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Term 1, Week 7, March 11th, 2021

#### DIARY DATES

Wednesday 17th March  
Thursday 18th March  
Friday 19th March  
Tuesday 23rd March  
Friday 2nd April  
Monday 5th April

Governing Council AGM 7pm in the Library  
Assembly 12.05pm in the gym  
Harmony Day  
SAPSASA Athletics at MGHS  
Good Friday  
Easter Monday

Dear parents and caregivers,

Last year the school staff created a list of non-negotiable expectations for behaviour at Reidy Park Primary. These are:

- **Wear school uniform**
- **I keep my hands, feet and objects to myself**
- **Be in the classroom during learning time**
- **Place rubbish in the bins**
- **I listen to and follow all directions**
- **Always use appropriate language for school**
- **Work hard, be kind, be safe**

These were created to be a quick, simple reminder that outlines what is expected from all students at our school. Staff have been working hard to ensure these expectations are understood by all to allow everyone to be happy and safe at school. I encourage everyone to discuss these expectations with your children at home.

#### Parents Helping Onsite

Since beginning at Reidy Park, I am continually told about the strong parent community who enjoy supporting the school through attending events and assisting individual classrooms. Unfortunately the current situation has meant that this interaction has been drastically diminished. We would like to publicise that current advice allows us to have parents come onsite to help with activities in the classroom, such as reading. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact your child's teacher to discuss further. We would also like to invite parents to begin attending our school assemblies. We are still bound by physical distancing restrictions so unfortunately we will need to limit this **to 40 parents of students who are presenting work or those receiving awards**. As the year progresses, we hope to be able to increase these numbers. To secure your spot, we ask parents to fill in an online form that will be sent via School Stream each Monday of assembly week. This message will also outline which rooms will be presenting, so you will know which assemblies you are able to attend. When spots are filled, another message will be sent on School Stream to inform families of this. Please ensure you check in using the school's QR code or the sign in sheet at the office.

#### 2021 Annual General Meeting

We invite members of the school community to attend our 2021 AGM held on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm in the Library. If you would like to attend, please fill in the form below so we can ensure we can cater for numbers onsite. (Governing Council Members do not need to fill in the form)  
<https://forms.gle/h1gYNgYCCq4EBMDe8>

#### Term 1 Parent Interviews

The school will give parents the opportunity to book a time to meet with teachers to discuss your student's learning for the rest of the year. Parents will be able to book a time on one of the available nights below:

Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 3.30pm-6pm  
Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 3.30pm-6pm  
Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 3.30pm-6pm  
Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 3.30-6pm  
Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> March 3.30-7.30pm

A link will be sent in the coming days that will take you to our Interview Booking website. Here you will be able to select an available time slot.

**Craig Scerri**  
Principal



Ms Says Year 3 class have done a fantastic job in decorating their class and the front office for Mount Gambier's fringe festival

## Harmony Week

In week 8, March 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> we will be celebrating Harmony Week. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. During the week students will be involved in Harmony week activities in their classrooms and a scavenger hunt for the students to participate in during lunch time. Students are invited to **wear orange** clothing on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. Orange has been the Harmony Day colour since the day was first held in 1999. Traditionally, the colour orange relates to social communication, stimulating two-way conversations. There will be a collection for gold coin donation on the day which will go towards creating a meeting place in a school cultural garden.



## M & S Fees

The 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment for the 2021 Material & Services fees \$81.25 was due on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. This can be paid by EFT.

Commonwealth Bank BSB: 065 504  
Account: 1038 3426

Another option is to pay by via the Qkr! App on your phone or tablet (search for the app in the app store). Qkr! allows families to pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions, incursions and lunches from our canteen service. If you require more information on how to install the app, please see the canteen service insert in this newsletter

If you think you may be eligible for school card, you can apply online at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) under the heading of Education, Skills and Learning.

## Healthy Food

During break times we have seen an increased amount of students walking around with lollies and large bags of chips. We encourage healthy eating and for students to have these 'sometimes' food in moderation.

Thank you for your support.

## Wellbeing Week

Dear parents and caregivers,

Last week we celebrated our first 'Wellbeing Week' event for the year. It was great to see students engaging in several activities including dancing in the quad, viewing 'Inside Out' and wearing their Zones coloured t-shirt on Friday. As you already would be aware, our classroom teachers are working to establish the Zones of Regulation in each of their classrooms. The Zones give our students vocabulary and strategies to use which enable them to better understand their emotions throughout the school day. I am looking forward to planning the term 2 'Wellbeing Week' and working with our staff, SRC and student leaders to make it a success.

