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Term 3, Week 7, 3rd September, 2020

#### DIARY DATES

Tuesday 8th September	Finance Committee 5.15pm
Wednesday 9th September	Governing Council 7pm
Thursday 10th September	R U OK Day
Wednesday 16th September	School Tour 9.30am
Monday 21st September	Student Free Day
Friday 25th September	End of Term 3 Early Dismissal 2.15pm

Dear parents and caregivers,

#### Acknowledgement to Country

We, the staff and students of Reidy Park Primary School, would like to acknowledge and respect the Boandik people whose ancestral lands we gather and learn upon. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal people to country and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging. We promise to thank them by taking care of the land everyday as we learn at Reidy Park Primary School.

#### SSO Week

Last week we acknowledged the work of our SSOs as part of SSO Recognition Week. Our SSOs fulfil a variety of roles and responsibilities and make an invaluable contribution to the learning and wellbeing of students along with the day to day operations of the school. Our SSOs were presented with a card and hand-made gift at our assembly last week. We are fortunate to have such a committed group of SSOs and we thank them for their work. A big THANK YOU to: Tracy Kain, Judy Hunter, Michelle Kuller, Mel Norman, Andrea Wright, Ken Milsop, Steven Grosvenor, Di Miller, Deb Muhovics, Vicki Johnston, Tayla Cella, Graham Jantosh, Paul Griffith, Alex Quick, Cameron Say and Belinda Bonney.

#### Planning for 2021

Future enrolments are an important factor that helps inform the school's class and staffing arrangements. In order to support our planning for next year, for families of reception students (starting in 2021), if you have not already contacted the school regarding your child's enrolment could you please do so as soon as possible. Alternatively, we require families to inform us if their child will be leaving Reidy Park at the end of 2020 as soon as possible. This information helps us plan our class structures for next year. Also, if you know of families who are considering enrolling their children at Reidy Park, please encourage them to contact the school.

#### Wellbeing Week

A big thank you to Mr Scanlon, our wellbeing team, staff and students for a wonderful week of wellbeing activities and focus throughout the school last week. A highlight was the music in quad at lunch time. Lots of enthusiasm and great dance moves were on show from students and staff.

#### Transition

Our transition planning and processes are underway for both secondary and preschool students. Staff from Reidy Park will visit the kindergartens early next term to meet children and begin to get to know the children. Information sessions and year 7 visits to high school are being planned for the first three weeks of next term.

#### Term 3 Optional Interviews

From today teachers will be contacting parents to request parent-teacher interviews. These interviews may be held face to face or over the phone. Under the current restrictions we are unable to open up the interviews to include everyone, therefore the interviews will be at the teacher's request.

#### Progressive Achievement Test

All students in years 2-7 will complete a PAT (Progressive Achievement Test) in Reading and Mathematics over the next 2-3 weeks. The information gained from these tests will support teachers' planning and programming. Please be aware that the PAT achievement information for students will not produce a report that is sent home to families.

**Sam Griffith**  
**Acting Principal**

Havannah and Lily supporting their footy teams at last weeks Footy Colours day.



## Student Free Days

At our last meeting Governing Council approved 3 upcoming student free days.

### Monday 21st September - PAT testing

This day will be used by teachers to investigate student PAT data and phonics screening data. Teachers will work individually and in teams to look closely at areas of strength and areas for improvement. This data and information will be used to inform our Site Improvement Plan moving forward.

### Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October – Berry Street training

After having to postpone this training in Term 1 due to COVID-19, we have been able to secure the first two days of the training for Week 2 of Term 4. All Reidy Park staff will attend this training. The Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) is a practical approach to teaching and learning that enables teachers to increase engagement with students and successfully improve all students' self-regulation, growth and academic achievement.

### Friday 23rd October - School Closure Day

Although the Mount Gambier Show has been cancelled our approved School Closure Day on Friday 23rd of October will go ahead.

## RU OK Day

On Thursday next week (10th September) we are raising awareness for 'R U OK?' day. SRC will present at assembly about the importance of 'R U OK?' day. The aim of the day is to build mental health awareness and a culture of speaking about our feelings. We are encouraging students to care for their peers by having the courage to ask 'are you okay?' and respectfully listen to their response.



Students will be able to buy a decorated biscuit for \$1 on the Thursday. Students can also dress up in yellow to help raise awareness (no donation needed). All money raised will support the 'R U OK?' day foundation. Last year we were able to raise almost \$550!

