



DIARY DATES

Wednesday	29	October	Scholastic Orders	CLOSED!
Friday	31	October	World Teachers' Day	
Friday	7	November	Assembly	12:00 noon
Friday	14	November	SPORTS DAY!!!	
Tuesday	18	November	Finance Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	19	November	Fundraising Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	19	November	Grounds Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	19	November	Governing Council Meeting	
Wednesday	10	December	Carols by Candlelight	
Thursday	11	December	Year 7 Graduation	

Term 4, Week 3, October 29th, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



South East Primary Schools Musical Festival

Last Thursday, I had the great pleasure of attending the South East Primary Schools Music Festival to see our school choir perform as part of the massed choir. This annual event, which allows the students to showcase their talents in a wide variety of artistic endeavours, is the largest children's music performance festival outside the metropolitan area. This was the ninth festival which I have attended and each year I come away amazed at the talent on display and the contribution made by the many amazing teachers, who give above and beyond their roles to make this event so successful.

To all our students who took part, congratulations, you made your families and school staff very proud of you. To our soloists on Thursday night, Jade, Maddison and Sharnee, Daisy who was an assisting artist and Maisy and Meg who were soloists on Wednesday night a special congratulations. You were fantastic representatives of Reidy Park Primary.

Congratulations to Gemma on flute and our past students who were members of the Festival Orchestra. I want to take this opportunity to thank the teachers involved; Jess Magarey - choir trainer and Andrew Bone - Festival Musical Director and choir trainer, who have both worked hard during the year to support our students in their musical endeavours. Many, many hours of voluntary work on weekends and after hours goes into making this event such a success and on behalf of our school, a huge thank you.

Sports Day

Plans are well underway for our annual Sports Day to be held on Friday 14th November. We are hoping for a warm and pleasant day rather than the showers that disrupted last year's events. On the day

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students will need to arrive at their classrooms dressed in their team colours at the normal school commencement time. This is to enable the roll to be called before we move to the oval for the start of the day. As with last year we are again running with a daytime format as the feedback in the past couple of years has been that this suits most people.



During the day, the canteen will be open for drink and ice block purchases by parents, friends and students. A mobile van will also be selling coffee, tea and hot chocolate. The Governing Council will be cooking and selling a barbeque in the middle of the day and for this pre-orders are not required. Pizzas will be available but these must be pre-purchased. A form for ordering pizza will be sent home closer to the day.

Surveys

Shortly the DECD Parent Opinion Survey will be sent out to a random selection of parents and students. The Opinion Survey has been a part of the schools review and improvement process for many years. Your willingness to complete this survey if you receive one is greatly appreciated.

Chris Sheldon
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sue Hutchesson
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Year 7 Graduation

In our last Newsletter, there was a typo in our term calendar on the back. We inadvertently placed the Year 7 Graduation on the wrong date. Please adjust your calendar so that the Graduation is on Thursday 11th December not Wednesday as previously published. Thanks for all those parents and students who pointed out our error. *Apologies!*

Positive Trackers

We continue to celebrate the wonderful children we have at our school. At our Friday assembly we congratulated and thanked three children who assisted our fundraising committee - after hours - in collating the large number of boxes of Krispy Crèmes that arrived for distribution. Thanks Neli H, Tully H and Tori G. *Your help was appreciated!*



International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

We have received results for more of the ICAS competitions that many of our students participated in. Congratulations to the following students for their great results.



Maths:

**Credit:
Merit:**

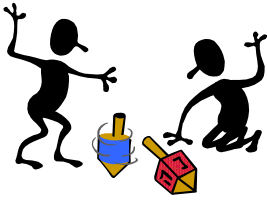
Archer B, Alexander F, Kelly R
Jock P, Rylee S

Congratulations!

We often have students and staff participate in the many categories at the Mt Gambier Show however one particular student stood out this year with her entries in the Indoor section of the main Hall. Entering many categories Jade F performed exceptionally well entering six things, winning a Championship ribbon, four 1sts and one 3rd.

Talented!





Play Support Roster

Tomorrow's activity is Games while next Thursday will be Christmas cooking. If you are interested in these activities held in The Flex with the Peer Support Leaders and Miss Mouat, speak to your class teacher for a Classroom Pass.

Sue Mouat
Play Support Coordinator

Blue Lake Fun Run

This year we have organised a team for Reidy Park Primary School. If your child is interested in entering the Fun Run on 30th November, visit the [website www.bluelakefunrun.com.au](http://www.bluelakefunrun.com.au) and click on join a team. From there you will see Reidy Park Primary School. By joining this way you will be able to collect your bib number from the Front Office on Friday 28th November. Entry Fee is \$15 for under 18. Entries close 24th November and a late fee of \$10 applies after the 17 November.



This is not a school function therefore it is the parents responsibility to get their children to and from the event as well as supervise their children during that time. Let's try and get as many students involved as we can.

Alison Whibley



Technology to Support Teaching & Learning

Reidy Park Primary School highly values technology to support teaching and learning. We are currently investigating options for increasing technology access in classrooms. Based on current funding models in education, maintaining equitable computer/device access throughout our entire school is unsustainable.

The use of technology for teaching and learning is different across the year levels; our older students use technology differently to our younger students and vice-versa. This online survey will provide us with information to support future decisions we make about technology for teaching and learning. Your participation in this survey will be a valuable contribution to the decision making process.

If you do not have access to the internet to participate in our survey, please come into our Front Office and use one of our school devices. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Rikki Helps
ICT Research, Innovation & Engagement Coordinator



OR

<http://goo.gl/Iqloh2>

Sports Day Needs You!!!

After a recent letter went out to our Year 6/7 parents asking for volunteers for the Sports Day Parent/ Teacher/ Student Baton Relay we are still to fill a team. We ask that you seriously consider nominating yourself for this fun, team building experience. Both Staff and Students look forward to the challenge each year.

Please complete the slip on the back of this newsletter if you are willing to participate and return to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. *Will you nominate?*



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



Huddles

Our school's pet rabbit Huddles has been having a lovely time in recent weeks travelling to students' homes for his weekend stay. He returns exhausted from all the fun and after a quick feed, takes a well earned nap before being placed in his outside cage for the day (weather permitting).

Our take home roster is filling fast for the rest of this term, a responsibility that has proven to be quite enjoyable for all concerned. We have now added a diary of his travels to the collection of things to take home which we will ask each family to complete. Please feel free to pop in to the Hub and visit Huddle and read his diary to see what he gets up to.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Twilight Market

Bookings are now open for the Twilight Art market on Friday 28th November from 4:00 - 8:00pm at the Old Courthouse. Indoor and outdoor sights are available. For enquiries contact Chris on **0447 255 557** or Glenys on **1466 155 848**.

Naracoorte Regional Art Gallery

The next Exhibition at the Gallery is the Naracoorte High School and Independent Learning Centre's Year 12 Visual Art & Photographic Exhibition. The official opening is this Friday 31st October at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to see the talented students of the region. Exhibition runs till the 29th November.



Reidy Park Primary School now has a Facebook page. Here you will find posts about what's happening in our school, up and coming events, newsletter links and so much more.

<https://www.facebook.com/reidyparkprimaryschool>



ATTENTION HEATH McSHANE of ROOM 11

NAME

I hereby nominate myself to participate in the Parent / Staff / Student Baton Relay for Sports Day Friday 14th November.

SIGNED

