Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Although term 2 is well and truly over, it is definitely not forgotten! We had many highlights and events to celebrate, some of these included:

- Book Launch of "The Adventures of Puddles the Pug around Port Pirie", written and illustrated by students in rooms 23 and 36 in 2013.
- Visit by the Minister of Education and Childhood Development, Jennifer Rankine and Minister Geoff Brock, representative for Frome.
- Student, staff and parent participation in Port Pirie Public Education Value Forums.
- Introduction of the Literacy intervention programs of Mini-lit and Multi-lit for students at risk in their Literacy development.
- Regular Aboriginal Parent Voice meetings, hosted by our ACEO Melissa Hands.
- World Cup at Risdon - students’ soccer games at recess and lunch time
- Hero Day Fundraiser, with funds raised going to Muscular Dystrophy.
- Staff Numeracy learning and working collaboratively in chosen Professional Learning Communities to increase their knowledge about formative assessment in learning areas of the Australian Curriculum.
- Reconciliation Week Celebrations.
- Re-opening of the Wednesday Breakfast Club under the direction and support of our new CPS worker Matt Welch and parent Leanne Hoger.
- SAPSASA Soccer Come and Try Day.
- Many of our students travelling to Adelaide to take part in SAPSASA Netball and Football.
- Walk Safely to School Day celebrations.
- Year 3, 5 & 7 students taking part in a three day National Literacy and Numeracy testing program (NAPLAN).
- Anti-bullying and harassment performance.
- Comprehensive written reports going home for every student, outlining learning achievements, learning progress for the first semester and information about future learning goals.
- Regular Lunchtime activities, including football, soccer, skipping, lego club, working with computers and chalk drawing.
Term 3 is promising to be another exciting term of learning. Please find a copy of Term 3’s planner enclosed in this newsletter. Some of our “big ticket” items include:

- 2 Pupil Free Days—Week 4 & Week 9
- SAPSASA Come and Try day for year 6/7 students in Netball and Football—Week 2—Friday
- 3 Whole school Assemblies—Week 3, 6 & 10—Friday’s 12.30pm
- Literacy & Numeracy week celebrating throughout Risdon Park PS Literacy and Numeracy Amazing Race—Week 4
- Book Week Celebrations—Week 5
- Unit 3 classes’ camp taking place at Arbury Park in the Adelaide Hills—Week 5
- School Photos—Week 6
- Port Pirie and Districts Combined Primary Schools Choir Performances— Week 7
- Sports Day—Week 9
- Lab on Legs - Science workshops provided by the CSIRO— Week 10

I am looking forward to term 3, working with staff, students and parents.

Regards,

Carolyn Clinton

School uniforms

School uniforms can be purchased from the front office and tops in the school colours can be purchased from Kmart, Target and Best and Less stores.

Our School Uniform Code is as follows:

Windcheaters/Hoodie Jackets - green
Polo tops - green or gold in long and short sleeves
Summer dresses / winter skirts-pinafores

All of the above items are on sale from the front office.

You will need to purchase the following items outside the school:

Plain black or dark green pants

Hard wearing foot wear that is suitable for physical education and play time

Check out our brand new design hoodies

Now available from the front office, currently in sizes 12—16.
Sizes 8—10 arriving on Monday 28th July

Risdon Park PS is a Sun Smart School and we require all students to wear the school hat during outside times throughout the school year. The first hat is provided by the school. If children need a second hat, it will need to be purchased from the front office at the cost of $12.
Students Playing “R” and “MA” rated digital games at home

Recently it has come to the attention of teachers that students are coming to school and sharing with their peers their experiences of playing “R” and “MA” rated digital games. What this looks and sounds like at school is students using inappropriate language and visuals that can be attributed to a number of these games. Students are also making indecent proposals to their peers using language used directly from these games. Some of the digital games identified include; Grand Theft Auto 5, Diablo, Pay Day, Call of Duty, World of Warcraft, Halo.

Such games are completely inappropriate for students of junior primary and primary age to play. I would like to encourage parents to closely monitor digital games that their children are accessing on their home computer or other personal digital devices. Similar responses from students are also being seen at school after watching extremely violent DVD/movies and television programs. Staff are mandated to report any incidences of a sexual or violent nature.

From the Deputy

Commonwealth Games 2014

Risdon Park is heading to Glasgow – well we are going to do lots of learning at school and explore the games in detail.

