



			<u>DIARY DATES</u>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>13 - 18</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Volunteer's Week</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>White Lion FUN DAY</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Cross Country in Naracoorte</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Auskick</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>3:30pm</b></span>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>ICAS - Computer Competition</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Walk Safely To School Day</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Next Assembly</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>12:00 noon</b></span>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Red Shield Appeal</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>ICAS - Science</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Saving Lil &amp; Archie performance</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Fundraising Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Grounds Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Governing Council Meeting</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>

Term 2, Week 3, May 14th, 2014

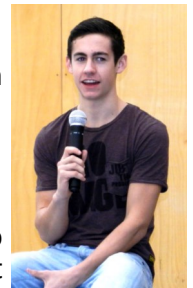
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Wonderful Reidy Park**

We have just had the most exciting week here at school that makes us all proud to be associated with Reidy Park School.

Congratulations to the Year 5 students for the fantastic Mother's Day stalls held on Thursday. We had some very thrilled students who completely 'sold out' of goods and I am sure that we had lots of happy mothers who received the gifts on Sunday.

Last Friday we welcomed back a previous student Sam Malseed who reached the semi finals of 'So You Think You Can Dance Australia'. Sam spoke to all of the staff and students at our assembly about his schooldays, his lead role in our school production, his SYTYCD journey and his plans for the future.



It was wonderful to have one of our successful alumni return to school to inspire our current students. I am aware that Sam had only a very short time back in Mount Gambier and we were thrilled that he was able to visit us.


Over the weekend we hosted students from Golden Grove High School who were in Mount Gambier to attend Generations in Jazz and on Saturday the Fundraising Committee set up a sausage sizzle in James Street. I would like to thank all of the parents, students and staff who supported both of these ventures.

**Child Safety**

Staff are on duty before school from 8:25am and after school until 3:35pm. Students who catch the Wehl Street bus are supervised until 3:55pm at the bus stop. Outside of these hours students need to attend the OSHC Program. I am concerned about the safety of the students who are often left to play unsupervised in the playground near the netball courts until quite late in the afternoon. At school we take child protection seriously and talk about keeping safe but please consider picking your children up from school before 3:35pm in order to avoid placing them in a vulnerable situation.

**Volunteers Week**

This week is National Volunteers Week and I would like to sincerely thank all of our school's volunteers - parents, grandparents, family and friends for giving their time to ensure that our students are safe and supported to learn. Here at school we have a great many volunteers who listen to children read, join Governing Council, fundraise, put their hand up for excursions/camps, sports day and library duty to ensure that our school runs smoothly and staff can focus on teaching. Without you we could not achieve the magnificent results and run the variety of value added programs that we offer our students. *Thank you all!*

 <p><b>Government of South Australia</b> Department for Education and Child Development</p>	<p>Principal: Deputy Principal: Assistant Principal: Governing Council Chairperson: Phone: 8725 3381 Website: <a href="http://www.reidyprkps.sa.edu.au">http://www.reidyprkps.sa.edu.au</a></p>	<p>Chris Sheldon Lesley Okholm Sue Hutcheson Andrew Hunter Fax: 8725 0576 Email: <a href="mailto:dl.0290_info@schools.sa.edu.au">dl.0290_info@schools.sa.edu.au</a></p>	 <p>learning together, caring together.</p>

## School Uniform

I would like to thank parents and students for their combined efforts during the summer months to ensure that all of the students followed the School Uniform Dress Code. Now that winter is upon us a reminder that our winter uniform is as follows:

### Girls

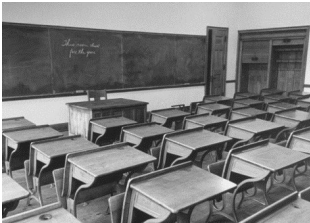
Navy pinafore  
Navy check skirt  
Navy and gold polo top (emblem)  
Navy windcheater (emblem)  
Navy and gold rugby or fleecy top  
Navy trackpants or blue jeans  
School beanie and or school scarf (navy)

### Boys

Navy trackpants or blue jeans  
Navy and gold rugby or fleecy top  
Navy and gold polo top (emblem)  
Navy windcheater (emblem)  
School beanie and/or school scarf (navy)

Black trackpants are not part of our uniform. Over the course of the past year patterned track pants and track pants with large logos (Ghanda, Adidas etc.) have been appearing, particularly amongst our senior students with the misconception that they are part of school uniform. The argument has been that the uniform policy does not stipulate plain navy trackpants.

