Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Monday 28th May, Risdon Park PS staff joined 9 other schools from Pirie and surrounds in a day of learning at Crystal Brook Primary School focussed on the introduction of the Australian Curriculum.

Garry Costello, Head of Schools from Department of Education and Children's Development (DECD) talked to an audience of over 200 teachers, leaders and school service officers about the importance of providing for every student in our care the most engaging curriculum that we can.

Brenton Willson, (Manager of Leadership for Learning from DECD), presented to us a very entertaining and thought provoking presentation explaining the various ways that we all learn. His message was clear and that is that everyone learns differently and that our teaching and learning programs need to accommodate the increasingly complex diversity of learner’s needs.

Brenton outlined a way forward for planning and programming for our students in a process called the Learning Design Model. In the afternoon, our staff got the opportunity to work through the Learning Design Model with other teachers from other sites in similar year levels in one of the following curriculum areas: English, Mathematics, Science and History.

From the Principal…….

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

Congratulations to Charlie Hudson on achieving level ten reading and becoming an independent reader.

Have you gone online to see our Website lately?

Thank you to Kevin Moore and Daniel Olley for updating the Risdon Park PS Website. We aim to update it regularly by putting up our newsletters and reports of school events.

Our website address is: www.risdonpkps.sa.edu.au

We would appreciate any feedback or suggestions.

Maciej Jankowski

Congratulations to Maciej Jankowski for winning the Principal’s position at Georgetown Primary School for Term 3 and 4.

On behalf of the staff, students and community of the Risdon Park Primary School I would like to thank Maciej for his dedication and enthusiasm and wish him all the best on his new endeavour.

Regards

Carolyn Clinton
Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week is about appreciation of the Aboriginal culture. This year the theme is Recognition. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, culture and achievements and to explore how we can join the national reconciliation effort. Students made beaded bracelets and necklaces throughout the week in their lunchtimes. They had heaps of fun.

Naomi Connor
Aboriginal Education Teacher
Room 21’s motto is that we will succeed by showing respect, responsibility and friendliness all the time. It has been a great 2 terms for Room 21. We certainly have been wearing our motto with pride on our shirts.

Our emphasis has been on a positive and supportive learning environment and here are some photos to show how we have been successfully learning in our classroom.

**NAPLAN preparation can be fun!**

Looking at patterns in our environment and then creating our own patterns with flip tiles. The interactive whiteboards assist with the post activity discussion.

Exposition writing – here we are making our Mother’s Day cards. Students were required to write an exposition on why mums and any other significant female member of our families should be spoilt on Mother’s Day and to write one of their reasons in their card.
The Coles gear has arrived!!!!!!

We want to thank our community again for their involvement in helping us reach over 100,000 vouchers. The sports gear will be used for gross motor skills and physical education lessons from R - 7

Thank you
Students Leadership Team

Damien Mellow
Canteen Special
Friday 8th June
Hotdog + Sauce
Plus chocolate or strawberry milk
Full serve $4.50  Save 70c
1/2 serve $3.50  Save 60c
*NO Wedges Fridays*
Special recess Friday for Letter Day available from Canteen Prices 50c—$1.50

Kids Schedule
Jumping Castle / Face painting / Artists corner / Scavenger Hunt on a bike are all activities that are available for Saturday from 10am

Saturday
8:30 am – Watch our special guest and his amazing street skills!
11:30 am – The “Amazing Drumming monkeys” show
12:15 pm – Judge and award Cakes
1pm – Kids Ride through Weaving Camels loop
2pm – Watch the Time Trials on the trails
4pm – Check out the big boys on the pump track
6pm – Glow stick parade on the pump track

Sunday – Learn and Ride with an International Star!
10am - Kids Pump track skills clinic and time trial – Win a “BYK” bike
11am – Kids ride through Weaving Camels
12:30pm – Kids Bike Maintenance and fun games!
1:30pm – Watch the Time Trials on the trails
5pm – Watch and learn from Jasper!

Kids registrations are FREE - you can see what else is happening on our website – www.otesports.com.au - Kerri – 0412 038 994

Pre-school gymnastics
The Port Pirie Regional Gymnastics Academy’s ‘Tumble Bugs and Twinkle Toes’ sessions are movement based programs designed specifically for children 4yrs and under and their caregiver.

Each program promotes the development of the whole child - socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically, in a safe, structured, multi-sensory environment, indoors.

Learn new physical skills. Sessions include animated songs and rhymes, play on a wobbly balance beam, free play. A variety of hand squames. use a wide range of props, ribbons, hoops, pipes, pumpkins and bean bags!

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
Jolly Phonics - Early Years

Our Early Years Teachers (R-2) have now been implementing Jolly Phonics for nearly two terms. The students have been engaged in their learning of the main 42 sounds and actions as well as how to blend sounds to read simple words (eg. c-a-t = cat). Some classes may now be learning about the alternative spellings of sounds (eg. ai, ay, a_e) and ‘tricky words’. Tricky words cannot be sounded out therefore students have to simply learn them by sight. We have included a survey for parents/caregivers, of students in Reception to Year 2, to complete in regards to Jolly Phonics. We are just seeking your feedback on how your child/ren have been engaging in the program at home. Feedback forms are due back by the end of week 8, Friday the 15th June.

Shellee Harradine
(on behalf of the Literacy Improvement Committee)

Parent Survey

Now that Jolly Phonics has been implemented in classes from Reception to Year 2 for a term and a half we would like to have your feedback on...

How do you think your child is going?
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Do you see any progress in your child knowing sounds, actions, letter names and blending to read simple words? Please give a brief explanation.
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Any questions or comments....
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Thank you for your feedback.
Shellee Harradine
Literacy Improvement Coordinator

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