



### DIARY DATES

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>ICAS English Competition</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Finance Meeting</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Grounds, Fundraising &amp; Governing Council</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Basketball at Icehouse</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>ICAS Maths Competition</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Rms 15, 17 and 20 concert</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>School Photos Commence</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Book Week Commences</b>	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3, Week 1, July 23rd, 2015

Welcome back to all community members for another busy and productive term of learning. It was wonderful to return to school to be greeted by so many students telling me that although they had a restful holiday it was great to be back at school. A special welcome to our 8 new students and their families who have moved into our school zone and joined us here at Reidy.

#### Staff Arrangements for Term 3

This term we welcome some new staff and welcome back others who have returned to Reidy Park after leave. Welcome back to **Tracy Kain** from two weeks of leave at the end of last term. Tracy and her family enjoyed sunny Queensland for a month whilst she was on leave.

**Susie Mouat** who is feeling and looking great after her recent medical treatment. Susie has returned part time for the moment and will resume her role as Junior Year Performing Arts Teacher. The great news is that the Ukulele band and the LAP program will resume now that Susie is back on deck.

Congratulations to **Daniel Castle** on his appointment to the position of Coordinator, Teaching and Learning, Numeracy at our school. For the next two terms Daniel will be taking the lead for providing all staff with new ideas for teaching numeracy and the continued implementation of the Australian Curriculum in Mathematics. **Alicia Sutherland** will be working with the year 6/7 class on Fridays to release Daniel to do this leadership role.

Later in the term we will also be welcoming **Heidi Kerr** who is replacing Peter Clayfield in a NIT role. Heidi will be teaching the Digital Technologies subject from the Technologies learning area of the Australian Curriculum.

#### Reidy Park Rocks

This is my first newsletter since the fantastic performance of **Friday Night Fever**. Although it seems like it was some time ago I still think that it is worth mentioning once again the amazing performances of our senior students, the dedication and skills of our staff and the wonderful families who helped make this year's performance the outstanding success that it was. As in past years our musical was a spectacular demonstration of the quality of the Performing Arts program that we offer to students at our school from Reception to Year 7 and just what can be achieved when staff, students and families work together. Congratulations and well done cast and crew! Whilst we pride ourselves on being a school that fosters high academic achievement and as a staff set high standards for all of our students we are also able to offer a balanced curriculum and further the skills and talents of our students in the arts and sports.

At the last assembly of the term our school band performed for us as their first appearance this year before an audience. Their performance on the day was a huge success and a demonstration for our younger students of one of the values of learning to play a musical instrument through the school's DECD Instrumental Music Program. I am looking forward to more performances during the year. Fantastic effort, Reidy Park Primary School Band!



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Later this term our very talented school choir will be making the trip to Adelaide to perform onstage at Festival Theatre as part of the SA Primary Schools Festival of Music. Our Year 2 classes will be performing at Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. There will be more news closer to the date about these two performances.

### Lions Minute to Win it

Well done to our year 5 representatives at the Mount Gambier Lions Club public speaking competition, Minute to Win It. I am thrilled to announce that we won the Division 1 section for the second year in a row and one of our students was the overall winner in the primary schools section of the competition. Congratulations to Gui R, Henry M and Kassidy B. A special mention to Gui for his overall first placing. Thank you to the Year 5 staff who worked with all of the students in their classes to prepare them for the heats and the finals.

*Chris Sheldon*  
PRINCIPAL

*Lesley Okholm*  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Woolworths Earn and Learn



We are all a bit cash poor these days meaning fundraising for our school is really difficult. So collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers is one way we can all help, just by buying groceries! Please say yes when asked if you are collecting the stickers and maybe even grab the ones from the person in front of you in the queue who isn't collecting. Grandparents, best friends and neighbours can all help us to earn stickers, and then purchase much needed play equipment for our littlest students. Drop off bins are at each store, or send in sheets /stickers to our Front Office collection bin.

### This Week's Maths Challenge!

Instructions: Start at the bottom left square and move up, down, left or right until you reach the finish.

Add the numbers as you go.

Level 1: Can you make a number larger than 45?

Level 2: Can you make exactly 53?

Level 3: Can you find a route to make 60?

Students, bring your working out to Mr. Castle in Room 11 or the Front Office before Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of July to go into the draw to be this week's Maths Champion.

	4	9	7	7	4	↗ Finish
	8	9	4	5	7	
	6	6	4	9	9	
	7	8	8	8	6	
Start ↖	5	5	6	5	5	

### Learning Assistance Volunteers Needed for 2015

In the past Reidy Park Primary School has run a Learning Assistance Program (LAP) in the school. LAP is a program where volunteers in partnership with teachers, work with students on a one on one basis for one or two regular sessions per week. This significant individual time creates more learning situations where students can experience success, and supports their achievements at school. The individual time of working with a volunteer supports children in developing their confidence and social skills.

A LAP volunteer will be supported by a teacher and will be provided with directions and guidelines on how to work with LAP students.

