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Term 3, Week 9, 17th September 2020

#### DIARY DATES

Monday 21st September  
Friday 25th September  
Monday 12th October  
Wednesday 21st October  
Thursday 22nd October  
Friday 23rd October

Student Free Day  
End of Term 3 - Early Dismissal 2.15pm  
Term 4 Commences  
Student Free Day - Berry St Training  
Student Free Day - Berry St Training  
School Closure Day

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.

#### **End of Term 3**

This week's newsletter is our final for the term. It has been a busy term and it has been nice to have the opportunity to participate in some extra curriculum activities again throughout the term. Thank you to all parents, carers and families for your continued support and understanding as we navigate our way through COVID-19 restrictions. We continue to follow the directions from SA Health and the Education Department and request that the number of adults on school grounds is minimised. We will monitor the situation at the beginning of Term 4 and let families know if advice changes.

Next term we look forward to a number of important events including year 7 graduation, transition days (in Week 8) for our current year 7s, as well as the intake of new reception students for 2020. Next term will also see the commencement of next year's class planning processes; further details about this process will be provided in future newsletters.

#### **Student Learning Focus**

Yesterday our staff had the opportunity to work with Maths consultant Ann Baker. Throughout the day Ann modelled a range of lessons to staff who observed her working with our students. The opportunity to observe and then have a follow up discussion with Ann is designed to assist staff on further developing their teaching in Mathematics, with a specific focus on our school improvement priorities of teaching through problem solving and differentiation.

#### **Car Parking**

Reminders:

- The city council has updated the signage at the front of the school along O'Halloran Tce. Whilst the signs indicate 'no parking', the city council has indicated that this type of signage is used at schools for drop off / pick up areas. Please be aware that the bus zone further along on O'Halloran Terrace is not for parking, pick up or drop offs.
- Recently some families have been using the staff car park as a drop off zone in the mornings and we request that this practice does not continue.
- The Reidy Park Centre management has strongly requested that parents/carers do not park on the grass adjacent to their car park (there are signs to indicate this area). There are a number of car parks along the western side of the driveway that are able to be used.

#### **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 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.

We hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break.

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



Jesse enjoying a game of tennis at a recent Hot Shot tennis day.

## 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.

## Student Free Day

### 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.

## Reminders

- Students will be dismissed at 2.15pm on Friday 25th September, the last day of term
- Monday 12th October - first day of term 4
- Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October – student free days
- Friday 23rd October - school closure day

## SAPSASA Hockey and Soccer

SAPSASA hockey and soccer carnival were held in Adelaide. Our students played extremely well in the Lower South East team taking out a number of first place positions.

Well done to Riley, Kyra and Sarah in soccer and Clare, Sophie, Sebastian and Deegan in hockey.



## Lost Property

The large pile of lost property has been sorted and those articles that were named have been returned to students. However, there is still a huge amount of unnamed articles to be collected. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

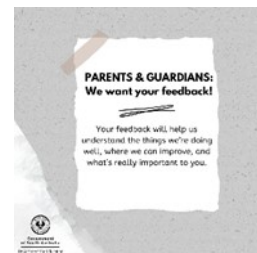
## 2020 Parent Opinion Survey

Nothing is more important to us than your child's education. To help us give your child the very best, we would like your honest feedback on a few key topics, including school communication. Your feedback will help us understand the things we're doing well, where we can improve, and what's really important to you as a parent. The survey closes Friday 25 September and will take no more than 10 minutes. It's confidential and you can complete it here:

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Thank you. We know your time is valuable and we appreciate it.



## Hot Shot Tennis Presentation

To encourage students to be healthy and active Tennis Australia and ANZ have partnered and given every Reidy Park Reception student a free tennis racquet, to take home to keep. Todd Woodbridge was able to be a part of the presentation through zoom, he showed us his Wimbledon trophy, his Davis Cup trophy and his gold medal. Students asked Todd about his trophies and about where in the world he plays. The students were most excited about seeing the gold medal. We would like to thank Tennis Australia and the ANZ Bank for this opportunity.





## SAPSASA Football and Netball

In Week 8, ten of our Reidy Park students travelled to Adelaide to compete in the annual SAPSASA netball and football carnival. Our Lower South East netball team won 4 games and came sixth overall while our boys won 7 out of 9 games and came equal second. The students had a great time bonding with students from different schools while improving their skills and knowledge of the game at a higher level.

Well done Reidy Park students.



## Parent / Guardian Email Addresses

As per a DfE requirement from time to time we need to contact both legal guardians via email. Could you please provide the school with your current email address and return to the front office.

**Family email address**  
**Please return to front office**

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_

Room Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of parent/ guardian 1

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Email address of parent / guardian 2

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## Hot Shots Tennis Presentation

On Monday 7th September the year 3 and 4 students went to a ANZ Hot Shot Tennis Carnival at the Olympic Tennis Courts. Students played short matches on modified courts against other schools around Mount Gambier. It was all about having fun and learning some skills about tennis. Dan and Emma won a prize on the day for showing good sportsmanship and having a go.

