Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Throughout the school year teachers collect and analyse a range of data on students’ understanding, learning, progress and achievement. Early in the school year it is essential that teachers collect data relating to students’ Literacy and Numeracy levels, so they know where to target the learning to meet every student’s individual learning needs. Areas such as reading, spelling, oral language, phonological awareness, and selected areas in mathematics are areas in which data is collected.

At nominated times throughout the school year, teachers conduct progress assessments to see how far their students have progressed to once again modify their teaching and learning programs to meet individual student’s learning needs.

At a whole school level it is also important that we collect data on student achievement levels and this is done through test’s such at Running Record’s for reading, PAT R for Reading and PAT M for Mathematics in years 3 to 7. Of course, NAPLAN (National Literacy and Numeracy test) for students in years 3, 5 and 7 also help us to track students’ achievement levels across the school, with the data also informing our Improvement priority actions.

At Risdon Park PS we also collect and analyse data on student attendance, inappropriate behaviour, bullying and harassment, with the data assisting us to track individual students and put in place support where it is most needed.

Risdon Park Primary School belongs to a Pirie Partnership of schools, which includes all Kindergartens, Primary schools, including Napperby and John Pirie Secondary School. At a Partnership Level we have also agreed to collect specific Literacy and Numeracy Data in order to track the achievement levels of our students and identify needs for support and professional development across our sites.
Towards the end of every year we collect and analyse data on parent and student opinions about how effectively our school is running and meeting the needs of our students and their families. In the past, the Department of Education and Childhood Development has organised opinion surveys by randomly selecting families inviting them to complete an online survey or paper survey.

Survey processes have changed for 2014 and you will find a Parent Opinion Survey enclosed in this newsletter. I am hoping to increase the number of responses, by making this survey available to all families. The surveys are anonymous, unless you would like personal contact from the school. Please complete the paper version (no on line survey available in 2014) and return to the front office by Friday 14th November. We will also be collecting opinions from students from Years 1 to 7 in the next few weeks through a similar survey. The younger students will be supported in answering the survey with the help of their older Year 6 and 7 buddies.

Your opinions are important to us and the data collected is used to reflect upon the effectiveness of our programs and general running of the school. In 2014, the Governing Council will be paying particular attention to your collated responses when developing their own action plan to support the Site Improvement Strategic Plan for continued improvement.

I am looking forward to receiving your opinion survey.

Regards,
Carolyn Clinton

Planning for 2015

At Risdon Park PS, we have already begun our processes for formulating class structures for 2015. It is very important that we are able to work on accurate student enrolments as this can ultimately affect our staffing for 2015.

Please find a tear off slip on the following page to return to the front office if:

- your child/ren will not be attending Risdon Park Primary School next year:
- you would like to request a class for your child/ren for 2015. Please be aware that requests must be based on educational and friendship/relationship grounds. We will make every attempt to accommodate parent requests. If your requests cannot be met, a member of the leadership team will give you a ring.

Health Care Plans

If your child plans to go swimming as part of their end of year celebrations and their Asthma Plans needs updating, now would be a good time to get them done. Once updated, plans are current for 12 months and will cover you for swimming in term 1 2015.
CANTEEN SPECIAL
FRIDAY ONLY

Hot Dog with Sauce
+ Fruit Box

Full Serve $5.50
1/2 Serve $4.50

No chicken wedges or meatballs available Friday

Student Placement Request 2015
Please return to Front Office by Friday 7th November

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 4
Monday 3rd November
Tuesday 4th November
D Staehr
Wednesday 5th November
H Davidson
Thursday 6th November
M Brown
Friday 7th November
A Meaney, S Jebb

Week 5
Monday 10th November
Tuesday 11th November
H Davidson
Wednesday 12th November
H Davidson
Thursday 13th November
D Crossman
Friday 31st October
M Dienhoff, R Giles

Student/s NOT RETURNING to Risdon Park Primary School in 2015

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A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring
Helping each other to succeed
Scott Bonner Lawnmower for sale
Motor runs but parts are missing.
$50 Pick Up only.
Please come into the front office
and see Nic or Mr Mellow.

Risdon Park Primary School wishes Zali Adams all the best, as she heads to Toowoomba to compete in the State U12 Softball team.

Did you know that Fred's Van operates here in Port Pirie?
On Sunday nights from about 6pm—9pm in Vinnies Carpark.
This year they have provided about 1,500 meals to people in poverty and homeless.
70% of homeless people have a mobile phone. They use apps to locate places where they can get meals, food or accommodation.
What’s better than a Breakfast Club?

How about 3 Breakfast Clubs!?

In Term 4 we have introduced simpler breakfast options for Thursdays and Fridays that complement our BIG BREAKFAST on Wednesdays.

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Kids interested in becoming “Student Hosts” at breakfast club are invited to register their interest next time they attend. Student Hosts can assist in set up, assisting students to sign in, cooking & spreading toast, serving cereal & yogurt, pouring drinks, bagging biscuits & dried fruit, packing up. Student Hosts don’t miss out on breakfast, are under constant adult supervision and are assigned responsibilities subject to their own capabilities.

Matt Welch
CPSW

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Everyone’s a bit of a fixer-upper

"People make bad choices if they’re mad or scared or stressed
But throw a little love their way,
And you’ll bring out their best"

Love is putting someone else’s needs before yours.

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Lobethal Lights

Wednesday 17th December
Leaving at 12pm from Spencer Gulf Coaches
Including stops at:
- Kenton Valley Cherries
- Melbas Chocolate Factory
- The Big Rocking Horse
- Adelaide Brewery Lights

Ticket Prices:
Child $25
Adult $55

Contact Jodie at Spencer Gulf Coaches for seat bookings on:
Phone: 8622 2666
Email: jodie@spencergulfcoaches.com.au

Moonlight Movies

Memorial Park Port Pirie
Friday 14th November 2014
7:00pm - 10:00pm
8633 8727
specevents@pirie.sa.gov.au

Free community event
Food & Drink Stalls
Children’s Entertainment
BYO Deck Chairs and Picnic Rugs
I help you, you help me.
Learning together in Room 33

Sharing our learning
Responding to our class novel
Learning about Number
Textiles in Art