## Regional Basketball Day

On Friday, August 28th, Mr McShane took a boy's and girl's basketball team to The Icehouse to compete against the top performing schools from the Upper, Mid and Lower South East. Our two teams performed extremely well on the day and came very close to taking out both competitions. The boys in particular lost first place on a count back to Bordertown which was an unfortunate way to end the carnival, but they can be very proud of their achievements. I would like to thank Jarrad Sim and Shane Mobbs for coaching and all the parents who helped score on the day.

Our Reidy Park students can hold their heads high. Go Reidy!

## Canteen News

Leeanne Ticknell from the Mulga Street Primary School canteen would like to let parents know that due to some of their suppliers factories having to close down, some of the food suppliers have changed.

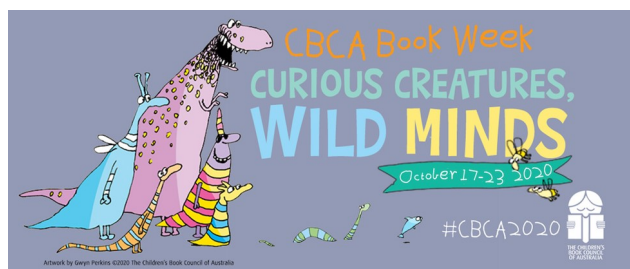
## Book Week 2020

Book Week at Reidy Park will run from 26 – 30 October (Week 3, Term 4). The theme for 2020 is: 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. We will also be running two activities for students to complete at home, if they wish. Details of these activities are on the back page of this newsletter.

Draw your Own Curious Creature

Create a 'Sock Puppet' Creature

Make your creatures as bright and crazy as your imagination will let you. Students are welcome to choose one or both activities. All creatures must be handed to Michelle in the Library by Friday 23 October 2020. Creatures will be displayed during Book Week and a winner in each year level will receive a book of their choice.



## Week 6 Assembly - 27th August

### Award Recipients

Congratulations to all the values voucher award winners. The following people have shown care, courage and respect in the school yard.

Charlotte P, Isla S, Evie G and Ana P - For showing care and respect for the school.

Jye D - For caring for nature and cleaning up after people.

Tilly O - For when she was putting the bin away, she picked up the rubbish on the ground around it.

Riley L and Cooper H - For picking up broken glass on the oval so no one would get hurt.

### SSO Week

Last week it was SSO week. Room 16 surprised the SSOs with flowers and cards. On behalf of the students, we would like to thank you for your time, effort and dedication towards all of us. We greatly appreciate it. It takes a lot of patience to be an SSO and Reidy Park is lucky to have the best going around.

### Room 16's Story Telling

Last assembly, Room 16 shared one of their all time favourite books with the school, *"Watch Me Throw The Ball"* by award-winning children's author Mo Willems. It's their favourite book because the students said it makes them laugh and they love the characters, Piggie and Gerald. Room 16 performed a brilliant comedy skit for us along with the reading of *"Watch Me Throw The Ball"*, with some amazing expression and acting... Great work guys!

### Room 17's Dance

Last assembly, Room 17 presented their amazing dance to us about dancing to different types of music. The other classes enjoyed their dance and were dancing along. We all acknowledge their courage performing and choreographing skills. That was an outstanding dance- great job!

### Stars of Reidy

In this week's assembly we had the winners of Stars of Reidy present their acts. They performed in front of the school at assembly and did an outstanding job. The winners from the junior primary age group were Payson, Frankie and April singing Mr Clicketty Cane. The winners from the middle primary age group were Jenna and Jesse with a dance to *"Walking On Sunshine"* choreographed by themselves. The winner for the upper primary category was Sahnjai and he played bass guitar. They were all presented with a certificate as their award after their performance. Amazing job!

## Wellbeing Week

Hello parents and caregivers,

It was fantastic to see a range of sporting teams supported last Friday at our annual Footy Colours' Day. The day was a huge success with our school raising over \$300 for the Fight Cancer Foundation. Of course, Footy Colours' Day concluded our second 'Wellbeing Week' which hosted a range of activities designed at enhancing the wellbeing of our learners. The week was a huge success, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and students who were involved. A huge thank you to OK Pie Shop for their continuous support.

I also wanted to draw your attention to some significant events which will be held over the coming weeks. The first is R U OK Day which will be held next Thursday the 10th of September. Please see the article on the previous page for further information.

