Dear Families,

I am Annette Vincin and I am delighted to be at Risdon Park PS as acting Principal for 4 weeks, whilst Carolyn is overseas. This is a semi-retirement phase of my life after a very long term as Principal in a large metropolitan primary school. Over the last 2 years I have been backfilling the leadership roles when leaders have take a break at Balaklava, Clare, various Port Pirie sites and, most recently, at Napperby PS. Home for me is on a farm just east of the township of Balaklava where I enjoy being with my family including many littlies. When working up this way, I commute on weekends.

I appreciate the warm welcome I have received at Risdon Park PS and look forward to getting to know students, staff and families. The smiles of happy children, pleased with what they have achieved is a tonic for me and is always the highlight of my work. Please drop by to say hello anytime. I have been called by my first name wherever I have worked and am most happy for everyone here to also call me Annette.

CAMP IS SOON!

Room 31,33,35 & 36 are busy preparing for a fantastic aquatics experience at the River Murray. We wish staff, students and volunteering adults all the best for their camping experience.

WHAT’S NEW AT RISDON PARK PS?

Did you see the new playground equipment that was installed over the holidays? It is a big hit with the students at the moment! It is for use by year 3 though to year 7 students during recess and lunch time. Students in Rec to year 2 can play on it with teacher supervision during lesson time, not at playtimes. Before and after school we ask parents to supervise.

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ANZAC Day commemorative services at Port Pirie were attended by many members of our community. Some students have also visited the Port Pirie RSL this week. Talking with returned servicemen and women and viewing the displays assisted in their understanding of the ANZAC legend.

Pirie Partnership Qualities—Respect, Responsibility, Persistence, Confidence

Our Vision: Quality Education Empowering Community Minded Learners - Helping each other to succeed.
NAPLAN (National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy)

Information was sent home with the last newsletter about NAPLAN. Students in year 3, 5 & 7 will be sitting the NAPLAN test across Australia across the dates from Tues 12th, Wed 13th & Thurs 14th May. Please be reassured that students in these year levels are provided with opportunity prior to the test days to experience the test style and understand what will be required of them on the test days.

This is just a small part of the overall picture we use to determine how a student is going with their learning. It is a more formalised style of testing than we usually use. The format isn’t necessarily the best way to collect information about what a child knows, can do and understands. However it is a test style that allows us and the Federal Government to collect broad based data and see where groups of students are experiencing difficulties and hence need extra support, resources or revised teaching.

If your child is in the tested year levels, and you have any questions about their participation, please see your child’s class teacher.

MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES

Outstanding payment of 2015 Material and Services charges for Risdon Park PS students have been followed up with families by sending an over due notice. Prompt attention to these outstanding charges would be appreciated. Recommended DECD procedure of the outstanding debt being forwarded to the debt collectors will occur at the end of term 3. Please drop in to see us if you wish to discuss anything to do with payment of overdue school charges.

Anzac Day 25th April

I had the privilege to be present at the ANZAC Day service at Port Pirie on Saturday morning. Risdon Park PS, with all other primary schools, were asked to participate and students read selected verses and placed poppies between the flags.

Our school Captains of Kynan Crouch and Mary Elise-Fuss spoke very well in front of the huge crowd at the service. They recited about a war veteran from Port Pirie and where he was from and his service at the war. Akira Scarman, Angel Tilley and Bailey Jebb during this speech walked up to the flags and placed a poppy each to remember those who had fallen.

We would like to thank the Port Pirie RSL for inviting our school to the event and incorporating our students into the ceremony. We look forward to the next Anzac Day to remember and help educate our future generations.

Lest We Forget.
Damien Mellow
Deputy Principal
Captains Chat

ANZAC DAY

During the holidays, on ANZAC Day we, as the School Captains, were lucky enough to be involved in the ANZAC Dawn Service here in Port Pirie. Along with the other School Captains from the Primary and High schools in Port Pirie, we read out military history of Port Pirie soldiers who fought at Gallipoli. Kynan was also involved in the Wandereah and Broughton Plains ANZAC service where he spoke about a number of service men and women from the district. It was an honour to be involved in the ANZAC services and was a good chance to commemorate all service men and women who have been involved in military operations.

KIDS CO

This term Kids Co is organising an Art Exhibition providing an opportunity for all the students to share their creative side. Towards the end of this term, a final display of students work will be open to families and the community. Kids Co will meet for the first time this term on Friday and will begin the planning of this project. More information to come soon!

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Some year 6 & 7 students are running the Play at Lunchtime (PALs) program on Wednesday and Fridays for reception to year 2 students. This involves the Year 6 & 7 students leading a range of fun activities and games, providing the chance for the junior primary students to be involved in structured activities and another option for students who are looking for something to do at lunchtime. Along with PALs, we also have Hip Hop continuing this term on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for Year 3-6 students. This involves Year 5-7 girls teaching dance and developing a dance performance with any Year 3-6 students wanting to be involved. Finally, Lego Club will be continuing at recess time every Thursday for all students and will be run by Matt Welch.

Thanks, Kynan & Mary.

RAN
(Responding to Abuse and Neglect)

TRAINING

Sessions times available

Thursday 21st May
1pm—3pm
6pm—8pm

Friday 22nd May
9.15am—11.15am

These sessions will be held at Pirie West Primary School

Bookings for the above sessions need to be placed through RPPS front office.

Phone 8632 2226

Mother's Day Flowers

If you would like to order a bunch of Chrysanthemums for Mothers Day, please place your order through the front office by Thursday 7th May.

Payment of $10 needs to be received at the time of ordering.

Flowers will be ready for pickup on Friday afternoon at the front office.

This project is part of our gardening program.
MID NORTH STARCLUB subsidy open

The 2015 round of the Mid North STARCLUB small support subsidy is now open.

Through the Mid North STARCLUB Field Officer Program, funding is available to provide small financial support subsidies (max $500) to assist organisations with the implementation of strategies identified as part of the STARCLUB Club Development Program.

Funding is available for equipment, programs or activities that are consistent with the aims and values of the STARCLUB Club Development Program. For example (not limited to) volunteer training, membership drives, inclusion initiatives, Come and Try activities, strategic plan development.

For further information call: 8633 8725 or 0488 101 783 or email: starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au. Applications close: Friday 22nd May 2015