Risdon Park News

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ATTENDANCE AT RPPS

Attendance at school is a DECD requirement and it is expected that ALL students will have an attendance rate of 93% or higher for the school year.

“The Education Act 1972 requires that children of compulsory school age be enrolled at school. A condition of that enrolment is that a student is required to fully participate in the education program arranged and approved by the enrolling school. Such participation is to include engagement and attendance as required by the program.

Children and students need to maximise attendance at school to gain optimum benefit from education. Ensuring regular attendance at school is a shared responsibility between parents/caregivers, and the school. Research shows that success in learning is directly proportional to regular attendance and participation in education programs”.

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As a school we have started the school year working hard to keep our attendance rate as high as possible. We understand that at times your child will have a day away from school, however when your child is absent from school it is your responsibility as the parent/caregiver to notify the school as to why they are away.

To notify the school you can use any of the following forms of communication:
- Provide a note or complete an absence slip in your child’s communication book
- Phone the school on 86322226
- Send a text message to the school mobile number 0409097059
- Use the Skoolbag app

We also ask that if your child is late to school you use one of the above forms of communication to notify the school.

Our school day and your child’s learning commences at 8:55am so it is expected that your child is here prior to this time ready to commence their learning.

Early Years classroom opens at 8.45am

CLASS ATTENDANCE CHARTS

Each classroom has an Attendance Chart displayed in their room so the students can keep track of their weekly attendance rate. Classes can earn themselves gold stars for achieving weekly attendance rates of 93% or higher as well as green stars for having zero unexplained absences for the week.

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<th>SUPER STAT CLASSES</th>
<th>NUMBER OF ABSENT STUDENTS</th>
<th>CURRENT ATTENDANCE RATE</th>
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<tr>
<td>Room 13, Miss Taddeo</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Room 22, Mrs Wohling</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Room 23, Miss Norton</td>
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At Risdon Park Primary School, we value the importance of regular attendance and encourage all students to attend school. This newsletter, along with our school policies, aims to provide information on the school’s attendance requirements and procedures. Regular attendance is crucial for students’ academic success, as research indicates that consistent attendance positively impacts learning outcomes. We understand that there may be occasional absences, and we kindly request that parents or guardians notify the school in advance. Teachers maintain detailed attendance records and communicate with families about any absences. The school day begins at 8:55am, with the Early Years classroom opening at 8:45am. Each classroom has an Attendance Chart that enables students to keep track of their weekly attendance rate. Classes that maintain 93% or higher weekly attendance rates can earn gold stars, while those with zero unexplained absences can receive green stars. By fostering a culture of regular attendance, we support students’ academic progress and personal development.
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Why you need to be involved in the school Governing Council!

- Represent your child’s needs in education
- Play an active part in the school community
- Contribute—make your voice heard on educational needs
- Assist in policy and decision making
- Get closer to your child’s daytime experience
- Contribute to the shaping of your child’s education experience
- Be informed—get the low down on what is really happening
- Understanding your child’s education
- Be better able to make informed decisions about your child's education
- See where your dollars are spent within the school

Most often asked questions

Q. What does council do?
   Think, listen, share opinions, consult, encourage ideas, plan, prepare policy, oversee school operations, monitor and review.

Q. How often does council meet?
   Council meetings are scheduled twice a term, Wednesday nights, week 3 and 8 during the school term.

Q. How much time will I need to put in?
   Approximately 4-6 hours per term

Q. Do I need any special skills?
   No. All interested parents are welcome.

Q. How long am I on Governing Council?
   Councillors serve for 2 years

RISDON PARK P.S GOVERNING COUNCIL

NOMINATION FORM 2015

I ____________________________, wish to nominate for a position on the Risdon Park Primary School Governing Council.

I understand that the tenure of this position is for a period of 2 years.

I am aware that in the event we have more nominations than positions available, elections will be convened at the Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council to be held in the Resource Centre on Wednesday 18th March at 5.00pm for a BBQ tea and AGM starting at 6pm.

