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Term 4, Week 5, 12th November, 2020

DIARY DATES

Friday 20th November
Wednesday 2nd December
Thursday 3rd December
Friday 4th December

Casual and Icy Pole Day
Transition Visits (Yr 7 students & 2021 Reception)
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Sports Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Acknowledgement of 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.

Week 8 Transition Information

Later this term in Week 8, on Wednesday Dec 2nd and Thursday Dec 3rd, our Year 7 students who are moving onto high school and the kindy students who will be attending Reidy Park in 2021, 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 affect other grade levels, who will have their normal lessons; however, our current Reception students 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 2021 classroom and be introduced to their teacher for next year.

School Events

Sports Day

Sports Day is being held on Friday 4th December however, restrictions will be in place due to COVID-19 circumstances. Ordinarily, a very large number of parents and family members would attend our Sports Day. However this year, large numbers of the public on site would not be a safe practice, and it would be very difficult for staff to monitor and restrict numbers to a manageable level, obtain all of the necessary personal information required and ensure social distancing and hygiene measures are being followed. For these reasons, we have made the decision to make this a student only event. We have spoken to others schools within our partnership and note that across our regions sites Sports Days look different. Some have chosen not to hold a sports day; others are holding it as a student only event on a single day or across the week.

Christmas Carols

Following a number of discussions and consultation at staff meetings, governing council and communication with our Education Department and Education Director, we have made the decision to cancel our traditional Christmas Carols night at school. The restrictions currently in place regarding social distancing, maximum capacity in an outdoor area, contact tracing and hygiene measures mean that we are unable to hold a large audience event such as the carols night safely. Governing Council held a special meeting last Wednesday and voted to cancel carols due to current Covid-19 restrictions and requirements.

It is disappointing for all involved that both events cannot happen as normal in 2020 but we hope parents will understand that these decisions are made in the best interests of the safety and health of our students, school community and wider public. Smaller sized excursions and school events will continue at a class or year group level. We are hopeful that we can get 'back to normal' with our whole school events in 2021.

Sam Griffith
Acting Principal



Yesterday our school acknowledged Remembrance Day by holding a whole school minutes silence. Our school captains, Andi and Aaron accompanied Mr Griffith to Vansitart Park and represented our school at the community service. They laid a wreath at the steps of the memorial in remembrance.

Covid 19 Restrictions

The direction from the Department for Education continues to be that we need to adhere to social distancing guidelines. We still ask that parents, adults and older siblings do not enter school grounds unless necessary and continue to pick up and drop off from the school gates. If you do need to enter a school building, such as a classroom, we request that you enter through the front office and sign in.

Year 7 Graduation

Our Year 7 Graduation Evening will be held on Thursday December 10th at Reidy Park Primary School gymnasium 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. There will be COVID restrictions in place to ensure everyone's safety. These will include registration for all adults attending and the following of social distancing requirements. There will also be limits in place for the number of adults that can attend. Further details will be provided to the families of our year 7 students in the near future.

Term 4 Uniform Expectations

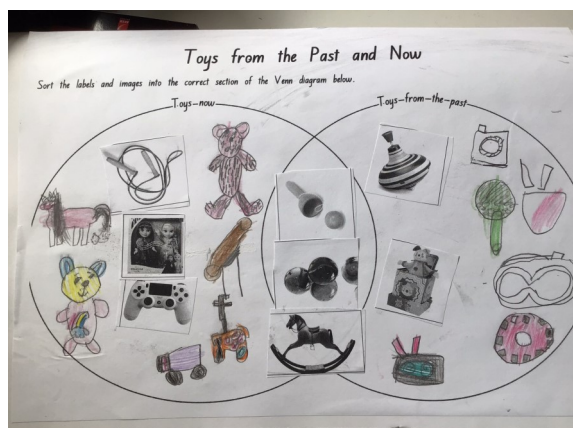
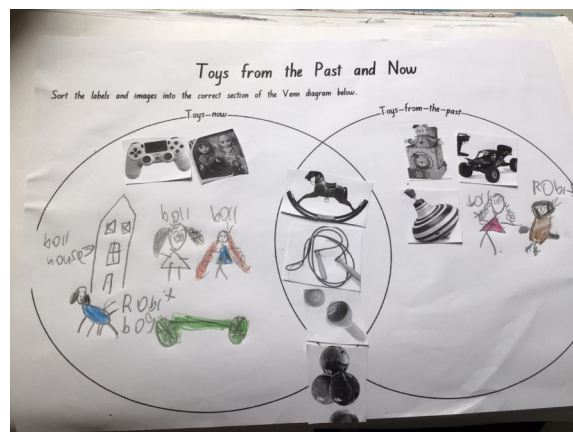
A reminder that all students need to wear a navy blue, broad brimmed hat during play times this term. Students without a hat will need to stay on the bench seats in the quad under cover during play times. Please be aware that **it is an expectation that these hats are in a neat condition** and we request your support in ensuring your child's hat does not have; texta writing, graffiti or rips/tears. If this is the case we will ask that a new hat is provided. A further expectation is that all shorts need to be plain navy blue and be an appropriate length: 'short' shorts are not appropriate.

