ATTENDANCE AT RISDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Attendance at school is vital for your child’s development in terms of their learning as well as their social and overall well-being. The Education Department expects that ALL students will meet an attendance rate of 95% for the school year – this means students can only have approximately 2 days off per term, to meet this target. Looking back over our 2015 year, a number of students were averaging 40 to 50 days absent from school and in some cases, even more. 50 days absent from school equals 1 whole term of school days that a student is missing out on, which impacts upon their learning and friendships.

Children and students need to maximise attendance at school to gain optimum benefit from education. Ensuring regular attendance at school is a shared responsibility between parents/caregivers, and the school. Research shows that success in learning is directly proportional to regular attendance and participation in education programs (The Education Act 1972).

We do not encourage parents to send their children to school when they are sick however there are a number of times when families keep their child/ren home for reasons that are not acceptable and some of these include:

- Child’s birthday
- Need a haircut, new clothes or shoes
- Parent is ill
- Needing Child’s help at home
- Accompanying them to another event (eg another school’s sports’ day)

We acknowledge that there are some days which children need to be away from school due to unavoidable family issues. We appreciate that parents let us know if their child/ren are going to be away and the reason for their absence. This includes being late to school or being collected early.

There are a number of ways that parents can inform the school that their child/ren will be absent from school.

Ring the school (86322226) and leave a message with front office staff
Write a note in students diary or communication book
Text on our attendance mobile line: 0409097059
Use the Skoolbag mobile app

At Risdon Park, we also encourage students to be in or at their classroom when the bell goes at 8:45am. Classroom morning routines set up the school day and puts students in a positive mindset for learning. Incidental lateness to school can also significantly impact upon student learning as the morning learning program is strongly focussed on Literacy and Numeracy.

Missed learning in key areas is difficult to be made up, which means that a child being late to school on a regular basis will fall behind in his or her learning.
Hello everybody!!! It has been a busy, but enjoyable 3 weeks back at school.

It was great seeing a lot of people attend the acquaintance night. The students have been working hard on their display to show the parents. Swimming is coming to an end this week. Everyone seems to be enjoying it and luckily we have had great weather.

We had our first assembly for the year, and it was great to see green and gold school uniforms and hats. Also our attendance rate for week 1 was through the roof with 96%.

Please enter the BREAKFAST CLUB POSTER COMPETITION, which ends Friday of week 4. Please see your teacher for details.

BREAKFAST CLUB IS AVAILABLE
WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS
FROM 8:30AM
## CANTEEN ROSTER

### TERM 1 WEEK 4
- **Monday 22th February**
  - H. Davidson
- **Tuesday 23th February**
  - K. Conley
- **Wednesday 24th February**
  - M. Dienhoff
- **Thursday 25th February**
  - S. Jebb
- **Friday 26th February**
  - G. Baggott

### TERM 1 WEEK 5
- **Monday 29th February**
  - H. Davidson
- **Tuesday 1st March**
  - K. Conley
- **Wednesday 2nd March**
  - M. Withers
- **Thursday 3rd March**
  - D. Crossman
- **Friday 4th March**
  - B. Jacobs
  - M. Dienhoff

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### KEEP YOUR KIDS SMILING

**SA Dental Service**

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is **FREE** for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.

Please call now for an appointment.

Port Pirie West School Dental Clinic

Phone: 8632 1926

### Laura Literacy Awards

Entries for the Laura Literacy Awards close on Friday 19th February. Entry forms & conditions can be found at [www.rockyriverriters.clubs](http://www.rockyriverriters.clubs)

For more information contact Laura Literacy Award Co-ordinator 8636 2491

### Central/Risdon Netball Club

Junior training commences

- **Wednesday 17th Feb**
- **at 5pm-6 and continues**
- **24th Feb, 2nd March,**
- **9th March**

### RECOGNITION & THANKS

At our last assembly, Tory and Pauline from Woolworths visited our school and presented the Earn and Learn resources earned through the program last year. Through the assistance of our families, we collected stickers which enabled us to purchase educational resources. Our school chose to purchase some new coding equipment, a fantastic resource for our students to use in technology.

Thankyou to all families who donated their stickers to the school.

During the assembly, Tory also assisted us by helping to present the Qualities awards to the students who have shown the school Qualities so far this year.

Thankyou to Woolworths Port Pirie for you continued support and this amazing program which helps more resources to educate our children.

Our school captains presented Tory and Pauline with an Appreciation Award for Woolworths ongoing support.

Risdon Park Primary School would also like to thank TLAP, Bakers Delight & Foodbank for their ongoing support.

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**Respect**  | **Responsibility** | **Persistence** | **Confidence**
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**Quality Education Empowering Community Minded Learners** — *Helping each other to succeed.*
This term in our class we have the theme of “Under the Sea”. In Writing we used our imagination to write about which animal we would be if we were a sea creature.

If I was a sea creature I would be a starfish because I can be lazy. Bradley

If I was a sea creature I would be a shark because I can eat seaweed. Dane

If I was a sea creature I would be a fish because I can eat food. Brayden

If I was a sea creature I would be a fish because I can swim. Charlee

If I was a sea creature I would be a fish because I like fish. Shaylah

If I was a sea creature I would be a puffer fish. Ethan

If I was a sea creature I would be a seahorse because I like seahorses, they have a curly tail. Ella

If I was a sea creature I would be a seahorse because I like them. Nicholas

If I was a sea creature I would be a fish. Tyson

If I was a sea creature I would be a shark because I like sharks. Brayden

If I was a sea creature I would be a fish. Tiffany

If I was a sea creature I would be a whale. Elijah

If I was a sea creature I would be a seahorse because I like seahorses and because they have a curly tail. Rubi

If I was a sea creature I would be a dolphin. Shaye

If I was a sea creature I would be a starfish because I haven’t been one before. Lily-Jae

If I was a sea creature I would be a starfish because they are spiky. Leanna

If I was a sea creature I would be a shark because I like them. Noah