SPORTS DAY

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Risdon Park PS NAPLAN results arrived recently at our school for students who participated in the National Literacy and Numeracy tests in years 3, 5 and 7.

I am proud of all our students that participated in the NAPLAN tests early in term 2 of this year. Students in year 3 and 7 scored in the 90 percentile for achieving National Minimum Standard in Numeracy and most aspects of Literacy. I was particularly proud of those students who made a high level of improvement in Reading and Numeracy since their last test in either year 3 or year 5.

Please remember that NAPLAN results are only one set of information we look at in terms of students' progress and achievement. Teachers are constantly analysing student learning to ensure that programs are meeting the needs of all students. With this and more in mind, I would like to quote from an article by Susie O’Brien in last week’s Sunday Mail in which she quoted a Western Australian Principal (Len Christie) from his school newsletter in which he wrote a personal note to his students who sat the NAPLAN tests and it read:

“I'd like you, your family, friends and teachers to remember that these tests are unable to measure all of what it is that makes you a valued person who you are. They don't know that you are a great singer and dancer or that you can play a musical instrument really well. They don't know that you have a sense of humour which can bring a smile to your friend's faces and make them laugh or that they can rely upon you to support them when they need a kind and encouraging word. Just remember that there is so much more to describe who you are that can't be shown in these scores.”

You received home a note just over a week ago to inform you that your child’s NAPLAN report was ready to be collected from the front office. Many reports have been collected by parents or sent home with students upon parents' request. However, we still have a lot of NAPLAN reports waiting for collection, so I have included in this newsletter the parent request slip for you to approve for your child to collect and bring home their report.

With only one more day of term 3 to go I would like to say that, I hope that the school holidays are everything that you and your family have planned for them to be. I look forward to seeing everyone again, day 1 of term 4 on Monday 13th October.

Regards,
Carolyn Clinton
Governing Council News

As Governing Council chair, I am pleased to announce that Carolyn Clinton was the successful applicant for the Risdon Park Primary School Principal’s position. Carolyn and I have spoken since her re-appointment, and she is pleased and feels honoured to be selected as the continuing Principal of Risdon Park PS.

I congratulate her on behalf of all Governing Council members and staff on her position as Principal of Risdon Park PS for the next 5 years.

Kelly Smith
Chairperson, RPPS Governing Council

Term 3 Highlights

- Year 6/7 girls attended John Pirie SS participating in Robotics activities
- Senator Penny Wright’s visit
- Week of Commonwealth Games Activities, planned and supported by year 6/7 students
- SAPSASA Netball and Football – Come and Try Days
- Pupil Free Day - Numeracy & Mathematics
- Book Week Celebrations
- Author, Roseanne Hawke’s visit and workshops with classes
- Classes from Unit 3 Camp to Arbury Park in the Adelaide Hills
- A variety of learning for staff in Professional Learning Communities across the Pirie Partnership and collaborative release with peers at Risdon
- Student Forums – participating in Pirie wide forums further exploring 4 Powerful Learning Words to be used across all our sites (K - year 12)
- A Maths Consultant working with teachers and students in classroom – focussed on learning in the Base 10 number system
- SSO Recognition Week
- Aboriginal Education in room 21 and 26, incorporating an Aboriginal Cultural Day and an excursion to Wadlata in Port Augusta
- RPPS Amazing Literacy and Numeracy Race
- Two choir performances at Northern Festival Centre
- Sport’s Day
- Pupil Free Day, focussing on Student Wellbeing and Engagement
- Parent information session – “Taste of Risdon Park PS” for kindy families transitioning into RPPS in 2015
- Completion of Premier’s Reading Challenge
- Lab on Legs

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

DECD attendance target across all South Australian public schools is 93%.
For Terms 3 Risdon Park Primary School attendance rate reached 85%.
FROM MATT - CPSW

Perhaps I'm a little bias, but how great is this school?! Term 3 was totally crammed packed full of awesomeness, from excursions to camps, there was the combined choir performances and sports day too! Needless to say, with all this fun, the time has absolutely flown by, the weather is warming up and school holidays are now upon us.

Just as a reminder, I'm at school all day Wed / Thurs / Fri.

If you're after a chat you can find me in the yard or I can be contacted via the office or you can leave me a message if I'm not about.

If you are going away, please take care on the roads. If you're not, I may see you around town or at the Smelters Picnics on Wednesday 1st Oct. Either way, have a great break, stay safe and I look forward to hearing all your stories of what you got up to when we get back in term 4.

Matt Welch (CPSW)
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

MEN'S SHED

The Men's shed at 3 Parham Street is not just for the lads. The other week Ben, Jack, Blake and Kiralee very proudly displayed the results of their hard work, after they had measured, cut, sanded and coated to create their own chopping boards for home.

The shed, funded by Uniting Care Wesley, hosts programs that teach and mentor children, youth and adults to interact with each other and the community through group work focussed on woodwork and metal work.

BREAKFAST CLUB

It's a crisp morning sunrise, the yolk of a freshly cracked egg, it's even the smiles on our kids faces... that's why from term 4, Breakfast Club is going ORANGE!!!

Breakfast Club’s FREE for all our students, operating BEFORE school from 8.30am in the amphitheatre on Wednesdays. Kids can fuel up for the day with their friends, whilst learning about nutrition and hygiene in a relaxed and fun environment.

So be on the lookout for our orange reminders each Wednesday morning, when you arrive at school from next term!

From donations to volunteers, community support plays a vital role in what we do at Breakfast Club.

I'd like to give a huge shout out to manager, Tory Annese and his team at Woolworths Port Pirie for their support.

