Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Next week we start holding our Parent / Teacher Interviews for 2012. Interviews are held over a two week period and hopefully you would have already received the Interview request slip home from your child’s teacher.

This year’s Interviews will take place from Monday 19th March (week 8) through to Friday 30th March (week 9).

The purpose of Parent / Teacher interviews is for parents and teachers to meet to talk about and share important information about your child’s learning progress and achievement levels. Students are also welcome to attend for some or a part of the interview.

Interviews provide parents with the opportunity to talk about:
- likes, dislikes, talents, skills and interests;
- attitude towards school and any issues they are experiencing;
- learning progress and achievements;
- friendships and how they may or may not be impacting on their time at school;
- plus any other information they would like to share and / or discuss.

Interviews provide teachers with the opportunity to talk about:
- the individual student’s learning progress and achievements;
- things that might be getting in the way of learning or distracting their focus and learning time;
- share the First Impressions report which outlines how the student has settled into a new class and learning in 2012;
- future goals, programs and strategies.

Specialist teachers (NIT) will also be available to speak with you about your child’s learning in their particular learning area:
- Frau Taylor (German) is available on Tuesday 27th March in Science Room at the rear of the school from 3:30pm - 5pm;
- Annette Sutton (Health & Science) is available on Monday the 26th and Tuesday 27th March in the Reading Room (Unit 1) from 3:30 - 5pm;

Damien Mellow (Deputy Principal & School Counsellor) and I will also be available to speak with parents during the two weeks of interviews. If you would like to make a time to speak with one of us please contact the front office.

Interviews provide both parents and teachers with an opportunity to sit down and talk face to face, to ask questions, clarify issues and practices and work through potential concerns. Teachers look forward to meeting with you to talk about your child’s learning. If you have not been able to respond to the interview request form and / or not able to fit a time into the allocated two weeks, then please contact your child’s teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Thank you for your participation in this very important event.

Regards,
Carolyn Clinton
Principal

Pictured below: Ronan Sheldrick gets his Fire Engine ride to school on his birthday March 7th that he won in a raffle last year.
SAPSASA Softball
We would like to congratulate the following students who have been selected to play for Pt Pirie in SAPSASA Softball. They will travel to Adelaide in week 8 and play other regions. We know they will show all their skill and sportsmanship during this week.
Well done        Talisha Hillier    Ebony Bennier
                Jessica Axon        Jessica Marwick
                Rebecca Hunter-O’Neil

LATE NEWS
SAPSASA SWIMMING STATE CARNIVAL TEAM
Congratulations to Chelsea-Rose Meyer, Jessica Robbel and Kayla Myers who have made the Pirie District Swimming Team.

If you are going to be away from school please phone
8632 2226

Students on buses may arrive a few minutes before 8:30am. They are asked to stay on the front lawn until the 8:30am bell rings.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
8:55 am
School Starts

School bag

Diary / Reader

10:40—11am
Recess

Lunch box & Water Bottle

1:00—1:40pm
Lunch

3:15pm
School Finishes

HOME

5-6 Year olds NEED 10—12 hours sleep per day. Children at this age typically go to bed between 7pm and 9pm and wake around 6am and 8am.

7-12 Year olds NEED 10-11 hours sleep per day. At these ages, with social, school and family activities, bedtimes gradually becomes later and later, with most 12 year olds going to bed at about 9pm and waking up around 7am.
“Literacy is everyone’s business”- On your marks, get set, READ!

Tips for supporting your child/ren with reading at home:

Your child needs to be reading an easy text at home every night. Make this one of those non-negotiables - it is just too important! “Children who learn best are those that take responsibility for their learning” (Stephen Graham).

When you sit down to listen to your child read there are 3 important things to remember: give them the title and give them any proper nouns (names of characters). After you have listened to your child read the book talk to them about the text they have read. If you are a parent who goes into your child’s classroom to listen to reading these are strategies you can use as well.

Remember your child needs lots of praise and encouragement.. Confidence is a key ingredient in being successful!

Shellee Harradine, Literacy Coordinator

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This is a very special year for reading and the Premier’s Reading Challenge, as 2012 has been designated the National Year of Reading. The NYoR is a national campaign to promote reading undertaken by the Australian state and public library sectors, to take place throughout 2012. Further information is available at www.love2read.org.au.

It would be great if you could support your son/daughter in completing their Reading Challenge to read 12 books before September. This will be so that they can receive their Challenge award or medal, especially in the National Year of Reading.

There are many NYoR activities for you to be involved in, with some outlined below. Also, for more ideas on reading, go to www.love2read.org.au.

World Book Day – 1st March. Designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, it is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. It is a partnership of publishers, booksellers and interested parties who work together to promote books and reading for the personal enrichment and enjoyment of all.

International Children’s Book Day – 2nd April. Since 1967, on or around Hans Christian Andersen’s birthday ICBD is celebrated to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children’s books.

Children’s Book Week – 18th - 24th August. Book Week is the longest running children’s festival in Australia. Each year, many schools and public libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians develop activities, offer competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. The theme for 2012 is “Champions Read”.

The Reading Hour – 25th August, nominally from 6 – 7 pm. You could also have a reading hour during the week, share a book with your child, and so forth.

