At Risdon Park one of the best forms of involvement between families and school is through communication. Having an up to date idea of how your child is progressing and is handling each week allows for follow up and strategies to help reinforce key learning ideas and encourage expectations of behaviour education.

Communication provides the opportunity for:

- Parents to be updated about what is happening at the school
- School to update records eg attendance
- Special events to be coordinated including camps and excursions
- Support classroom practice and student learning

Classroom Communication

- Diary and communication book notes
- Informal chats before and after school
- Phone calls when needed
- Class newsletters
- Class overviews

Whole School Communication

- Newsletter
- Skoolbag app
- Parent teacher interviews (Week 8 and 9, Term 1)
- School reports - Term 2 and Term 4
- Weekly notes
New Communication – Newsletter by Email

RPPS is considering the distribution of its fortnightly newsletter via email in an attempt to reduce paper costs as well as guarantee our newsletters do in fact reach home. The first step is for our school community to register their email addresses on the Skoolbag Communication Centre located on our website. Your email address is secure and will be stored on our Skoolbag account. All Skoolbag information (including newsletters) will also be sent to this account. Newsletters will continue to be sent home via paper copy for at least Terms 2 & 3 (we may trial Term 4). Those who still wish to receive a paper copy of our newsletter will still do so via their child each time they are published. Further information seeking your preference will be forwarded to you early Term 2.

Damien Mellow
Deputy Principal

Captains Chat

Hello, our names are Kynan Crouch & Mary Fuss and we are your school captains for 2015. As part of our role we will be doing a regular newsletter article providing information about what has been happening across the school, Kids Co reports and sharing any exciting news and/or achievements across the school.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES
Currently there are a number of activities happening during recess and lunchtime including a continuous cricket competition to celebrate the cricket world cup, Hip-hop dance sessions during lunch on Tuesday and Thursdays and Lego club on Wednesday & Thursdays at recess time.

KIDS CO
Last week all classes completed our Bully survey for Term 1. This information will be collated and then any areas of concern will be followed up by the school and Kids Co.
At Kids Co we have been discussing aims for the year, activities for the year and expectations for the year. For Term One the main aim we are discussing is Harmony Day. Harmony Day will be held on the 25th of March and will be an orange theme fun day for all the students. We will hold other events like this throughout the year to raise awareness of different topics and to fundraise for school projects or certain charities.

LEADERS DAY
Last of all we would like to tell you about our exciting day we had with the School Vice Captains Cody & Angel and Miss Kupsch when we went to National Young Leader’s Day. Young Leader’s Day was held at the Adelaide Convention Centre and was attended by over 1000 captains and leaders from other schools across South Australia. We were privileged to listen to and be inspired by a range of guest speakers who spoke about their own personal journeys and achievements and what it means to be a good leader. The guest speakers were Mike Martin, Andrea Boyd, Racheal Leachar, Matt Cowdrey & Victoria Cox. They inspired all of us and encouraged us to try new things. There were a lot of inspirational quotes & inspirational journeys shared. A few highlights were listening to the guest speakers, getting a photo with Racheal Leachar & stopping and eating Hungry Jacks on the way home.

Kynan Crouch and Mary Fuss
Hockey Clinic

Last Friday the Yr 2-5 students were involved in a Hockey clinic run by the Risdon Hockey Club. This has been conducted on many occasions with many of our students continuing to participate in Port Pirie’s Junior Hockey program.

Clean Up Australia Day 27th February

All students from Risdon participated in Clean Up Australia day. Classes were given areas to clean up which included our side streets and surrounding areas. It was great to see many of students learning to understand why this is important.

- Learning to understand why it is important to recycle
- Difference between packaged goods and unpackaged
- Effects of rubbish on our ecosystem
- What to pick up and not to pick up eg glass

Next year there has been discussion of our students getting further into our community and being responsible for other areas eg golf club. I look forward to students carrying this innovative on in our school.
Harmony Day - Wednesday 25th of March

Again this year we will be celebrating Harmony Day at school. The message of the day is ‘everyone belongs’ and to celebrate diversity within Australia. We will be having a dress up day with the theme being ‘ORANGE’.

We will also be doing a number of activities in classes and as a whole school and the canteen will be selling lots of delicious orange foods!

So please encourage your child to dress up (there is no donation required) and celebrate Harmony Day.

SAPSASA Softball

Congratulations to the following students who have made Pirie SAPSASA Softball team. They will travel to West Beach to compete against other regions from 16th March – 20th March. We wish them all the best!!

Neve Adams, Zali Adams, Abbey Sutcliffe and Mary Elise Fuss

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 25th 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 20th March 2015.
**SOCCER REGISTRATION**

Is your child in Yr1 and above and interested in playing soccer for Risdon.

Mr Cox has been around to classes and collected names but if he hasn’t received yours please contact Mr Cox.

Registration night will be

Wednesday 18th March
3-3.30pm in the RPPS Hall

This is a registration day only. No money required to be paid. Fees are yet to be finalised.

There will be a payment day at the soccer grounds after the season starts.

We are looking for coaches, if you have a couple of hours to spare and a basic knowledge of the game. You could be a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, older sibling then please consider volunteering.

Contact Greg Cox (room 24) or let us know at registration.

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**Canteen Special**

Friday only

Dino nuggets served with bread roll, BBQ or tomato sauce + fruit box

Full serve $5.50
1/2 Serve $4.50

No Chicken Wedges or Meatballs available Fridays

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**HOOKIN2HOCKEY**

Port Pirie & Districts Hockey Association

Contact: Melissa Lane 0409 501 897
Email: mellane@hotmail.com
Location: St Marks College Campus

Start: Friday 8th May 205 Time: 4.30pm

Information: Come and try out a great winter sport—Hockey! FREE participation for all children aged 12 and under with the option of purchasing a $40 pack which includes stick, ball, singlet and lots more.

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In Room 14 we hang out with our awesome learning buddies from Miss Langton’s Year 6/7 class each week. They help us to practice our sounds, sounding out and reading. We think they are really fun and are always excited to have them come visit us!!