Casual Day and Icy Pole Day

Next week, the school will be hosting our final 'Wellbeing Week' event for the year. To help celebrate the end of the week, we invite you to send your child to school on Friday the 20th of November in casual clothes. The Student Representative Council (SRC) will be handing out icy-poles to each classroom at lunchtime next Friday. If you do not wish for your child to have an icy-pole, please contact your child's classroom teacher and advise before next Friday. There will be **no charge** for icy-poles or the wearing of casual clothes. If you have any questions about the casual clothes day or icy-poles, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Learning about History

This term for history Room 23 have been learning about how families, school, the community and everyday items have changed over time. At the moment, we are looking at toys from the past compared to the present and identifying significant changes/similarities. Room 23 have found it very interesting learning about toys from the past such as spinning tops, jack in a box, rag dolls and ball in the cup. We have also discovered that many toys played with by our grandparents in the past are still used in the present such as skipping ropes, dolls, marbles, blocks. Here are some images of our Venn diagrams and items that we have brought from home for our fortnightly talks.



Canteen Service

Please note that there is no canteen service in the last week of the term.

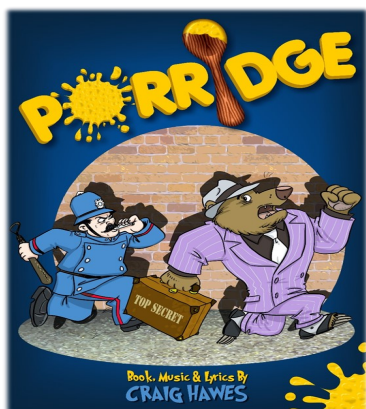
Library Books

All borrowing from the Library stops from November 27th. All books to be returned to the Library by Friday 4th December.

Porridge the Movie

Due to unexpected circumstances our year 6 and 7's musical students didn't have the opportunity to perform our annual musical in the theatre. They worked tirelessly every week learning lines, acting and dancing and it looked like we wouldn't have the opportunity to perform by the end of the year. The musical production team decided that instead of a live performance they would turn the 2020 "Porridge Musical" into a greenscreen movie! With the help of two professional filmers and editors, along with staff Andrew Bone, Rikki Helps, Graham Jantosh and Kristie Say, a giant green screen movie set was built in our school gym with huge props, real movie lighting and microphones. The cast were very lucky to have their very own musical movie premiere on the big screen at the Oatmill Cinema this week. Thank you to everyone that helped make this movie possible and to all the cast for adapting so quickly, and remember... "if you need some yummy in your tummy, there is just one place you can go... The Porridge Pot!"

Henry Martin, Room 9



Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
1	Tahnee LL	Showing kindness to others in the yard and making her peers feel included, great work Tahnee.
2	Claire S	Showing courage to have a go at challenges and showing care by helping her classmates.
3	Henry K	Always being respectful and helping out his peers.
4	Ruby L	Growing in confidence in her learning and showing kindness.
5	Ruby L	Consistently working to the best of her ability in all subject areas
6	Bob L Jasmine R	His excellent work as the room 6 SRC member. Her excellent work as the room 6 SRC member.
7	Olivia H	Taking on her feedback and producing a well written discussion.
8	Chelsea A	Positive mindset and displaying habits of a powerful learner.
10	Jaycob B	Being a good role model in class.
12	Liam J	Taking responsibility for his learning.
13	Mitchell M	Settling into our Reidy community and showing our school values.
15	Kobe H	Working hard and having a growth mindset towards his learning.
16	Tayla F April J	Great collaboration work during Mission Moon.
17	Sam M	Being an enthusiastic learner and engaging in tasks.
20	Zoe H	Working hard to use some sounds in her writing.
21	Zak C	Showing respect to his teacher and peers.
22	Evie Mc	Working hard and having a growth mindset towards your learning.
23	Cohen M	Having a positive attitude in all learning areas.
24	Sophie Mc	Making better choices.
25	Jayde E	Working hard on her writing.

Mount Gambier Library Summer Reading Club

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY 2020/2021 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 fabulous 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
- 2020/2021 theme: 'Myths, Fairy Tales and Legends'
- Club levels 0-5 years / 6-11 years / 12 years plus
- **'New'** club level 15-17 years.
- Lucky dips every time you read
- 'Golden Gnome' hunt daily.

HOW TO JOIN?
TALES OF WONDER
MYTHS, FAIRY TALES AND LEGENDS

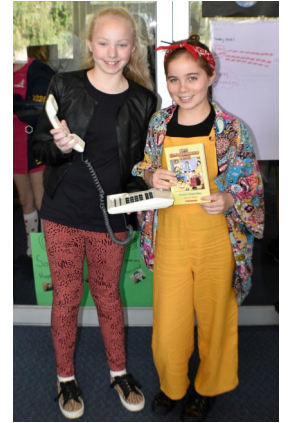
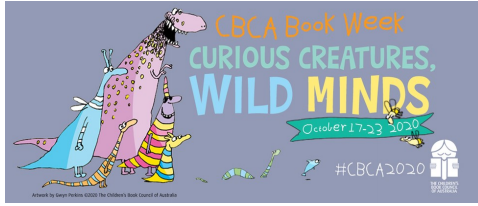
REGISTRATION IS OPEN IN THE LIBRARY FROM TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2020 UNTIL THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2021.

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

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