Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Risdon Park PS Governing Council plays a very important role in the education of every child at our school. The purpose of Governing Council is for parents and the community to have their say and contribute to:

- Policy Development (e.g., RPPS Behaviour Code, Anti-Harassment Policy, Uniform Code, Homework Policy to name just a few)
- Budget priorities (discussing and deciding where best to allocate funds so that students get equitable access to resources and learning programs)
- Risdon Park PS Improvement priorities, so that students can have access to the curriculum in identified areas of need.
- Influencing priorities in the general community (e.g., traffic and parking issues around the school)

All of the above sounds pretty "heavy", with huge responsibility, but parents who become Councillors agree that our meetings are an opportunity for parents to get together to hear about what is happening at their child's school and equally important; to have their say. It is not uncommon for a joke to be shared and / or laughter to be heard from the meeting room when the Governing Council are meeting.

Many of our Governing Council members are coming to the end of their term, with many of their children moving onto secondary school. So if you think that you would like to be a member of Risdon Park PS Governing Council, then please put your name forward by filling out the enclosed nomination form or by attending our AGM next Wednesday night (19th March) at 7pm, which is to be held in our Resource Centre.

Governing Council meet twice a term on Wednesday evening from 7:30pm to approximately 9pm. The council are a friendly bunch of parents and would welcome new members with open arms. Please find your personal invitation to next week's AGM with this newsletter.

If you would like more information about how Governing Council works at Risdon Park PS, please give me a phone call or pop in to see me.

Kindest Regards,
Carolyn Clinton
The last 2 weeks have seen the annual swimming program taking place at the Port Pirie pool. The many benefits of this program allow students to engage in skills that they can use outside of school and transfer back into the classroom.

These include:

◊ sharing equipment and working cooperatively with others in pairs or small groups or teams to make the transition from basic movement abilities to the specialised movement skills.
◊ developing survival techniques of sculling, treading water and floating, and swimming extended distances on their front, back or side, while showing proficiency of arm action, kicking and breathing patterns.
◊ apply new skills in context eg junior students moving from small pool to large pool.
◊ develop an understanding of water safety and putting these skills into practice.
◊ being engaged in a learning activity which enhances social wellbeing.

The staff at Risdon continue to be impressed with the participation and enthusiasm of our students at these lessons. Thank you for your parent support and we look forward to swimming next year.

Cheers,
Damien Mellow.
Deputy Principal
On Thursday the 27th of February 8 students from year 6 and 7 competed in the Nyrstar Port Pirie Smelter shield 4 x 50m relay race and the JB Shackell cup. The Nyrstar Port Pirie Smelter shield and J B Shackell cup is an interschool swimming carnival that involves all of the Primary schools in Port Pirie. Risdon Park has held the Shield for the last two years (2012 and 2013).

We entered two teams into the event, the Risdon Rockets and the Risdon Raiders. Risdon Park was represented by Jakob Hallion, Blair Paynter, Tyson Daly, Isabella Williams, Jake Noble, Mitchell Alchin, Connor Stephens and Ethan Nitz.

It was a tightly fought race to the finish with both teams trying their best. The Risdon Raiders managed to win first in their heat and the Rockets brought home a third place trophy each. This year the Shield was won by Mid North, it was their first time winning the event in its history.

A big congratulations to Ethan Nitz who won second place in the 400m J B Shackell cup.

Well done to all of the students who participated in this event!

Emily Langton
### GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM 2014

I ____________________________, wish to nominate for a position on the Risdon Park Primary School Governing Council.

I understand that the tenure of this position is for a period of 2 years.

I am aware that in the event we have more nominations than positions available, elections will be convened at the Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council to be held in the Resource Centre on Wednesday 19th March at 7.00pm.

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Name

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Signed

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### GOVERNING COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM is on Wednesday 19th March is being held in the Resource Centre at 7.00pm.

If you are interested in being a member of Governing Council you can:

* Attend our AGM
* Fill in the attached nomination form
* Ring the front office and let Tessa, Michelle or Christine know that you are interested

If you would like more information about Governing Council then please phone the school on 8632 2226 and talk to Carolyn Clinton.

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### Class STUDENTS

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A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring
Helping each other to succeed
The school uniform consists of:

- Yellow or green RPPS polo t-shirt (with logo)
- Green RPPS windcheater (with logo) or a plain green windcheater or jacket (no club or brand logos)
- Black or green shorts (appropriate length) or long pants
- RPPS Summer dresses or winter skirts
- RPPS Green wide brimmed hats (supplied by the school when first enrolled) to be worn during recess & lunchtime throughout terms 1-4
- Appropriate enclosed shoes, suitable for physical activity
- Minimal Jewellery eg watch and studs or sleepers only. OH&S requirement
- No make-up or nail polish

Students are strongly encouraged to wear uniform to school each day

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Christian Pastoral Support Worker**

(Previously known as School Chaplain)

RISDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Kingston Rd Port Pirie SA 5540 Phone: 8632 2226

Schools Ministry Group along with the Port Pirie Schools Ministry Support Group are seeking applications for this 14 to 15 hour per week position, commencing Term 2, 2014. The position exists to offer support to students, staff and the school community. A Job and Person Specification, including details on “How to apply”, is available from Schools Ministry Group on 8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au.

Closing date: Monday 17th March at 5pm

www.smg.asn.au

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**Canteen Special**

Friday 14th Feb 14

Hot chicken + gravy roll & Fruitbox

Full serve $5.50
1/2 Serve $4.50

No Chicken Wedges or Meatball available Fridays
Swimming 2014

In weeks 5 and 6 Room 23 have been involved in swimming lessons, as part of our PE and Health curriculum, at the Port Pirie Pool each afternoon with Ms Moten’s class. We have learnt about water safety, how to do different strokes, improve our confidence in the water and how to keep ourselves safe at the pool and beach. Our lessons were fun because the weather was great and we got to do fun things like dives, pin drops, laps, go under water and pick up objects and have some free time using the noodles, balls, hoops and flippers.

Buddy Class with Room 36, Year 6/7’s—Miss Kupsch

Each Wednesday Rooms 23 and 36 work together as a ‘Buddy Class’ for one lesson in the Activity Room. Some of the things we do together include:

* Playing ‘Play is the Way’ games
* Reading books and reading to each other
* Sitting back to back and drawing the same picture as your partner following their directions
* Completing the Bully Audit
* Creating art and craft masterpieces.

Mrs Wohling
Room 23 Year 2/3