Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to term 4, 2015. Term 4 promises to be an exciting term as teachers and students draw their year of learning to a close. Term 4 is a 9 week term, and concludes with an early dismissal on Friday 11th of December at 2:15pm.

I would like to welcome back Reece Snowden, who is teaching in room 32, while Brett Perry is on Long Service leave. Brett will return at the beginning of week 5. We also have a new School Service Officer, Amanda Harness working with students in unit 3 this term.

Early in term 4 we begin our planning for the next year. You will find in this newsletter a cut out slip that you can fill in and return to the front office to provide us with the following information.

If you are:

- moving and / or intending not to send your child/ren to Risdon Park PS in 2016;
- aware of any new families intending to send their children to Risdon Park PS in 2016;
- requesting your child/ren to be in a certain class on educational ground or with / or not with identified others.

We have two Pupil Free Days this term and they are on:

Week 4 – Monday, 2nd November
Week 6 – Friday, 20th November

I will provide more information regarding the learning focus of staff on these days.

Transition from Kindergarten to School and from year 7 to Secondary School is a major focus in term 4.

RPPS TERM 3
OVERALL ATTENDANCE RATE
\[ \downarrow \text{89%} \]
DECD TARGET \[ \text{93%} \]

Our Kindergarten to School transition begins on Wednesday 11th November and continues for the next 2 Wednesdays. Whole school transition into the next year level and for year 7’s to experience their taste of Secondary School at John Pirie Secondary takes place on Wednesday 25th November and Thursday 26th November. More information regarding transition will feature in up and coming newsletters.

Another thing to look out for in this newsletter is our Annual Parent Opinion Survey. Your feedback is important to us as we turn our attention to planning for 2016 making the most of working towards improving your child’s learning and school experience. Students in years 3 to 7 will also be asked in a similar survey to provide us with feedback on how well they think we are going. We ask for you to read and consider a number of questions in 4 identified areas and they are:

- Quality of Teaching & Learning
- Support of Learning
- Relationships & Communications
- Leadership and Decision Making

So please take time to complete and return to the front office. Thank you in advance for your support.

If you would like an opportunity to discuss opportunities for your child in 2016, then please give the school a ring to make a time to meet with me.

Regards,

Carolyn Clinton
Principal

PS Please find a copy of our Term 4 Planner to inform you of the major events.
Firstly we would like to welcome everyone back to school and hope everyone had a fun and safe holidays. It’s the final term for 2015 and it’s going to be jam packed. Year 7’s will start high school transitions and we will be introducing the new reception students and families to life at Risdon.

Next week Risdon’s biggest event will begin, with Risdon’s Got Talent auditions starting at lunch times on Wednesdays. Kids Co also have some exciting news which will be sent home with students next week.

At our assembly last term Declan Kennedy from Mrs Waterman’s class received an award and a copy of his poster by the Mayor of Port Pirie. The competition was for students to create a banner of their town which celebrates 175 years of councils in South Australia.

Currently Declan’s flag is being displayed on a flag pole in front of the Reject Shop and will eventually be displayed in Adelaide.

Well done to all students who participated.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS & PARTNERS IN RECOVERY PRESENTS

“SLEEPING SOUNDLY”
CRYSTAL BROOK GOLF CLUB
Monday October 26th @ 7.00pm
Clinical Psychologist, Counsellor & Family Therapist Guest Speakers
ALL WELCOME

CANTENE SPECIALS

FRIDAY SPECIAL 16TH OCTOBER
Hot Dog + Sauce and Pop-up Drink
Full Serve $5.50
1/2 Serve $4.50
NO CHICKEN WEDGES/MEATBALLS FRIDAYS

MEAL CARDS ARE HERE!!
LOST CARDS WILL NOT BE REPLACED
Every time a child spends $5 or more on their lunch orders, they will get their card stamped. When the card is full, they will receive a free meal!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

✔ Pupil Free Days
Monday 2nd November and Friday 20th November

NEW PAYMENT WINDOW
Over the term 3 school holidays we had some renovations take place in our administration area. You will find new signs identifying these areas. You would be used to waiting for Christine or Tessa to open up the payment window out the front of the admin office to make any payments. The payment window has now been moved to the window, which used to be a part of the Deputy Principal’s office. You are able to go straight to this window or if you would like to purchase school uniform items we ask that you come into the front office and will be given a slip with your purchases to take to the new payment window.

Thank you for you cooperation and patience.

Carolyn Clinton
Principal
In week 10 of Term 3, we were lucky enough to have the SA Cricket Academy, Adelaide Strykers visit our school.

We had an indoor presentation in the hall for our Reception — Year 2 students about being involved in cricket.

Their mascot came and presented all the kids with Milo, which they all thought was fantastic!!

YOUR NEAREST CRICKET CENTRE IS:

Venue: John Pirie Secondary School
Start: Monday 14th October
Time: 4:30pm—5:30pm

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