Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} June, we were fortunate to have the Minister for Education and Childhood Development, Jennifer Rankine and Geoff Brock the Minister for Regional Development and Local Government. Minister Rankine was warmly greeted by four of our students, Chikkotae Wilson (year 7), Harrison Rees (year 7), Xavier Budd (year 1) and Neve Adams (year 4) at 2:25pm. Damien Mellow and I also greeted the minister and welcomed her into our school. To our surprise we were to learn that the Ms Rankine’s three sons attended Risdon Park Primary School from 1976. The students and I walked with the Minister around our school to show case our student learning and community programs. Ms Rankine first visited the Early Years where reception students were engaged in their oral literacy program named Play Boxes. This program promotes and engages students in role play, construction and craft activities, to extend and explore their language and develop social skills. Parent and grandparents work with students in small groups to support students’ literacy experience and exploration.

Our second stop was to visit the Community Mentoring program, which was taking place in the Canteen. Two students were working with two community mentors making mini pizzas. Chikkotae and Harrison then led the Minister into Unit 2 and Mrs Waterman’s year 3/4 class where the students were using iPads to explore mathematical concepts of number and symmetry. It was great to see Ms Rankine stopping and working with students to help work through their number tasks.
At the Garden, the Minster was able to meet and talk with students who work in the garden. Kathryn Wilsdon explained how the students work from seeds, to plant and tend the garden until picking the crop for either eating, cooking or in the instance of flowers, selling for Mothers’ Day. Ms Rankine, while walking through unit 3, was interested in room 31’s technology task of designing and making soft toys for children.

The Minister’s last stop was at the Risdon Park PS Resource Centre, where she spoke to Helen McMahon (teacher Librarian) about the small group of students she works with to explore complex issues. Six students were busy discussing issues regarding the access to education around the world. Ms Rankine was really interested in their conversation and asked many questions and provided new information which the students regarded as fascinating.

The student guides also talked to the Minster about their learning in Geography. With the assistance of photographs taken during their geography lesson the students were able to share their learning of the world in general, reading maps and living in different locations throughout the world.

The Minister’s visit concluded with a rich conversation about teachers’ learning through Professional Learning Communities and the advantage of our new Partnership Model across Port Pirie enabling all sites from Kindergartens to John Pirie Secondary School working together for the benefit of all our students.

I would like to thank the Minister, Geoff Brock for his attendance and support. Thank you also to Kelly Smith, Risdon Park PS Governing Council Chairperson for attending and joining in on our conversations.

I sincerely hope that Ms Rankine found her time at Risdon Park PS enjoyable and the school itself a little different from when her three sons attended Risdon Park PS around 30 year ago.

Regards, Carolyn Clinton
World Cup at Risdon

The Soccer World Cup has been a great interest to many of our students this year. A suggestion from our school leaders was to run an indoor world cup at Risdon. We planned a timetable, looked at teams and organised umpires.

It has been great to see students from Year 4 -7 join together under different country banners and play these games at recess and lunchtime. The final will be played next week so please look out in the next newsletter for the Risdon World Cup winner.

We have also been keeping a keen interest on the results of the actual World Cup. Students from Miss Sargent’s class have created a display and each day updating the score progress. They have been using data from newspapers, soccer app and their own viewing.

The Adventures of Puddles the Pug around Port Pirie

There will be a book launch for:
‘The Adventures of Puddles the Pug around Port Pirie’, on Wednesday 2nd July, 2014, at 5pm, at MEG’s Bookshop Main Street, Port Pirie.

Authors of the book are students who were in Years 2/3 & Years 6/7 in 2013 from Risdon Park Primary School. This is a children’s story about Puddles the Pug visiting and learning about significant historical buildings and sites around Port Pirie. The book was written by the two classes working together as part of their Buddy Class lessons.

The book is available for purchase from the school at a cost of $20.
I've recently been to the Pt Hughes music camp. At first I was very scared but as I got to know more people I enjoyed it. We played lots of songs like Let It Go from Frozen and music from How to Train Your Dragon. We trained 12 hours over two days just for a 2 hour show that was way too long for kids our age when it comes to training because Kyah and I only have a 30 min lesson at John Pirie Secondary School. Anyway I had so much fun I made lots of new friends like Sheyenne and Amy for Pt Augusta and Brianna from the Riverland. I don't know if I'll ever see them again but I had fun. Our music teacher said that Kyah and I will definitely be in the high school music band after the camp.

