Welcome back to all our students and their families for the 2015 school year. We have 47 new receptions and 22 new students across year 1 to year 7. This means that our enrolments total 416.

A new school year also herald’s in new staff to Risdon Park PS. I would like to welcome Cath Norton, who is teaching in room 23 a year 2/3 class and Henry Spurling, who will be releasing three teachers in unit 3 for their coordinator duties and / or for their day at home for part time teachers. Henry will also be taking our three year 2/3 classes for Science.

I would also like to welcome back many of our contract teachers that have returned to Risdon Park PS in a variety of teaching roles. Please refer to our staff list enclosed in this newsletter.

Once again 2015 promises to be an exciting year for learning, with many events to look forward to for term one. Some of these include:

Swimming - weeks 2 and 3- Rm 31,33,35,36 are not swimming due to term 2 Illawonga camp at the River Murray

Acquaintance Afternoon / Meet the Teacher and Family Barbecue on Tuesday 10th February from 5pm (watch out for a personal invitation from your child to come home next week)

Breakfast Club on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays starting in week 3 from 8:30am in the amphitheatre. (if you are interested in volunteering to help out please contact the school)

Parent / Teacher Interviews weeks 8 and 9 (information sent home later in the term)

Year 4/5 Camp in weeks 9 and 10

External Review of Risdon Park Primary in weeks 10 or 11 (more information in an upcoming newsletter)
Term 1 at Risdon Park PS is the term that we review our data collected in the previous year to reflect upon our achievements and challenges. Staff participate in whole school self review processes enabling us as a team to critically look at our past plans and develop new action plans for the year ahead. In 2015 these action plans will be closely linked to the Pirie Partnership Plan and our own three Year Improvement Plan. Risdon Park PS improvement priorities for 2015 are:

- Numeracy
- Engagement
- Powerful Learning through the Australian Curriculum

Newsletters throughout the year will focus on our work and achievement in our improvement areas. We also report to Risdon Park PS’s Governing Council twice a term on our progress.

I am looking forward to the term and year ahead. Risdon Park PS is a great school and will become even greater with your continued support. Thank you.

Regards,

Carolyn Clinton

Parent and Community Volunteers

At Risdon Park PS we welcome parent and community volunteers giving up their time to spend supporting class teachers and participating in whole school programs. Volunteers work in numerous areas and in different roles at our school and some of these include:

- Hearing students read
- Helping out in other classroom activities
- Supporting teachers on excursions
- Taking a group for Junior Primary Play Boxes (Oral Literacy program)
- Helping out in the Resource Centre and or Reading Room
- Working in the canteen

It is important to remember that for parents or community members to volunteer at Risdon they need to have undergone a police check and RAN training. (Responding to Abuse and Neglect). If you are interested in volunteering at our school and do not have a current police clearance and / or the appropriate training, please talk to one of our friendly front office staff who will provide you with the information that you need.

Parent and Family Information

It is important that you keep us informed of any change of address, phone numbers, and custody arrangements (if applicable). Proformas for 2015 will be coming home soon. Please fill in any changes and if there are no changes return with your signature.

Permission slips for the taking of photos including being videoed will also be coming home soon, with explanation of the purpose for the use of photos and videos. Please remember that the posting of other students on Facebook without the parent’s permission is not permissible.
**Pirie Partnership Qualities**
— Respect, Responsibility, Persistence, Confidence

**Our Vision:** Quality Education Empowering Community Minded Learners - Helping each other to succeed.

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**REGISTRATION NIGHT & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

*Wednesday 11th February*
*Port Pirie Netball Courts Clubhouse*
*Grey Terrace, Port Pirie*

Registration 5.30pm – 7.00pm
ALL JUNIOR AND SENIOR PLAYERS
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Annual General Meeting 7.00pm
ALL WELCOME

Player fees for the 2015 Season will be determined after the Port Pirie Netball Association AGM on 9th February and updated on the Central Riddon Netball Club Facebook page and be made available on Registration Night.

New juniors requiring a netball top and juniors from last year who did not have the new top will need to place an order on registration night. All seniors (1 grade and above) requiring a new A-Line dress will need to place an order on registration night. This will be the only opportunity to order a uniform. Cost for Top is $45 and A-Line dress is $110.

Full payment for fees and uniforms due by 28th February.
All fees and uniform payments should be paid to the Central Riddon Netball Club Account
BSB: 80.5050 Account Number: 01305240. No cash will be taken on the night. Please ensure you include the players full name and ‘fees or ‘uniform’ in the description.

Any queries please contact Central Riddon Netball Club Secretary, Liza Brock on 0419 672 182.

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**Hip Hop Bounce, fresh dance that’s all about fun!**
Come and make new friends and have fun whilst getting fit, boosting your confidence and learning proper dance technique. All students are invited to perform at our annual end of year Spectacular at the Northern Festival Centre. Everyone is welcome to come and try, no experience necessary.

Enrollments are now open for our exciting 2015 timetable...

* New classes with expanded timetables in Port Pirie and Jamestown
* Huge range of styles including Hip Hop, Cheerleading, Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, Tumbling and Acrobatics as well as Bounce-Sing (our very own Glee Club)
* Specialised “mini” programs for dancers aged 2-4 years, *New format Adult’s Dance Fitness classes
* Take classes to perform, compete or just for fun; 2 years to adults, beginner to advanced, casual attendance options.

Contact Natasha for details and to book your place- classes are filling quickly.
natasha@hiphopbounce.com.au, 0416 239 676, Find us on Facebook

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**SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

**All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.**

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please visit


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**Laura Literary Awards**
In conjunction with the 2015 Laura Folk Fair
Students can write some new work or use a piece from last year’s school efforts.

**Flinders News Prose Awards**
Open section—a short story up to 1500 words
Prize $200
Young adult—a short story up to 1000 words
Prize $50
Junior (8-12 years)—short story up to 500 words
Prize $25
Junior Primary (5-7 years)—short story up to 500 words
Prize $15

**CJ Dennis Poetry Awards**
All sections, a poem up to 60 lines

Open section Prize $200
Young adult Prize $50
Junior(8-12 yrs) Prize $25
Junior Primary(5-7 yrs) Prize $15

Entries now open. Closing date – Friday 20th Feb 2015
Entry forms available from
www.rockyriverwriters.webs.com