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Term 1, Week 1, 1st February, 2018

**DIARY DATES**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Acquaintance Night</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Swimming Rooms 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 20 &amp; 24</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Governing Council AGM , 7pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Swimming Rooms 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 23 &amp; 25</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Adelaide Cup Day Holiday</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Championship Sprints</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year! We commenced the year with 584 students and 22 classrooms. This includes 75 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 during the first weeks of this term. The purpose of this program is to have a whole school focus on establishing classroom behaviour and work expectations that will provide a strong foundation for the year ahead. Each year we identify common themes for each class to focus on, and this year every class will look to build upon the concept of growth mindset (which is underpinned by the message that we can all improve in our learning through ongoing effort and persistence) and the importance of our school values; Care, Courage and Respect.

During the recent break all classes had a new interactive touch screen installed. These screens have replaced the projectors and whiteboards which were at the end of their use due to maintenance needs and poor image quality. The new screens are the latest version of this technology and will be an excellent resource for each class.

As well as welcoming many new students and their families to our school, we also welcome a number of new staff. These are: Madi Wilson (Rec), Carney Sampson (Yr 2), Rebecca Langford (Yr 3), Andrea McCade (Yr 4), Brydie Merrett (Yr 5) and Julie-Ann Sams (R-7). An exciting addition to our curriculum this year is the introduction of Japanese. This language will be taught by Mrs Judith Coleman and we are looking

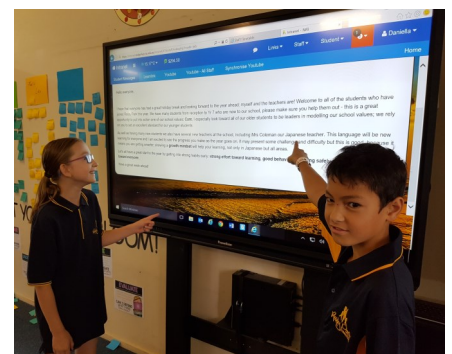
forward to students learning much about the language and culture in this area.

We also offer our congratulations to Liana Hrvatin who was married in January. Our students will now need to remember to call her Mrs Anderson! A complete list of staffing positions for 2017 has been included in this week's newsletter.

Please use the start of the term to reinforce safe pedestrian habits with your child by using 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.

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*



Caitlin and Sahnjai reading the student messages from their classroom's new interactive touch screen.

## 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 8th. This assembly will be used as an opportunity to present our Year 7 student leaders to the school community. Assemblies start at approximately 12.05 and we request that families attending do not enter the gym prior to this time.

### *Acquaintance Night*

Our school Acquaintance Night will be held on Wednesday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Further information about this evening will be sent home in the coming weeks. A BBQ sausage sizzle will be available to families on the night.

### *Annual General Meeting*

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend. After the AGM has finished the first Governing Council meeting for the year will occur. If you are interested in nominating for the school's Governing Council, please fill out the reply slip provided in this week's newsletter.

### *Swimming.*

Please refer to the term calendar provided in this week's newsletter for swimming lesson details for all classes (Rec-Yr7). Unfortunately the organisation who have previously run Surf Education lessons for our Year 6 and 7 students were unable to offer this program to our school this year.

## 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. Students will need to sign in and out at the Front Office. DECD requires schools to keep a record of this information so your assistance with this matter is appreciated.

## Parent Volunteers

Volunteer assistance at school is always greatly appreciated and encouraged. Please find information below for all parents and caregivers who are thinking about volunteering at our school this year.

### **DCSI Screening**

All volunteers that provide ongoing assistance in some capacity require a DCSI Screening. Ongoing assistance can either be regular or irregular, this might mean:

- Once a week.
- Once a fortnight.
- Every day for a week/term.
- Once a term.
- Whenever it fits with other commitments.

Whilst there are some instances that volunteers are not required to complete a DCSI screening (eg. if you are helping with an activity that your child is directly involved in), we encourage all volunteers to get a DCSI

Clearance. It is a relatively easy process and our Front Office staff can assist you.

