At the end each term I like to look back over the term’s highlights and celebrate the achievements that have taken place. Some of the highlights for term 1, 2016 have been:

- Breakfast Club run every Wednesday and Friday under the coordination of Cassie Bond (SSO) and her reliable and enthusiastic team of helpers;
- Three whole school assemblies, with nominated students receiving awards focussed on the Risdon Park PS and Pirie Partnership Qualities, of Respect, Responsibility, Confidence and Persistence;
- Aboriginal artist, Judy Crosby working with a group of students in the designing and painting of an Aboriginal Mural which will be mounted on the front wall of our school during Reconciliation Week next term;
- Aboriginal Flag Raising Ceremony and welcome back to school Aboriginal families BBQ;
- Identified students engaging several days a week in our three Intervention Programs of MiniLit, MultiLit and QuickSmart Mathematics
- Funky Hair Day;
- R – Year 2 visit to Northern Festival Centre for the “Grug” performance;
- Parent / Teacher Interviews at which the sharing of learning progress and achievement was discussed;
- Commencement of the Risdon Park PS choir and weekly practice session, with the 1st combined Choir Practice taking place at Airdale PS;
- Risdon Park PS Governing Council Annual General Meeting at which our Annual Report for 2015 was presented;
- SAPSASA Carnival for year 6 / 7 students
- School Photo Day
- Clean Up Australia Day
- Staff Autism Training
- Shackell Shield Cup Swimming Carnival
- Acquaintance afternoon and barbecue
- Pupil Free Day for Risdon Park PS teachers and all other teachers in the Pirie Partnership of schools with a learning focus on Growth Mindsets
- Whole School Swimming Program
- All classes involved in our First 15 Day Program, which is called the Wellbeing Plus Program through which students learn about our Qualities and how we enact them within our school
- Muso Magic for 14 upper primary students, in the last three days of term 1.

We farewell a number of staff and they include:

- Carly Pavy – School Counsellor for the birth of her second child
- Laura Crane – Year 6/7 teacher in rooms 36 and 31 for a total of two days a week. Laura is also expecting a baby early in term 2
- Ashleigh Kupsch – who has worked as Behaviour Education teacher, two days a week and leaves us to work in another area
- Todd Arbon – year 6 / 7 teacher, who replaced Kelly Zwar after she secured a Principal position at Laura Primary School.

Thank you to all the above mentioned teachers who have put 101% into their roles at Risdon Park P.S.
Next Term we welcome:

**Whitney Bertrum** – Replacing Todd Arbon in room 36, with a year 6/7 class.

**Vianna Fasciano** – Risdon Park PS new CPS Worker, who will be working on Tuesday and Fridays, and will be located in the Community Room.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing all students back refreshed ready for an exciting term of learning on Monday 2nd May.

*Carolyn Clinton*
Principal

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**TERM 2 RECEPTION TO YEAR 2 CLASS RESTRUCTURE**

Due to enrolment changes and the complexities faced in our reception classes at the start of 2016, we have decided to re-structure our Early Years classes from reception to year 2 to start at the beginning of term 2. This means that our two reception classes will be capped at 19 students per class instead of the DECD class size of 26 students. All other Early Years classes will be set at 23 or 25 students. This restructure means that we are better able to support student learning and allocate SSO support where most needed. The students who are moving into new classes for term 2 are spending time this week in their new class to get to know their new teachers and classmates. I would like to thank teachers, SSOs and parents for their support and cooperation.

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**NAPLAN 2016**

National Literacy and Numeracy Tests (NAPLAN) for students in years 3, 5 and 7 will take place from Tuesday 10th May until Thursday 12th May, which is week 2 of next term. Friday will be kept aside for the day for catch up for students who are not able to complete the test on the set days. NAPLAN tests will be conducted on the following days:

- **Tuesday 10th May**
  - Language Conventions (before recess)
  - Writing (after recess)
- **Wednesday 11th May**
  - Reading (before recess)
- **Thursday 12th May**
  - Numeracy (Years 3, 5 & 7 before recess)
  - Numeracy – Calculator (year 7 only, after recess)

If your child is in Year 3, 5 or 7 and you do not want your child to participate in one or any of the tests, please see your child’s teacher. You will need to complete a form to withdraw your child.

Please find a parent information flyer in this newsletter.

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**RISDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015**

Risdon Park PS 2015 Annual Report was presented to our school community who attended our Governing Council Annual General Meeting. If you would like a copy of our report please request your copy from the front office staff.

Thank you.

