



DIARY DATES				
Friday	7	February	Assembly	12 noon
Monday	17	February	Swimming Lessons Commence	
Wednesday	19	February	Acquaintance Night	
Wednesday	19	February	Annual General Meeting	
Monday	24	February	Swimming Lessons Continue	
Monday	3	March	Interviews Commence	
Thursday	6	March	PUPIL FREE DAY	
Monday	10	March	Adelaide Cup Holiday	
Monday	17	March	Swimming Lessons Round 2	
Monday	24	March	Swimming Lessons Continue	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1, Week 1, January 31st, 2014

Welcome Back

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2014. We hope everyone has had a wonderful school break with your children, and they have returned refreshed and ready for the new school year.

Our staff have been very busy preparing classrooms and programs for the new year. Rooms are looking fresh and inviting and it was fantastic to see and greet so many students and parents on Tuesday morning. I am sure children arrived with excitement and some trepidation as they joined a new teacher and classmates, as do many parents. What you may not be aware of is how nervous teachers are also, as they try to make the very best possible start they can. Forming good relationships with parents is hugely important in ensuring our school is a safe and caring place.



Staff News

We welcome Ms Chris Sheldon as our Principal. Chris has been very active in classrooms in the first days ensuring she meets every child and as many parents as possible. Unfortunately, the passing of her mother last Thursday means she has urgent family business to attend to, so after her day here on Tuesday, she will be absent until Tuesday 4th February. We look forward to welcoming her back then.

Other Staff News

We welcome the following teachers to our school this year. Jess Duke in Room 19 teaching Year 1/2, Michelle Schutz in Room 21 teaching J. P. Italian and Jen Herbert in Room 4 teaching Year 5.

2014 Staff

Year	7	Nick Savage
	7	Jess Magarey
	6/7	Sam O'Neill
Year	6	Daniel Castle
	6	Sami Collins
	6	Alison Whibley
Year	5	Peter Clayfield/Angela D'Onghia
	5	Renae Perryman
	5	Jen Herbert
	3/4	Helen Papastamatis/Rikki Helps - and Coordinator ICT Research Innovation & Engagement
	3/4	Helen Papastamatis/Sandi Wilkens - and Coordinator Student Wellbeing

Year	3/4	Belinday Say
	3/4	Jennie Mannion
	2/3	Leanne Syron
	1/2	Teresa Shaw
	1/2	Rebecca Hunt
	1/2	Gill Andrew
	1/2	Jess Duke
	1/2	Jodie Ellery
	R/1	Liana Hrvatin
	Receptions	Meredith Dent & Sue Mouat
	Receptions	Lauren Manser
	Receptions	Abby Height



Specialist Subjects:

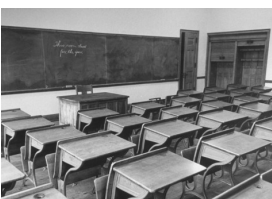
Physical Education R-7	Heath McShane
Italian	Michelle Schutz (J. P.) & Angela D'Onghia
Performing Arts	Sue Mouat
Performing Arts	Andrew Bone
Assistant Principal	Sue Hutchesson
Deputy Principal	Lesley Okholm
Principal	Chris Sheldon
Finance Officer	Gay Brooker
Admin Officers	Tracy Kain & Jayne Hickman
Library & Data	Louise Wheller & 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
ICT Support	Steven Grosvenor

Parent Acquaintance Night & Governing Council AGM

Please keep Wednesday, February 19th free for our Parent Acquaintance evening and AGM. A timetable and information will be sent home separately by early next week.

Reporting Policy

Week	4	Term 1	Parent Acquaintance Evening
	6/7	1	Parent / Teacher Interviews
	9 & 10	Term 2	3 Way Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews / Graded Report
	8	Term 4	Written Report. Parents may also request interviews at any time if there is a concern.



Pupil Free Day

Advanced warning that the school will be closed on **Thursday 6th March** for staff Training & Development in Restorative Practises and Circles, as part of reviewing our Student Behaviour Management policies and wellbeing programs.

Chris Sheldon
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sue Hutchesson
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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

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.

With the introduction of our new 'Uniform Shop', we would like to inform you of the opening times. It will be open on Mondays from 8:30 to 9:30am. If you cannot find it, please ask at the Office.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOUNT GAMBIER
LIBRARY
LEARN CONNECT EXPLORE



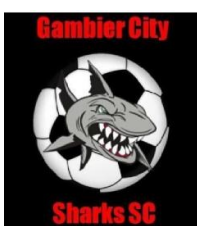
Mount Gambier Library Presents

The Mount Gambier Library is thrilled to present an author event with internationally recognised crime writer, Michael Robotham, on Wednesday 19th February at 6.00pm.