### **RAN-ED Induction Session**

A further expectation of volunteers is that they complete a RAN-ED induction session which can be completed online. The RAN-ED induction outlines for volunteers their child protection responsibilities and provides guidelines on protective practices.

The online training can be accessed through: <https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf>

You will need to initially set up an account on this website prior to undertaking the online course (which takes approximately 90 minutes to complete).

If you do complete this session, please provide the school with a copy of your certificate of completion.

### **Signing In**

All visitors to the school, including volunteers, are expected to sign in at the Front Office or Library (if listening to reading). This is an important practice in relation DECD Work Health and Safety expectations.

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

## Bushfire Information

### **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. 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 is 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 Contact Numbers

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.

## Payment Details

Material & Services invoices have been posted out to all families. Payment can be made through EFT, details are:

Commonwealth Bank BSB: 065 504

Account: 1038 3426

Another option is to pay by via the Qkr! App on your phone or tablet (search for the app in the app store). Qkr allows families to pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions, incursions and lunches from our canteen service. If you require more information on how to install the app, please see the canteen service insert in this newsletter.

If you think you may be eligible for school card, forms can be collected from the Front Office or online at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) under the heading of Education, Skills and Learning.

## 2018 Student Leaders and Sports Day Captains

Congratulations to the following students on being elected as Student leaders and Sports Captains for 2018.

### Student Leaders:

Luke E, Ruby W, Yah M, Rylee S, Dakota C, Sienna V, Elise J and Katie D

### Sports Captains:

Lake - Kori C and Maddelyn M

Lava - Coco Mc and Matthew S

Eaglehawk - Charlie C and Kate S

Willow - Thomas S and Luran N

## Staff 2018

<b>Leadership</b>	
Principal	Stephen Jolley
Deputy Principal	Sandy Mullen
Senior Leader	Sam Currie
<b>Class Teachers</b>	
Rm 1 Yr 3	Rebecca Langford
Rm 2 Yr 3	Belinda Say
Rm 3 Yr 3/4	Daniella Marcucci
Rm 4 Yr 4	Andrea McCade
Rm 5 Yr 5	Brydie Merrett
Rm 6 Yr 5	Sam O'Neill
Rm 7 Yr 5	Kate Symons
Rm 8 Yr 5	Michele Waters
Rm 9 Yr 7	Rikki Helps
Rm 10 Yr 6/7	Matthew Bannister
Rm 11 Yr 7	Renae Perryman
Rm 12 Yr 6	Alison Whibley/Sam Currie
Rm 13 Yr 6	Jess Magarey
Rm 15 Yr 2	Rebecca Hunt
Rm 16 Yr 2	Carney Sampson
Rm 17 Yr 2	Gill Andrew/Julie-Ann Sams
Rm 20 Rec	Donna Winckel
Rm 21 Yr 1	Lauren Suggate
Rm 22 Yr 1	Liana Anderson
Rm 23 Yr 1	Amy Perryman
Rm 24 Rec	Madi Wilson
Rm 25 Rec	Tamara Fleming
<b>Specialist Teachers:</b>	
Japanese	Judith Coleman
Performing Arts	Andrew Bone (Yr 3-7) Jenny Johnson (Rec-Yr 2)
Health & PE	Heath McShane (Yr 2-7) Renae Cliff (Rec-Yr2)
<b>Ancillary Staff:</b>	
Business Manager	Judy Hunter
Administration	Tracy Kain Lisa Hunter
Class Support	Deb Muhovics Andrea Wright Di Miller Mel Norman Vickie Johnson Taylah Cella
ICT Support	Steven Grosvenor
Library	Michelle Kuller
Pastoral Support Worker	Trudi Shelton
Groundsman	Ken Milsop

