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Risdon Park News
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday
Choir Performances
7.30pm
30

Friday
Kindy Transition
31

Week 8
Wednesday
Finance Governing
Council Meeting
5

Friday
Kindy Transition
7

Week 9
Thursday
Sports Day Thurs
13

Friday
Pupil Free
14

Canteen Roster

Week 8
Monday 3rd Sept
G Curnow
Tuesday 4th Sept
P Williams
Wednesday 5th Sept
M Hayward
Thursday 6th Sept
J Saris
Friday 7th Sept
G Baggott, R Giles

Week 9
Monday 10th Sept
D Staehr
Tuesday 11th Sept
V Guymer
Wednesday 12th Sept
K Boothby
Thursday 13th Sept
Sports Day
Friday 14th Sept
Pupil Free Day

Literacy Improvement 2012

The Literacy improvement focus at Risdon Park Primary School has been on improving our students reading outcomes from Reception to Year 7. In the Early Years, we have been involved in the Deslea Konsa, Professor from Edith Cowin University 'Big 6 of Reading' project as well as implemented Jolly Phonics across R-2. This has involved the explicit teaching of sounds using a structure that incorporates revision, blending sounds to read words, and students applying their knowledge on a daily basis.

We have also had a whole school focus on Guided Reading which involves the explicit teaching of reading in small groups. Teachers completed training with Stephen Graham (Literacy expert and consultant) in Term 1 and have been implementing this across R-7. Teachers have also been released to work in pairs and/or small groups to plan and program for Guided Reading and then to review programs taught. Feedback from class teachers has been extremely positive regarding the implementation of their programs as well as the progress in their students' reading development. Teachers have been using regular reading tests called 'Running Records' to track students' increased achievement levels.
Although reading has been our main focus, writing has been in maintenance mode for 2012. Staff have also been working through a process called ‘moderation’. This involves analysing writing samples to establish a standards from Reception to Year 7. This work ensures consistency in grading across all year levels in writing.

So far this year we have held 2 parent workshops: one in Guided Reading and another in Jolly Phonics. Next term we will be having a Literacy and Numeracy Open Morning in Friday of week 4 term 4 which will be a great opportunity for you to come and see our literacy priorities in practice. There will be more information available early next term.

Shellee Harradine

Literacy Improvement Coordinator

Survey Winner

Earlier this term 101 of Risdon Park PS families were identified by DECD (Department for Education and Child Development) to complete the annual opinion survey. To entice families complete the survey we offered a $60 meal voucher from the Risdon Hotel. Congratulations to Jeanette Button and family for completing their survey and winning the meal voucher prize.

Sports Day

Venue - Risdon Park School oval areas and synthetic court.

Sports Programs

We will be running events as follows:
- Reception - Year 2 - Activities after the official opening
- Year 3 - 7 Sprints from 9.20 am - 10.30 am
- Recess break - early Years 10:20 - 10:55. Primary - 10.25 - 10.50 am
- Year 3 - 7 Team Games from 10.50 am - 12.00 pm & 12.35 - 2.15 pm

Starting All students are expected to be in their classrooms by 8.55 am sharp. Classes will then move to the track for the official opening.

End of Day 2:30pm

Buses will run as usual on Sports Day. If your children normally use a school bus, but will not be doing so for either or both trips on the day, please inform the driver to prevent confusion. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm, please try to make arrangements for your child to leave school at this time.

Supervision of children

As soon as Reception - Year 2 students complete their Sprint activities parents can collect them from their class teachers. Students can then also go and buy lunch from the stall.

Eating Arrangements/Lunch Stall

Children may bring a cut lunch or bring money to buy lunch from our lunch stall.
Champions Read

BOOK WEEK AT RISDON

Best Dressed Champion Reader Winners

Colouring Competition Winners

Champion Reader Parade

Buddy Class and Parent Reading

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SPORTS DAY is Thursday September 13th
We would like some volunteers to assist with judging and setting up on the day. If you are free and able to assist us, please contact
Damien Mellow our Deputy Principal at the front office.
Remember the following day Friday 14th Sept is a pupil free day.

South Port Cricket Club
Upcoming season 2012/13
Any new players interested
Please call Paul 0417844104
Training dates to be advised

Railway Junior Tennis still have a few spots available. New players welcome.
For further information Ph Trish Lloyd on 0438826833 after 4:30pm.
Forms available from the school office.