The second event is the cyber-safety parent session, which is being held in the school library, next Thursday the 10th of September commencing at 5:30 PM. This session will be facilitated by SAPOL and is aimed at year 4-7 parents and caregivers. It aims to provide some practical strategies which can help you keep your child/ children safe online. This event has a maximum number of registrations and is filling up fast. Details on how to register can be found on your School Stream app, or by contacting the school.

## Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
1	Dylan S	Persisting with challenging tasks and taking on new challenges. Great work.
2	Vaughan H	Becoming more confident to have a go at challenges and for making some positive choices.
3	Draven A	Engaging and sharing his knowledge in whole class discussions.
5	William C	Persistence in maths and helping others undertake tasks when they ask for help.
6	Archie A	Showing care and respect when completing learning tasks.
7	Chelsea Mc	Demonstrating the school values when in the classroom.
8	Shae L	Consistent effort in maths.
9	Lacey V	Having the courage to step outside of her comfort zone.
10	Ruby D	Always trying her best and stretching herself out of her comfort zone with her learning.
11	Luca R	Learning courage while working with transformation in maths.
13	Sasha B	Being a mature leader in our class.
15	Paige W	Always having a growth mindset and working hard in all areas of her learning.
17	Sonny K	Showing a great effort and attitude towards his work.
20	Lily H	Always speaking kindly to others with lovely manners.
21	Grace H	Showing a growth mindset towards her work.
22	Charlie W	Using courage and persistence when working on his sight words.
24	Tate A	Always challenging himself and trying his best.
25	Cooper H Jayde E	Making strong choices. Always showing the 5 L's on the floor.



# Room 21 - Learning about capacity

In Room 21, we are learning how to order and compare different capacities using informal units. Last Thursday, we went outside to enjoy the beautiful weather and explore capacity in the sandpit. In our groups, we filled our containers up to be full and ordered these from most to least capacity. We also individually filled water bottles to show the different capacities they can hold and took photos of them with the iPads again ordering them from most to least capacity. We had a fantastic inquiry math lesson - a great way to finish off our capacity unit!



## Wellbeing Week



## OPTION 1



# Create a Creature!

This year's Book Week Theme is:

**CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS**

And to celebrate, we are looking for the most creative sock puppet design.



No previous sock puppet experience is necessary for you to be involved; just tap into your creative side and make a sock puppet!

Please bring your drawing or sock puppet to the Library for display and judging.

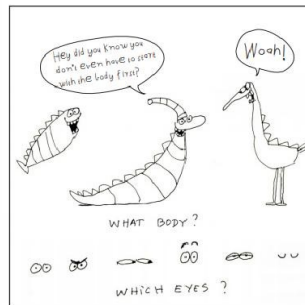
A winner will be chosen from each year level and will receive a book of their choice.

All entries must be in before Friday 23rd October.

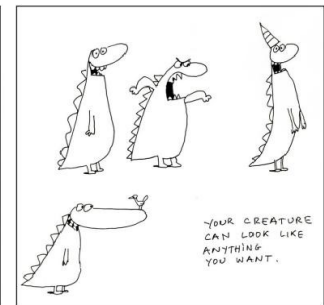
## OPTION 2

### Draw Your Own Curious Creature for CBCA Book Week

Award-winning children's picture book creator Gwyn Perkins shares his tips for drawing wild and curious creatures



1. Choose a body shape and eyes to give your creature its own character.



2. Does your creature have a hat or a feathered friend?



3. Choose patterns and/or colour to decorate your creature. You may even like to collage your creature.



4. Give your creature a name.

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SAFE AND WELL  
IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS**

**Together we can  
help every child thrive**

**We can all...**

...speak up if we see something that is  
not safe for children

...talk respectfully with children and value  
and act on their ideas

...help children thrive by supporting  
families

...create places where children feel  
safe to live, play and learn

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## Year 6/7 Musical - Porridge

Term 3 has been an exciting term for our year 6/7 production of 'Porridge'. This week is our final week for our 6/7 musical production. We are putting the final touches on our production, doing our final rehearsals, recording our songs and filming. This will all be edited together before the end of the term by professional videographer, Marcus Jones. More information will come soon about our gala presentation night to showcase our musical!

"When a crime wave hits Happy Valley, there's a caseload of mysteries to be solved! Who's stolen Mother Hubbard's recipe book? Who's kidnapped Marigold the cow? And what dirty secret is Papa Bear hiding behind his Porridge empire? It's down to Private Detective Jack Spratt to uncover the terrifying truth in this tale of mystery, mayhem and breakfast cereal!"

