



DIARY DATES

Friday	14	November	SPORTS DAY!!!
Saturday	15	November	Mt Gambier Christmas Parade
Tuesday	18	November	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday	19	November	Fundraising Committee Meeting
Wednesday	19	November	Grounds Committee Meeting
Wednesday	19	November	Governing Council Meeting
Friday	21	November	Next Assembly
Tuesday	9	December	Thankyou Morning Tea
Wednesday	10	December	Carols by Candlelight

Term 4, Week 5, November 12th, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Classes

This afternoon the first draft of 2015 classes is being completed for checking by teachers. It is essential that any requests from parents have already been forwarded as they cannot be taken into consideration after this time, due to the domino effect of moving children once they have been placed in a class.



A number of factors are taken into consideration when placing students into classes. In the first draft we ensure that each student is placed with at least one student from their friendship list and away from any student who they do not work well with in class. Some students end up with more than one friend in their class and this more often than not occurs when a group of friends have also chosen one another. On the other hand it sometimes happens that a student chooses a friend who hasn't chosen them and this will mean that they are placed in separate classes. At this time we also ensure that the class has a range of ability levels. Parent requests are then taken into consideration. Finally teachers are assigned to classes. It is our policy that a student is not taught by the same teacher for more than two consecutive years. At this stage there can be only be minor adjustments; we are a large school and class placement and adjustment after classes are set is a major exercise.

On the last day of term we hold a transition morning where students move to their new classrooms and meet their teachers (if appointed). Occasionally we find that a student may have been placed inappropriately and we try to rectify this if possible. Parents can help with this process by emphasising the positive aspects of moving to a new class and expanding friendship circles.



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Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be held this Friday 14th November. We are hoping of course, for fine weather and will let you know closer to the day if we have to modify events or postpone due to the weather. On Sports Day we have staggered the breaks. The Junior Primary will have a 15 minute 'rest' after 3 events, whilst the Primary have a break after 4 events. The students will be able to go to the toilets, go to the canteen etc., but must remain on their section of the oval. The canteen will be selling drinks and ice-blocks and for adults the mobile van will be selling hot drinks so bring some spare change with you on the day. Those students who have pre-ordered Pizza will be handed their vouchers on Friday morning to exchange at the Pizza Van. We hope everyone will support the canteen, food vans and Governing Council BBQ at this community event. A program was sent home last Friday and if you have not received yours we have spares available at the Front Office.

Reidy Park Choir

Earlier this week our choir was again a worthy representative of our school as they sang Carols at Target for the opening of the 'Operation Santa' - Target/Uniting Care Christmas Appeal. Congratulations to Andrew Bone and our choir for their magnificent effort.

Long Service Leave

At the end of this week Andrew Bone will be taking 4 weeks long service leave and Alan Hogg will be re-joining our staff to teach classes in the Performing Arts Centre. Thank you also to Jess Magarey, who in Andrew's absence, will ably take over the training of our choir in preparation for our Carols evening here at school and at our other community Christmas performance commitments. I would like to thank Andrew for his hard work and dedication in the role of Acting Deputy Principal over the past five weeks and wish him well for his break. Welcome back to Lesley Okholm who will be returning from leave at the beginning of next week.

Chris Sheldon
PRINCIPAL

Lesley Okholm
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Sue Hutchesson
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Sports Day 2014

Last Friday Sports Day Programs were sent home with students. This booklet outlines the program for the day as well as information about food and drink purchases available. If you are still needing a copy there are some available at the Front Office.

Some important points to remember:

- Students are invited to dress in their Sports Day colour for the day - Lake (Blue), Willow (Green), Eaglehawk (Yellow) and Lava (Red). A T-shirt, shorts/comfortable trousers and sneakers would be the most appropriate attire.
- Please ensure your child applies sunscreen in the morning. Class teachers will have some on hand to re-apply during the day.
- Please remember to inform your child's teacher if you take your child before the end of the day.

If you are able to help out with your child's class on the day please let the class teacher know - any help would be greatly appreciated. All classes have been working very hard during PE lessons to practise their athletic skills and participate positively in team games. We hope the day is enjoyable for everyone involved.

Alice Nairn
PE Teacher



School Crossing Monitors

Recently some of our students took part in School Crossing Monitor Training conducted by the South Australian Police involving senior students being trained by Road Safety Educators from the SA Police Road Safety Section. On completion each student will receive a Certificate of Authority issued on behalf of the Commissioner of Police which, under the Road Traffic Act 1961 authorises the student to work as school crossing monitor. The certificate authorises the student to stop traffic using a Stop Sign or using Pedestrian Actuated Traffic Lights, as well as give reasonable directions to pedestrians for the safe and efficient movement of traffic at or on the crossing as in their opinion is necessary.

