Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I really cannot believe that term 1 is over. The last 11 weeks have really sped by. At the end of each term I like to review the term that was, to identify the special programs and school events that have made our term special.

Some of these highlights include:

♦ Staff learning in
  ◦ formative assessment and continued investigation through professional learning communities
  ◦ 18 hours of face to face Literacy for Learning course, accompanied by an additional 18 hours of reading and activities, which has been run by 3 of our teachers
  ◦ Selection and work of Kids Co Reps, House and Vice Captains.
  ◦ Acquaintance evening, with family members visiting classrooms and staying for a sausage sizzle out of the front lawn.
  ◦ Whole school swimming program in weeks 4 and 5.
  ◦ Many sporting events, including:
    ◦ SAPSASA Carnival (tennis, cricket & softball)
    ◦ Nyrstar Swimming Carnival
    ◦ Cricket and hockey clinics
  ◦ Two special celebratory events:
    ◦ Harmony Day
    ◦ Bullying No Way Day
  ◦ Wipe Out Performance for students in years 3 through to 5 at Airdale Primary School.
  ◦ Formation and practice of 2014 RPPS choir, which will take part in two performances at the Keith Michell Theatre in term 3.
  ◦ Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews in weeks 9 and 10.
  ◦ Nyrstar Excursion for students in room 23 and 36.
  ◦ Guided Inquiry units of work, which are collaboratively taught with class teachers and our two teacher librarians, with a focus on Geography.
  ◦ Introduction of 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge Reception to Year 7.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being back at Risdon Park Primary School this term, after my extended leave in 2013. I have taken pleasure in re-establishing relationships with students, parents and staff. I have been working four days a week this term and due to ongoing medical treatment in Adelaide until July.
I will be continuing to work Monday through to Thursday next term. Yvonne Woidt will be continuing to be principal on Fridays. I would like to thank Yvonne for all her work and commitment to Risdon Park Primary School for the past term.

Kindest Regards,

Carolyn Clinton

**Parents on school grounds during the school day**

Parents on school grounds between 9am and 3pm are required to sign in at the front office. If your child is late to school or you need to collect your child early, you will need to report to the admin building to sign in before going to the classroom. It is a DECD Occupation and Health requirement that parents who volunteer in the school in any capacity sign in before going to class.

We understand that parking around Risdon Park PS around home time is at a premium, which means that parents come early to secure a park close to the school. In such a circumstance it would be appreciated that you enter the school grounds from 3pm to wait for your child and not before.

Thank You.

**New Governing Council Representatives**

I would like to welcome 3 new Governing Council members to our existing team, and they are:

- Naomi Coulthard
- Nyanda May
- David Clark

If you would like to join our enthusiastic Governing Council, then please contact the school and ask to speak with Carolyn Clinton.

Our next Governing Council meeting is on Wednesday 14th May, at 7:30pm in RPPS Resource Centre.
On Tuesday morning we had all of our year 7’s and students from Solomontown Primary and Airdale Primary listen to a guest speaker about Cyber Bullying. Brett Lee is an international speaker who is an expert in internet safety and education. It was great to hear the message we continually talk to our students about cyber bullying. Brett Lee is an expert in this field.

This is what some of our year 7’s took away:

I learnt you should never give out your password - Kayla Yarrow

I learnt you should never trust people you don’t know - Mackenzie Atkins

I learnt to never add strangers - Hannah Pollard

I learnt that you don’t always believe what you think in your head, and mostly believe your instinct. - Liam Harvgraves

SAPSASA SOFTBALL

Hello, our names are Abbey and Darcie and we were picked for SAPSASA Softball along with Zali and Teah to represent Div 2 Pirie in Adelaide. Our team came third out of the other ten teams. Considering we only lost 2 games that’s a good effort.

The first game we lost by 1 run which is pretty close, then we won them all until our draw, which was a good game on the main Adelaide diamond. The other game we came first was our 8th game by 5 runs. We had just beat the undefeated team so we were feeling a bit tired.

After our week in Adelaide, we want to try out again for next years selection.

Thanks Abbey and Darcie
NetSetGO!

Netball for children aged 5-7
Registration Tuesday April 29th 5-6pm at Pirie Netball Courts
10 week program beginning Saturday May 24th 10-10.45am
Cost $10 for registration or $60 for registration and a participation pack.
These are payable on the night.
NetSetGO! Coordinantor 2014—Sandy Carter 0487 183 475
Participation pack includes: - Gilbert Pulse Size 4 Netball
NetSetGO! T-shirt
NetSetGO! Participation Medal

Boys and Girls, want to learn the great game of Australian Football?
NAB AFL Auskick is the program for you!
WHERE: Risdon Park Primary School
Start Date: Friday 2nd May
Time: 4.30pm Registration    Cost: $35
10 Week Football Program, Auskick Player Insurance, Auskick Benefits Pack
And much more!!
To find out more please contact Craig Oliphant (Community Football) on 0428 851 978 or
Jarrad Davies on 0423 025 382

KMART PORT PIRIE
Welcomes you and your family to join us in a
EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday 19th April  Time: 11am
(by the entrance at the Service Desk)
Free Face Painting for 12pm—2pm
All ages welcome
Please join us for fun in the store & register at the Service Desk Tuesday 15th April

Canteen
No canteen special this week.
No Chicken Wedges or Meatball available Fridays
Happy Holidays

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Mrs. Greig’s Receptions
This term we have–

played games in the pool
enjoyed swimming lessons
made shape pictures in playboxes
learnt to present a morning talk
learnt to order numbers
made patterns with a partner
As part of our learning in Science this term one of the topics we need to cover with the Year 3/4's was life cycles.

After having a look at some life cycles we then wrote our own Cinquain poems about the life cycle of a butterfly.

A Cinquain Poem follows a special formula to complete. It is as follows:

1st line: 1 word about what it is
2nd line: 2 words about what it looks like
3rd line: 3 lines about what it does
4th line: 4 words about how it might feel at this stage
5th line: 1 word another name for that stage or its name.

Here are some the students have wrote.

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Cocoon
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- Protects the caterpillar
- Brave strong wondering happy

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