Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to all our existing students and their families for term 4. I would also like to welcome all new students to Risdon Park Primary School. We have 13 new reception students and 12 students R—7 starting their schooling at Risdon Park this term. We currently have 462 students enrolled at Risdon Park this term, which is the highest number of students that I can recall. All classes are at their capacity and teachers are working hard to meet all students’ learning and wellbeing needs through their planning and programming. Many of you would have already received home your class’s newsletter for term 4 informing you of the learning program, homework expectations, classroom routines, procedures and behaviour expectations.

Term 4 promises to be another exciting term for learning at Risdon Park. We have many up and coming events to look forward to and some of these include:

- Cricket Coaching for years for Reception to Year 4
- Year 6 students National Science Testing
- Aquatic Camp for students in rooms 31, 32, 35 and 36
- Interschool Sports Day
- Literacy and Numeracy Open Morning
- Year 7 transition into High School
- Pupil Free Day – Friday 16th November
- Kindy to Reception transition
- Year 6/7 Involvement in Carclew Performing Arts program
- Year 7 Graduation and dinner

Please look to the enclosed term planner for dates of the above events.

One of our major community events this term is our Literacy and Numeracy Open Morning which will be held Thursday 1st of November. All students will be making invitations to parents inviting you to this special event. The morning will begin at 9am with a Read-Aloud in selected areas around the school, with students matched with reading buddies from other classes. At 9:30am parents will be invited into our computer room for a presentation outlining Risdon Park PS Literacy and Numeracy programs. From 10am classrooms will be open across the school for parents to wonder through, observe students learning and have a talk with their child about what and how of their Literacy and Numeracy program. The Literacy and Numeracy Open Morning will conclude with a morning tea in our hall from 10:40 – 11am.

Please look out for your individual invitations as we will be asking you to let us know if you are coming so that we can successfully cater for morning tea.
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**Attendance**

It is important that all school track the attendance of their students. In an attempt for us to make it easier for parents and caregivers to inform us of your child’s/children’s absences we now have dedicated a mobile phone to take your text messages and/or voice messages informing us of when and why your child/ren are away.

The phone number is: **0409097059**

When texting or ring or leaving a voice message on this phone it is important for you to provide us with the following information.

- Name of your child
- Class teacher or room number
- Day/s he or she will be away
- Reason for his or her absence

If your child is unwell for an extended period of time we will still require a sickness certificate from the doctor. If your family is taking a holiday or intending to take an extending period of time away from Port Pirie and therefore away from school, then you will need to fill in an Application for Exemption form which can be obtained from the front office.

The phone will be checked every morning for text and voice messages. If you would prefer you will still be able to ring the school directly on 86322226 to talk with one of our admin staff to inform them of absences.

I look forward to our exciting term ahead and the opportunity to work with all our families.

Regards,
Carolyn Clinton
Principal

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**St Marks visit our JP’s**

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On the last Wednesday of term 3 we held our soccer break up. After a sausage sizzle every player was presented with a memento of another successful year where approximately 70 people participated each Saturday for terms 2 & 3. A big thank you to all coaches and parents helpers.

A highlight of the season were the new guernsey,s for each of the school’s 6 teams.

We would like to acknowledge the very kind sponsorship of these guernsey’s by:

Greg & Trudi Miller from GR Miller Transport
Nystar
Magic FM
Port Pirie Junior Soccer Association
On behalf of the players at Risdon Primary a very big thank you!

Greg Cox
Coordinator

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Australian Mathematics Competition—Rebecca Oaklands

The results of the 35th annual Australian Mathematics Competition held on the 2 August in primary and secondary schools are now available. Hundreds of thousands of students from over 40 countries entered. Students from Year 3 to Year 12 compete on the same day, making it possibly one of the largest single events on the Australian education calendar. Risdon entered 21 students. 6 achieved a Credit and 3 received a Proficiency Certificate.

All other students who competed will receive a Certificate of Participation and every entrant is provided with an individual performance report.

The following students will officially receive their certificates and results during school assembly in week 2.

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Get your acts ready Risdon’s Got Talent is on again this term! Students will be able to sign up for audition in weeks 3 and 4 and Auditions will be in weeks 5 and 6. We look forward to seeing all the amazing acts the children come up with this year.

Cougars Softball Club presents:
A Ghoulish Halloween Dance Party
All Welcome
When: Friday 26th Oct 2012
Where: Tavener Hall, Kingston Road, Pt Pirie
Time: 7-9pm
Cost: $2.00
Ages: 5 to 13 yrs old
Trick or Treat game and prizes

Music Lessons
Piano, Keyboard, Singing
For more information and to book, please phone
Anne Hansen
(Bachelor music and Dip Educ)
8636 2231
0429 866 242
KUPSCH’S BAKERY FUNDRAISER

Orders must be in Friday 12/11/12 by 3pm

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PLANNING FOR 2013

To help with planning, would you please advise on the below tear off slip if your child/children possibly may not be attending Risdon Park Primary School next year, even if you are unsure at this stage of the year? Also, if you are aware of anyone who could be a new enrolment at our school next year, please let us know.

New enrolment

Name(s)........................................................................................................

will be a new enrolment at RPPS next year.

Date of birth....../....../......

Year level in 2012 ______

Parent/Guardian (please print name)

Contact phone number.................................................................

Transferring to another school

Names(s)........................................................................................................

will be transferring to

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next year.

Parent/Guardian Name & signature please.

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This term Room 15 have been learning about The Olympics during our Guided Inquiry lessons. We were lucky enough to see and hold a real Olympic torch from the Sydney 2000 Olympics! It was very heavy and shiny!

We have been learning about stringed instruments with Mrs Burgan.

During literacy time, we use our mini whiteboards to practise our writing skills.

Learning about time in maths we made clock faces.