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Term 2, Week 2, 6th May, 2021

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 11th May
Wednesday 12th May
Thursday 14th May

Finance Committee Meeting 5.15pm
Governing Council Meeting 7pm
School Tour 9.30am

Dear families

Welcome to Term 2 at Reidy Park Primary School,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday period. The start to term 2 has been terrific, with students and staff immediately picking up from where their learning finished last term. As always we are looking forward to a jam packed busy term with events such as camps and musicals scheduled for the coming weeks.

Reidy Park Primary School Non-Negotiables

As with all schools, Reidy Park PS balances academic learning with social and emotional learning to help our students become upstanding and productive citizens within our community. Within the umbrella of social and emotional learning falls strategies such as our Zones of Regulation, which I am sure many of you have heard about.

Another tool the school uses to help teach students appropriate behaviours at school are our Non-Negotiable Expectations. These are:

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

Class teachers constantly refer and explicitly teach what these expectations mean and look like, to help ensure we have an orderly learning environment at school. Please feel free to discuss these expectations with your children at home. Currently classes are focusing on expectation 2.

2022 Enrolments

It is only Term 2 and we are already thinking about next year, particularly reception enrolments. Enrolment forms can be collected from the front office at any time. The school will be running its first information session for 2022 reception students on Thursday the 13th of May at 9.30am in the school library. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

NAPLAN 2021

After an interrupted 2020, all schools will be conducting NAPLAN testing from Tuesday the 12th of May through to Friday the 21st of May. For our school this will involve students in years 3, 5 and 7 completing 4 tests that take approximately an hour. Please minimise interruptions for these students between 9am and 1pm, as all tests are conducted under formal exam conditions. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN, please contact our Senior Leader, Jess Judd.

ANZAC Day Commemorations

The school was represented by School Captains, School Leaders and School House Captains at the Battle of Kapyong commemoration ceremony. Students listened to a service, laid a wreath and spoke to Battle of Kapyong veteran, Mr. Underwood, who is 1 of only 2 surviving Korean War veterans in Mount Gambier. Mr Underwood thanked our students for attending and helping ensure the memories of fallen Australian soldiers live on. We also met Captain Mathew Ritchie, who is a current serving submariner, in charge of making sure Australian Navy Submarines are in working order and operational. He shared with the students what it was like to serve in a submarine, as well as what his medals and epaulettes represent. Our school Captains Rhys and Sam also attended the ANZAC Day dawn ceremony and were responsible for laying another wreath on the school's behalf. Thank-you to all students for representing our school at these two important events.

Craig Scerri
Principal



School Fees

Statements were sent out through the school holidays to all families whose school fees are now overdue. If you would like to discuss a payment plan, please contact Judy Hunter School Business Manager to arrange.

Options were:

Option 1: Materials and Services Charge may be paid in full from the 5th February 2021.

Option 2. Materials and Services Charge may be paid by the following instalment plan

- 1st Payment \$81.25 due to be paid by Friday 5th February 2021.
- 2nd Payment \$81.25 due to be paid by Friday 5th March 2021.
- 3rd Payment \$81.25 due to be paid by Thursday 9th April 2021.
- 4th Payment \$81.25 due to be paid by Friday 30th April.

Option 3. EFT Payments can be made to: Reidy Park Primary School

Commonwealth Bank Mt Gambier
BSB: 065-504
Account: 10383426

Or via the QKR app.

Option 4. Please remember you need to apply for school card every year at every school. 2021 School Card Scheme – All types of school card applications are now online. Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

Family Information

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 details, please contact our administration staff. These details can also be changed via School Stream.

Medication at School

Occasionally children have to take medication at school. Any medication to be administered at school needs to be provided in the original box with the pharmacist's label clearly showing the child's name and administering instructions. A short term medication authority form must be filled out by the parent/guardian. These are available at the front office.

