Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Friday, 6th June, while students were enjoying a day at home the staff were involved in a day of learning. Teachers spent the morning focussing on Numeracy and Mathematics and the afternoon learning about the use of iPads in the classroom. School Services Officers, worked with colleagues from other schools in Port Pirie, including School Services Officers from John Pirie Secondary with their learning focus on ways to support class teachers in the student learning of Numeracy and Mathematics. Positive feedback was received from staff about their valuable day of learning and they are feeling more skilled and equipped in their teaching practice.

So what is the difference between Numeracy and Mathematics?

Numeracy involves students recognising and understanding the role of mathematics in the world. Students need to develop an understanding on how to use their mathematical knowledge and skills purposefully. Students also become numerate as they develop the knowledge and skills to use mathematics confidently across other learning areas. An example of this is in the way that they develop an understanding of time lines in History or looking at the effects of location and distance in Geography. The Arts numerate understanding is developed through solving problems in space, pattern, symmetry, 2D and 3D shape; scale and proportion. In Health, students use calculation, estimation and measurement to collect and make sense of information related to nutrition, fitness and navigation in the outdoors.

Mathematics in comparison is a field of study and is outlined in the Australian Curriculum and involves:

- Number and Algebra,
- Measurement and Geometry,
- Statistics and Probability.

What's in this Newsletter
- From the Principal
- From the Deputy
- Reconciliation Week
- Choir News
- Skool Bag info
- Canteen Special & Roster
- Community Notices
- Class news from Rm 14

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 7
Friday 13th June
Yr2/3 Excursion

Week 8
Wednesday 18th June
Combined Choir

Week 10
Wednesday 2nd July
Hero Day
Assembly 12.30pm

Thursday 3rd July
Reports go home
At Risdon Park Primary School, students learn mathematics through explicit teaching of the curriculum which is outlined in the Australian Curriculum. Students start to investigate maths concepts using equipment they can physically manipulate and making patterns to solve problems. They talk a lot about their work and record their understanding in a variety of ways. As students move through the year levels, they use less and less of the hands on equipment to solve programs and move to mathematical processes and symbols.

Teachers and School Services Officers are very fortunate to be provided with an iPad in order for them to plan, organise, collect digital resources and work with students. In our rapidly changing world with digital technology there are many Apps and programs that we can use to engage students more in their learning. Our training last Friday ensured that teachers are now update with digital technologies and in ways in which they can enhance their own teaching and learning programs, in order to engage their students in new and exciting ways.

If you would like more information about anything that I have mentioned above, please arrange a time to chat with your child’s teacher. You may also like to have a look on the Australian Curriculum website for more information about Numeracy and Mathematics (www.australiancurriculum.edu.au).

Regards,

Carolyn Clinton

Governance at Risdon Park Primary School

Governing Council is a group of parents, and staff members who meet twice a term on a Wednesday evening to discuss Risdon Park Primary Schools’ budget and finances, policies and procedures, practices, programs and events. I would like to welcome and thank the following Governing Council members for giving up their valuable family time to come and collaboratively work with leadership and staff representatives to ensure that Risdon Park Primary School is a school of quality teaching and learning.

Kelly Smith
Chairperson

Kathryn Gregory
Secretary

Mel Maywald

Sherralee Hooper

Nyanda May

Naomi Coulthard

Mary Nitz

David Clark
Dealing with Disappointment.

Learning with students in Miss Langton’s class on Wednesday we were investigating the feeling of disappointment. We all deal with disappointment in many ways but students sometimes do not understand how to overcome and find ways to help support them. I have listed what we talked about and some solutions that you may be able to speak and support your child/children at home.

Things That Make You Feel Disappointed

- Losing a game
- Being the worst at something
- Being last
- Feeling embarrassed
- Not getting what you wanted
- Missing out
- Being rejected by others
- Being overlooked
- Being told ‘no’

Positive Thinking to Deal with Disappointment

- Positive thoughts in your mind — ‘I can handle it’
  ‘That’s life! I’ll be ok
  ‘I’ll just go with it. This feeling won’t last’.
  ‘Worse things can happen. Let’s find a good side to this’.

Move away from the person who made you disappointed.
Remind yourself how big the disappointment should be.

