Risdon Park News

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22nd August 2013

Sports Day 2013 – 5th September

This Thursday is our annual Sports Day. The weather is looking ok and it has not stopped us before.

Programs were sent out a couple of weeks ago, but we will have spares for people who might need these. A couple of reminders about the day:

Day starts at 8:55am in classrooms with Sports Day starting at 9:10am
Junior Primary events will go until 12:00pm, after which parents are able to take their children home. Please ensure you let the class teacher know if you are taking your child home at this time.

Yr 3-7 events finish at 2:30pm and again please let the class teacher know if your child is heading home.
Canteen will be operating all day.
Softball grounds will be open for parking spaces.

All students to wear hats and appropriate clothing, sunscreen and water.

Parents to stay in marked zones and please NO Smoking!!
Everyone to bring along cheering and sportsmanship.

Looking forward to a great event and day!!
Cheers, Damien Mellow.

Pupil Free Day 6th September

Risdon Park staff have a training day on Friday 6th September (day after Sports Day). There will be no school on this day for students. Look out for our next newsletter for some information about what we learnt.
NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Our attendance data at the end of Week 6 showed that Unit 2 was leading the way with Room 21 Miss Jagiello, Room 23 Mrs Wohling and Room 24 Mrs Dick & Mrs Taylors classes having a school high attendance percentage of 94% for the term. Room 11 Miss Turner, Room 16 Miss Parslow and Room 35 Mr Moore are also doing well with an attendance rate of 93%.

Our overall whole school attendance rate for this term is sitting at 90%, 3% below our regionally set target of 93%!! So let’s ensure we keep healthy, keep our children coming to school every day and keep the school informed if and when your child may need to be absent.

The Play at Lunchtimes program has been running for the last couple of weeks on a Wednesday and Friday for Reception to Year 3 students. The children have been very eager to get involved with over 50 students turning up for the activities on the first day. Numbers have continued to stay between the 20-30 students per activity with students being involved in a range of small games keeping them active and interacting positively with their peers.

The program is also of great benefit to the PALS Leaders providing them with the opportunity to manage and run activities for their peers allowing them to develop interpersonal and leadership skills while also having some fun at the same time.

PALS Leaders, 2013
Jess Axon
Hannah Marwick
Georgia Tiller
Ally Diggens
Lana Kay-Bulloch
Braydan Tattoli

Darcy Puddy
Hannah Simpson
Dale Hayward
Anton Caputo
Leah Funke
Rhys Hogg
Declang Gray
Austin Gregory
Nick Jebb
Vasilia Ketses
Mackenzie Atkins
Alex Giles
Tyron Funke

Carly Pavy, School Counsellor

A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring
ORGANISATION SKILLS & TAKING CARE OF BELONGINGS

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**SCHOOL FEES**

Are now overdue for 2013 school year.

Please lodge school card application forms as soon as possible.

Contact Michelle (Finance Officer) to finalise payments.

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The outstanding performances of the Pt Pirie District Combined Primary Schools Choir were enjoyed by approximately 800 people on August 28th & 29th at the Keith Michell Theatre. The Choir included 180 students from 8 schools: Airdale, Crystal Brook, Mid North Christian College, Napperby, Pt Pirie West, St Mark’s College, Solomontown and Risdon Park. Along with the choir the evening included performances by instrumental students from primary schools and John Pirie Secondary School. Some of these students were also choir members, so they had a very busy night. In the foyer while waiting to enter the theatre patrons were also treated to John Pirie students busking.

The evening was opened by Margy Arnold from Meg’s Bookshop. Brett Swensson, choir teacher from St Mark’s, accompanied the song ‘Moon Song’ on his guitar and was joined by choir teachers Dave Manuel on Guitar from Solomontown, music teacher Rod Ladgrove on bass guitar from John Pirie and Tom Rhode student from John Pirie on drums for the last song of the night ‘When We Stand Together’ - a song originally performed by the group Nickelback. Chris Hodgen was the brilliant conductor for the night from Murray Bridge. Risdon Park’s choir teacher Amy Grant also conducted the song ‘The Eye of the Needle’ while Chris Hodgen played the piano.

Risdon Park Primary School had 50 students in the choir including 5 of the 13 soloists, Allyson Diggens, Leah Funke, Kaylee Gonzalex, Jordan Beveridge and Tarkin Kennedy, who attended practices after school and performed their parts extremely well. Also Risdon had 2 peacocks, Olivia Maywald and Mackenzie Atkins, who ‘strutted’ and ‘pranced’ across the stage during the song ‘The Prancing Peacock’. Their costumes were magnificent, thanks to Olivia’s mum Mel Maywald. Many thanks go to teachers Trenna Kretschmer, Aileen Wohling and principal Nicole Cawley who supported students Anton Caputo, Vasilia Kettes, Lucy Dando and Maddison Boothby who sold programs and merchandise in the foyer prior to the performances.

Students have enjoyed learning the songs, the choreography, experienced the back stage preparations, enjoyed the spotlight performing and interviews with the media. They have formed new friendships with students from other schools, and improved their singing skills. Although many will not pursue a career in singing, the experience may open their minds to consider careers in many other areas like stage lighting, sound production, set design, journalism, or at the very least give them a hobby to follow and life-long happy memories of one part of school life.

Tessa Collins
District Choir Co-ordinator.
As we look around the school it is fantastic to see so many of our students wearing clothing in line with the school uniform policy.

Wearing school uniform shows that students are proud to attend Risdon Park Primary School. It also takes pressure off students to ‘conform’ to wearing brand name clothing. Finally it assists us to keep students safe throughout the school day. During play times anyone not wearing school uniform stands out, and it is quick and easy for staff to identify people who are not students at the school.

I would like to clarify an aspect of the Uniform Policy that has caused some confusion. Students can be temporarily exempt from wearing items of school uniform. Reasons for an exemption may include: uniforms can not be washed and dried due to weather or personal circumstances; it may also be difficult for parents to obtain some items of uniform for a variety of reasons. If your child is not in school uniform for any reason please put a note in their diary or call the teacher or member of the leadership team, and the exemption will be noted. If contact is made with the school students will not be asked to wear a spare piece of uniform clothing.

The school Uniform Policy has been developed in consultation with the school Governing Council and has been endorsed by them. Our school policy is based on the DECD School Dress Code Policy, which is available from www.decd.sa.gov.au/docs/documents/1/SchoolDressCode.doc

If you have any questions or would like any further clarification on uniform matters please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,
Nicole Cawley
Principal
**What:** Raising money for a local organisation, United Care Wesley

**When:** Thursday, week 10

**How:** Dress Up in something starting with a U, C or W—gold coin donation
Lunchtime activities/competitions
Whole school assembly/best

Darcy Puddy @theflyingpuddle & Braydan Tattoli @tatts347

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**DRESS UP IDEAS**

**U**
Umpire, Under the sea, USA, Union Jack, Uniform, Unicorn

**C**
Chef, Cowboy/girl, Cat, Captain, Clown, Cinderella, Coach

**W**
Witch, Warrior, Winner, Where’s Wally, Waitress, Wizard, Woody
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.

CiDA (Irish Dancing) is requiring interested persons to commence classes in Pirie.

Responsible persons to supervise classes

Assistance advice is given

Please ring 8250 5333 if interested

Www.celticdance.com

LOST PROPERTY

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