Chiara- I liked that I got to play against other schools.

Riley- I learnt how to play tennis and I liked playing against other students.

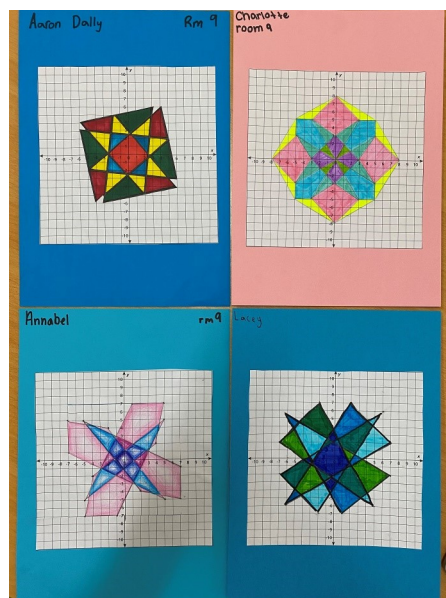
Esha- I enjoyed versing other people from other schools and having fun with people from my class.

Ziana- I liked how I got to play with my friends and have fun.



## Room 9 Maths

In Maths we have been learning how to represent transformations on the Cartesian plane. This week, as a problematised situation, we had to create a piece of art by rotating one shape in multiples of 90 degrees. We had to apply the skills we had learnt in our strategy lesson. We noticed that when we rotated our shape 90 degrees, the coordinates swapped. Here are some of our artworks:





# R U OK? Day

Last Thursday was 'R U OK?' Day (10th September). The aim of the day at RPPS is to build mental health awareness and a culture of speaking about our feelings. We are encouraging students to care for their peers by asking are you okay? if they notice a student looking upset. Students were encouraged to wear yellow to raise awareness for the day. SRC did a presentation at assembly and visited classrooms to further discuss what 'R U OK?' Day is all about at Reidy. SRC members decorated smiley face biscuits that were sold for \$1. The school raised \$421.80 on the day

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Care

Courage

Respect

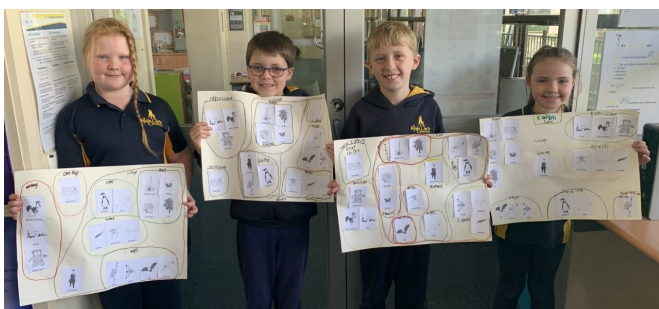
## Room 3 Science

For part of our biological science unit this term, Room 3 have been learning about living things. We have explored living and non-living things and sorting them based on characteristics. The students have investigated the differences between living, once living and products of living things and have used observable features to group a range of living things. We have linked our Science work with our Literacy and have written an information report on a living thing of our choice.

I enjoyed classifying animals in different ways such as living and non-living. -*Leon*

I am doing my information report on rats - I have found that they live in lots of different places and they classified as a mammal. - *Tilly*

I enjoyed making a poster and putting the things into different categories - some of my categories were living, non-living, has wings, animals and plants. - *Mitchell*



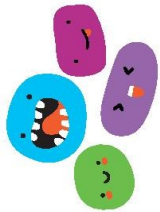
## Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
1	Hunter W	Developing a growth mindset towards maths and being more willing to take on challenging tasks. Great work.
2	Jobe L	Showing respect by helping others out around the classroom and encouraging others.
3	Leon B	Encouraging others to have a go at Hot Shot tennis carnival.
5	Oliver J	Persistence in maths.
6	Matilda B	Taking care with her work and being a respectful friend.
7	Blake D	Making positive choices that benefit
8	Sam B	Being a powerful learner throughout active listening, setting goals and acting on feedback.
10	Kyra K	Her hard work and great leadership
13	Livinia U	Showing amazing presentation skills when teaching the class during dance and english.
15	Xander H	His enthusiasm towards his learning. Especially in geography and science.
16	Payson C	Showing care towards all her classmates.
17	Dougie M	Being enthusiastic and engaged to his learning.
20	Mia W	Trying very hard in her writing and beginning to sound out words.
21	Peter KT	Showing care to his peers.
22	Jack K	Using courage to decode words he doesn't know during reading.
23	Bodhi G	Working hard to improve his sentence writing.
24	Hope M	Her kindness to others and always trying her best in her learning.
25	Cadence I	Working hard on her sight words.