Following discussion at the last Governing Council Meeting a decision was made to firm up the School Uniform Dress Code policy to be plain navy trackpants with no visible patterns or logos. We are aware that our local sporting goods stores, supermarkets, speciality stores and Ghanda sell plain trackpants for the same cost as those with logos, stripes and patterns. Many of the popular brands sell trackpants with small logos or brand names on the top of pockets that would be acceptable under this policy. As many parents have recently purchased new trackpants Governing Council have indicated that there will be a phase in period of one term and an expectation that plain navy trackpants are to be worn from the beginning of Term 3.



## Pupil Free Day

Our Term 2 Pupil Free Day will be held on Friday 6th June which is the Friday directly before the Queen's birthday long weekend. On this day students do not attend school and teachers will be required to participate in Professional Learning.

Chris Sheldon  
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sue Hutchesson  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## Auskick

Due to the Queen's Birthday holiday on Monday 9th June, we will be holding a clinic on Tuesday 10th to make it up. Please add this to your Term Planner and diaries.

Jodie Ellery  
Auskick Coordinator



## 'What is a good text for your child to read?'

Reading books daily is essential if we want students to progress as readers. Given what the research and leaders in our field are saying, we want to teach children to choose books that are a 'good fit' for them. These are books that are of interest to the student, they can confidently read and understand and require little assistance to read. The books stretch students just a little bit so they have the opportunity to apply comprehension strategies that may be currently taught in the classroom as well as allow students to become familiar with new vocabulary, genres and writing styles!

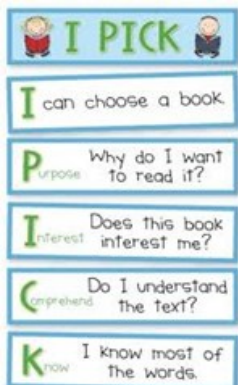
### So how do we do that?

Teachers at Reidy have been introduced to the following visual strategies to teach their students how to choose appropriate books. We encourage parents to have a go at using this strategy when visiting the library, or even when you are finding books at home for your child to read independently.

Model the 'I - Pick' method for your child. Take a book you are reading and go through 'I - Pick' to set an example for what it looks like and sounds like to review reading selection choices. Help your child recognize when a text is too difficult.

They are taught to ask:

- Are there five or more words on a page that I don't know?
- Is this book hard to understand?
- When I read it, does it sound choppy and slow?



Sue Hutchesson  
Assistant Principal



### Musical Working Bee

Are you able to offer an hour or two of your time to help paint or wall paper? We are looking for helpers to get together and help do some simple painting of sets for our musical production of 'Don't Stop Believin!'. No special skills required. If you can use a roller/can work with wall paper - you can help out. Join us Thursday 15th May from 3:30 - 5:30pm in the PAC.

*Andrew Bone*

*Performing Arts Teacher*



### Reidy Park Café

Orders for this Friday have been sent home and were due back today, Wednesday. Pasta of the day is Spaghetti Bolognese and soup of the day is Pea & Ham. *Mmmmm!*

*Kate McDonough*

*ILC Coordinator*

### W. O. W. - Wipe Out Waste

#### **Tip #6 Bring reusable cutlery**

Bringing reusable cutlery from home can save \$\$\$ on restocking single-use cutlery and will reduce the amount thrown away.

For more tips go to <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/wow-newsletter-tips.html>



### Play Support Roster

Tomorrow's activity is Games while next Thursday will be Cooking. 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.

### White Lion Bail Out

On Thursday 15 May we will be having a Lunchtime Market to raise money for the 'White Lion Bail Out'. Bail Out raises money for troubled youth. The Year 6/7 students have spent time creating and organising the stalls and activities by themselves. We are hoping to hold the Market in the Quad however if it is wet we will hold it in Room 12. The stalls and activities are as follows;

Coloured Chalk Blocks	\$1:50	Icing a Biscuit	\$1:00 for 2 biscuits
Rainbow Bands	.50c	Food Stalls	\$1:00 - \$3:00
Nail Painting	\$2:00	Footy Target Handball	\$1:00 for 3 tries
& Nail Art	\$3:00	Sponge Throw	.50c - \$1:50
Scented Candles	\$2:50 - \$5:00	Stress Balls	.50c

*Yr 6/7 Teachers*

*& the Bail Out Team*



### Fundraising BBQ

This Sunday 18th May, Room 11 will be hosting the Sausage Sizzle at Masters (Market Place complex) to raise money for the White Lion Foundation as part of the Year 7 fundraising efforts. Please support us.

