Risdon Park News
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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Attendance
Our attendance data at the end of week 4 showed that Room 21, Miss Jagiello, Room 23, Mrs Wohling and Room 24, Mrs Dick & Mrs Taylor had the highest attendance rate across the school at 96%. The schools overall attendance rate at the end of week 4 was at 91%, remembering our goal is to achieve a 93% attendance rate for Term 3. Keep up the good work all classes and let’s work really hard towards achieving our goal!!

A reminder to parents/carers to ensure you notify the school when your child is away either through a note in their communication books/diaries or by phoning the school.

Uniform Policy
It has been great to see students, teachers and families adjusting well to the new and updated School Uniform Policy. The number of students wearing full school uniform has certainly increased just in one week. We continue to aim to have all students in full school uniform (as per the policy) every day and will continue to follow our uniform policy for any students not wearing correct uniform. If you have any concerns about being able to have your child in full school, uniform please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.
The Play at Lunchtimes (PALS) leaders of RPPS started the Play at Lunchtime Activities this week with Reception to Year 3 students. These activities are being held during lunchtimes on Wednesday and Fridays and involve a range of games to keep children active and entertained during their breaks.

**Social Skills Programs – Term 3**

This term the different class units are having the Counsellor and Christian Pastoral Support Workers, as well as Uniting Care Wesley work with a small group of students with a focus on developing their social skills. These programs will run once per week for up to 5 weeks and will involve a maximum of 6 students.

**Term 3 Theme Day – Fundraising for Uniting Care Wesley.**

**Thursday 26th September (Week 10)**

Kids Co have organised a Theme Day for Term 3 focusing on raising money for a local charity. The group has decided to raise funds for Uniting Care Wesley, a local organisation who provide support and a range of programs for families, schools and the wider community. The theme for the day will be to dress in something starting with a U, C or W. The Kids Co committee are coming up with a number of activities to have on the day and it is sure to provide a lot of fun. More information to come.

**Carly Pavy, School Counsellor**

**CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER NEWS**

We now have two Christian Pastoral Support Workers at Risdon Park Primary School. We welcome Tammy Fisher who will be working on Thursdays and Fridays sharing the role with Emma Lynn who will continue to work on Wednesdays. Tammy also works part time as a secondary school teacher at Mid North Christian College. Tammy has been enjoying meeting the students and staff over the last few weeks and would be happy to meet with any parents who would like support.

We are looking for more ways to support parents at Risdon Park Primary School so we will be starting an informal ‘Parent Group’ on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 until 3:15. During this time we will have tea/coffee and afternoon tea available and will hold talks about different parenting topics. This will be an informal time where parents can get together and encourage each other and share ideas. The first of these sessions will be next week in week 6 and our topic will be positive thinking. Emma will share a great positive thinking tool called “The Possibility Tree” which is a fun way of teaching positive thinking to children that families can do together. We would like to gather ideas that come out of these discussions and share them in the newsletter each fortnight to encourage positive parenting in our community.

**Emma Lynn, Christian Pastoral Support Worker**
Port Pirie District Combined Primary Schools Choir Performance

Six days to the performance. Tickets are available at the Keith Michell Theatre for Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th August. Adults $15, Concessions $12, Youth $7.

Choir students need to return their green forms with collection details and health information as soon as possible. DVD orders with money are due 30th August.

RPPS - KIDS CO REPS 2013 TERM 3 & 4

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A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring
Tuesday 27th August

This service is provided by MSP Photography and all money is paid direct to them on the day.

Please send the envelope with your child whether or not you are purchasing photos. All students will be photographed.

Please provide correct money as the school will not have change.

If you have more than one child, the money for all your family may be put into one child’s envelope, and mark on the order form which child’s envelope has the money.

Students are expected to be in school uniform.

Packs are as follows:
- Premium Pack $40
- Value Pack $35
- Basic Pack $30
- Group only $22
- Portrait only $25

Please do not send any money to school until photo day with the correct money.

The school does not have change available.
**BHAS Club**

Central / Risdon Netball

Raffle tickets are due back to Anne Fuss.

**PRESENTATION**

Sunday 25th August

1—3pm

**LOST PROPERTY**

HAS YOUR CHILD lost an item of clothing, come and check the basket that is located in the pond area.

Pre-entry for Term 4 2013 at Port Pirie Community Kindergarten

For children starting school Term 1 2015 (and therefore full-time kindergarten Term 1 2014), pre-entry is available at Port Pirie Community Kindergarten for one session each week during Term 4 2013 (This term begins 14th October). It will run from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Currently you may choose from Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for your child’s session.

We already have approximately 40 pre-entry children coming term 4 so **please phone 8632 1291 and book your child’s preentry day**. We have room for approximately 12 places per day so phone as soon as you decide which day will suit your family and child best.

*****An **AFTERNOON TEA/PRESENTATION** for families will be provided on **THURSDAY the 19th of September** at the kindy from 1-2pm when we will present information on assessment, screening, our play-based curriculum and answer any questions that you may have. Your child/ren are welcome to attend as can be supervised by staff during the presentation so come meet us for a chat and cuppa.

A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring
Captains Chat Week 5

This week was Book week and to celebrate the theme ‘read across the universe’ on Wednesday the school participated in the amazing literacy and numeracy race!! It was lots of fun and competing against your class and unit was thrilling. We will put the results in the next newsletter.

Last week the school created a whole school video that highlights the school. Many classes were filmed showing the schools values and virtues, Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Cooperation and Honesty. Dale and I were very honoured to be a part of the video as were many of the other participating students.

Sports day is coming up in week 7 and the whole school is excited. Many classes have been practicing hard trying to improve their skills and technique. The year 7 captains have also been working hard teaching the classes the Heath Hustle.

Back in term 2 some year 6/7 chose to participate in a PAL’s training course with Andy. PAL’s which stands for Play At Lunchtimes, have selected games to play at lunchtimes with the lower primary students. It started Wednesday and will be held every Wednesday and Friday until the end of term.

Cheers Georgia and Dale

CHECKMATES SOFTBALL CLUB
SOFTBALL (9 years and older)/T-BALL (5-8 years)

Matches begin on Saturday, 19th October for all under age grades. Registrations for all interested boys and girls will be taken on Wednesday, 21st August next to the Playground, 3.15pm til 3.45pm. Trainings will commence on Wednesday, 28th August 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).

CANTEEN SPECIAL
FRIDAY 23rd August ONLY
Squash Dog with Cheese & Sauce
+ Chocolate or Strawberry Milk
Full Serve $5 1/2 serve $4

Please note due to the cold weather now being upon us there will be NO Slushies until term 4
NO Chicken Wedges Fridays

Have you ever gone without your underpants? Probably not! Or if you did, it was an awful feeling.

Charity organisations get lots of second hand shirts, jumpers, dresses, skirts, trousers, jeans and shorts, but who wants to wear second hand socks, jocks or pants?

Please join the Pt Pirie & Districts combined school choir in donating NEW socks, jocks, & knickers, to help those in need.

Cash donations also accepted.
Goods and cash raised will go to:
United Care Wesley, Vinnies, Anglicare Lifeline.

Donations can be made to front office Term 3.