# YMCA OSHC

VACATION CARE PROGRAM  
WEEK 1: 28 Sept - 2 Oct 2020  
WEEK 2: 5 - 9 Oct 2020



**Vacation Care**  
28 Sept - 9 Oct 2020

<b>Monday 28 Sept</b> In-house	<b>Dice Games</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roll a monster</li><li>• Yoga dice</li><li>• Dice BINGO</li><li>• Sandwiches</li></ul> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1,2,3,4,5	<b>Tuesday 29 Sept</b> In-house	<b>Craft day</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use nail polish to marble</li><li>• Teddy bear sewing</li><li>• Savoury Platter</li></ul> <b>Outcomes:</b> 3,4,5	<b>Wednesday 30 Sept</b> Excursion	<b>Leg of mutton</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discover the leg of mutton and create fairy houses and cubby house from surrounding scrub.</li><li>• Quiz</li><li>• Garlic Bread</li></ul> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1,2,3,4,5	<b>Thursday 1 Oct</b> In-house	<b>House of Cards</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pokemon cards</li><li>• Yugio cards</li><li>• Uno</li><li>• Go fish</li><li>• 20 questions</li><li>• Pasta Bake</li></ul> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1,2,3,4,5	<b>Friday 2 Oct</b> In-house	<b>Water play day</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Face painting</li><li>• Water play (bring spare clothes and water pistols)</li><li>• Bubble blowing</li><li>• Chicken noodle soup</li></ul> <b>Outcomes:</b> 3,4,5
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<b>Monday 5 Oct</b> Closed	<b>LABOUR DAY</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ AUSTRALIA ★</li></ul>	<b>Tuesday 6 Oct</b> Excursion	<b>Pump track</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wheels day (bring bikes/cooter)</li><li>• Discover the Railway land/ Bike track, Pump track/BMX track</li><li>• Stop at the playground</li><li>• Sandwiches</li></ul> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1,2,3,4,5	<b>Wednesday 7 Oct</b> Excursion	<b>Echo Farm</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit the animals at the Echo farm</li><li>• Experiment making butter and ice cream</li><li>• Fruit salad and ice cream</li></ul> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1,2,3,4,5	<b>Thursday 8 Oct</b> Excursion	<b>Adventure Centre</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sand Volcano experiments</li><li>• Indoor kinetic sand</li><li>• Marble tracks in the sand</li><li>• Create small world environments in the sand</li><li>• Spring rolls and salad</li></ul> <b>Outcomes:</b> 1,2,3,4,5	<b>Friday 9 Oct</b> In-house	<b>Old school games</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jacks</li><li>• Marbles</li><li>• Ring toss</li><li>• Create your own games pouch</li><li>• Popcorn</li></ul> <b>Outcomes:</b> 3,4,5
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## CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER SPRING 2020 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY MAKERBOXES

Keeping children entertained at home during school holidays!  
Each box contains instruction cards and most materials to complete fun activities at home.

**6&U**

#### MAKE WITH ME MAKERBOX

- Playdough
  - Little loaf of bread
- Suitable for 6 years and under.  
1 box per family.

**12-15**

#### MAKER MAKERBOX

- Candle embellishment
  - Face mask
- Suitable for 12 to 15 years

**YOUTH 17&U**

#### CHILL@THE TRACK

Mount Gambier Pump Track

Hastings Cunningham Reserve

Friday 2 October 1:00pm - 4:00pm

An afternoon of food, music and activities with a chance to chat to the Library team.

Kindly supported by Rotary Club of Mount Gambier and headspace

No need to book - see you there!

Suitable for youth up to 17.

Mount Gambier Library  
6 Watson Terrace  
(08) 8721 2540  
[www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library](http://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library)

**7-11**

#### MAKE IT MYSELF MAKERBOX

- Beeswax wraps.
  - Melt and pour soap
- Suitable for 7 to 11 years.

#### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS:

- Limited boxes available.
- Bookings essential.
- Bookings open and Makerboxes available for collection from 9:00am Monday 21 September.
- One box per child (except Make with Me Makerbox).

## THE RIDDOCH ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE ONLINE ACTIVITIES Facebook @TheRiddoch Website [www.riddochartgallery.org.au/activities-events](http://www.riddochartgallery.org.au/activities-events)

The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre will be offering a range of online fun activities that you can do from home as part of our COVID-19 online campaign. #riddochathome. Keep an eye on their Facebook or Instagram pages for simple tutorials to follow along with.

#### SPRING THEMED FABRIC COLLAGE - ONLINE

Using scrap fabric and PVA glue, layer and arrange a botanic artwork original.

#### ANIMAL & MONSTER PLANTERS - ONLINE

Using old drink bottles create a little monster or cute animal planter. Once you've finished creating the planter just add the perfect plant, keep it for yourself or gift it to someone special!

#### FELT WALL HANGER - ONLINE

Bright, easy and fun! Inject some spring colour into your home by making your own felt fabric wall hanger.

#### FLOWER PRESSING - ONLINE

Celebrate spring! Explore your garden and find some beautiful blooms that you can press and turn into an artwork to keep forever!



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