



<u>DIARY DATES</u>			
Monday	3	March	Interviews Commence
Thursday	6	March	Cupcake Stall for Recess
Friday	7	March	PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday	10	March	Adelaide Cup Holiday
Wednesday	12	March	Cupcake Stall for Recess
Friday	14	March	Instalment 2 of School Fees
Monday	17	March	Swimming Lessons Round 2

Term 1, Week 5, February 26th, 2014

Social Network Sites

At Reidy Park Primary School all students from the youngest to those in the senior classes are engaging with technology on a daily basis. Visiting the classrooms and other learning areas in the school demonstrates the range of electronic tools that our students can competently use, either independently or with support from teachers. Just this morning I observed four and five year olds working on the interactive whiteboard, senior students using Publisher to make brochures listing their personal learning goals and middle primary students on the internet researching their current writing topic.

As a staff we are moving towards using iPads and the Intranet for all of our communications with each other and making paper copies of minutes, bulletins and professional readings a thing of the past. Currently we are using webinars and online study courses to access the latest professional learning that would usually only be offered face to face in the metropolitan area.

Many of our senior students are using EDMODO, a social networking tool that is carefully monitored by their teachers, thus ensuring that we provide a safe environment for students to keep in touch with teachers and their classmates whilst they are at school and at home. Through the use of this site we are also educating our students about the negative effects of cyber bullying, the need to respect privacy and appropriate responses to positive and negative online behaviour.

Used appropriately Social Networking sites provide us all with the opportunity keep in contact with family and friends, share photographs and news in real time and to Skype so that we can see as well as hear others during a conversation.

However, there is also another side to social networking. Sometimes comments, information and opinions are posted which in the past were only shared between one or two friends but now have the potential to be accessed by larger numbers of people. At times comments are made on Facebook without forethought and in the heat of the moment that in hindsight are inappropriate, unjust or unfair but once shared they are in the public domain and remain posted continuing to do harm to others. We talk to our children about cyber bullying and hurtful comments and teach them online protective behaviours but we also need to be mindful about what we ourselves write on social network. As adults, we too, have a responsibility to model what is appropriate to our children particularly in respect to grievance procedures and conflict resolution.

Illness

We have had a large number of unwell students coming to the Office during the day needing to be sent home. Much of this occurs within the first hour of school. We understand the difficulties some face in getting care for sick children, especially when we are working parents. However, we still ask that if your child is unwell in the morning, that they remain at home. This helps to slow the spread of illness and ensures that your child is cared for in a more comfortable environment at home.

Acquaintance Evening & AGM

Thank you to all families who attended our recent Acquaintance Evening. It was a great success with teachers having the opportunity to share with parents their philosophies, teaching practices and classroom routines. As a Principal new to Reidy I appreciated the opportunity to meet many of you in person. I urge you that if you have questions further down the track please do come in and make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Thank you to those who stayed on and attended the AGM. Members of the 2013 Governing Council, Senior Staff and I shared with families the highlights for 2013 and our directions for 2014. I look forward to working with our Governing Council in building upon the great work that has taken place in previous years and congratulate Andrew Hunter who was elected as Chairperson for 2014. Congratulations also to parents and staff who were elected to council at the AGM or will be continuing members for 2014. In the next newsletter there will be more information about the 2014 Governing and sub-committees. We offer our thanks to the 2013 Governing Council members who have retired at the end of their elected term. We appreciate your dedication and hard work for the school over the last two years.

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Traffic and Road Rules

This morning SAPOL Officers cautioned a number of parents and children on O'Halloran Terrace who were not using the school crossing. I have been asked to remind parents and students that it is an offence under the Road Traffic Act to cross the road within 20 metres of a designated crossing unless you are using the crossing. Outside of our 20 metre zone there are a number of dangerous practices occurring and it is only a matter of time before there is an accident.

We assume that all drivers act with caution around a school zone and observe the 50 km/hour and 25km/hour restrictions but I can assure you that this is not always the case as I have personally observed when on crossing duty. Our students assume that it is safe to walk halfway across, stand in the middle of the road and then dash across between slower moving cars. I observed at least one near miss this morning. The screeching of car brakes drew my attention to this incident. The student had completely misjudged the distance between the cars and the time taken to safely make it from the middle to the side of the road.

Over the next few weeks we will be talking about a range of road and traffic safety issues with the students. The aim will be to keep them all safe on the roads and to understand that walking 200 metres (or less) to the school crossing attended by monitors is a safer option than crossing the road between the flow of traffic.

Pupil Free Day

A reminder that our first Student Free Day for 2014 will be on Friday 7th March which coincides with the Adelaide Cup Holiday long weekend. Students will not attend school on this day and all staff will be attending professional learning. We will be working with Bill Hansbery on Restorative Approaches to Student Behaviour Management as part of our 2014 whole school focus on 'Every Face has a Place'.

