



DIARY DATES

Friday	12	February	Pupil Free Day
Wednesday	24	February	Acquaintance Night
Wednesday	24	February	Governing Council AGM
Monday	14	March	Adelaide Cup Holiday

Term 1, Week 1, 4th February, 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome Back

Welcome back for 2016. I hope everyone had a wonderful school break. As I walk around the school yard and visit the classes I have noticed that the children have returned refreshed and ready for the new school year. The classes are already a hive of activity and learning.

Rooms are looking fresh and inviting and it was fantastic to see and greet so many students and parents on Monday morning. Staff had spent most of the week before the students returned getting their classrooms ready and planning the learning so that we would all have a smooth start to the year.

On the Friday prior to the students returning to school the staff participated in a professional learning day presented by Carmel Small on the explicit teaching of writing. With Carmel's guidance we unpacked the nine different writing text types, benchmarked texts against the curriculum standards and discussed our class literacy blocks in respect to teaching writing and spelling. It was a very worthwhile day with staff having an opportunity to examine and reflect on their own teaching practices with respect to improving student writing.

Parent Acquaintance Night & Governing Council AGM

Please keep Wednesday, February 24th free for our Parent Acquaintance evening and AGM. A timetable and information will be sent home shortly.

Pupil Free Days

Please remember that school will be closed on **Friday 12th February** for Staff Professional Learning. We will be joining the staff at Mulga Street Primary School to participate in further learning about the teaching of spelling.

On **Tuesday 29th March** school will also be closed for Staff Professional Learning. We will be working with Michael Ymer, learning more about teaching mathematics. This is the Tuesday directly after the Easter break.

Staff News

We welcome the following teachers to our school this year; Peter Duncan teaching Year 4/5 in Room 8, Chetna Rambani teaching JP Performing Arts in the Flex and Tamara Fleming teaching Reception in Room 25.

We also welcome back from parenting leave Angela Hopes, tandem teaching Year 2 in Room 18.

We are happy to announce that Trudi Shelton is taking up the position as Pastoral Support Worker and will be in the school on Monday and Wednesdays in the Huddle.

2016 Staff

- Year 6/7 Matthew Bannister
- Year 6/7 Alison Whibley & Heath McShane on Thursday
- Year 6/7 Daniel Castle & Angela D'Onghia on Thursday
- Year 6/7 Sam O'Neill
- Year 6/7 Sami Collins
- Year 4/5 Peter Duncan
- Year 4/5 Jennie Mannion
- Year 4/5 Jess Magarey & Chetna Rambani on Friday
- Year 4/5 Renae Perryman
- Year 4/5 Jess O'Neill
- Year 3 Belinda Say
- Year 3 Helen Papastamatis
- Year 2/3 Sandi Wilkens
- Year 2 Sue Hutchesson & Angela Hopes on Thursday
- Year 2 Rebecca Hunt
- Year 1/2 Gill Andrew
- Year 1 Lauren Suggate
- Year R/1 Donna Winckel
- Year R/1 Teresa Shaw & Chetna Rambani on Thursday
- Receptions Liana Hrvatin
- Receptions Tamara Fleming



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Specialist Subjects

Physical Education R - 7
Italian
Performing Arts R - 3
Performing Arts 3 - 7
Co-ordinator, ICT and Innovation, Digital Technology
Co-ordinator, Australian Curriculum, Literacy
Co-Ordinator, Australian Curriculum, Numeracy
Principal
Deputy Principal
School Business Manager
Administration Officers
Administration Support
Library
ICT Support
Classroom Support, Special Ed & Publicity Officer
Special Ed & Special Needs
Pastoral Support Worker

Heath McShane & Renae Cliff
Angela D’Onghia
Chetna Rambani
Andrew Bone
Rikki Helps
Sue Hutchesson
Daniel Castle
Chris Sheldon
Lesley Okholm
Gay Brooker
Tracy Kain & Jaime Newell
Mel Norman
Michelle Kuller
Steven Grosvenor
Andrea Wright
Mel Norman, Di Miller & Deb Muhovics
Trudi Shelton

*Chris Sheldon
Principal*

*Lesley Okholm
Deputy Principal*

DCSI Screening Checks

Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at our school to support their child’s learning. To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures. As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening. This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner. A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students. As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day. Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour. Find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe at www.decd.sa.gov.au. If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with school staff.

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*

Term Planner

Accompanying this newsletter is a Term Planner that you may like to attach to your fridge at home to assist with organisation for your child’s Term 1. We hope that it will help with the forward planning in your home. Please add to it as information goes home.



Our Newsletter is available on our website!