Woolies don't just provide us with generous assistance, but their support is also a great encouragement to our kids and all that get involved.

THANK YOU!!!

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Thank you to all the parents/guardians and friends that joined us for afternoon tea as part of Schools Ministry Week (8th - 15th Sept.). Also a big thank you to Sanctuary Corner café and members of our local community churches, who generously donated, baked and purchased biscuits and cakes for the event.

As well as afternoon tea, parents were also invited to join in the fun of playing Risdon Park Family Feud.

Results have been counted and I am pleased to announce we have three contestants with a perfect score of 24. Most popular answers were:

1. Name something you could do in primary school, but probably couldn't do anymore

   3 points - Cartwheels
   2 points - Monkey Bars
   1 point - Run

   Honourable mention:
   - Touch my toes

2. Name a place where you're asked to turn off your mobile phone

   3 points - Aeroplane or Hospital
   2 points - Cinema
   1 point - Doctors

   Honourable mention:
   - Church

3. Name something orange

   3 points - Orange
   2 points - Carrot
   1 point - Mandarine

   Honourable mention:
   - Goldfish

4. Name a famous pig

   3 points - Babe
   2 points - Peppa Pig
   1 point - Porkey Pig

   Honourable mention:
   - Spiderpig

5. Name something parents tell their kids not to waste

   3 points - Food
   2 points - Water
   1 point - Money

   Honourable mention:
   - Toothpaste

6. Besides money, name something you wish you had more of

   3 points - Time
   2 points - Holidays
   1 point - Friends

   Honourable mention:
   - Hair

7. According to married women: Name something in the home a husband doesn’t know how to use

   3 points - Washing Machine / Vacuum
   2 points - Iron
   1 point - Dishwasher

   Honourable mention:
   - Toilet Seat

8. Name a song everybody knows

   3 points - Happy Birthday To You
   2 points - Advance Australia Fair
   1 point - Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

   Honourable mention:
   - Sexy and I Know It

Congratulations:

Lyn Jacobs, Helen / Phoenix Johnson and Jake Anderson

On behalf of the local churches, winners receive gift cards for Sanctuary Corner Café & Gifts

- a volunteer based initiative of the Port Pirie Ministers Association / Hope Partnership Inc., proudly serving and supporting our community of Port Pirie.
Smelters Picnic
*Football Competition For Juniors*
*Wednesday 1st October*

Win cash at the Smelters Picnic by participating in the Long Bomb

**The longest kick for each grade**

1\(^{st}\) prize is $50.00  
2\(^{nd}\) prize is $20.00  
3\(^{rd}\) prize is $10.00

**Grade 3 & under** Registration at 10.00am for a 10.15am Start  
**Grade 4 & 5** Registration at 10.45am for a 11.00am Start  
**Grade 6 & 7** Registration at 11.30am for a 11.45am Start

Please meet in front of the Little Grand Stand at Memorial Oval in Pt Pirie (Concrete Grandstand) to register your name  
If you have any questions please call Craig Oliphant on 0428851978.

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### Assembly Awards - Responsibility

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**UNIFORM AWARDS**

Unit 1: Room 16 Miss Wade  
Unit 2: Room 21 Miss Jagiello  
Unit 3: Room 36 Miss Bassett

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 1
Monday 13th October
L Pomery

Tuesday 14th October
H Davidson

Wednesday 15th October
H Davidson

Thursday 16th October
D Crossman

Friday 17th October
M Dienhoff, A Meaney

Week 2
Monday 20th October
D Staehr

Tuesday 21st October
L Pomery

Wednesday 22nd October
H Davidson

Thursday 23rd October
M Brown

Friday 24th October
R Giles, G Baggott

Central Risdon Netball 2014 Premiers

I Grade Premiers:
Back: Teah Campbell, Lana Kay-Bullock, Isabella Williams, Hannah Pollard, Coach Louise Pollard.
Front: Mikayla Colyer, Tiah Peek, Mary-Elise Fuss, Marlee Biddel.

Under 12Div 1 Premiers:
Back: Paige Jansen, Lara Evans, Paris Mallyon, Coach Claire Magliulo
Front: Tahlia McIntosh, Shaila Brusnahan, Tahlia Phipps, MacKenzie Atkins.

Bowman Park Family Fun Day.
Sunday 12th October from 10.30 am. Last Sunday of school holidays.
Bowman Park is 5 kms from Crystal Brook, in a beautiful creek setting. Stalls, music and entertainment on the oval.
Between 1 and 4pm people are encouraged to enjoy walking a trail dotted with musicians and activities for children.
Bring the whole family for a great day out.

NAPLAN RESULTS—STUDENTS TO COLLECT

I ______________________________ give permission to my child
Parent’s/Caregiver’s name

to bring home Naplan results for:
Child’s name

_______________________________ Room ______

_______________________________ Room ______

Signed ________________________________ Parent/Caregiver
Congratulations to all participants in the 2014 Festival of Music. It was an excellent performance and you should all be very proud of yourselves!

Well done especially to our comperes Alex Giles and Kathy Drabble, and soloist Kyah Dienhoff.

Thankyou to everyone who supported these students, both choral and instrumental, so that they could have this valuable experience.

On stage rehearsal at the Keith Michell Theatre

Thursday Night Performance

RPPS Choir Members with Tessa Collins and Amy Grant

On Stage Thursday Night

Adult sizes
XL & XXL polo tops
Large, XL & XXL Windcheaters
Learning and growing together in Room 16! 

"Tell me, I forget. Teach me, I learn. Involve me, I remember."

Benjamin Franklin
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