



DIARY DATES

Wednesday	February	13	Parent Acquaintance Evening	TONIGHT !
Monday	February	18	Swimming Lessons Commence	
Wednesday	February	20	Governing Council Annual General Meeting (guest speaker - Ms Chris Sheldon)	7.00pm
Wednesday	February	27	Year 6/7 Canberra Camp Information Session	P. A. C.
Monday	March	4	Two Way Interviews Commence	
Monday	March	11	Adelaide Cup Holiday	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1, Week 3, February 13th, 2013

Parent Acquaintance Evening

A reminder that our parent acquaintance evening will be held this Wednesday evening. Information has been sent out to you regarding the timetable for open classrooms and the teachers times where they will be presenting to the parents. The Governing Council will again be organising a barbecue and drinks in the quad. We hope you take the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and have a look around our school.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the school will be held on Wednesday 20th February, beginning at 7.00pm in the school library. The guest speaker will be Ms Chris Sheldon, Assistant Regional Director, Limestone Coast, who will be chairing the panel to select the new Principal. Ms Sheldon will talk about this process and the involvement of parents and staff. Following this, brief reports will be presented and elections for the 2013 Governing Council will be held.

Retiring Council members who may nominate for a further 2 year term are:

- Andrew Hunter
- Cathy Lunnay
- John Miles

Councillors who were elected in 2012 and have a further year to serve are:

- Lorenza McMahon
- Sonya Dyson
- Shirley Johnston
- Susan Andrae
- Aaron Warden
- Fiona Jeffs
- Stephanie Beck

If you are interested in joining our Governing Council, you may either attend the meeting or nominate in writing by returning the reply slip included with the newsletter, or by email to dl.0290_info@schools.sa.edu.au

Year 6/7 Camp

For the first time we are offering our students in Year 6/7 the opportunity to attend a camp in Canberra. Although this is a long way to travel the benefits are worthwhile. The students will have the opportunity to visit venues not open to the usual tourists. This also addresses an important part of the Australian History Curriculum. The excursion has been heavily subsidised and is in fact only \$30 more than the students would have paid to attend a much shorter aquatics camp in Victor Harbour. Deposits are due now so that numbers can be confirmed. We will hold a meeting on Wednesday 27th February at 7.00pm for parents who would like further information.



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Welcome To Reidy Park

This term we have welcomed 21 new reception students to our school and 12 new families. We know that you will enjoy your time with us over the coming years.

Receptions	Tyson Cooley Sarah England Maya Lamb Freddie Muller Aaron Sagocsoc Shania Whitehead	Jim Davis Brooke Hammond Summer Mackereth Chloe Newton Aaron Schneider	Mackenzie Davis Tora Jones Declan Malinowski Thomas Robinson Zarah Sugden	Charlotte Egan Darcy Kerr Aden McCallum Luca Foulstone Leo Thompson
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Families	Boult Keding Schultz	Bowd Moulton Spencer	Buckmaster Pfitzner Timms	Hamilton Savage Wilkinson
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BARB MUNT
PRINCIPAL

LESLEY OKHOLM
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ANDREW BONE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ICAS Dates

As always we like to keep you well informed, so with this in mind, following are the dates for upcoming International Competitions And Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Letters will accompany those children interested in participating at a time closer to the dates mentioned.

ICAS Subject	ICAS Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price (GSTinc.)
Computer Skills	Tuesday, May 21st	Tuesday, April 23rd	\$8.80
Science	Wednesday, June 5th	Tuesday, May 8th	\$8.80
Writing	Monday, June 17th	Monday, May 20th	\$18.70
Spelling	Tuesday, June 18th	Tuesday, May 21st	\$12.10
English	Wednesday, July 31st	Tuesday, July 3rd	\$8.80
Mathematics	Tuesday, August 13	Tuesday, July 16th	\$8.80

Christian Pastoral Support

Later this Term the 'Seasons for Growth' Program will commence. This program addresses issues of change and loss which affect all of us at some stage in our lives. We know when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce, moving schools, relocating the family etc. that children may need a helping hand to cope. Our program is designed to help students with these issues. It focuses on self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision making, effective communication and support networking. It is held in small groups and runs for 8-9 weeks, in sessions of 45 minutes. If you think that your child would benefit from this, please inform your child's class teacher.



Josie Phillips
Christian Pastoral Support Worker



Learning Assistance Volunteers Needed

In the past we have run a Learning Assistance Program (L.A.P.) in the school. A program where volunteers, in partnership with teachers, work with students on a one to 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.

If you are interested in becoming a LAP volunteer please contact Coordinator Sue Mouat by calling the school to make an appointment. We would love to have you.

Cyber-safety Use Agreement for Reception to Year 7 Students

Later this week your child will receive our new 'Cyber-Safety Use Agreement'. We have had to make significant changes to our previous agreement to reflect student learning from *Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum* and meet Departmental requirements.