The training involves learning how to safely stop vehicles at a school crossing and performing safety assessments on when it is safe for children to cross the road (this includes asking the monitors to check that all vehicles have stopped prior to pedestrians walking onto the crossing). The session also includes safe sign handling techniques and positioning within the crossing.

It is extremely important that all people (including parents) use the crossings and become good road safety role models, by following the School Crossing Monitor's directions, not only for their safety but the safety of all students and road users.

If parents have any questions about the training the Road Safety Section is happy to receive these inquiries on the telephone number **82076586**. Road safety is everyone's responsibility.

Acting Sergeant Nigel ALLEN

Program Co-ordinator Road Safety , South Australian Police

Cyber Smart Sessions

To help your children stay safe online, Reidy Park Primary School is hosting Cybersmart Outreach - Cybersafety Awareness presentations on Wednesday 26th November. Students in Years 3-7 will attend these sessions throughout the day. Staff will engage in the teacher presentation after school and a parent session is being held at The Mount Gambier Public Library at 6:30pm. These presentations are provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives. Reidy Park is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home. Bookings for the parent session can be made here or by phoning The Mount Gambier Public Library on **8721 2540**.

Rikki Helps

Coordinator for ICT Research, Innovation & Engagement

Copies of The Cybersafety Guide for parents are available on request.

A copy can also be downloaded here

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<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/parents.aspx>

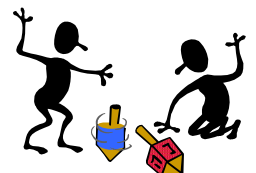


Positive Trackers

Congratulations again to some positive students in our school community. Both Ruby H and Jack L voluntarily gave their time to help the Fundraising Committee with their recent activities and Lili S showed a wonderful caring nature when helping a distressed younger student. All were recognised at our last assembly.

Play Support

Tomorrows activity is Glitter Dough and next week is Fruit Loop Necklaces.



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Limestone Coast Tattoo

The 2014 Limestone Coast Tattoo, will be held at the Ice House basketball stadium, on Saturday 29th November, from 4:00pm to 6:30pm and is an opportunity for community bands from the Limestone Coast to come together to share the achievements of local musicians and celebrate their contribution to the community in a combined live public performance. Tickets have been available from Chapman's News agency (Mt Gambier) from 31st October 2014, phone **08 8725 3300**. All funds raised contribute to the Stand Like Stone Foundation, funding local scholarships for schools.

Junior Golf Clinics

The Millicent Golf Course will be hosting a series of Golf Clinics for boys and girls (beginner to advanced) under the tutelage of PGA Coach Craig Davis. All equipment will be supplied or bring your own. Clinics will be held on Sunday 30th November, Sunday 14th December, Sunday 18th January, Sunday 8th February and Sunday 22nd February. For Boys and Girls – beginner to advanced. To register your interest contact Mary on **0438 057 435**.



Creating a Butterfly Garden

Would you like to attract butterflies to your garden? On Thursday 20th November from 4:00 - 6:00pm join local experts Bryan Heywood and Yvonne Riley at Nature Glenelg Community Nursery, Vansittart Park, Mt Gambier as they share their knowledge on how to design and establish a butterfly-attracting garden. For details and to register contact Rose on **0437 597 685** or rose.thompson@natureglenelg.org.au. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Cyber (smart):

Join in the discussion with an ACMA Cybersmart expert and arm yourself with the knowledge of 'what's trending' and how to assist your child navigate safety online and about internet privacy in an age of oversharing. A session for parents will be held at the Mt Gambier Public Library Wednesday 26th November from 6:30pm. www.cybersmart.gov.au



Your Child's Feet

Podiatrists from 'myPod Podiatry' will be available at The Athlete's Foot, 33 Commercial Street West Mt Gambier on Thursday 27th of November from 4:30pm to 5:30pm to offer foot advice for people having foot related problems. No appointments necessary.

Minecraft

Educational Minecraft camps/workshops will be held at The Main Corner complex 15th & 16th November 15 & 16 and are excellent opportunities for developing collaboration, social skills and cyber safety knowledge in a fun and engaging environment. Under the guidance of teacher Tim Wicks (Education Consultant *Think Fizz*), you can learn more about the game and its value as an educational tool.

For more information visit <http://bit.ly/1qEAbUu>