*Nick Savage*

*Class Teacher*

### Casual Clothes Day

On Wednesday 28th May Room 13 will be hosting a whole school 'Casual Clothes Day' to raise money for the White Lion Foundation. It is a gold coin donation to participate. We would like to point out that the clothes must be appropriate for school. In the morning we will be coming around with a bucket to collect the money. Thanks.

*Lexie, Kaylee, Maddy, Lily, Lucie*



### Salvation Army Doorknock Appeal

Still calling all volunteers for the Red Shield Door Knock Appeal on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of May. We meet at Reidy Park Primary School at 9:30am to organise groups and maps, and start collecting at 10:00am. Collecting finishes by 12:00 noon and all families are invited to the Salvation Army Headquarters for a shared lunch on Sunday. Students will need to have a parent/grandparent with them for this community event. Those willing to help are urged to contact Miss Helps in Room 22 as soon as possible. Thank you.

*Rikki Helps*

*Coordinator*

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

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### History Month Presentation

The Mount Gambier Library proudly presents local author, Kerry Letheby on Thursday 15th May at 7:00pm sharing tips and advice on how to write a fabulous fiction novel, including the importance of researching when writing historical fiction.

Kerry is the author of the intergenerational historical fiction novel, '*Mind to Avenge*', a generational saga about a vendetta between two Greek Families. This is a free community event as part of the History Month Program at the Mount Gambier Library. For bookings phone **08 8721 2540**.

### Book Launch & Signing

The Mount Gambier Library proudly presents Cathryn Hein. Cathryn will be live at the Mount Gambier Library on Tuesday 20th May at 7:00pm to launch her latest release '*Rocking Horse Hill*'. A moving family drama and passionate love story set in the lower South-East. Cathryn's first three novels, '*Promises*', '*Heart of the Valley*' and '*Heartland*' were finalists in the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Australian Romance Reader Awards. This is a free community event. For bookings phone **08 8721 2540**.

### Swinging With the Stars Quiz Night

Support Grant High School entrant Danielle Roselt's fundraising efforts on Saturday 24th May at East Gambier Football Clubrooms from 7:30pm for a fun filled Quiz Night. Tickets at \$10:00 per person can be booked by calling Grant High School on **87263100**. All funds raised support the 'Stand Like Stone Foundation'.



### Double Helix Science Club - Is it getting hot in here?

Is the greenhouse effect really happening, and if so how is it occurring? We look at the science behind heating and cooling including how the colour of what you wear can affect your temperature, how heat moves, and model how heat energy can be trapped on the surface of the Earth.

WHEN: Thursday 22nd May at 6.45pm

WHERE: Tenison Woods College Science lab

AGE: 5+

COST: \$1 for members, \$3 for non-members, \$5 for a family. Parents can stay and assist children.

For bookings, phone Vanessa on **8725 5455** and leave a message, or email [courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

Sam Malseed  
from 'Little Star'  
to national star!



### Creative Workshops for Children



### WULAMANAYUWI AND THE SEVEN PAMANUI\*

A hands on creative workshop for children in primary school to explore theatrical concepts and skills based on story-telling.

The stories involve reality, tradition and imagination and will be developed through use of puppetry, voice, sound and role-play.

Guided by professional actors and puppeteers, and working in small groups, the children will experience the process of building a scene for a play, inventing and developing characters, designing and making puppets to represent the characters, and performing a scene or a short story play.

**When:** Saturday May 17th,

**Session 1:** 10.30am (ages 6 – 9 years)

**Session 2:** 12.30pm (ages 10-12 years)

**Where:** Mount Gambier Library

**Cost:** FREE Booking essential Call 08 8721 2540

**Capacity:** max 20\* per workshop

**Suitability:** ages 6-12