



DIARY DATES

Wednesday	February	13	Parent Acquaintance Evening	
Wednesday	February	20	Governing Council Annual General Meeting (guest speaker - Chris Sheldon)	7.00pm
Monday	March	25	Pupil Free Day	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1, Week 1, January 30th, 2013

Welcome Back

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2013. We hope everyone has had a wonderful school break with your children, and they are returning refreshed and ready for the new school year.

This year promises some exciting changes. This term the Assistant Regional Director Chris Sheldon will begin the process for the selection of the new Principal. My last day will be May 29th, and we expect that the Deputy Principal Lesley Okholm will take on the role of Acting Principal until the end of Term 2.

Hopefully the new Principal will be appointed from the beginning of Term 3. We will keep you well informed of the proceedings.

Please note this Newsletter is an important communication device. It will be sent home fortnightly, or emailed on request. It is also available on our school website.

Other Staff News

We welcome back a number of staff - Heath McShane who has been on a years teaching exchange in Colorado, U.S.A. Lisa McKenzie and Renae Cliff who return from maternity leave and are sharing a class. We also welcome Amber Carson who is replacing Alan Hogg teaching Phys. Ed. across the school. Alan is on long service leave till the end of Term 2. We also welcome another new staff member Sue Hutchesson from Mulga Street and Jaime Jones from Newbery Park who is our new full time Admin Officer working in the Front Office.

2013 Staff Deployment

Year 6/7	Sam O'Neill	
6/7	Alison Whibley	
6/7	Nick Savage	
6/7	Renee Stilo	- also Coordinator for Student Well Being
6/7	Daniel Castle	
4/5	Heath McShane	
4/5	Jennie Mannion	
4/5	Anella Di Biase	
4/5	Renae Perryman	
4/5	Belinda Say	
4/5	Peter Clayfield & Angela D'Onghia	
3	Rikki Helps	- also Coordinator ICT Research Innovation & Engagement
3	Sandi Wilkens	
2/3	Lisa McKenzie & Renae Cliff	
2	Sue Hutchesson	



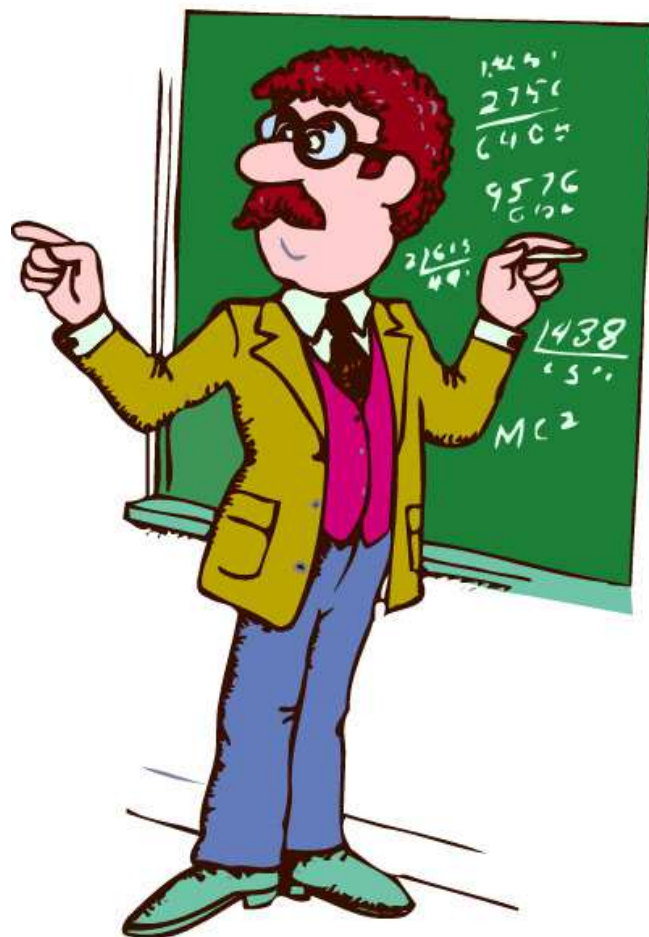
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Year 2	Rebecca Hunt
1	Gill Andrew
1	Teresa Shaw
1	Jodie Ellery
Continuing Receptions	Meredith Dent & Sue Mouat
Continuing Receptions	Lauren Manser
Receptions	Abby Height
Special Ed/Special Needs	Lesley Okholm
Physical Education R-7	Amber Carson
Visual Arts R-7	Leanne Syron
Performing Arts	Sue Mouat
Performing Arts	Andrew Bone
Italian	Angela D'Onghia
Teacher Librarian	Jenny Johnson
Senior Leader	Andrew Bone
Deputy Principal	Lesley Okholm
Principal	Barb Munt
Finance Officer	Gay Brooker
Admin Officer	Jaime Jones
Admin Officer	Jayne Hickman
Library & Data	Tracy Kain
Library	Maria Knightly
Classroom Support, Special Ed. & Publicity Officer	Andrea Wright
Special Ed & Special Needs	Mel Norman & Deb Muhovics Di Miller & Yvonne Pace
School Chaplain & Special Ed.	Josie Phillips
Canteen Manager	Jeanie Clark