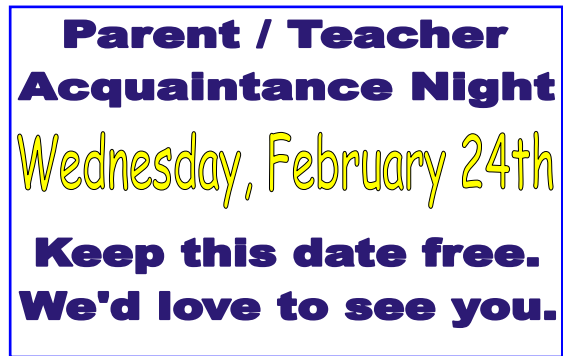
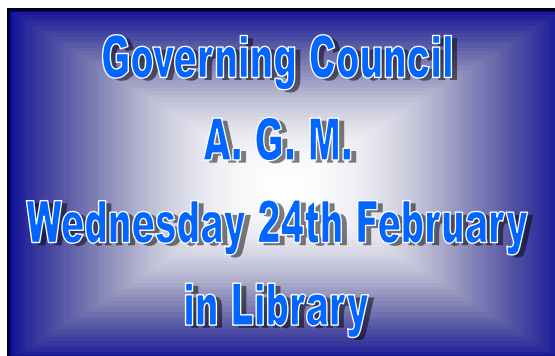
Starting last year, Reidy Park only sends paper copies of our newsletter to families who request it. If you would like to receive our newsletter digitally, please go to our website and subscribe. If you would like to continue receiving a paper copy, please return the tear off slip and return to the Front Office.

Student Name:

Room:

We prefer to continue receiving a paper copy of Reidy Park Primary School’s newsletter.

Signed:



T-Ball 2016

A Term 1, T-Ball competition for children in year 3/4/5 starts in week 3. Games will be played on Friday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and the first game is on Friday, February 19th. The venue is the baseball grounds at Blue Lake Sports Park. Students have already been surveyed to see if they want to play T-Ball. If your child didn't receive a note then please see Tracy Kain in the front office to collect one.

Heath McShane, Sports Coordinator

Assemblies

You may notice on our Term Planner that accompanies this newsletter that our Assemblies are held on Thursdays at noon. As always, parents are welcome to attend to view their children exhibit their work, perform or be rewarded for their efforts in and out of the classroom.

Fortnightly Newsletter Editions

Please note this Newsletter is our primary communication tool. Unless you contact us and request a paper copy, the digital copy is available from the website, hit subscribe it will remind you to view the latest newsletter.

School Fees

By now you should have received an invoice in regards to School Fees. This invoice also supplied information on payment details. If you have not received your information please contact me so a copy can be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Gay Brooker, School Business Manager

Uniforms

Thank you to everyone for supporting our school uniform policy. A reminder that in Term 1 and 4 students must wear an approved school hat. Our uniform shop is open on Mondays from 8.30 - 9.30. At other times orders can be placed at the Front Office and the clothing will be delivered to your child during the day or if requested held at the Front Office for pick up at dismissal time. If you cannot find the uniform shop, please ask at the Front Office.

Swimming Lessons

Lessons for most classes will commence in Weeks 4 & 5 of this term with other classes excluding year 6/7 participating in lessons during Weeks 8 & 9. We ask that you ensure your child is well equipped with their bathers, towel, goggles, underwear etc. Further information will be sent home soon. Information regarding Surf Education for Year 6/7's will be forthcoming.

Mobile Phones

Over the past few years the number of mobile phones being brought to school has steadily increased. We ask Year 6 and 7 students to hand their phones to their class teacher who will then put them in a secure place in the classroom. We do need to remind parents that all care will be taken to keep them safe, but we cannot take responsibility if something happens. If you are uncomfortable with this please do not send a mobile phone with your child to school. All year levels other than Years 6/7 are required to hand their phones in at the Front Office and collect them at the end of the day.

Lost Property

Our lost property basket situated in the Front Office area is constantly full. As we start this new year with many new articles of clothing, lunch boxes and bags, please remember to clearly label all of your child's belongings so that they can be easily returned when found.

Physical Education

This year P. E. will be taken by Mr Heath McShane and Ms Renae Cliff. Please ensure your child wears suitable footwear and clothing on the day of their lesson. Some sandals, although cool on the feet are not suitable for full participation in some activities. Check with your child's class teacher for the appropriate day.



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>

TERM 1 PLANNER 2016

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	1/2	2/2	3/2	4/2 Newsletter	5/2
WEEK 2	8/2 Uniform Shop	9/2	10/2	11/2 Assembly	12/2 Pupil Free Day
WEEK 3	15/2 Uniform Shop	16/2	17/2	18/2 Newsletter	19/2
WEEK 4	22/2 Uniform Shop Swimming Lessons Commence	23/2	24/2 Acquaintance Night Governing Council AGM	25/2 Assembly	26/2
WEEK 5	29/2 Uniform Shop Swimming Lessons Continue	1/3	2/3	3/3 Newsletter	4/3
WEEK 6	7/3 Uniform Shop	8/3	9/3	10/3 Assembly	11/3
WEEK 7	14/3 Adelaide Cup Day	15/3	16/3	17/3 Newsletter	18/3
WEEK 8	21/3 Uniform Shop Swimming Lessons Commence	22/3	23/3	24/3 Assembly	25/3 Good Friday
WEEK 9	28/3 Easter Monday	29/3 Pupil Free Day	30/3 Swimming Lessons Continue	31/3 Newsletter	1/4
WEEK 10	4/4 Uniform Shop Yr 4/5 Camp	5/4	6/4 Yr 4/5 Camp	7/4 Newsletter	8/4
WEEK 11	11/4 Uniform Shop	12/4	13/4	14/4 Newsletter	15/4 Sports Day End of Term 1