



DIARY DATES			
Friday	May	3	Instalment 3 School Fees Due
Monday	May	6	Auskick 'kick-off' 3:30 pm
			Mt High Yr 7s & Parent Open Night 6:00pm
Wednesday	May	8	Assembly Day
Sunday	May	12	MOTHER'S DAY
Tuesday	May	14	NAPLAN Testing begins

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2, Week 1, May 1st, 2013

Welcome back to an exciting and extremely busy second term. This term we begin working with our new timetable. Thank you to all families who were able to get the students here by 8:45 ready for lessons to begin promptly at 8:55. For students the school day now finishes at 3:15. An additional teacher has been placed on duty at the playground after school, but we expect that the majority of children will be collected when school finishes. Children who walk or ride home, will be expected to leave the school grounds at 3:15pm.

My time as Principal at Reidy is rapidly drawing to a close. My last day will be Wednesday 29th May which is only four weeks away. In the next newsletter I will be writing a special article for our parents and students. I realise that staff, parents and students are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the new principal. This selection process is handled by the Regional Education Office, and at this stage it is likely that Lesley Okholm will step into the role of Acting Principal until the new Principal commences. We will keep you fully informed, as events unfold.

On the calendar accompanying the newsletter you will find notice of some special school events. As we utilize the wonderful technology available to us, you will find that for the first time you will be able to book and confirm your parent teacher interviews in the latter part of this term.

Welcome New Students

A special welcome to our new reception students and their families starting school for the first time. Isobel Swadling, Owen Lubbe, Gabriel heard, Rauf Rahbari, Jackson Driver, Lacey Virgin, Ethan McKenny, Henry Martin, Xan Stephens, Chloe Peacock, Lacey Brooks, Jack Walmsley and Riley Ellis.

We also welcome the following students and families transferring from other schools. Mackenzie and Madison Kilsby and Anushka Kumar.

Reception Intake 2014

A reminder that there will be only one reception intake for 2014. If you child is due to turn five before May 1st 2014, please enrol your child now, so that appropriate staffing levels can be organised.

Staffing Changes

Over the past three years Tobi Coonan and recently Beck Coonan have provided wonderful support to our school as I. T. Technicians and we thank them both for their support. As Tobi has now won a position as the Limestone Coast I. T. Support Officer we advertised for a replacement and now welcome Stephen Grosvener as our new I. T. Technical. Stephen will be working 25 1/2 hours per week at Reidy and the remainder of the week at both Moorak and Mil Lel Primary Schools.

BARB MUNT
PRINCIPAL

LESLEY OKHOLM
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ANDREW BONE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

<p>Government of South Australia Department for Education and Child Development</p>	<p>Principal: Deputy Principal: Assistant Principal: Governing Council Chairperson: Phone: 8725 3381 Website: http://www.reidyprkps.sa.edu.au</p>	<p>Barb Munt Lesley Okholm Andrew Bone Andrew Hunter Fax: 8725 0576 Email: dl.0290_info@schools.sa.edu.au</p>	<p>Reidy Park PRIMARY SCHOOL learning together, caring together.</p>

Art Show / Farewell

'Dream Our Future!'

A major fundraiser with money raised funding our Junior Primary Playground in the quad.



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Community Farewell to Principal Barb Munt

In the School Gymnasium on Wehl Street

Friday 24th May

Every student and staff member is exhibiting a canvas with staff artwork being sold to the highest bidder

**opening 4:30 pm
til
9:00 pm**

**all canvases will
begin at
\$7:00**

For your child's artwork, please pay what you feel it is worth! \$\$\$\$

Live entertainment all evening by our very own students

Sweet and Savoury platters will be available for purchase with a café marquee available to enjoy the atmosphere

Enjoy drinks from local wineries as well as tea and coffee
Yiros from Margaret Street Meats, Hotdogs for the kids
and many door prizes on offer too!

