Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Wednesday 5th February, Risdon Park PS teachers along with all other government schools and kindergartens in Pirie and surrounds, plus a handful of other schools within our region, attended a day of learning focussed on Formative Assessment. The day was presented by Professor Dylan Wiliam from the United Kingdom. Formative Assessment can be defined as...

“...assessment carried out during the instructional process for the purpose of improving teaching and learning.”

When we think of assessment we generally think of tests like the weekly spelling tests or a maths test which takes place after the learning is done. We may also think of the Annual Literacy and Numeracy tests (NAPLAN), which are tests to establish the knowledge and skills of students in year 3, 5, 7 and 9 after years of previous learning. This kind of assessment is called summative assessment.

For teachers, waiting until after the learning has taken place to find out what students know, can do and understand is way too late! For teachers to make decisions about how individual students are learning, what to teach next and how to adapt the learning to meet individual learning needs, they need feedback on students’ progress and understanding while the students are learning. Dylan presented many assessment strategies and activities for teachers to trial in their classroom. These strategies focussed on:

- Active questioning
- Deep discussion
- Feedback from teachers, other adults and peers
- Self review, reflection, and evaluation of learning

Risdon Park PS teachers are really excited about their new learning and are already enthusiastically introducing new assessment practices into their daily teaching and learning programs.

To further our own learning, teachers at Risdon are joining with teachers from kindies and schools in what we call Professional Learning Communities (PLC). Teachers meet twice a term to share their practice and discuss how their new assessment strategies have worked in practice. Teachers then set new teaching and learning goals ready to trial between their next meetings. Some of these PLC’s have teachers in their learning teams from Kindergarten to year 12. Port Pirie PLC’s are held as an excellent example of teachers learning together for other schools across the state of SA.

If you would like any more information about formative assessment please talk with your child’s teacher.

Regards,
Carolyn Clinton
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Acquaintance Night
Unfortunately we needed to postpone our Acquaintance Night which was due to take place this Tuesday 11th February due to really hot weather and overhanging smoke from the bushfire. We will now conduct the Acquaintance Night next Tuesday 18th February from:

- 4pm – 4:45pm visiting classrooms and talking with your child's teacher and having a look through their work
- 5pm – 6pm enjoying our sausage sizzle out on our front lawn.

Risdon Park's Acquaintance Night gives family members opportunity to visit their child's class, get to know their child's teacher and to receive information about classroom procedures and curriculum delivery. It also gives a chance for teachers to get to know parents and put "faces to names" which makes further communication easier.

We look forward to seeing you and talk with you next Tuesday 18th February.
All Welcome.

Bush Fires and Smoke
Our sympathy goes out to families in the bushfire areas. A number of staff live on farming properties or townships affected by the current bushfires. This is a truly difficult time for everyone and our immense respect goes out to those members of CFS fighting the fire.

A number of inquiries have come to our front office regarding protection of our students due to smoke inhalation.

In temperatures 38 degrees and over our students remain indoors during lunch time.
On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday students can choose to spend their lunch time in the resource centre or computer room.
There are no special activities at recess time.
If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing and health due to the bushfire smoke, please keep them home until the smoke has cleared. We would appreciate a phone call on 86322226 or text message on 0409097059 to let us know of your child's absence.

NEW TEACHING STAFF TO RISDON

Room 16
Lisa Wade  Yr R/1

Specialist Teacher
Nicole Ferme - Science

Room 13
Anita Beer  Yr 1/2

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From the Deputy

Virtues

Our school virtues of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Cooperation and Caring and Vision ‘Helping each other to succeed’ have been used from Reception to Year 7 to create an understanding of how these fit into our day to day routines and classroom practices. This term, we will be focussing on Responsibility (organisation) in supporting students to be ready for learning by being prepared and working towards their learning goals.

Parents are able to support this at home by:

- Setting up routines at home for your child/children to follow eg wake up, make bed, get dressed, have breakfast
- Use positive comments to reinforce responsible tasks completed at home
- When your child makes a mistake, don’t let them give up, ask them to learn from it
- Join in with games your child plays and role model how to play and pack up

These might sound like simple things, but helping to support your child with their organisation will enhance their learning and support them in being independent.

Community Mentoring is a program we have been running for the last two years. It involves community mentors working with a student 1 hour a week. The goals of the program aim at increasing the self-esteem of the student but allow time for them to make a connection with an older person. Activities that students were involved included gardening, cooking, design and tech, painting and set projects.