Meetings will be held regularly with the LAP coordinator.

If you are interested in becoming a LAP volunteer please contact Sue Mouat (LAP coordinator) at the school on 8725 3381

*Sue Mouat LAP Coordinator*

### New Website

Have you had a look at Reidy Park's new website? Go onto [www.reidyprkps.sa.edu.au](http://www.reidyprkps.sa.edu.au) to have a look around. The new website provides parents and caregivers with information about our school including digital technologies, our resource centre, special programs that are run at the school, student wellbeing and much more. The school newsletter is also on the website in full colour.

*Rikki Helps ICT Coordinator*

### Rooms 15, 17 and 20 concert

Thursday 13th August will see our students from Rooms 15, 17 and 20 perform their production of Don Spencer's 'Feathers, Fur or Fins' at The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. Tickets are on sale soon and will sell quickly so get in fast.

### School Disco - Save the Date

The Glow disco that was planned for Friday 31st of July has had to be rescheduled to Friday 21st August. Stay tuned for more information in the next few weeks. Times are R - 3 (4.30 - 6pm) and Years 4 - 7 (6.30 to 8.00pm.)

### World Challenge Programme

Hi, my name is Cassidy Farrar. I am a former Reidy Park student and am currently in year 9 at Mount Gambier High School. Next year in November I am travelling to Cambodia and Vietnam as a part of the World Challenge program. To raise money for this trip I am making and selling the times table tags pictured. When I was younger I found this as a great help to learning my tables and I kept one in my pencil case as a quick reference. They are \$5 each, with \$1 being donated back to Reidy Park Primary School. A sample will be available for you to look at, at the Front Office. If you are interested in placing an order please put the payment in an envelope along with your child's name and room number and drop it to the front office. It will then be delivered to your child's class.

Thank you for helping me in this venture.

*Cassidy Farrar,  
Year 9 student,*



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Be a Mighty Mascot Crow!

Win a ticket to run out with the Crows at their game on 22 August 2015. Mount Gambier & District Community Bank are offering this competition through their Facebook page where by kids can win a ticket to be a Crows Mighty Mascot – run out on the oval with the Crows in August and receive a ticket to the game for themselves and their parent.

The City of Mount Gambier Library proudly presents

# PROJECT : RECYCLED RUNWAY

A FASHION SHOW LIKE NO OTHER!

**CALLING ALL SEWERS AND DESIGNERS.**

#### The Challenge:

To create a fashionable wearable garment/outfit from a pre-packed bag of second hand clothes generously donated by Anglican Church Pre-Loved Clothing. All garments/outfits to be modelled at the "Recycled Runway Fashion Show" on **Friday 21 August 2015 at 7.00pm to be held in City Hall, The Main Corner.** Competitors may collect their pre-packed bag of clothing from City of Mount Gambier Library from Friday 17 July 2015. \*Limited bags no holds. Deposit for bag of clothing is \$10.00 to be refunded upon completion of entry.

#### Competition Categories:

High School Students & Open Adults.

#### The Prize:

\$200.00 voucher from Spotlight for each category plus People's Choice Award as voted by the public.



For full terms and conditions of entry and further information please contact Kristi Leamey, City of Mount Gambier Library Community Engagement Coordinator Telephone 08 8721 2540 or email [kleamey@mountgambier.sa.gov.au](mailto:kleamey@mountgambier.sa.gov.au)



# Term 3 Planner

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	20/7 Uniform Shop	21/7	22/7	23/7 Newsletter	24/7
<b>WEEK 2</b>	27/7 Uniform Shop SAPSASA District Golf Day	28/7 ICAS English Competition	29/7	30/7	31/7 Assembly
<b>WEEK 3</b>	3/8 Uniform Shop	4/8 Finance Meeting 5 PM	5/8 Governing Council Grounds & Fundraising Mtg	6/8 Newsletter	7/8 District Basketball Day at Icehouse
<b>WEEK 4</b>	10/8 Uniform Shop	11/8 ICAS Maths Competition	12/8	13/8 Rms 15,17 and 20 Concert 7 pm	14/8 Assembly
<b>WEEK 5</b>	17/8 Uniform Shop	18/8 School Photos	19/8 School Photos	20/8 Newsletter	21/8 Glow Disco
<b>WEEK 6</b>	24/8 Uniform Shop  Book Week	25/8	26/8	27/8	28/8 <b>Pupil Free Day</b>
<b>WEEK 7</b>	31/8 Uniform Shop	1/9	2/9	3/9 Newsletter	4/9
<b>WEEK 8</b>	7/9 Uniform Shop	8/9	9/9	10/9 Peter Coombe Concert 2 PM	11/9 Assembly
<b>WEEK 9</b>	14/9 Uniform Shop	15/9 Finance Meeting 5 PM	16/9 Governing Council Grounds & Fundraising Mtg	17/9 Newsletter	18/9
<b>WEEK 10</b>	21/9 Uniform Shop	22/9	23/9	24/9	25/9