	
Rm 1 Yr 3	Belinda Sturges
Rm 2 Yr 3	Belinda Say
Rm 3 Yr 3	Samantha Loughhead
Rm 4 Yr 4	Andrea McCade
Rm 5 Yr 4	Daniella Marcucci
Rm 6 Yr 5	Rebecca Langford
Rm 7 Yr 4/5	Letitia Clarke
Rm 8 Yr 5	Michele Waters
Rm 9 Yr 7	Kate Symons
Rm 10 Yr 6	Matthew Bannister
Rm 11 Yr 7	Rikki Helps
Rm 12 Yr 6/7	Kristie Say
Rm 13 Yr 6	Helen Baron
Rm 15 Yr 2	Bec Hunt
Rm 16 Yr 2	Lauren Suggate/ Angela Hopes
Rm 17 Yr 2	Gill Andrew / Renae Cliff
Rm 20 Rec	Donna Winckel
Rm 21 Yr 1	Rhiannon Ashby
Rm 22 Yr 1	Teresa Grosvenor / Hannah Proud
Rm 23 Yr 1	Amy Brown
Rm 24 Rec	Alex Bailey
Rm 25 Rec	Tamara Fleming
Specialist Teachers:	
Japanese	Judith Coleman
Performing Arts	Andrew Bone (Yr 3-7) Jenny Johnson (Rec-Yr 2)
Health & PE	Heath McShane (Yr 2-7) Renae Cliff (Rec - Yr 1)
Ancillary Staff:	
Business Manager	Judy Hunter
Administration	Tracy Kain Mel Norman
Class Support	Deb Muhovics Andrea Wright Di Miller Mel Norman Vickie Johnson Taylah Cella Ryan Kaczowski Graham Jantosh Paul Griffith
ICT Support	Steven Grosvenor
Library	Michelle Kuller
ACEO	Belinda Bonney
Pastoral Support Worker	Jodi Greenwood
Groundsman	Ken Milsop

Term 1 Planner 2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	27/1 Australia Day Holiday	28/1 Term 1 starts	29/1	30/1 Newsletter	31/1
WEEK 2	3/2 Swimming Rooms 15,22 & 23	4/2	5/2	6/2 Assembly	7/2
WEEK 3	10/2	11/2	12/2 Acquaintance Night	13/2 Newsletter	14/2
WEEK 4	17/2 Swimming Rooms 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,17, 20 & 21	18/2 Finance Committee 5.15pm	19/2 AGM & Governing Council	20/2 Assembly	21/2
WEEK 5	24/2 Swimming Rooms 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,16, 24 & 25	25/2	26/2	27/2 Newsletter	28/2
WEEK 6	2/3	3/3	4/3	5/3 Assembly	6/3
WEEK 7	9/3 Adelaide Cup	10/3	11/3	12/3 Newsletter	13/3
WEEK 8	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3 Assembly	20/3
WEEK 9	23/3	24/3 SAPSASA Athletics	25/3 School Tour 9.30am	26/3 Student Free Day	27/3 Student Free Day
WEEK 10	30/3 Year 4 & 5 Ballarat Camp	31/3	1/4	2/4 Assembly	3/4
WEEK 11	6/4	7/4	8/4	9/4 Newsletter Sports Day	10/4 Good Friday

Reidy Park Primary School Canteen Service

All ordering needs to be done via an app called **Qkr!** (pronounced 'quicker') – no face to face orders are accepted. Qkr! is a secure system for placing orders and making payments and has been developed by MasterCard. Qkr! comes with all levels of security that MasterCard offer on all of their online banking products. Qkr! is available on smartphones, ipads and desktop and laptop computers.

Setting Up

1. Download Qkr! on your Android or Iphone (Ipad users must download the Iphone app). This can be done via the Apple App Store or Google Play.
2. Register - Select your country of residence as Australia and follow the steps to register. This will include:
 - a. Providing your email address.
 - b. Creating your own password.

Setting up your payment cards.

3. Click on the Account tab at the top of the screen. Add your credit card details by clicking on Add Payment Card.
 - a. Enter all of the required information (card holder name, card number, expiry dates etc) and then click Add Payment Card.
 - b. For Card Alias either name it Visa or Mastercard depending on your credit card type. Amex and Diners are not accepted.
 - c. Your payment card will be listed with only the last 4 digits showing. You can delete payment cards by clicking on the Delete button under the card name. You may choose to have receipts emailed to you. You can also have an extra layer of security by choosing a password on checkout.