Bye Jordon Beveridge :)

My name is Kyah Dienhoff. I also went to the music camp. I was like Jordon also very scared and surprised at how big it was, they said that it was their biggest camp so far. I cried in the second practice but a teacher came out and sat with me and told me she did not know all of the notes either that made me feel better. We went to a lolly shop in Moonta, which was where we did our concert. I made a lot of new friends such as Vanessa, Malory, Sheyenne and Amy. I really hope I can meet them again they were all kind. I also met some people from Leigh Creek where I lived until I was 3 it was good to meet them. We did our concert in the Moonta town hall and parents were allowed to come and watch. I learnt a lot from going to the music camp and hope to go back again to improve my skills. It was a very enjoyable experience and a nerve racking experience too but now I know what to expect so I will definitely go back their next year it was great fun. I hope Jordon and I will not be the last Risdon students to go to music camp.

Bye Kyah Dienhoff. :) :)

Wednesday 2nd July

Come dressed as your favourite hero

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Fun at your Library

Tuesday 8th July — Canvas Art Board
Thursday 10th July — Mr Oopy (2-7yrs)
Tuesday 15th July — Scratchboard Frames
Thursday 17th July — Under the Sea
Port Pirie Regional Library, 3 Wandlearah Road, Port Pirie
Bookings essential 86321649

Wednesday 16th July — Farmyard Animals
Crystal Brook Library Service, Bowman Street, Crystal Brook
Bookings essential 86362150

All activities are from 10.30 – 11.30am
Activities are for 4-10 year olds
Parents and Guardians are most welcome to come and join the fun!

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 10 Monday 30th June
D Staehr

Tuesday 1st July
L Pomery

Wednesday 2nd July
H Davidson

Thursday 3rd July
M Brown

Friday 4th July
A Meaney, M Dienhoff

Term 3 Week 1

To be advised

Canteen Special
Friday 26th Only

Potato Pie served with bread roll & Fruit Box

$5.50 full serve
$4.50 1/2 serve

No Chicken Wedges or Meatball available Fridays
No slushies during term 2

Fun @ Plenty

Sunday 29th June 2.30—4.00
Plenty Street Park
Primary aged children and families
Free Games, stories, craft and sausage sizzle
Enquiries: Pastor Roger Kleinig
0427399244
Programme run by accredited volunteers
(If it rains, meet at Port Pirie Baptist Church, Hannan Street)
Report Writing

This term we have been focussing on the report genre in reading and writing. After modelling the report writing process students have researched animals in groups and as individual's first locating resources then collecting information in the form of dot points under micro (sub) headings. After conferencing this information the students then wrote the information into sentences and presented the information as a booklet or chart. Finally the students evaluated their own work and identified areas where they could improve next time.
NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF SCHOOL COMMUNITY

RE: NOTIFICATION OF WHOOPING COUGH

We have been informed that a student attending our school has contracted Whooping Cough.

DESCRIPTION:
A highly contagious bacterial disease. The may begin with cold-like symptoms which progress to a cough, or a person may simply begin coughing. After several days, severe coughing bouts may cause vomiting or breathlessness. Sometimes a high-pitched crowing (the whoop) is heard when inhaling. The coughing can last between one and three months. Diagnosis is made by blood test and by culturing specimens from the nose and throat. It is particularly serious in children under two years of age. Transmission is by direct contact with droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person.

INCUBATION PERIOD:
Commonly - 7 to 10 days and rarely more than 14 days.

INFECTIOUS PERIOD:
Highly contagious in the early stages. The person is no longer infectious to others five days after starting antibiotic treatment.

Parents, friends and contacts of the infected person should be notified of their exposure and advised to watch for symptoms.

If any symptoms develop, a doctor should be contacted immediately.

CONTROL OF SPREAD:
A person with whooping cough should be excluded until well and after appropriate medical treatment. The person is no longer infectious to others five days after starting antibiotic treatment.

Unimmunised household contacts aged less than seven years should be excluded for 14 days, or until they have been on antibiotic treatment for at least five days of a minimum 14 day course of antibiotics.
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