Chris Sheldon
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sue Hutchesson
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

School Fees

The second 2nd instalment of school fees is due on Friday 14th March 2014. If you have not organised to pay your child/children's school fees by instalments they are due for payment (in full) by Friday 14th March 2014. Please visit the Front Office to make payments.

Gay Brooker
Finance Officer



(ICAS) International Competitions & Assessments for Schools

Your child is invited to take part in the ICAS in 2014 in any of the following subject areas.

ICAS Subject	Year Levels	ICAS Sitting Date	Price
Computer Skills	3-7	Tuesday, 20 May 2014	8.00
Science	2-7	Wednesday, 4 June 2014	8.00
Writing	3-7	Monday, 16 June	17.00
Spelling	3-7	Tuesday, 17 June 2014	11.00
English	2-7	Tuesday, 29 July 2014	8.00
Mathematics	2-7	Tuesday, 12 August 2014	8.00

Please return the permission slip with full entry fee(s) to the Front Office no later than Monday 7th April.

The Competitions take place each year in schools throughout Australia and the South Pacific region. They provide an opportunity for students to measure their own achievement in an external assessment situation, and are a valuable experience for. They are, however, voluntary, not compulsory, and we understand that there are many financial commitments which parents have at the beginning of a school year.

All students receive a Certificate and an individual Results letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for their state. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio.

Certificates are awarded for each Year Level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants in the state
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants in the state
- Credit to the next 20% of entrants in the state
- Achievement to the students who are placed in the top 20% of their Year Level at their school, but do not qualify for one of the above Certificates
- Participation to all students who do not qualify for one of the above Certificates.

Medals are awarded to top students in each Year Level in each state. The Competitions are an initiative of the Educational Assessment Centre of the University of New South Wales.

Lesley Okholm
Deputy Principal

Positive Trackers

At our recent assembly two wonderful children were rewarded for their kindness and consideration with the Positive tracker Awards. Belle H showed great kindness tying the shoelace of a friend who could not, and Shania W considered everybody in our school by picking up rubbish that had fallen out of a tipped over bin. *We're proud of you girls!*



Play Support Roster

Tomorrow's activity is Magic Dough while next Thursday will be Fruit Loop Necklaces. If you are interested in these activities held in the Art Room with the Peer Support Leaders and Miss Mouat, speak to your class teacher for a Classroom Pass.

Greatest Shave News

Room 8 children are throwing their support behind classmates Aanya W and Will V by hosting a cupcake stall on Thursday 6th March at 1:00pm in the Quad. We have some very creative cooks who are willing to sell their wares to both staff and students. Prices will vary according to size. Please send some money along for your child to purchase on the day and help raise money for the Greatest Shave cause.



Small - cupcake - 50c Medium - cupcake - \$1.00 Large - large cupcake/muffin - \$1.50

Aanya has informed us that her fundraising efforts are well on track. She would like to sincerely thank all of the families who supported these and future events. Please support her Thursday 13th March at Market Place from 6:00pm as she shaves her head.

On Friday 4th April we will be holding a Crazy Hair Day here at school. We are encouraging as many students and staff as possible to join in the spirit of the day and come to school with decorated hair for a gold coin donation. This is an assembly day so there will be an opportunity for the whole school to celebrate with Aanya and Will on reaching their fundraising targets. There will be further information about this event closer to the date.



More Cup Cakes

Many of you would remember student leader Cassidy F from last 2013's Year 7 class. Her many friends and family are currently raising funds for her mother Bernadette to undergo a kidney transplant later in the year and have offered our students another chance to purchase cupcakes for recess. This time they will be available from the school canteen area on Wednesday 12th March with items ranging in price from \$1 - \$3:00. Yet another worthy cause so please consider digging deep. Offers to assist or for further enquiries please call Sharon on **0488 963 420**.

Year Book

It was great to see the 2013 Year Book finally arrive and be distributed to all those who ordered. We ask that you complete the feedback sheet and return it to the school as soon as possible. At this stage, our 2013 Year Book will be the last owing to budget constraints unless we can come up with an alternative solution. Your feedback is valued.

YEARBOOK



Andrea Wright
Editor

Instrumental Music Lessons

It is great to have so many students learning musical instruments at our school. We have currently over 60 students involved in the Instrumental Music program. There are still some spaces available if students in year 5, 6 or 7 would like to learn either trumpet/trombone, clarinet/saxophone. (Please note there are no spaces available for guitar or drums). Please contact the school as soon as possible if students would like to be a part of the program.

