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Term 2, Week 6, 3rd June, 2021

DIARY DATES

Monday 14th June
Tuesday 15th June
Wednesday 16th June
Thursday 17th June
Wednesday 23rd June
Friday 2nd July

Queens Birthday Holiday
Finance Committee Meeting
Governing Council Meeting
Assembly 12.05pm
Year 5 Camp - Woodhouse Activity Centre and Monarto Zoo
End of Term 2 - Early Dismissal 2.15pm

Dear families,

We, the staff and students of Reidy Park Primary School, would like to acknowledge and respect the Boandik people whose ancestral lands we gather and learn upon. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal people to country and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging. We promise to thank them by taking care of the land everyday as we learn at Reidy Park Primary School.

Wellbeing and Reconciliation Week

This week our school held a joint celebration of our termly Wellbeing Week, as well as the annual nation-wide Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. It is always held at this time of year to commemorate two significant dates of the Australian reconciliation journey.

27 May 1967 - On this day, Australia's most successful referendum saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the Census.

3 June 1992 - On this day, the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision which led to the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land. This decision paved the way for Native Title.

Our school welcomed local elder Doug Nichols who spoke to many students about Aboriginal traditions and beliefs. Doug also held a smoking ceremony. This is an ancient Aboriginal custom in Australia that involves burning various native plants to produce smoke. This has cleansing properties and the ability to ward off bad spirits from the people and the land, and make pathway for a brighter future. For Wellbeing Week, our popular lunch time discos have been held in the gym along with various other activities run by students and staff.

I'd like to thank Frazer Scanlon and Angela Hopes for their efforts organising these fantastic events for the school.

Reports

2021 Semester 1 reports will be sent home during the final week of Term. More detailed information will be given in the week 8 newsletter.

Staffing

I'd like to announce a staffing update for Term 3 with Sophia Dunn agreeing to continue in her part time teaching role in Room 21 for the rest of the year. We thank Sophia for her efforts so far this year and look forward to her continuing this great work.

Craig Scerri
Principal



Destiny helping Doug Nichols during his cultural presentation as part of Reconciliation Week.

Wellbeing and Reconciliation Week Special Guest

This year, the National Reconciliation Week (NRW) theme is 'More than a word. Reconciliation takes action'. The theme for NRW has driven our approach to the activities and events which have occurred throughout week 6. On Tuesday the 1st of June, we were lucky enough to have Doug Nicholls come to the school and share his knowledge and wisdom about Aboriginal culture with a focus on the Boandik people. Between recess and lunch, representatives from each class participated in a cultural learning session where Doug showcased a range of artefacts he uses and explained how the '6 seasons calendar' links to our local weather and ecology. Some students were lucky enough to learn how to throw a Boomerang in the last session which was great to see. The final event which Doug facilitated was a whole-school smoking ceremony. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to see and smell a traditional ceremony which has been a part of Aboriginal culture for thousands of years. Doug explained to students that the ceremony at our school was to not only cleanse any negative energy around the school, but also to connect students with their peers, staff and wider community. After the ceremony had concluded, Doug buried the ashes in a section of our school garden to finalise the event.

On behalf of the school community, we thank Doug for travelling to Mount Gambier and to the staff and students who assisted with the week.

Frazer Scanlon and Angela Hopes



Room 10 & 23 Excursion to Railway Lands

Room 10 have been learning about ways to self-regulate through the Zones of Regulation lessons. They discovered a program called the Smile Rocks initiative where individuals paint rocks with inspirational messages and then hide the rocks for others to find in the hopes that the message will brighten someone's day. They thought this was a lovely idea and wanted to share this with the school community, starting with the Year 1 students of Room 23. Room 10 had to hide the Smile Rocks at the Railway lands and Room 23 needed to walk with a buddy to find them.



Lost Property

The large pile of lost property has been sorted and those articles that were named have been returned to students. However, there is still a huge amount of unnamed articles to be collected. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.



**Lost
property**



PARENT FORUM – for parents/carers of children and students in government preschools and schools

Mount Gambier
22nd June 2021

You are invited to a Parent Forum for parents and carers of children and young people with disability.

The forum will include a keynote presentation from Director, Disability Policy and Programs, Ian May on 'Supporting learners with disability'.

