Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you all had a refreshing holiday. I have been appointed to the Principal’s role for the remainder of 2013, and I look forward to continuing to work with staff, families and students to maintain the rich learning environment for students at Risdon Park Primary School.

I would like to welcome 18 new Reception students who commenced their schooling this week. I would also like to welcome 2 new students who have enrolled at Risdon Park in classes from Reception to Year 7. We currently have 442 students enrolled in 18 classes.

As our school grows, we welcome several new staff members this term. In Room 16 Ms Michelle Parslow is teaching new Reception students. Ms Carly Pavy has returned as our school counsellor. Ms Kerry Wade, Ms Megan Youmard and Mr Drew Dempsey join our team of classroom SSOs. We thank and farewell Ms Kelley Reid, who worked as a classroom SSO and Ms Sally Power, who has worked as our ACEO.

We have a busy term ahead, with Book Week, SAPSASA Sports, Sports Day, Camps and Lab on Legs – to name a few of the learning experiences! We also have a Pupil Free Day and three whole school assemblies scheduled. A Term Planner has been included in this newsletter to support families in planning for these events.

This term we will continue our focus on the virtue ‘Respect’. Part of this focus involves students wearing the Risdon Park School uniform with pride. Our colours are green and gold – the Australian Olympic colours! It is common to see students wearing their school polo shirts around the school, but with a ‘regular’ and sometimes inappropriate windcheater or hoodie over the top. We have also noticed some students wearing denim jeans to school.

School uniforms can be purchased from the front office and tops in the school colours can be purchased from Kmart, Target and Best and Less stores.

Our School Uniform Code is as follows:

- **Windcheaters** – green
- **Polo tops** – green or gold in long and short sleeves
- **Summer dresses / winter skirts-pinafores**

All of the above items are on sale from the front office.

You will need to purchase the following items outside the school:

- **Plain black or dark green pants**
- **Hard wearing foot wear** that is suitable for physical education and play time

Risdon Park PS is a Sun Smart School and we require all students to wear the school hat during outside times throughout the school year. The first hat is provided by the school. If children need a second hat, it will need to be purchased from the front office.

In order to promote the wearing of Risdon Park’s School uniform, I intend to present three ‘Uniform Proud’ awards at every whole school assembly. There will be also be a ‘Uniform Proud’ award presented to the class in each unit which has recorded the most students wearing school uniform for that week.

Thank you in anticipation for your support in implementing our school uniform code.

I look forward to a busy and exciting term!

Regards,

Nicole Cawley
Classroom Behaviour Education Policy

We would like to inform our school community of recent changes to the way we support student learning and the process involved in providing all students the opportunity to achieve their full potential. Communicating and working with families is a key to success and we will continue to share information to support each individual in their learning.

At times the behaviour of individual students can interrupt their own learning and the learning of others in the class. As a site focussed on our students achieving their best we have looked at a process we can implement to support but also intervene when students are continually stopping the teacher from teaching and stopping other students from learning.

We have attached the ‘Classroom Behaviour Education Policy’ which shows the process for students who are continually displaying disruptive behaviours. During ‘Step 1’ and ‘Step 2’ teachers use many strategies to intervene with a student. This might include eye contact, verbal caution, re-direction, change of task and so on. We work with students so they are able to learn from the experience and take strategies away that they can practise or use if the situation arises again.

The elements of the Behaviour Education Policy process that will impact on families will be if a child receives 2 office exits in 5 weeks this will now result in a ‘take home’. This is sending a strong message that we will not tolerate the behaviour but will take actions that will enable the other students to progress with their learning. Following the ‘take home’ a meeting will take place with the parents, and new strategies will be used to support the student back in the classroom.

We value education and each individual student, and with this process and support from families we are keeping our focus on improvement and keeping expectations high for all. We thank you in advance for your support as we implement this new ‘Behaviour Education Policy’ process.

If you would like further information please talk with your class teacher or leadership.

Cheers,

Damien Mellow
Deputy Principal

Nicole Cawley
Principal

For legal reasons it is important that parents and caregivers contact the school when a child is absent. This can be done via a note in the child’s diary or communication book, ringing or texting the school, having an older child fill out an absent slip for the parent to quickly sign, or the parent themselves filling out the absent slip and then returning them to school. If a teacher has not sighted a child in class for three or more days the teacher will make contact with the parent/caregiver and find out the reason for the child’s absence.

RISDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
INFORMING US OF CHILDREN’S ABSENCES
School: 8632 2226
Mobile: 0409 097 059

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

A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring
### Classroom Behaviour Education Policy

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<td>Whilst at Buddy Class, students are expected to accurately complete a reflection sheet and then the allocated work during any remaining time</td>
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### Office Exit

If a student finds themselves on an Office Exit for the second time *within 5 weeks*, they will be given an automatic **Take Home**.

A re-entry meeting will be held with the child’s parents at the time of pickup.

If a child is sent to the office for a Take Home **AFTER** 12:00pm, they will still be issued with a Take Home, but upon returning to school the next day, they will be working in their Buddy Class until 12:00pm.

**Repeated Take Homes may lead to a suspension.**
Welcome back to Risdon Park Primary School for Term 3! We hope you had an enjoyable and safe break and have been enjoying your first week back at school!

This term is going to be a busy term with lots of fun activities happening across the school. Some of the events we are looking forward to includes the Year 5/6/7 Errappa Camp, more SAPSASA sports, Come and Try Netball and Football, Sports Day, Book Week and Lab on Legs.

The House Captains have currently been planning and creating this year’s Health Hustle. We hope to finalise this and be teaching it to you all soon.

We would like to welcome back Carly Pavy as our School Counsellor & Kelly Zwar as the Science teacher.