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DIARY DATES

Monday 14th March
Monday 21st March
Monday 28th March

Adelaide Cup Day
Harmony Day
Student Free Day

Dear parents and caregivers,

I would like to commend all the students and families for helping make our messed up start of the year go as smooth as possible. Students have been extremely settled and are already working hard to focus on learning tasks within classrooms.

2022 Student Leadership and School Captains

Last year, the school decided to take the opportunity of losing our Year 7 cohort, to have conversations about what student leadership could look like at Reidy Park in the future. Central to this discussion was the idea of creating multiple opportunities for students to be able to influence, and have a positive impact on, the school culture and community.

Students completed nomination forms for leadership roles, and were also given the opportunity to share how they could improve the school. The initial process saw Alex H, Jayla S, Ava O, Jesse L and Chelsea M selected as our school captains. These students have begun working with Ms Waters to come up with plans to encourage other students to be leaders in the school. This will be done by creating groups that focus on promoting different areas of the school. They looked at the ideas from the nomination forms, had discussions, set up meetings, created plans and roped in teachers for support. From here, we have a number of students who will begin work on impacting the community. The groups that will initially be created include the Student Representative Council, Science, Media, Art, Library and Environment. I have witnessed these 5 amazing students work with maturity beyond their years to make this happen. These efforts show they thoroughly deserve the opportunity to represent the school as our School Captains.

Sports Captains

Our Sports Captains have also been named and have started supporting students in the yard by running lunch time sports activities. We look forward to seeing them lead their houses at school events throughout the year.

AGM

The Governing Council will be holding the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday the 23rd March. This meeting will be held online and all school community members are encouraged to attend. Links to the meeting will be sent out on school stream, as well as the next newsletter.

School Crossing

A reminder to the school community to use the designated crossing areas before and after school. Both O'Halloran Terrace and Wehl Street can be very busy at these times which often creates dangerous situations, especially when parents call students to cross the road outside the designated areas. Please walk those extra few metres to make sure we keep our students safe.

Online Newsletter

The school is currently in discussions to phase out the use of paper newsletters in Term 2 this year. This decision is being considered due to environmental and cost factors. Newsletters will still be sent to families online using our various communication platforms including Seesaw and School Stream every fortnight. If you would like to discuss these proposed changes, I encourage you to contact me at the school or via email at dl.0290.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Craig Scerri
Principal



Year 5/6 students attended an excursion to learn about how the South Australian Parliament works.

Medications 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.

2022 Material & Services Fees

Invoices and general consent forms were sent home via mail to all families. If you did not receive this information you can contact the school and we can resend them. Please also remember it is very important to contact the school if you changed your residential or postal address throughout the year.

The 2nd instalment for the 2022 Material & Services fees \$83.50 is due on Friday 11th March. This can be paid by EFT.

Commonwealth Bank BSB: 065 504
Account: 1038 3426

Another option is to pay 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 under the heading of Education, Skills and Learning.

Lost Property

Our lost property basket situated in the Front Office area is constantly full. As we start this year with many new articles of clothing, lunch boxes and bags, please remember to clearly label all of your child's belongings so that they can be easily returned when found.

Student Absences

When children are absent, or there is a planned absence, please provide your child's class teacher with a written note. A note is also required if you need to pick up your child during the day for an appointment. Students will need to sign in and out at the Front Office. The Department for Education requires schools to keep a record of this information so your assistance with this matter is appreciated.

Library News

Premiers Reading Challenge

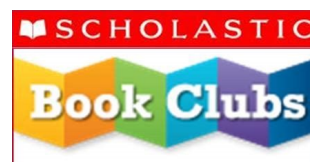
At Reidy Park Primary School we encourage all students to discover the world of reading with the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books by the 9th September



2022. Of the 12 books, 8 need to be chosen from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at the student's age / reading level. It is very important that the forms are filled in correctly and signed where required, prior to returning. All forms are checked prior to submitting and will not be accepted if completed incorrectly. Further information about the challenge can be found at: <http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au> or contact Emily in the Library.

Scholastic Book Club

Twice a term Scholastic Book Club flyers will be sent home with students. Book Club gives parents and guardians a convenient way to purchase affordable, age appropriate books for home reading. It is also a great way to help the school purchase additional learning resources, as the school earns 20% in Scholastic rewards on all orders. We encourage parents to put their order through online. This is an easy process, just set up an account and link it to your child's class.



Library Bags

All students borrowing books must have a library bag (preferably water proof). This is to ensure that the books are protected when taken out of the Library. Students will not be able to borrow without one.

Overdue Books

Please follow up any overdue books your child may have.

Library Opening Times

The library opens every morning at 8.45am. Students are able to borrow and return books during that time. This term the library will not be open during lunch times.

Room 5 - Sustainability

Room 5, alongside other year 2 classes, will have a sustainability focus across classrooms in 2022. Students in room 5 have researched what happens to rubbish and plastic when its use as packaging, toys or other everyday items ceases. After learning that an alarming amount of plastic finds its way into oceans, or is buried in the earth, students wanted to do something. Discussion turned to collecting fruit scraps for compost and ensuring that recyclables end up in the correct bin in our classroom, reducing rubbish headed for landfill. Room 5 conversed about the 10c drink recyclables and decided to collect them. Diverse ideas were put forward by students, as to how the money raised should be spent, and included... deposit on a house (practicality and feasibility issues of this plan regarding the class being purchasers was promptly noted but the wisdom of this as a strategy amongst others, down the line in life, was acknowledged by all)

- books for the classroom
- a special treat for the class
- more class pets

We look forward to seeing where this project takes us.



Many students have also been volunteering to pick up rubbish around the school.

Year 5/6 Excursion

This week students in years 5 and 6 went on an excursion to get an experience of what working in Parliament would feel like. Thanks to Natalie and Ned from Parliament SA, students role played being a member of Parliament in The House of Assembly. This saw students debating the issue of 'Banning homework for all students'.

The mock government and opposition debated back and forth the issue. With the speaker needing to call 'ORDER' multiple times, students gained an in site of what a heated debate can look like.

This has linked to their classroom learning of Civics and Citizenship, learning about how laws are passed and the levels of government.



2022 Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following students on being elected as student leaders and sports captains for 2022. These students were formally presented their badges via zoom last week.

Student Leaders: Jesse, Ava, Chelsea, Jayla and Alex



2022 Sports Captains

Eaglehawk: Lincoln and Tegan

Lake: Molly and Jenna

Lava: Lucy and Olivia

Willow: Isla and William



SCHOOL CARDS

WHAT IS SCHOOL CARD?



School Card provides financial help to cover the cost of school fees.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To qualify for School Card, your family's income must be below a specific limit. This limit depends on how many children are in your care.

You must also meet at least one of the following:

- have a child or children aged four years or over who attend a school full time
- be an independent full-time student studying year 10, 11 or 12
- be an adult re-entry student undertaking subjects to complete SACE (years 11 and 12).

You can find more information and apply for School Card here:

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM APPROVED?

After you apply, you will receive a letter in the mail advising if your application has been approved. Please note, School Card is not a student identification card.

WHO CAN HELP ME APPLY?

If you would like more information or need help applying for School Card, please visit your child's school office and show this flyer.

Hi! I would like help to apply for School Card.



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