



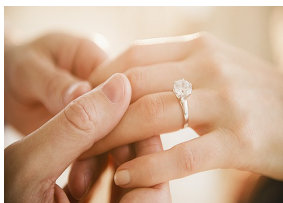
**DIARY DATES**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18 - 26</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>National Children's Week</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Fundraising Committee Meeting</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Grounds Committee Meeting</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Governing Council Meeting</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>Assembly</b>	<b>11:20am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>School Closure - SHOW DAY</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>SPORTS DAY!!!</b>	

Term 4, Week 1, October 15th, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for the fourth and final term of the school year. This term is shaping up to be extremely busy but very exciting. In the planning stages we have Sports Day, Year 7 Graduation, Carols Evening, the South East Primary School's Music Festival and many excursions and class events. There will be lots of opportunities for families to join us in these celebrations and the staff, students and I are looking forward to welcoming you to school.



**Congratulations**

May I take the opportunity on behalf of our entire school community to offer our congratulations to another of our staff members who recently announced her engagement. To Miss Alice Nairn and her fiancé Heath we wish you every happiness for your future together. *Congratulations!*

Our sincerest congratulations also go to Mr Nick Savage and his fiancé Gemma who were married in Bali during the October vacation. Staff from Reidy Park travelled overseas to attend the wedding and to extend our best wishes to Nick and Gemma.

**Staff Changes for Term 4**

This term we have very few changes to our staffing arrangements for both teaching and ancillary staff. Lesley Okholm, Deputy Principal, is on Long Service leave for the first five weeks of the term and on her return Andrew Bone will take Long Service leave for the remaining four weeks of the school year. During Lesley's absence Andrew will be acting as Deputy Principal and we have extended the contracts of some of our temporary staff to cover these absences.

Sandi Wilkens has taken leave to extend her vacation for an extra two weeks to visit her family overseas and we welcome Harry Kannegeiter who is teaching the class for the period of her absence.

Cathy Whiting has joined us in the role of Christian Pastoral Support Worker and will be working from the Huddle each Tuesday. *Welcome to Reidy!*



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### **Term 4 Hat Reminder**

As part of our 'Sun Safe Policy' we expect that all students and staff wear hats while outside at school for Terms 1 and 4. The school has uniform approved broad brimmed and bucket hats for sale (\$7 inc. GST) available from the Uniform Shop. Those children without the correct headwear will be asked to play in the shade. Unfortunately we have some students who have forgotten to bring their hats along to school this week so we ask that by way of support you check that your child has their hat every day.

### **School Closure Show Day & 2014 Sports Day**

As in previous years school we will be closed for the Mount Gambier Show on Friday 24th October. This will give families the opportunity to attend this important local event. I am aware that many of our students will be exhibitors at the show this year and some of our classes have entered their work for display. Please look out for our school display and student individual competitors around the halls and in the show ring.



Our Sports Day for 2014 will be held on Friday 14th November so please keep this date free to come and join us at school.

### **Student Placement 2015**

This week staff will begin the task of placing children into classes for 2015. Many factors are taken into consideration by teachers - friendships; students who do not work well together; gender balance; a balance within a class of academic abilities; children with special needs and behaviour issues, etc.

We spend considerable time during the staff meetings to organise students in class groups. Once classes are finalised, then teachers are assigned to classes. This will not occur until the end of Term 4 or until the January holidays, if staff are not appointed by DECD until that time. DECD has a policy of placing and 'transferring' all permanent employees before they offer temporary or contract employment for the next year and this takes considerable time to achieve across the whole of our state.

If parents believe they have information, based on educational needs, which will help with their child's placement, please put this information in a letter addressed to the Principal, marked 'Confidential'. We cannot promise that we will be able to meet every request; however the information will be taken into consideration. I remind parents that this process is NOT about selecting class teachers but rather, information to be considered. Ultimately we need to trust teachers, as professionals, to make the most informed decisions about students' placement.

All requests need to be received, in writing, at the school by Wednesday 22nd October. It is essential that we know as soon as possible of any future enrolments for the school ie: Reception children, children moving into the area, so these children can be included in future class placements. We would also appreciate knowing if any families are planning to leave Reidy Park before or at the end of 2014 so these children are not included in our numbers for 2015 classes.

