NUMERACY LEARNING AT RISDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Numeracy is one of our major improvement priorities for 2015 and the following three years. Numeracy involves students recognising and understanding the role of mathematics in the world and having the knowledge, skills and understanding to use mathematical knowledge and skills purposefully.

For students to continually develop their Numeracy skills, they need to engage in "rich" mathematical learning from the three Australian Curriculum strands in Mathematics of:

- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability

Mathematics lessons need to go beyond the "old-fashioned" mathematics worksheets, completing number problems out of a text book, rote learning of time tables or completing pages of addition, subtraction, long division and multiplication sums in their maths book.

Mathematics learning is more about student's developing confidence and competencies in the four Proficiencies of:

Fluency - developing skills, choosing appropriate procedures and carrying them out, recalling of factual knowledge and concepts, calculating efficiently, using facts, recalling definitions and choosing appropriate methods and approximations.

Understanding - making connections, applying familiar ideas and developing new ones, identifying relations, representing concepts in different ways, articulating and describing their thinking and interpreting mathematical information.

Reasoning - increasing their ability to think and act logically, able to explain thinking, justify strategies and conclusions, transfer learning in one context to another, prove true and false, and compare and explain choices.

Problem Solving - increasing ability to make choices to interpret, formulate, investigate and communicate mathematical thinking and results and to solve problems.
In order for our teachers to work with their students to increase their confidence and competence in the four proficiencies, Risdon Park PS teachers have been working with a range of mathematic experts to deepen their own knowledge of the mathematics curriculum and the best ways to teach the content. Three primary teachers have been learning with their peers in the Pt Pirie wide Mathematics in Residency program, while all of our Early Years teachers have been working with other educators including pre-school teachers across all Port Pirie sites to learn and plan together, share their practice and then return to Risdon to share best practice with their colleagues at Risdon. All of Risdon Park PS staff have been fortunate to learn with and from our Mathematics experts through continued professional learning opportunities.

Walking through the units and observing mathematics lessons from foundation to year 7, I am noticing a big improvement in the engagement levels of students, the use of equipment, talking opening about their learning in mathematics with each other and with me, confidently justifying their thinking and outcomes. Students are demonstrating a genuine excitement when learning something new or becoming faster in recalling of their number facts.

In term 3, Rosslyn Shepherd will return to Risdon Park PS to work with and alongside teachers continuing their own professional learning and learning of their students. She has also agreed to conduct a parent workshop, in which she will talk mathematics and modern approaches of teaching and learning while also demonstrating things that parents can do at home to help. Please look for more information about this parent information session in a term 3 newsletter.

Next Thursday you will receive home your child’s report in which the class teachers will have described your child’s Mathematical achievement for terms 1 and 2.

*Carolyn Clinton*
Art exhibition – Thanks to everyone who entered the art exhibition, they were all awesome! We would also like to thank all the parents and families that came and looked at the students' work. Congratulations to all the winners and everyone else who participated. The winners received a art drawing book and a packet of textas. We look forward to seeing more work for you all in the future.

Games day fundraiser – We will be holding a games fundraising day next Wednesday the 1st of July! All the games will be 20 cents to enter and you can enter as many games as you like. Each game will have a winner from unit 1, 2 and 3. All the profits will be going to the local organisation, Uniting Care Wesley. We hope to see lots of students participating. Thanks to all the Kids Co reps for their hard work and organisation.

SAPSASA – This week some Risdon students have been away at SAPSASA hockey and soccer in Adelaide. We wish them all the best and hope they do an awesome job representing Port Pirie and our school.

Footsteps – Over the last 4 weeks students have been participating in Footsteps dance program. Learning a huge range of dances, including partner dance, disco dance, and individual dance. Each week in our 40 minute lesson we learn a whole dance which is heaps of fun! It’s great to see students having a go and doing their best. Thanks to our instructor, Cara for doing such an awesome job teaching us how to dance.

We hope everyone has a great holiday and we look forward to seeing every back safe and happy for the second half of the year.

