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Term 1, Week 1, 2nd February, 2017

DIARY DATES

Monday	13	February	Yr 6/7 Surf Education Commences
Wednesday	15	February	Governing Council AGM, 7pm
Monday	20	February	Swimming Rooms 2, 4, 23, 5, 8 and 25
Wednesday	22	February	Acquaintance Night
Monday	27	February	Swimming Rooms 2, 4, 22, 5, 8 and 24
Monday	13	March	Adelaide Cup Day Holiday

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to 2017. We commence the year with 584 students and 21 classrooms. This includes 67 Reception students who are starting school for the first time. We not only welcome these children but also students in other year levels who have joined the school. We trust their time at Reidy Park will be enjoyable and rewarding.

Students have settled into their class routines very positively with all classes participating in a Setting Up For Success program in the first weeks of term. The purpose of this program is to have a whole school focus on establishing classroom behaviour and work expectations that will provide a foundation for the year ahead. Each year we have a school motto and this year's is 'Stretch yourself, pursue your personal best'. This motto is underpinned by the importance of students being proactive in challenging themselves, knowing that to get better in anything requires effort and that personal best is about taking pride in individual growth rather than comparing themselves to others.

Uniform and Mobile Phone Expectations

We request all families support our school uniform and mobile phone policy. Our school uniform policy has been endorsed by Governing Council and therefore it is an expectation that all students, every day, attend school dressed in appropriate attire. In regards to mobile phones, students in Yrs 6-7 are required to hand their phones to their class teacher at the beginning of the day. They will then be stored in a secure location. All other year levels are required to hand their phones at the Front Office and collect them at the end of the day. All care will be taken to keep phones safe, however children bring phones to school at their own risk. If your child does bring a phone to school please ensure they follow these expectations, including the importance of appropriate use of this technology.

Staff News

As well as welcoming many new students and their families to our school we also welcome a number of new staff. Sandy Mullen will be fulfilling the role of (acting) Deputy Principal for Terms 1 and 2. Sandy has moved from her role as Principal of Compton Primary School to be at Reidy Park. Teaching staff who have joined the school are Sam Currie (Yr 6/7 teacher and Senior Leader), Kate Symons (Yr 5), Michelle Waters (Yr 4/5) and Daniella Marcucci (Yr 3/4). Jenny Johnson has returned to Reidy Park and will be teaching Performing Arts and Health lessons in the junior primary.

There are also some new staff in the Front Office Administration area: Judy Hunter (Business Manager) and Lisa Hunter (Administration and Finance). A complete list of staffing positions for 2017 has been included in this week's newsletter.

The staff and I look forward to working collaboratively with the school community throughout the year. Supportive and positive home-school partnerships are crucial in providing a great environment for our students to learn and develop. At any time during the year I encourage you to talk to myself and our teachers about your child, their learning and any concerns that you may have.

Stephen Jolley
Principal



Classes have been learning about Growth Mindset as a part of our Setting Up For Success program.

Term 1 Dates

Many activities will be occurring during this term; please refer to the Term 1 calendar for further information. Some of the dates marked on the calendar include:

Assembly

The first assembly of the term will be held next week on Thursday, Feb 9th. This assembly will be used as an opportunity to present our senior student leaders to the school community. Assemblies start at approximately midday and we request that families attending do not enter the gym prior to this time.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday Feb 15th at 7pm. Please note this will be held on a different evening to our Acquaintance Night. All parents are welcome to attend. After the AGM has finished the first Governing Council meeting for the year will occur.

Acquaintance Night

Our school Acquaintance Night will be held on Wednesday Feb 22nd. Further information about this evening will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Swimming.

Please refer to the term calendar provided in this week's newsletter for swimming lesson details for R-Yr 5 students.

Surf Education

Year 6/7 Students will be attending a 2 day Surf Education course at Port MacDonnell in Week 3. Further information will be sent home tomorrow with students.

Pupil Free (school closure) Day

Staff will be participating in a training and development day on Monday March 27th. The focus of this day will be on writing; strategies for effectively teaching narrative writing and analysing student work in this area.