As a part of the partnership between school and home, please read through this document to ensure you and your child are aware of Reidy Park's expectations of how ICTs will be used at school. All students are required to return the signed agreement before they will be allowed to continue use of ICTs. Please keep the pamphlet at home to refer to as needed.

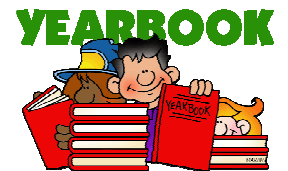
In the coming weeks we will be hosting information sessions to support families in understanding cyber-safety for their children.

Rikki Helps

ICT Research, Innovation & Engagement Coordinator

Year Book 2012

Get your 2012 Yearbook now! If you want to see our Year book continue in years to come, PLEASE order 2012 copies now! Talk to other parents and twist their arms. It is a fabulous memoire for your child and will become a treasured keepsake as they get older. At this stage, the school is losing money on its production due to lack of orders.



Canteen News

With your newsletter today you will have received an updated canteen price list. With Winter not far away, we have made some changes to suit. You will notice a much greater variety of foods on offer, including the return of sandwiches. Unfortunately, as always, there have also been included some price increases so when next you order your child's lunch, remember to check the new additions and current prices.

As always, Jeanie will answer any questions you may have and will warmly welcome any assistance you can offer in the canteen. Please call the school to find out more.

Term Planner

Accompanying this newsletter you should find a term planner for you to place on your fridge. We encourage you to add to it as the term progresses any significant events either whole school or within your child's class. This way you can keep abreast of what is going on in our school community well in advance.

Finance Reminders

For parents paying by instalment, I wish to remind you of the following dates for the 2013 Materials and Services Charge:

1st instalment	Friday 15th February
2nd instalment	Friday 15th March
3rd instalment	Friday 3rd May
4th instalment	Friday 7th June

Orders for Year 7 jumpers close Friday 15th February.

Year 6/7 Camp deposits must be paid by Friday 22nd February

Gay Brooker
Finance Officer



Governing Council Nomination Form

NAME CHILD'S NAME RM NO...

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

SIGNED

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Day Care

Family Day Care are looking for people interested in a rewarding Career working with children in your own home. An opportunity to supplement the family income and spend more time with your own children. Providers require a Certificate III in Children's Services before they start operating as a business. For more information telephone: **1300 551 890** or visit <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/familydaycare>

Southern Country Family Day Care

Children and young people are at the centre of everything we do

Western Border Netball Association

The Western Border Netball Association is planning to expand its current competition form to add extra grades in both Junior and Senior Competitions. Clubs are now calling for all interested players to attend their registration days, with dates and times advertised in local papers. Players are eligible to play if they are aged 8yrs or older as at December 31st of the playing year. For further information please contact Kate Capewell at [wbna@wbfl.net.au](mailto:wbn@wbfl.net.au)



Double Helix Science Club

Engaging Ecology. Imagine you are a predator stalking your prey. How much food do you have to eat to stay alive and where does the energy in your food come from? Join in the fun Thursday, February 14th from 6.45pm in the Tenison-Woods College Science Lab. Students 5 years + are welcome at a cost of \$1.00 for members, \$3.00 for non-members, \$5.00 per family. To book a place contact Vanessa on 8725 5455 or email courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au



East Gambier Junior Football Club

Registration and Coaching Clinics with Senior Coach and players will commence Friday, February 22nd at 5.30pm with a sausage sizzle to follow. All intending players welcome for Under 12s and Under 14s. For more information contact Heather on **0412 871 619**.

Army Cadets

The 48th Army Cadet Unit (Mt Gambier) is seeking new members to join. A national youth development program with the character and values of the Australian Army, cadets participate in ceremonial parades, field craft, navigational exercises as well as learning to use service firearms. Cadets have many opportunities to develop their leadership and teamwork skills in a fun and supportive environment. Open to all young people aged between 12½ to 18 years with parade every Friday night during the school terms from 7 to 10pm at the Army Reserve Depot, Shepherdson Road, Mt Gambier. For further enquires please call Ben Haggett on **0418 851 072** or Rod Wewer on **0417 603 508**.

Child Safe Officer

By December 2013, all sport and recreation organizations must provide a Child Safe Environment. To support this requirement it is recommended that clubs appoint a Child Safe Officer. Training is now available in Kingston, Monday 4th March and Millicent, Tuesday 5th March. To register, contact Field Officer Josephine Duigan on **0400 262 738** or [\(E\)beactive@selga.sa.gov.au](mailto:(E)beactive@selga.sa.gov.au)



Blue Lake Y Swim Club

Come and try sessions are being held at the Mt Gambier Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 26th February and Thursday 28th February from 4.30 to 5.30pm. Interested swimmers are urged to contact Bec Spicer on **0418 898 540** or www.bluelakeyswimclub.com.au