Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Friday 15th August, the staff at Risdon Park PS were engaged in a day of learning focussed on Numeracy and Mathematics.

Numeracy is related to, but not the same as Mathematics. While explicit learning in Mathematics contributes to the Numeracy development of children and students. Numeracy is the ability to use mathematical information to solve problems and respond successfully in day-to-day challenges that makes a young person numerate.

Rosslyn Shepherd, a consultant and expert in Numeracy and Mathematics, led and worked with staff on becoming more familiar with the Mathematics curriculum as outlined in the Australian Curriculum. We spent time listening, talking and trying out new and effective ways of teaching mathematics using hands on equipment, just as students would do in their classrooms. Lots of talk took place comparing our own experiences as students back in school and how we learnt our mathematical knowledge, and skills and reflected upon how practices have changed for the better. At Risdon Park we aim to engage students in their learning of mathematics in practical and creative ways so that they can relate their learning to everyday experiences.
Time last Friday was also set aside for teachers to collaboratively plan their Mathematics programs with the support of Rosslyn’s knowledge, experience and expertise. Teachers are looking forward to working with Rosslyn in the next 18 months. Rosslyn will be working collaboratively with teaching teams to plan, program and assess student learning. She will also be working with teachers in classrooms, modelling activities and providing teachers with feedback on their practice.
If you have any questions about your child’s learning in Mathematics, please approach your child’s teacher.
Regards,
Carolyn Clinton
Principal

Early Morning and End of Day Procedures
Risdon Park PS teachers are on duty from 8:30am. If students arrive before 8:30am they are to play on the front lawn and remain near the tree at the front of the school.
Unit 1 teachers open their door from 8:45am, allowing parents and students to come into class, sort the contents of their school bag and support their child in getting ready for the school day. There is not a lot of time for parents and teachers to have a conversation before the morning learning bell goes, so if you would like to talk with your child’s teacher then please make a convenient time for you both.
The morning bell goes at 8:55am and we encourage students to be ready for learning at this time. If your child arrives at school later than this time they are to sign in at the front office.
The home time bell goes at 3:15pm. Every minute at school is considered as valuable learning time, however if you need to take your child home early from school, please go to the front office first to sign them out, before picking them up from class. Teachers do have more time to have a chat with you in the afternoon, except on Tuesday afternoons when we hold our staff meetings.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
If you have changed your:  
Address  
Phone numbers  
Emergency contact  
Please contact the school so we can update our systems.
Rosanne Hawke Visit

On Monday we were privileged to have Rosanne Hawke visit the Year 5, 6, 7 students to talk about her books and experiences as a writer.

Rosanne is a noted South Australian author. The students found the ideas and the plot of the Killer Ute series which is set on the Yorke Peninsula really interesting.

There were many fascinating photos for them to view, as Rosanne talked about her time as an aid worker in Pakistan. She shared the inspiration for writing her first book with the students, and talked about writing ‘Mustara’ and ‘Taj and the Great Camel Trek’ - a story set in the Flinders Ranges about the help the Afghan cameleers provided to the explorer Ernest Giles. Many of the students were able to experience wearing turbans, embroidered shawls and looking at craft items made by people in Pakistan.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tuesday 26th August

The school does not have change available on photo day.

Please do not send any money to school until photo day with the correct money.

Please collect Family envelopes from the front office.

From the Deputy

U12 STATE HOCKEY By Hannah Marwick

In Week 3, I competed in SAPSASA State under 12’s Hockey team.

We won 2 games out of 8, we came 8th out of 9.

It was really fun and it was a great opportunity.

On behalf of Risdon Park Primary School we would like to congratulate Hannah on her achievements.

Well done!
“I loved the amazing race!”

“It was the best thing in the world! WOW!”

“Great, fantastic, amazing”

“Best race ever in our lives!”

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

Helping each other to succeed
Canteen Special
Friday Only
Squash Dog with Cheese + Sauce + Fruit Box
$5.50 full serve
$4.50 1/2 serve
No Chicken Wedges or Meatballs available Fridays

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend. Dental care is FREE for most children. 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. All dental care provided is FREE for pre-school children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Weekly Canteen Roster

Week 6
- Monday 25th August
  - D Staehl
- Tuesday 26th August
  - L Pomery
- Wednesday 27th August
  - H Davidson
- Thursday 28th August
  - D Crossman
- Friday 29th August
  - G Baggott, J Baldwin

Week 7
- Monday 1st September
  - S Jebb
- Tuesday 2nd September
  - H Davidson
- Wednesday 3rd September
  - H Davidson
- Thursday 4th September
  - K Gray
- Friday 5th September
  - A Meaney, M Dienhoff

RISDON SOCCER
Please give your trophy money to your coach or Mr Cox before Saturday 23/8/14

Healthy Smile Healthy Life

School Dental Clinic Re-opening
The Port Pirie West School Dental Clinic refurbishment is now complete. The Clinic will re-open on Monday 18th August, with appointments accessible from Monday, 25th August. To make an appointment, please phone 8632 1926.

The Staff apologise for any delay in treatment or inconvenience you may have encountered during this necessary closure period and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Talent Quest
10th—12th October 2014
Port Pirie Harness Racing Club
All genres welcomed and encouraged
Friday 9am-4pm Song Writing & Workshop
Saturday 9am Junior Sections
Sunday Sections
Presentation of trophies & prize money at conclusion of quest
Saturday night: Winners showcase & Special Guest Artists
Sunday morning: Tamwel Arts Showcase & special Artists
Contact Roma Sampson, 08 8633 4417, romasam@bigpond.com
The students in room 26 have embraced the use of iPads in the classroom. Their goal was to create a digital art work using only Aboriginal colours on the Amazograph app. They produced some amazing pieces.

Dakota, Tyson, Brianna, Abby, Halle, Shanelle and Lucy working hard on their Aboriginal Bark paintings.

We are expanding our vocabulary and learning new words.

Teamwork - everyone working together to create a timeline.