Risdon Park PS School Day.

At Risdon Park PS we have teachers on duty in the school yard at 8:30am. I am noticing a high number of students coming into school or being dropped off as early as 8 am. Even though students’ early arrival to school is discouraged, I ask that if your child does arrive at school before 8:30am, they need to wait around the front of the school, near our new “sitting tree”, so that they can be supervised.

Parent Opinion Survey

You would have found in the last school newsletter a parent opinion survey for you to complete and send back to school. Thank you for the parents who have returned their survey as your feedback will be used by Governing Council in deciding areas for attention and consideration.

We have only received 14 surveys, which a little disappointing when we have 296 families attending Risdon Park PS. It is important when we collect and analyse data, that we have a reasonable sample, so that we can consider in confidence that the feedback is a fair representation of our parent and community voice.

Please find a copy of the Parent Opinion Survey Opinion Survey in this newsletter and return to your child’s teacher or the front office at your earliest convenience.
LEARNING QUALITIES
Throughout this year, I have had the pleasure of attending some education forums with some of our senior students looking at learning. Specifically, what qualities we need to become successful, lifelong learners. Every DECD site in the Pirie Partnerships was represented at these forums with students, staff and Governing Council Reps having the opportunity to attend.

Through a series of activities, we came to a consensus that we would ALL have the same four words that we would focus on to enhance our learning journeys. These four words are:

RESPECT
PERSISTENCE
RESPONSIBILITY
CONFIDENCE

RPPS next step in this process is to implement these words into our sites; in the classrooms where the learning happens, to help us create a new statement for our school, in our guidance when implementing policies, to have them visually displayed around the school and in our newsletters etc and to have photos representing these qualities ready for a Gallery display in February 2015. At the start of 2015, teachers will focus on these four qualities and work with their students in how these qualities help them to become lifelong learners by working through a focussed program on the four words over a four week period. This will enable the teachers to work with their students on setting up their classrooms to allow for a successful year of learning for all.

KIDS CO FUNDRAISER DAY
Friday the 21st of November (Week 6), Kids Co are holding their second school fundraiser. GOLD COIN DONATION. The money will go towards our new school playground. The dress up theme for the day is, Come dressed as your Favourite Sports Player/Team, or in your Favourite Sports Team Colours.

Throughout the week, we will also be having various activities to increase our fundraising. These include 3 point shot comp, penalty soccer shoot outs, longest kick, longest throw, high jump fun, kick around the world. All of these activities will cost between 20c and 50c to participate in, and the students can participate in more than one activity on a day. Skool Bag will help to remind and inform you of what will happening and when.

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New Bench Seating on Oval

We would like to thank Dash Hawley’s dad Chad for his work on our new bench seats on the school oval. Chad replaced the wood and made these stronger for our students and community to use. He did this in his own time and we cannot thank him enough. Three students then painted the seats this week.

FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER ONLY

As a special for Sports Dress Up Day, the canteen will have donuts in sports day colours

This is a pre-paid special and children will receive their donut at recess time.

Name _____________________

Class ______________

RED ☐  BLUE ☐  Yellow ☐  Green ☐

Cost $2.50

Students must return form and money to canteen by Wed 19th November.

Thanks, Sandra Stringer

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Canteen Special

Friday Only

Ham & Cheese

or

Fetta & Spinach

Muffin

Served with potato wedges + sauce (tomato, BBQ or Sweet Chilli)

+ Fruit Box

$5.50 per serve

No chicken wedges or meatballs available Friday

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Canteen Roster

Week 6

Monday 17th November
D Staehr

Tuesday 18th November
L Pomery

Wednesday 19th November
H Davidson

Thursday 20th November
M Brown

Friday 21st November
G Baggott, J Baldwin

Week 7

Monday 24th November
S Jebb

Tuesday 25th November
H Davidson

Wednesday 26th November
H Davidson

Thursday 27th November
K gray

Friday 28th November
M Dienhoff, A Meaney

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

Name of student/s:

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Parent/Caregiver Signature:

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Parent/Caregiver Name:

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Please return to the Front office by Friday 14th November 2015

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Interschool Sports Day 2014

Risdon Park Primary competed in the annual Interschool Sports Day at St Marks High School last week. We took a team of 51 students from Year 4-7 to compete in events including - corner spry, straight relay, star relay, kick return, 100m sprint and the long distance event. Students were selected on their performance at our Sports Day events and trainings.

We were very proud to see the sportsmanship and competition from our students and the time they put into training and working towards achieving set goals. The stand out of the day was our year 6 boys who ran 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the closest finish of the day in the long distance event.

The Charlie Olsen sprint shield was presented to Risdon for best team in the Pirie Group and the Bill Buchanan handicap shield was also taken away by our team. Thanks for an excellent day.

Living with Pets Program.

Last Friday our Reception to Year 3 classes had a visit from the Living with Pets program. The information provided was a timely reminder to our students about their interaction with dogs. The students listened to:

- How to read the expressions of an animal
- When to leave a pet alone
- Things you can do to interact with your pet
- Responsibilities of a pet owner

The students also got to see this in action with the trainer and her pet dog displaying handling skills and interaction skills.
UNIFORMS

We are currently surveying students about changing our school tops.

Current stocks are low so instead of ordering more, we are looking towards the new style earlier than expected.

Cost of the tops will be the same as current tops.

New tops have a
- collar trim
- sleeve trim
- splice down front sides
- contrast buttons

Current school tops will still be allowed to be worn.

COMMUNITY MENTORS

Community Mentoring is a program we have been running for the last two years. It involves community mentors working with a student 1 hour a week. The goals of the program aim at increasing the self-esteem of the student but allow time for them to make a connection with an older person. Activities that students were involved included gardening, cooking, design and tech, painting and set projects.

If you are interested in giving an hour a week, could you please come and talk with Cassie or Damien.
In Room 12 this term we are learning about rhyming and poetry. Look at what we’ve done!
MATERIAL & SERVICES CHARGES FOR 2015

In 2015 we will continue to set our material & services charges in accordance with the guidelines set by DECD and within the legally recoverable amount for schools. This has been verified by the DECD financial policy and will be presented for approval at our next scheduled Governing Council meeting. A copy of our proposed invoice is included with this newsletter. We invite the school community to either attend the Governing Council meeting on Wednesday 3rd December at 6:30pm or alternatively express their views in writing to the Chairperson of the Governing Council prior to approval being sought at this meeting.

Room 16
Ms Wade’s Class
Co-Ordination