Coming Events - Parent Acquaintance Evening

Please keep Wednesday, February 13th free for our Parent Acquaintance evening. A timetable and information will be sent home separately by early next week.

Coming Events - Pupil Free Day

In an endeavour to keep you well informed, we wish to give you forewarning of a school closure day on Monday, March 25th. This early notice will hopefully enable parents to plan work rosters for care of your children on this day.

Annual General Meeting

It has been our practice to hold our A.G.M. at the conclusion of the Parent Acquaintance Evening. Feedback from parents has been that if you have a child in younger year levels, it is a long time to wait for the meeting to commence. This year we have scheduled it to take place on Wednesday, February 20th at 7.00pm in the School Library. The guest speaker for this meeting will be Chris Sheldon, Assistant Regional Director who will be talking about the process of filling the Principal position. Another agenda item will be a proposal to alter our school day to begin and finish earlier. Parents who are unable to attend the meeting but would like to join Governing Council are invited to nominate in writing.

Reporting Policy

At the end of the year you would have received your child's end of year written report. This was the final stage of our revised reporting policy which is as follows;

Week 3	Term 1	Parent Acquaintance Evening
6	1	Parent / Teacher Interviews
9 & 10	Term 2	3 Way Parent / Teacher / Student interviews. Record of grades given to parent.
8	Term 4	Written Report. Parents may also request interviews at any time if there is a concern.

BARB MUNT
PRINCIPAL

LESLEY OKHOLM
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ANDREW BONE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

School Fees for 2013

Invoices for 2013 M. & S. Charges and Swimming will be sent home next week. Attached to these invoices will be the following;

- Instalment Plan for paying 2013 M. & S. Charges
- 'Procedures for Parents' choosing to pay by Bizgate

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks, Gay Brooker (Finance Officer)

Uniforms

Thank you to everyone for supporting our school uniform policy. A reminder that in Term 1 and 4 students must wear an approved school hat.

Mobile Phones

Over the past few years the numbers of mobile phones brought to school has steadily increased. Our policy has been that these are handed in to the Front Office and collected at the end of the day. Due to the numbers, we are now altering this and asking students to hand their phones to their class teacher who will then put them in a secure place in the classroom. We do need to remind parents that all care will be taken including keeping them under lock and key, but we cannot take responsibility if something happens. If you are uncomfortable with this please do not send a mobile phone with your child to school.

