Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Thursday you will be receiving home your child’s Semester 1 Report. The Semester 1 Report is a snapshot in time of where your child is at in terms of their achievement against their year level. There have been some significant changes to our report format as we comply with the requirements including reporting against the Australian Curriculum in the areas of Mathematics and Science. Our teachers have also been trialling the History component of the Australian Curriculum, so we will be reporting using the History achievement standards. For the remaining learning areas we are using the South Australian Curriculum, Standards and Accountability framework (SACSA). The other difference that you will find in your child’s report is the A – E reporting for achievement levels. The achievement level takes into account the content plus the new skills, knowledge and understanding reached and transferred over to other curriculum areas.

Please see page 2 for the table that describes the new achievement standards.

Teachers have used a range of assessment methods to determine your child’s achievement levels, and engagement in their learning. The development of your child’s social and learning behaviours is described on the front page of our new report format under the heading of our school virtues of: Respect, Cooperation, Caring, Honesty and Responsibility. Your child’s report also includes school attendance information.

We are very keen to receive feedback from you about our new reporting format, so please complete the enclosed Parent Reporting Survey and return to the Front Office. We look forward to working in partnership with families to achieve improvement in learning, achievement and performance for all our students.

If you have any questions regarding your child’s report, please make a time with your child’s teacher to discuss.

School Captains meeting the Premier

It was my pleasure to attend, with our two school captains (Jessica Phipps and O’Reilly Gray) the opening of John Pirie Secondary School Industrial Kitchen. Our Premier, Mr Jay Weatherill (former Education Minister) opened the wonderful new area and resource. We were fortunate to have our photographs taken with the premier.

I was approached by a number of past students from Risdon Park PS who were undertaking their certificate 3 in hospitality at JPSS and who had prepared a very comprehensive and yummy morning tea.

Regards,

Carolyn Clinton
The table below describes the new achievement standards.

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**RPPS Term 2’s Highlights and Achievements**

Term 2 was a busy term once again and here are some highlights and achievements:

- Two pupil Free Days (SMART Board PD & Australian Curriculum)
- Continued Implementation of Jolly Phonics in Reception to yr2
- 2 teachers and Intervention Manager, plus 1 SSO participation in a University research project with a focus on reading improvement
- Guided Reading programs reception to year 7’s, teaching explicit reading skills
- Year 1 students learning in the reading room has seen significant success with one student graduating at a reading level 10. All other students making strong progress achieving an average of 2 reading levels since the middle of term 1
- Teachers working collaboratively together planning and programming and reviewing their practice, along with participating in Learning Teams investigating an area of our Site Improvement Plan
- SAPSASA Soccer
- Dress Up Day - Kids Co Fundraiser
- Breakfast Club every Wednesday morning
- NAPLAN - National Literacy & Numeracy tests
- Zoo Excursion for rooms 16 and 13
- Room 24 local excursion in celebrating of their local History learning
- Rooms 31 and 35 Guided Inquiry presentation focused on student learning about Australian Immigration
- Perfect Classroom presentations by room 36
- Healthy Eating program - culminating in a soup day by room 15 with a parent volunteer
- 3 whole school assemblies
- RPPS Website Updated - Thanks to Kevin Moore and Daniel Olley

- SMART Boards for all classrooms and being used to make learning programs more engaging
- Computer Suite update
- Lab on Legs
- Work experience students spending a week at Risdon in a variety of classes

**A Big Thank you to:** all our parent volunteers who donate their time in a variety of programs at the school including:
- Breakfast Club
- Participating in classroom programs - literacy time, play boxes and hearing students read
- Helping out in our resource centre and reading room
- Working in the canteen
- Coming along to excursions
- Special programs across the school.

Thank you Michael Lynch who came in to be a guest judge in the assessment room 36’s measurement Assignment.
School Uniform
I have been a little disappointed lately to see so many students not wearing our school windcheater over the top of their polo shirt. When I stop students in the yard or walking through units wearing ordinary windcheaters and ask why they are not wearing the school uniforms, they of course give me lots of different answers, including the most obvious that it is in the wash, but mostly that it is too small, that they don’t have one or that they didn’t want to! I would like to encourage you to encourage your child to show their pride in our school by wearing our school uniform. Our new windcheaters are extremely warm and available for sale from the front office.
 Regards, Carolyn Clinton

SAPSASA SOCCER
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For the girls, Caitlin Brooks, Talisha Hillier, Jess Marwick (Captain), Hannah Marwick, Lana Kay-Bulloch, Mikala Colyer, Jess Axon and AbbieHeyes provided a solid foundation for the team, each player contributing to the overall 5th place in Division 1, noting that there were 3 equal winners to the competition.

