Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am pleased to be back at Risdon after an exciting and wonderful holiday abroad. My Hawaiian Island cruise was spectacular and the following week or so back in Honolulu was restful and full of fun. My time in Japan was spent travelling over 1000 kilometres on the bullet train visiting family and friends.

Returning to my role as principal of Risdon Park Primary School may not be as exciting as an overseas holiday, but it is definitely rewarding and just as eventful! Already many events have taken place including camps for classes in unit 3, NAPLAN testing for students in years 3, 5 and 7, a pupil free day with the staff learning focussed on Numeracy, a Walk Safely to School Day and a SAPSASA Soccer Carnival.

This week we acknowledge Sorry Day and celebrate Reconciliation Week. The Footsteps dancing program begins next week and takes place every Tuesday and Wednesday until the end of term 2. This program is an important one as it supports the subject of Dance from the Australian Arts curriculum. Student participation and skill development in the Footsteps Dance program will be reported to you in your child’s written report, which you will receive in week 10 of this term.

Next Tuesday afternoon (2nd June), teachers at Risdon will be working with teachers from all kindergartens and schools (including John Pirie Secondary and Northern Education Centre) in learning groups referred to as Professional Learning Communities. This means that students will be dismissed at 2:30pm, instead of 3:15pm. Early in term 1, Risdon Park Primary School Governing Council, approved 3 early school closures, taking place on Tuesday week 6 of terms 1, 2, and 3 for teachers across Port Pirie to work and learn together in their chosen areas.
OPEN MORNING

Next Wednesday morning (3rd June), from 9am to 10:30am, all Department for Education and Child Development sites in Port Pirie (including Napperby) will be conducting an Open Morning for perspective families who would like to enrol their children in public education in 2016. For Risdon this will mean that visiting families will meet firstly in our hall and then be guided on tours around our schools by leadership and student leaders.

This time is for new families to walk through learning areas, ask questions of student leaders and leadership, see students engaged in Literacy and Numeracy activities, assist them in making informed choices and important decisions about their child’s schooling placements.

We encourage and welcome prospective families into Risdon Park Primary School. More information about the Open Morning will be sent home and seen and read through local media. An evening Information Session will be offered later in the term for parents who are not able to attend during the school day. If you know of any family who would like to attend please pass on this information.

Kindest Regards,
Carolyn Clinton

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION NEWS


During Week 5 we will be paying particular attention to these two significant dates. National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week will be recognised at Risdon Park Primary School with a special assembly on Friday 29th May at 12.30pm on the turf (weather permitting). Our Aboriginal students will be hosting the assembly and we are inviting all parents to attend and learn a little more about these events.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week is “Change it Up”. During lunchtime on Friday Week 5 we will have an activity for the children to participate in where they can contribute to a whole school mural by drawing a picture or making a promise how they can change to better people. We look forward to seeing you there!

Melissa and Naomi
Walk to School Safely Day was held last Friday the 22nd of May. Local member for Frome, Mr Geoff Brock walked his granddaughters, Emilee & Kasey Hudson to School and stopped at the fruit stall manned by Cody Ewers, Mary-Elise Fuss Kynan Crouch and Angel Tilley.
CAPTAINS CHAT

Thanks to all those students who wore casual clothes on the last day of school, we raised approximately $290.00 this money will go toward a new shade over the turf area.

We have another busy term ahead with lots happening at recess and lunch time for students.

There is Hip Hop in the hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch, also in the hall at lunch is PAL’s for receptions for year twos on Wednesday and Fridays and lastly Lego Club on Thursday in the library at recess.

Art exhibition:

All student will have the opportunity to enter a piece of art work they have created at home in Risdon’s first ever art exhibition. Piece of work need to be bough to school on Friday of week 5 along with their entry form which can be collected from their teachers. We can’t wait to see all their awesome work!

ORANGE SUNSET

Room 36 did some amazing oil pastel artwork, which is on display in the front office.

This consisted of 2 lessons.

Lesson 1– Sketch lighthouse, thinking about size, space and balance.

Lesson 2 - Apply oil pastel to add colour and definition.

THE FINISHED PRODUCTS LOOK

FANTASTIC !!
New Stocks of Winter Hoodies have arrived.
All sizes available for purchase in the front office

Port Pirie
National Disability Insurance Scheme
Community Information Session

WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2015, 1.00 PM TO 2.30 PM
ROOM B48-49 TAFE SA – PORT PIRIE,
MARY ELLIE STREET, PORT PIRIE

You are invited to:
• Hear detailed information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme
• Learn about becoming involved with the Scheme
• Hear from your local National Disability Insurance Agency staff member
• Ask questions.

To RSVP or for accessibility assistance, email elizabeth@ndis.gov.au or call (08) 8287 9200.

Canteen Roster

Week 6 Monday 1st June
M. Dienhoff
Tuesday 2nd June
Hayley
Wednesday 3rd June
J. Baxter
Thursday 4th June
M. Brown
Friday 5th June
D. Crossman

Week 7 Monday 8th June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9th June
M. Dienhoff
Wednesday 10th June
Hayley
Thursday 11th June
K. Gray
Friday 12th June
A. Meaney, Hayley

Canteen Special

Hot Chicken + Gravy Roll
+ BIG M (Choc or Straw)

Full serve $5.50
1/2 Serve $4.50

No Chicken Wedges or Meatballs available Fridays