Tickets are just \$7.00 which includes supper and available from the Mount Gambier Library.

City School Bus Service Reminder

Please note that the School City Bus Service has a code of conduct and behaviour on our buses and would like to see all students abide by the rules for the safety of all concerned. We are not a free service so would appreciate students having the correct money when travelling to and from school. Fare prices are \$1.10 per trip or our student multi trip ticket 10 x trips for \$8.60 per ticket. Also we have our student concession pass 4 weeks at \$24.80. Hope you all have a happy 2014. Any queries please call [Michael Suto](#) or [Jo Sykes](#) **87249978** during business hours.



Gambier City Sharks Soccer Club

We need players of ALL ages. Anyone interested in playing this season please contact Sports Director - Paul Alvey on **0478 730 131**. Training Nights are held at Shark Park at the rear of East Gambier Football Oval. Season commences 30th March 2014.

Juniors (Ages 5-9)	Wed	5:30 pm - 6:30pm
Juniors (Ages 10-14)	Mon/Wed	4:30 pm - 6:00pm
Juniors (Ages 15-17)	Tue/Thurs	6:00 pm - 7:30pm

World's Greatest Shave

Hi, my name is Aanya. I'm in Year 6 and I am doing the World's Greatest Shave. I decided to do this because many people I love have been touched by cancer. I've also lost loved ones to cancer as well. I want to help the children that are affected by cancer. I want them to know that people care and that losing your hair doesn't change who you are. I was prepared to cut my ponytail off if I raised \$500. This week I have already raised over \$750, so it's bye-bye ponytail! I will shave the rest of my hair off if I get to \$1000 to show my support for those affected by cancer.



The World's Greatest Shave will be held on Thursday March 13th at 6:00pm at the 'Marketplace'. I am having a BBQ at Masters on February 16th and will also be doing some fundraising around the school as well. You can keep up to date with what I am doing by checking out my facebook page:

www.facebook.com/aanyasworldsgreatestshave or by going directly to my webpage

www.my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/aanyawarden I look forward to keeping you all updated in my efforts!

Aanya W
& her family



DEFINITELY YOUR LAST CHANCE !!!

2013 YEAR BOOK ORDER

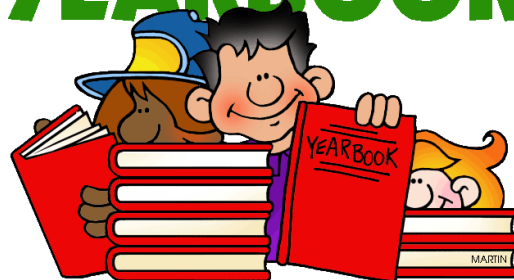
Parent Name

Student Name

Contact Number

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

YEARBOOK



Payment is required with this order at the Front Office before Wednesday, February 5th 2014. Any cheques are to be made payable to Reidy Park Primary School.

TERM 1 PLANNER - 2014

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 2	3/2 Uniform Shop Open	4/2	5/2	6/2	7/2 Assembly
WEEK 3	10/2 Uniform Shop	11/2	12/2 Newsletter	13/2	14/2
WEEK 4	17/2 Uniform Shop Swimming commences	18/2	19/2 Acquaintance Night Governing Council AGM	20/2	21/2 Assembly
WEEK 5	24/2 Uniform Shop Swimming Continues	25/2	26/2 Newsletter	27/2	28/2
WEEK 6	3/3 Uniform Shop Interviews commence	4/3	5/3	6/3 Pupil Free Day	7/3 Assembly
WEEK 7	10/3 Adelaide Cup Holiday	11/3	12/3 Newsletter	13/3	14/3
WEEK 8	17/3 Uniform Shop Swimming commences	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3 Assembly Harmony Day
WEEK 9	24/3 Uniform Shop Swimming continues	25/4	26/4 Newsletter	27/3	28/3
WEEK 10	31/3 Uniform Shop	1/4	2/4	3/4	4/4 Assembly
WEEK 11	7/4 Uniform Shop Yr 4 Camp Sovereign Hill	8/4	9/4 Newsletter Yr 5 Camp Sovereign Hill	10/4	11/4