Finally, our congratulations goes out to Jess Marwick for making it into the SAPSASA State Hockey team for the 2nd year in a row. Well done Jess!

Pictured, Talisha, Jess, Abbie, and Caitlin going into attack for Pirie.

Manager,
Magdy Jagiello

Cards and Games
We would like to remind all parents and students that bringing in collection cards and certain type games eg: Boy Blades, Yugio are not to be brought into the school. This interferes with:
- Learning (due to students wanting to play with them)
- Friendships—time is then needed to restore issues
- Teacher Time—working out who brought what instead of spending time with students and their learning

If you have any questions or concerns please come in and see me.

Cheers Damien Mellow
Letter Day

Games at lunch

Dress Up

Fundraiser

A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring
Last week we saw all 16 classes involved in Lab On Legs. Lab On Legs is run by CSIRO and brings science to schools in an exciting, educational way.

The R-3 class sessions were about being young scientists. “It’s illuminating!”

The 4-7 class sessions were about Forensic Frenzy—‘Risky Robbery’

At the Lab on Legs session which was designed for students in a reception to a year 3 level we got to be scientists. Our aim for the session was to make sure we asked questions, did experiments, recorded our findings and shared what we discovered. The session was hands on and we had to listen carefully to the instructions which Jean gave us. We had to work with a partner and this helped us with the activities. During the hour and a half, we got to do a lot of different activities such as:

- Create our own electrical circuit boards
- Experiment with using different materials in a kaleidoscope
- Using a laser to try and hit a target (we also had to use mirrors to make it harder)
- Navigate bee-bots (robots on wheels) around a map
- We had a lot of fun at the Lab on Legs session and hope that we get to do it again next year.

With the older classes a crime had been committed. Children, working in pairs, had to complete a series of experiments to find forensic evidence to work out who committed the crime.

All classes and teachers enjoyed the sessions with children being engaged, enthusiastic and showing excellent cooperation skills as they worked through the series of experiments.

Presenters Jean and Frank did a great job working with each class and we thank them for their efforts.

Both presenters were very impressed with all classes as their enthusiasm, listening skills and ability to work together to solve problems was excellent.

Many thanks to Damien for his help in organizing the visit, front office staff for the name tags and to all class teachers and students for their support in making Lab On Legs a success.
CENTRAL/RISDON NETBALL CLUB
Fee’s are now overdue must be paid this weekend 30/6/12. Otherwise your child is unable to take the court after this date.
Reminder—We are on canteen this week. Please check the roster.
Jumper—if you need a jumper please call/text me (Teresa) 0428449969/ah 86326678 we need a minimum order of 10. If not we are unable to process any further orders this year. If you have already spoken to me please call to confirm.

Special Training Night. July 17th for the H Grade, U12’s Div 1 and 2. 5-6pm.
A grade players in will be coaching.

JUNIOR DISCO (Central/Risdon)
When: Saturday 21st July 6-9pm
Where: Savoy Soccer Club Main Rd Pt Pirie
Who: For students aged 7-16
Cost $5 admission
Drinks available for purchase.
Complete Adult Supervision provided. All kids to be dropped off and picked up strictly at the door.
No Pass Out!
For more information see your coach or the social committee.
Jessie Webb, Abby Zubrinich, Andrea Fisher, Chelsea Davies, Kara Footner, Leoni Deed

JUNIOR LEAGUE 10 PIN BOWLING
for under 18years
Friday’s 4:30pm,
Bowland, Esmond Road
2 games $10
(usual price $15)
All abilities, coaching available.
Take this add to Bowland and speak to staff and try bowling.

Relay for Life Disco Fundraiser
Date : 29th June
Where : Tigers Baseball Club, Grey Tce
Times: 5 to 8 year olds 4.30-6.30
9 to 12 year olds 7.15-10.15
Gold coin donation, NO PASSOUTS, fully supervised and parents to collect children from the door.
Drinks, snacks and glowsticks available to purchase.
All Welcome !
Any queries please phone Marika on : 8632 5571