W. O. W. - Wipe Out Waste

After a recent eye opening visit by the Wipe Out Waste Team, we will feature some of their tips to wipe out waste. **Tip #1 Start a compost collection**
Many food scraps can be put into a compost bin, which is good for your garden and stops this valuable resource being sent to landfill. For more tips go to <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/wow-newsletter-tips.html>



Lost & Found

We have a parent who lost an esky late last year within the school grounds that is described as long, tall, narrow with a handle. If you have an esky that does not belong to you, we may have found its owner. Please contact the school so that we may return it to its rightful owner. *Thanks!*

	<p>Reidy Park Primary School now has a Facebook page. Here you will find posts about what's happening in our school, up and coming events, newsletter links and so much more.</p>
	<p>https://www.facebook.com/reidyparkprimaryschool</p>



***** Please note that all Newsletters are available in full colour on our website. *****

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Please Return to Front Office by Monday April 7th

CHILD'S NAME ROOM NO. YEAR LEVEL

My child would like to take part in the following subject areas of ICAS in 2014. {Please tick}

Computer	\$8.00	Science	\$8.00	Maths	\$ 8.00
Spelling	\$11.00	Writing	\$17.00	English	\$ 8.00

I forward \$ as payment in full for entry to the above nominated competition(s).

SIGNED:

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

South East Showband

Primary and secondary students in the Limestone Coast have the opportunity to play weekly in the South East Showband. It is a 'Big Band', where they will learn to play music in the jazz and rock styles. Currently, the South East Showband are seeking new members to join their 2014 band.

In the near future the group will be holding a "Come Along and Try" night for students who presently learn one of the following instruments: saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass, piano, drums or guitar.

The Showband aims to teach the concepts of jazz and rock in an exciting and fun atmosphere. Places are limited. To register your interest and for further information please contact Musical Director Geoff Trevenen on **0412 865 376** or email trevenen@westnet.com.au



East Gambier Junior Football Club

Registration Day is Wednesday February 26th @ 5:00pm. All old and new players are welcome. A light training session will occur with a sausage sizzle provided.

Apologies to Secretary Angela Holden on **0418845532**

Double Helix Science Club - Scavenger Hunt

Go on a Scavenger Hunt around Marist Park - looking for clues, solving questions and collecting tokens along the way. Who will be the first to complete the challenge?

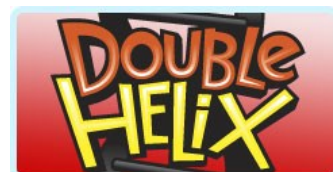
WHEN: Thursday 27th February at 6.45pm

WHERE: Tenison Woods College Science lab

AGE: 5+

COST: \$1 for members, \$3 for non-members, \$5 for a family. Parents welcome free. To book your place, phone Vanessa Courtney on 8725 5455 and leave a message, or email

courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au



Mount Gambier Library

This Saturday on the Public Library veranda from 10:00 to 10:30 is the monthly Fruit & Veg Swap. Please bring your excess produce, eggs, seedlings/cuttings or herbs and swap for other local home-grown produce.

The Mount Gambier Library is thrilled to see the return of MasterChef, Callum Hann. Runner Up in series 2 of MasterChef Australia and more recently 'The Starter Kitchen', Callum will return to Mount Gambier to launch his latest release 'I'd Eat That! Simple ways to be a better cook' and demonstrate some recipes with taste testing available.



Sunday 9th March 2014

City Hall, The Main Corner

Doors open at 1.00pm for 1:30pm commencement

Tickets \$10.00 available from The Mount Gambier Library.

In addition, the same date will host the last Library Market for the season from 11.00am until 2.00pm so come along and meet the talented local stall holders.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

Join us in Celebrating Dr. Seuss' 110th Birthday with our Twilight Reading Hour

Saturday 1st March 2014 at 6.30pm

Come along in your pj's, bring your favourite teddy and share in some bedtime stories and songs followed by Milo and cookies.

All family members are welcome!
Free community event
Bookings required for catering purposes.

The Mount Gambier Library
6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier SA 5290
Tel 87212548 web www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library

City of Mount Gambier
Blue Lake City

Nangwarry Netball Club

Nangwarry Netball Club require Junior Netballers for 2014 M.S.E season with trainings to be held in Mt Gambier.

13 under coached by Kathleen Duffy

15 under coached by Kirsty Johnson

17 under coached by Cassie Dinnison

Trainings will be held in Mt Gambier so please contact Kathleen on **0439775043**

Blue Lake Soccer Club

Blue Lake Soccer Club requires juniors for the forth coming season. Soccer is played on Sunday with trainings at Malseed Park - White Ave. If you would like more information, please contact Graeme on **0488983528**

Port MacDonnell Football Club

Colts training commences for Junior Colts Thursday 27th February at 4:00pm and for Senior Colts Tuesday 6th March at 5:00pm. Registration and sausage sizzle will be held Thursday 6th March immediately following training. For more information contact Julie on **0438 866 287**