



<u>DIARY DATES</u>				
Thursday	22	October	Krispy Kreme Delivery	from 10am
Friday	23	October	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - Show Day	
Tuesday	27	October	Finance Meeting	5.00pm
Wednesday	28	October	Grounds, Fundraising & Governing Council	

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4, Week 1, October 12, 2015

Welcome back! After some beautiful weather over the holiday break I am sure we are all re-energised for the final term of our school year.

This term we welcome Stephen Jolley as our Deputy Principal while Chris Sheldon is on Long Service Leave in South America. I am looking forward to a busy and exciting term as Principal. Term 4 is not only a term where our students consolidate their learning but also includes the Year 2/3/4/5 performance, our choir performance with other schools at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, Carols by Candlelight and our Year 7 Graduation.

Please feel welcome to approach either of us during the term if you have any concerns or wish to share any positives with us.

Last Newsletter

This is the last time a paper copy of our newsletter will be given to eldest in each family. Please subscribe to the digital version of the newsletter by visiting our website <http://web2.reidyprkps.sa.edu.au/> If you wish to keep receiving a paper newsletter you **MUST** contact the office.

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 available from the Uniform Shop. Those children without the correct headwear will be asked to play in the shade. Unfortunately we often have students who forget to bring their hats along to school at the beginning of the term so we ask that by way of support you check that your child has their hat every day.

Student Placement 2016

During Term 4 staff will begin the task of placing children into classes for 2016. 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 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 21st October.**

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It is essential that we know as soon as possible of any future enrolments for the school i.e.: 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 2015 so these children are not included in our numbers for 2016 classes. If you have any information regarding the above please contact the Front Office.

[Afterschool Collection of Students- Reminder](#)

In the spirit of keeping all of our students safe all of the time I would like to remind parents and caregivers of the arrangements for dismissal of students at the end of the day.

Students are dismissed from classrooms at 3:15 pm each afternoon and staff encourage them to leave the yard promptly. As many of us are parents ourselves we understand how worrying it can be if our children decide to stay at school and play with friends and are not home at the time that they are expected.

There is a teacher on duty at the crossing on O'Halloran Tce from 3:15 to 3:35 pm. Students who are waiting for parents who pick up on O'Halloran must wait near the crossing or on the footpath near the gates in view of this teacher.

A teacher is also on duty at Wehl Street at the crossing from 3:15 to 3:35. Students who are waiting for parents/ buses wait on the grass area on the Wehl Street side of the gym in view of this teacher. After 3:35 the teacher from Wehl Street remains on duty and moves to the grass outside the gym and adjacent to the bus stop until 3:55pm to supervise students catching the buses. On wet days these students wait in the Library with Library staff.

There is no teacher on duty in the playground area so do not encourage your child to wait in this area. Any students who are still waiting for parents after 3:35 are taken to the Front Office to be collected from there.

[Krispy Kreme orders](#)

A reminder to all who ordered donuts, that they will be available for pickup from 10am on Thursday 22nd October from the Front Office. As Friday is a student free day for the Mt Gambier Show, we need all orders picked up by 4pm on this day. (A text and Facebook reminder will be sent on Wednesday 21st October also)

*Lesley Okholm
Acting Principal*

*Steven Jolley
Acting Deputy Principal*

[Congratulations](#)

Leila Croker (Year 3) was a State finalist in the Year 1-3 category of Doodle4Google competition. Out of 18000 entries there were 320 State and Territory finalists. Her entry was based on the study of Gallipoli 100 year commemoration.

Brilliant effort Leila

[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 unforeseen 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.

*Tracy Kain
Admin Officer*

[Medications at School](#)

There are occasions when school staff are asked to administer medications to students at school. This can be for long term medical conditions such as Asthma or Anaphylaxis as well as short term conditions which may require antibiotics or similar medications. In all circumstances, no matter what the medication, staff cannot administer medications unless the following requirements are met:

- The medication is prescribed by a Doctor and accompanied by a Medication Authority which has been completed by the student's doctor, or a short term authority which can be completed by the parent.
- The medication is in its original packaging with a pharmacy label attached (the medication MUST be in the student's name).
- The medication has not passed its expiry date.

The health and wellbeing of your child is of paramount importance to us and ensuring these few guidelines are met means that we can administer the right dose of the right medication to the right child at the right time, each and every time it is required.

Copies of Medication Authorities can be collected from the Front Office at any time - it is advisable that you collect one before taking your child to the doctor. This means that if your child does get prescribed medications that are required to be taken during school hours, the doctor can complete the Medication Authority immediately.

Night at the Museum

Reidy Park Primary School hosted a "Night At The Museum" on Thursday, September 17th. Students presented projects on Ancient Civilizations. Each class had a different ancient civilization to focus on: Greece, India, Rome, Australia, China, Egypt. The museum presentation was held at the school's 6/7 classrooms where younger students were welcome to come for a visit and look at the exhibits. All students had to have deep knowledge and a well presented display. Each class was required to have all students available to present at the parent evening exhibit. All classes were successful at presenting their knowledge and the parent evening was a great success for the students, teachers and other staff of Reidy Park Primary School. Over 500 parents and students attended.



Jimmy has dressed up as an Ancient Indian boy for the occasion.



Emilee and Holly have dressed in Ancient Egyptian clothing for the Night at the Museum



Tyler shows off his inquiry question in the Ancient Chinese exhibit at the museum.



In the Ancient Australia exhibit, Sophie made a stringybark canoe, from stringybark.



Eliza dresses up for the occasion in clothing from Ancient Greece and also shares her hard work beading intricate patterns.



Kane is ready for battle in Ancient Rome.

