Parent Teacher Interviews
Over the past two weeks teachers, parents and in some cases students have been meeting to discuss student achievement, progress, learning and behaviour. Teachers have been sharing and discussing with parents their child’s learning goals and what strategies at school and at home will support him or her in their learning.

Parents have also been sharing with teachers their child’s likes, dislikes, strengths and challenges. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews provide opportunities for people to get to know one another better and discuss specific information so that teachers and parents can support each other in students meeting their learning goals. Interview discussions also let students know that parents & teachers are working together to provide a learning program that is best suited to their needs.

Parent/Teacher interviews are a critical and valuable part of our reporting procedures at Risdon Park Primary School. If you have not made an interview time, or found yourself unable to make your interview time, please contact your child's class teacher.

NAPLAN (National Literacy and Numeracy test)
NAPLAN takes place for year 3, 5 & 7 students in week 3 of term 2, from Tuesday 12th May through to Thursday 14th May. Friday 15th May will be kept aside for students absent, who need to sit a ‘catch-up’ test. Catch up tests will only take place upon parent requests.

I have included a parent fact sheet with this newsletter. Please take time to have a read through and if you have any questions please talk with your child’s teacher.

Parents who wish to withdraw their child from any or all of the tests need to complete and pass into the school a withdrawal form which can be collected from your child’s teacher or the front office.

Governing Council Annual General Meeting 2015
A very successful Annual General meeting was held yesterday afternoon, which commenced with a barbecue to welcome parents and staff, followed by the formal AGM. I was delighted to see a number of new parents nominating for a place on Risdon Park PS Governing Council. I am pleased to announce that for the first time in 6 years we have a full Governing Council, which includes all executive positions filled.
End of an Era - Cricket Nets to Playground

In Term 3 and 4 last year the grounds committee made a decision to remove the cricket nets. They were becoming unsafe and students were getting hurt on the exposed wire. A process was undertaken with the students from Kids Co to select a new playground for the area. The Year 3-7 students have always wanted to play on the Junior Primary playground as they believe their space was not big enough. This has been selected and now is being completed hopefully by the start of Term 2 this year. The space used for soccer will be looked at and eventually with a fence or soccer goals added to our play yard.

This playground selected below is very different to the ones we have in our yard but will give the benefit to the students of improving their balancing, climbing and movement skills. We look forward to our students enjoying this new equipment. Regards Damien Mellow
Future School Conference

Just over a week ago I was fortunate enough to travel to Sydney with the principal of Solomontown Primary School to attend a 3 day Future Conference.

The conference was held at a very interesting venue, an old train workshop, with lots of memories from a past era. The content of the conference was challenging, but also inspiring.

When we think of the future we most probably think of schools full of alternative learning spaces and students totally engaged with a multiple of digital devices through which they can access learning from all over the world. Although Future Schools will have learning spaces that will look considerably different to what we currently know and students will use a variety of digital devices, many of which haven't been invented yet, this is not the whole picture of what future schools will be about.

At the conference we were faced with the challenge of how do we prepare our 2015 Reception students for a world they will be entering as an adult ready for the workforce and / or tertiary learning? If students complete a full 13 years of schooling this means that they will be leaving secondary education in 2027. Our world is already changing at a rapid pace, with the world becoming smaller through digital technologies and communication. The world will definitely be a different place in 2027! Will the gaining of knowledge and “things” be as important for school when students can access any content knowledge with a press of a button?

The conference challenged all participants’ thinking with the proposal that learning at schools will be more about learning how to learn so that students can learn about and search for the knowledge that they need, test theories and re-apply their new knowledge in different situations. So what would this look like?

Teaching students how to question so that they can pose good questions, explore alternatives, challenge their thinking and the thinking of others, debate and respond to others.

Teaching students to effectively communicate in a variety of ways, contexts, showing and persuading people with what they know and care about.

Teaching students to collaborate so that they can work with others, to make the most of the combined ideas to solve problems and unlock possibilities.

Teaching students to make and create tangible products with others and to bring them into the real world.

Teach the students to persist to learn how to stick at something, to learn how to overcome obstacles, recover from setbacks and learn the pleasure of an achievement hard won.

Teach students how to self-govern their own behaviour and emotions, learning how to set their own learning goals and planning how to identify strategies that will help them to get them there.

Next term I plan to share my learning with staff, students and parents at Governing Council so that I can get their ideas and feedback into how we can progress Risdon Park PS into the Future. It is imperative that we are able to meet the needs of our students and young people for the world that they will enter into in the future as adults.

Carolyn Clinton
**Pirie Partnership Qualities**
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Persistence
- Confidence

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

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**Out of School Hours Care**

**Free First Session**

Working, studying or just need some time off in the afternoon?

Airdale after school care offers a fun and educational environment for your child between 3-6pm weekdays.

We offer entertaining and developmentally appropriate activities, qualified staff, homework assistance and a nutritious afternoon tea.

The service is offering a free first session so you can see all we have to offer.

Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate are available for families.

Call 86330066 for enquiries.

The April holiday program will be available at your school front office from March 30.

Bookings are essential.

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**K-Mart Port Pirie**

Welcomes you and your family to join us in a
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday 4th April
8am
(by the entrance at the Service Desk)
Free Face Painting
Special Guest
EASTER BUNNY
All ages welcome
Please join us for fun in the store & register at the Service Desk by 8am on Sat 4th April

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**NAPPERBY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL OVAL**

OAKS ROAD, NAPPERBY

* Turn your unwanted goods into cash!
* Sites available for $10 for a car or site and trailer. Tables/stands welcome. Sellers will be notified of their site location prior to the day.
* Set up at 8am. Gates open to buyers at 8am.
* Money raised from site fees is a fundraiser for the school/preschool.

In addition...

Barbecue, bacon and eggs, pancakes, coffee, cakes/pastries and cold drinks will be available. Profits from the sale of food and beverages will support the Year 7 camp to Coober Pedy.

To Book A Space contact Pamela at Napperby Primary School, 08 6334 4309

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**JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS PROGRAM**

TERM TWO: 10 weekly sessions
Primary school age boys and girls
Inclusions:
- Coaching
- Fun table tennis oriented activities
- table tennis matches

The program will be supervised by experienced and qualified table tennis players from the Pt Pirie Table Tennis Club. Parents are welcome to stay, watch or help.

No previous table tennis experience necessary.

Bring a bat if you have one. Limited bats available at the club.

Cost per player: $80 payable on the first night.

SA Government Sportvouchers valued at $50 will be accepted.

Direct cost to parents will be $10 per player plus voucher. There are no other fees.

STARTS APRIL 30TH - FINISHES 2ND JULY 2015
Every Thursday from 4.00 - 5.30pm
At our clubrooms, Grey Terrace, Port Pirie

Registration on April 30th 4.00pm or contact Kathy Goid 0400 407 195
facebook: Port Pirie Table Tennis Club
Canteen Celebrates St Pat’s Day & Harmony Day