Absences and Pick Ups during school hours

When children are absent, or there is a planned absence, please provide your child's class teacher with a written note. A note is also required if you need to pick up your child during the day for an appointment. DECD requires schools to keep a record of this information so your assistance with this matter is appreciated.

School Crossing

Please ensure your child uses the designated school crossings when arriving and leaving school. We encourage parents, if walking with their child, to also use the crossing to help model safe pedestrian behaviour. Morning drop off and afternoon pick up times are very busy and the pedestrian crossings provide a supervised area for students to use.

Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are a valued support for our school. Please be aware of DECD volunteer and screening requirements in relation to parent volunteers:

What is relevant history screening?

It is a screening process undertaken by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) Screening unit that involves checking the person's criminal history and any other relevant information that is lawfully

available to the Screening unit.

Examples of when a screening is not required for volunteers:

- parents or guardians who volunteer in connection with an activity that involves their own child (such as volunteering within their child's own class).
- one-off guest appearances such as presentations and concert performances that are supervised by screened staff – eg teachers.
- parents involved in one off events such as sports days, working bees and whole of school events including a swimming program which their child is attending.
- parents or guardians volunteering on a Governing Council that is not the employing authority of an OSHC service (Reidy Park Governing Council is not the employing authority of the OSHC service located at the school).

Examples of when a screening is required:

- parents or guardians attending overnight camps or school sleepovers.
- those in close contact with students with disabilities in special classes or schools.
- sports coaches who are not parents or guardians of a child in the team.
- parent volunteers, if their own child is not involved in the service or activity.

***Please be aware that grandparents assisting with class activities on an ongoing basis require a screening clearance.**

Applying for a relevant history screening.

DECD have an online screening tool at www.decd.sa.gov.au that will clarify the requirements for people seeking information about volunteering in schools. Once a volunteer has been approved through this screening process, the clearance lasts for 3 years. You can also contact the Front Office staff for further assistance and information.

Bushfire Information

Please be aware of the following information regarding the management of bushfire incidents in our local area.

In the event of a bushfire emergency.

If a bushfire or grassfire is approaching or in the vicinity of the school, the safety of everyone at school is the highest priority. In these situations our school will implement its emergency management plan, which will involve:

- Moving students indoors.
- Fill available containers with water.
- Close windows.
- Work with DECD Security and Emergency Management to manage the situation.
- Alert families via the school's SMS service.

Catastrophic Fire days

Catastrophic fire danger days are forecast when conditions are the worst for a bush or grass fire. On these days, schools that are in a high risk areas may be required to close. Reidy Park PS has a low risk bushfire rating which means on days that are forecast catastrophic, the school will remain open.

Parent Bushfire Information Hotline

The Parent Bushfire Information Hotline operates during business hours, with an out of hours messaging service at other times. The hotline is the best source of current and up to date information on bushfire emergencies. The number is: 1800 000 279.

Excursions and Camps

Weather conditions leading up to, and on the day of these activities will be monitored. If a bushfire is burning on the day of an intended camp or excursion and is likely to threaten the destination or return to the school, the activity will be cancelled.

In the event of a bushfire or grass fire impacting on a camp or excursion that is already underway, our school will liaise with DECD Security and Emergency management unit and the Education Director to determine the most appropriate action to take.

Should children be collected if a bushfire incident is near the school?

Whilst this ultimately a parent choice, please consider the following points:

- Will you be travelling through the affected area?
- Road closures may be in place to manage the situation.
- Has the school directly requested that you pick up your child?
- If your child has been moved to a safe area within the school, they are accounted for and supervised.

Emergency Contacts

As you would be well aware, from time to time there is a need for us to contact you directly in regards to sick children or unforeseen emergencies. If you have had some changes to your address, contact numbers, family situation, health issues or you simply need to update details, please contact our Admin staff who will happily make those changes

Tracy Kain , Admin Officer

Student Leaders & Sports Captains

Congratulations to the following students on being elected as Student leaders and Sports Captains for 2017.

