



<u>DIARY DATES</u>			
Friday	2	May	3rd Instalment School Fees Due
Monday	5	May	Auskick commences 3:30pm
Monday	5	May	Fundraising Committee Meeting
Tuesday	6	May	Finance Committee Meeting CANCELLED
Wednesday	7	May	Grounds Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7	May	Governing Council Meeting
Thursday	8 & 9	May	Da Vinci Exhibition excursions
Friday	9	May	Next Assembly 12:00 noon
Saturday	10	May	BBQ Fundraiser @ She's Apples 8:00 - 2:00
Tuesday	13	May	NAPLAN Testing begins
Thursday	15	May	White Lion FUN DAY
Friday	16	May	Cross Country in Naracoorte

Term 2, Week 1, April 30th, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The NAPLAN will commence on Tuesday 13th May and concludes Thursday 15th May. Friday 16th May will be a catch up day for students who were absent from school on the previous days of testing.

- Tuesday 13th May Language Conventions and Writing will be tested
- Wednesday 14th May Reading will be tested
- Thursday 15th May Numeracy will be tested
Year 7 students sit two Numeracy tests one without a calculator and the other calculator assisted.



It is expected that all students in years 3, 5 and 7 will participate in the NAPLAN tests on each of the three days outlined above.

A very small number of students with disabilities whose disability severely limits their capacity to participate may be exempted from sitting the tests. Recently we made contact with parents of these children to discuss the situation with them.

Other students may be withdrawn from the testing program by parents after consideration by individual parents in consultation with the child's teacher and principal. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. All withdrawals must be completed by Monday May 6th.

Please note we strongly encourage full participation by all students, however we encourage you to come in and meet with the class teacher, deputy or principal to discuss any concerns.



ANZAC Day

This year Anzac Day fell during the school holidays. Our year 7 student leaders, Dan Castle and I attended our local Dawn Service to lay a wreath and remember the sacrifice of our service men and women. I would like to thank Dan and the senior students for rising early on what was a bitterly cold morning in the school holidays to represent the school at this important ceremony.

At our first assembly this term I will be speaking briefly to the students about the significance of Anzac Day

National Walk to School Day

Friday 23rd May is National Walk to School Day. I would like to encourage families to take up this challenge and leave the car at home to walk to school. Even parking a bit further away than usual and walking just a little bit extra is a healthy option for our children.

<p>Government of South Australia Department for Education and Child Development</p>	<p>Principal: Deputy Principal: Assistant Principal: Governing Council Chairperson: Phone: 8725 3381 Website: http://www.reidyprkps.sa.edu.au</p>	<p>Chris Sheldon Lesley Okholm Sue Hutchesson Andrew Hunter Fax: 8725 0576 Email: dl.0290_info@schools.sa.edu.au</p>	<p>learning together, caring together.</p>

Welcome

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to our newest staff member Donna Winckel who will be teaching the Room 16 Reception Class whilst Meredith Dent is on leave for this term. Donna studied Early Childhood Education at the Magill Campus of the University of SA and has spent the last eight years teaching in London. She comes to us highly recommended by both the principal of her previous school and the community where she has been working. It is great to have you with us at Reidy Park, Donna!

Chris Sheldon
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sue Hutchesson
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Auskick Commences

Auskick Clinics begin Monday 5th May from 3:30pm - 4:30pm on the school Oval. Registrations close Friday 2nd May. Register now on aflauskick.com.au Please remember that your child must be supervised by a parent/carer for the duration of the clinic.

Jodie Ellery
Auskick Coordinator



Fundraising BBQ

We hope to see you at She's Apples on Saturday 10th May, for a hot sausage! A small raffle, with hamper donated by 'She's Apples' will be on sale at the BBQ.

Lesley Okholm
Deputy Principal



Our Library Needs Your Help

We are in the middle of an enormous book cull, and need some help to get these deleted from our system, in the next couple of weeks. We also need help with some repairs, and covering. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Tracy K at the Front Office and let her know when and how you are able to assist.

Numeracy . . . Counting forwards/ backwards.

Counting on is the first step in developing addition. Likewise, counting back, develops early subtraction skills. When used in conjunction with subitising, it not only speeds up the counting process but also makes a bridge to adding, rather than just counting.



e.g 'I can see 6 stars, I just know that, and so I will count on 2 more to make 6.'

It is really tempting to encourage counting on and back with fingers, however why don't you try encouraging a sequence such as the following: 'Quickly put up 4 fingers.' (This can be subitised . . . it should just happen and not require counting), 'now put up 3 fingers quickly on the other hand.' 'Start at 4 and count on 3.' Use dice and counters or matchsticks to count on/back from the subitised number.

Literacy . . . 'What should I do if my child can't work out a word?'

When listening to your child read, it is very tempting to correct the mistakes he/she is making. A child needs time to work out an unfamiliar word, or, if the attempt is unsuccessful, for you to share strategies with them. If your child pauses while reading, wait for five seconds to allow them time to work out the word. Then give them some helpful prompts:

- Look at the first letter, last letter, look at the letters in between.
- Does it look like any other words you might know?
- Try to sound it out.
- Read the sentence again.
- Read to the end of the sentence. Any ideas?
- Try to break the word into syllables.
- Does it make sense in the story?



