



DIARY DATES			
Thursday	November	14	Casual Class & Team Photos Day
Friday	November	15	Zooper Dooper Day
Monday	November	18	Uniform Shop Opens
Tuesday	November	19	P. E. Week Dress Up Day
Wednesday	November	20	Next Assembly 12:00 noon
Friday	November	22	SPORTS DAY
Friday	November	22	Scholastic Book Orders Close 3:30 pm

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4, Week 5, November 13th, 2013

Brighter Futures . . . Our Futures

On Monday I supported a selection of our senior students as they participated in the 'Brighter Futures . . . Our Futures' Forum. It was a great opportunity for our senior students Mitch, Caitlin, Claire, Ruby and Jordan to step out of their comfort zone and to contribute ideas, thoughts and opinions with students from different year levels and different schools as the group discussed the future needs of education from a students perspective. It is very rare that students, especially in the country, get a chance to participate in a meeting that not only has the most senior education people in our district present but also the Chief Executive of the whole department! They did themselves and our school proud.

Governing Council

Governing Council met last week and discussed the following:

- CPSW: Josie Phillips presented her report for the year to the council and following significant review from all sections of the school community this role will continue for the 2014 school year.
- Class structure 2014: Council members explored the challenges of building a class/year level profile and it was agreed that it was a very complex process that required a best fit model across all year levels. Staff are currently working through the placement process and we thank parents who have submitted requests to assist with this planning.
- Behaviour Review: A range of data sets were presented that showed behaviours related to harassment, teasing and violence in the school. This supports the department requirements that expects all schools to track and share this information as well as what the school is doing to support students and staff to improve student behaviour. It was interesting to note that this data shows the enormous amount of work and effort taken to work through issues at a classroom level with only 1 in 10 incidents going so far as being required to be reported to the Admin/Leadership team. With this in mind it is important to remember that if parents are called regarding their child's behaviour you can be sure the teaching and support staff have done a great deal to redirect and support improved behaviours from students. An overview of the work done across the school to support student well being and self esteem will be presented to the school community shortly.
- Canteen: Council again reviewed options to operate the school canteen. A plan to run the service on Fridays only from the beginning of next year has been tabled for approval and a trial run will be explored during Week 6 Sports Day.
- 2014 Materials & Services Fees: Following Finance Committee recommendations Council discussed and reviewed these charges as part of the process to establish fees for next year. This process will be completed prior to the end of the school year.

Year 4/5 Concert

Parents, families, friends, staff and students alike shared in the music, humour and entertainment that was on display at this years, Year 4/5 Concert. It was a great example of teamwork from the Year 4/5 Teacher Team as they helped students be a part of what was a unique and informative performance. The work that goes into a show like this takes many weeks of planning, preparation and rehearsal. The student's behaviour and ability to get it right on the night shows excellent persistence, cooperation and confidence; skills we all recognise as essential for lifelong learning and success. Well done everyone . . . time to start thinking of the Christmas Carols!

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Surveys - Learning Together, Caring Together & Parent Opinion Survey

Just a reminder that the one question survey in regards what our school motto means to you as a parent at this school is available via 'Survey Monkey' <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R83328S> or you can simply respond via the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter. At this stage we have had very few responses and would appreciate you taking the time to complete this. We will try to combine the most common answers to build a shared, whole school statement.

Many of you would have received a text message with a link to the annual parent opinion survey. This survey will close Thursday evening and we ask that you take the time to complete this if you received the text message.

CHRIS EDMONDS
PRINCIPAL

LESLEY OKHOM
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ANDREW BONE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Young Children Left In Cars

We have been alerted on a few occasions lately by concerned parents, who see unattended cars at pick up time with young children in them, in the streets close to the school. Whilst it may be only a few minutes you are gone, it is very dangerous to leave children unattended, especially given rising temperatures and the presence of many 'strangers'. Please DO NOT leave youngsters unattended. In future, we will contact the Police directly, in order to keep children safe.