Lastly, do something that helps carry a positive thought.

RISDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

INFORMING US OF CHILDREN’S ABSENCES

School: 8632 2226
Mobile: 0409 097 059 (text message only)

- Name of your child
- Class teacher or room number
- Day/s he or she will be away
- Reason for his or her absence
National Reconciliation Week was recently celebrated at Risdon Park PS. Students participated in a variety of events including a flag raising ceremony, banner painting, reconciliation footprints and a poster competition. Students also participated in individual class activities focussing on the importance of National Reconciliation.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) was celebrated across Australia between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

**May 27 –** Marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90% of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

**3 June, 1992 –** The High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land – that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

The annual recognition is a time for all Australians to appreciate our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.
Skoolbag is a mobile app that enables Risdon Park Primary School to easily inform parents, students, carers, guardians, grandparents, friends or even past students everything they need to know about the happenings at our school.

The app will contain links to school news, newsletters, events calendar, cancellations, school notices, school information, timetables, contact details and parent e-forms.

Once downloaded, Risdon’s Skoolbag App will notify you of any new information via Push Notification Alerts. These alerts are a free service and will allow the school to instantly notify our school community of new messages, news events and last minute reminders and cancellations. Just make sure you allow push notification on your smart device when you set up the app.

The app is a free service to our school community and is available from the App Store via iTunes for iPhone, iPad or Ipod users and the Google Playstore for android users. Just search for Risdon Park.

As well as our fortnightly newsletters, Skoolbag will become our main communication tool with the school community. Along with all the general updates mentioned above, teachers will also be able to effectively convey important information to families of children in their classes. Just follow the “set up” procedure in the accompanying brochure.

The Risdon Skoolbag App is available now and we encourage one and all to download .

Please browse the accompanying brochure or the Skoolbag Parent page that follows in this newsletter. If you have further questions about Risdon’s Skoolbag app, you contact myself or Admin staff anytime!

Kevin Moore, IT Manager
CHOIR NEWS

Choir students are learning 13 songs that they will be performing at the festival. They sang one of the songs at assembly last Thursday, their first performance in front of an audience.

Next Combined
Next Wednesday, 18th June is our next combined practice at Airdale. Please remind students to bring their books to all practices at school.

Posters wanted
We are looking for some great posters to advertise the choir performances. Choir students would have received the information about what needs to be on the poster, however any student may submit a poster. Details are available from Frau Grant or Tessa in the front office.

T-shirt orders
It is now time to place orders for choir t-shirts and this information was sent home last week. Students may choose the colour of the shirt they wear which is displayed on a poster in the front office.
Please send orders with payment to the office by June 24th.

Technology
Robot making with Mrs Wilton
Joshua Muhsin and Lucus Jose with their robot

BOXES
Wanted for Technology
If you have unwanted boxes, a size suitable for building,
Could you please bring them to the front office.
**SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**

The School Dental Service is the major provider of dental service for babies, children and young people under 18 years in South Australia. Around 130 000 children attend every year.

The Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule for 2-17 years olds started in 2004.

All children are very welcome to continue to access dental care at the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk bill Medicare.

Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can also attend—a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.

School Dental Clinics are located across Adelaide and regional SA. To locate your local School Dental Clinic and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au.

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**Canteen Roster**

**Week 6**

Monday 2nd June
D Staehr

Tuesday 3rd June
L Pomery

Wednesday 4th June
H Davidson

Thursday 5th June
M Brown

**Friday 6th June**

**Student Free Day**

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**Week 7**

Monday 9th June
Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th June
H Davidson

Wednesday 11th June
J Saris

Thursday 12th June
K gray

Friday 13th June
R Giles, A Meaney

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Poem by Ayla, Tammy, Ashanti and Shyanne for Reconciliation Week

**We are us**

**I am Me**

**I love my brown eyes**

**And my sisters blue eyes too**

**I love my culture**

**And want to share it with you!**

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**Canteen Special**

Friday 13th Only

Meatballs served with mashed potato, carrots, peas, corn and gravy + bread roll

- $5.50 full serve
- $4.50 1/2 serve

No Chicken Wedges or Meatball available Fridays

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A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring

Helping each other to succeed
We have been learning about numbers

As part of our learning we played a tower game