Choose carefully. After two prompts if your child has still not worked out the word it's time for you to step in. Ask your child to say the word again, start the sentence from the beginning and continue reading.

Remember, when the book has been finished (or your child has had enough), always chat about what was read so you can be sure he/she understood what the author was saying.



School Fees

For parents paying School Fees by instalment. The third instalment is due this Friday 2nd May. Please visit the Front Office to with your payment.

Gay Brooker
Finance Officer

Scholastic Book Orders

Order forms have been sent home with your child. Any orders placed must be returned to the Front Office before the end of our school day on Monday 12th May.

*Tracy Kain
Admin Officer*

The **SCHOLASTIC** Children's Library



Reidy Park Café

Orders for this Friday were sent home early in the week with a closing date of TODAY. This process of a Wednesday closing date prior to the Friday will continue for the rest of the term. You will see an increase in hot foods available for purchase that are definitely good value for money.

*Kate McDonough
ILC Coordinator*

W. O. W. - Wipe Out Waste

Tip #5 Buy in Bulk & reduce packaging

Convenience foods with lots of packaging are not convenient for the environment, the extra packaging requires more resources and lightweight packaging easily becomes litter.

For more tips go to <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/wow-newsletter-tips.html>



Lost & 'Found'

In the Hub this week an adult sized ring was found. Please contact Andrea in the Hub Office if you are the owner.

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 2. We hope that it will help with the forward planning in your home. Please add to it as information goes home.

White Lion Bail Out

On Thursday 15 May we will be having a Lunchtime Market to raise money for the 'White Lion Bail Out'. Bail Out raises money for troubled youth. The Year 6/7 students have spent time creating and organising the stalls and activities by themselves. We are hoping to hold the Market in the Quad however if it is wet we will hold it in Room 12. The stalls and activities are as follows;

Coloured Chalk Blocks	\$1:50	Icing a Biscuit	\$1:00 for 2 biscuits
Rainbow Bands	.50c	Food Stalls	\$1:00 - \$3:00
Nail Painting	\$2:00	Footy Target Handball	\$1:00 for 3 tries
& Nail Art	\$3:00	Sponge Throw	.50c - \$1:50
Scented Candles	\$2:50 - \$5:00	Stress Balls	.50c

*Yr 6/7 Teachers
& the Bail Out Team*



Salvation Army Doorknock Appeal

Still calling all volunteers for the Red Shield Door Knock Appeal on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of May. We meet at Reidy Park Primary School at 9:30am to organise groups and maps, and start collecting at 10:00am. Collecting finishes by 12:00 noon and all families are invited to the Salvation Army Headquarters for a shared lunch on Sunday. Students will need to have a parent/grandparent with them for this community event. Those willing to help are urged to contact Miss Helps in Room 22

as soon as possible. Thank you.

*Rikki Helps
Coordinator*

World's Greatest Shave

Aanya W is currently sitting in 8th position in the state wide fundraiser with over \$7 000 raised, and will continue fundraising until May 30th. Collection tins are still in supportive businesses around Mt Gambier. Tickets are currently on sale for a Mother's Day Raffle with 3 prizes. If Aanya remains in the state top 20 fundraisers she will be invited to a gala dinner presentation evening in Adelaide during June. *Good luck!*

www.facebook.com/aanyasworldsgreatestshave

www.my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/aanyawarden



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TERM 2 PLANNER - 2014

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	28/4 Uniform Shop	29/4	30/4 Newsletter	1/4	2/5 Instalment 3 of School Fees due
WEEK 2	5/5 Uniform Shop AUSKICK Fundraising Mtg	6/5	7/5 Grounds Mtg Governing Council	8/5 Da Vinci Exhibition excursions	9/5 Da Vinci Exhibition excursions Assembly
WEEK 3 <i>Saturday May 10 BBQ @ She's Apples from 8 - 2</i>	12/5 Uniform Shop AUSKICK	13/5 NAPLAN Begins	14/5 Newsletter	15/5 White Lion FUN DAY	16/5 SAPSASA Cross Country Naracoorte
WEEK 4	19/5 Uniform Shop AUSKICK	20/5 ICAS Competition Computing	21/5	22/5	23/5 Assembly
WEEK 5	25/5 Uniform Shop AUSKICK	27/5	28/5 Newsletter	29/5	30/5
WEEK 6	2/6 AUSKICK	3/6	4/6 ICAS Competition Science Saving Little Archie Performance	5/6	6/6 Assembly Proposed School Closure
WEEK 7	9/6 Queen's Birthday Holiday	10/6	11/6 Newsletter	12/6	13/6
WEEK 8	16/6 ICAS Competition Writing AUSKICK	17/6 ICAS Competition Spelling	18/6	19/6	20/6 Assembly
WEEK 9	23/6 Uniform Shop AUSKICK Musical	24/6	25/6 Newsletter	26/6	27/6
WEEK 10	30/6 Uniform Shop AUSKICK	1/7	2/7	3/7	4/7 Assembly