Student Education Forum

Last Tuesday, I was fortunate to spend much of the day with 7 of our Middle Years students at the Pirie Partnerships Education Forum. ALL public pre-schools and Primary Schools, the Mid North Education Centre and John Pirie Secondary School were well represented at this event, which made it even more special, as it was the first of such an event within South Australia.

It was hosted by ex Port Pirie local, and Education guru, Brenton “Wilbur” Wilson working with us all to motivate, excite, challenge and make us think about how we can become/ create powerful learners and for a sense of fluidity to be created between all public education sites here in Port Pirie.

There was a lot of discussions, questioning, interactions and videos that we watched that challenged us to think about What our greatness may be, what virtues are important to us, what we need to support us to become powerful learners, what changes can we make to improve our education?, with many fantastic visuals made for the community forum that was later that night, of which, members of our Governing Council attended.

Students were given ample opportunity to have their say in what is important to them with their education.

Kelly Zwar—School Counsellor
This week marks the 25th anniversary of National Volunteer Week. It is important at this time that I acknowledge and extend a sincere thank you to all of our parent, grandparent and community volunteers who devote their own time to help out in a variety of ways at Risdon Park PS. Without volunteers' assistance we would not be able to deliver the programs that we do and support our students in a number of ways so that they can be the best that they can be. So thank you to the many volunteers who support in the following ways:

- in classroom, hearing students read, working with small groups in intervention programs and play boxes in the early years;
- spend time in the canteen, working alongside our canteen manager Sandra Stringer;
- helping out in the library on a number of tasks from preparing resources for staff use to putting books away on shelves;
- taking Leadership in the community mentor program;
- helping out in the Breakfast Club (starting again this week), in food preparation, clean up and serving students;
- attending SAPSASA events and taking on coaching roles in school sporting team (netball and soccer);
- and taking part in excursions and camps.

Thank you once again for your time and commitment to Risdon Park Primary Schools, our programs and our students.

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER

Now that the weather is getting cooler many teachers may start to see an increase in incidents of colds and flu in the classroom. Viral infections (colds) are one of the most common triggers of asthma symptoms in children. Schools and preschools can be well prepared through up to date Asthma First Aid training. Our training will also equip staff to encourage best practise asthma management in winter. Students with asthma should:

- See their GP to discuss a flu vaccination.
- Always have access to reliever medication and a spacer.
- Continue to take their preventer medication regularly.
- Have a current Asthma Care plan to guide the management of their asthma. This requires visiting the GP to develop the plan with student, tailored to their needs.
- Avoid exercise if they have a cold or flu or are unwell.

An information session was currently held at our school and the Asthma Foundation would like parents of children with asthma, complete a survey about how they can best support them. https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Parentasthmainformationsurvey
BREAKFAST CLUB

Wednesday morning Leanne Hoger and I conducted a practice run of the Breakfast Club. Despite it not being advertised, we were kept busy with over 40 kids taking the opportunity to fuel-up before classes and NAPLAN testing started.

The club aims to teach kids about nutrition and hygiene whilst providing a healthy breakfast to those who may otherwise come to school hungry.

Breakfast Club will run weekly in the school’s amphitheatre, officially starting next Wednesday (21st). Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to contact the school.

VOLUNTEERS

This week marks the 25th Anniversary of National Volunteer Week (12-18 May). What better opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who donates their precious time to help in and around the school.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the school. We are currently looking for people interested in assisting in the Breakfast Club program, Wednesday mornings.

CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER - NEWS

G’day everyone! My name is Matt Welch and I am the new Christian Pastoral Support Worker here at Risdon Park Primary School.

It has been an awesome couple of weeks since I started at the school and it’s been great getting to know the kids, parents and the amazing team of dedicated staff and volunteers.

A little about the role: Christian Pastoral Support Workers seek to offer a unique dimension of care and support to all members of the school community. I am a positive role model that brings compassion, understanding and provides practical, ongoing support to students and families, to try and complement the other welfare and wellbeing staff in the school. I also provide a Christian presence in the school on behalf of the local churches of Port Pirie.

I’ve already had opportunity to work alongside other staff and students in classrooms and as an extra resource on events and activities, such as visiting the Men’s Shed and attending the Pirie Partnership Values Forum last week. This morning Leanne Hoger and I test ran the Breakfast Club (officially starting next week) and Lego Club will be starting up again very soon at lunch times.