We are hoping that reading features in Australia in many ways this year and that the Premier’s Reading Challenge is completed by all of our students.

Yours Sincerely,
Helen McMahon  Trenna Kretschmer

Wanted: Pleated netball skirts.

If you have a netball skirt you no longer need the Risdon netball club would like to re-cycle it for new players. Please drop them into school.

These are no longer at K-Mart or Target.

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OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 3rd APRIL 2012
Sessions commence at 2.00pm and 6.00pm.
Farm Tours departing at 1.00pm, 4.00pm and 5.00pm.
Room 23 would like to introduce Sam, our resident classroom mascot. Some of you may have already heard about or met Sam when you have visited our classroom.

During the school day Sam sits in class and goes with the class wherever they go. At night he goes home with a student and becomes a part of their family. Sam enjoys all the special times he has had with students and their families.

Sam came swimming with us and floated on the paddle board in the shallow pool, before he found a towel to lie on.

Students getting ready to swim with their noodles across the pool.

Practising our swimming skills during weeks 4 and 5.

Celebrating the end of swimming lessons by having fun on the large foam foot.
YOUNG LEADERS DAY
On Tuesday 13th March the school captains and vice captains from Pirie and surrounding areas went to Adelaide’s Convention Centre to listen to 5 different speakers talk about leadership. 

Pictured from left, Jessica Marwick, Jess Phipps, O'Reilly Gray and Riley Procter

WHAT IS LEADERSHIP?
Jessica Marwick - Be confident and always have a go. Be the best you can.
O'Reilly Gray—Leaderships is all about influence and influence comes in all different ways.
Jess Phipps, always try your best and go hard. Follow your heart and dreams.
Riley Procter—Don’t listen to the people that tell you not to but listen to the people that tell you to because its great advice.

We are excited about working with out Kids Co and fellow students as we have lots of ideas to help make our school a great place for learning and having fun.

Risdon Park Primary School Annual General Meeting (AGM)

RPPS Governing Council AGM will be taking place next Wednesday night 21st March at 7pm in our Resource Centre. If you are interested in becoming a Governing Council member please come along to our meeting as there are positions available. Governing Council meets twice a term on a Wednesday evening for about 1 ½ hours to discuss school priorities, policies / procedures and whole school events. We are a friendly group and would like to welcome new members into our enthusiastic team.

The councillor position is a two year position with half of the Governing Councillor position up for re-nomination and / or election every year.

Councillors up for re-nomination/retiring
Kelly Smith 1 year remaining
Christine Carman
Rick Olsen
Mary Nitz
Mel Maywald

Our Governing Council Constitution allows for 11 Governing Council members. So if you are interested in playing an active role in the governance of Risdon Park PS, then please come along to our AGM on Wednesday 21st March at 7pm.

Carolyn Clinton will give a brief presentation of the 2011 Annual Report.
A light supper will be provided.

DISCO POOL PARTY
When: Friday 16th March 7:00-9:30pm
Where: Pt Pirie Swimming Pool, Mary Elie St, Pt Pirie
8-12 Years Cost: $5

Loads of prizes and giveaways
NO PASSOUTS, food and drinks available

CENTRALS—RISDON NETBALL
ALL FEES DUE NOW
Reminder: Training today 15th 5-6pm
Top orders and money due now

CACTEEN SPECIAL FOR FRIDAY
Hot Dog & Sauce + Big M Milk Drink
Chocolate or Strawberry

Full serve $4.50 save 90c
1/2 serve $3.50 save 70c

No chicken wedges available Fridays
Don’t forget Orange food in canteen
Wednesday 21st March

Music Tuition
Wendy Palmer has lesson times available for guitar, piano and singing tuition.
For more information please phone 86322659

A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring
Reporting @ Risdon Park Primary School

At Risdon Park Primary School we report to you in numerous ways. The following outlines our formal and informal procedures for reporting student achievement, learning and schooling.

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Other ways that we communicate and report to parents throughout the school year include:
- Individual student portfolios (optional for class teachers)
- Individual meetings with Psychologists, Speech Pathologists, Guidance Officers, Case Management

FROM THE DEPUTY.......Showcasing our Learning

Learning is the main priority at Risdon and we like to celebrate the success students have with this everyday. We have implemented our learning tokens which enable the students to show off their learning to Carolyn and myself. We receive a learning card and then visit the classroom to ask questions and have students display and discuss their learning. It has been great for the leadership team to be part of the learning happening in the classroom and share this with the teachers and the students. The class receives a token and when they have filled their chart they will discuss in their class meetings a time when they can celebrate their success.

Some examples are below.
- Miss Oaklands — investigating 2D and 3D shapes and naming these
- Mrs Tiller— art displays in their classroom eg Sea Creatures
- Miss Harradine—learning about body parts
- Miss Joyce—designing a pasta man using real pasta

FROM THE DEPUTY:

On Thursday 1st March 12 of our year 5, 6, 7 students competed in the Shackell Shield swimming event held at the Pt Pire Swimming Centre. The students competed in heats and then qualified for finals.

We had 2 teams compete in the A final and 1 team in the B final. The end result is that we came away with the shield. Well done team.

Thank you to Morgan Joyce and Christine Carman for their organisation.