Dear Parents/Caregivers

What a fabulous term to be Principal of this school! The busiest term and yet the one where we culminate and celebrate a year of hard work and prepare to send off our oldest students.

**Play is the Way**
Our morning participation in Play is the Way activities has already had positive spinoffs, with children keen to get to school on time and lots of laughter and supportive cheering as each group try hard to work together to improve.

Why games? They can

- help children to develop and habituate patterns of behaviour that are personally advantageous and culturally appropriate.
- teach children to respond appropriately to the thrill of success and the disappointment of failure.
- assist children to control impulsive behaviour.
- strengthen the skills of teamwork and cooperation.
- encourage empathy, respect and an appreciation of difference.
- develop self motivation and perseverance.
- help children to identify the reasons for failure and foster optimism and resilience.
- help them to improve the social, emotional, physical and mental health of children.

**Festival of Music**
Last week saw our Year 6/7 Choir members in a performance to celebrate the year of song! It was a thrill to watch our students shine with 200 others from the Limestone Coast on the stage at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. Andrew Bone works not only with our own choir but also with the organisational group throughout the year and must be commended for his work. Commissioned works on the ANZAC theme featured a stunning visual effect created by Andrew that involved the student choir becoming a screen where poignant images were cast. Solos by Maddy N and Emily H, compering by Sarah D, troupe dancers Chelsea F and Cassie S and solo piano performance by Alexander F capped a memorable night!

**Fundraising**
Finally our Krispy Kreme’s were delivered after school on Thursday in time for a long weekend treat. Our next fundraiser is a Hot Dog day. Our committee urgently requires assistance for this event, which will entail just a couple of hours on Monday November 2nd. Please contact Tracy at the Front Office if you can help out.

**Class Placement**
By now all families should have received a ‘friendships’ sheet showing you the selections your child has made for 2016 classes. These must be back to us by the end of this week (signed) to enable us to continue with the class placement exercise. If your child's form is not returned, teachers will need to make decisions without this information. Please remember we use this as a guide and cannot guarantee all requests. We do aim however, to ensure each child has one person from their list.

**Natural Play Space**
The corner of the quad is coming together as Sue Hutchesson, Jennie Mannion and Liana Hrvatin worked with parents through the holidays shifting gravel, rocks and stumps. It will be exciting to see the area once opened as it will include play equipment made possible by the school community’s contribution of Earn and Learn stickers.
Walk together

Our school was represented at this celebration on Saturday morning. We are a nation known for our compassion, generosity and welcome. Faced with increasing instances of fear and prejudice, it’s more important than ever for values of compassion and welcome to reign.

Lesley Okholm
Acting Principal

Stephen Jolley
Acting Deputy Principal

ROOM 6 SHOW ENTRIES

Congratulations to all students in room 6 for their excellent show entries in the Mount Gambier Show. Your artwork, photos and cooking looked amazing. You should all be very proud of your efforts. Some students in our class also got some placings

Kori - 1st artwork with any medium
Olivia - 2nd scenic photo
Jordy - 1st scenic photo
Charlotte M - 2nd open ‘hats off’ decorated hat

Adam - 3rd soft cushion
Lucia - open ‘hats off’ decorated hat
Sean - 3rd drawing
Luke - 3rd any other craft

1st digital artwork

Excellent work Room 6

Yellow Day

On Friday the 13th November, all classes will participate in a school wide fundraiser event that will be known as ‘Yellow Day’. On this day students of all grades are asked to bring a gold coin and to dress in yellow. Half of the money raised will go to the cancer council in support of a music teacher who is loved throughout the school who has cancer: Miss Sue Mouat. The other half of the money will be sent to the Leukemia Foundation to assist younger children who are living with cancer, in support of a family at Reidy Park. A various array of games have been selected for different year levels to participate in.

During the morning the 6/7s will engage in games that have been selected for them. During the middle two lessons of the day the year 3/4/5 students will be playing their games, shortly followed by the R/1/2 games in the final lessons of the day. At recess and lunch students will be encouraged to have a try at some Indigenous games. Students are asked to come to school as if it was a normal day: packed lunch, recess, hat and a water bottle are still necessary.


Library news

All books are due back at the end of week 7 - Friday 27th November. There will be no student borrowing past that date.

- Overdue Books - Notices are currently issued weekly to children with overdue books, if your child cannot locate the book/s, please pay the cost of the book/s to the Front Office. It is very important that your child does not have any overdue books heading into 2016 as their borrowing may be restricted.
- Thank you to the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West for the kind donation of a new series “Trick Stars” to commemorate World Literacy Day 2015.
- Thank you to Maddy N for your kind donation of 14 new books which have been added to the Library.
- Thank you to Paige R for your donation of 2 books from the Leukemia Foundation.

Congratulations

Leila C (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.

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

https://www.facebook.com/reidyparkprimaryschool
Wonderful memories of the 2015 school year

Cost: $25.00 (incl GST)
(payment required with order)

Place your order now to secure your copy

Orders to be in by end of week 8 (December 4th 2015)

If you would like to view the 2014 Year Book please ask at the Front Office

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YEAR BOOK 2015 ORDER

Please return to Cash Office by Friday, December 4th

PARENT NAME: ________________________________________________________________

STUDENT NAME: ______________________________________________________________

CONTACT NUMBER: __________________________________________________________________

I wish to order __________ Reidy Park Primary School 2015 Year Book/s at $25.00 each. (quantity)

I understand they will be available early in 2016.

Payment (required with order):

☐ Cash

☐ Credit Card / EFTPOS

☐ Cheques (make payable to Reidy Park Primary School)
Blue Lake Fun Run
The Blue Lake Fun Run is close! It is being held on Sunday 29th November. If you would like to sign up to the Reidy Park team go to the Blue Lake Fun Run website and register as a participant, then as a group ‘Reidy Park’. Once registered, your tops will be delivered to the school closer to the fun run date. Training will be held at school on the oval on Tuesdays starting on November 3rd from 8.15am - 8.30am with Miss Herbert, Mr Castle or Mr McShane. If any information changes we will let you know.

Jen Herbert and Alison Whibley

Community Announcements

Keep your kids smiling
Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service. All babies, children and young people 0-17 years are welcome to attend. School Dental Service clinics are open during the Christmas school holiday break.
Phone your local School Dental Service clinic now for an appointment. For clinic details visit

Monday 2nd November
Hot dogs in roll $3 each
Pre-orders only sorry

Please return this tear off portion to the school in a sealed envelope by Friday 30th October.
One order slip per child please.

Child’s Name:______________________________________________________

Child’s Room number/teacher: ________________________________

☐ Number of hot dogs WITH sauce
☐ Number of hot dogs WITHOUT sauce

Total : __________________________ Please enclose payment @ $3 each.