Make it a night to remember with family and friends galore

Finance News

The third instalment of School Fees is due this Friday 6th May. Thanks to all those parents keeping up with their payments.

Gay Brooker
Finance Officer

'Snack Shack' News



Our Winter menu issued last term is still current and can be found on the school website. In addition we now available have Pumpkin Soup and Chicken Noodle Soup available at \$4:00 each. We urge you to where possible, encourage your children to buy something in the canteen. It can be looked on as a confidence boosting experience purchasing on their own as well as a valuable math lesson. As always, any helpers would be greatly appreciated. Maybe some of our new parents have a little time on their hands that they would like to put to good use, helping to immerse yourselves into our wonderful school community.

Jeanie Clark
Canteen Manager

School SMS Messages

Reidy Park has begun sending SMS messages to parents for general information. Our first message reminded parents about the student free day. We are still testing the system and hope you can understand that there may be issues while we are working out the glitches. Unfortunately some of the numbers we have were invalid. If you did not receive our message, want to change the number of the phone our message goes to or need to edit the number given, please make these amendments with the Front Office as soon as possible for future messaging.





Big Screen TV

Hopefully you will have visited the Front Office and noticed the big screen TV placed on the wall opposite the front door. This year we have made a conscious effort to better utilise it with ads for upcoming events, excursions and deadlines for payments of school fees and Lucky Book Club. In addition we fortnightly congratulate the winners of the Golden Dustpan awards and Positive Trackers. Special events and/or work are recognised in various formats too. Please take a moment next time you visit the Front Office to take a look and please let us know what you think or what other areas may be of use to you as a parent.

Medications at School

There are occasions when school staff are asked to administer medications to students at school. This can be for long term medical conditions such as Asthma or Anaphylaxis as well as short term conditions which may require antibiotics or similar medications. In all circumstances, no matter what the medication, staff can not administer medications unless the following requirements are met:

- The medication is **prescribed by a Doctor** and accompanied by a **Medication Authority*** which has been completed by the student's doctor.
- The medication is in its **original packaging with a pharmacy label attached** (the medication MUST be in the student's name).
- The medication **has not passed its expiry date.**

The health and wellbeing of your child is of paramount importance to us and ensuring these few guidelines are met means that we can administer the **right** dose of the **right** medication to the **right** child at the **right** time, each and every time it is required.

*Copies of Medication Authorities can be collected from the Front Office at any time - it is advisable that you collect some **before** taking your child to the doctors. This means that if your child does get prescribed medications that are required to be taken during school hours, the doctor can complete the Medication Authority immediately.



Woolworths 'Earn & Learn'

We now have a box situated at our local Woolworths store for all your tokens to be placed in. Please continue to collect and earn for our school many resources like we have in the past.

Auskick 2013

Auskick 'kicks off' on Monday 6th May. If you have not already registered your child online please do see quickly or complete a registration form at the Front Office today.



School Captains

Introducing our School Captains for 2013.

Name: Jack Wirth

Hobbies: Football, Cricket and Basketball

Favorite Subjects: P.E, Art & Performing Arts

My Role: To maintain the improvement of Reidy Park as a school and students' learning

Out of School Achievements: Playing in the SAPSASA Cricket Team (L. S. E.) and Basketball for S. A.

Accomplishments this year: Harmony Week (giant games and soccer on the oval)

Events to look forward to: Reidy's Got Talent, Footy Colours Day and School Sport Events

What I enjoy about being a student at Reidy Park

Primary School: What I personally enjoy is the encouragement towards everything you do like sport events and learning subjects. I also enjoy the amount of room you have at Reidy Park and the modern buildings such as the Gym and the year 6/7 classrooms.

Name: Olivia Turner

Hobbies: Playing hockey and hanging out with friends

Favorite subject: PE, Art & Literacy

My Role: To maintain the improvement of the students' learning and help keep it safe and fun.

Out of school achievements: Playing in the SAPSASA Hockey Team (L. S. E.) and Hockey for S.A.