Student Leaders - Makenzie K, Kassidy B, Tully Mc Oscar M, Shem W, Ashley B, Miao G and Carla B
Sports Captains Lake - Brady D and Tyler H
Lava - Kasey W and Jensen C
Eaglehawk - Emily B and Luke W
Willow - Brodie A and Mitchell P

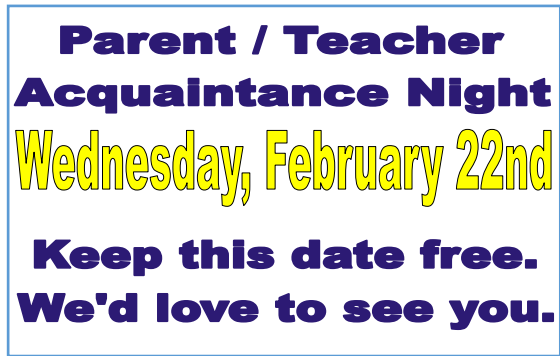
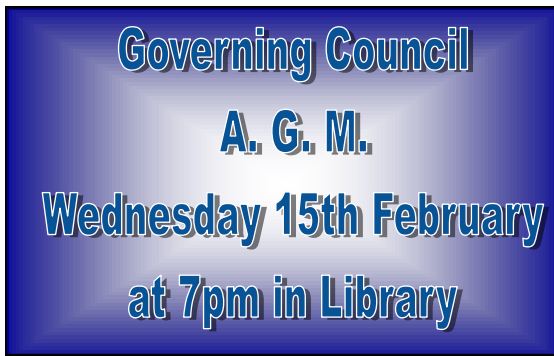
Payment details

Material & Services and Swimming invoices have been sent out this week. If you think you are eligible for school card you can collect the forms from the front office. You can also pay via EFT details are:

Bank SA BSB: 105-002
Account: 041 017 340

Staff 2017

Class Teachers:	
Rm 1 Yr 3/4	Daniella Marcucci
Rm 2 Yr 3/4	Belinda Say
Rm 3 Yr 3/4	Sandi Wilkins
Rm 4 Yr 3	Helen Papastamatis
Rm 5 Yr 5	Kate Symons
Rm 6 Yr 4/5	Sam O'Neill
Rm 7 Yr 4/5	Jennie Mannion
Rm 8 Yr 4/5	Michele Waters
Rm 9 Yr 6/7	Rikki Helps
Rm 10 Yr 6/7	Matt Bannister
Rm 11 Yr 6/7	Renae Perryman
Rm 12 Yr 6/7	Alison Whibley / Jess Magarey
Rm 13 Yr 6/7	Sam Currie / Leanne Forbes
Rm 15 Yr 1/2	Lauren Suggate
Rm 17 Yr 1/2	Gill Andrew
Rm 18 Yr 1/2	Sue Hutchesson / Angela Hopes
Rm 20 Yr 1/2	Bec Hunt
Rm 22 Yr 1	Teresa Grosvenor
Rm 23 Rec & Yr 1	Donna Winckel
Rm 24 Rec	Tamara Fleming
Rm 25 Rec	Liana Hrvatin
Specialist Teachers:	
Italian	Angela D'Onghia
Performing Arts	Andrew Bone (Yr 3-7) Jenny Johnson (Rec-Yr 3)
Health & PE	Heath McShane (Yr 2-7) Renae Cliff (Rec-Yr 2)
Curriculum Leadership:	
Literacy Coordinator	Sue Hutchesson
Numeracy Coordinator	Lauren Suggate
Senior Leader	Sam Currie
Ancillary Staff:	
Business Manager	Judy Hunter
Administration	Tracy Kain Lisa Hunter
Class Support	Andrea Wright Mel Norman Di Miller Deb Muhovics Vicki Johnson
ICT Support	Steven Grosvenor
Library	Michelle Kuller
Pastoral Support Worker	Trudi Shelton



State Teams Sport

If your child is showing an interest in nominating for a state team this year, the following information will be of interest to them.

