



DIARY DATES

Wednesday	September	4	'Sun Surf Sand' Concert	TONIGHT
Friday	September	6	Pupil Free Day	
Tuesday	September	10	Finance Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	September	11	Next Assembly	12:00 noon
Wednesday	September	4	Governing Council Meeting	
Friday	September	27	Book Week & Parade	9:45 am

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3, Week 7, September 4th, 2013

Concert

Congratulations and well done to all of the students who participated in the year 1/2/3 concert performance last week. Teachers and students have worked very hard throughout this term to bring a range of learning through reading, writing, speaking and listening to life in their performances. The movement, song and dance, along with some fantastic costumes were a real treat for the family and friends who attended on the night. We are all very proud of the confidence, behaviour and enthusiasm the students displayed and thank the teachers, SSO's and parent helpers who planned, practiced and prepared our students so they could experience this level of success and enjoyment as part of their learning journey.

We look forward to more great performances from our Reception students tonight. See you there!

Pupil Free Day

A reminder that THIS FRIDAY, 6th September, is a Pupil Free Day. Children are not required to attend school as teaching staff will be attending a Training and Development opportunity. The front office will be open on this day to support any administrative issues parents may have.



**CHRIS EDMONDS
PRINCIPAL**

**LESLEY OKHOM
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

**ANDREW BONE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Art Show Canvases

We have a number of painted canvases that have not been purchased. These canvases will be over painted in Week 8 if they are not bought by students or families. Over painting enables us to reuse the canvases for another purpose and reduces wastage of resources.

If you wish to claim your child's artwork, please send \$7:00 in a sealed and named envelope to Ms Syron and she will arrange for the canvas to be sent home with their artist.

*Leanne Syron
Visual Arts*

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[Update & Reminder: Medications at School](#)

Thank you to parents who have worked closely with the school as we update our records and practices to support children who require medication at school. We have listened to and investigated your concerns and have been able to modify some of our policy requirements.

At this stage we still require the following:

ALL MEDICATIONS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

- Be prescribed by a Doctor. This includes all 'over the counter' medications
- Medications in their original packaging with pharmacy labels attached
- Medications within their expiry dates
- Care/Action Plans completed for relevant medical conditions. Parents are required to confirm the need for this with the school

MEDICATION AUTHORITIES - change in requirements

- DECD guidelines *strongly recommend* that medication authorities signed by health professionals are provided for all medications including those available over the counter.
- Written authority by parents. Parents are able to complete a 'short term medication authority' when circumstances make it difficult to get authority from a doctor providing all above requirements are met. This form can be collected from the school.

Jaime Jones

Administration Officer



[International Competitions and Assessments for Schools \(ICAS\)](#)

We were recently informed of the successes of our students who participated in the ICAS Competitions earlier this term. We wish to congratulate Cassidy F, Gabby A, Archie P and Emily N for obtaining Credits in the Spelling Competition. Congratulations to Abby D for obtaining a Distinction and Adrienne F, Cassidy F, Maisie H, Jade F and Archie for obtaining Credits in the Writing Competition. Congratulations to Abby D for obtaining a Distinction and Ellie C, Archie P, Sarah D & Matthew C for obtaining Credits in the Science Competition. All other participants obtained a participation certificate. [Well done!](#)



[Positive Tracker Awards](#)

We are again delighted to publish our Positive Tracker recipients announced at our last assembly. Lachie G was rewarded for his efforts in helping with equipment in P. E. and Jake T for his impeccable manners. Opening the doors for adults and then pinning it open for all others to use was very thoughtful. [We are so proud of you both!](#)



[Concert Ticket Sales](#)

Our final Junior Primary Concert is on tonight at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. At the time of publishing, only 100 unsold tickets remained. Our Reception students will present '[Sun, Sand, Surf](#)' and they are very excited. The Year 1, 2 & 3 concert '[Tell Me A Story](#)', a medley of Fairy Tales, was a sold out success last week. Tickets for tonight's concert cost \$10:00 adult and \$5:00 children U12.

[School Footy](#)

Our year 3/4/5 football team had a well earned bye last week, resting up from yet another convincing win this time over Mac Park Primary School the week prior. We continue to be proud of the boys efforts and successes each week.

Heath McShane

Footy Coordinator

Continuing on from footy results, some of our children have nominated to be part of an inter-school challenge against Mulga Street Primary on Friday 13th September on our oval. Commencing at 1:30pm, the match is due to finish at 2:30pm. Those participating will require dark coloured shorts and socks (jumpers provided), mouth guard, any medications and drink bottle. Parents are welcome to view the match.

Nick Savage

SAPSASA Coordinator

[School Netball](#)

Our netballers continue to play well and enjoy their sport with a good win against Tenison two weeks ago and suffered a hard fought loss against St Martins last week.