I will be at the school all day Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and can be contacted via the office. Students can also leave me a message if they don’t get a chance to see me in the yard.
WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY—23RD MAY

The annual National Walk Safely to School day (WSTSD) - when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school—will be held throughout Australia on Friday 23rd May.

At Risdon we are encouraging our community to do something different in the morning and ride their bikes or walk to school.

Our school leaders will greet students in the morning with some fruit and a sticker. Please get behind this great incentive.

OBJECTIVES
To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
To promote the use of public transport.
To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

SAPSASA NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Risdon and Port Pirie SAPSASA. They will be in Adelaide from 26th May to 30th May playing Netball and Football. All the best!!

NETBALL
Kayla Yarrow
Maygan Dyer
Mikala Colyer
Mary—Elise Fuss

FOOTBALL
Decklan Gray
Luke Lane
Liam Hargreaves
Mitch Alchin
Blair Paynter
Connor Stephens

A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring
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Starts this Friday 16th May

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 16th 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

BOWMAN PARK, CRYSTAL BROOK—COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

All photos new or old are to have been taken of or at Bowman Park of any theme eg

The best 12 photos will be published in the Bowman Park 2015 Calendar

Download entry forms and condition from www.bowmanpark.com or visit Bowman Park Management & Friends on Facebook.

For more info please contact: Debbie Gray 0409398113 or debbie.bowmanpark@gmail.com

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NOTICE TO PARENTS

Parents and caregivers are asked to obey road rules and not park across driveways on Kingston Road and Ian Street.

No Chicken Wedges or Meatball available Fridays

No slushies during term 2

Canteen Special
Friday 16th May Only

Chicken & Gravy Roll + Fruit Box

$5.50 full serve
$4.50 1/2 serve

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In Room 21 we worked well together to create an article about our learning for this school newsletter. Everyone had something to contribute to the writing. Please enjoy reading our news.

From the students of Room 21 and Ms Jagiello.

Welcome to room 21’s narratives!
We have been learning about narratives in term 1 and now we have perfected it.
The first paragraph is the orientation. In the orientation it introduces who, when, what and why.
The second paragraph is the beginning event. In the beginning event introduces the problem.
The third paragraph is the resolution. It introduces how the problem is solved.
The fourth paragraph is the ending. It finishes the narrative.
Thanks for reading about room 21’s narratives.
By Neve, Phoenix, Makenzie, Tamika and Daniel.

Geography
In Geography room 21 has been learning about recycling and pollution.
In recycling we have been learning about the three bin system in Port Pirie.
When we learnt about pollution we read the chapters of Geosix and the Swamp Monster.
We made a before and after poster of creeks, rivers and ponds we also made a big mural the first one was not made of recycled things but the second one was made out of rubbish from the school grounds. Zac Phoebe April.

In room 21 we have been learning about geography. In geography we have been learning about pollution and recycling.
In pollution we have been learning about where all are dirty water goes, we have done some before and after posters.
In recycling we have been learning about the three bin system we have cut out some photos from a magazine and put it on the bins and done some posters.
By Nicholas and Kodie.

To parents and caregivers in room 21 we have been doing spelling. In spelling we have done spelling test, contracts and doubling, morphing for example plurals. This has been really fun doing this. Brayden, Jordyn and Jacob.

To parents and caregivers in room 21 last term room21 learnt addition in math. We copied sums off the board and answered them ourselves like this.

35 + 42 =77

We started in the ones column and we added five and two together and then we went to the tens column and added four and three together and it equalled 77.

By Neesa, Patrick, Ashlea and Emma.

We are learning maths like our timetables, time, rounding off to the nearest number. What do we want to learn in Ms Jagiello room today?
CONNOR and Isaac.

We have been doing Spelling. We have been working very hard. We have been good, smart and we think about good work and doing neat work. By Tenisha.

Reading Boxes
Dear Parents and caregivers
Since the start of year we’ve been doing blue and yellow comprehension boxes in our reading books. We pick a particular card from our reading level then read it to our reading partner.
After reading it to each other we answer the questions on the back of the card. Once we think we’ve got the answers right we get the answer card and mark our work.
By Cooper Hamish Asher Timeka.