FROM MATT - PCW

Don’t know about you but getting everyone together for dinner at my place can sometimes seem impossible. On the weekend I saw an ad on the telly for BackToTheTable.org.au Check it out! They have some great suggestions on how to encourage meal time conversations, with fun questions like?

What’s the 1st thing you would do if you were Prime Minister of Australia?
If you could be a superhero, what kind of power would you have?
If you could be an explorer, what part of the world would you explore?
If you could choose your own nickname, what would it be?
If you could invent one thing to make life easier, what would you invent?

“Getting back to the table is a simple solution where families can talk, listen and learn”

LOST PROPERTY

Please check lost property basket for any missing jumpers, hats etc.
Located in the pond area.

Winter Hoodies
Available for Purchase
We have lots of old chairs, tables and cupboards which need to go.

We will be opening up the sheds this Friday, 26th June at 2:00pm-4:00pm.

The prices will be low so please come and see us and grab a bargain.

Advertising is only to our school community as we would like parents/grandparents etc to have first offerings.

Thanks
Damien Mellow
Deputy Principal

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**NO DOGS AT SCHOOL**

Section 42A (2) of the Dog & Cat Management Act 1995 (SA) states:

(2) A person who owns or is responsible for the control of a dog is guilty of an offence if the dog (not being an accredited disability dog, guide dog or hearing dog) is in, or in the grounds of, a school, kindergarten, child care centre or pre-school centre without the permission of the person in charge of that place.

Maximum penalty:

(a) if the dog is a dangerous dog or a dog of a prescribed breed—$2,500;

(b) in any other case—$250.
Thursday 16th July 2015, from 7pm
PORT FOOTBALL & COMMUNITY SPORTING CLUB
Cnr Wandearah & Esmond Roads, Port Pirie
All funds raised will support Fred’s Van Port Pirie feeding the homeless, marginalised and lonely in Port Pirie each Sunday Evening, and to establish Fred’s Vans in Whyalla & Port Augusta

Enquiries to: Keith Colyer Ph.0403 000 664 - Email: kcolyer@svdpsa.org.au

This year saw Fred’s Van in Port Pirie—the only service of its kind operating in the Spencer Gulf Region, serve almost 1,000 meals. It has been a remarkable effort by many to establish this service with over 30 volunteers. BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!
On Thursday 16th July 2015, we will again host the Vinnies Spencer Gulf Community Sleep Out. This is a unique way for people, including businesses to raise awareness.

100% of the money raised will go directly to supporting Fred’s Van (Port Pirie)

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RISDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE

Friday Special 26th June
Sandra’s Creamy Tomato Chicken Pasta + Bread/Butter + Fruitbox
Full Serve $5.50
1/2 Serve $4.50

STARTING TERM 3—Meal Deal Cards-
WATCH THIS SPACE
Hand, foot and mouth disease - including symptoms, treatment and prevention

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a viral infection usually caused by the coxsackie A virus, although occasionally it is caused by other viruses such as an echovirus or an enter virus.

Is spread
The virus can spread from an infected person by close contact with the fluid in the blisters, by coughing and sneezing, by contact with faeces and by contact with contaminated objects or surfaces.

Signs and symptoms
Symptoms may include:
- fever
- tiredness
- loss of appetite
- blisters in the mouth and on the hands and feet (see image)
- a sore mouth for a few days before the ulcers or blisters appear.

Affected young children may refuse to eat or drink.

Diagnosis
Diagnosis is usually made by clinical presentation.

Incubation period
(*time between becoming infected and developing symptoms*)
3 to 5 days.

Infectious period
(*Time during which an infected person can infect others*)
The blisters are infectious as long as they contain fluid. The faeces can remain infectious for several weeks.

Treatment
Usually none is required. Use of paracetamol for the fever and any discomfort may be indicated. Aspirin should not be given to children under 12 years of age unless specifically recommended by a doctor.

Prevention
Exclude people with hand, foot and mouth disease from childcare, preschool, school and work until all blisters have dried.
- The blisters should not be deliberately pierced or broken because the fluid within the blisters is infectious. The blisters will dry naturally.
- Follow good hand washing techniques and keeping areas clean procedures.