Values in Action Awards

| Room | Presented to | For |
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| 1 | Ayla D | Determination to work hard during learning time and work with courage in Term 2. |
| 2 | Patrick N | Having the courage to try new tasks and having positive starts in the morning. |
| 3 | Annabelle PC | Being an active listener and always showing care in her work. |
| 4 | Kaitlyn G | Showing courage and having a growth mindset in maths. |
| 5 | Molly T | Being a caring a respectful class member. |
| 6 | Timothy N | Being a caring friend and including others. |
| 7 | Isaac T | Making great choices to push himself in all learning areas. |
| 8 | Chelsea Mc Ava O | Diligent efforts to ensure their best work in HASS. |
| 13 | Cooper H | Always showing a growth mindset in maths and being a positive role model. |
| 15 | Tate J | Persisting and using good time management. |
| 16 | Elli B | Consistently putting in her best effort into all learning areas and persisting even when the learning is challenging. Keep working hard, Elli. |
| 17 | Parker D | Having an excellent attitude towards learning. |
| 20 | Mira H | Always being kind and respectful to others. |
| 21 | Flynn M | Showing courage when starting a new school and not being afraid to ask questions when needed. Welcome and well done. |
| 22 | Lulah S | Helping us keep our classroom tidy and organised. |
| 23 | Bastian C | Challenging himself during learning and being a responsible class member. |
| 24 | Isabelle H | Using courage while at school. |

NAPLAN testing 2021

Information for parents and carers

NAPLAN testing

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents/carers and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests.

This year, the NAPLAN Online test window is 11 to 21 May. Most schools in South Australia will undertake testing online, however all Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper. There are contingency measures to revert to paper testing if required.

Supporting your child

On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so. You can reassure your child that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program and remind them on the day to simply do their best.

It is not recommended that students use services by coaching providers or excessively prepare for NAPLAN testing.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and provide appropriate support and guidance.

NAPLAN reporting

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale, and a NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year.

Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers, while teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.

Participation in NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may participate in NAPLAN testing. If a child is absent on a testing day, the school may arrange for them to complete the missed test/s another time during the school's test schedule.

If a student has a disability, they may qualify for adjustments to their tests. Students with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate, or students who have recently arrived in Australia with a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

There are provisions for parents/carers to withdraw their child from NAPLAN testing. Schools are familiar with this process and a decision should be made with your child's school. Speak to your principal in the first instance.

More information

For queries about NAPLAN, speak to your child's school. You can also find information about NAPLAN testing at www.nap.edu.au.

Term 2 Planner 2021

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| WEEK 1 | 26/4 Anzac Day Holiday | 27/4 | 28/4 | 29/4 | 30/4 |
| WEEK 2 | 3/5 | 4/5 | 5/5 | 6/5 9am - Fountas & Pinnell parent information session Assembly 12:05pm 5pm- Fountas & Pinnell parent information session | 7/5 Cross Country Naracoorte |
| WEEK 3 | 10/5 | 11/5 Finance Committee 5.15pm NAPLAN | 12/5 Governing Council Meeting 7pm | 13/5 School Tour 9.30am | 14/5 |
| WEEK 4 | 17/5 | 18/5 | 19/5 | 20/5 Assembly 12:05pm Newsletter | 21/5 |
| WEEK 5 | 24/5 | 25/5 | 26/5 | 27/5 | 28/5 |
| WEEK 6 | 31/5 | 1/6 | 2/6 | 3/6 Assembly 12:05pm Newsletter | 4/6 |
| WEEK 7 | 7/6 | 8/6 | 9/6 | 10/6 | 11/6 |
| WEEK 8 | 14/6 Queens Birthday | 15/6 | 16/6 | 17/6 Assembly 12:05pm Newsletter | 18/6 |
| WEEK 9 | 21/6 | 22/6 | 23/6 Year 5 Camp | 24/6 | 25/6 |
| WEEK 10 | 28/6 | 29/6 | 30/6 | 1/7 Assembly 12:05pm Newsletter | 2/7 End of Term 2 |