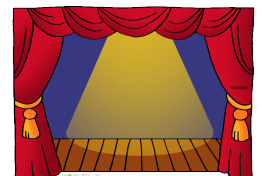
*Chris Sheldon*  
*PRINCIPAL*

*Lesley Okholm*  
*DEPUTY PRINCIPAL*

*Sue Hutchesson*  
*ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL*

### **Assembly**

You will note by our calendar dates above that next week's assembly is due to be held on Thursday 23rd October owing to the Show Day school closure on Friday. It will commence immediately after recess at 11:20am for those of you who wish to attend. Assemblies will return to their regular time slot of Friday's at noon during even weeks after this.



### **Reidy Park Café**

This service continues for Term 4 but with some slight variations. Gone are the hot foods for winter and back are the salad selections for summer. Orders for this week were due back today. As before please ensure you have your order form clearly marked and correct money in a named, sealed envelope to the Front Office by 9:00am Wednesdays.

*Kate McDonough*  
*ILC Coordinator*

**\*\*\* Please note that all Newsletters are available in full colour on our website. \*\*\***

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



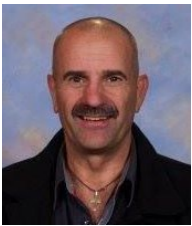
### **Book Making - with Peggy Schwarz**

At the Old Courthouse Gallery Saturday 25th October from 10:00am to 1:30pm. In this class you will make a hard cover, leather bound book and 2 - 3 small signature books, sized to fit in a hand-bag. Suitable for beginners, but those with a bit of previous experience will find it easier. Cost \$35 plus kit \$10. For more information or bookings contact Glenys on **0466 155 848**.

### **VACSWIM 2015**

The annual water safety and swimming 'SA Water VACSWIM' program will be held January 5th to 13th, 2015. Primary aged children (enrolled 2015) are eligible to attend the program at a cost of only \$30 per child for seven 45 minute lessons.

Families enrolling more than four children from their immediate family are entitled to the enrolment fee cap of \$100. Medicare cards will be requested. For more information contact **08 8406 2913** or email [vacswimsa@ymca.org.au](mailto:vacswimsa@ymca.org.au). On-Line enrolments are now open at [www.vacswim.sa.com.au](http://www.vacswim.sa.com.au).



### **Farewell Pastor Wayne Kerber & Coreen**

A farewell service will be held Sunday 26th October 2014 at 10:30am in St Martins Lutheran College Multipurpose Hall St Martins Drive, Mt Gambier followed by a 'shared' finger food lunch. (Please bring a plate of savoury & sweet finger food to share!) Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate Wayne's service to the Mt Gambier and Millicent Community! For more information, please contact St Martin's Lutheran Church Office on **08 8725 3216** or [church@smartinslutheran.net.au](mailto:church@smartinslutheran.net.au).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

# Cupcake Day Fundraiser - 23.9.14



**Congratulations  
to all who helped Room 17  
raise nearly \$300  
for 'Friends of Native Wildlife'.**

# TERM 4 PLANNER - 2014

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	13/10 Uniform Shop	14/10	15/10 Newsletter	16/10	17/10
<b>WEEK 2</b>	20/10 Water Week National Children's Week	21/10  Finance Mtg	22/10  Fundraising Mtg Grounds Mtg Governing Council	23/10  Assembly	24/10 School Closure SHOW DAY
<b>WEEK 3</b>	27/10 Uniform Shop	28/10	29/10 Newsletter	30/10	31/10
<b>WEEK 4</b>	3/11 Uniform Shop	4/11	5/11	6/11	7/11 Assembly
<b>WEEK 5</b>	10/11 Uniform Shop	11/11	12/11 Newsletter	13/11	14/11 SPORTS DAY
<b>WEEK 6</b>	17/11 Uniform Shop	18/11  Finance Mtg	19/11  Fundraising Mtg Grounds Mtg Governing Council	20/11	21/11 Assembly
<b>WEEK 7</b>	24/11 Uniform Shop	25/11	26/11 Newsletter	27/11	28/11
<b>WEEK 8</b>	1/12 Uniform Shop	2/12	3/12	4/12	5/12 Assembly
<b>WEEK 9</b>	8/12 Uniform Shop	9/12 Parent Thankyou Morning Tea Reports Go Out  <i>Please put me on your fridge!</i>	10/12 Newsletter  Yr 7 Graduation	11/12	12/12  2015 Transition  LAST DAY OF TM 4 Dismissal 2:30pm