In addition, there will be presentations on the following topics:

Topic: Anxiety

Facilitator: Angela Falkenberg, President, SA Primary Principals Association

Topic: Inclusive Education

Facilitator: Lynette Corletto and Andrew Fewster from Student Support Services

Topic: What is important to parents/carers about the One Plan

Facilitator: Kerry Parker, Assistant Director Disability & Learning, Disability Policy & Programs and Rosie Copelin, Senior Advisor, Educator One Plan, Disability Policy & Programs

The forum will provide a safe and supportive environment to share your experience, obtain information and helpful strategies as well as providing the opportunity to have your questions answered.

The information you provide will also assist us in the planning of future forums.

This workshop is for a limited number of parents and carers and will be held maintaining current COVID 19 guidelines.

WHEN: Tuesday 22 June 2021

9.30 am – 10.00 am Register/tea/coffee

10.00am - 2.30pm Parent Forum

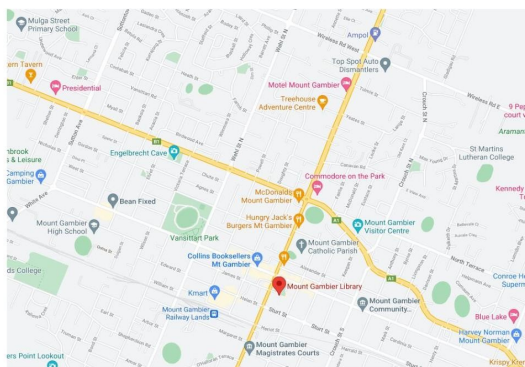
WHERE: Mount Gambier Library, 6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

Lunch/refreshments provided

Contact: Jill at: Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au if you have any questions

Register via: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/june-22-parent-forum-mount-gambier-tickets-156458061273>

Location of Mount Gambier Library



Room	Presented to	For
1	Azaliah M Lakyn C	Increasing her resilience. Showing courage with reading and sounding out.
2	Jayden M	Excellent work reading coordinates in HASS and helping others.
3	Bronwyn N	Putting effort in her writing and creating detailed procedures.
5		Making choices that benefit his learning.
8	Olivia H	Being an all round great student.
12	Peyton R	For being an honest and responsible student.
15	Zali P	Working hard and having a growth mindset with her learning.
16	Memphis HL	Having the courage to confidently participate in our class discussions about long and short vowels and identifying them in his words. Great work Memphis.
17	Lia J	Having an excellent attitude towards learning.
20	Carter G	Always trying her best with her learning.
21	Hamish A	Showing great care and respect around the classroom.
22	Alissa A	Demonstrating excellent listening skills during lessons.
23	Lila L	Always using her best effort during learning time.
24	Zylenn M	Showing listening body language and settling back into school after being away sick.
25	Mason P	Trying his best in InitialLit.

Scholastic Book Club

Orders for issue 4 will close on Friday 11th June. Orders can be paid online or at the front office.

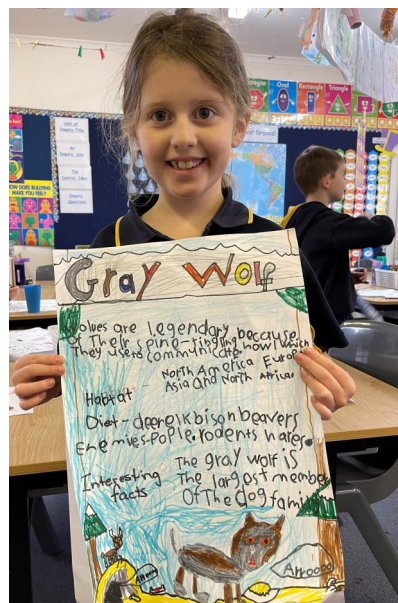
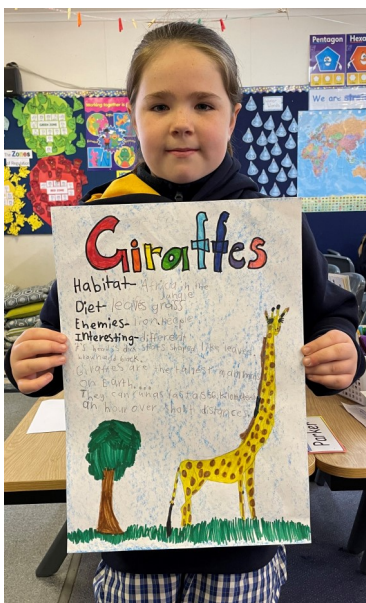


In Room 5 we have been learning about Aboriginal Totems. Totems are a very important part of the spiritual life of Indigenous peoples. A totem is an animal or plant given to you when you are born that has a special connection and significance to your family. For Indigenous peoples and communities, they are seen as a symbol of identity, a companion and a protector. Having a totem means having the responsibility to look after the animal or plant and its habitat. Here are some we made in class.