## Interoception Awareness

The Limestone Coast District Education Office is lucky enough to have an Autism Advisor appointed this year. All of the schools in our district will be able to tap into this resource to further support our special needs programs, as well as specific classroom processes to ensure the positive wellbeing for many of our students. Michelle McAuley ran a workshop for Reidy Park staff last Thursday on interoception awareness. Many students are not aware of the internal signals that their bodies are giving the brain about their wellbeing and therefore are unable to respond in a way that others do. A few examples of this are when it is time to go to the toilet, feeling hunger or thirst or when the body is cold or over heating. Michelle spoke about strategies that staff can use to help students become aware of these signals as well as giving us a deeper understanding of the needs of children with autism. Interoception is about learning to recognise the change in body state and how to react to these changes before the stress signals reach the brain when a fight or flight situation might occur. Michelle talked about interoception activities that can bring students back to a calm state. Our curriculum support SSOs spent extra time working through the activities. If you would like to know more about interoception you can either contact your child's class teacher or Sandy Mullen.

## Rainbow Reading



We are again seeking volunteers to assist us to continue our fabulous reading program. Rainbow Reading is a program designed to improve the reading skills of children. The program has been very successful in the past

and it can only be continued with the help of parent volunteers. The program involves a student working with a reader over one week. They listen to the story being read to them every day which they are able to access from home via our school website. The volunteer meets with them once a week to hear them read the book, check their comprehension of the book and then set them up with a new book to work on. It is engaging, fun and rewarding. If you are interested in volunteering an hour of your time once a week or would like further information, please call me on 8725 3381 or leave your number and I will call you back.

*Michelle Kuller, Resource Centre*

## Governing Council Nomination

Name .....

Child's Name ..... Room No .....

I hereby submit my nomination to be part of the Reidy Park Primary Governing Council Committee 2018

Signed .....

Please return to the Front Office by Friday Feb 16th.

## Swimming Times

Swimming commences this term. Consent forms and invoices will be sent home with each child shortly. Please see below the times for each class.

February 19th - 23rd (Week 4)

9.15am - 10am: Rooms 3, 7 and 20

12.15 pm - 1pm: Room 2

2.15pm - 3pm: Rooms 5, 6 and 24

February 26th - March 2nd (Week 5)

9.15 am - 10am: Rooms 3, 7 and 23

12.15pm - 1pm: Rooms 2

2.15pm - 3pm: Rooms 5, 6 and 25

March 19th - 23rd (Week 8)

9.15am - 10am: Rooms 9, 11 and 16

10.00am - 10.45: Rooms 12, 13 and 22

1.30pm - 2.15pm: Rooms 1 and 4

2.15pm - 3pm: Rooms 8, 10 and 17

March 26th - 29th (Week 9)

9.15am - 10am: Rooms 9, 11 and 15

10.00am - 10.45: Rooms 12, 13 and 21

1.30pm - 2.15pm: Rooms 1 and 4

2.15pm - 3pm: Rooms 8 and 10

## Year 3, 4 and 5 School T-Ball

T Ball starts on Friday Feb 9th at Blue Lake Sports Park. It is available to children in Year 3, 4 and 5. Games are played from 5pm to 6pm. For families who have not yet registered, and you would like your child to play, please fill in a form available from the Front Office by Friday, Feb 2nd. It costs \$10 for a child to play school sport for the term.

## Lunch Orders

From next week, students are able to order lunches on set days during Term 1 through the online Qkr app (refer to the Canteen Service information page). Lunches are prepared by the canteen at Mulga Street PS and then transported in food safe containers to our school by parent volunteers. If you are able to assist with transport please indicate on the reply slip provided below and return it to the Front Office. Volunteers need to collect the orders from Mulga St at approximately 12.20pm and then deliver them to the Front Office.

## Canteen Reply Slip

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to help on the following days in Term 1.

(circle your choice).

- Wednesday
- Thursday

# Reidy Park Primary School Canteen Service

All ordering needs to be done via an app called **Qkr!** (pronounced 'quicker') – no face to face orders are accepted. Qkr! is a secure system for placing orders and making payments and has been developed by MasterCard. Qkr! comes with all levels of security that MasterCard offer on all of their online banking products. Qkr! is available on smartphones, ipads and desktop and laptop computers.

