Term 1, 2015

I know that I say this every term, but my goodness hasn’t the term passed quickly! It is hard to believe, that we have just enjoyed another Easter long weekend, daylight saving is over and the cold weather has come in with a “bluster”!

Term 1 has been a busy and rewarding term and I would like to acknowledge all the hard work of teachers and SSO throughout the school term to ensure student learning is maximised with students showing progress in their learning.

The term was full of many achievements and highlights and the following list is only some of them.

- Staff learning in Mathematics, with Rosslyn Shepherd visiting for a week, spending time with teachers and students in mathematics, JP teachers starting their professional learning with Primary Mathematics Association, focussing on Numeracy in the Early Years and 3 primary teachers beginning their participation in the Mathematics in Residence program
- Acquaintance Night
- Whole School Swimming program Nyrstar Swimming Carnival
- SAPSASA Carnival
- Hockey Clinic
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- St Patrick Day Celebrations
- Parent / Teacher Interviews
- Harmony Day Celebrations
- 3 Assemblies
- Year 4/5 Camp
- Breakfast Club on Wednesday’s and Thursday’s
- The commencement of the Pirie Combined Choir, with our own practices every Wednesday
- Intervention program of the Reading Room (Mini Lit) and Multi Lit for students in the primary at risk in their Literacy development

RPPS Attendance Rate 91%
DECD Target 93%

End of term Early Dismissal
Friday 10th April 2.15pm

Week 1 Term 2
Monday 27th April
First day of term

Week 2
Monday 4th May
Room 31,33,35,36 Camp

Week 3
12th-15th May
NAPLAN
• Teachers and SSO commence in their participation of the DECD's Quick Smart project, which is an intervention program with a focus in mathematics, for those students at risk in their Numeracy development from years 5 to 7
• Men's Shed project - Student engagement strategy
• Risdon Park PS Garden project, coordinated by Kathryn Wilsdon - Student engagement strategy
• Muso Magic with 13 students participating in a Pirie Partnership wide musical program

This week we have two visitors from Adelaide, Julie Hardy and Lee Samson, who are following a DECD review process. Teachers, students and leadership have had the opportunity to talk about our achievements, challenges and improvements over the past 5 years. A number of parents from Governing Council also met with Julie and Lee today to present their views and recollections. Next term we will receive a report of which I will share findings to Governing Council and include sections in the newsletter.

I am taking the first four weeks of term 2 as long service leave and will be enjoying a trip to Hawaii, where my husband and I will cruise the Hawaiian Islands and spend some time in Honolulu before heading off to meet up with friends and family in Japan. Annette Vincin will be acting principal in my absence, support by Damien Mellow and my leadership team.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.
Risdon Park Primary begins term 2 on Monday 27th April.

**Muso magic**

In week 10 from the 24th-26th of March 2015, 13 students from Risdon Park Primary School where chosen for an opportunity to be involved in Muso Magic where we sang, danced and just went crazy. We shared ideas and created a new song for Muso Magic 2015. Our song is called "Reach for the Stars" by “Bald and the Beautiful” and it was played on the radio at 1:10 pm on Thursday. It can also be viewed on YouTube. Muso Magic is a great opportunity for all students in year 6 & 7, and highly recommend others to get involved if they are given the opportunity.
Captains Chat

Harmony Day
One Wednesday 25th of March our school participated in Harmony Day. It was great to see so many students dressed in orange to help spread awareness. We loved seeing the whole school participate in a game of Piccadilly Circus on the oval. Each class also coloured in a paper person and we will be making a people paper chain to represent harmony in our school. Another whole school activity involved each person writing ways to speak nicely to one another on a post-it note and sticking in the activity room, these will be made into a poster which will be displayed in each classroom. Thanks to Sandra again for all the awesome food in the canteen.

New playground
You may have seen the new playground which is now up and will be ready to go next term.

Kids co
Next term students will have the opportunity to participate in Risdon’s first Art Exhibition, more details will be released next term. Don't forget casual clothes day on the last day of school (tomorrow). A $1.00 donation for wearing casual clothes will go towards a new shade for the turf area. There will also be a disco in the Hall.

PAL's Program
25 year 6-7’s took part in the PAL’s program training Wednesday afternoon with Ashleigh. Next term on Wednesday and Fridays the PAL’s leaders will have games set up for students in years R-3 at lunch times which they are very excited about.
## Assembly Awards - School Quality Awards

### Class | STUDENTS
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*Mrs Turner* | Morgana Scarman, Brayden Mrozek
*Miss Kroschel* | Poppy Swinton-Brewin, Lachlan Nimmo
*Miss Taddeo* | Gemma Haldane, Jordyn Hoare
*Miss Oaklands* | Lucy Grant, Bradley Anderson
*Mrs Greig* | Nikita Colyer, Nicholas Stephens
*Miss Wade* | Kaie Woolmington, Tarisai Winders
*Miss Jagiello* | Clarabelle Coulthard, Brianna Watkins
*Miss Oaklands* | Isac Ilesia, Sky Sullivan
*Miss Kroschel* | Adam Andersen, Kaitlynn Jamieson
*Mrs Oaklands* | Tayla Pitt, Daniel Button-Virgo
*Mrs Bassett* | Nakiya Kerr-Thomas, Axel Chegwidden
*Mrs Waterman* | Eleasha Ferrand, Toby Ellis-Nunn
*Miss Langton* | Uwais Ilcham, Luke Williams
*Mr Perry* | Tarnee Donnon, Ella Aitchison
*Mrs Harris* | Beau Allen, Caitlan Saler
*Miss Sargent* | Stephanie Stephens, Jared Hodges-Dobie
*Mrs Zwar* | Jayden Winter-Roach, Emily Robbel
Frau Grant | Tiah Peek
*Mrs Wilton* | Poppy Swinton-Brewin
*Miss Ferme* | Dakota Spooner
Mr Spurling | Lucas Jose

### Attendance Awards
- Achieved 93% or higher attendance for Term 1:
  - Room 13
  - Room 16
  - Room 25
  - Room 14
  - Room 21
  - Room 36
  - Room 15
  - Room 23

- Least unexplained Absences for Weeks Term 1:
  - Unit 1 - Room 14, Miss Oaklands (2 unexplained absences)
  - Unit 2 - Room 22, Mrs Wohling (9 unexplained absences)
  - Unit 3 - Room 36, Kelly (13 unexplained absences)

### Yard Behaviour Awards
- Classes receiving 5 or less Reflection Room Referrals for Term 1:
  - Room 11 – Miss Turner
  - Room 22 – Mrs Wohling
  - Room 12 – Miss Kroschel
  - Room 36 – Kelly
  - Room 14 – Mrs Oaklands
  - Room 16 – Miss Wade

- Least Reflection Room Referrals for Each Unit:
  - Unit 1 - Room 14, Miss Oaklands (0 referrals)
  - Unit 2 - Room 22, Mrs Wohling (1 referral)
  - Unit 3 - Room 36, Kelly (5 referrals)

- No Reflection Room Referrals for Term 1:
  - Room 14, Miss Oaklands
FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2015

Gold coin donation
Disco—entry free