Further information can be found on the new SAPSASA website <https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport>

As a guide nominations for team sports close a few days prior to the first trial and nominations for individual sports close soon after the championship.

SAPSASA 12 & U Teams	1st Trial
Rugby League	May 19
Aust Football	April 18
Cross Country	June 1 (championship)
Tennis	May 28
Netball	June 4
Softball - G	April 4
Softball - B	April 7
Golf	Aug 31
Hockey – B	June 8
Hockey – G	June 8
Soccer - B	April 20
Soccer - G	May 6
Swimming	Mar 16 (championship)
Diving	Mar 17 (championship)
Basketball - B	Sept 2
Basketball - G	Sept 2
Touch - B	Aug
Touch - G	Aug
Track & Field	Sept 25 (championship)
Cricket - B	April 1
Cricket - G	March 18

Swimming Championships

Thursday February 23rd

This championship is for children born in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and is held at the Aquatic Centre. If your child is interested in participating in this carnival and you haven't received a nomination form, then please contact Mr McShane in the gym before or after school.

Physical Education

This year P. E. will be taken by Mr Heath McShane and Ms Renae Cliff. Please ensure your child wears suitable footwear and clothing on the day of their lesson. Some sandals, although cool on the feet are not suitable for full participation in some activities. Check with your child's class teacher for the appropriate day.

Facebook

Reidy Park Primary School has a Facebook page. Here you will find posts about what's happening in our school, up and coming events and so much more.



<https://www.facebook.com/reidyparkprimaryschool>

Year 3/4/5 School Sports offered in Term 1
Minkey/Hockey.

This sport will be held at 5 pm on Wednesday nights at Blue Lake Sports Park, starting very soon. Children who showed an in interest in playing should have received a note with details.

If you would like your child to get involved and haven't received any information, then please collect a note from the front office and fill it in.

T.Ball

This sport is played at Blue Lake Sports Park on Friday nights, starting on February 10. (Times to be confirmed)

Many students have already returned their forms at the end of last year but if you were not informed and didn't receive a note, then please collect this from the front office and return it by Friday Feb 3rd.







Assemblies

You may notice on our Term Planner that accompanies this newsletter that our Assemblies are held on Thursdays at noon. As always, parents are welcome to attend to view their children exhibit their work, perform or be rewarded for their efforts in and out of the classroom.

Lost Property

Our lost property basket situated in the Front Office area is constantly full. As we start this new year with many new articles of clothing, lunch boxes and bags, please remember to clearly label all of your child's belongings so that they can be easily returned when found.

TERM 1 PLANNER 2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2 Newsletter Assembly 12.30	3/2
WEEK 2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2 Assembly	10/2
WEEK 3	13/2 Yr 6/7 Surf Education 	14/2	15/2 Governing Council AGM, 7pm	16/2 Newsletter	17/2
WEEK 4	20/2 Swimming Rooms 2, 4, 23, 5, 8 and 25 	21/2	22/2 Acquaintance Night	23/2 Assembly	24/2
WEEK 5	27/2 Swimming Rooms 2, 4, 22, 5, 8 and 24 	28/2	1/3	2/3 Newsletter	3/3
WEEK 6	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3 Assembly	10/3
WEEK 7	13/3 Adelaide Cup	14/3	15/3	16/3 Newsletter	17/3
WEEK 8	20/3 Swimming Rooms 6, 7, 20, 1, 3 and 18 	21/3 Harmony Day	22/3 Student Leaders Conference	23/3 School Tour 9.30 Assembly	24/3 1st swimming lesson for Rooms 15 and 17
WEEK 9	27/3 Pupil Free Day	28/3 Swimming Rooms 6, 7, 15, 1, 3 and 17 	29/3	30/3 Newsletter	31/3
WEEK 10	3/4 Canberra Camp 	4/4	5/4	6/4 Assembly	7/4
WEEK 11	10/4	11/4	12/4 Championship Sprints	13/4 Sports Day End of Term 1 Newsletter	14/4 Good Friday