A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring

From the Deputy Principal……..

**PUPIL FREE DAY NEXT MONDAY 28th May**

**Classroom Behaviour Education**
**Through Common Language**

**The Focus**
At Risdon Park we continually talk with our staff, students, parents and community about the value and importance of learning. All curriculum areas are taught daily and students learn new ways of constructing a sentence or new strategies to solve a problem. When we talk about behaviour it usually is dealt with when an incident occurs or a problem exists. Behaviour should be seen as an area where we as educators and parents teach our students how to manage or control actions that might stop their learning or cause disruption to themselves or others.

“When children go wrong they need adults to guide them, not pain to change them. Rather than casting them away from us we must pull them towards us and work with them” (Wilson McCaskill, Play is the Way).

**The Program/Process**
Wilson McCaskill program ‘Play is the Way’ has been a focus at Risdon over the last 4 years. It has helped us create a whole school culture of continuous self improvement, adult guidance/role modelling, self regulation and socially responsible behaviour. It supports students with pro-social behaviour by using games as a starting point of conversation and interaction. It also leads to other observations or starting points that can be used to talk with students.

**What is Behaviour Education?**
Behaviour Education is developing a common language which reinforces self discovery and encourages empathy and respect. It creates a culture where we are strengthening and consolidating relationships and helping develop community minded thinkers and learners.

It encourages teachers and students to work proactively to set up classroom rules and routines to develop relationships and encourage high levels of engagement and learning for their students. This includes positive programs but allows for intervention when behaviours are disrupting the class learning or class safety.

**Strong Choices**
Through our language we use strong choices with the students. These are choices which support decision making but also have a positive impact on student learning. All classrooms have a range of tools that are used to celebrate the success of these on a daily basis. (Please see handout for more information).

**Weak Choices**
These choices are made by students when something is not going right or they are just having a bad day. What happens is these choices then interfere with their own learning or that of others. With the education we are intervening with the student to help them make a strong choice. At times this does not happen and after many approaches/strategies then teachers will follow the process of school based procedures and departmental based procedures.

**Finally**
Overall we are teaching students about being learners in all areas. It’s important that instead of telling students off or giving them an immediate consequence we are helping educate them so that in the future they are able to make strong choices in school and in our community. As parents you can do this at home with your child as we know that education plays a vital role in our development as a leader but it also plays a vital role in our development as a person.

Cheers
Damien Mellow
Deputy Principal
**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

On Friday 18th May it was great to see our community participate in “Walk Safely To School Day”. Encouraging our students to be physically active and making healthy food choices is something for which we can all be responsible.

The student leaders conducted a survey on Friday about how our students came to school on this day.

Students who:

- **Walked**: 229 (68%)
- **Bike or scooter**: 21 (6%)
- **Car**: 64 (19%)
- **Bus**: 23 (7%)
- **Total**: 337 (100%)
- **Absent/late**: 82

Free fruit was available on arrival and the canteen put on more healthy treats at recess.

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**Desert to Dunes Art Exhibition**

Kaitlyn Lawrie, Cody Adams, Angus Knight, Michael Wilson, Angel Webb, Joyce Webb, Mrs Connor and Anita Campbell visited the Tourism and Arts Centre to view the Desert to Dunes art exhibition.

Desert to Dunes features emerging and established Aboriginal artists living in the Far West region of South Australia. We asked the students to take their time looking at the artworks, and whilst looking, to find two special artworks. The first we asked them to look for was their favourite piece of art work, the second was to look for was the most expensive piece.

We asked them to not only view the artworks but read the cards underneath. It was here we found that Cody’s auntie, Ann Marie Dodd and her mother Annette, had produced a beautiful piece,. We saw a few local Pirie names and we found the most expensive artwork at $8,700. It was amazing. We spoke at length to the Gallery Director who was very excited to have school students in the Gallery and she told us lots of interesting information about acrylics, oils and canvas. See photos next page………..

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**Community Mentoring**

Community Mentoring Program provides young people with a structured and trusting relationship with a caring individual who offers guidance, support and encouragement.

This programme involves volunteer mentors from the local community who build a relationship with a young person to support them and help them complete their schooling.

If this sounds like an opportunity you would like to be involved in please contact me at school.

Cheers Damien Mellow

Pictured below is the U10 Risdon Raiders in their new uniforms. Thank you to the soccer association and the fundraising efforts of Mr Cox for their support in acquiring these uniforms.
Friday 4th May the year 6 & 7’s participated in the SAPSASA Soccer Carnival held at the Senate Road Complex. The day encourages

- Participation
- Being active
- Interacting with other schools’ members
- Sportsmanship

It was great to see our students having a go and scoring the occasional goal. Well Done to all involved and to Brett Perry for his organisation.

Football and Netball

This week we have a number of students who are representing Port Pirie in the SAPSASA Football and Netball. We wish them all the best and hope to hear some great achievements.

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**Pupil Free Day**
Monday 28th May

**Airdale Kids Club**
will be open for an all day session. Parents can access CCB and CCR for their fees.
Ring Maxine on 86330066 for bookings.

**NO DOGS AT SCHOOL**
Section 42A (2) of the Dog & Cat Management Act 1995 (SA) states:

(2) A person who owns or is responsible for the control of a dog is guilty of an offence if the dog (not being an accredited disability dog, guide dog or hearing dog) is in, or in the grounds of, a school, kindergarten, child care centre or pre-school centre without the permission of the person in charge of that place.

Maximum penalty:

(a) if the dog is a dangerous dog or a dog of a prescribed breed—$2,500;
(b) in any other case—$250.

**JUNIOR DISCO**
SATURDAY 2ND JUNE 2012
LIONS SPORTING & COMMUNITY CENTRE
7PM – 9PM
AGES 5 -13 $2 ENTRY
Drinks, snacks and Glow Sticks Available to purchase.
Parents MUST collect all children at the Door Please.
All Welcome
Bring all your Friends.

**SCHOOL CROSSING**
Parents and Caregivers are requested to use the school crossing at all times when crossing Kingston Road and obey all “no parking/standing signs” and road rules.

This promotes good safe habits for your children.
Young children can’t see past parked cars, nor can on-coming traffic see your young children.

The no parking signs provide clear vision for pedestrians and traffic at the crossing.
It also provides safe passage for buses.
Police have been requested to monitor this area regularly.

Keep them safe by modelling safe practice.

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