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Term 2, Week 4, May 21st, 2021

### DIARY DATES

27th May - 3rd June  
31st May- 4th June  
14th June

Reconciliation Week  
Wellbeing Week  
Queens Birthday Holiday

Dear families,

I am pleased to report that we had a relatively un-eventful NAPLAN week, with all students in grades 3, 5 and 7 completing their 4 tests on writing, reading, spelling and grammar and maths.

These tests give a valuable insight into the level of achievement within our student cohort. This information ultimately allows us to judge the success of the learning programs run within the school over a period of time.

This year had the potential to be difficult since it was the first year that Reidy Park conducted the majority of testing online. I'd like to give a huge thanks to our Senior Leader, Jess Judd who co-ordinated over 800 individual tests that were completed between last Tuesday and Friday, as well as the catch up tests this week. I'd also like to thank staff who were involved in testing, staff who were flexible with timetables and ensured interruptions were minimised and Steven Grosvenor for making sure our technology didn't let us down. Parents will receive individual student results later this year.

### **Attendance**

As winter approaches and the expected increase in absences due to illness that comes with this time of year, I thought it would be a perfect time to remind parents that student absences are to be reported to classroom teachers. I also remind that if a student is away for greater than 3 days, a medical certificate needs to be provided. This ensures that we are correctly tracking our overall attendance data as a school. The department tracks overall attendance data for all sites as well as individual student attendance rates. There is an expectation that students must attend at least 95% of the year. This equates to no more than 10 days absent a year. At the moment, overall attendance data for the school is 94% so it is important that we ensure that everybody is at school every day unless there is a valid reason. We appreciate your support in helping us achieve our attendance goals.

### **After-School Pick-up**

We have had a few incidences of students being left unsupervised in the yard after school. We ask that families talk to students about heading to the front office if they are unable to find the people who they were expecting to pick them up. It is especially important that students do not head to the play equipment after the bell, unless they are accompanied by their parents or guardians, since this area is not directly supervised by school staff after school.

### **Welcome Mr. Hogg**

This bit of news was missed in last week's newsletter, but I would like to welcome Mr. Alan Hogg to the school for Term 2. Mr. Hogg has taken over teaching PE and Health classes for the Junior School while Ms. Cliff enjoys her well-earned long service leave. Mr. Hogg is also working in Room 12 on Friday mornings. This also impacts Room 17 with our Junior School Performing Arts teacher Ms. Jenny Johnson filling in on Fridays for the duration of term 2. We look forward to seeing Ms. Cliff back in Term 3.

**Craig Scerri**  
**Principal**



Congratulations to Ben for winning his age division at cross country that was held in Naracoorte recently.

## Starting Secondary School in 2022

Several weeks ago parents of year 6 and 7 students would have received an email regarding registration of interest for students starting high school in 2022. The due date for these to be completed and submitted online is Friday May 21st.

## Reconciliation and Wellbeing Week

27<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June is National Reconciliation Week. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. The reconciliation week theme for 2021 is 'More than a word, Reconciliation takes action', urging the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action.

With this theme in mind, our school is combining Reconciliation Week and Wellbeing Week in week 6 with the overarching theme of 'Courage'.

There will be several events on throughout the week including:

- Reidy Reconciliation Hunt – a scavenger hunt around the school, combining cultural information and understanding with a quiz.
- A traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony.
- Special guest Doug Nicholls showcasing traditional Aboriginal artefacts and hosting a boomerang throwing session.
- Lunchtime discos held in the gym
- Art and craft activities held in the library each lunch time.
- Sausage Roll for lunch on Friday (please use order form).

We are looking forward to an exciting week of learning and engagement through the above listed events. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or feedback.

Angela Hopes

Aboriginal Education Teacher

Frazer Scanlon

Student Wellbeing Leader



## Value Award Recipients

Room	Presented to	For
3	Blake C	Showing great courage through NAPAN
4	Chiara E	For always treating others with kindness and respect
5	Ashton H	For his improved focus in class and working harder to pursue his personal best
8	Jenna B	Growing in her learning by listening to and applying feedback in writing and maths.
10	Cruz McC	Helping his peers with difficult Maths questions
12	Jaya L	Consistent work efforts and contributions to class discussions
13	Jeht H	For continually seeking to improve his learning
15	Charlie W	Persistence with his neatness and beautiful handwriting in handwriting lessons
16	Daly S	Being a persistent learning and reaching his sight words goal. Fantastic work Daly.
20	Mathilda A	Always having a go
22	India S	For doing a wonderful job running her guided reading group when our SSO was absent
23	Oscar F	For building his confidence to sound out more words during reading
24	Harry K	Being courageous and participating in conversations.
25	Freya P	Using letters in Walker Learning.

## Thank You

Reidy Park Primary School would like to thank the amazing volunteers who give up their time at Reidy Park Primary School on a regular basis. This includes being part of Governing Council and other committee members, canteen collection volunteers, attending camps and excursions and reading in classroom. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**NATIONAL** 17-23 MAY 2021  
**VOLUNTEER**  
 RECOGNISE. RECONNECT.  
 REIMAGINE. **WEEK**



## Room 7—Geography

As part of our Geography inquiries this term, Room 7 have been learning about Bushfires. We have explored reasons why bushfires start, different types of fuel on the ground, how firefighters help and what we can do at home to be prepared for a bushfire. We discovered that bushfires need oxygen, heat and fuel to burn. Fuel in a bush fire can be dry grass, living and dead vegetation and natural oil such as eucalypt trees. Below is some of our tips for being prepared for a bush fire and our art pieces we created.

“Have a look around your property area to monitor dry grass” Zarlee

“Keep water supplies close by” Laycee

“Using back burning” Jesse

“To always have packed food and water for an emergency” Esther

“You can change into non-flammable clothes” Mackenzie

“Make sure grass around your house isn’t dry” Isaac

“Have working sprinklers” Jack



By Jack D



By Jesse M



By Esther L



By Zarlee K



## Room 23 - Biological Science

For part of our Biological Science unit this term, Room 23 have been learning about insects and their body parts. We have learned about the thorax, abdomen, antennae, legs, wings and explored what these body parts are used for. We have created our own insects and labelled their body parts and have linked visual art to our inquiry unit. We have created symmetrical butterfly paintings and worked with pastel to make insect art. Our artworks look very beautiful and we can't wait to display them in the classroom.



## Cross Country

On Friday, May 7th, 35 Reidy Park students aged from 8 years to 13 years attended a cross country running event in Naracoorte.

Our students trained for many weeks to participate in this event and they did a wonderful job. A special mention goes out to Ben who won the 9 year old boys event.

Well done to all students who took part.

