

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



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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 & S

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 Louise Wheller & Maria Knightly Library & Data

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 Lesley Okholm Sue Hutchesson **PRINCIPAL** DEPUTY PRINCIPAL 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 unforseen 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.

Tracv 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.





School Fees

By now you should have received two invoices in regards to Swimming Lessons and School Fees. These invoices also supplied information on payment details. If you have not received your information please contact me so that a copy can be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Gay Brooker Finance Officer

Swimming Lessons

Lesson for most classes will commence in Weeks 4 & 5 of this term with other classes participating in their lessons during Weeks 8 & 9. We ask that you ensure your child is well equipped with their bathers, towel, goggle etc. and underwear. Further information will be sent to you soon.

Lost Property

Our 'Lost Property Basket' situated in the Front Office area is a constant problem with overflow. As we start this new year with many new articles of clothing, lunch boxes and bags, please remember to clearly label <u>all</u> of your child's belongings so that they can be easily returned to them when found. With the younger children, please also consider labelling their shoes as they also cause issues at the sand pit when removed for play.



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.



Reidy Park Café

You will have received information of an exciting new service being offered from our canteen, on Fridays. We are very hopeful that families will take advantage of what is provided, enabling the service to continue. At this stage orders for a Friday service will need to be in the Friday prior to enable students from the Independent Learning Centre (ILC) to collate and organise.

Kate McDonough ILC Coordinator

Learning Assistance Volunteers

In the past we have run a 'Learning Assistance Program' (L.A.P.) in the school. LAP is a program where volunteers, in partnership with teachers, work with students in a one on one basis for 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 me on 87 253381.

Sue Mouat LAP Coordinator



Assemblies

You may notice on our Term Planner that accompanies this newsletter that Assemblies have been moved from Wednesdays to Fridays 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.

Fortnightly Newsletter Editions

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

Term Planner

Accompanying this newsletter is a Term Planner that you may like to attach to your fridge at home to assist with organisation for your child's Term 1. We hope that it will help with the forward planning in your home. Please add to it as information goes home.

Physical Education

This year P. E. will be taken by Mr Heath McShane. 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. *Thanks!*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

2013 YEAR BOOK ORDER



DEFINITELY YOUR LAST CHANCE!!!

EUIS I LAIR BOOK OF	ROLK			
Parent Name				
Student Name				
Contact Number				
I wish to order Ye	ear Book/s at a cost of \$25 each			



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