Lesley Okholm
Deputy Principal



S. R. C. / Little Leaders Update

Ms Collins addressed our group on Monday to discuss our assistance during P. E. Week. Classes have voted on what activities will be held during lunchtimes in the hall with a focus on disabilities in sport. All reps returned to class to create posters to promote our involvement in this anticipated week of fun. Art activities hosted by us in the Library continue to be popular as do the 50 cent Zooper Dooper Fridays.

Renee Stilo
Student Wellbeing

P. E. Week

Monday 18th November sees the commencement of P. E. Week. In P. E. lessons we will be exploring the various abilities and disabilities in sport. The children will be learning how to include others who may not have the ability you or I share. As part of the celebration we encourage everyone to come dressed as their favourite sports star/hero OR just wear your sports gear on Tuesday 19th November and donate a gold coin for the privilege to be donated to the local 'Riding for the Disabled' association. As part of this week students will participate in activities during recess and lunchtime which again, will focus on inclusive sporting activities.

Sammi Collins
P. E. Teacher



Year Book 2013

Accompanying this newsletter is an order form for our 2013 Year Book and we encourage you to consider purchasing a copy as a memento and keepsake of your child's year of schooling, full of bright photos, personal comments and wonderful reminders of the year that has been. Those of you unsure of what you may be purchasing are welcome to view past Year Books on display in the Front Office and view samples of the pages on our Big Screen TV in the Front Office. The Year Book will be available at a cost of \$25:00 inc. GST. Casual Class and various team photos will be taken tomorrow Thursday for the Year Book. Please ensure your child is prepared.

Andrea Wright
Year Book Coordinator

Positive Tracker Awards

At our last assembly Brock K was rewarded for his initiative in helping to clear equipment without being asked, Lochie G was rewarded for his caring nature in helping a child with a blood nose and Bradley W was rewarded for simply giving beautiful compliments to others. ***Such a caring group!***



Uniform Purchases

As from 18th November, we will be selling school uniforms from 8:30 - 9:30am on Monday mornings only from the now aptly labelled 'Uniform Shop' between the Canteen and Art Room. During this time you can assist your child to try on uniform items then purchase to take home. Uniforms can be paid for during Cash Office hours 8:30 - 9:30am and 3:00 - 3:30pm any other day. Alternatively uniforms may be ordered and paid for online using BIZGATE. Instruction sheets for BIZGATE are available from the Front Office. Uniforms will be packed and delivered to your child's classroom at our earliest convenience. Hats can be purchased from the Cash Office (during cash hours) any day.

Half Price Sale

Windcheaters \$12:50 (usually \$23:00) Sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
Contrast Polos \$14:00 (usually \$28:00) Sizes 4, 10, 12, 14

These are still part of our uniform range but we have decided not to keep them in stock and are available from the Front Office.

Gay Brooker
Finance Officer



Christmas Cards & Wrapping Paper

The hand crafted Christmas Cards and Wrap created by your children for sale through the Front Office continues to be available in sets of 10 cards for \$5:50 or 2 metres of wrap for \$2:50. Please visit the Front Office to collect an order form and view some wonderful samples on display if you are unsure of what you may be ordering. Order forms can be forwarded to the Front Office

at a later date providing all is in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope.

Leanne Syron
Visual Arts Teacher

Year 4/5 Concert - 'We Come From A land Down Under'

After a wonderful sold out performance at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, the Year 4/5 Team would like to thank Barry Ward, Ashlee Giles and the drummers from the Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band for their wonderful contribution to our performance on Tuesday 5th November. They added a fabulous segment to an excellent performance by all of our talented students!

If anyone is interested in joining the pipe band and learning to play the bagpipes, new members are always welcome. Please contact **Barry Ward** on **8725 5661**.



SAPSASA Cricket

Congratulations to Lachie B, Fraser B, Luke A, Jack W and Tom N who represented the LSE at the SAPSASA cricket carnival in Adelaide last week. The boys were in Division 1 and finished the carnival 5th out of 40 teams winning two out of their four games. Well done to all the boys on their contributions they made throughout the carnival.