Accomplishments this year: Harmony Week including giant games and soccer on the oval. Assemblies

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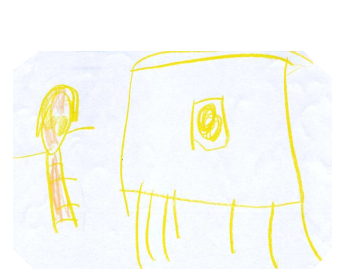
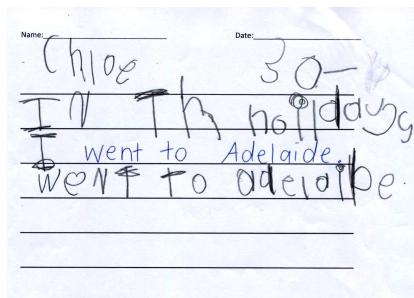
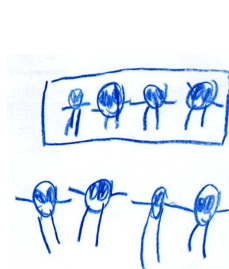
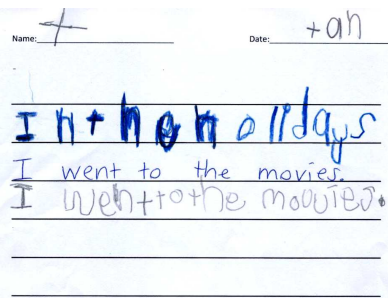
Primary School: The thing I enjoy the most is the encouragement in school sport activities. I also enjoy the school subjects. How the teachers try to make every activity fun and exciting. I think that Reidy Park Primary School is the best school any student would love to go to.

**** Please note that all newsletters can be viewed on the website in full colour. ****

With an increasingly 'connected' world, the way teachers and students are able to share teaching and learning experiences with our families and the broader community is changing. Sharing learning online provides students with a broader audience and provides new opportunities to collaborate, share knowledge and creativity. Students will be bringing a revised 'Media Permissions' form home this week. The last time you would have seen this document would have been when you enrolled your child! This document has been updated to reflect the different types of media that require permissions before being published online and on paper. To maintain Reidy Park's commitment to cyber-safety this document offers varying levels of permissions to protect the identity of your child. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rikki Helps

Coordinator of I. C. T., Innovation & Engagement



Our First Writing Lesson in Reception by Xan and Chloe

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mayfair Singers

Mayfair vocal groups are great for young people to come together and learn to sing harmonies, or strengthen solo performances in a fun and professional environment. If you or your child are interested in joining Junior, Intermediate & Senior Groups, contact Hannah on **0417 876 133** or log on to **The Mayfair Space @MJDanceComplex**

Want To Play Soccer?

International Soccer Club are looking for anyone interested in playing soccer aged 12 - 13 years. Training is on Wednesday nights at Casadio Park on Bay Road from 5:30 - 6.30/7.00 pm. Games are played on Sunday afternoons. If interested, please contact Coach Remi Pace on **0400 159 654** or Sports Director Linda McRobert on **0417 085 272**.



Take Home A Big Brother Or Sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover - all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Reidy Park 6/7 students met Nanna from Greenland and Sophie from Germany, 2 exchange students who are living with me this year, and who joined us on the Canberra Camp last term. I have been hosting exchange students for 8 years and now have 'daughters' in Seattle, Minnesota and Germany, and a 'son' in Hamburg. Being a host parent has been amazing and enriching. I would highly recommend it to anyone who loves kids, and the world.

Lesley Okholm

Community Action for Sustainability

The Economics of Happiness is a 'must see' documentary screening in the Dress Circle, Main Corner, Mount Gambier on Friday 3rd May commencing 7:00 pm. Tickets, by donation of (\$3 - \$10) are available from 6:30 pm for this 65 minute film and all are welcome. For more information visit www.theeconomicsofhappiness.org