We are looking to continue with this so if you are interested can you please come and talk with Cassie or myself.

Cheers,
Damien Mellow.
Deputy Principal

Student Leaders for 2014

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Hannah Marwick
Ethan Johnson

SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAINS
Chickkotae Wilson
Harrison Rees

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**MATERIAL SERVICES 2014**

Due by the end of Term 1 (11th April 2014)

- Payments by credit card can be made over the phone (8632 2226).
- Please contact the front office to arrange payment by instalments or to receive bank details and reference code to pay by direct debit.
- School Card Applications to be handed in at the front offices by 11th April 2014

Thank you.
Michelle Beyer
Finance Officer

**2014 SWIMMING**

Invoices and Swimming/Aquatic Consent forms have been sent home.

Please return the consent form and payment to the front office by Friday 21st February.

- $20.00 for Receptions to Year 2 (1 week)
- $40.00 for Year 3 to Year 7 (2 weeks)

New hats are available from the front office at a cost of $12.00.

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**Year 7 Tops**

Last day to order and pay is Friday 14th Feb 2014

Full payment is required with your order.

**Canteen Special**

Friday 14th Feb

- Chicken & Gravy Roll
- Big M Chocolate or Strawberry Milk

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No Chicken Wedges or Meatball available Fri-
**HIP HOP BOUNCE**

Hip Hop Bounce are now taking enrolments for their exciting 2014 timetable.

We provide classes in cheerleading, both for fun and competition, as well as classical ballet, jazz, contemporary, adult dance-fitness and of course all the latest hip hop styles. Our new Mini Movers dance class combines hip hop, jazz, cheer and ballet for your 2-4 year old and is the perfect introduction to dance. Lessons start from just $5.50.

Hip Hop Bounce offer awesome classes and routines with proper dance technique, taught by experienced and passionate teachers. All students are invited to perform at our annual end of year Spectacular at the Northern Festival Centre. Classes are held at the Virtus Soccer Club and at Airdale School on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, for ages 2 to adults, beginner to advanced.

Hip Hop Bounce can even come to your school; speak to Natasha about our in-school dance programs designed specifically for your students.

Also, look out for the RAVE* All Night Dance Event-regional dance exhibition, competitions and workshops coming to Port Pirie the first week of August this year! Sections for Primary School, High School and dance school groups as well as solo competition.

Contact Natasha for details and to book your place - classes are filling quickly.

natasha@hiphopbounce.com.au 0416 239 676

Find us on Facebook

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**CENTRAL RISDON NETBALL**

Electronic Banking for Juniors

BSB: 105-003

Acct No. 047445940

Please add your child’s name

We still require 4 coaches

Please see Teresa if interested

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**Asthma Education session for parents**

One in ten Australian children have asthma.

People with asthma are significantly more likely to take days off work, school or study due to asthma symptoms and rate their health worse than people without asthma. Poor asthma control (frequent symptoms and asthma exacerbations) is a common problem in both adults and children.

We encourage you to come along to a FREE education session to learn more about your child’s asthma.

Triage overview:

- What is asthma?
- Signs and symptoms of asthma
- Asthma care plans
- Asthma medications and devices
- Asthma First Aid

**Where**

Risdon Park Primary School
28 Kingston Rd
Port Pirie SA 5540

**When**

Wednesday, 19 February 2014 at 4.30pm

For more information or to register your interest please contact Rojan at Asthma Foundation SA on 08 8228 0900 or email info@asthma.sa.org.au.

asthma.sa.org.au
Telecare 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 624)
We have been spending our first few weeks getting to know each other and building a tiger team.

We have been practicing our patterns in Maths too

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BANGOR BUSHFIRE RELIEF

Saturday 1st March 2014
4.00-10.00pm on the Oval, Main North Rd
WIRRABAARA Southern Flinders Rangers

Bring your family and friends to support this fundraiser for the bushfire appeal and enjoy an evening of entertainment from award winning SA Country Music artists

THE TEXETTES BAND
Also appearing: Acoustic Scandal, Soulfire & a line up of local and invited talent

Food and refreshments available
Activities for the kids
Bring your own blanket or seat

Inquiries: Kev Sizer 86684236 / 0400598651
Andrew Trott mob: 0427684127
Drink wise, drive safe, be responsible

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