Nick Savage
SAPSASA Cricket Coach



Christian Pastoral Support

On Monday 2nd December we will be lucky enough to have 'Squirtthe Clown' visit our school at no cost to the individuals for some fun and entertainment. Squirtthe has been entertaining children and adults all over the world for more than a decade with his tricks that will amaze you and his comedy will leave you with sore sides. You may also learn something too. Through his tricks and illusions he will help you learn to motivate and inspire yourself. Squirt will be performing twice, one for lower primary students and one for upper primary students. We ask that if you do not want your child to attend this performance please let your child's teacher know. Thanks.

Josie Phillips
Christian Pastoral Support

Blue Lake Fun Run

May we remind you, if your child is interested in entering the Blue Lake Fun Run on December 1st as a Reidy Park Team Member, visit the website www.bluelakefunrun.com.au and click on join a team. From there you will see Reidy Park Primary School Students. By joining this way you will get a discounted entry fee and you are also able to collect your bib number from the Front Office on Friday 29th November. A late fee does apply for entries after 17th November and entries will not be accepted after 24th November.

This is not a school function therefore it is the parents responsibility to get their children to and from the event as well as supervise their children during that time. Let's try and get as many students involved as we can.

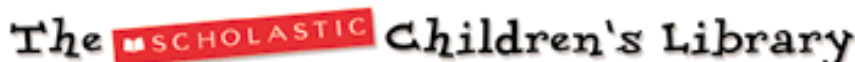
Jayne Hickman
Admin Officer



Scholastic Book Orders

Order forms have been delivered to your child's class. All orders need to be in before the closing date of Friday 22nd November, 3:30 pm.

Maria Knightly
Library Staff



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

Movember

\$52 was raised by entries into the 'Design Their Mo' competition drawn at assembly last week with winners being Henry M for Mr McShane, Emma R for Mr Castle, Stephanie K for Mr O'Neill, Archie M for Mr Clayfield, Bradleigh K for Mr Savage, Freddie M for Mr Grosvenor and Lachlan B for Mr Edmonds. Their moustaches are shaping up well. Online donations can be made at <http://mobro.com/reidystaff0290>



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dental Care For Your Children

It is important for children to have strong, healthy teeth and gums. All children (0 – 17 years) are welcome to attend School Dental Service clinics. Dental treatment is free at School Dental Service clinics if: Family Tax Benefit Part A is paid for your child, or your child is covered by a School Card, Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card. The School Dental Service will bulk-bill under the new Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule that starts in 2014. Under this scheme, most children aged between 2-17 years will be eligible to claim up to \$1000 of Dental services over 2 years. Please bring your Medicare Card to all appointments. If your child is covered by a School Card, Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card please bring this to all appointments

as well. If your child already attends a SA Dental Service clinic, contact us when their next appointment is due. If your child does not already attend one of our clinics, please phone us to make an appointment in 2014. For more information contact your local clinic. Clinic list found at www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Please note that the Mt Gambier clinic's last day will be Tuesday 24th December 2013 and will reopen on Thursday 2nd January 2014.

Citizen of the Year Awards for Australia Day

The Citizen of the Year Awards are presented in each of the 68 councils on Australia Day to recognise their 'Local Heroes' who have made a significant impact on their local community. The Awards reward and recognise individuals and organisations that have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year, and/or given an outstanding service over a number of years, to a local community over and above normal employment duties. Outstanding contribution and community service includes areas such as; education, health, fund-raising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment, or any other area that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of a community. If you know someone you think should be recognised why not nominate them for the Citizen of the Year Awards?



- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Community Event of the Year Award

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN AND WILL CLOSE ON THE 15TH NOVEMBER 2013. For more information [visitwww.citizenoftheyear.com.au](http://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au) or email miles.matt@dpc.sa.gov.au, or phone 08 8463 5437.



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I / We feel the school motto of 'Learning Together Caring Together' means

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