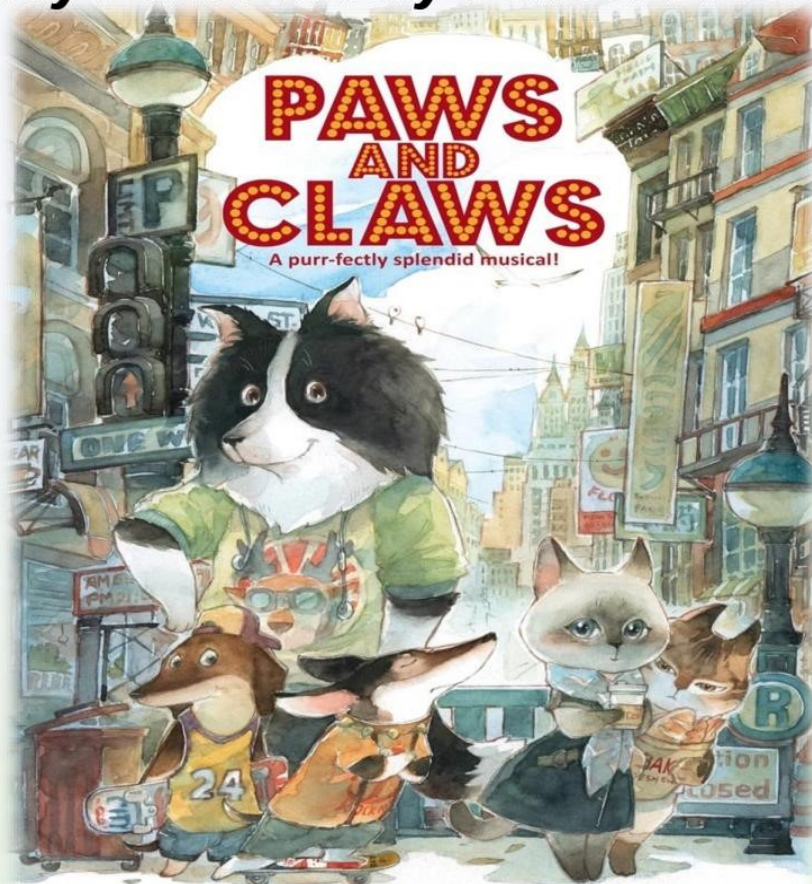


Room 17 Science - Living Things

In Room 17 this term we are studying 'Living Things' for our Unit of Inquiry. We are looking at what is a living thing, our favourite animals from around the world, the effects that pollution and climate change have on our environment, what native animals and plants live in our environment and how we can care for them. We are focusing on threatened and endangered species of plants and animals from our local area e.g. the 'Growling Grass Frog, the Little Dip Spider Orchid, the Heath Mouse, the Billy Button flower'. We have also been presenting homework on this topic to our classmates during the term.



Reidy Park Primary School Presents



Matthew Crossey and Tom Kirkham

In the alleyways and moonlit streets of the city, a gang of wily cats and a group of fearless dogs prepare to do battle. It's time to decide who gets to control the turf at the back of the bakery and who needs to scam once and for all!

But what's this? A cat and a dog have become friends? This changes everything!

Perhaps cats and dogs really can find a way to live together and get along? Only if they avoid the Animal Catcher.

Performances

School Matinees:

Wednesday June 30th - 1pm

Thursday July 1st - 10am

Public Performance:

Thursday July 1st - 7:30pm

(Please be aware face masks may be required for this performance due to audience numbers in line with COVID-19 restrictions.)

Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

Tickets on sale from June 7th from the theatre

Adults \$15 Students \$7

(Teachers accompanying school groups free)