## Setting Up

1. Download Qkr! on your Android or Iphone (Ipad users must download the Iphone app). This can be done via the Apple App Store or Google Play.
2. Register - Select your country of residence as Australia and follow the steps to register. This will include:
  - a. Providing your email address.
  - b. Creating your own password.

## Setting up your payment cards.

3. Click on the Account tab at the top of the screen. Add your credit card details by clicking on Add Payment Card.
  - a. Enter all of the required information (card holder name, card number, expiry dates etc) and then click Add Payment Card.
  - b. For Card Alias either name it Visa or Mastercard depending on your credit card type. Amex and Diners are not accepted.
  - c. Your payment card will be listed with only the last 4 digits showing. You can delete payment cards by clicking on the Delete button under the card name. You may choose to have receipts emailed to you. You can also have an extra layer of security by choosing a password on checkout.

## Registering your child.

4. Find our school. Our school will appear in 'nearby locations' if you're within 10 kms of our school or search for our school by name. Once you have signed in for the first time, Reidy Park PS should remain as your most recent location and be saved for future purchases.
5. Register your child. When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child/children. This allows you to make orders and payments for them. Information that you will need to provide about your child includes:
  - a. First and last name.
  - b. Gender
  - c. Year level and Room number.Complete all the required information and then click 'add child'.
6. At this stage you can add other children if needed. You can also edit the information by clicking on the child's name or remove them from the list by clicking on the 'x'.

## Ordering.

7. Sign in to the Qkr! app.
8. Click on Reidy Park Primary School option.
9. Select the ordering day for your child's classroom
  - a. Wednesdays: Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 22, 23, 24 and 25.
  - b. Thursdays: Rooms 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20 and 21.
10. A yellow box will be highlighted – click the shaded box below this selected date.
11. The menu options will now appear at the top of the screen. Options are provided in the following categories: Drinks, Salad Plates, Sandwiches, Rolls, Hot and Tasty, Toasted Sandwiches, Pita Wraps, Foccacia, Amber Food and Snacks.
12. Click on the item that you wish to order (a prompt will appear asking how many of the item you wish to order and an 'add to cart' instruction).
13. Continue making your menu choices until all of your selections have been made. Once this has occurred, you can either:
  - a. Order for another child by selecting their name.
  - b. Go to the 'checkout' to finalise the order and make payment. Please note a message will appear that says 'Pay Mulga Street PS Canteen', this is correct as all orders are being managed by them.
  - c. Orders can be made up until 7.30am on your child's set day.

# TERM 1 PLANNER 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	29/1	30/1	31/1	1/2 Newsletter	2/2
<b>WEEK 2</b>	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2 Assembly	9/2
<b>WEEK 3</b>	12/2	13/2	14/2 <b>Aquaintance Night</b>	15/2 Newsletter	16/2
<b>WEEK 4</b>	19/2 Swimming Rooms 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 20 and 24	20/2	21/2 <b>Governing Council AGM, 7pm</b>	22/2 Assembly	23/2
<b>WEEK 5</b>	26/2 Swimming Rooms 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 23 and 25	27/2	28/2	1/3 Newsletter	2/3
<b>WEEK 6</b>	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3 Assembly	9/3
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>12/3 Adelaide Cup</b>	13/3	14/3	15/3 Newsletter	16/3
<b>WEEK 8</b>	19/3 Swimming Rooms 1, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 22	20/3	21/3	22/3 School Tour Assembly	23/3
<b>WEEK 9</b>	26/3 Swimming Rooms 1, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 21 and 25	27/3	28/3	29/3 Newsletter	<b>30/3 Good Friday</b>
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>2/4 Easter Monday</b>	3/4	4/4	5/4 Championship Sprints & Assembly	6/4 Sports Day
<b>WEEK 11</b>	9/4 Year 4/5 Camp	10/4	11/4	12/4 Newsletter	13/4 End of Term