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Term 4, Week 7, 26th November, 2020

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 1st December
Wednesday 2nd December
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Thursday 3rd December
Friday 4th December
Thursday 10th December
Friday 11th December

Finance Committee Meeting 5.15pm
Governing Council Meeting, South Eastern Hotel
Transition Visits (Yr 7 students & 2021 Reception)
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Sports Day
Year 7 Graduation 6pm in the gym
End of Term 4, dismissal 2.15pm

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.

Covid-19 Restrictions

It has certainly been an interesting and challenging time in regards to our state's response to the COVID cluster in Adelaide. I would like to thank our staff, students and families for being supportive, flexible and understanding during this time. The direction from the Department for Education continues to be that we need to adhere to social distancing guidelines. We 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.

Week 8 Transition Information

Next week on Wednesday Dec 2nd and Thursday Dec 3th, 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. These transition days do not affect other grade levels, who will have their normal lessons; however, our current reception students will 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.

2021 Planning

Our planning for 2021 classes is almost finalised. On the last day of term, students will participate in a transition lesson whereby they will visit their new classroom and meet their teacher (if the teacher is currently working at our school). At the end of this day, students will bring home a note that indicates their class placement details, including their teacher. We acknowledge that children will respond differently to this change. They have a strong sense of anticipation when new classes are announced and when they discover that they have not been placed with their 'best' friend, there can be a sense of disappointment and sadness. Teachers have worked with their students to reinforce a range of important dispositions and habits to support their learning, including developing a growth mindset and being resilient. The experience of transitioning into a new environment is a great way for students to build their awareness of these important life skills that they will need as adults. We ask that you support your child through this experience and frame it in a positive way.

Sam Griffith
Acting Principal



Room 2 has recently decorated a Christmas tree out at the Marketplace. Please keep an eye out on the Marketplace's social media page to vote for Reidy Park's Christmas tree.

Sports Day

Sports Day is being held on Friday 4th December. Sports captains are busy preparing their teams for a full day of sporting events and fun. Due to current restrictions and safety protocols this year's sports day will be a student and staff only event.

Year 7 Graduation

Our year 7 graduation evening is being 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 have 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.

Christmas Carols

As you are aware we have had 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. However, you will still get to enjoy the carols virtually. All classes are currently practicing a Christmas carol which they will perform in front of a 'green screen' with a Christmas themed backdrop. Class teachers and our performing arts teachers are preparing the performances, costumes and green screen. We will video the class performances during the last week of term and make them available for families to view. Although not the same as the traditional carols night, we hope it still provides some festive entertainment to our school community.

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.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will be sent home on Thursday December 10th. They will provide a summary of your child's achievement for this semester. A student who receives a 'satisfactory' rating for their achievement is demonstrating what is expected at their year level, with the grade equivalent being a C. Students who are working above what is expected for their level will receive an excellent or good rating, the equivalent of an A or B grade respectively. Students who have yet to achieve their year level standard will have demonstrated minimal (D) or partial (E) achievement.

Value Award Recipients

Room	Presented to	For
1	Isobel H	Persisting with her learning and being a kind, thoughtful class member.
2	Eliza P	Making positive choices towards her learning.
3	Darcy B	Consistently following and displaying good learner behaviour.
4	Tyler M	Always showing care and respect to those around him.
5	Alana B	Her amazing effort in discussion writing.
6	Beau G	His excellent work and courage in the year 5 play.
7	Tage C	Consistently demonstrating leadership and encouraging his peers to do their best.
8	Chontae RD Nathaniel HJ	Both for stepping up to fill in for SRC.
9	Kade A	For a positive and more disciplined attitude towards learning.
12	Daniella H	Being a caring, kind and respectful peer.
13	Deegan W	Always showing maturity in class during learning time.
15	Te Ruki B-D	Excellent retelling when reading.
17	Maximus H	Great participation and enthusiasm with all tasks.
20	Addison C	Consistently showing the school values.
21	Alex P	Showing improvement in her writing.
22	Annabelle T	Always showing care and kindness to those around her.
23	Essie H	Creating detailed sentences about toffee apples for descriptive writing.
24	Hugh R	His continuous enthusiasm for his learning.
25	Cooper H	Making strong choices.

Room 20 - Christmas Craft

In Room 20 we have been decorating Christmas bags to store our special holiday artwork in. We painted each side with a Christmas design. We have also made 'Santa in the Sky' silhouette pictures and Christmas themed sand art.



Room 2 - Decorated Christmas Tree

Room 2 was very lucky to be able to decorate a Christmas tree out at Mount Gambier Marketplace complex as part of their Christmas Tree Competition. Students made decorations that linked to our learning on our local community in HASS and Digital Technologies. Students dressed up as either an elf or a Santa and then placed their photo on to a local attraction of Mount Gambier. Due to everything that is currently happening in 2020 we wanted people to be proud of the town we live in with all the great attractions and to feel happy when they see our tree. Our Christmas tree is themed 'Christmas in Mount Gambier'. Four students from our class decorated the tree and had lots of fun placing the decorations on the tree. Make sure if you are out at the Marketplace to stop by our tree and have a look at the wonderful decorations. Please keep an eye out on their social media page to vote for our tree as part of the competition.



Loose Parts Play



This week at Reidy Park we have begun to introduce loose parts play to our quad area during recess and lunchtimes. 'Loose Parts Play' involves making every day and natural items available for children to use in their play in an endless variety of ways. We plan to introduce Loose Part Play on a phased basis and this week have started with sticks. Within the first 5 minutes of recess on Monday a couple of fabulous cubbies were created.