Each class has received a passport where activities and ideas can be used to stimulate thinking and extend learning. The next 2 weeks the classes will investigate and research different aspects and create displays for their classroom. The House Captains are providing a ‘Taste of the Games’ next week with Athletics being the key sport of choice. Each unit will rotate around and try: High Jump, Long Jump, Javelin, Relay, Hurdles and Hammer Throw.

Please encourage your students to have conversations about the games at home by either watching the coverage or highlights on TV or asking your child/children what they have been learning at school.

Regards,

Damien Mellow
Deputy Principal

ADVANCE NOTICE

SPORTS DAY
THURSDAY 18th SEPTEMBER
Student attendance is a major priority for DECD (Dept of Education and Child Development).

DECD attendance target across all South Australian public schools is 93%.

For Terms 1 & 2 Risdon Park Primary School attendance rate reached 90.7%.

Our school attendance target is 90%. We now need to aim for the DECD target.

Our 2014 data shows that no year level is reaching 93%. Our year 7 students seem to spend more time at home than any other year level.

Poor student attendance greatly affects students learning progress and achievement level. Poor attendance also affects students ability to make and keep friends at school, which in turn affects their sense of belonging and general well being.

If you are intending to take a family holiday during the school term, please remember to drop into the front office to fill in an exemption form.

It is also important for parents to contact the school when your child is absent, let us know of the reason for their absence by the following method:

- Text message on 0409 097 059
- Phone the school on 8632 2226
- A note in students communication book or diary
- Enter details on Skoolbag app

**School Photos**

Tuesday 26th August

This service is provided by MSP Photography and all money is paid direct to them on the day.

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Please do not send any money to school until photo day with the correct money.
The school does not have change available.

Photo envelopes will be sent home in week 3 with newsletter.

**PIANO FOR SALE**

One Beale piano in working order
Come to the front office if interested, have a look and make us an offer
A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring
Helping each other to succeed

ADOLESCENT SCOLIOSIS
SPINAL CURVATURE

Yr 7 girl's will be bringing home a brochure regarding self detection program for Scoliosis.

Scoliosis is an important health problem for adolescent girls, and 25 per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Three girls per thousand require active treatment (spinal brace or surgery). Due to the early stages the condition is most often asymptomatic, screening in the age range 11-13 years is a sound preventative health measure.

Visit www.scoliosis-australia.org for comprehensive credible information about the symptoms and treatment. It offers a strong support base for adolescent patients with scoliosis and their parents.

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C'rantee Special
Friday 25th July Only

Hot Dog + Sauce
With Big M
(chocolate/strawberry)

$5.50 full serve
$4.50 1/2 serve

No Chicken Wedges or Meatballs available Fridays
No slushies during term 3

CRYSTAL BROOK SHOW

It is time to get your entries in to the Crystal Brook Show pet section.

If you think your pet is something special (and aren't they all?) there are plenty of great prizes to be won in a number of categories in this year's show on August 9 from Best Cat, Best Dog, Best Bird, Best Reptile and lots more.

This year the section will be judged by YP Vets veterinarian Dr Natalie Olding and Dr John Olding who will face the difficult challenge of crowning the Champion Pet and selecting all other category winners.

Pets will be supervised in the pet section all day.

For More Information Contact:

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The book launch for *The Adventures of Puddles the Pug around Port Pirie* written by students in Room 36 and 23 in 2013 at Risdon Park Primary School took place on Wednesday 2nd July, 2014 at Meg’s Bookshop, Port Pirie.

Attending the book launch were students and their families, staff and the following invited guests: The Mayor, Brenton Vanstone; Terry Sizer, Education Director of three partnerships including Port Pirie; Nyrstar representatives: Lynn Wallace, Ian Leske, Dennis Buchanan and Joanne Stark; Carolyn Clinton, Principal, Risdon Park Primary School.

Margie Arnold compered the book launch and provided free use of her premises for the event, showering the students with streamers and party poppers. The Mayor, Brenton Vanstone, officially launched the book. Nyrstar were acknowledged and thanked for their generous support enabling this book to become a reality. Toby, Jenna, Kyle, Ashlea and Laylah read pages from the book before they thanked Margie and presented her with a box of chocolates. The book is available for purchasing from Meg’s Bookshop or the school for a cost of $20.