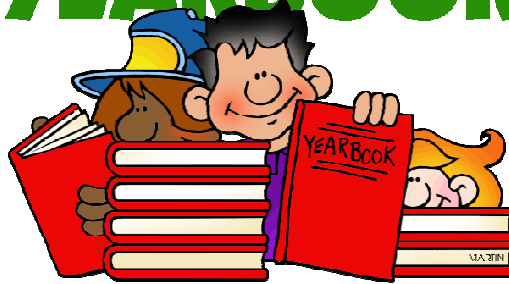
Canteen

Canteen Manager Jeanie Clark is excited about the new year and advises all parents that a new menu and price list will be sent home in Week 3 and as always, encourages all parents to drop in and see how the place runs. Any help from between 12.00 - 1.30 on a daily basis (except Mondays) will be warmly welcomed and Jeanie ensures a fun time while you work. We encourage you to purchase the 'stickybeaks' reusable lunch bags available through the Front Office and if you have any queries please contact the school.

Year Book 2012

Our Year Book for 2012 is in the final process of being published and we take this opportunity to offer you one last chance to order a memento of your child's schooling. Our final closing date for any late orders will be Friday, February 8th at a cost of only \$25 each. Anyone who is unsure may view the 2011 Year Book at the Front Office to help you in making your decision.

YEARBOOK



2012 YEAR BOOK ORDER

Parent Name

Student Name

Contact Number

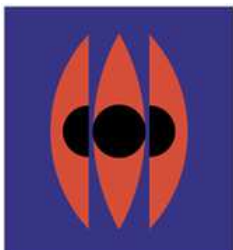
I wish to order Year Book/s at a cost of \$25 each

Payment is required with this order at the Front Office before Friday, February 8th 2013. Any cheques are to be made payable to Reidy Park Primary School.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder

The City Bus Service has asked that patrons remember their service is NOT a free service. Children continually come onto the buses with no money for their fare to school or home after school. This puts the driver in an awkward situation and it is unfair for other children that travel on the bus and pay for their trips. If parents have any queries please call Brian McCormick or Jo Sykes on 87249978 during business hours.



Bank S. A.

For the start of Term 1, Bank SA is offering all students who open a new Incentive Saver Account via the school a \$10 Gift Voucher, which will be deposited into your child's account once opened.

All children under 13 years who open an account with Bank SA will also receive a Digger the Wombat Money Box, Little Savers Calculator, Little Savers Library Bag and a School Bank Wallet. Little Savers is Bank SA's special saving club for kids and it's all about having fun and learning how to save! Take a look at the Little Savers website littlesavers.com.au

Bank SA

This offer is available until March 30th, 2013 and is for new customers only. For more details or to collect a Bank SA Application Pack, please call into the school office.

South Australian Cricket Association (SACA)

The South Australian Cricket Association is running a junior cricket carnival for boys and girls across the Upper South East from ages 8 - 11. The carnival will be held in Naracoorte on Sunday, February 24th.

SACA is inviting registrations from boys and girls who will then be placed into teams with other students from their town or area. They will then participate in a round-robin tournament with prizes for winning teams and giveaways to all participants. All equipment is provided, no cricket experience is necessary, and the day is completely free!

For more information or to register your interest please contact Tom Rutherford at trutherford@saca.com.au or on 0883003213.



Blue Lake Soccer Club Open Day

U 10, U 12, U 14, U 17 & Seniors.

New and existing players most welcome.

For details please contact Sports Director Lew Ferguson on 0439819066 or email blfc@hotmail.com.au

Erin Bell Netball Clinics

The Mount Gambier Netball Association proudly presents the Erin Bell Netball Clinics. This Australian Diamonds Netballer will be holding clinics on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd February at Tenison Woods College, Mt Gambier. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to improve your skills. Fine tune your skills ready for the winter season, learn new and innovative drills from a professional athlete and most of all have FUN.

The sessions consist of:

- Correct Warm Up Procedure Footwork / Agility Ball Work
- Passing
- Defending Skills
- Individual & Partner Skills
- Attacking skills
- Reflex Work
- Match Simulation



Check out 100netball.com.au online shop to book your session and you will be emailed a detailed program once you have registered. Click on online shop - erin bell clinics - choose your age clinic. Clinics range in age from 5-7 years (\$30) to 17+ Seniors (\$40). Clinics will go for 1.5 hours plus ½ hour photo and autograph opportunities. Don't miss out.