Registering your child.

4. Find our school. Our school will appear in 'nearby locations' if you're within 10 kms of our school or search for our school by name. Once you have signed in for the first time, Reidy Park PS should remain as your most recent location and be saved for future purchases.
5. Register your child. When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child/children. This allows you to make orders and payments for them. Information that you will need to provide about your child includes:
 - a. First and last name.
 - b. Gender
 - c. Year level and room number.Complete all the required information and then click 'add child'.
6. At this stage you can add other children if needed. You can also edit the information by clicking on the child's name or remove them from the list by clicking on the 'x'.

Ordering.

7. Sign in to the Qkr! app.
8. Click on Reidy Park Primary School option.
9. Select the ordering day for your child's classroom
 - a. Wednesdays: Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 22, 23, 24 and 25.
 - b. Thursdays: Rooms 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20 and 21.
10. A yellow box will be highlighted – click the shaded box below this selected date.
11. The menu options will now appear at the top of the screen. Options are provided in the following categories: drinks, salad plates, sandwiches, rolls, hot and tasty, toasted sandwiches, pita wraps, foccacia, amber food and snacks.
12. Click on the item that you wish to order (a prompt will appear asking how many of the item you wish to order and 'add to cart' instruction).
13. Continue making your menu choices until all of your selections have been made. Once this has occurred, you can either:
 - a. Order for another child by selecting their name.
 - b. Go to the 'checkout' to finalise the order and make payment. Please note a message will appear that says 'Pay Mulga Street PS Canteen', this is correct as all orders are being managed by them.
 - c. Orders can be made up until 7.30am on your child's set day.



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MOBILE PHONE POLICY 2020

At Reidy Park Primary School we recognise that information and communication technologies can enhance student learning when used as part of a structured educational experience under the guidance of teachers.

Whilst we discourage students from bringing a mobile phone, if parents/caregivers believe it is necessary for their child to bring their mobile phone to school, **they must be switched off at all times while on school grounds.** Students will need to hand their mobile phone to the Front Office before 8:45am and collect it after 3:15pm. Students will not be able to access messages during school hours. Phones will be stored in a safe place throughout the day and then placed in a container in the Front Office area for students to collect after 3:15pm.

We understand that at times parents/guardians may need to communicate with their child during the school day. If this is the case, you can contact the front office (8725 3381) and messages will be delivered to your child from our administration team.

Any use of a mobile phone once they are on school grounds is a breach of the student behaviour code. Staff will confiscate these devices if seen during the school day. They will then need to be redeemed from the Front Office at the end of the day (a note will be sent home to make parents/caregivers aware of the incident). If a mobile phone is confiscated on a second occasion, parents will be asked to come to the school to collect the phone and discuss the need for their child to have a phone at school.

We also have the same expectations for **smart watches**. If your child intends having this technology, please contact the school around how this can be best managed. Please note, if your child is using this technology during school time in an unacceptable manner (making/receiving calls, accessing social media or the internet) then the device will be kept in the Front Office.

Neither the school nor Department for Education will accept responsibility for the damage or loss of a mobile phone, portable digital devices or any other ICT equipment.

Respectful and appropriate use of all ICTs is expected of every student to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and to minimise disruptions to our school. Inappropriate use will be dealt with in accordance with our behaviour policy and ICT policy; including contact with the police if needed.

For families of Year 6 and 7 students

Our year 6/7 students have a BYOD agreement that allows students to bring their own laptops, IPADs, tablets, etc to school to use within the classroom, however this does not include mobile phones.



PERMISSION TO HAVE A MOBILE PHONE AT SCHOOL

STUDENT'S NAME: YEAR LEVEL / CLASS: DATE:

STUDENT'S MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER:

MAKE/ MODEL/ COLOUR OF MOBILE PHONE:

I agree to my child having a mobile phone at school

- ☐ We will abide by the school expectations stated above regarding the use of the mobile phone
- ☐ We are clear that the mobile phone cannot be accessed or used at any time at school and that staff will confiscate the mobile phone if students choose to breach this
- ☐ We understand the school is not responsible for the safe keeping of the mobile phone and will not be held responsible for loss or damage

PARENT / CAREGIVER'S SIGNATURE: STUDENT'S SIGNATURE:



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