Frazer Scanlon, Student Wellbeing Leader





## Room 22 Excursion to Hayes Lookout

On Friday, March 4th all the Year 1 classes went on a walking excursion to Hayes Lookout. We took our lunch to eat in the old laundry building and walked alongside the road overlooking the Leg of Mutton Lake.



On the way, we took photos of natural, managed and constructed features to discuss for our inquiry unit this term. We observed the difference between tall, wild growing bushes and grasses (natural) and neatly mown lawn and trimmed hedges (managed).



## Year 4 Excursion to Naracoorte Caves

In Year 4, students are learning about how the Earth has changed over millions of years due to changes to its surface through weathering and erosion. We decided to go to the Naracoorte Caves to show how these changes can be seen in real life. We visited the Wonambi Fossil Centre where students participated in fossil sorting and were able to see what animals and the environment looked like in the past with a walk through the diorama area. We even went down underground into Victoria Fossil Cave! There we saw live fossil digging sites and stalagmites and stalactites. It was a great experience!



## Values in Action Awards

Room	Presented to	For
1	Tonkra A	Sitting in the green zone and focusing on a task for a good period of time - Great stamina.
2	Havannah C	Having the courage to keep trying when using the laptops.
3	Ellie S	Always showing care, courage and respect.
4	Rome D	Being kind and supportive to all classmates.
5	Darcy B	Consistently pursuing his personal best in all areas of learning.
6	Alana B	Focusing hard on her maths work.
7	Riley C	Making great choices in his learning and striving to do his best
8	Molly M	Always taking on extra responsibilities in class.
10	Tiah	Having a growth mindset in Mathematics.
11	Ruby D	Her confidence in mathematics and using different strategies to check her work.
12	Jack S	Showing a growth mindset in maths.
13	Remi S	Showing courage and resilience at a new school.
15	Lucas M	Contributing to class discussions.
16	Dakota P	Always giving her best effort into all learning areas and persisting with challenges. Fantastic work Dakota.
17	Evie G Riley W	Having an excellent attitude towards her learning. Always trying his best in his work.
20	Maddox D	Showing a great attitude to learning and trying his best.
21	Hope M	Always showing respect to her classmates and all around her.
22	Eadie O	Putting her best effort into her work and trying not just to finish quickly.
23	Bailey T	Showing respect and being a role model during learning time.
24	Cadence W	Showing the school values of care, courage and respect.

# Year 2 History Excursion

As part of our history unit the Past in the Present Mrs Furner, who used to teach at Reidy Park, took us on a tour of Reidy Park PS and the Reidy Park Centre, which used to be the Reidy Park Junior Primary School. Mrs Furner told us lots of stories about what the school was like in the olden days and what some of the classrooms used to be used for. Our uniform shop used to be for storing wood for the fires in classrooms. The quad used to have grass where the pavers are. The old school logo is on the linoleum, which is now covered with carpet near Mr Scerri's office.

Miss Hunt told us that if the students were naughty, the girls had to wash the dishes in the canteen and the boys had to chop wood for the fires.

Mrs. Furner showed us some photos of what the school and the Reidy Park Centre used to look like in the past. The Students were allowed to play on the oval at recess and lunch time, they could only go as far as the wall and there is a gate they used to open between the oval and old JP school (the Reidy Park Centre) so the children could go and play.

We looked at displays of what our school looked like in the past, and the old uniform.

The Reidy Park Centre is now used as a History Centre for the Mt Gambier History Group and Martial Arts.



Mrs Furner telling the students about the quad, buildings and mural that use to be on the wall.



The old junior primary school, which is now the Reidy centre.



This use to be the front entrance to the school.



Mrs Furner telling the students about the quad, buildings and mural that use to be on the wall.



The gate that use to be opened to play on the oval.



Mrs Furner showing some photos from when she use to teach at the old junior school.

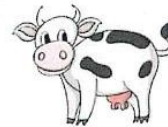


**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
**9.00am or 5.15pm**

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Parent Information Presentation



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*What should my child be reading at home?*

*How often and how long for?*

*What words are they practicing and why?*

*A morning and evening session will be run in the library to introduce our new phonics / reading program and answer all of the above questions and more!*

*Book your session through... (link also available on schoolstream)*

<https://forms.gle/WzHgUrDxrerKdeYLA>