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**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Thank you to all parents who have met with their child’s teacher to learn about their child’s learning progress achievement levels and future learning goals. If you were unable to meet with your child’s teacher over the past few weeks and would still like an interview early next term, please arrange a time directly with them.
Hello Everyone,

Last week of the term, it’s been a busy 11 weeks of school. We have had so many events like Swimming, SAPSASA Come ‘n’ Try Carnival, Crazy Hair Day, Bullying No Way Day, Acquaintance Night, Aboriginal Flag Ceremony, Clean Up Australia Day, Nyrstar Swimming Carnival, Hockey Clinic, Mens Shed. It was great to see so many people dress up in crazy clothes and crazy hair. We raised $330, it was great to see so many people having fun for a great cause.

It’s great to see so many students in uniform. Congratulations to Room 23 who had 97%, Room 12 & 15 had 96% of students in uniform.

We had 0 unexplained absences, and congratulations to room 12 who had 0 reflection room referrals.

Don’t forget early dismissal on Friday at 2:15pm.

Have a safe & happy holiday and we will see you all next term ready for more learning and fun.

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**Unit 1**
- Rm 11 Elijah Shillingsworth
- Tyren Anderson-Dyer
- Rm 12 Logan Allison
- Tarisai Winders
- Rm 13 Ros Chary
- Zachary Budd
- Rm 14 Dean Megne
- Kayla Wilton
- Rm 15 Trinity Lacy
- Justin Cruz
- Mrs Wilton
- Nicholas Stephens

**Unit 2**
- Rm 21 Kody Smith,
- Declan Whitaker
- Rm 22 Eva Thomas,
- Leo Johnson
- Rm 23 Jordyn Hoare
- Doug Fridd
- Rm 24 Saxton Winders
- Carleena Brice-Wells
- Rm 25 Patrick Rees
- Brianna Demarco
- Rm 26 Jesse Colyer
- Tanisha Rich
- Miss Silverman
- Harry Promnitz

**Unit 3**
- Rm 31 Brody Maywald,
- Caitlan Saler
- Rm 32 Amelia Stenson,
- Tyson Webber
- Rm 33 Kyle Delahunty-King,
- Tamika James
- Rm 35 Daina Funke,
- Mollie Boitano
- Rm 36 Holly Roseberg,
- Nathan Sorensen
- Herr Vanstone
- Ashleigh Seyfang
- Miss Ferme
- Cage Prescott

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Make-A-Wish**
- Fun Run/Walk
- Sunday 1st May
- Entry forms from Intersport

**AIRDALE KIDS CLUB APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**
- Program details available from Risdon School office.
- For Bookings phone 8633 0066

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CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 2 WEEK 1
Monday 2nd May
H. Davidson

Tuesday 3rd May
K. Conley

Wednesday 4th May
M. Dienhoff

Thursday 5th May
D. Crossman

Friday 6th May
G. Baggott
H. Davidson

TERM 2 WEEK 2
Monday 9th May
H. Davidson

Tuesday 10th May
K. Conley

Wednesday 11th May
B. Gebert

Thursday 12th May
C. Rosenberg

Friday 13th May
M. Dienhoff
A. Meaney

UPCOMING CANTEEN SPECIAL
WATCH THIS SPACE !!!

Tuesday
10th May
SAUSAGE ROLL
WITH DRINK
DAY
Orders Week 1
Term 2

GIVE BLOOD
Monday 2nd May 2:30-6:15pm
Tuesday 3rd May noon-8:15pm
Wednesday 4th May noon-8:15pm
Thursday 5th May 7:30am-11:45am

Where: Virtus Soccer Club,
9 Parks St, Pt Pirie
Ph 131495 for an appointment
or visit: donateblood.com.au

TAPARI WELLBEING DAY
When: Wednesday 20th April, 10am-2pm
Where: Memorial Park Pt Pirie
• Health & career information
• Activities & workshops for the whole family
• Free BBQ
• Entertainment
• Live radio broadcast
• Umeewarra Media 89.1 FM

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/Tapari

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Hip Hop Workshop Port Augusta
WHERE / WHEN :
Central Oval Stadium, Fri 29th April
Hancock Stadium, Sat 30th April
TIMES:
6—12 year olds, Registration: 9:30am
10:00am—12:00pm
13—17 year olds, Registration 12:15pm
12:30pm—2:30pm
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
ALEX ON 0415 770 319

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This term we have seen may incidents involving missing change from children’s
lunch bags. This has caused an increase in workload for class teachers and
canteen staff. With any problem, solutions are discussed and resolutions are put
into place.

The Canteen Committee and Governing Council have spent time discussing this
issue, and will be trialling at the start of Term 2: Students receiving their change
at the canteen. This can be collected at recess or lunchtime, but will be signed
off by the student when received.

This will help resolve many issues and support a more productive environment
for all.

Damien Mellow
Deputy Principal

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