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Term 2, Week 10, 1st July, 2021

DIARY DATES

Friday 2nd July
Monday 19th July
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End of Term 2, early dismissal 2.15pm
Term 3 commences
Year 6/7 Camp, Woodhouse Activity Centre

Dear parents and caregivers,

Wow, half way through the year! It is so hard to believe that it is already the end of term 2 and obviously time flies when you're having fun. We can now take the time to reflect on all that has been achieved in such a short space of time. The half way point of the year also gives us the perfect opportunity to see that. 2021 has been relatively straight forward after the unprecedented events of 2020. South Australia has navigated these uncertain times with a great deal of success which has allowed our school year to be mostly uninterrupted (apart from a rescheduled camp). However, with recent events, it is a reminder that we must remain prepared and vigilant. As our Education Director likes to say, be alert but not alarmed. I encourage everyone to ensure they are using the various modes of communication used within the school, especially School Stream. This will allow us to keep everyone up to date in the event of changing situations within South Australia.

Reports

Today school reports have been sent home. Please take the time to read through these documents and discuss with your children. If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss your child's progress, please contact class teachers to organise a time to do this in early term 3.

Mobile Phone Policy

In the coming days, an updated Mobile Phone and Digital Device policy will become available on the school website. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with these documents. The school does not encourage students to bring mobile phones to school, however we are understanding that for many students, this is a necessity. Please ensure the permission to bring a mobile phone form has been filled in and sent to the office before allowing children to bring mobile phones. **Please note that mobile phones must be handed to the front office as soon as students arrive at school.** The Digital Device Policy outlines what is expected of students when using digital devices at school, this includes elements such as inappropriate use. This has been updated to align with current practice in the school.

Concert

This week culminates in the performance of our musical, Paws and Claws. Students and staff have worked so hard to make this event a success. This year we also have had the opportunity to present an art exhibition in the foyer before the performance. These works of art have been produced by students not involved in the musical. I thank staff and volunteers involved who have made these opportunities for our students possible.

Camps

Last week we had grade 5 students attend our school camp. This will be followed by our 6/7 students who will head off on the first day of Term 3. I would like to acknowledge the amount of organisation from our teaching staff that makes this happen. I would also like to thank all our parent volunteers who attend the camps with us. Without your support, we would not be able to go.

This has been an incredibly tough week for our whole school community with the passing of our long time staff member, Andrea Wright. We recognise Andrea's huge contribution to Reidy Park over the last 38 years. She will be sadly missed by all. I extend my condolences, on behalf of the whole school community, to all Andrea's family and friends.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holidays. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday the 19th of July.

Craig Scerri
Principal

Year 6/7 musical students have been very busy this week rehearsing for this years musical 'Paws and Claws'



Room 9 News

In room 9, we have been learning how to become informed, educated and empowered citizens who can affect change. This term, we have been exploring the interconnection between people and place, using David Attenborough's docuseries, Our Planet. In our Reading and HASS lessons, we have been learning about each of Earth's biomes: frozen worlds, grasslands, forests and jungles, seas, and freshwater. We have been guided by three inquiry questions:

- Why are these biomes important?
- What's the problem?
- What can do we?

For our assessment, we came together in groups as world leaders of our own fictional countries. Our fictional countries were faced with real-world problems that, using our learning, we needed to fix. As world leaders, we were given a budget and we needed to work together to form international agreements and invest in technology to restore all of Earth's biomes and ensure food, energy, and job security for our countries.

We then presented our solutions to our fellow world leaders at a summit and we had the opportunity to ask questions, discuss and debate our plans. You can view our presentations and our solutions using the below QR codes. Be sure to view the speaker's notes for additional information.



Beau, Evie, Indi,
Merlin and Nevae



Addi, Clare, Max,
Peter and Reetinder



Alex, Deegan, Taya,
Marley and Sebastian



James, Kyra, Lacey,
Tyrus and Wil



Jordan, Levi, Lilli,
Sage and Zoe

Junior Primary Performing Arts

All junior classes are currently learning new songs and dances for our concert in Term 3. All classes are learning different dance moves and being introduced to different musicians from the past and present. We have had great fun trying to learn the 'Moonwalk', which was created by Michael Jackson. The 'Macerena' had us all smiling. Watching students concentrate to 'We will Rock You' has been a highlight. Trying 'rock n roll' moves with receptions has been a real hoot! Our philosophy is to have a go and try your best.

Jenny Johnson JP teacher



Lions Mad Minute

Lincoln, Lottie and Tage attended the annual Lions Mad Minute Challenge in week 9. They competed against many other year 5 students from around the region and were able to build their own critical and creative thinking skills. They discussed the topics; 'Skateboards should be allowed on footpaths', 'Little brothers and sisters are annoying' and 'We should all wear recycled clothes'. They did a great job at representing Reidy Park!



Front Office

The first two weeks of term 3 Tracy & Judy are on leave and we welcome Trish Lynch to the front office. Trish has filled in at Reidy in the past, please make her feel welcome.

Year 5 Camp - Woodhouse Camp

In week 9 the year 5 students travelled to Adelaide for camp. Students had a jam packed three days of activities. We stayed at Woodhouse Activity Centre in the Adelaide Hills. This offered many exciting activities such as; Challenge Hill (obstacle course), Laser Skirmish, Labyrinth (maze) and Bouldering. Students also travelled into Adelaide where they visited the Planetarium. Students were able to consolidate their learning done in term 1 about 'Planets in Our Solar System'. In the Planetarium, students sat in a dome-like room where they travelled to every planet and discovered the wild weather planets can have. Although the weather wasn't on our side, all students had an amazing time and have come back with great memories.

"Camp was really fun because we did lots of fun things. My favourite was the Labyrinth because we worked as a team to get out" – *Esha room 7*

"There is a lot of activities and they were a lot of fun. I really liked camp because I got to be with my friends and we all had a good time" – *Elijah room 7*

"Laser Skirmish was fantastic and camp was great too" - *Noah room 8*

"At camp there was very nice people and very fun activities. My favourite activity was laser skirmish because you could go behind bushes and trees" – *Jenna room 8*

"I enjoyed the activities. I liked challenge hill because there was lots of obstacles" *Sarea room 6*

"The Planetarium was cool I've never seen anything like it and it was detailed. My favourite activity was Laser Skirmish because it was raining during the other activities" - *Will room 6*