Book Club
Friday 31st August is last day for orders

CHECKMATES SOFTBALL CLUB SOFTBALL (9 years and older)/T-BALL (under 9 years)
Matches begin on Saturday, 13th October for all under age grades. Trainings are on Wednesdays on the Murdoch St oval at 3:30pm.
All primary school children are eligible to play, and we encourage new players to come and have a try.
We also would welcome any parents/care givers who would like to be involved in coaching or assisting their child’s team. Players are also required for our senior teams; do you know anyone who might like to give softball a go – older brothers and sisters, mums and dads – we have a team to suit all ages and abilities.
Any queries or for further information, please contact either: Samantha Youngman (7324 4420 a/hours) or Sharyn Combe (8632 3116 a/hours).

CENTRAL / RISDON NETBALL PRESENTATION
Thursday 13th Sept
Junior disco
4.15—6pm @ Savoy’s
Presentation: 5.30pm
Black and White theme

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CANTEEN SPECIAL
FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST
Ham & Cheeseburger + fruitbox
Full serve $4.50 save $1.20
1/2 serve $3.50 save .80c
NO chicken wedges available Friday

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German Term 3

In German this term students in Years 1/2 and the 2/3 class have been learning to count from 20 to 100. Students in years 3 to 6/7 have been looking into the reasons “why learn a second language” and in particular German. Students then used this information to write an exposition on why learn German? Below are some student’s expositions.

Why learn German?

Children should learn German. There are lots of great reasons children should learn German.

Firstly children should learn German because you get better at English by having to make comparisons between English and German grammar.

Secondly children should learn German because it makes you up to 15% smarter because it uses both sides of your brain.

Lastly children should learn German because you can learn about the culture of Germany like foods, sports and Christmas markets this makes you tolerant of other cultures.

In conclusion children should learn German because you become more tolerant. I think learning German is great and a piece of cake and that’s why children should learn German.

By Tahlia Phipps, Mr Belton’s class yr 4/5

Why learn German?

All people should learn German. There are many reasons why and here are a few of them.

Firstly people should learn German because learning a second language makes you 15% smarter by making you use your left and right sides of your brain at the same time.

Secondly people should learn German because it is easier to learn if you can speak English because 35% of the words are almost spelt and sound the same for example Braun=brown, orange=organe.

Thirdly people should learn German because it increases the number of job opportunities e.g. working on a plane, international sports star, teacher, translator or even working in tourism.

Furthermore, learning German also helps you understand movies, TV shows and music in German.

Also learning German improves your literacy skills in English, by making comparisons between two languages.

In conclusion people should learn German because it makes you smarter, more job opportunities, understand German movies and German sounds and looks like English.

By O'Reilly Gray, Miss Sargent’s class yr 6/7

Why learn German?

I strongly believe people should learn German. There are many good reasons why people should learn German. Below are my arguments why.

To begin people should learn German because it can increase the number of job opportunities you can have. For instance a flight attendant, interpreter, international sports player or even a language teacher. Having any of these jobs would be a great life experience and would be enjoyable.

Secondly people should learn German because it increase you intelligence by 15%. This fact has been scientifically proven by the University of Adelaide. Learning German improve you literacy and English skills by concentrating on German grammar which is different to English.

Thirdly people should learn German because English use to be German a lot easier as some of the words are very similar. For instance Känguru which is kangaroo in English. Kalt which is cold in English and many more the list goes on and on.

Furthermore people should learn German as high school student can have the opportunity to go on exchange programs to learn more about Germany’s rich culture.

Also you can understand German music and movies. Who doesn’t love Muzzy.

In conclusion I strongly believe people should learn German as you can have more job opportunities, learning a second language makes you smarter, it’s easy to learn, you can go on exchange and take a step forward in your education.

By Courtney Saler, Miss Sargent’s class yr 6/7

For the last 5 weeks of the term students in years 3 to 7 will be learning about German food. At the end of this unit of work students will be trying some German food. Please let me know via a diary note if you child has any food allergies.

Thank you

Frau Taylor

Choir

Congratulations to all choir members on their performance last night, and especially to the soloists from Risdon, Allyson Diggens, Samantha Simpson, Leah Funke and Chloe Olsen. Also congratulations to the instrumental music students on their performance. Thank you to Ebony Bennier, Hannah Andrews and Talisha Hillier for selling the programs.