_________________________________________  ____________________________
Name                                    Signed

Date: _____ / _____ / 2015

Please consider becoming part of Governing Council by completing this form

Please return to the front office by Friday 13th March 2015

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School Photo Day
24th February 2015

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 24th February. Your will receive a named envelope with this newsletter. Each child is required to bring their envelope on photo day.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or money order, however the school does not have change, so please have the correct money for your envelope.

Orders can be placed online up to one week after photo day at www.msp.com.au. Enter the reference code on your envelope.

Family photo envelopes can be obtained from the school office, but are for school aged children attending Risdon only.

Single parent families can place multiple orders for students by either placing all orders on one envelope or handing in multiple order envelopes—spare envelopes are available from the school office. Please label the envelope “Mums copy” or “Dads copy.”

Photos are delivered approximately 4 weeks after photo day.

Asthma Survey

It is important to have a regular asthma check-up, especially for growing children.

Schools require an asthma care plan to be updated every 12 months.

Encourage your child to record their reliever medication use, and if they use it more than normal go back to your doctor.

- An asthma survey found that despite 80% of young people believed their asthma to be well controlled, a standard test indicated that 63% have poorly controlled asthma.
- 52% were likely to have a mild to severe mental health issue
- 91% experienced shortness of breath at least once a week
- 56% said asthma limits their enjoyment of life
- 42% have missed school, work or social events due to asthma
- 15% have interrupted sleep four or more times a week
- 86% are using their reliever medication to treat symptoms, while less than 60% are using their preventer medication daily (as prescribed to help control their asthma.)

Schutzenfest 2014 poster winners

Congratulations to
First Place
Jemma Sanderson Yr3-5

Second Place
Joshua Hunt Yr 6-7

Governig Council

Annual General Meeting 2015

Our AGM is on Wednesday 18th March is being held in the Resource Centre at 6.00pm after a BBQ on the front lawn at 5pm.

If you are interested in being a member of Governing Council you can:

- Attend our AGM
- Fill in the attached nomination form
- Ring the front office and let Tessa, Michelle or Christine know that you are interested

If you would like more information about Governing Council then please phone the school on 8632 2226 and talk to Carolyn Clinton.

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All Year 5, 6 & 7 students are invited to be involved in the 2015 Festival of Music Choir. The Choir will perform the music they have learned in Term 3 at the Keith Michell Theatre. Rehearsals are on Wednesday between 2:15 and 3:15 at RPPS.

Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 1 are “come and try” sessions. From Week 6 Term 1, Choir will be for those who have decided to join.

Parents are asked to support students by purchasing a music book and CD for learning the music (approx. $15) and a T-shirt to wear for the concert (approx. $10) and by also by supporting the learning of the songs at home and attending practices regularly.

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Canteen Roster

Week 4 Monday 16th February
K Conley

Tuesday 17th February
H Davidson

Wednesday 18th February
J Baxter

Thursday 19th February
M Brown, D Crossman

Friday 20th February
H Davidson, D Crossman

Week 5 Monday 23rd February
H Davidson

Tuesday 24th February
D Staehr

Wednesday 25th February
J Seidel

Thursday 26th February
S Jebb

Friday 27th February
A Meaney, R Giles

2015 CENTRAL RISDON NETBALL SEASON

Uniforms

Payment due 28th Feb 2015

Uniform $110
Top $45

Please pay into Central Risdon Bank account via internet banking or at People’s Choice Credit Union

BSB: 805-050
Acct No: 61305240
Reference: Players Full Name Uniform/Top

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Weeks 2 and 3 have seen Year 3 students in Room 22 and 23 having 2 weeks of swimming, and Year 2’s having one week. Swimming lessons are a part of our PE and Health curriculum. Students have learnt about water safety, how to do different strokes, improve their confidence in the water and how to keep themselves safe at the pool and beach. The lessons have been fun because the weather has been good and students have got to do fun things like dives, pin drops, laps, go under water and pick up objects and have some free time using the noodles, balls, hoops and flippers.

PHOTO BOOTH
On the first day of term Mrs Wohling set up a photo booth in the classroom. Students had a fun time dressing up using the props and costumes. This activity is one of many that the class do to develop relationships and get to know each other at the beginning of the year.