Belinda Say

Netball Coordinator

[Book Week Reminder](#)

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about Book Week. We will be celebrating Book Week in Week 10 of this term. This year's theme is read across the universe. Our book Week Parade will be taking place in Lesson 2 at 9:45 am in the Gym on Friday 27th September. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Jess Magarey

Library



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We need information from YOU!

Governing Council and Finance Committee need to make some decisions about our Canteen, the "Snack Shack", but need to know what our parents and students think.

Please take 2 minutes to visit the website below, to give your opinions.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9KDC8NQ>

A paper copy of the survey is printed below if you prefer to use this. Please return responses / complete the online survey by Monday 9th September.

Canteen Services at Reidy Park PS

Our school canteen currently runs Tuesday to Friday, providing items for recess and lunch orders and snacks at lunchtimes.

We have very few lunch orders on some days, and much larger numbers on Fridays.

We need information from our families to make decisions about how our canteen will run in the future. Please assist us by completing this survey.

1. How often does your child order their lunch?

- never rarely once a fortnight once a week daily

2. How often does your child have spending money for the canteen?

- never rarely once a fortnight once a week daily

3. If we no longer had a canteen, how big an impact would this have?

- none very little some inconvenience big inconvenience

4. Currently we open Tuesday to Fridays. If we reduced our days of opening further, how big would the impact be on you?

- none very little some inconvenience big inconvenience

5. Our canteen needs volunteers regularly in order to run. How many mornings are you able to commit regularly to this job?

- none once a month once a fortnight once a week

6. If our canteen needs to increase prices to stay viable, how much will this impact on your child using the service?

- not at all a little will order less frequently unlikely to order at all

7. The canteen could run as a lunch service only. Would your child support this?

- never occasionally once a fortnight once a week daily

8. Our school could look at having a local business take on the lunch orders of our students. Would you support this?

- Yes No Depends on what food they supply

9. Do you have any other comments, ideas or issues we should consider when looking at the future of our canteen?

10. What is your name?

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Free Film Making Workshops

With generous support from Country Arts SA, Renmark Paranga Council, City of Mount Gambier, City of Whyalla and City of Port Lincoln, we are off to conduct four FREE film making workshops for kids in the country.

The AKFF will be sending two professional film makers from Adelaide and using the expertise of four local film makers to conduct the workshops throughout September and October. The workshops consist of two days of film making and a shorter third

day/session of editing. The workshops are open to children aged between 6 and 18 years old. We will then allocate each participant to an age appropriate group. Spaces are limited to 22 places in each region. **MOUNT GAMBIER - SEPTEMBER 21-23** The workshop will be held at the Main Corner in the Institute Building - 1 Bay Road. Local film maker engaged to help facilitate the workshop is Gelsen Pellen from 'Fed Creative'.

TIMES

Saturday	21st	10:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday	22nd	10:00am - 3:00pm
Monday	23rd	4:00pm - 6:00pm

The screening will be held at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre on December 17th.

Central Baseball Club Come and Try

New junior players wanted! Central Baseball Club invites both boys and girls aged 8 and over interested in playing baseball for the first time to a "Come and Try Baseball" day commencing at 11.30 am at the Under 12 diamond at Blue Lake Sports Park on Sunday 15th September, 2013 – this will be followed by BBQ and Registration. This is a great opportunity to have a go and see what it's about. We are a family friendly club keen to promote a healthy lifestyle by participating in sport. Any queries please phone Steve Kuhl on **0429 396 366** or email centralbaseballclub@hotmail.com.au



Federal Baseball Club Come and Try



New junior players wanted! Federal Baseball Club invites all to their come and try/registration day, Sunday 15th September on diamond 2 at Blue Lake Sports Park from 1:00pm. Pitching machine and rebound nets will be in operation. Come and have a throw, catch up with old friends and make some new. Sausage sizzle provided. All old and new players welcome! For further information please contact Chris Rundle on **0418 214 731** www.federal.baseball.com.au

Reidy Park Tennis Club Season 2013/14

Registration and Family Fun Day commences Sunday 22nd September from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Shepherdson Road facility in Mt Gambier. Lunch available. For further information phone club president Stephen Young on **0400786811**. Enquire about registering a work place or social team. Junior and senior players very welcome.



Double Helix Science Club



Dynamic DNA. Have you ever wondered what DNA looked like? How does it control everything about you, from your hair colour to your height? Extract DNA from different plants and then run your DNA sample on a gel and compare its size to other plant DNA samples. Do humans have more DNA than other organisms because we are more intelligent? To book your place, phone

Thea Shaughnessy on **8725 9051** and leave a message, or email tshaughnessy@smartins.sa.edu.au

WHEN: Thursday 12th September at 6.45pm
WHERE: Tenison-Woods College Science lab
COST: \$1 for members, \$3 for non-members, \$5 for a family.
Parents welcome free.



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that all newsletters
can be viewed on the website
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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
17-23 August 2013