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#### DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 9th February**  
**Wednesday 10th February**  
**Wednesday 17th February**

**Finance Committee Meeting 5.15pm**  
**Governing Council Meeting 7pm**  
**Acquaintance Night**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year!

For those who didn't get to see my video last year, my name is Craig Scerri and I'm the new principal of the school. I have travelled across the border from Cranbourne East in Melbourne to begin my time in this exciting role, at this fantastic school. I arrived in town on the 7th of January (only my second time ever in Mount Gambier!) with my wife and 3 children who all started at Reidy Park last week. Previous to coming to Mount Gambier, I was the Assistant Principal at Hampton Park Primary School. During my time there I gained a huge amount of experience in building teacher capacity, implementing a STEM and Digital Technologies curriculum and developing successful teaching and learning programs. We saw a high level of growth for students in NAPLAN between years 3 and 5. I come to Reidy Park with the goal of helping students achieve a high level of success in their schooling, as well as provide an environment where they develop the social and civic skills that will allow them to be upstanding citizens within our community.

I would like to thank the whole school community for making me welcome as I start my tenure at the school. My first impression has definitely been how friendly students, parents and staff are, and it has been great to speak to so many people. I've enjoyed learning about the culture of the school, including things such as school musicals, natural maths and senior students running our school crossings! It has also been great to get little bits of information about our students' lives outside of school, particularly sports. I've been amazed at how many different activities our students participate in outside of school hours.

We have started the year with 583 students and 22 classrooms. This includes 71 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.

Students have had a fantastic start to the year as they have participated in "Setting Up for Success". During this time, teachers have worked with students to set expectations and processes that will ensure every classroom has an orderly learning environment that allows students to have the best opportunity to learn throughout the year. Teachers have also started to implement many of the strategies that were adopted through participating in the Berry Street Training, completed during two student free days last year. We look forward to completing this training later this year.

As well as welcoming many new students and their families to our school, we also welcome a number of new staff, they are: Jess Judd Senior Leader, Leanne Clark (Yr 3 in Room 1), Sophia Dunn (Yr 1 in Room 21) and Ryan Kaczowski (Year 6/7 in Room 12). A complete list of staffing positions for 2021 has been included in this week's newsletter.

In Term 2 we will also be welcoming Rhiannon Ashby who will take over from Sam Loughhead in Room 3. Sam leaves us with our best wishes as she begins family leave in preparation for a new arrival at some point during Term 2.

***Craig Scerri***  
***Principal***



Congratulations to Sam and Reece on being elected as school captains for 2021

## COVID - 19 Update

As we begin the year we continue to have the ongoing Coronavirus situation in our minds. We have processes in place to ensure the ongoing safety of the community. We are pleased to be able to welcome Parent's onsite, but remind everybody that all indoors interactions within the school need to be conducted through the front office. Parents **must not** enter any other buildings within the school without prior arrangement with office staff. You will also notice QR codes have been placed around the school. **Any adult who enters school grounds must use these to check in.** If you do not have a phone, please go to the front office to sign in.

We expect that this situation will continue to impact camps, school events and excursions. The school will endeavour to update parents as much as possible and we thank you for your ongoing support in these matters.

The staff and I look forward to working collaboratively with the school community throughout the year. Supportive and positive home to 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 other concerns that you may have.

## 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 your details, please contact our administration staff.

## Staff 2021

Leadership	
Principal	Craig Scerri
Deputy Principal	Emma Hayward
Senior Leader	Jessica Judd
Student Wellbeing	Frazer Scanlon
Class Teachers	
Rm 1 Yr 3	Leanne Clark
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 6/7	Kate Symons
Rm 10 Yr 6/7	Sandi Wilkens
Rm 11 Yr 6/7	Rikki Helps
Rm 12 Yr 6/7	Ryan Kaczowski
Rm 13 Yr 6/7	Helen Baron
Rm 15 Yr 2	Rebecca Hunt
Rm 16 Yr 2	Belinda Sturges
Rm 17 Yr 2	Gill Andrew & Renae Cliff
Rm 20 Rec	Alex Bailey
Rm 21 Yr 1	Lauren Suggate & Sophia Dunn
Rm 22 Yr 1	Donna Winckel
Rm 23 Yr 1	Amy Brown
Rm 24 Rec	Angela Hopes & Hannah Proud
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 3-7) Renae Cliff (Rec - Yr 2)
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 Alex Quick Emily Phillips Graham Jantosh Paul Griffith
ICT Support	Steven Grosvenor
Library	Michelle Kuller
ACEO	Belinda Bonney
Pastoral Support Worker	Kristy Musci
Groundsman	Ken Milsop



# Student Leaders 2021

Congratulations to the following students on being elected as student leaders and sports captains for 2021. These students were formally presented to the school community at last week's assembly.

## School Captains

Reece B and Sam B

## Student Leaders

Reece B, Sam B, Bob L, Harrison E, Samantha F, Nevae B, Caitlin H and Taya B



# Sports Captains - 2021



**Willow** - Rylee K, Sebastian R, Lila P and Indiana S

**Eaglehawk** - Clare H, Kasey S, Kira H and Matilda B

**Lake** - Sasha B, Cooper H, Lilli and Lacey A

**Lava** - Shae L, Reetinder K, Zoe P and Cody B

# Term 1 Planner 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	25/1	26/1 Australia Day Holiday	27/1 Term 1 Commences	28/1	29/1
WEEK 2	1/2	2/2	3/2	4/2 Newsletter	5/2
WEEK 3	8/2	9/2 Finance Committee 5.15pm	10/2 Governing Council 7pm	11/2 Newsletter	12/2
WEEK 4	15/2	16/2	17/2 Acquaintance Night	18/2	19/2
WEEK 5	22/2	23/2	24/2	25/2 Newsletter	26/2
WEEK 6	1/3	2/3	3/3	4/3	5/3
WEEK 7	8/3 Adelaide Cup	9/3	10/3	11/3 Newsletter	12/3
WEEK 8	15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3
WEEK 9	22/3	23/3	24/3	25/3 Newsletter	26/3
WEEK 10	29/3	30/3	31/3	1/4	2/4 Good Friday
WEEK 11	5/4 Easter Monday	6/4	7/4	8/4 Newsletter	9/4 End of Term 1